

~~SECRET~~

4

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

MARCH 1 thru 31

APRIL 1 thru 15

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

DECLASSIFIED

68

DOD DIR. 5200.9 (9/27/58)

Date- AUG 29 1972

Signature-

AMP

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 126

7:00 AM April 14 to 7:00 AM April 15, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM
FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Chief of Staff has directed that twenty (20) Bombardment Planes, medium or light, be transferred from the Western Defense Command to reinforce the Eastern Defense Command.
2. The Army Ground Forces report that the 93d Engineers (Negro) have departed from Camp Livingston (La.) by rail and water for Carcross (Can.), International Highway.
3. They also report that all surplus troop age officers in Corps Area Service Commands, on whom reports have been received, will be reassigned to Ground Force units by April 15, 1942.
4. The Services of Supply made awards for the construction of
Twelve (12) 40' Navy Type Motor Sailers,
Seven (7) 100' Rescue Boats,
Three (3) 74' Steel Tugs.
5. Directives were issued to move Coast Artillery and Anti-Aircraft units destined for Ivigtut, Greenland, to the New York Port of Embarkation on or about May First, 1942, for further transfer to Greenland.
6. Ten (10) Aircraft (AT-6) , enroute to Brazil were forced down in Venezuela near the mouth of the Orinoco River. Seven(7) planes were damaged and one officer killed.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports a total of 11,485 officers and men on Corregidor and other Harbor Defenses.
 2. The Army Air Forces report that eleven (11) Medium Bombers (B-26's) departed Hawaii for Australia and that four (4) Heavy Bombers (B-17's) arrived in Hawaii enroute to Australia.
- [REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
JED Letter, 5-3-72

FAR EAST

General Marshall has directed that:

General Stilwell be informed that the 10th Air Force will be employed in conformity with British direction in the Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean area.

The American Volunteer Group has first priority, on pursuit planes arriving in India, up to full operational strength plus attrition losses. Planes above this requirement go to 10th Air Force to counter the serious Jap naval threat.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 125

7:00 AM April 13 to 7:00 AM April 14, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. A Civil Affairs Section has been established in the Iceland Base Command for the purpose of serving as Liaison Staff between United States Forces and Officials and civilians of Iceland. Also from Iceland comes the report that the cable to the United Kingdom is out of commission, probably until after the war.

2. Six (6) Airplanes (B-40 E) left West Palm Beach for Brazil and will be turned over to the Brazilian Government under the provisions of Lend-Lease.

3. Army Ground Forces report departure of the 97th Engineers from Pensacola (Fla.) for Slana, Alaska, and ordered into active service April 20, 1942, five (5) General Hospitals for preparation for early movement to Australia and New Zealand.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur states that it is his belief that it is no longer possible to supply Corregidor by blockade running. However, an attempt is to be made by him to furnish 3" AA ammunition to General Wainwright since that is the critical need of the forces at Fort Mills. General MacArthur states that he believes that the only method of relieving General Wainwright will be a major effort involving grand strategic considerations to be executed within the next two(2) months. The only alternative to this is the acceptance of ultimate defeat in Manila Bay.

2. Six (6) medium bombers (B-25's) arrived in Hawaii enroute to the Royal Australian Air Force.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

3. The Hawaiian Department is dispatching a reduced strength company with necessary arms and services to Fanning Island to relieve the New Zealand Garrison now engaged in protecting the cable station there.

4. The War Department has authorized a small Medical detachment to proceed to the Fiji Islands by first available transportation.

1941

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1941

1941

1941

1941

1941

1941

1941

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 124

7:00 AM April 12 to 7:00 AM April 13, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron left Fort Bliss (Tex.) for the Desert Training Center at Indio (Cal.) and also issued directives transferring various units to Camp Blanding (Fla.), and for the activation and preparation of detachments for service in New Zealand (approximately 400 officers and men).

2. The Army Air Forces report that one airplane (C-59) and four (C-60's) left Miami for the British Middle East and that six (B-25's) and two (B-17's) departed from Hamilton Field enroute to the Royal Australian Air Force and the Allied Forces in the South East Pacific.

3. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command has been notified that there are no Field Artillery nor Coast Artillery units available for assignment to Newfoundland at this time and that the protection of Conception Bay is the responsibility of Canada.

4. The Commanding officer of the Greenland Base Command has been informed that orders were issued April 3d activating a Signal Aircraft Warning Company with authorized strength of 170 officers and men.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports that anti-aircraft batteries were active and damaged two heavy Japanese bombers during their attack on Corregidor. All communications with Cebu are broken and the situation there is unknown. It is reported that an enemy cruiser has been sunk off Mindanao.

[REDACTED]

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

He reports also that our artillery fired on Bataan, Cavite, and Manila Bay and started fires in two enemy tank and truck columns, and hit two enemy ammunition dumps. He reports further that Marines and other troops are holding the beaches in a determined manner and states that he intends to keep the flag flying as long as food and ammunition hold out.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 123

7:00 AM April 11 to 7:00 AM April 12, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (Greenland & Iceland included).

1. The last element of the First Armored Division arrived at Fort Dix (N.J.) April 10 for further transfer to Northern Ireland. General Chaney requests that this full Division be made operational in Northern Ireland by mid summer.

2. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release 8000 rounds (75-mm HE) to the Western Defense Command for shipment to Alaska.

3. Approval has been granted the Canadian Government to base one Air Force Squadron at Annette Island, Alaska for the further defense of Prince Rupert.

4. The War Department has authorized the shipment of 3 sets of radar equipment for ultimate use in Lower California, personnel to be furnished by the Western Defense Command.

5. Orders have been issued and arrangements have been made for the replacement of the 50 United States Marines in Belem, Brazil, by United States Air Corps technicians of the Ferrying Command.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur listed the Air Corps shortages in his area and requests replacements at the earliest practicable date.

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that more than half of the present American Volunteer Group pilots are ex-Navy or Marine officers.

AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

1. Decision made to defer construction of facilities for air route across Indian Ocean from East Africa to Australia, until allied control of that area is established. Surveys have been completed and action initiated to establish airfield operating facilities along the Pointe-Noire-Elizabethville-Mombasa route. British Staff has been requested to provide defense of air ferry operations along that route.

2. The Army Air Forces report 3 medium bombers (B-25's) departed Miami for Russia over the African ferrying route.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 122

7:00 AM April 10 to 7:00 AM April 11, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. Various detachments which have arrived in Panama from March 30 to April 3 total 1,766 officers and men.
2. Army Air Forces report that four medium bombers (B-25's), destined for the Brazilian Air Forces have arrived at Trinidad.
3. General Buckner announces the arrival of approximately 3,800 officers and men in Alaska, of which 3,258 are for Ft. Randall.
4. Army Ground Forces report departures by rail and water for Australia:
114th Engineer Battalion (part of 32d Division) from Camp Edwards (Mass.), and
Advanced Detachment of 37th Infantry Division from Indiantown Gap (Pa.).
5. A.G.F. also issued directives for the constitution and activation of various units including 4 Tank Destroyer Battalions.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports that approximately 12,000 enemy troops landed on Cebu with support of Navy, Tanks, and Dive Bombers. They suffered heavy losses and have been unable to penetrate inland more than a few kilometers. Ft. Hughes and Corregidor were attacked heavily from the air with little damage and few casualties. Intermittent enemy fire came also from Bataan and the South Shore on the Fortified Islands.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that the A.V.G. is pleased with the P-40's E and states that the first three of these planes destroyed 20 Japanese type planes without loss.

DAILY SUMMARY

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

WITH AXIS

7:00 AM April 9 to 7:00 AM April 10, 1942

7:00 AM April 9 to 7:00 AM April 10, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

2. Bureau, Chicago, ANS WAC MOOSE that the 22 copies of the Schenckel 1968 form are distributed as follows:

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. In the list of various troop movements and departures, Army Ground Forces report that the 7th Infantry and 10th F.A. Battalion of the 3d Division (both less detachments) departed from Ft. Lewis (Wash.) for permanent station at Ft. Ord (Cal.).
2. Additional arrivals reported at Ft. Dix (N.J.) for movement to Ireland (approximately 1800 officers and men).
3. Col. Barber reports from Rio that General Marshall's letter is delivered to General Gomes, who expressed complete agreement with General Marshall's views.
4. The War Department has activated the 130th Anti-Aircraft Regiment for duty in the Western Defense Command.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright acknowledges the Presidential message and states that the flag still flies on Corregidor. Enemy is landing in force on Cebu and is keeping Corregidor under constant artillery fire from Bataan.

He states further that communication with Bataan troops is severed and he has no information from General King on terms arranged.

2. General Wainwright also reports that the 2d submarine arrived at Corregidor from Cebu and departed on the return trip.
 3. Army Air Forces report that the S. S. President Coolidge arrived in Australia with 4 pursuit planes (P-38's).
- ~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 120

7:00 AM April 8 to 7:00 AM April 9, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~ DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 8-3-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. Army Ground Forces report departures by rail and water of 27th Infantry Division (less elements previously moved) from Ft. Ord (Cal.) for Hawaiian Department, 32nd Division from Ft. Devens (Mass.) for Australia, 422d C.A. Bn. for Newfoundland, and 93d Engr. Regt. (Negro) from Camp Livingston (La.) by rail for Carcross (Canada).

2. Army Ground Forces also issued directives for movement of various units to North Ireland, to Iceland, and to Ft. Ray (Alaska), and to increase allotments to 1st Armored Division to provide an over-strength of approximately 10% commissioned personnel.

3. War Department G-3 Study proposing three Replacement Depots in the United States for overseas filler and loss replacements has been concurred in by interested Staff Sections of AGF.

4. Priority list for Northern Ireland and Iceland approved by Operations Division except that the "Queen Elizabeth" is not to be released to the British at this time.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. General Wainwright reports that General King sent a flag of truce to the Japanese Commander at 6 o'clock this morning without his knowledge. He states he disapproved the action and ordered "No Surrender." Attack was ordered to the North but did not get off. He reports also that enemy landed yesterday on Guimaras Island and will probably be in Iloilo today, but that he will endeavor to hold Corregidor. He stated that physical exhaustion and sickness is the real cause of the disaster.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78

FAR EAST

1. Army Air Forces report that a total of 25 pursuit planes (P-40's) have been delivered at Karachi for A.V.G. in Burma.

2. Space has been obtained to load immediately at New York, 50,000 Rounds (75 mm. How. H.E.) for Stilwell Mission and release obtained for shipment of 80,000 additional rounds to Charleston to be loaded for same destination.

