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The following major units have been assigned to the III Corps:

1st Infantry Division (Fort Jackson, S. C.)

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4th Infantry Division (Fort Jackson, S. C.)

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6th Infantry Division (Fort Jackson, S. C.)

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0700 August 31 to 0700 September 1, 1942

General Eisenhower and General MacArthur, with the aid of Major

General H. H. Arnold, discussed the situation of the

air transport situation. COPIES FOR
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1. The War Department asked General Eisenhower to request the
British Air Ministry to requisition, through its Washington representative,
the night airplanes requisitioned by the British for communication purposes
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The following major units have been assigned to the XII Corps:

8th Motorized Division	(Fort Jackson, S. C.)
30th Infantry Division	(Fort Jackson, S. C.)
77th Infantry Division	(Fort Jackson, S. C.)
78th Infantry Division	(Camp Butner, N. C.)
100th Infantry Division	(Fort Jackson, S. C.)
15th Field Artillery Brigade	(Fort Bragg, N. C.)

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower was informed that bulk shipment of motor vehicles to the European Theater will be terminated about September 10 when vehicles now in port areas will have been cleared out. Approximately 30,000 vehicles will then have been shipped. Thereafter shipments will be made by type to balance the requirements of that theater.

2. The War Department asked General Eisenhower to request the British Air Ministry to requisition, through its Washington commission, the eight airplanes requested by DeGaulle for communications purposes in Africa and Syria. The RAF mission to the Fighting French has admitted the need for these airplanes; Lend-Lease requisitions for the Fighting French must be initiated by the British.

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3. General Arnold having proposed that the security of American air ferrying operations between Iceland and the United Kingdom be made a responsibility of our Army Air Forces and that the latter operate the necessary communications and weather services, General Eisenhower replied that the British agree that all North Atlantic traffic should be under one command but desire also to discuss the problems of the British ferry command. The War Department has accepted the British suggestion of a meeting in Washington of representatives of our Air Transport Command and the British Air Ministry.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports successful attacks by his heavy and medium bombers on the harbor area at Tobruk and on enemy landing grounds east of Mersa Matruh during the night of August 29, and on Tobruk during the night of August 30-31. All airplanes returned safely from these missions in which more than sixty tons of bombs were dropped.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for 1400 August 28 to 1400, OCT, August 29, General MacArthur mentions bomber attacks on enemy airdromes at Buna (New Guinea), Vunakana (Rabaul), and Buka (Solomons). Of five Zeros which attacked a "flying fortress" over Rabaul, two were shot down. A total of seven Zeros and one bomber were destroyed and two Zeros damaged at a cost of one of our fighters destroyed and one fighter and one bomber damaged.

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At Milne Bay, air and ground fighting continued, with some improvement in our ground position.

Air reconnaissances were conducted over the Ambon, Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, and New Guinea areas.

2. For the period ending 1400, CDT, August 30, General MacArthur reports that in the Milne Bay area his ground forces inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy who retired to the landing point. Most of them were withdrawn by naval vessels during the night of August 29-30 with the loss of stores and heavy equipment, including some tanks. Heavy fighting took place in the Kokoda area.

The 33d air raid on Darwin caused slight damage.

Air reconnaissances were made over the Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and Timor areas. No aircraft losses were reported.

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The 47th Infantry Division was alerted to
move out on 31 December 31 at 0700 hours, and the

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The 86th and 87th Infantry Divisions were ordered into active service as of December 15 at Camp Howze, Texas and Camp McCain, Mississippi, respectively. Orders were issued for the activation as early as possible of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, II Armored Corps at Camp Young, California.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Bissell reports a successful attack by U. S. and RAF aircraft from Dinjan on Myitkyina, August 26. Two American fighters made a dive-bombing attack on the railroad at Mogaung and destroyed a section of track with their 500-lb. bombs.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

The Army Ground Force directed two assaults on positions of the 7th Infantry Division, Germany. A detailed map showing activities of the 11th Armored Division at Camp Meuse, Germany.

GENERAL COMMENTS

General comments regarding the assault on positions of the 7th Infantry Division, Germany. A detailed map showing activities of the 11th Armored Division at Camp Meuse, Germany.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

General comments regarding the assault on positions of the 7th Infantry Division, Germany. A detailed map showing activities of the 11th Armored Division at Camp Meuse, Germany.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Ground Forces directed the movement to Greenland of the 73d Infantry Battalion, Separate. A directive was issued activating the 14th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Spaatz reported that eleven "flying fortresses" of the 97th Group successfully bombed the Potez Aircraft Factory at Meaulte, near Albert, France, August 28.

Thirteen "flying fortresses" of the same group bombed Wevelghem Airdrome at Courtrai, Belgium, August 29 dropping 28 tons of bombs. Photographs of this mission show the targets covered with hits. Three enemy fighters which intercepted the mission were damaged without inflicting casualties. One airplane dropped its bombs on Steen airdrome, near Ostend.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Bissell reports three B-25's and five P-40's successfully attacked Lashio town and airdrome.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for 1400 August 27 to 1400, OCT, August 28, General MacArthur states that the forward elements of our troops in

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the Milne Bay area were driven back on the night of August 27-28 and are in contact with the enemy one mile west of Giligili (on the bay). Our bombers attacked enemy positions in this area.

Enemy forces are reported to be pushing inland in the Salamauna area and strong pressure is reported ten miles south of Kokoda.

An air raid on Darwin, August 28, caused slight damage.

Reconnaissances were made of enemy naval forces in the Solomons and off New Guinea.

2. General Harmon reports that searches for surface vessels were made on August 23 by "flying fortresses" from Espiritu Santo; three enemy seaplanes were damaged, and two cruisers were attacked without results.

On August 24, three bombers made four direct hits with 500-lb. bombs on a large Japanese carrier. Four other bombers made five hits with 300-lb. bombs on a vessel believed to be a small carrier; five Zeros attacking this flight were shot down, and probably two others.

On August 25, four bombers attacked a cruiser, causing a fire to break out astern. Another flight of three bombers dropped three 500-lb. bombs on an enemy light cruiser, which broke in two and sank.

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In his operations report for 1400 August 26 to 1400, OCT, August 27, General MacArthur records an attack on Buna airdrome by seven of our medium bombers under the protection of fourteen fighters. An attempt at interception by enemy fighters resulted in the destruction of four Zeros and damage to two others; one of our fighters was damaged.

Twelve medium bombers in the Milne Bay area were attacked by four Zeros of which two, and probably all, were destroyed at the cost of slight damage to one bomber.

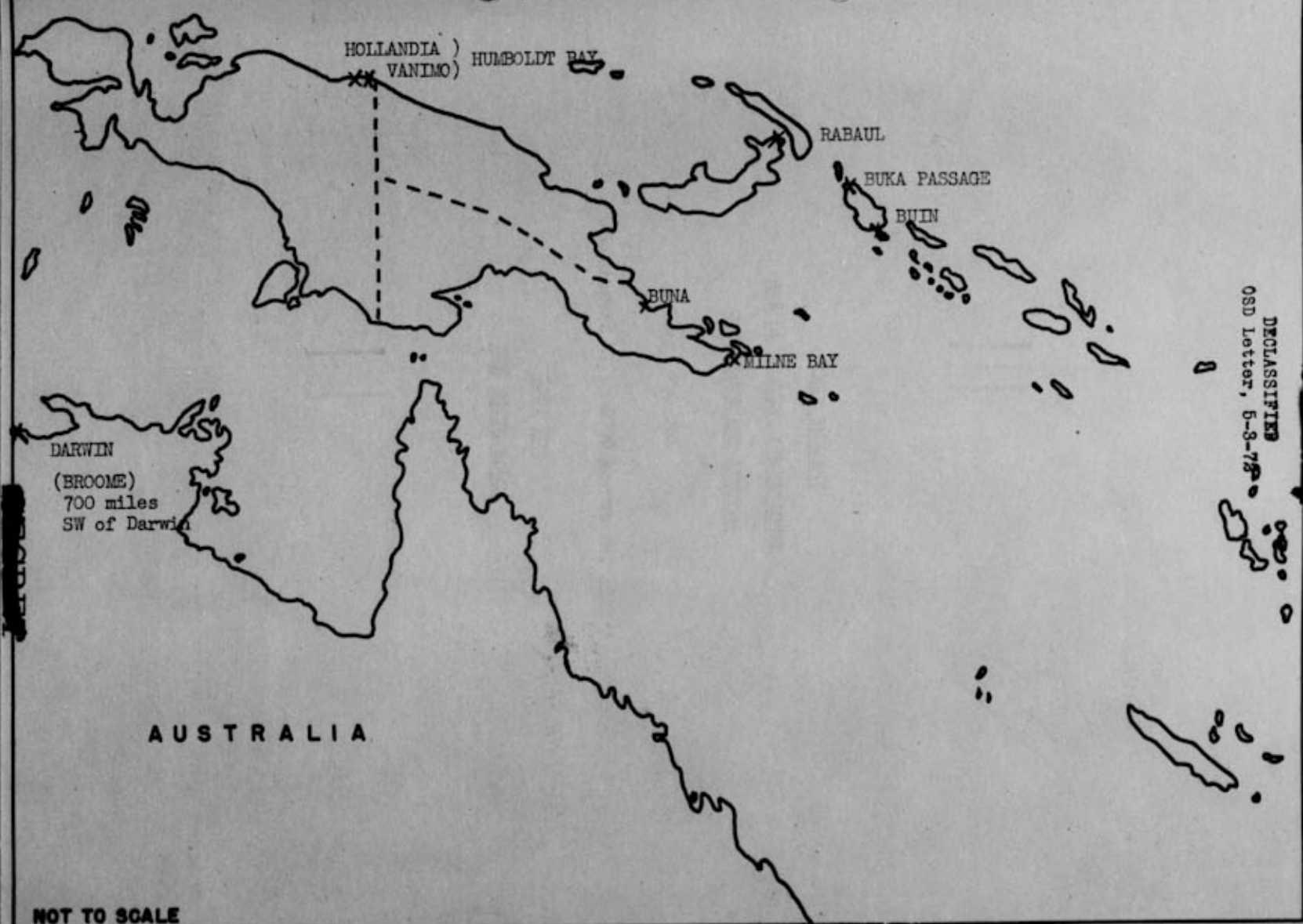
A Japanese attack on Milne airdrome by five dive bombers and ten Zeros was intercepted by six of our fighters which destroyed one dive bomber and two Zeros; one of our fighters is missing.

Enemy operations included two raids on Darwin in which the civil radio station was hit and some damage caused to naval stores, and a raid on Broome without damage.

