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0700 July 31 to 0700 August 1, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Directives were issued by the Army Ground Forces for the movement to England of the 45th Infantry Division and other units.
2. German aircraft having recently been reported over Greenland, General Eisenhower was directed to institute air reconnaissances, at about 3-week intervals, of the Greenland coastal land and sea areas north of Scoresby Sund to the vicinity of Lat. 77° N. These reconnaissances will be made in cooperation with vessels of the Navy Greenland patrol.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Naiden's bombers successfully attacked installations on the Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad causing destruction to bridges and roadbed that will render the route temporarily unusable.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur reports for July 29: Kokoda village (New Guinea) was recaptured by the enemy; our forward positions are two miles to the southeast. At Bakumbari (5 miles north of Gona) our dive bombers scored a direct hit on a transport. The enemy bombed our air-dromes at Port Moresby without effect. An enemy submarine was successfully attacked off Cape Howe, Australia.

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2. For July 30 General MacArthur reports that his bombers scored five direct hits on a medium transport and strafed a destroyer 80 miles northeast of Ambasi. Additional hits were scored on a second transport, near Gona, which was still burning as a result of the attack of July 29. The forward elements of Allied ground forces are now at Meniki, five miles south of Kokoda.

In a large daylight raid on Darwin by heavy bombers with a large fighter escort some of the utilities were damaged. Port Hedland also suffered minor damage. Unsuccessful raids were made on Darwin (at night), Port Moresby and Horn Island. In these operations the enemy is reported to have lost two bombers, eight, and possibly nine, fighters. One Allied pursuit plane was lost.

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2. General MacArthur was informed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Our bombing operations in the Aleutians included several attacks on Kiska, July 29, by Army and Navy bombers; some of the bursts were unobserved, but several heavy bomb hits, causing considerable damage, were seen in the enemy camp area. On July 30, three bombing missions over the Kiska harbor area were performed, but weather conditions prevented observation of results.

2. The Army Ground Forces issued orders directing the activation at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, of the 101st Airborne Division. In addition, the 82d Infantry Division at that station was redesignated the "82d Airborne Division".

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports the following operations for July 28:
New Guinea: Japanese occupied Mamba mission (40 miles NW of Gona).
Our troops reoccupied Kokoda. *(but not for long)* *Mem* Light aircraft attacks were made by our forces on Gona and by the enemy on Port Moresby. Timor: Japanese landed at Ilwaki on Wetar Island, (north of Timor). Our aircraft attacked Penfoei airdrome near Koepang. Australia: Two enemy air raids on Darwin, with minor damage; one attempted raid on Townsville.

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2. General MacArthur was informed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed the Joint Psychological Warfare Committee to prepare a plan for operation against Japan. The War Department asked General MacArthur for full information as to what organization for this purpose he has already set up, and his recommendations on the subject.

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0700 July 29 to 0700 July 30, 1942

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1. The Army Ground Forces ordered the activation of the 3d Engineer Amphibian Brigade at Camp Edwards, Mass.

2. General Andrews was informed that the British Joint Staff Mission intends to send a directive to British commanders in the Caribbean area applying to all of them the terms of ABC - 3 as far as their local conditions permit. This directive will contain the statement that the Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, has operational command of the military forces in British Honduras.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower was informed of our revised estimate of tonnage for movements to the United Kingdom through 1943. Cargo requirements to next April total 6,000,000 short tons including shipments of bulk gasoline. For the balance of 1943, there will be an additional 16,000,000 short tons, 3,000,000 of which will be bulk gasoline cargoes. These estimates are concurred in by the British Staff in Washington.

On a weight basis, 2.1 short tons per man is estimated for his initial movement, and .55 short tons per man per month for maintenance.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Replacements for 52 medium tanks and 31 - 105 mm howitzers, self-propelled, which were lost by sinking in a previous shipment, left the United States yesterday for the Middle East.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. Replying to the War Department's request for his views concerning the proposed investigation of the Pineapple Producers Association, General Emmons feels that considerable local controversy would be created since a large number of persons would align themselves as being for or against this industry, one of the two principal industries in the Territory. Such division of feeling might provide ground for Japanese propaganda that disunity exists in our strategic outpost. Prosecution of the case would not seriously interfere with the Government's procurement of pineapple, or with martial law in Hawaii. Stating that he cannot properly object to the investigation, General Emmons urges that it be as brief as possible and without publicity.