3. General Stilwell reports from Chungking that bad weather has stopped the Japanese bombing of Air Field since April 3d.

SECRET

SECRET
EXCLUDED FROM
ALL LISTS, 0-1-72

EXCLUDED FROM ALL LISTS, 0-1-72

In the protection of shipping from submarines in Japanese waters, two boats, one, with crew, have been placed at Port Antonio, St. John, St. Thomas, Antigua, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

A. The Bureau General has been directed to ship 1000 tons of wheat to San Francisco for shipment for shipment to Japan.

B. Army Ground Forces have been authorized to receive 1000 tons of wheat for shipment to Japan.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

A. Army Ground Forces have been directed to ship 1000 tons of wheat to San Francisco for shipment for shipment to Japan.

B. Approximately 1000 tons of wheat have been authorized to be shipped to San Francisco for shipment to Japan.

No 119

C. Commanding General has been directed to ship 1000 tons of wheat to San Francisco for shipment to Japan.

7:00 AM April 7 to 7:00 AM April 8, 1942

D. Western Defense Command has been directed to ship 1000 tons of wheat to San Francisco for shipment to Japan.

ABRIDGED FORM

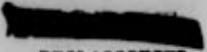
FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

E. A. Thompson has been directed to ship 1000 tons of wheat to San Francisco for shipment to Japan.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. For the protection of shipping from submarines in isolated harbors, two 75-mm. guns, with crews, have been placed at Port Castries, St. Lucia, St. Johns, Antigua, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.
2. The Surgeon General has been directed to ship vitamin concentrates to San Francisco Port of Embarkation for shipment to Australia.
3. Army Ground Forces report the movement of various units (destined for Australia), including the 126th Infantry, 120th F.A. Bn., and 126th F.A. Bn.
4. Army Ground Forces also issued directive for the movement of a battery of 424th C.A. Bn., (anti-aircraft) to Sondestrom, Greenland.
5. Approximately 2950 officers and men of First Armored Division left Ft. Knox enroute to Ft. Dix for further transfer to Ireland.
6. Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, informed that British Intelligence is concerned with possible strike in Iceland, of workmen engaged in U. S. and British projects.
7. Western Defense Command has been directed to move 557th Signal Bn. (Aircraft Warning) to Alaska and ten sets of Radar equipment will be sent to Alaska during 1942.
8. A Transport Squadron for the Alaskan Defense Command has also been authorized to facilitate movement of supplies and personnel to outlying stations.

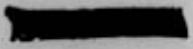

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

A report from the Philippines again emphasizes the serious situation in regard to subsistence and tropical diseases, and requests information on the possibility of obtaining food concentrates by plane from China.

FAR EAST

General Brereton reports on the second mission of the 10th A. F. Six airplanes attacked warehouses and docks at Rangoon on the night of April 3d. Three large fires were started. No enemy pursuit was encountered and no damage received from anti-aircraft. One B-17 E was lost on the return (cause unknown) but the crew parachuted safely.



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION~~

1. Approximately 200 officers and men of the 19th Infantry left Ft. Stanton (Del.) for San Francisco Port of Detachment. They are enroute for Idaho.

2. The Service is now prepared to establish units of Territorial National Guard and reserves are now in Alaska for inf.

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

Decisions and Actions
Respecting Hostilities

WITH AXIS

3. Two (2) planes (C-47) equipped with arms are alerted to Chief of Engineers for reconnaissance missions in connection with construction of Alaska.

No 118

4. Two (2) planes (C-47) and 20 guns (75 mm) have been transferred to Alaska Defense Command for use in Tank Destroyer units.

7:00 AM April 6 to 7:00 AM April 7, 1942

5. The Army Group Forces have issued directives for movement of these Engineers
6. The Army Group Forces have issued directives for movement of these Engineers
7. The Army Group Forces have issued directives for movement of these Engineers

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

8. The Chief of Engineers directed to issue additional releases of equipment, (25 mm.) to Eastern Defense Command and (20 mm. anti-aircraft) to Eastern Defense Command.

9. For the protection of the Territory deposits, at instant, Greenland, a garrison (V, 4) has been approved and activated and will be ready to report on May first.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SECRET

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. Approximately 1000 officers and men of the 24th Infantry left Ft. Benning (Ga.) for San Francisco Port of Embarkation. They are destined for Efate.
2. The Territory of Alaska is now prepared to establish units of Territorial Guards. Arms, ammunition, and accessories are now in Alaska for this purpose and Western Defense Command requests authority for issue.
3. Two (2) planes (AT-7), equipped with skis are diverted to Chief of Engineers for reconnaissance missions in connection with construction of Alaska Highway, and 25 guns (75 mm.) have been transferred to Alaskan Defense Command for use in Tank Destroyer units.
4. The Army Ground Forces have issued directives for movement of three Engineer regiments for use on International Highway Project in Alaska.
5. The Chief of Ordnance is directed to make additional releases of ammunition, (75 mm.) to Western Defense Command and (90 mm. anti-aircraft) to Eastern Defense Command.
6. For the protection of the Cryolite deposits, at Ivigtut, Greenland, a garrison (U. S.) has been approved and activated and will be ready to depart on May First.

SECRET

SECRET

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Two (2) General Hospitals and ten (10) Station Hospitals, (total 4500 beds) have been ordered dispatched to Australia about the middle of May.

AFRICA

The Army Air Forces report that 2 Heavy Bombers (B-17's) arrived in Accra, enroute to the Tenth Air Force in India.

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 117

7:00 AM April 5 to 7:00 AM April 6, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. Army Ground Forces report that the 79th Coast Artillery (AA) less one battery, arrived at Hartford (Conn.) from Fort Bliss (Tex.) and three batteries of the 207th Coast Artillery (AA) arrived at Newport (R.I.) from Camp Stewart (Ga.) They also report that the 351st Coast Artillery Battalion (Searchlight) left Camp Haan (Cal.) for permanent station at Orlando (Fla.).

PACIFIC AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

General Wainwright reports that the enemy attack reported yesterday has been stopped without any additional ground gain and that the barges delivering artillery fire against the beach defenses have been driven off by U.S. artillery.

General Stilwell reports that he has received word from General Wainwright that the Bataan and Cabacben Airfields are suitable for landing and take-off of heavily loaded planes and that the possibility of procurement of concentrated foods from China is being investigated.

FAR EAST

One bombardment squadron, 10th AF, led by General Brereton, executed on April 2d its first mission against the enemy at Port Blair, Andaman Islands. Eight tons of bombs were dropped in a night attack. Two direct hits were made on a cruiser and two on a transport; both were left in flames. Two of our planes were damaged by AA fire and enemy fighters. One B-17 with entire crew destroyed on take-off.

[REDACTED]

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

AFRICA

The Adjutant General is directed to take the necessary secret action to constitute and activate the 898th Engineer Corps (AVN) at Ascension Island.

RECEIVED

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON AND ARMY

DEFENSE SECRETARIAT

1968 1018

By 118

7:00 AM APRIL 4 TO 7:00 AM APRIL 5, 1968

ARMY SECRETARY

101

THE SECRETARY

CONFIDENTIAL

April 5, 1942
1st Edition, 2-3-42

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

1. The United States Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska.

2. The 1st Cavalry Division will be sent to Alaska by the following schedule: Approximately 15,000, April 30; 1,000 May 1; 1,000 May 2.

3. Directives issued for the transfer of 2,500 officers and men from the 1st Cavalry Division to the 1st Cavalry Division for the defense of Alaska.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

4. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska. A conference will be held with the representatives of that country during the week of April 4 to 7, 1942.

No 116

7:00 AM April 4 to 7:00 AM April 5, 1942

5. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska.

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

6. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska.

7. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska.

8. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska. The Department of the Army has been directed to expedite the transfer of the 1st Cavalry Division for assignment to the defense of Alaska.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE. GREENLAND & ICELAND included.

1. The Western Defense Command has been directed to organize and train ten (10) Coast Artillery Batteries for ultimate duty in the Coast defense of Alaska.
 2. The SOS was notified of Units which will move to the British Isles as follows: Approximately 15,000, April 30; 9,000, May 9; 7,600, June 4.
 3. Directive issued for movement of 2,900 officers and men from Pine Camp (N.Y.) to Ft. Knox (KY.) to form cadre for 9th Armored Division.
 4. Directive issued to constitute and activate three (3) additional Chemical Generator Companies, and the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service was directed to ship 3,000 Smoke Generators to the Panama Canal Department as soon as possible.
 5. The SOS conferred with the War Production Board regarding request of the Aluminum Company of Canada for \$5,000,000 worth of production equipment, a conference to be held with the representatives of that Company during the coming week.
 6. The Commanding Generals of the Eastern and Southern Defense Commands were directed to study the methods used by the Western Defense Command for the evacuation and segregation of enemy aliens.
 7. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, was informed that command in Iceland will pass to him when two-thirds of the forces in Iceland are American.
 8. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, is authorized to continue indefinitely use of the Civil Air Patrol in the Barnegat--Cape Charles Area.
 9. Six (6) bombers (B-18's), equipped to operate against submarines, were transferred from the Western Defense Command to the Eastern Defense Command.
- ~~SECRET~~

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. General Wainwright reports that an enemy attack was launched against the right center of the Bataan position in the late afternoon of April 3, and furious fighting continued for most of the 4th. With superior forces massed in front of the position, the enemy has succeeded in forcing our troops back for a short distance.

2. Hostile landing was attempted on the East Coast of Bataan accompanied by artillery fire and small arms fire from barges. No landings were made, enemy casualties believed to be severe.

3. Corregidor was free from bombing for 24 hours for the first time since March 24. There was no change in the dispositions on the Visayan or Mindanao fronts.

4. The Armored Force has transferred 110 Diesel motored light tanks from the 1st Armored Division to the Hawaiian Department.

SECRET
No. 115

SECRET

SECRET

1. Directive issued to A.I.F., A.I.T., and U.S.A. to insure uniformity of movement of American Island Defense Force to Camp Peleliu (Ta.) and then to Port of Sanitation (Cherleson).