Photographs made the previous day indicate substantial concentrations of Japanese naval forces in the harbors at Rabaul and Milne Bay. Reconnaissances revealed naval movements in Buka Passage and off Buin. Natives report that an enemy base has been established at Hollandia (New Guinea) and possibly an air base at Vanimo.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Air Forces report that a transport, with Mr. Willkie aboard, left Morrison Field for India.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Spaatz reports that eight "flying fortresses" of the 97th Bombardment Group attacked the New Water Way shipbuilding yards at Rotterdam, Holland, on August 27; 35,200 pounds of bombs were dropped. Heavy damage to ships in the harbor and direct hits on the shipyards were observed. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, all our planes returned safely with no casualties.

2. General Eisenhower reports that of the 50 of his 1st Ranger Battalion which took part in the recent Dieppe raid, four are missing and believed dead, two others are unaccounted for, and six were wounded.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Eight heavy bombers of the 98th Group bombed Corinth Canal and Suda Bay during darkness on the morning of August 26. Medium bombers of the 12th Bombardment Group successfully attacked landing grounds in the El Daba (Egypt) area at the same time. All aircraft returned safely.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur's operation summary for the period 1400

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August 25 to 1400, OCT, August 26 reported that repeated bomber and fighter attacks were carried out against enemy shipping and installations in the Milne Bay area where the enemy has landed in undetermined strength. One transport was believed sunk by a direct hit; fires and explosions were caused among fuel supplies and six barges were left burning. Our losses were one "flying fortress" shot down and three damaged.

Six of our fighters attacked ten Zero fighters taking off from the airdrome at Buna; six Zeros were destroyed, two were damaged and two fires were started on the northwest side of the airdrome. One of our fighters is missing.

Hudson bombers attacked Dilli-Tibesse, Timor, starting fires in the building area.

Reconnaissances were made over the Solomons and New Guinea areas.

2. The War Department informed the Navy Department and General Emons of instructions which have been given to General MacArthur and General Harmon to ensure that the maximum of Army Air Force strength may be used in support of operations in the South Pacific. The 90th Bombardment Group will leave to reinforce Hawaii about September 10; no further reinforcement in heavy bomber units is possible.

3. General MacArthur reports that the headquarters of his Services of Supply is moving from Melbourne to Sydney; the transfer will be completed about September 15.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Ground Forces issued a directive ordering into active service as early as practicable the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the XIII Corps (the name has recently been reconverted from "Army Corps"). Its station will be Columbia, South Carolina.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. The War Department called upon General Eisenhower for an immediate detailed air war plan; he replied that officers with necessary data will return to the U.S. by air immediately.

2. General Eisenhower was authorized to assign officers of the Services, other than medical officers, to command general depots and other supply installations in his theater.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

U. S. bombers successfully attacked harbor and dock facilities at Tobruk during the hours of darkness, August 24, causing numerous explosions and fires. One of our aircraft, believed shot down by anti-aircraft fire over the target area, failed to return.

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ASIATIC THEATER

General Bissell reports that on August 25 two of our bombers escorted by two fighters bombed Myitkyina airdrome.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur, in his operations report for 1400 August 24 to 1400 August 25, OCT, states that reconnaissances of the Solomons area disclosed one cruiser, one destroyer, and one supply ship and several smaller vessels. Four destroyers, a tanker, a whaling ship, float planes, and twelve merchant vessels were noted in the harbor at Rabaul (New Britain).

An enemy force landed at Dalara (Goodenough Island) from barges on August 25. An enemy convoy, consisting of three light cruisers or destroyers, two 8,000-ton transports, two gunboats, and two tankers was sighted southeast of Kiriwina on a course which indicated its probable destination as Milne Bay.

Eight "flying fortresses" successfully bombed airdromes at Funakanau, Lakunai (both near Rabaul) and Gasmata, starting fires visible for forty miles. Strafing attacks by our fighters on the airdrome at Buna silenced anti-aircraft positions and damaged at least ten Zero fighters.

In the Milne Bay area, our aircraft bombed and strafed an enemy convoy. RAAF fighters also attacked the enemy landing force at Dalara, setting fire to barges and stores.

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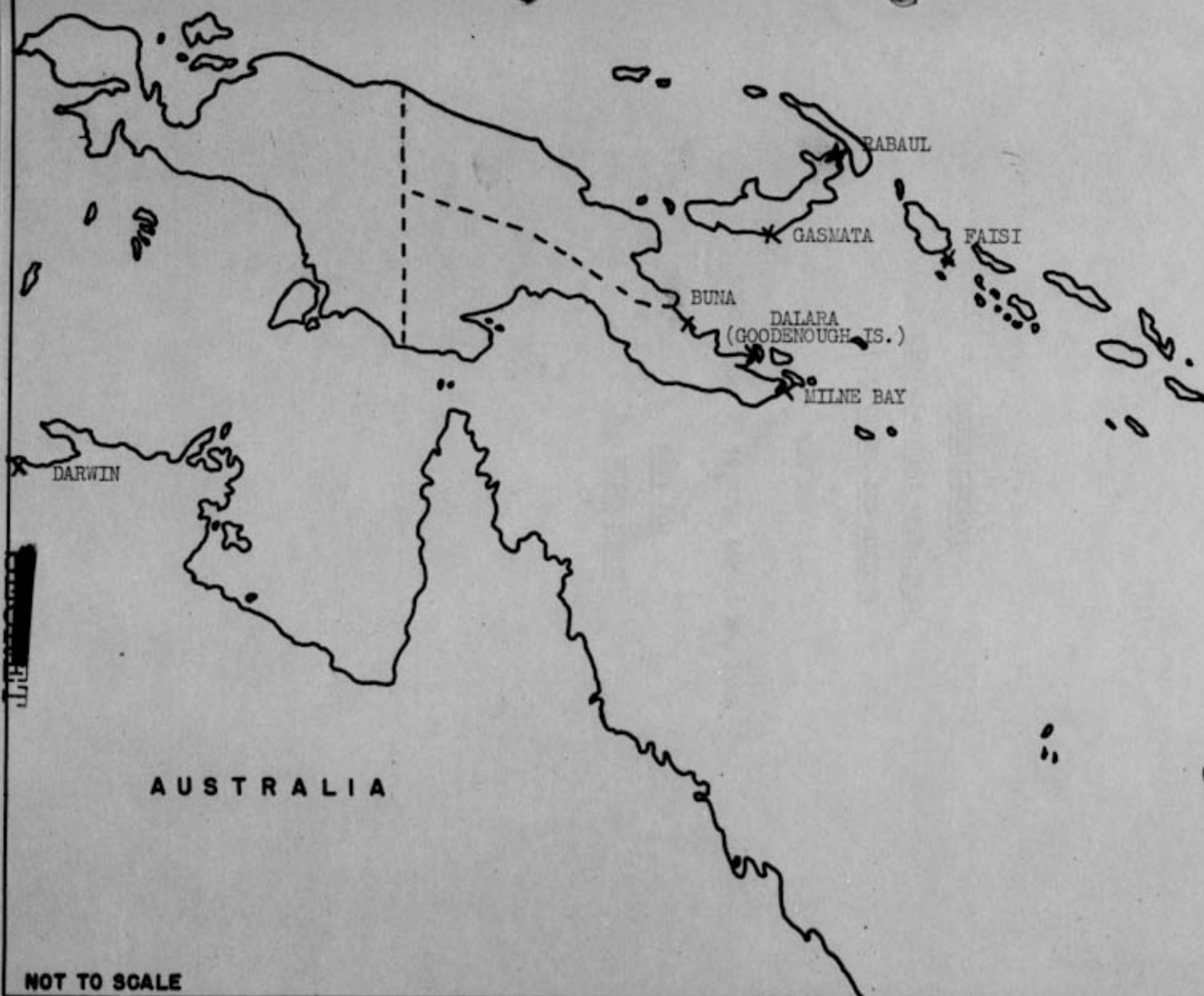
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Enemy aircraft bombed the civil airdrome at Darwin early on August 25 causing slight damage.

2. General MacArthur was informed that the manning of armament on vessels is not a permanent function of the Army and that the Navy is prepared to furnish the nucleus of gun crews for Army transports and other ships flying the U. S. flag.



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1. Overseas theater and base commanders were reminded that they are authorized to improvise units, without prior War Department approval, when they consider such units necessary to meet the special needs of their missions. This authority must not serve, however, as a basis for requisitioning additional personnel, or major equipment or armament items.

2. The War Department informed commanding generals concerned of the paragraph of the Combined Communications Board Charter providing that communications problems in the various theaters will be handled by local boards which shall include such members from other nations as may be necessary. Matters of general application handled by local boards will be referred to the Combined Communications Board.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The first meeting of the Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission was held, August 25. Methods of procedure and the general agenda for its work were discussed and approved.

2. The Army Ground Forces report the activation of the 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, and 321st Barrage Balloon Battalions.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Aircraft of the 82d Squadron, 12th Bombardment Group (Medium) attacked the harbor and shipping at Mersa Matruh on the night of August 22, causing numerous explosions and fires. One medium bomber crashed in friendly territory.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. Five American fighters arrived at Guadalcanal Island, August 22, escorted by two flying fortresses; ten more left New Caledonia for Guadalcanal on August 23.

2. General MacArthur's operations report for the period 1400 August 23 to 1400, GCT, August 24, mentions reconnaissances of the Solomons, New Guinea, and the Bismarck Archipelago. Twenty to twenty-five ships, of which six to eight were of about 10,000 tons, were in Rabaul Harbor; in the Shortlands area (Solomons), several ships including three cruisers or destroyers were sighted. *W.C.M.*

A "flying fortress" was attacked near Rabaul by two Zero fighters; one Zero was damaged. In the Milne Bay (New Guinea) area thirteen enemy planes were intercepted by our fighters; two Zeros were destroyed and two others probably destroyed; one of our airplanes was damaged. On August 23 the Japanese made their 27th air raid on Darwin with seven or eight Zero fighters, destroying four of our heavy bombers.

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The Signal Officers of the European Theater of Operations and Southwest Pacific Area have requested to submit data as to the number and types of radio intercepts which can be made in signal units, and the dates when they should be furnished.

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1. In reply to a report from General Strong that there is some confusion on the part of the Bureau of Political Affairs as to the responsibilities of subsidiaries and foreign agencies on a long-range basis, the Services of Supply informed him that one of the release procedures does not prevent them presently; several countries are now paying cash for all goods without any release privileges. General Strong was instructed as to the procedure to be followed in effecting delivery of subsidiaries and foreign agencies cash payment.