2. In his Operations Report for July 27 General MacArthur states that in New Guinea, Kokoda airdrome was destroyed and the village evacuated; our bombers destroyed some huts and an ammunition dump in the Buna-Gona area. On Timor, our bombers made a night attack on Penfoei airdrome, near Koepong. Enemy aircraft attacked Darwin and Townsville with little effect.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The powers of the Secretary of War to use, control, supervise or direct any military construction facility in France were delegated to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. Plans incident to the exercise of these powers are subject to prior approval by the War Department.

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2. General Brewster reports the destruction of the railroad bridge between the border and the border. Models will advise the need for the connecting pipeline pipe which had been contemplated in order to ensure supply of No. 231 American oil lamps.

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REPORTS DURING 0700 July 28 to 0700 July 29, 1942

General Lee reports that COPY FOR broad maps are required for the joint services and British THE WHITE HOUSE "Knowledge" operations. Delivery is desired at the rate of 1000 per month, beginning October 15. One half of the total will be built by the British who will supply the materials. Agreement upon the design of a 20-ton car has been reached.

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1. General Brewster reports the arrival at Bordeaux of the 1-42 airplanes of the First Mission. These will continue to Chile, their original destination.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The powers of the Secretary of War to use, control, supervise or close any non-military communications facility in Alaska were delegated to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. Plans incident to the exercise of these powers are subject to prior approval by the War Department.

2. General Andrews agrees that the construction of the railroad bridge between the Mexican and Guatemalan terminals will obviate the need for the connecting gasoline pipe-line which had been contemplated in order to ensure supply of our Central American air bases.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Lee reports that 30,000 railroad cars are required for the joint American and British forces for the "Roundup" operations. Delivery is desired at the rate of 1000 per month, beginning October 15. One half of the total will be built by the British who will require raw materials. Agreement upon the design of a 20-ton car has been reached.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. General Brereton reports the arrival at Khartoum of the A-29 airplanes of the Neal Mission. These will continue to China, their original destination.

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2. General Brereton relates that on the night of July 25-26 his heavy bombers attacked Tobruk. In the main dock area numerous fires resulted, one of which was so large that it was believed that the gasoline and oil storage had been hit.

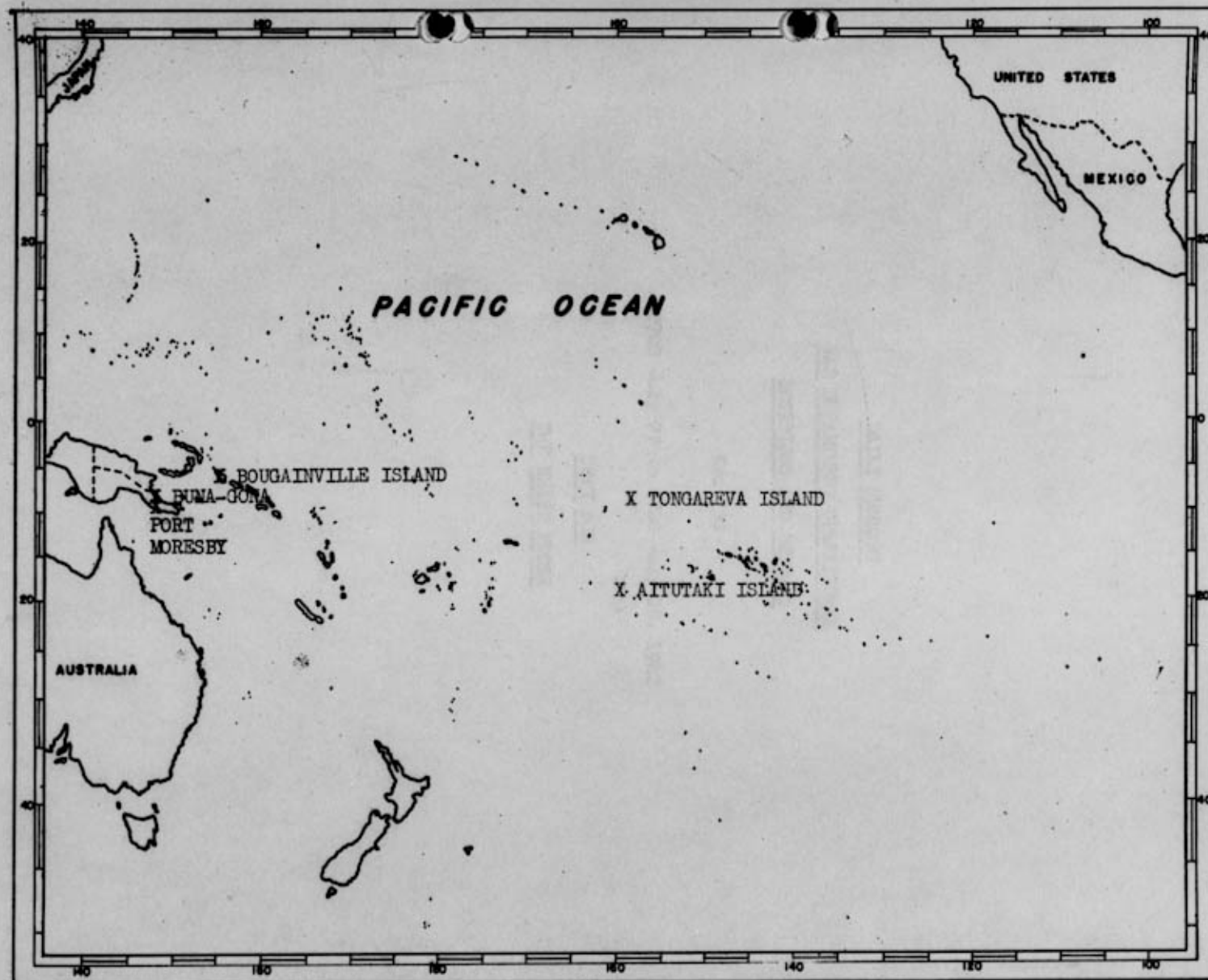
PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General MacArthur reports for July 26 that Allied ground forces engaged the Japanese at Kokoda Pass, 48 miles northeast of Port Moresby.