2. Quartermaster's report regarding the requisition for the Pacific War Department, New Orleans, and Seattle to facilitate the movement of troops from Seattle to the Pacific.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 115

7:00 AM April 3 to 7:00 AM April 4, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET

1. General MacArthur reports the continuance of training and activities of the line groups in the Pacific. He states that the groups are

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Directive issued to A.G.F., A.A.F., and S.O.S. to issue orders for movement of Ascension Island Defense Force to Camp Pendleton (Va.) and then to Port of Embarkation (Charleston).
2. Quartermaster truck regiments were authorized for the Ports of San Francisco, New Orleans, and Seattle to facilitate the movement of troops from staging areas to Ports of Embarkation.
3. Activation authorized for various minor units for duty at Fort Mears, Alaska.
4. The Commanding Generals of the Eastern Defense Command, Southern Defense Command, and Western Defense Command were advised of reports received that enemy agents have been landed by submarines at points on the Eastern Coast. They have been warned that surveillance of possible landing points should be increased and the suggestion is made that they contact the Immigration Bureau and Coast Guard in this connection; coordinating any action with the Navy Sea Frontier Headquarters within their Command Areas.
5. It is decided that it is not advisable to press the matter of Unity of Command in Newfoundland at this time, as present arrangements which provide for Unity of Command by a United States Naval Officer over shipping operations and their protection meet the immediate need.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports the continuance of bombing and strafing front line troops on Luzon but states that the attack which

~~SECRET~~

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

was indicated by intensity of enemy artillery fire has not developed. He reports that two more Japanese bombers were shot down yesterday and believes their plane losses have been so heavy that they are convinced their attacks are unremunerative. On Mindanao, Allied Forces continue to harass the enemy who have been placed on the defensive.

2. General McArthur reports that considerable equipment originally destined to N.E.I. and Malaya is now arriving in Australia and will be considered in connection with the Australian government Lend Lease requirements.

FAR EAST

1. General Wheeler makes the recommendation that a 60 day supply of coffee, canned fruits, and vegetables be shipped from the United States for American troops in India and that the balance of subsistence be purchased locally.

2. General Stilwell reports that the Generalissimo is furnishing Lo Cho Ying as Executive and that this will clear up the situation considerably. He states also that the presence of an American Division in India would greatly strengthen the United States position.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (CONTINUED & JOURNAL 10-1-78)

1. Four thousand (4,000) officers and men of the Fifth Air Force, left Fort Custer, San Francisco Bay for further transfer to England in the early part of April.
2. The War Department has authorized installation of direct military facilities at present Headquarters Western Defense Command (San Francisco), Headquarters Western Air Frontier Command (San Diego), and Headquarters Pacific Military Region (Hawaii, Hawaii).

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 114

7:00 AM April 2 to 7:00 AM April 3, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. Four thousand (4,000) officers and men of the Fifth Division left Fort Custer for Indiantown Gap for further transfer to Iceland in the early part of April.
2. The War Department has authorized installation of direct communications between Headquarters Western Defense Command (San Francisco), Headquarters Western Sea Frontier Command (San Diego), and Headquarters Pacific Military Region (Ensenada, Mexico).
3. A total of 17 Aircraft (LB-30) with ASV Equipment has been allotted to the Panama Canal Department (Eight are in operation, remainder enroute or being prepared for transfer).
4. Fifty (50) fishing boats have been assigned to the Panama Canal Department and will operate as a Warning Service on the Pacific Side.
5. Directive issued to move to Panama at earliest practicable date, Aircraft Warning Detachment (approximately 516 officers and men).
6. Three hundred sixty (360) officers and men sailed for Bermuda, which brings the Bermuda Base Command to its Infantry project strength of 738.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Five(5) additional bombers (B-26's) have arrived in the Fiji Islands, enroute to Australia.
2. General Wainwright reports that three enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft batteries and another blew up and fell into Manila Bay.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

3. General Wainwright also reports that enemy made unsuccessful attack against center of line on Bataan. Enemy losses believed heavy and Allied casualties few.

4. General Brett reports that arrangements have been made with the Dutch government for immediate use of 21 coasting vessels.

5. Report from General McArthur states that general public attitude of defeatism in Australia is being replaced by a growing feeling of self-reliance and confidence.

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 113

7:00 AM April 1 to 7:00 AM April 2, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

[REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED
O&D Letter, 5-2-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Army Ground Forces report troop departures For New York Port of Embarkation for further transportation to Iceland, approximately 4,000 officers and men For San Francisco Port of Embarkation for further transportation to Efate, approximately 3,400.

2. The War Department has authorized activation of one Military Police Battalion for Alaskan Defense Command.

3. The War Department has authorized the Western Defense Commander to deal directly with the Department of Agriculture in matters pertaining to observation posts in the Aircraft Warning Service.

4. 14 officers and 298 enlisted men, CA Corps, arrived Jamaica, March 31.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Army Air Forces report that there are now 133 pursuit planes at New Caledonia--25 at Fiji--and 25 at Christmas Island (P-39's).

2. General Wainwright reports that Allied attack on Mindanao penetrated Zamboanga and destroyed numerous enemy machine gun nests. He reports also that on Luzon, the accuracy of harbor defense anti-aircraft batteries is forcing hostile planes to fly above 27,000 ft., and, as a consequence, their bombing is ineffective.

FAR EAST.

1. The SS JOHNSON sailed from New York with 20 pursuit planes (P-66's) and 29 pursuit planes (P-43's) on the way to the AVG in China.

AFRICA.

1. Agreement between United States and Liberian Government for U. S. military rights in Liberia was signed March 31.

2. The President of Liberia has given his consent for refueling of British patrol planes at Fisherman's Lake as a temporary measure.

[REDACTED]

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 112

7:00 AM March 31 to 7:00 AM April 1, 1942

ABRIDGED FORM FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-8-72

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (Greenland & Iceland included).

1. The Chief of Staff directs that defense garrison for Sondrestrom, Greenland be constituted and activated with an authorized strength of approximately 285 men who are to move to Greenland by June 1st.
2. Memorandum was sent to the State Department stating that the War Department desires Pan American's request for use of air fields at St. Johns, Antigua and St. Lucia be granted, and that an immediate survey flight be allowed.
3. Army Ground Forces issued directive for redesignation of units required for Task Forces and for activation of various minor units scheduled for sailing dates, May and June.
4. War Department has directed activation of three Provisional Chemical Smoke companies (colored) for use in protection of vital installations of the Western Defense Command.
5. Army Ground Forces have completed tentative study on percentage of regular Army officers who will be available to Ground Force units; (6.1% Infantry, Field Artillery and Cavalry will be available for assignment and 6.9% will be available for Coast Artillery).

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Lt. Col. Larr, now with G-2, ordered to three months duty in Australia as instructor in desert warfare.
2. Commanding General 37th Division and several staff officers oriented prior to dispatch to New Zealand.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

3. An overall plan for replacements in the Southwest Pacific is being prepared.

4. Report received that the first enemy reconnaissance has been made over New Caledonia.

FAR EAST

1. Col. Bissell reports he is informed, by Madam Chiang Kai-shek, that Generalissimo and General Chennault favor induction AVG but not until after conference between them. Chennault reports that 90% AVG would terminate contract rather than accept induction U. S. Air Corps in China now or until complete clarification of status accomplished.

2. Army Air Forces report:

a. A total of 18 Pursuit Planes (P-40's) have arrived in Karachi enroute to AVG in Burma.

b. Four Pursuit Planes (P-40's) for the AVG have arrived in Lashio, Burma.

3. Report received from Gen. Stilwell that, generally speaking, monsoons constitute a serious hindrance to ground and air operations from May 15 to November 1st, in all Burma.

AFRICA

1. Troops of the Ascension Island construction force arrived at their destination March 31.

2. Dispatch of construction force for Liberia has been delayed, lacking Naval Convoy at present.

SECRET

N.B: Correction in yesterday's summary--

S.S. CROWN CITY reported as arriving New
Zealand should have read New Caledonia.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 111

7:00 AM March 30 to 7:00 AM March 31

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-72

WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

1. The 4th Field Artillery Battalion (75-mm How.) left Fort Bragg (N.C.) and one Battery 50th CA (155-mm gun) left Camp Pendleton (Va.) for San Francisco Port of Embarkation for further movement to Efate.

2. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release substantial amounts of ammunition to the Navy (various types).

3. Eighteen key Staff Officers are being sent to Gen. Chaney by air in answer to his request.

4. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command advises that cable service between Iceland and England has now been restored.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Twelve (12) B-25's were taken over by the United States from the Dutch in Australia.

2. Lt. Gen. Brett reports that the S. S. WEST CUSSETA arrived Melbourne March 28 with equipment for the New Caledonia force.

3. Lt. Gen. Wainwright reports that Base Hospital #1 in Bataan was bombed at noon March 30, causing numerous casualties. ✓

4. Lt. Gen. Wainwright has been authorized to activate a Division Headquarters for the Visayan Force and to activate an Army Corps Headquarters for the Luzon Forces.

5. The S. S. CROWN CITY arrived in New Zealand with 23 pursuit planes (P-39's).

6. The Chief Signal Officer has been directed to ship to Australia, signal equipment requested by the Commanding General, U. S. Forces there.

SECRET

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. The Department of Defense, United States Command, is informed that on 2,000 troops destined for the Philippines will leave the United States during the last week of March, early in May.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2. The new contingent for the Philippines is now being prepared for shipment in late April or early May.

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

No 110

1. General Eichelberg has been assigned to command an temporary

7:00 AM March 29 to 7:00 AM March 30

officers and civilians of the Philippines and the, of course, members of the Philippine Scouts.

1942

2. The first and last contingents of the Philippines, military planes, are transferred to the Philippines, and the, and will be brought to the Philippines from the Philippines there.

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. The following is a summary of the information received from the Department of Defense regarding that the Department of Defense is planning to send the Secretary of State and requested to send a message to the Secretary of State to reflect the Department's view.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, is informed that of the 9,000 troops destined for him, 4400 will leave the United States early in April and 4600, early in May.

IRELAND.