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GENERAL

The Signal Officers of the European Theater of Operations and Southwest Pacific Area were requested to submit data as to the number and types of WAAC companies which can be used in Signal units, and the dates when they should be furnished.

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1. The Army Ground Forces issued orders for the activation of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and necessary auxiliary units for the Mountain Training Center at Camp Carson, Colorado. Tactical units assigned to the Center include the 87th Mountain Infantry, the 98th, 99th, 601st and 602d Field Artillery Battalions, and the 10th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

2. Replying to a report from General Strong that there is some objection on the part of the Bermudian colonial government to the acceptance of subsistence and forage supplies on a Lend-Lease basis, the Services of Supply informed him that use of Lend-Lease procedure does not prevent cash payment; several countries are now paying cash for all goods obtained under Lend-Lease privilege. General Strong was instructed as to the procedure to be followed in effecting delivery of subsistence and forage against cash payment.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Spaatz reports that, on the afternoon of August 24, twelve "Flying Fortresses", with a fighter escort, made a successful high altitude attack on Le Trait (Rouen) shipyards. Two of our bombers were severely damaged by enemy fighters. One plane received four cannon hits in the wing and more than one hundred .30 caliber hits, which resulted in disabling one engine and rupturing a gas tank, the second plane absorbed several 20 mm and many .30 caliber hits, but despite this all planes returned and landed safely.

2. The Services of Supply informed General Eisenhower that evacuation of casualties will be effected by returning transport when a regularly scheduled transport service is operating. For helpless casualties and for areas lacking a regular transport service the three authorized hospital ships will be used. An ambulance ship (a troop transport converted to accommodate about 500 patients) will also be available about October 1. Neither hospital ships nor ambulance ship are at present assigned to evacuation of casualties from the European Theater which has a regularly scheduled transport service.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. The Commanding General, U. S. Forces in Central Africa, was informed that word has been received from London to the effect that on August 24 the French National Committee instructed Brazzaville to extend to the United States the facilities of the Pointe Noire air base.

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2. The War Department notified Generals Maxwell and Fitzgerald and the Commanding Generals of the Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces and Services of Supply, of changes in the territorial limits of the U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East and in Central Africa respectively. These changes bring our boundaries into consonance with those of corresponding British commands. (Maps appended).

ASIATIC THEATER

General Bissell reports an attack by 2 American medium bombers on Myitkyina Airport, August 22, 1942.

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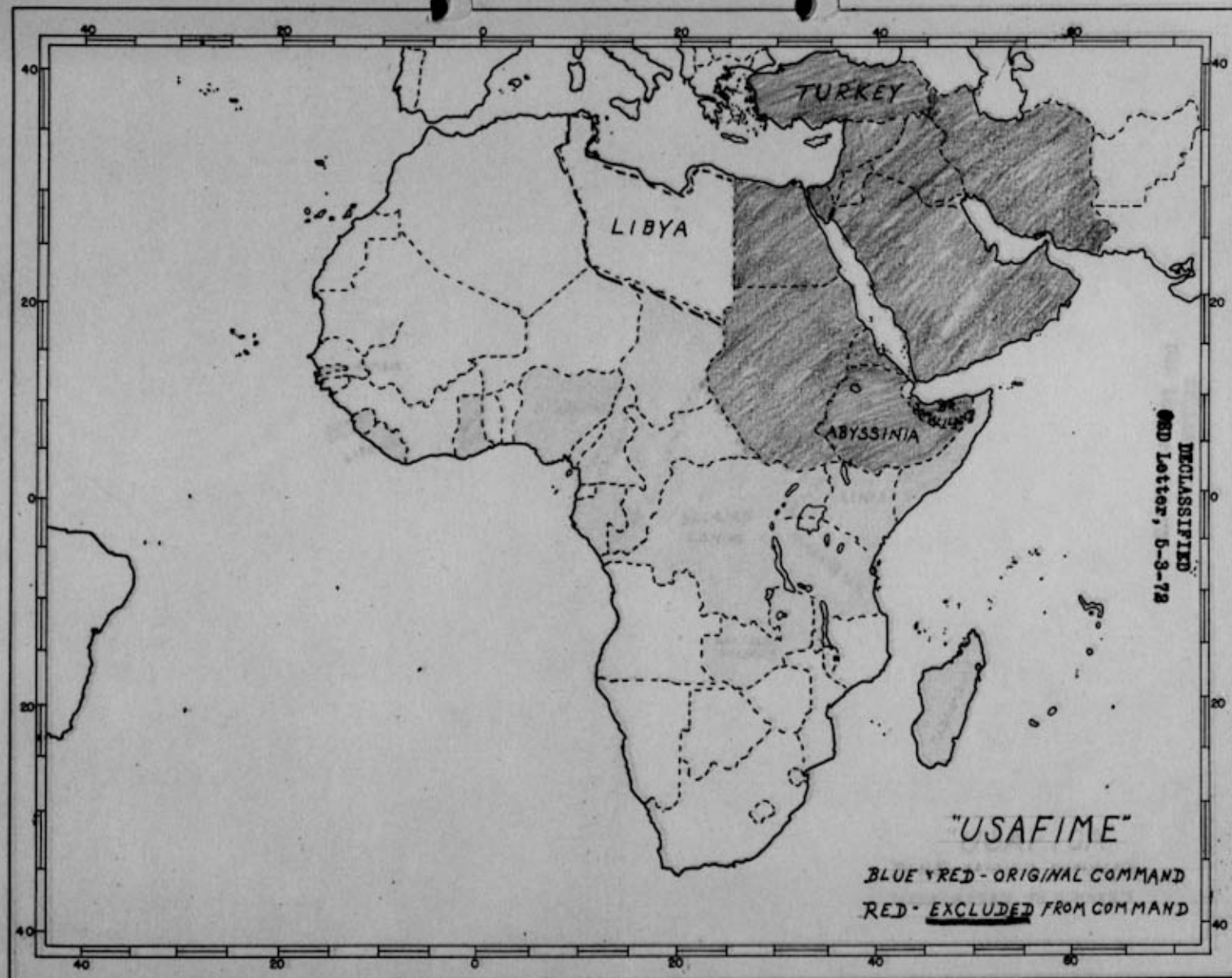
General MacArthur reports that on August 22 four American heavy bombers attacked Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul; one B-17 on reconnaissance bombed the airdrome at Lae.

On August 23 a raid on Darwin by twenty-seven enemy heavy bombers escorted by about twenty fighters was intercepted by Allied fighters; nine enemy fighters and four bombers were claimed destroyed, with no Allied losses. Our aircraft bombed Buka (Solomon Islands).

Reconnaissances of the Solomons and the Bismarck Archipelago were continued on both days, and of Timor on August 23, enemy shipping and aviation data being reported.

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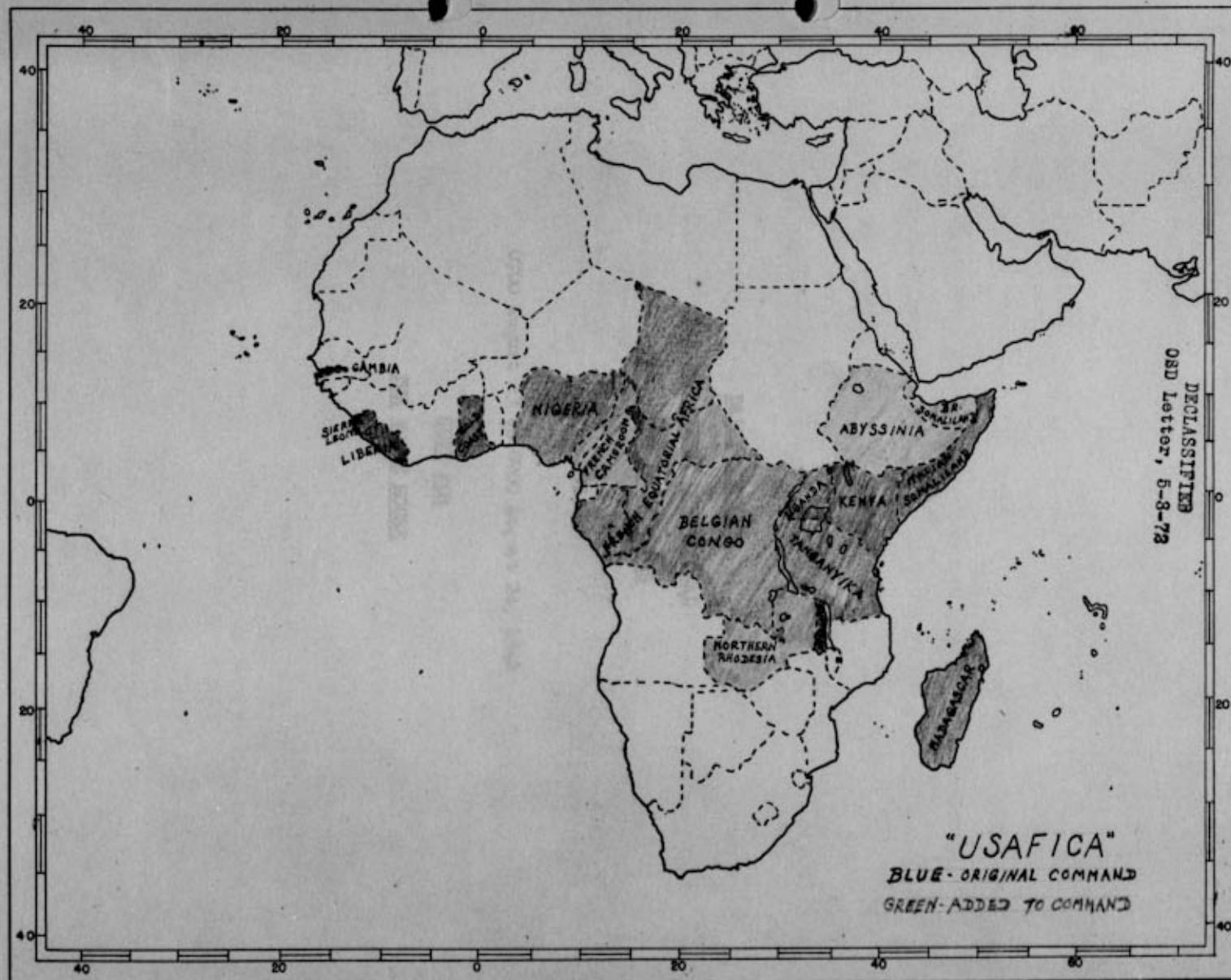


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British British Army, primary signal, and service units were
detached in England on August 23 and returned for the United Kingdom.
The strength of the United States Forces in England on August 23 was
25,000, including 500 air force, and 1000 nurses.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FORCES

General Headquarters DAILY SUMMARY on August 23 by Major
General of the WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL and the current status
of the Army's DECISIONS AND ACTIONS in the field. Major General
plans were announced and one of the members is believed to have
fallen into the sea near Cape Cod (south of Cape).