Our bombing operations included successful attacks on anti-aircraft batteries, stores, and ammunition dumps in the Gona area. Shipping in Holnicote Bay (near Gona), at Kieta (Bougainville) was bombed with negative results.

Japanese bombers attacked Nadzab (near Lae, New Guinea) and Darwin.

2. Directives were issued for the movement of 857 Engineer, Coast Artillery and Signal personnel to Tongareva (Penrhyn) Island, and of a similar force to Aitutaki Island, on the proposed alternate ferry route.



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A permanent defense force for Iwo Jima Island sailed
July 26, 1942, accompanied by Medical, Quartermaster, and
other Service Units for duty at Iwo Jima. The force on the southern
beachhead July 26.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

A permanent defense force for Ascension Island sailed July 26, 1942, accompanied by Medical, Quartermaster, and other Service Units for duty at Pointe Noire on the southern African ferry route.

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AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE

General Aubrey was informed that the Mexican and Guatemalan Governments have apparently initiated the construction of a wooden railway bridge connecting the adjacent railroad terminals at their frontier. The bridge should be ready for use by October, 1942. His views were requested as to what steps should be taken to obviate the need for the connecting gasoline pipeline contemplated in order to ensure supply of fuel for the Mexican Air Corps.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 July 26 to 0700 July 27, 1942

General Spaatz reports that seven squadrons and flight commanders and pilots of the 1st COPY FOR Wing, participated in a sweep THE WHITE HOUSE July 26. Lt. Col. Albert P. Clark, AAF, failed to return.

EARLIER AND SCIENTIFIC PACIFIC AREA

1. General Patch reported that a vessel en route from Brisbane to Suva with 350 cavalry horses was torpedoed and sunk on July 25.
2. General Henson reports that on July 26 he assumed command of Army forces in the South Pacific Area with his command post at Suva until July 29, when he will move to Freetown.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Andrews was informed that the Mexican and Guatemalan Governments have apparently initiated the construction of a wooden railway bridge connecting the adjacent railroad terminals at their frontier. The bridge should be ready for use by October, 1942. His views were requested as to whether this would obviate the need for the connecting gasoline pipe-line which had been contemplated in order to ensure supply of our Central American air bases.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Spaatz reports that seven squadron and flight commanders and pilots of the 31st Fighter Group, attached to an RAF Wing, participated in a sweep over Abbeville Airdrome July 26. Lt. Col. Albert P. Clark, AAF, failed to return.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. General Patch reported that a vessel en route from Brisbane to Noumea with 520 cavalry horses was torpedoed and sunk on July 25.
2. General Harmon reports that on July 26 he assumed command of Army forces in the South Pacific Area with his command post at Suva until July 29, when he will move to Noumea.