1. The next contingent for Ireland is now being prepared for dispatch in late April or early May. The contingent will include a combat team of about one-half of the First Armored Division and the remaining personnel of the 34th Division. Cargo for the troops now in Ireland will also be shipped at that time.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. General Wainwright has been authorized to appoint as temporary officers in the Army of the United States, male citizens of the United States and citizens of the Philippine Islands who are, at present, members of the Philippine Scouts.

2. The 21st and 34th Pursuit Squadrons, now in the Philippines, without planes, are transferred to Australia, less personnel and equipment, and will be brought to full strength from personnel available there.

AFRICA.

1. In order to combat submarine menace off the Liberian Coast, memorandum issued requesting that the Liberian Government be approached by the Secretary of State and requested to grant permission to British flying boats to refuel at Fisherman's Lake.

CONFIDENTIAL
SECURITY INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIAL

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...

DAILY SUMMARY

Left Fort ...

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

The War Department approved installation of ...
depth charges ...
No 109

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

7:00 AM March 28 to 7:00 AM March 29

1942

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. ...
2. ...

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED
ORD Letter, 8-3-72

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Army Ground Forces issued directive for:
 - a. Constitution and activation at Fort Lewis (Wash.) one Coast Artillery Regiment (AA, Mobile) for duty in Alaska Defense Command at Sitka.
2. The 13th Field Artillery Brigade (3267 officers and men) left Fort Bragg (N. C.) for Camp Blanding (Fla.).
3. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to issue to the Chief of Army Air Forces, ammunition to provide combat loads for bombing planes scheduled to fly to Australia.
4. The War Department approved installation of depth charge release gears and loads of depth charges for Alaskan harbor boats.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Four (4) Medium Bombers (B-26's) arrived Australia from Hawaii and four (4) additional B-26's arrived Palmyra enroute to Australia.
2. The Commanding General of the forces in the Philippines reported on subsistence and medical supplies in the Philippines and the S. O. S. reports that arrangements have been completed to get medical supplies to the Philippines.

AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

1. Directive was issued to move approximately 1342 officers and men to Liberia (via Charleston Port of Embarkation).
2. Letter written to Secretary of State outlining views

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

of the War Department as to the establishment, operation, and
defense of air fields in Saudi Arabia.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT
DEFENSE AND ACTION
DEFENSE AND ACTION
DEFENSE AND ACTION

No. 122

7:00 AM March 17 to 7:00 AM March 18

122

SECRET
122
DEFENSE AND ACTION

~~SECRET~~

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

No 108

7:00 AM March 27 to 7:00 AM March 28

1942

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion is ordered to Fort Dix, N. J. to join the 1st Armored Division which is scheduled for overseas duty.
2. Two (2) Observation Squadrons are being placed in support of the Southern Defense Command.
3. Army Ground Forces have issued directives for:
 - a. Constitution and activation of one Engineer Battalion at Fort Devens (Mass.) and one at Indiantown Gap (Pa.).
 - b. Rehabilitation of one Engineer Battalion in 26th Division and one in 29th Division.
 - c. Transfer of one Engineer Battalion from 32nd Division and one Engineer Battalion from 37th Division to GHQ Reserve (all these Engineer Battalions are colored).
 - d. Constitution and activation in May of 3 Chemical Companies; one at Camp San Luis Obispo (Cal.); one at Camp Gordon (Ga.) and one at Fort Custer (Mich.).

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Sailing date of the Task Force for Tonga Tabu from New York Port of Embarkation is estimated as about March 31 (total strength approximately 3600 officers and men).
2. The S. S. ARCTIC has arrived in Hawaii with 5 additional medium bombers (B-26's) to be flown to Australia.

AFRICA

1. Full instructions furnished to Commanding Officer of the advance detachment to Liberia.

~~SECRET~~

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

No 107

7:00 AM March 26 to 7:00 AM March 27

1942

FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Army Ground Forces report that directives have been issued to cover:

a. Movement of 32d Division and all unused elements of 41st Division (approximately 22,595 officers and men) to Australia via San Francisco Port of Embarkation. Units will leave present stations on call of Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

b. Movement of First Armored Division, at present concentrating at Fort Dix, N. J., to North Ireland via New York Port of Embarkation.

2. Unity of Command of Army and Navy planes operating over the Atlantic Ocean is now vested in the Naval Sea Frontier Commanders.

3. Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been directed to activate one Section of Seacoast Searchlights for use at Fort Ray, Sitka, Alaska and the Alaskan Defense Command has been authorized to construct an additional Air Base on the Seward Peninsula.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. President Quezon, his family, and War Cabinet have been evacuated from the Philippines to the Headquarters of General MacArthur in Australia.

2. The Army Air Forces report that a total of fourteen (14) medium bombardment planes (B-26's) have arrived in the Fiji Islands enroute to Australia:

Note: Six (6) B-26's are at Palmyra
Three (3) B-26's are at Canton Island
Thirty-one (31) are still in Hawaii

3. The Free French Government has consented to the survey of an Air Ferry Route which will make use of the Tuamotu Archipelago and the Society Islands.

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST.

1. A directive has been sent to the Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, and Services of Supply, setting up the Task Force for Ascension Island.

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 106

7:00 AM March 25 to 7:00 AM March 26

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Unity of Command established in Curacao-Aruba area under Admiral Oldendorf, USN. He is Supreme Commander of all Forces in that area and his orders are issued in the name of the Dutch Government.
2. On request of the Brazilian Government, the War Department will name two officers for a conference in Rio to discuss Joint Defense.
3. Directive issued to move 11th Evacuation Hospital to Indio, Calif.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. General Hurley ordered to assume duties of Minister to New Zealand.
2. The 21st and 34th Pursuit Squadrons have been located in the Philippine Islands but are without airplanes.
3. Four more of the Japanese bombers which came from Formosa on the 24th have been shot down in the Philippines.
4. General Brett has turned over an additional 25 (P-40's) to the RAAF, making a total of 75 that have been delivered.
5. 77th CA and various small units from First and Third Armies departed for New York Port of Embarkation and will sail for Tonga Tabu. Total strength under way for Tonga Tabu is approximately 2300 officers and men.
6. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to make large releases of ammunition for New Caledonia and 100,000 rounds Cal. .50 Armor-Piercing for the Philippines.

FAR EAST.

1. Until further notice Karachi will be the Headquarters, Services of Supply, United States Army Forces, India, Burma, China.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

BRITISH ISLES

1. Twelve staff officers, requested by General Chaney for key positions, have been ordered to the British Isles by air.

AFRICA.

1. Commanding General, S. O. S., informed by memo of enemy submarine activity along the coast of Liberia in order that proper protection may be supplied to American Forces soon to be sent to that Area.

GENERAL.

1. The Red Cross is recognized as sole non-military agency to operate with expeditionary forces during the War.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 105

7:00 AM March 24 to 7:00 AM March 25

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included.)

1. Directive issued to establish Defense Garrison for Sondrestrom, Greenland to protect staging field, radio and weather station.
2. Radiogram received from General Bonesteel stating that cable, Iceland to England, is out of commission and it is expected will be out for indefinite period.
3. Directive issued for movement of 1st Armored Division from Fort Knox (Ky.) to Fort Dix (N. J.) by April 10.
4. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to make the following release of ammunition for the Navy Department: 10,000,000 rounds Cal. .50 Ball.
5. Approximately 320 Officers and men of the 3d Bn., 89th Inf. left Fort Snelling (Minn.) for Charleston Port of Embarkation, for further transfer to Bermuda.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Six (6) medium bombers (B-26's) arrived in Palmyra enroute to Australia.

FAR EAST.

1. Eight (8) pursuit planes (P-40's) have arrived at Karachi and ten (10) at Cairo enroute to reinforce the AVG in Burma.

AFRICA.

1. Letter written to the Secretary of State concurring in his proposed letter to President Barclay of Liberia, regarding certain aids to be extended to the Liberian Government.

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
ON 10-17-83 BY SP-7

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING A REMAINING INCIDENT

1. The Commanding General, First Infantry Division, directed
to complete negotiations for the evacuation of Japanese at Yonaguni, Iwo Jima.

DAILY SUMMARY

2. Disposition of Japanese remains remains to be determined (A)
Colonial Detachment (Det.), Camp Gordon (Det.),

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING A REMAINING INCIDENT

No 104

1. Army Air Forces report a total of 25 aerial bombardments against
(B-25's) have landed at Hawaii, Iwo Jima, and Japan.

7:00 AM March 23 to 7:00 AM March 24

2. General Patch reports action taken to prevent any possibility
of Japanese getting inside Camp Detachment.

All detailed studies are being made by the War Department.

ABRIDGED FORM

They have been dispatched to Australia and Iwo Jima to

FOR

destroy refinery at Iwo Jima.

THE WHITE HOUSE

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. The contents of steam-crushing machinery for Iwo Jima are to be
loaded today at Camp Detachment, Iwo Jima, and will move immediately to
Port of Detachment.

DECLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. The Commanding General, First Interceptor Command, directed to complete negotiations for Detector Station at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
2. Directives issued by Army Ground Forces to activate four (4) Chemical Battalions: one each at Fort Bliss (Tex.), Camp Gordon (Ga.), Camp Rucker (Ala.), and Fort D. A. Russell (Tex.) and to constitute 399th CA Bn. (Barrage Balloon), activating one battery thereof, Camp Tyson (Tenn.).

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Army Air Forces report a total of 23 medium bombardment planes (B-25's) have arrived at Hawaii enroute to Australia.
2. General Patch reports action taken to prevent any possibility of Japanese getting nickel from New Caledonia.

All skilled mining and refining labor there was Japanese.

They have been deported to Australia and plans made to destroy refinery at Noumea, if necessary.

FAR EAST

1. Ten carloads of stone-crushing machinery for Iran are to be loaded today at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and will move immediately to Port of Embarkation.

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 103

7:00 AM March 22 to 7:00 AM March 23

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

FOR NAME (Indicate NAME, ROOM & OFFICE)

1. All enemy forces within the limits of the theater were
discharged at 2:00 PM.

DECLASSIFIED
WFO Letter, 5-3-78

SECRET

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Instructions issued by Army Ground Forces to move additional units to the Desert Training Center (Indio, California).
2. U.S.S. KENT will be de-commissioned by Navy and turned over to the Army for use as Army troop transport.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. Four (4) Medium Bombers (B-25's) arrived Christmas Island and four (4) Medium Bombers (B-25's) arrived Hawaii. All (8) en route to Australia.
2. The Chief of Engineers and the Chief Signal Officer were directed to ship previously earmarked equipment to New Caledonia.