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General Headquarters THE WHITE HOUSE it is planned to use major
officers to expedite the training of newly arrived units.
General's plans. He was asked for his recommendations as to officers
in the grades of 1st Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel, or at least a
major's equivalent service, whom he could select. They will be replaced
by 2nd Lieutenants from the U. S.

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Certain British artillery, infantry, signal, and service units were relieved in Iceland on August 20 and embarked for the United Kingdom. The strength of the United States forces in Iceland on August 21 was 28, 897, including 937 Air Force, and 127 nurses.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that an attack on August 21 by heavy bombers of the 98th Bombardment Group probably sank two merchant ships of an Axis convoy en route to a North African port. Enemy fighter planes were encountered and one of our bombers is believed to have fallen into the sea near Gavdos Island (south of Crete).

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

General MacArthur was informed that it is planned to use experienced officers to expedite the training of newly activated anti-aircraft units. He was asked for his recommendations as to officers in the grades of 1st Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel, of at least 4 months overseas service, whom he could release. They will be replaced by 2d Lieutenants from the U. S.

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2. General polling suggested that assurance has been received from
 Lawrence Tappan that, in the event of action, the Treasurer of

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0700 August 22 to 0700 August 23, 1942

1. General Whiteall was authorized to represent, for the President, the President of the Army of the United States within the Atlantic region and by the War Department. THE WHITE HOUSE will be made into a copy of the document and retained as the original is and professionally certified.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The 99th, 100th and 103d Infantry Divisions were ordered into active service as of November 15, the 86th and the 87th Infantry Divisions as of December 15.

2. General Collins reported that assurance has been received from Governor Tugwell that, pending legislative action, the Treasurer of Puerto Rico will not assess or collect any excise taxes on Army or Navy transactions, or on their cost-plus-fixed-fee contractors. Excise taxes paid by the Army on gasoline and oil are being refunded.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. General Maxwell was authorized to appoint, for the President, officers of the Army of the United States within the allotments assigned him by the War Department. Appointments will be made from warrant officers and enlisted men who are physically and professionally qualified.

2. The 38th Engineers, relieved by the permanent garrison of Ascension Island, left for Pointe Noire on August 19.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Bissell reported that he assumed command of the 10th Air Force on August 18.

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General MacArthur's operations report for the period 1400 August 20 to 1400 GCT August 21 mentions reconnaissances of the Solomons, New Guinea, and New Britain, and a bombing raid on Maobisse by five RAAF Hudsons. Three Zeros intercepted them; one Zero was destroyed and one Hudson was lost.

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GENERAL WHITEHOUSE

1. The War Department asks General Duff and Station Details of the Air Force to make and organization for the movement of airplanes to Alaska and delivery to Russian crews. It is the responsibility of the Alaska Defense Command to provide for the security of stations in Alaska.

Russian crews and technicians will arrive at Fairbanks in the immediate future to accept delivery of airplanes at the rate of 212 per month. A Soviet

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technical mission of 17 bombers will be stationed at Lake Wales, Fairbanks for duty in connection with the maintenance of landing and housing facilities are to be supplied at Fairbanks for Russian and American crews until the Air Transport Command can make No. 255 provision.

General Duff 0700 August 21 to 0700 August 22, 1942

2. The War Department directed the Eastern, Southern, and Western Defense Commands to submit copies of reports received in collaboration with Navy commanders to cover coastal relations and assignment of forces under various forms of invasion.

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General Spotts reports that, on August 21, 12 "Flying Fortress" were dispatched on a bombing mission. They failed to make contact with the fighter escort. Upon reaching the White coast they were intercepted by 20 to 25 P-51's and, in the ensuing running fight, six of the P-51's were destroyed. Despite minor damage all our planes returned.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The War Department gave Generals DeWitt and Buckner details of the air ferry route and organization for the movement of airplanes to Alaska and delivery to Russian crews. It is the responsibility of the Alaskan Defense Command to provide for the security of stations in Alaska.

Soviet crews and technicians will arrive at Fairbanks in the immediate future to accept delivery of airplanes at the rate of 212 per month. A Soviet technical mission of 33 members will be stationed at Ladd Field, Fairbanks for duty in connection with ferrying activities. Housing and messing facilities are to be supplied at Fairbanks for Russian and American crews until the Air Transport Command can make suitable provision.

General DeWitt was instructed to inform the Naval Authorities.

2. The War Department directed the Eastern, Southern, and Western Defense Commands to submit copies of plans prepared in collaboration with Navy commanders to cover command relations and assignment of forces under various forms of invasion.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Spaatz reports that, on August 21, 12 "Flying Fortresses" were dispatched on a bombing mission. They failed to make contact with the fighter support. Upon reaching the Dutch coast they were intercepted by 20 to 25 FW-190's and, in the ensuing running fight, six of the FW-190's were damaged or destroyed. Despite some damage all our planes returned.

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WESTERN UNION

1. In response to a query of the Western Union General, General Smith offers a report of General Bennett that there are now no Japanese citizens in Alaska except in the remote islands. 250 were previously sent back to the mainland.

2. The Secretary of DAILY SUMMARY informed that unless there is a change in the WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL Federal Reserve Bank in the New York area about DECISIONS AND ACTIONS No. 254. This decision is not based on any immediate fear of Japanese, but is based on a general policy.

0700 August 20 to 0700 August 21, 1942

EUROPEAN THEATRE

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1. General Spaatz reports that August 20, 14 "Flying Fortresses" bombed locomotive engine houses, causing direct hits. At the same time three squadrons of war Spitfires performed missions, one of which was a special mission to divert attention from the main bombing mission. All aircraft returned safely.

2. General Eisenhower was notified that within will be looked for the activation in England of the 1st Fighter Group of three squadrons. These will be composed of pilots from the American Eagle Squadrons and other transfers from RAF units, and of ground personnel to be sent from the United States late in September.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. In response to a query of the Provost Marshal General, General DeWitt cites a report of General Buckner that there are now no Japanese citizens in Alaska except in the occupied islands. 230 have previously been sent to the mainland.

2. The Secretary of the Treasury was informed that unless there is cogent reason to the contrary, gold held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the New York area should be removed to an inland depository. This decision is not based on any immediate fear of invasion, but formulates a general policy.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Spaatz reports that at 1801 August 20, 11 "flying fortresses" bombed locomotive shops near Amiens, scoring direct hits. At the same time three squadrons of our Spitfires performed missions, one of which was a special sweep to divert attention from the Amiens bombing mission. All aircraft returned safely.

2. General Eisenhower was notified that orders will be issued for the activation in England of the 4th Fighter Group of three squadrons. These will be composed of pilots from the American Eagle Squadrons and other transferees from RAF units, and of ground personnel to be sent from the United States late in September.

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ASIATIC THEATER

1. General Bradley reported that weather broadcasting from Anadyr (Eastern Siberia) started August 18.

He was informed that ten A-20 (light bombardment) and thirty P-40 (fighter) airplanes will be delivered at Fairbanks by September 1 for ferrying by Russian crews.

2. General Stilwell was instructed that in the event of an enemy attack on India or Ceylon, or in the case of offensive operations in Burma, he may arrange for support of British operations by the 10th Air Force as his judgment dictates, without special instructions from the US Chiefs of Staff.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

The operations report from General MacArthur, for the period 1400 August 18 to 1400 August 19 (GCT), mentions an unsuccessful bombing attack on enemy ships in the Faisi area of the Solomons. Air reconnaissance disclosed enemy naval and cargo ships in the vicinity of Faisi and Fauro Islands (Solomons).

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. A three-day exercise, using a Combat Team of the 45th Division in a landing on Martha's Vineyard, is being conducted by the Amphibious Training Command during August 18, 19, 20. It is expected that parachute troops will also be used.

2. The Commanding Officer of the Alcan Highway at Fort St. John, B. C., was informed that negotiations are now under way between the Department of State and the Canadian Government with a view to obtaining Canadian recognition of our exclusive court-martial jurisdiction over US troops in that country. Until further orders troops charged with civil offenses must not be turned over to the civil authorities.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower reported that fifty of our "Rangers" participated in a large raid, August 19. The fighting was very heavy, and a big air fight developed in which our Fighter Squadrons participated.

In support of this operation our Fighters performed seven sorties in cooperation with the RAF, and twenty-four "Flying Fortresses" attacked Ducrat (Abbeville) airdrome, dropping fifty-five tons of 600 lb. bombs under RAF Fighter escort.

2. Responding to a request from General Lee that all types of motor vehicles and motor equipment sent to the European Theater be tested to

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determine the feasibility of waterproofing them for brief operation in three feet of salt water, the Services of Supply informed him that the Chief of Ordnance is equipping vehicles for a salt-water test this week at Holabird Depot.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reported that up to August 7 our air forces in the Middle East had conducted 39 missions and had dropped 1,043,000 lbs. of bombs on targets in North African, Cretan and Greek ports, and on Mediterranean shipping.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for the period 1400 August 17 to 1400 August 18, OCT, General MacArthur reports that a flying fortress while on reconnaissance bombed Kavieng (New Ireland) air base. Positions of enemy aircraft and shipping sighted by reconnaissances in the Solomons and the Bismarck Archipelago are reported.

2. In his operations reports for August 15, 16, and 17, General Harmon states that daily search missions were conducted over the Solomons, the positions of enemy shipping being reported. Some contacts with the enemy were recorded. An advanced airfield in the Solomons is being developed for the operation of both fighters and bombers.

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SECTION SUMMARY

The Army Ground Force issued directives for the movement of the 7th Infantry Division from Camp Meade, Virginia, to the Pacific, Hawaii.

SECTION SUMMARY

1. General Spaatz is replying to a request for a statement concerning the suitability of our "Flying Fortress" and "Liberator" bombers.

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0700 August 18 to 0700 August 19, 1942

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2. All of our military and all very important in the European theater were of THE WHITE HOUSE General Eisenhower with a copy of all reports or orders which they send to the War Department and which we may require.

3. The Army Air Force accepted the reply to General Spaatz by advising him that after all, some of the in the United Kingdom there is no dependence on making a yellow stripe to airplanes inside, but the red stripe should be placed in the center of the wing.

