

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1941  
10.10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE PRESIDENT

General Marshall just telephoned to say that he had just had the following radio from General MacArthur:

"All possible action taken here for security and defense. Interceptor pursuit now reported in attack with about 13 enemy planes north of Clark Field (Clark Field is near Camp Stotensberg in Central Luzon). Report received of bombing attack on Davao. Only damage thus far reported is hangar on civilian airport. Report just received of bombing attack on Camp John Hayes destroying several houses (John Hayes is at Baguio in the northern mountains of Luzon). The message was apparently sent about 9 o'clock our time, which would be ten o'clock tomorrow their time. "

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*W. H. T. C.*  
12-8-41

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

General Marshall just dictated the following over the phone:

"MacArthur reported that there had been steady, light bomber attacks on the Philippines. The principal target was Clark Field (near Camp Stotsenburg). Fifty-odd two-engine bombers at high altitude bombed Clark Field in cooperation with about 40 dive bombers.

"They did considerable damage -- about 28 men killed and a number wounded. The losses in planes were heavy. The Japanese losses in planes were medium.

"MacArthur said he had available 17 Flying Fortresses, 40 T-40's, 15 T-35's, and the other types were not involved. I presume he was referring to the B-18 medium bombers, old type. The presumption would be that those were all intact. Just what he means by "available" in terms of subtracting that from the total number to determine his losses, I cannot tell. Undoubtedly some of the planes could be repaired."

E.M.W.

*W. H. H. H.*

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12-9-41

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

General Marshall just phoned the following report from General MacArthur:

3:24 am -

Only action since last report was one high altitude bombing attack on Nichols Field near Manila by 10 enemy planes at 0315 today, destroying one hangar by fire and damaging one B-18 and one O-52 (observation plane). In passing it dropped one bomb at McKinley damaging one truck. Manila had had a previous air raid warning.

Supplementing report of 8 heavy bombing attacks by same formations that attacked Clark Field, destroying installations there, including radio direction finder which was in temporary location. 3 officers, 19 soldiers killed; 16 officers, 21 enlisted men wounded.

Reference report casualties Clark Field about 55 killed, 110 wounded. Further information reference damage Clark Field required.

Cancelled proposed attack on Formosa. Reports do not yet indicate attempt at landing attack. Enemy airplanes have been handled with superior efficiency and there are some indications that his dive bombers are at least partially manned by white pilots. The general public has withstood the shock of initial attack with composure and there are no signs of hysteria and confusion.

7:01 am - No enemy action since last report.

E.M.W.