FAR EAST (Includes CHINA, BURMA & INDIA).

1. All cargo from ships DON ANICETA and EXANTHIA being discharged at KARACHI.

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 102

7:00 AM March 21 to 7:00 AM March 22

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

1. General MacArthur reports that General Smith received all Air Forces in Australia and General Jones, V. S. Army Ground Forces.

2. Instructions issued to units concerned to report to War of Information (San Francisco) for further transfer to the British.

Instructions issued to units concerned and activate Harbor Defense Units in the Hawaiian Department.

FOR INFO

1. General MacArthur reports receipt of request for contribution of AFHQ, British and Chinese Forces in China. See additional General MacArthur being sent to Bureau for further details.

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED

letter, 5-8-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. The Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, was directed to ship undesirable aliens and prisoners of War to the United States under appropriate guard without escort and to delay return of United States civilian or military personnel until Naval escort can be provided.

2. Battery of 252d CA (155mm) departed for Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, for transfer to Patos Island, Venezuela.

3. Instructions issued to move

a. Units of I Armored Corps, 1st Infantry and 62d FA to Desert Training Center, Indio, California.

b. Additional units for transfer to Trinidad to Port of Embarkation (New Orleans).

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. General MacArthur recommends that General Brett command all Air Forces in Australia and General Barnes, U. S. Army Ground Forces.

2. Instructions issued to move substantial force to Port of Embarkation (San Francisco) for further transfer to New Hebrides.

Instructions issued to constitute and activate Harbor Defense Units in the Hawaiian Department.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports progress on solution for coordination of effort, British and Chinese Forces in Burma. One additional Chinese Division being sent to Burma; two more promised later.

~~SECRET~~

THESE ACTIONS WERE A SUCCESSFUL ONE.

1. Army General Forces report following 2 Armored Corps from
armored force and changing name to Desert Training Center--including
1 Army Corps to Desert

DAILY SUMMARY

the Corps is with

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

2. The following

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

of respect

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

has directed to construct

WITH AXIS

(locations, at or near 11 cities, continued) United States.

No 101

3. War Department has ordered activation of new Army Air Corps
center of Coast Artillery for defense of West Coast of Mexico. Report

7:00 AM March 20 to 7:00 AM March 21

RECEIVED

4. The following

ABRIDGED FORM

lines of defense.

FOR

on army with

THE WHITE HOUSE

Every artillery from

activation of identified islands without material effect on war.

5. These action orders (3-25-41) were approved by War Department

at Washington.

END PAGE

6. Army General Forces (3-25-41) were approved by War Department

at Washington.

7. The following

RECEIVED

8. The following

the Africa.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
O&D Letter, 5-3-72

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Army Ground Forces report relieving I Armored Corps from Armored Force and assigning same to Desert Training Center--assigning I Army Corps to Second Army--notifying Commanding General, VI Army Corps that his Corps is under direct control of Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

2. The Chief of Ordnance has been authorized to issue full allowances of seacoast target practice ammunition. The Chief of Engineers has been directed to construct 11 general hospitals totalling 13,000 beds (locations, at or near 11 cities, continental United States).

3. War Department has ordered activation of one Anti-Aircraft regiment of Coast Artillery for defense of Naval Base at Sitka, Alaska.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. The Commanding General, Philippine Department, reports enemy lines at Zamboanga raided in surprise attack. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy with no losses to our troops--No change in lines in Bataan.-- Enemy artillery from South Shore, Manila Bay, apparently exhausted ammunition on fortified islands without material effect (See map).

2. Three medium bombers (B-26's) have arrived in Palmyra enroute to Australia.

FAR EAST

1. Four pursuit planes (P-40's) have arrived in Karachi.

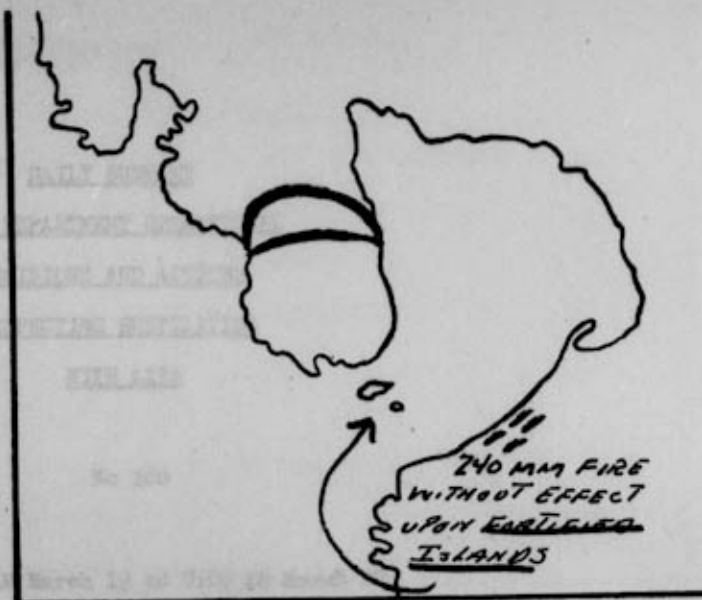
2. Shipment of China defense supplies for Rangoon now unloading at Karachi.

RUSSIA

1. Two medium bombers (B-25's) left West Palm Beach for Russia via Africa.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET



DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-72

SECRET

SECRET
MAR 1942, 5-2-42

1. Twelve airplanes (B-24's) left Caribbean

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 100

7:00 AM March 19 to 7:00 AM March 20

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

1. General Smith reported the capture of 100 enemy personnel and 100 enemy equipment from the Pacific Islands (all officers and 1 major sergeant, U. S. Army, 1 officer Philippine Army, 2 Navy officers).

2. The Commanding General, Hawaiian Department has been notified to transport to the U. S. mainland, Japanese residents of the Hawaiian Islands who are considered a security hazard. They will be placed under guard in concentration camps.

3. The 1st Armored Division is directed to move to Fort Dix.

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

1. Twelve airplanes (10 P-36 and 2 B-18) left Caribbean Defense Command for Northeast Brazil. Eventually these planes will be turned over to the Brazilian Government.

2. The 131st Infantry to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan from Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

1. a. S.S. W. CLARK arrived in New Zealand from San Francisco with 40 Pursuit planes (P-39).

b. S.S. PORTAL left San Francisco with 7 Light Bombers (A-20) for Australia.

c. S.S. ROSEVILLE left San Francisco with 4 Medium Bombers (B-26) for Hawaii. They will be flown from there to Australia.

2. Two B-17 Bombers scored direct hits on heavy cruiser in attack on Rabaul (New Britain) and 6 Hudsons made 4 hits on runway and buildings in attack on Koepang (Timor).

3. General Brett reported the names of military personnel who accompanied General MacArthur from the Philippines (13 officers and 1 master sergeant, U. S. Army, 1 officer Philippine Army, 2 Navy officers).

4. The Commanding General, Hawaiian Department has been notified to transport to the U. S. mainland, Japanese residents of the Hawaiian Islands who are considered a source of danger. They will be placed under guard in concentration camps.

EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST.

1. The 1st Armored Division is directed to move to Fort Dix,

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

SECRET

New Jersey (to arrive there not later than April 10, 1942). This Division will be prepared for movement to Ireland by first available transportation.

RUSSIA.

1. Two Medium Bombers (B-25) left Miami for Russia via Africa.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1942

1942

THIS IS TO BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

1942

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 99

7:00 AM March 18 to 7:00 AM March 19

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-8-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND. Included.)

1. The Chief of Engineers directed to construct desert training center at Indio, California, to construct Alien Enemy Internment Camps at Roswell, New Mexico, and Huntsville, Texas, and to take action necessary to develop Prince Rupert, British Columbia as subport of Seattle Port of Embarkation.

2. The Chief of Ordnance directed to make releases of ammunition for Battery Reed (Puerto Rican Department) and for Alaska.

FAR EAST & AUSTRALIA.

1. Report from Chungking states that command question in India is not settled and that the Generalissimo is holding Chinese troops on border until the command is definitely fixed.

2. General MacArthur has been notified that the President has approved his assumption of Supreme Command in Australia and the regions to the north, including the Philippines - probably to be known as the Southwest Pacific Area. The eastern boundary of this area includes the Solomon Islands, thence generally southward, exclusive of New Caledonia and New Zealand.

3. Twelve (12) B-17 planes have been transferred from the Anzac Task Force to the command of the Commanding General, United States Forces in Australia.

4. One transport plane departed Miami en route to Calcutta and two departed en route to China.

HAWAII

Control of the evacuation of service dependents and civilians has been vested in the Commanding General of the Pacific Fleet.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 98

7:00 AM March 17 to 7:00 AM March 18

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-2-72

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND, Included.)

1. The Chief of Engineers has been directed to construct 12 Defense Aid Depots in the United States with total storage space, 39,000,000 square feet.
2. Memorandum given to Army Ground Forces and Services of Supply ordering activation of Barrage Balloon Battery for Sault Ste. Marie.

FAR EAST AND AUSTRALIA.

1. General Patch reports debarkation of all troops in New Caledonia.
2. Eight (8) Pursuit Airplanes (P-40's) have arrived in Cairo, en route to reinforce American Volunteer Group in Burma.
3. Heavy Bombers will be dispatched to Australia at the rate of two per day, beginning March 20, until a total of 80 is in Australia, (delivery to be made by the Ferry Command).

AFRICA

1. The Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, and Services of Supply given complete and definite instructions regarding Defense Force in Liberia.

SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 97

7:00 AM March 16 to 7:00 AM March 17

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
NSD Letter, 5-8-78

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND, Included.)

1. 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition (.50 Armor Piercing and Tracer) released for ICELAND.
2. Chief of Ordnance instructed to ship to BERMUDA anti-tank mines in accordance with current priorities and to ship 100-8" shells at once.
3. 1 Battery of 155mm guns and 1 Platoon of Searchlights (strength of each 200 men) have arrived at each of the following locations: ANTIGUA and ST. LUCIA.