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4. General Spaatz reports that the Navy is working on the plan to establish a new shipping and harbor facilities at Guadalcanal.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Ground Forces issued directives for the movement of the 79th Infantry Division from Camp Pickett, Virginia, to Camp Hlanding, Florida.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Spaatz, in replying to a request for a statement concerning the suitability of our "flying fortresses" and "liberators" refutes press reports that American heavy bombers are sub-standard. Basing his comments on the results of the recent raid on Rouen, he reports that the performance of our equipment was excellent, that the combat crews are enthusiastic, that gunners are confident and that he prefers the "flying fortresses" to any British bomber in production. The results of the Rouen raid justify his belief in the feasibility of daylight bombing.

2. All of our military attaches and military observers in the European Theater were directed to furnish General Eisenhower with a copy of all reports or cables which they send to the War Department and which he may require.

3. The Army Air Forces amended its reply to General Spaatz by notifying him that after airplanes arrive in the United Kingdom there is no objection to adding a yellow circle to airplane insignia, but no red dot should be placed in the center of the star.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. General Brereton reports that twelve heavy bombers of the 98th Bombardment Group attacked shipping and harbor facilities at Tobruk without

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loss, August 14.

2. Directives were issued to move the 33d Fighter Group by the fastest practicable means to Cairo, Egypt. The airplanes will be shipped by cargo vessel.

3. General Brereton reports that another American air unit has successfully completed its first combat mission. On the night of August 16-17, the 81st Squadron, Twelfth Bombardment Group (Medium), bombing from 13,000 feet in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, started fires and scored a direct hit on an enemy tank workshop in an undisclosed target area. All airplanes returned safely.

4. General Maxwell's headquarters was asked for an evaluation of the British Army malaria control organization, and for recommendations as to its adoption by US Army commands in highly malarious areas.

ASIATIC THEATER

1. General Stilwell was informed that the Munitions Assignments Board has approved the Chinese Lend-Lease assignment for August.

2. General Bradley advises that the Soviet Government has arranged to send 10 transport and 30 fighter crews to Fairbanks. They will arrive about September 1.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

General MacArthur states in his report for the period 1400 August 16 to 1400 August 17, OCT, that over 1500 Japanese with a large native force were reported at Atsabe, Timor, on August 16. Six RAAF Hudsons bombed Bobonaro Village, Timor. One heavy bomber attacked Kavieng, New Ireland. Three of our medium bombers and a transport airplane were destroyed and eight other aircraft damaged as a result of an attack by 24 Japanese bombers

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1. Twelve "flying fortresses" led by General Eaker attacked the Sotteville (Rouen) railroad yards and shops at 1750 August 17, dropping 24 tons of 1100 lb. and 600 lb. American bombs. Many hits on the target were observed. The mission was intercepted by enemy fighters, but none of our airplanes was lost.

Simultaneously two other flights of "flying fortresses" attacked other points.

Three American fighter squadrons participated in these operations. Some RAF and enemy aircraft were lost.

2. Replying to General Spaatz' recommendation that airplanes destined for the United Kingdom bear the old type US insignia and, in addition, a yellow circle similar to that used by the British, the Army Air Forces stated that our airplanes bear uniform marking for all theaters. This is considered essential because the destinations of aircraft are subject to frequent and sudden change; special markings for different theaters are unsound practice. Moreover, it is considered to be most desirable that our insignia be readily distinguishable from that of the British.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports an air attack by heavy bombers of the 98th Bombardment Group on a very large merchantman, being convoyed by two

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destroyers in the Mediterranean, August 15. 35 one thousand pound bombs were dropped from an altitude of 18,000 feet; a direct hit and four near misses were obtained. British aircraft later reported a large vessel afire in the vicinity of the attack.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General Harmon reports for August 13 and 14 that daily search-attacks were executed to a depth of 800 miles by bombers from Espiritu Santo.

2. General MacArthur reports for the period 1400 August 15 to 1400 GUT August 16 that patrol activity continued on Timor. Eight RAAF Hudsons bombed Beco, on the south coast of Timor, scoring hits on the village.

Extensive reconnaissance was made over Ambon, the Bismarck Archipelago, and Buka (in the northern Solomon Islands); positions of enemy shipping were reported.

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The War Department directed General Eisenhower, Humes and Eisenhower to arrange that W. Army censors be placed in local cable and radio stations in order to insure that outgoing personal messages be so addressed that the strength and composition of forces in their commands will not be disclosed.

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1. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been notified of the request for reports submitted by the War Department has been initiated, and that reports from seven stations are being sent from here four times daily. The service will be required to submit reports 1.
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0700 August 16 to 0700 August 17, 1942

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2. The Headquarters of the United States Army, California.
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1. General Eisenhower was informed that sick and wounded will be evacuated from the Langue Theater of Operations by returning transport ships until further notice. Three hospital ships have been authorized for the Army and their requirements are under study.

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GENERAL The War Department transmitted to General Eisenhower the

transmission of a report from the Polish Military Attache in Rome which indicates a great interest on the part of the Warsaw Intelligence to arrange that US Army censors be placed in local cable and radio stations in order to insure that outgoing personal messages be so addressed that the strength and composition of forces in their commands will not be disclosed.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. General DeWitt reported that transmission of the weather reports requested by the Russian Government has been initiated, and that reports from seven stations are being sent from Rome four times daily. The service will be amplified about September 1.

2. The Headquarters of the II Armored Corps left the Carolina maneuver area for its new station at Camp Young, California.

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2. The War Department transmitted to General Eisenhower an evaluation of a report from the Polish Military Attache in Berne which indicates a great interest on the part of the German Intelligence in details of the British and American military dispositions in the British Isles. Massed air attacks on our installations are to be considered as a German capability, even though made at considerable expense.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Southern Defense Command was informed that the Mexican Government has granted authority for U. S. Army planes to fly over the State of Chihuahua in pursuit of unidentified aircraft.

2. From the Carolina maneuver area the 36th Infantry Division, with the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached, left for Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and the 29th Infantry Division, with the 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached, left for Camp Blanding, Florida.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

The permanent defense force arrived at Ascension Island on August 14.

ASIATIC THEATER

1. General Bradley was informed that ten is the maximum number of transports which can be turned over for operation by the Russians. The War Department added that if the Siberian route is found to have the required facilities and capacity it is planned to use it for the movement of the maximum number of airplanes, so that the minimum number will be delivered over the southern route.

2. General Naiden reports that on August 11, seven American fighter airplanes operating from China bombed Teyang (Yachow), starting numerous fires.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General Emmons was notified of the assignment to his 7th Air Force of the 90th Bombardment Group (Heavy). This unit, which will begin its movement about September 10, will form part of the permanent strength of the Hawaiian Air Force.

2. For the period 1100 August 13 to 1100 August 14, OCT, General MacArthur reports that our advanced units in New Guinea are reported to be outnumbered and to be withdrawing some ten miles south of Kokoda. Our bombers attacked Mape (Timor). Seven flying fortresses returning from a mission to New Britain were attacked by six Zero fighters, of which two were shot down and three damaged without loss to us. Gona was bombed en route.

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NAVY MESSAGE

Confirming telegraphed instructions issued by General Gillies, the
Commanding General, 1st Marine Command at Governor's Island, was directed
by General MacArthur to send a Military Police Battalion to Luzon.
P. 3. The troops will be available for use on call from General MacArthur
if he orders to call for protection, troops will not interfere with the operations
of the General MacArthur's Command.

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1. The War Department (No. 248) disseminates the directive
for the creation of the Office of War Relocation Services which was approved
on August 11 by the War Relocation Administration.

0700 August 11 to 0700 August 15, 1942

2. General MacArthur reports that the Japanese have been ordered to
stop down by U.S. fighters after THE WHITE HOUSE August 11. He was
instructed to refrain from releasing this information unless directed by
the War Department.

3. General MacArthur reports that aerial reconnaissance of Japan
began on August 9; no enemy activity was observed.

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GENERAL BOWEN

Confirming telephoned instructions issued by General Gullion, the Commanding General, 2d Service Command at Governor's Island, was directed by General Somervell to send a Military Police Battalion to Bayonne, N. J. The troops will be available for use on call from Admiral Bowen; if he makes no call for protection, troops will not enter upon the premises of the General Cable Company.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. The War Department quoted to General Eisenhower the directive for the operation of the Office of Strategic Services which was approved on August 11 by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. General Bonesteel reported that a lone Focke-Wulf Condor was shot down by U.S. fighter aircraft near Reykjavik, August 14. He was instructed to refrain from releasing this information unless directed by the War Department.

3. General Eisenhower reported that aerial reconnaissance of Greenland began on August 9; no enemy activity was observed.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that four Italian cruisers in Navarino Harbor, Greece, were attacked, August 11, by airplanes of the 98th

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Bombardment Group. Hits were claimed on one cruiser and probable hits on a second. A near miss on a third cruiser resulted in a violent explosion.

That night eight bombers from the same group attacked the repair depot and shipping facilities at Mersa Matruh; results were undetermined. All airplanes returned safely from both missions.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Stilwell reported on August 12 that Karachi was quiet except for one minor disturbance. Rioting had occurred in Old Delhi the previous day but had been brought under control; the only serious outbreaks so far were in Bombay. General Stilwell was unable to tell whether Americans will be viewed in the same light as the British, but feeling seemed friendly in New Delhi.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In a summary of the operations of the 11th Bombardment Group for the period August 2-12, General Harmon reported heavy and effective bombings as follows:- August 2: Lunga and Tulagi areas; August 3, 4, 5: Tulagi; August 5 and 6: Kukum. Each day from August 6 to August 12 the Solomons were searched to a distance of 700 or 800 miles from Espiritu Santo, without contact with the enemy. On August 11 the search included the areas: New Georgia - Santa Isabel - Malaita - Guadalcanal.

Loading of communications channels by the necessary operations messages of the Solomons action prevented submission of earlier reports to General Harmon.

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2. In his operations report for the period 1400 August 12, to 1400 August 13, GBT, General MacArthur mentioned the sighting of an enemy convoy consisting of 4 transports, 2 destroyers, and 1 gunboat off Gona. Three attacks were made on this convoy without results beyond the destruction of one Zero fighter and the damaging of 5 others. Enemy ground forces on New Guinea were held at Deniki, five miles south of Kokoda.

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AIRBORNE THREATS

General Walker reports that five native bombers, escorted by three fighters, bombed Haiphong, French Indo-China, August 9. Direct hits were scored on a 4,000-ton transport. Nine oil fires were started, and complete destruction of the main dock and a block of the warehouse area was believed to have been achieved. All airplanes returned safely.

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In his operational report for the period 0000, August 11, to 1500 GMT, August 12, 1942, General No. 247 states that eight Navy bombers attacked enemy shipping at Haiphong, scoring direct hits on a large transport, which was left on fire, and on two merchant vessels. All four planes on previous other COPY FOR the harbor. Eight Navy fighters attempted an antiaircraft attack. THE WHITE HOUSE was destroyed and all were damaged.

Aerial reconnaissance was maintained over Japan, Formosa, the Japanese Philippines, and the eastern coast of New Guinea.

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ASIATIC THEATER

General Maider reports that five medium bombers, escorted by three fighters, bombed Haiphong, French Indo-China, August 9. Direct hits were scored on a 4,000-ton transport, huge oil fires were started, and complete destruction of the main docks and a block of the warehouse area was believed to have been achieved. All airplanes returned safely.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

In his operations report for the period 1400, August 11, to 1400 GMT, August 12, 1942, General MacArthur states that eight heavy bombers attacked enemy shipping at Rabaul, scoring direct hits on a large transport, which was left on fire, and on two merchant vessels, and near misses on numerous other ships in the harbor. Eight Zero fighters attempted to intercept the bombers. One Zero was destroyed and six were damaged.

Aerial reconnaissance was maintained over Ambon, Timor, the Bismarck Archipelago, and the eastern coast of New Guinea.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The 40th Infantry Division began its movement from Fort Lewis to Hawaii.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. General Brereton reports that airplanes of the 98th Bombardment Group made a daylight attack on Benghazi on August 9. 67,000 pounds of bombs were dropped, and hits were obtained on two and possibly three ships, as well as on the moles. Two of our airplanes were seriously damaged by anti-aircraft fire.

2. General Maxwell was instructed to make full use of reverse Lend-Lease procedure in African territory under Fighting France, arrangements having been approved by General DeGaulle.

3. General Maxwell was informed that an agreement has been reached with the British and Canadian Governments whereby transfers of individuals from our forces to theirs, and vice versa, may be made in the discretion of the respective Commanding Generals.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

In his operations report for the period 1400, August 10, to 1400 GMT, August 11, 1942, General MacArthur states that no activity was

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observed on Buks and Kieta airdromes, the latter being still obstructed. RAAF Hudsons attacked a destroyer off the south coast of Timor, and the wharf and buildings at Toesal, Kai Is. Seven Zeros were intercepted by RAAF fighters over Milne Bay, New Guinea, with losses on both sides. An RAAF flying boat attacked Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, at night.

Reconnaissances were made over the Timor, New Ireland, and Buks-Bougainville areas; positions of enemy naval and merchant vessels were reported.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Army bombers attacked the camp area at Kiska about 2400 GMT August 9. Smoke which was seen rising through the overcast prior to the bombing probably resulted from the Naval attack.
2. For the period 1200 August 10 to 1200 August 11, GMT, the Alaskan Defense Command reports that Kiska was attacked again by our heavy Army bombers. One of our Consolidated aircraft lost one motor by anti-aircraft fire at 25,000 feet, and enemy fighters later shot off the other motor on the same wing. The crew landed on Semisopochnoi Island; supplies have been dropped for them.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Bradley having transmitted a request for 43 transports for the Soviet Ferry service, the Army Air Forces informed him that it is not possible to make this number available, and that after careful analysis 10 should be adequate to take care of transporting ferrying crews to Fairbanks from Krasnoyarsk there being a total of 348 crewmen to be carried each month. These airplanes should operate under the U. S. Air Transport Command.

General Bradley reports that the Soviets now ardently desire to establish the Siberia Ferry Route and are inquiring into such technical details as stocks of spare parts.

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ASIATIC THEATER

Tien Ho airdrome (Canton) was bombed August 6 by four of our medium bombers escorted by seven fighters. Ten aircraft on the ground were destroyed without loss to our force.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for 1400 August 9 to 1400 August 10, GHT, General MacArthur mentions enemy landings from five ships off the south coast of Timor, and attacks by enemy aircraft on Allied positions in this area. 20 RAAF Hudsons attacked this shipping, securing direct hits on two or three merchant ships and on one large destroyer. Destruction of fuel and ammunition dumps at Rabaul in the attack of the previous night was confirmed.

Reconnaissances over the Bismarck Archipelago were continued, positions of enemy naval and merchant vessels being reported. Approximately 30 vessels, including warships, were sighted in Rabaul harbor.

2. General Eichelberger is taking to General MacArthur a statement of additional headquarters, service, and support troops which have been approved, and which result in a new over-all US troop basis of 139,000 for the Southwest Pacific Area.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur reports for the period 7 PM, August 8 to 8 PM, August 9, CPT, that fighting was resumed at Manila. There Allied forces are in possession of the airfield. Our aircraft landed successfully with bombs against the city buildings and a loaded cargo vessel at Manila. A fuel air explosion ship was hit at Manila (near Manila) this were obtained on 10 PM.

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and on 10 PM, 1942 WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL (British) the airplane was landed.

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2. In a country of No. 244 of has air forces for the period August 8 to 9. General MacArthur reports that offensive effort was 0700 August 10 to 0700 August 11, 1942

repeatedly reported to the airplane and shipping in the vicinity of Manila, Longshore Island COPY FOR and other large aircraft destroyed airfield and THE WHITE HOUSE - Japanese area.

Present reports indicate a minimum of 10 bombs destroyed in air contest over the British. General MacArthur then advised that various losses on grounded aircraft have been inflicted by his attacks.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur reports for the period 2 PM, August 8 to 2 PM, August 9, GMT, that fighting was resumed at Kokoda, where Allied forces are in possession of the airdrome. Our aircraft bombed Salamaua, hits being scored on the jetty, buildings and a beached cargo vessel; at Rabaul a fuel or ammunition dump was hit; at Lakunai (near Rabaul) hits were obtained on the airdrome runway and on a ship -- five Zeros and one B-17 were destroyed. At Gasmata (New Britain) the airdrome was bombed.

2. In a summary of the activity of his air forces for the period August 6 to 9, General MacArthur reports that offensive effort was repeatedly directed to the airfields and shipping in the vicinity of Rabaul, Bougainville Island and Buka Island. Shorter range aircraft attacked airfields and shipping in the Lae - Salamaua area.

Present reports indicate a minimum of 19 Zeros destroyed in air combat over New Britain. General MacArthur finds evidence that serious losses on grounded aircraft have been inflicted by his attacks.

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GENERAL SUMMARY

General Butler reports that the results of the 10th Air Force's recent operations indicate the area is a large freighter in South East, North East, and a large shipyard located in South East, and also in several installations. The 10th Air Force has some of its forward and forward aircraft, the coverage of the area only and they were unable to make a full report.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Butler reports that the results of the Naval air bombardment of Kiska included two hits on a large freighter in South Pass, Kiska, two hits on a large transport north of South Pass, and hits on ground installations. The 11th Air Force sent some of its pursuit and bomber aircraft to give coverage to the main body but they were unable to make contact with it.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower has approved a plan for absorbing three RAF American Eagle Squadrons into the 8th Air Force. Pilots, subject to appropriate examinations, will be inducted into our forces with appropriate rank but will remain on duty with their present squadrons. The RAF will continue to supply the present type of aircraft and will continue present mechanics on duty with the squadrons until replaced by U. S. personnel. 250 other American pilots, now serving with RAF and RCAF, have applied for transfer and will be absorbed into the 8th Air Force subject to normal examining procedure.

ASIATIC THEATER

1. General Maider reported that one of his medium bombers destroyed a railroad bridge 60 miles north of Katha (Burma).

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2. 42 Zero Fighters, in two waves, attacked Hengyang and were engaged by 8 of our fighters. Three enemy and two of our airplanes were lost.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General Harmon reported that on July 31 the 11th Bombardment Group, making a 1300-mile round trip from Espiritu Santo, bombed enemy positions in the Tulagi and Lunga areas.

2. General MacArthur's operations summary for August 9 reports that our bombers and fighters attacked enemy installations at Kokoda, Lae and Salamaua, (New Guinea), Rabaul, and Buka Island, scoring hits on AA positions, runways, fuel dumps, dispersal areas and starting numerous fires.

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The 30th, 40th and 50th Infantry Divisions have been redesignated Motorized Divisions.

GENERAL SUMMARY

1. According to a Mr. DAILY SUMMARY General Collins states that under authority WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL and 9, the Military DECISIONS AND ACTIONS is authorized to prescribe regulations and. On July 28 General Collins declared all anti-aircraft which border on the sea, and whether the Government whether

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as alien is to be 0700 August 8 to 0700 August 9, 1942. Laboratory General, to whom report of a pending case has been transmitted.

2. General Smith was in the procedure proposed for changing weather information COPY FOR THE WHITE HOUSE and was directed to initiate with transportation from June immediately.

APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN

General Maxwell was authorized to organize services of supply for the U. S. Forces in the Middle East.

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GENERAL AND DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

GENERAL

His Operations Report for August 7 General DeWitt reports that 12 of our Infantry Divisions changed the proposed designations of the 80th, 90th and 95th Infantry Divisions have been redesignated Motorized Divisions.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Months ago sent by a submarine near Torres Strait.

1. Replying to a War Department inquiry, General Collins states that under authority contained in the President's proclamations of Dec. 7 and 8, the Military Commander in Puerto Rico is authorized to prescribe restricted areas. On June 18 General Collins so declared all municipalities which border on the sea. Responsibility for determining whether an alien is to be removed from such area rests with the Attorney General, to whom report of a pending case has been transmitted.

2. General DeWitt was informed of the procedure proposed for exchanging weather information with the U. S. S. R., and was directed to initiate such transmissions from Nome immediately.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

In his Operations Report for August 7 General MacArthur reports that 13 of our "flying fortresses" attacked the Japanese airdrome at Rabaul. 7 enemy fighters were destroyed in combat; one of our bombers was shot down.

The British SS Mamutu was sunk by a submarine near Torres Strait.

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1. The Army Ground Forces issued directives for the activation of the 931st to 935th Air Base Security Battalions, at Camp Rucker, Alabama, of the 787th to 795th Sanitary Companies at Camp Maxey, Texas, and of the 380th Quartermaster Battalion (Port) at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. All of these are colored units.

2. Directives were issued ordering 11 General Hospitals into active service next month.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower was informed of a report which reached the State Department from Vichy to the effect that the Germans demand that, under the terms of the Armistice Convention, enemy planes landing in French territory anywhere must be turned over to the Germans. The latter also demand a copy of any statements made by any crew members questioned by French authorities. The French informant implied that the crew of any American plane in this predicament would be allowed sufficient time to destroy it.