B. AUSTRALIA AND FAR EAST.

BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMIN LOCKWOOD, Jr., Commanding General, TONGATABU Task Force, reported in Washington on March 16th for conference with officers of the War Department General Staff.



CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFYING
DATE 10/11/00 BY 6032

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 96

7:00 AM March 15 to 7:00 AM March 16

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
GND Letter, 5-8-72

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND, Included)

131st Infantry to SAULT STE. MARIE to protect locks.

B. FAR EAST & AUSTRALIA.

162d Infantry and 641st Tank Destruction Battalion
(3500 Officers and men) to NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
for AUSTRALIA.

41st Infantry Division (12,000 officers and men) to
SAN FRANCISCO PORT OF EMBARKATION for AUSTRALIA.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 95

7:00 AM March 14 to 7:00 AM March 15

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
ORD Letter, 6-3-78

B. FAR EAST.

The Chief of Ordnance directed to release 3,000,000 rounds, caliber .45 ball tracer for AUSTRALIA.

D. ALL OTHER AREAS.

The Chief of Engineers has been directed to construct two 35,000 man camps in MISSISSIPPI -- one at CENTERVILLE and one at GRENADA, to be completed December 15, 1942.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 94

7:00 AM March 13 to 7:00 AM March 14

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED

Letter, 8-3-78

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND, included)

One battery Coast Artillery 155mm guns, 295 officers and men, arrived TALARA, PERU, to protect vital oil and shipping installations. Guns and equipment to be turned over eventually to PERUVIAN ARMY after training period.

B. FAR EAST.

Three transports arrived KARACHI, INDIA, with 3256 officers and men, mainly from 10th Air Force.

D. ALL OTHER AREAS.

Construction force of 1100 officers and men ordered to Port of Embarkation for movement to LIBERIA.

~~SECRET~~

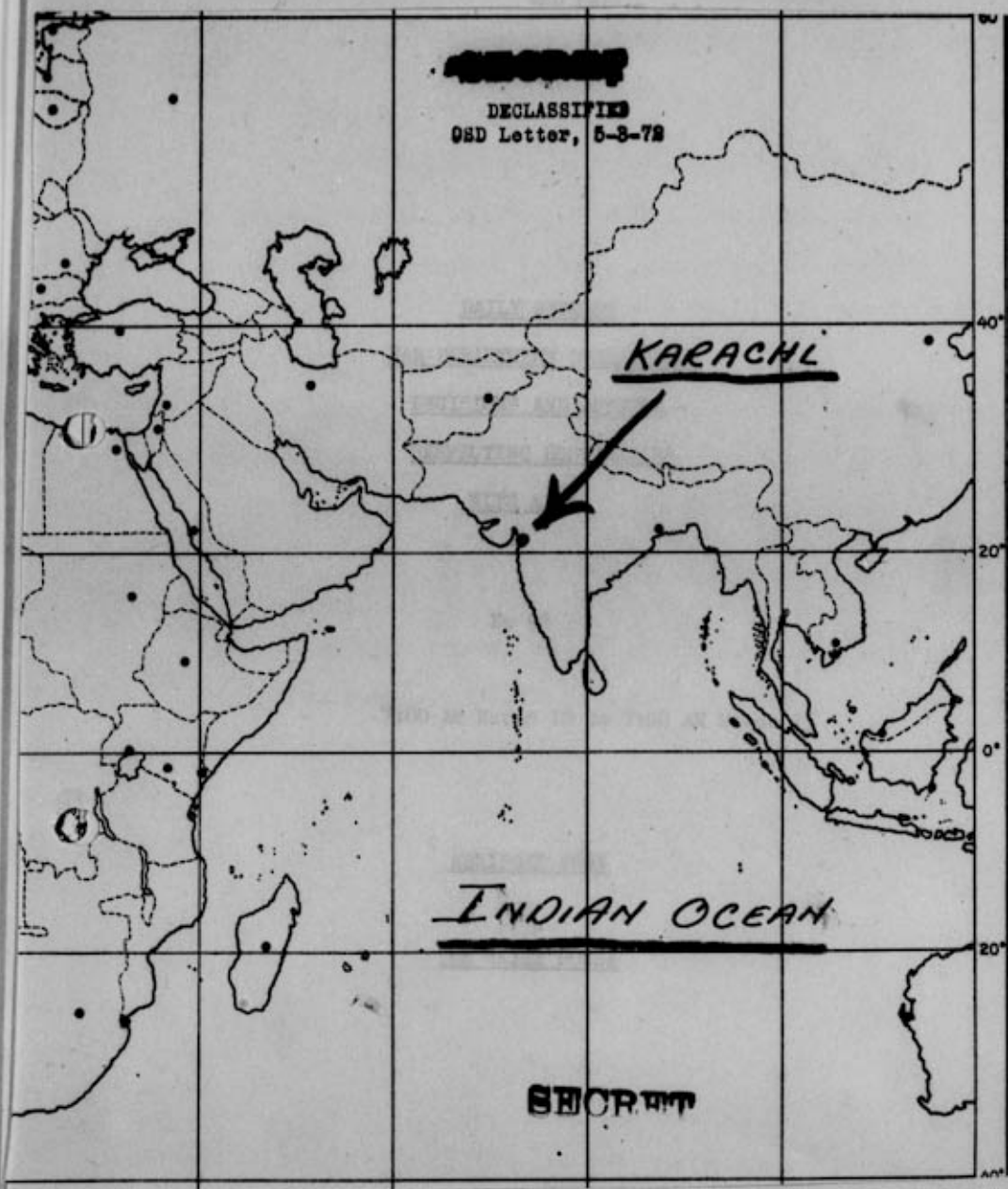
~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

KARACHI

INDIAN OCEAN

SECRET



DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 93

7:00 AM March 12 to 7:00 AM March 13

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

B. FAR EAST.

5 B-17 bombers attached to ANZAC Task Force attacked SALAMAU and LAE, BRITISH NEW GUINEA, March 11th, causing considerable damage. 5 enemy fighters were shot down.

C. MIDDLE EAST.

Creation of Middle East Supply Council with United States representation consisting of one member designated by American Minister at Cairo and one designated by General Maxwell.

D. HAWAII.

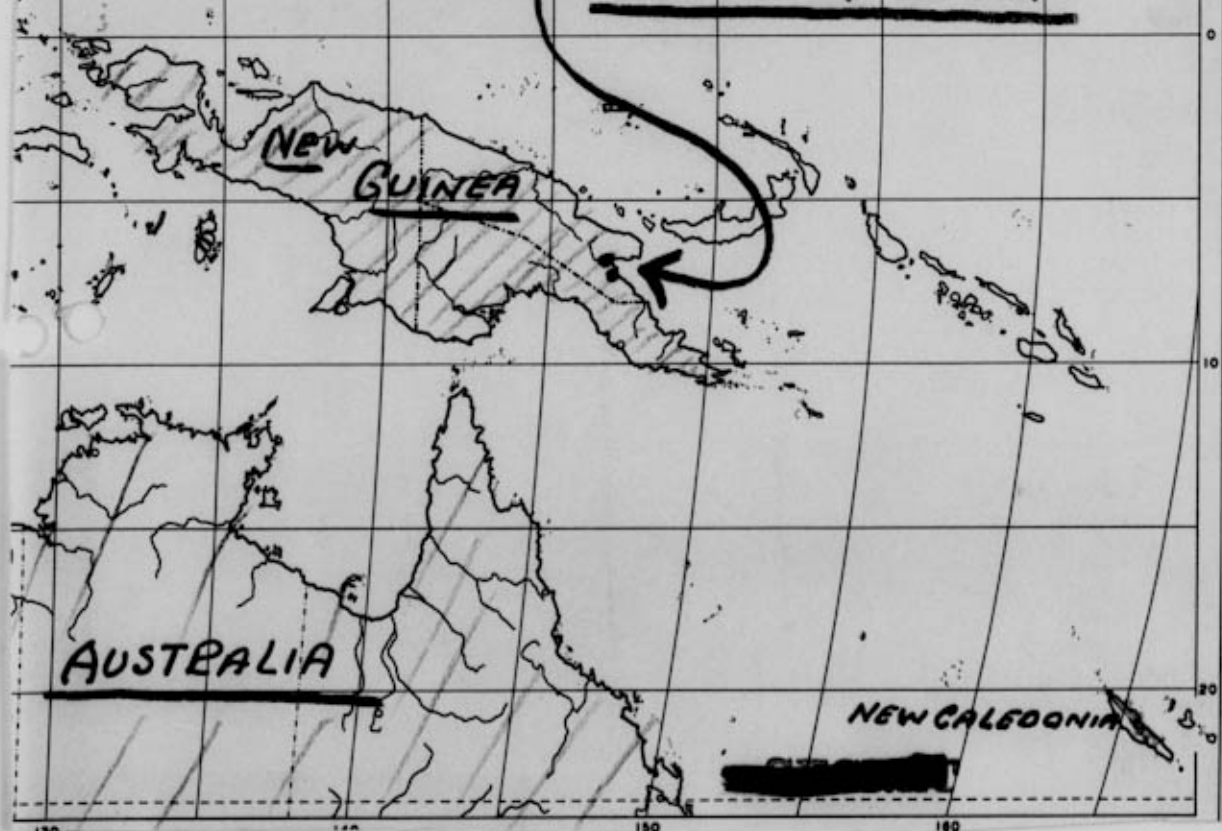
COMMANDING GENERAL, GROUND FORCES, directed to activate nine Seacoast Artillery Batteries and six Anti-Aircraft Batteries within the HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT.

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

SALAMAUA AND LAE
BOMBED BY F-8175



DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 92

7:00 AM March 11 to 7:00 AM March 12

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 8-8-78

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

General BONESTEEL reports relief of Marine brigade in ICELAND completed March 8.

B. FAR EAST.

1. COMMANDING GENERAL, USAFIA, has been instructed to furnish the PACIFIC FLEET and ANZAC Task Forces maximum air support practicable in current offensive operations to protect lines of communications to AUSTRALIA and to check JAPANESE efforts to control NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, and Northeast AUSTRALIA.

To this end, 1 Squadron B-17 bombers has been sent to TOWNSVILLE and one Navy Patrol Squadron to NOUMEA.

Twelve additional B-17 bombers, formerly under RAAF, will also be included in overall assignment to AUSTRALIA.