2. Major General George S. Patton, Jr. and Brigadier General James H. Doolittle, arrived in London, August 6.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reported that the 1st Provisional Group claims two hits and numerous near misses in an attack on an Axis convoy of three transports and eight destroyers in the Mediterranean during daylight, August 4. That night, aircraft of the 98th Bombardment Squadron bombed harbor facilities at Tobruk. All planes returned safely from both missions.

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MEMORANDUM

The Secretary of the Department of Defense to the Secretary of the Treasury recommending that legislation be introduced to reduce the income tax on gifts of a value of \$100 or less and made by soldiers in uniform only.

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CURRENT MATTER 0700 August 6 to 0700 August 7, 1942

1. General MacArthur has COPY FOR THE WHITE HOUSE advised that he has agreed to accept for service in the Pacific Area. Reference of this procedure to the War Department is also under discussion.

2. General MacArthur reports that General Ewell has given leave to the United States of America Military Forces and is currently serving the remainder of his assignment with the 1st Marine Division.

GENERAL MATTER

General MacArthur reports that he has received a letter from the War Department dated August 4, 1942, regarding the transfer of the 1st Marine Division to the Philippines. The letter states that the 1st Marine Division is to be transferred to the Philippines and is to be under the command of General Ewell.

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GENERAL

The Secretary of War dispatched a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting that legislation be initiated to exempt from customs duties bona fide gifts of a value of \$50 or less sent home by soldiers on overseas duty.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Major General J. W. Anderson, with staff, was assigned to command, temporarily, the Amphibious Corps of the Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower reports that General De Gaulle has agreed to arrange for reverse Lend-Lease procedure in African territory under Fighting France. Extension of this procedure to New Caledonia is also under discussion.

2. General Eisenhower reports that Royal assent was given today to the "United States of America Visiting Forces Act" rendering exclusive the jurisdiction of our courts-martial over U. S. forces.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that on August 1 a heavy bomber of the 1st Provisional Group sank a 10,000 ton transport in the Mediterranean. Wreckage was observed August 5.

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ASIATIC THEATER

1. For his guidance, General Stilwell and his headquarters in New Delhi were informed that the War Department is not directly concerned in Indian internal political problems and does not take sides in the issue. US has a great strategic interest in a maximum United Nations war effort and is determined to maintain the closest possible solidarity with our allies to secure the defeat of the Axis Powers. Only in the event that internal disorders endanger American personnel or military property, or hampers our aid to China or operations against Japan, may US troops be employed to suppress disorders.

2. The War Department directed General Wheeler to provide our Military Attache at Kabul with arms, equipment and transportation which he requests to ensure the safety of the legation staff and of other American citizens in the vicinity.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur states in his operations report for August 4 that a British ship was shelled by a submarine 300 miles southeast of Albany (Western Australia).

2. General Emmons was informed that there is no need for the Hawaiian radio stations to discontinue the practice of recording mainland programs and rebroadcasting them. Stations should be notified that the War Department has the assurance of the full cooperation of the A F of M despite the current dispute.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. General Principles and Concepts. The War Department has established a system of organization and control which is based on the principle of unity of command and control.

2. The War Department has established a system of organization and control which is based on the principle of unity of command and control.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. In the operations reports for August 5, 1942, the War Department has established a system of organization and control which is based on the principle of unity of command and control.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1. Generals Eisenhower and Bonesteel were advised that the War Department has invited Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson to proceed to Iceland as a liaison agent between our military forces and the civil population.

2. Responding to General Eisenhower's request for support of the Red Cross program in his theater the War Department stated that the National Headquarters understands his situation and objectives and is prepared to comply. Because of the large expenditures, buildings and facilities involved it will be necessary to work out details with the War Department and possibly with Lend-Lease officials. National Headquarters has instructed its delegate in London to provide emergency clubs, if necessary.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that twelve aircraft from the 98th Bombardment Group successfully bombed Mersa Matruh and Tobruk the night of August 2-3. Harbor facilities and repair depots were set afire at both places. All planes returned safely.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for August 2, General MacArthur mentions patrol activity near Kokoda; our fighter planes attacked this village. Air attacks were made on shipping at Salamsua, on the air-drome at Las, on Gona village, and on the Buna area.

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2. On August 4, Major General George C. Kenney relieved Lieutenant General Brett in command of the Allied Air Forces in Australia. //

3. Orders have been issued for the movement to Australia of Major General Robert L. Eichelberger and his staff. He will command the I U.S. Army Corps in Australia, comprising the 32d and 41st U S Divisions.

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PACIFIC AND NORTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Destroyer Kane, while in Nazan Bay, Atka Island, was attacked unsuccessfully on August 3 by enemy aircraft. On August 4 our bombers attacked Kiska from an altitude of 28,500 feet. Results were not observed. Our aircraft attacked enemy positions and stores

2. Last evening, our fighter aircraft shot down one Japanese airplane and probably another southwest of Atka Island.

3. The War Department issued directives for the movement to San Francisco, for shipment to Australia, of headquarters and certain corps troops of the I Corps.

4. General Andrews was informed that our policy, announced by the President, is to acquire no additional land in the Western Hemisphere. He was authorized to arrange with the Costa Rican Government for the use of Cocos Island.

ASIATIC THEATER

By direction of the President, General Bissell was assigned as Commanding General, 10th Air Force. The War Department concurred in General Stilwell's request to employ General Maiden exclusively on the ferry route.

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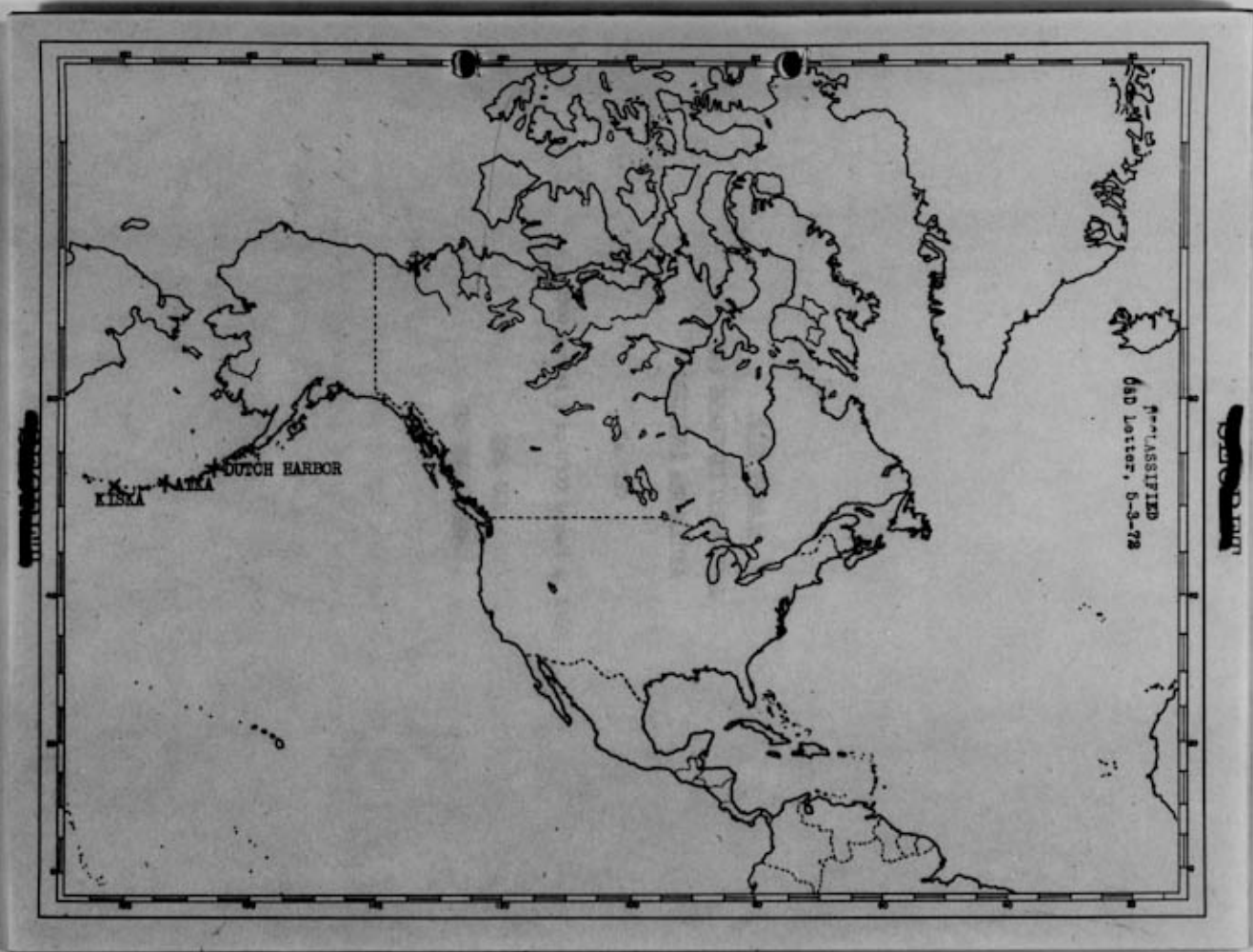
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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for August 3, General MacArthur states that the Allied landing force withdrew from the Tanimbar Islands, July 31. There is evidence that the enemy has occupied Dobo in the Aru Islands. Our bombers made a night attack on Lae and Salamaua; results were not observed. Our aircraft attacked enemy positions and stores near Oivi, New Guinea (8 miles east of Kokoda).

2. An Army heavy bomber on a photographic mission at Wake Island, July 31, was attacked by 6 fighters, of which 4 were shot down (including one which resembled a Heinkel 112).

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GENERAL COMMENTS

1. In reply to the War Department's query, General Isenow stated his approval of the proposed early construction of all pipelines across the Isthmus of Panama with distribution lines for the use of both services, provided that no shipping was allotted to the Caribbean Defense Command is directed.

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2. The Mexican Government has agreed to extend the initial thirty-day permission for the aircraft to operate from this Command until the Tripartite Agreement (U.S. - Cuba - Mexico) has been signed.

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0700 August 3 to 0700 August 4, 1942

1. General Eisenhower COPY FOR that action be taken to secure legislation exempting from THE WHITE HOUSE the five gifts, five soldiers in the United Kingdom to friends or relatives in the United States, within a value of \$50.00. The British Government will permit these gifts to be sent without requiring an export tax. It is impossible to collect US customs in the United States. The War Department is presenting this matter to the Treasury Department.

2. General Eisenhower was instructed to notify the British and the Low-Power authorities to indicate that the War Department will not

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approve of the supply of ration to American troops either through
Lend-Lease channels or by the British.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Replying to the War Department's query, General Andrews stated his approval of the proposed Navy construction of oil pipelines across the Isthmus of Panama with distribution lines for the use of both services, provided that no shipping now allotted to the Caribbean Defense Command is diverted.

2. The Mexican Government has agreed to extend the initial thirty-day permission for United States aircraft to operate from Isla Cozumel until the Tripartite Agreement (U.S. - Cuba - Mexico) has been signed.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower recommended that action be taken to secure legislation exempting from custom duties bona fide gifts, from soldiers in the United Kingdom to friends or relatives in the United States, within a value of \$50.00. The British Government will permit these gifts to be sent without requiring an export tax. It is impracticable to collect US customs in the United Kingdom. The War Department is presenting this matter to the Treasury Department.

2. General Eisenhower was instructed to notify the British and the Lend-Lease authorities in London that the War Department will not

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approve of the supply of rations to American troops either through Lend-Lease channels or by the British.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Naiden reports that one American bomber destroyed a bridge south of Wuntho (Burma) and attacked the dock area at Katha, August 2.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

The Commanding General, South Atlantic Wing, Air Transport Command, was instructed to direct two bombardment airplanes en route to the Middle East to pick up anti-submarine bombs at Trinidad and Paramaribo, and to proceed to Ascension Island. Their mission is to protect a tanker now en route to Ascension Island until it is unloaded; they will then resume their original mission.

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GENERAL

1. Effective August 1, the Ordnance Department assumed the responsibility previously held by the Quartermaster Department for the design, purchase, distribution, maintenance, and supply of motor vehicles.
2. Generals Bonesteel, Andrews, Maxwell, Stilwell, Naiden, Wheeler, Sibert, and Patch, and the Commanding Officer, Greenland Base Command, were notified that arrangements for reverse Lend-Lease procedure have been established with the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand only. The United Kingdom includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, plus the British Colonial Empire, exclusive of India. Dominions and commonwealths other than those named are not included.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Commanding Generals of all service commands were notified that, by request of the Norwegian Government, members of the Norwegian Merchant Marine will not be enlisted in the proposed Norwegian Battalion, AUS, as it is virtually impossible to replace Norwegian sailors.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. The War Department instructed General Eisenhower to make arrangements with General De Gaulle for the immediate application of

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reverse Lend-Lease procedure in African territory under Fighting France, and in New Caledonia.

2. General Eisenhower was informed that instructions have been issued to all Army Transport vessels to transfer to the US Army in the United Kingdom surplus fuel oil and provisions on hand in excess of requirements for the return voyage. In the event the Army does not require provisions, transfer to the US Navy or the British Government is authorized.

3. General Bonesteel reports that on August 2 a German Focke-Wulf airplane bombed and machine-gunned Hofn airfield, Iceland, from a very low altitude. Some damage to radio equipment was sustained.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that seven B-17's of the 98th Group, on their first mission, successfully bombed Mersa Matruh, July 31, accompanied by RAF Wellingtons.

ASIATIC THEATER

On August 1, General Naiden's bombers successfully attacked barges and dock installations at Katha, Burma, scoring hits on a warehouse and two docks. //

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur reports for August 1 that the situation at Kokoda remains unchanged; enemy strength there is estimated at 400. }

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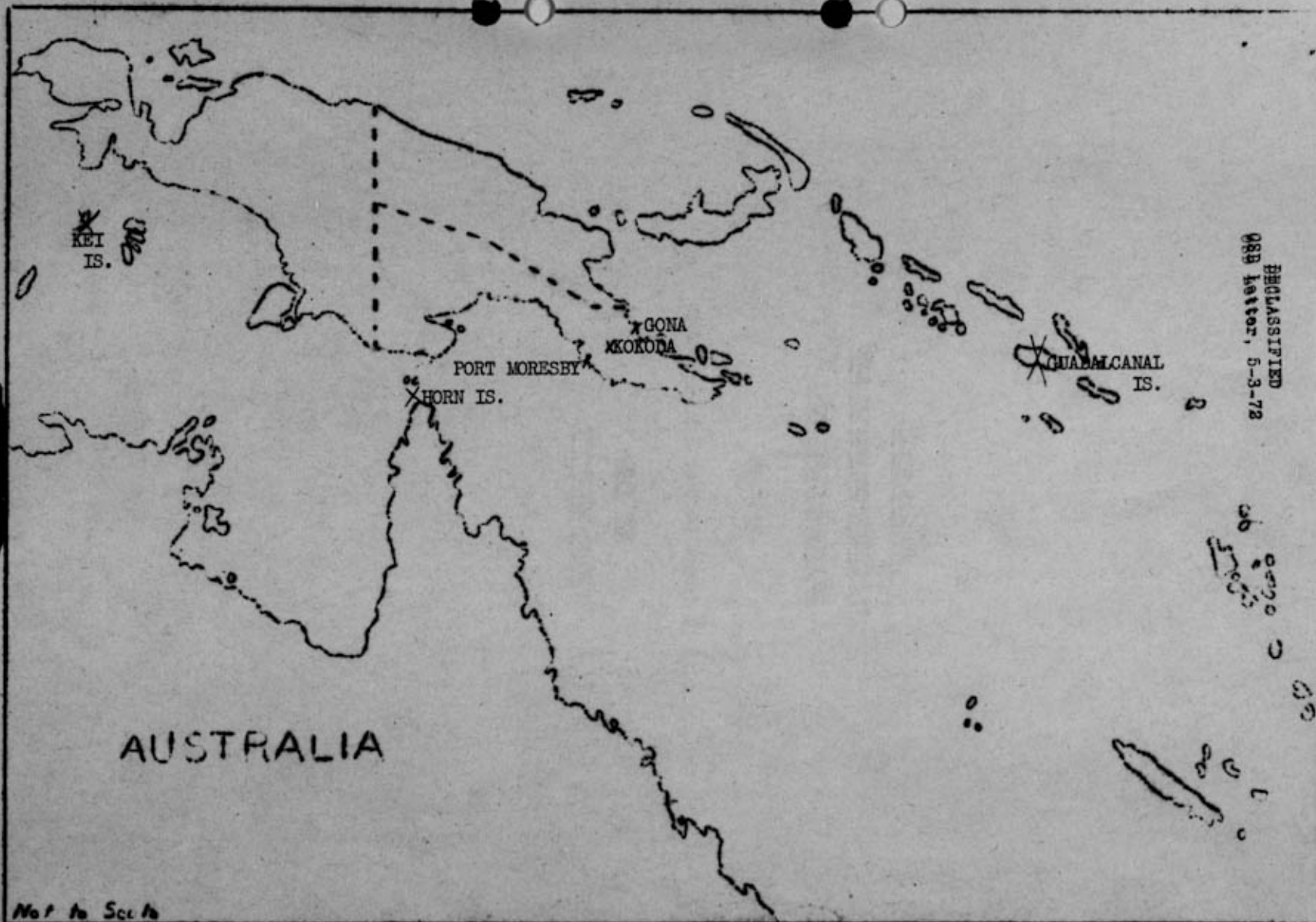
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Our bombers attacked Toeal (Kei Islands), the Gona area, and a transport 80 miles north of Gona. Catalina flying boats bombed stores and the landing area at Kukum, Guadalcanal Island. The enemy made ineffective air raids on Port Moresby and Horn Island.

2. General Emmons urged the War Department to assert its fullest influence over the American Federation of Musicians to exempt Hawaiian radio stations from its ban against the use of recordings and transcriptions of mainland programs. Arbitrary application of union restrictions will deny to Hawaiian listeners most of the outstanding network programs which must be rebroadcast on an appropriate time schedule. Radio entertainment is considered important to the morale of the civilian and military population who are living under many necessary restrictions in the Hawaiian Department.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Directions were issued by the Army Ground Forces for the movement to England of the 4th Tank Division.

DAILY SUMMARY

2. At the request of the War Department, General Andrews was asked if he could supply 100,000 pounds of rubber bands from the United States.

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3. In view of the serious threats to the Middle East oil fields, General Andrews was asked for his opinion regarding the request to divert all pipe-lines across the Middle East to supply the South-West Pacific Area and India. It is estimated that at least 100,000 barrels per day would be needed.

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SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports for July 31 no essential changes in the situation near Rabaul. Our bombing bombers attacked enemy airfields near Buna Island, sinking one probable hit on a bomber and several other aircraft. Heavy bombers continued attack on Buna village. Accompanied by several fighters shot down one fighter south of patrol. Casualties during

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Directives were issued by the Army Ground Forces for the movement to England of the 4th Motorized Division.
2. At the request of the Department of Agriculture, General Andrews was asked if he could supply airplanes to move 2000 pounds of rubber seed from San Jose', Costa Rica, to Turbo, Colombia, during the next few days. General Andrews replied that he would furnish the airplanes upon receipt of instructions.
3. In view of the serious threats to the Middle East oil fields, General Andrews was asked for his views concerning the proposal to construct oil pipe-lines across the isthmus in order to supply the Southwest Pacific area and India. It is estimated that at least 100,000 barrels per day would be needed.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports for July 31 no essential change in the situation near Kokoda. Our medium bombers attacked enemy warships near Banda Island, claiming one probable hit on a cruiser and several near misses. Heavy bombers secured hits on Gona village. Reconnaissance aircraft shot down one fighter south of Rabaul. Catalina flying

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boats scored a possible hit on a large ship near Kukum, Guadalcanal Is., and several hits on stores ashore.

A small Allied force landed at Saumlakki, on the Tanimbar Islands, meeting some opposition.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. On July 28, at dusk, our B-24-D's attacked shipping and facilities at Suda Bay, Crete. Several hits on ships are claimed. All aircraft returned.

2. On July 30, during daylight, our B-24-D's attacked a large transport surrounded by seven destroyers and a cruiser in Navarino Bay, in Southern Greece. At least one hit is reported. A night attack was made on Tobruk the same date.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower points out that the objective of the Red Cross Service Club in England is 35,000 beds by June, 1943. The Red Cross in that theater is the sole agent for welfare activity outside of troop bivouacs, and for coordinating British welfare agencies desiring to assist us. General Eisenhower remarks that conditions in his theater preclude the establishment of rest areas such as were used by the A.E.F.

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in 1918-19. Tomorrow the War Department will discuss this program and its objectives with the National Red Cross in Washington.

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