2. 41st Division under orders to AUSTRALIA, one regiment has sailed.

3. 500 airplanes ordered by NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES to be used in AUSTRALIA by DUTCH, BRITISH and UNITED STATES troops.

4. Reported from AUSTRALIA that the DONAMATI arrived CEBU 6 March with 5,000 tons of food and ammunition.

5. Radio dispatched to General CHIANG KAI SHEK relative to command arrangements for CHINESE and BRITISH troops in BURMA. Copy to General STILWELL.

6. 51 Pursuit ships (P-39's) arrived by ship in AUSTRALIA.

~~SECRET~~

QED Letter, 5-3-78

LUZON

CERU- SUPPLY SHIP FOR MACARTHUR ARRIVED HERE
MAR. 6th

NEW GUINEA

SOLOMON IS

TOWNSVILLE 2 SQN B-17S HERE

AUSTRALIA

NOUMEA 3 SQN NAVY PATROL
HERE

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 91

7:00 AM March 10 to 7:00 AM March 11

ABRIDGED FORM

FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
GND Letter, 5-3-72

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

Nine P-40 airplanes arrived in Alaska. Sixteen additional will depart within the next few days.

B. FAR EAST.

1. Upon GENERAL MACARTHUR'S recommendation, WAR DEPARTMENT will take measures to adjust pay of PHILIPPINE soldiers.

2. Arrangements have been made for seven small ships to aid in the supply of the PHILIPPINE garrison from HAWAII.

3. Plans made for task force of approximately 6300 officers and men, including air units, for the Island of TONGATABU, to depart from NEW YORK by Navy Convoy on or about April 6th.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
ORD Letter, 5-8-78

HAWAII

Yap

AUSTRALIA

6°
TONGATABU

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 90

7:00 AM March 9 to 7:00 AM March 10

ABRIDGED FORM
FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-73

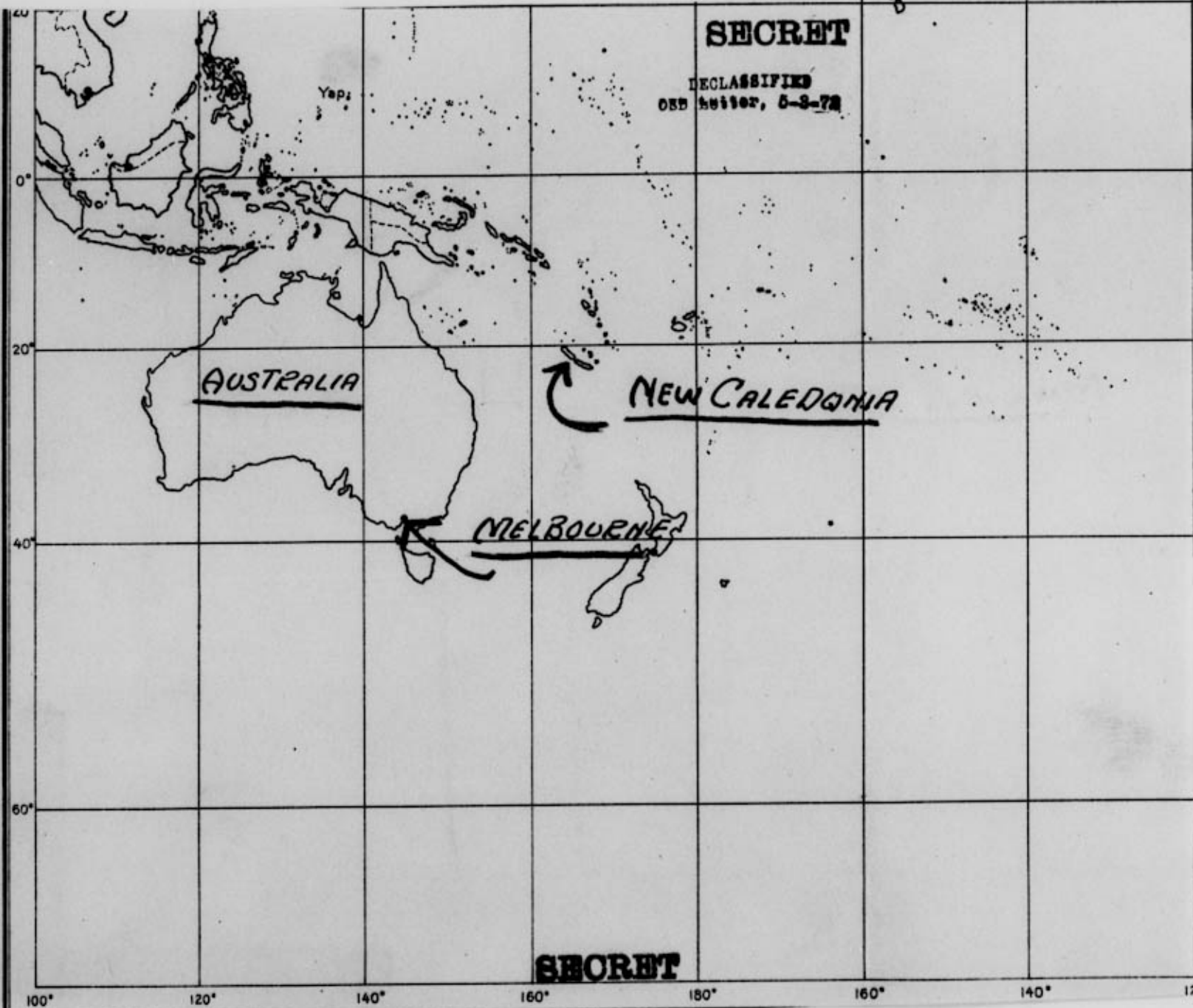
B. FAR EAST.

1. The reinforced brigade for NEW CALEDONIA has left
MELBOURNE under heavy Navy escort.
2. The AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT has recommended to the UNITED
KINGDOM that an AMERICAN be named the SUPREME COMMANDER of ANZAB.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
ON 11/11/72, 6-3-72



SECRET

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No. 89

7:00 AM March 8 to 7:00 AM March 9

ABRIDGED FORM
FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
CSD Letter, 5-3-78

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

45 Officers and 1539 Enlisted Men arrived TRINIDAD March 8th.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

MEMORANDUM

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT :

FOR :

THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 88

7:00 AM March 7 to 7:00 AM March 8

ABRIDGED FORM
FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

Nothing to report.

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

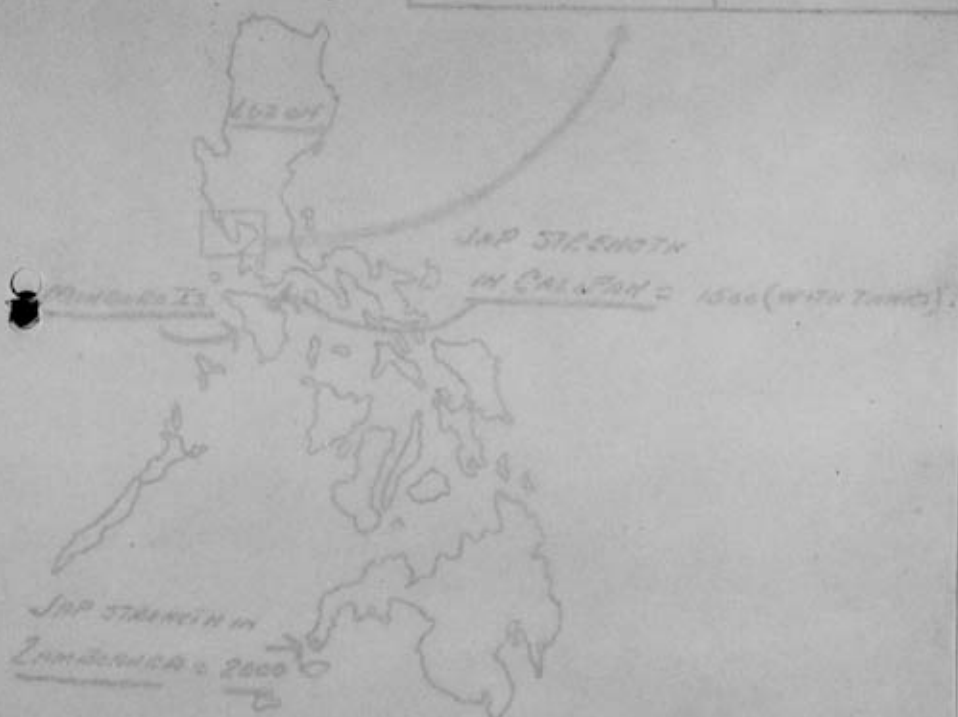
No 87

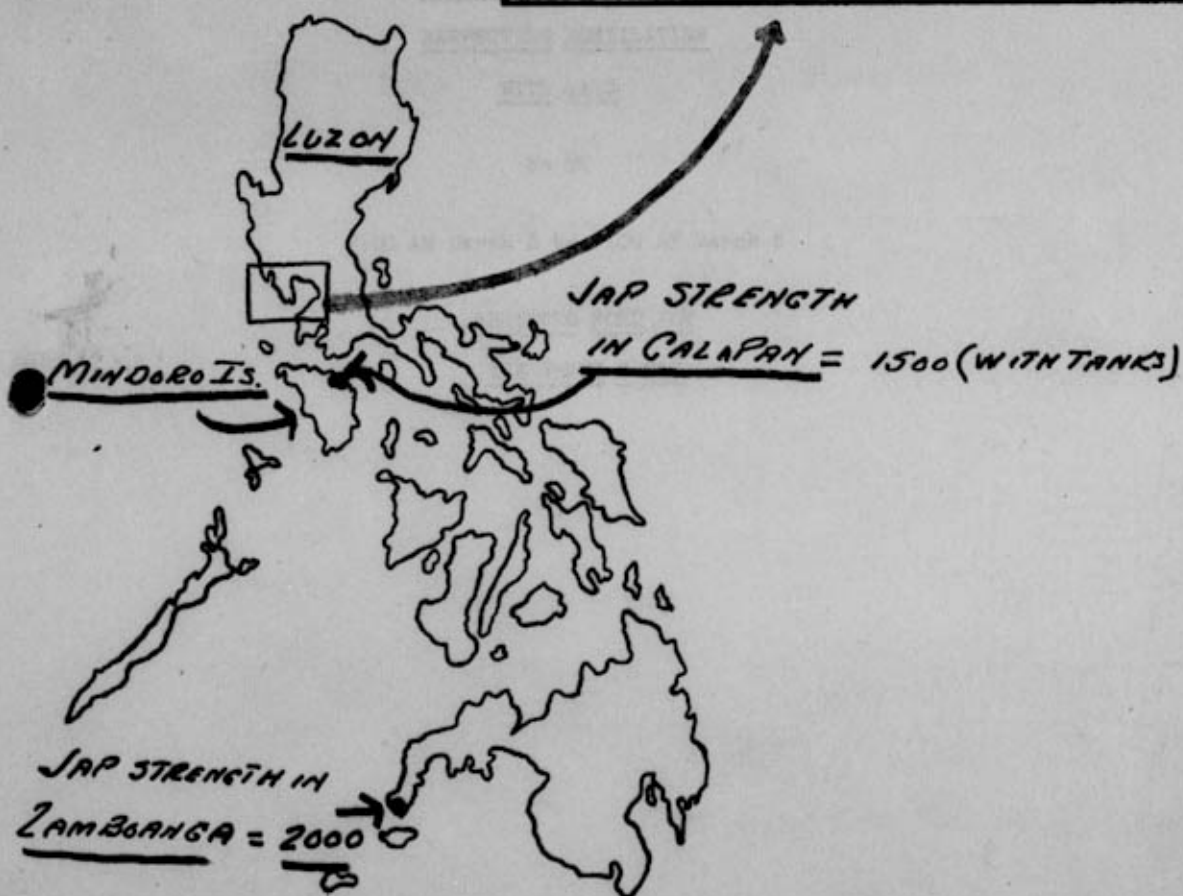
7:00 AM March 6 to 7:00 AM March 7

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

B. FAR EAST.

GENERAL MACARTHUR reports enemy landed four vessels at
CALAPAN, MINDORO. Estimated strength: 1500, with tanks. He
estimates enemy strength in ZAMBOANGA at 2,000.





DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 86

7:00 AM March 5 to 7:00 AM March 6

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

General BONESTEEL reports the arrival in ICELAND of approximately 5,000 officers and men.

B. FAR EAST.

General MACARTHUR reports enemy activity in PHILIPPINE ISLANDS negligible.

C. EUROPE.

General CHANEY reports the debarkation in NORTHERN IRELAND of all units of second contingent of U. S. troops, approximately 8,300 officers and men.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY

WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

RESPECTING HOSTILITIES

WITH AXIS

No 85

7:00 AM March 4 to 7:00 AM March 5

ABRIDGED FORM FOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, and Service Units moved to NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION for ultimate shipment to ICELAND; total strength: 6,111 officers and men.

B. FAR EAST.

1. GENERAL EMMONS reports from HAWAII that the one hostile plane was tracked through bad weather by instrument for one hour before and one and one-half hours after it had bombed HONOLULU. This plane was not intercepted and its base of operation was not located. There were no damages as a result of this bombing.

2. GENERAL MACARTHUR reports from the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS that as a result of his attack upon the Japanese in SUBIC BAY on March 3rd, thousands of casualties were inflicted upon the Japanese without any losses to United States forces. He further reports that his successful air attack was accomplished by the use of four "worn-out" P-40's, rigged with a special spring device which enabled them to dive bomb with 500 lb. bombs.

3. GENERAL BRETT reports from the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES that the plan for the supply of United States forces in the PHILIPPINES to date has resulted in one ship and two submarines reaching their destination, with two other surface craft lost. Four additional surface craft are scheduled to arrive in the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS within 48 hours, carrying large quantities of rations, small arms ammunition, anti-aircraft ammunition, engineer supplies, and three P-40's.

~~SECRET~~
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78

D. All Other Areas.

50 pursuit planes (P-40's) arrived at TAKORADI, AFRICA, February 10th. 10 of these planes are now ready to be flown to BURMA to reinforce the AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP. The balance will be ready at the rate of 10 per day.

~~SECRET~~

DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 84

7:00 AM March 3 to 7:00 AM March 4

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

3 JAP SHIPS

DESTROYED IN SUB

BAY BY A SURFACE

AIR ATTACK

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-72

B. FAR EAST.

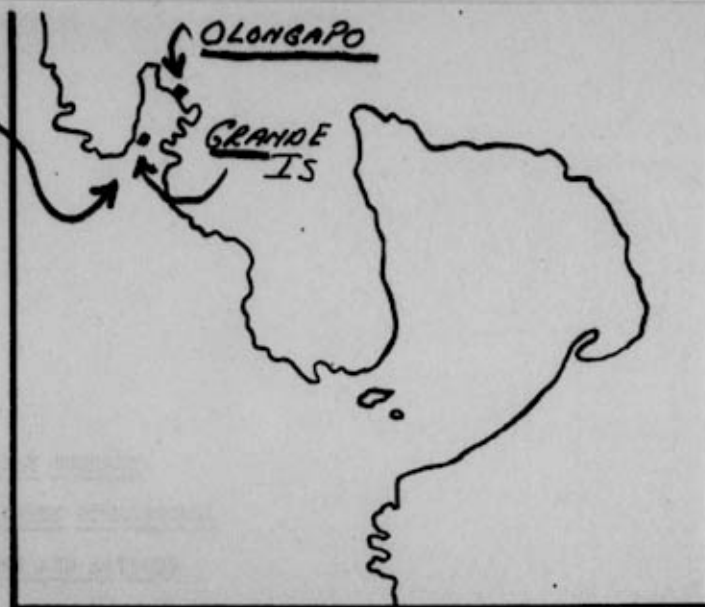
General MACARTHUR reports from LUZON that U.S. forces made a surprise air attack on OLONGAPO and SUBIC BAY, destroying the following vessels:

- 1 - 12,000 ton
- 1 - 10,000 ton
- 1 - 8,000 ton
- 2 motor launches

In addition, heavy damage was inflicted on smaller craft and large fires were started on JAPANESE shore installations on GRANDE ISLAND and OLONGAPO.

~~SECRET~~

3 JAP SHIPS
DESTROYED IN SUBIC
BAY BY A SURPRISE
AIR ATTACK



DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 83

7:00 AM March 2 to 7:00 AM March 3

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

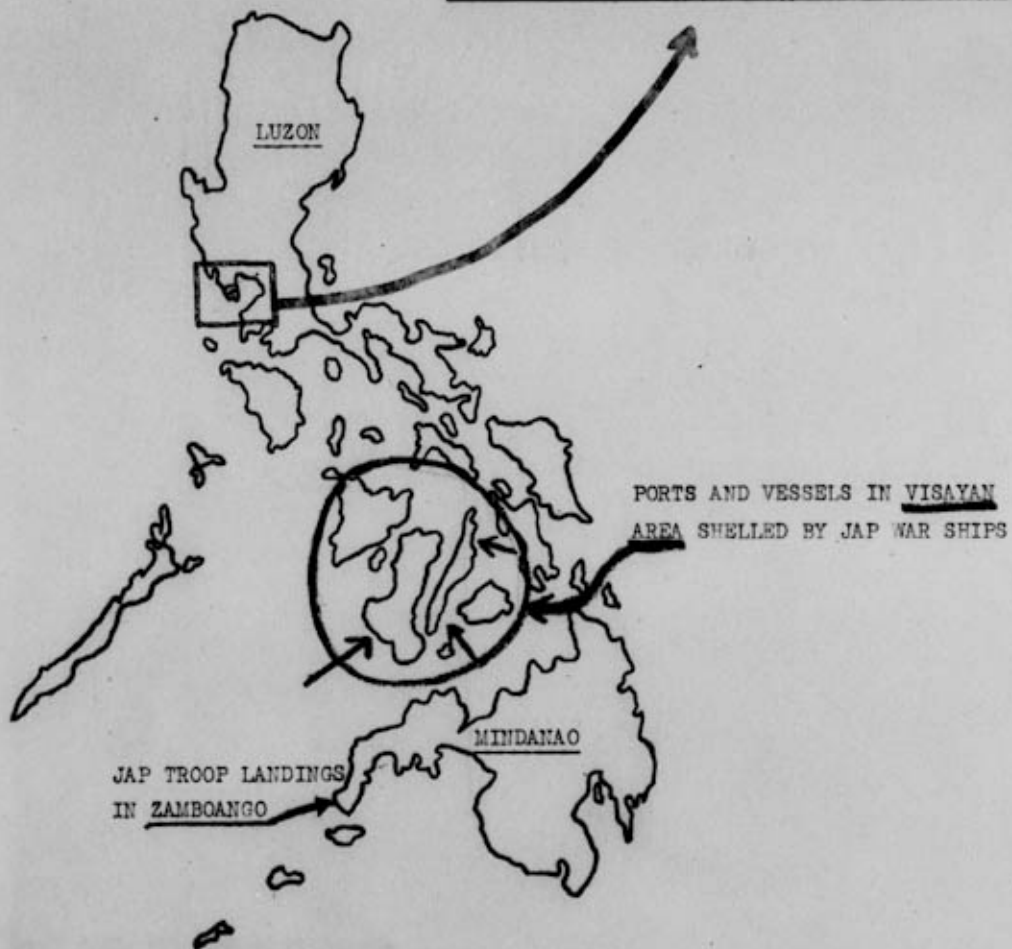
DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

B. FAR EAST.

1. General MACARTHUR reports from LUZON that a JAPANESE cruiser and destroyers shelled the port facilities and the vessels in the VISAYAN area. Further reports that in MINDANAO, one JAPANESE cruiser and four transports were engaged in troop landings at ZAMBOANGA.

2. General BRETT reports from NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES that nine U. S. Army Bombers attacked a convoy north of REMANG, sinking one destroyer and damaging another.

~~SECRET~~



DAILY SUMMARY
WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL
DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
RESPECTING HOSTILITIES
WITH AXIS

No 82

7:00 AM March 1 to 7:00 AM March 2

ABRIDGED FORM FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

A. WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included).

Four heavy bombers (B-17's) departed from TAMPA for AUSTRALIA.

B. FAR EAST.

General MACARTHUR reports from LUZON that there were normal activities on all fronts.

~~SECRET~~