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3. General MacArthur was informed that, in order to coordinate their requirements, conserve tonnage, and assure an ample supply of petroleum products for overseas forces ashore and afloat, the War and Navy Departments have created an Army-Navy Petroleum Board, effective 7 A.M. July 27. He was instructed as to certain administrative steps which should be taken with a view to ensuring effective cooperation by his theater.

4. The War Department informed General Emmons that the Attorney General proposes a Grand Jury investigation of alleged violations of anti-trust laws by the Pineapple Producers Association. His views were requested as to whether this action would interfere with procurement of pineapple for military needs, and whether it would interfere with martial law in Hawaii.

5. In his operations report for July 25 General MacArthur states that Allied forces in New Guinea have withdrawn west of Kumusi River (20 miles NW Gona). Our aircraft attacked enemy positions in the Buna-Gona area; they also attacked Sohana Island, and Buka airdrome (Solomon Islands). The enemy bombed Townsville and Darwin, causing only minor damage.

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INTERNAL SECURITY

Orders were issued for the movement to England of the 15th Field Artillery Brigade (medium and heavy weapons), one tank destroyer group of four battalions, two medium tank battalions, and medical and quarter-master units.

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1. General Eisenhower and MacGill were informed of indications that a German Panzer Division, as well as several replacement Panzer battalions, had moved from Egypt. 0700 July 25 to 0700 July 26, 1942. It was estimated that they will be available for offensive action in Egypt by August 15.

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2. General Eisenhower was informed that the 50th Fighter Squadron in its movement to Europe will be halted temporarily in England for protection of aircraft ferrying operations.

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3. General Lee was asked to work out with appropriate British officials a list of items of his requirements which would be produced in the United Kingdom, taking into consideration materials and shipping that must be furnished in order to produce them there. This will enable General Eisenhower to present to the Combined Production and Resources Board the whole subject of production necessary to meet the requirements of our forces in the European Theater.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Orders were issued for the movement to England of the 13th Field Artillery Brigade (medium and heavy weapons), one tank destroyer group of four battalions, two medium tank battalions, and medical and quartermaster units.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. Generals Eisenhower and Maxwell were informed of indications that a German Panzer Division, as well as casualty replacements for Egypt, had moved recently from Germany to Italy. It is estimated that they will be available for offensive action in Egypt by August 15.
2. General Eisenhower was informed that the 50th Fighter Squadron in its movement to Europe will be halted temporarily in Iceland for protection of aircraft ferrying operations.
3. General Lee was asked to work out with appropriate British officials a list of items of his requirements which should be produced in the United Kingdom, taking into consideration materials and shipping that must be furnished in order to produce them there. This will enable General Somervell to present to the Combined Production and Resources Board the whole subject of production necessary to meet the requirements of our forces in the European Theater.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that on July 23 his bombers made a successful daylight attack on the harbor and dock facilities at Bengazi, hitting a merchant ship and other targets. Other bombers attacked Tobruk during the night.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

General MacArthur reports for July 24 that well-trained and equipped enemy troops were encountered by Allied patrols 30 miles southwest of Buna, New Guinea. Our aircraft carried out five attacks on Japanese stores, installations and barges in the Gona area. Enemy aircraft attacked the airdrome at Port Moresby effecting little damage.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. In view of the seriousness of our nickel shortage, General Henshaw was directed to assist the projects of the Elmore Nickel Company, specifically by the release of certain surplus materials in Jamaica. These projects will increase our supply by 25 per cent.

2. The 501st and 99th Field Artillery battalions (75 mm Howitzer, Pack) have left Fort Carson, Colorado, and are en route to Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. In his operations report for July 23 General Henshaw states that the enemy attacked our installations from 1200 to 2000 hours. Japanese landed at Buna and Wau on the night July 21-22; our air forces made thirteen bombing attacks during the operation, hitting five to six 4,000-ton ships, probably hitting a destroyer, and effecting other damage. An attack was also made against Bill by our air forces.

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2. For July 23 General Henshaw reports renewed attacks on enemy shipping, stores, and installations in the Buna-Wau area; and direct hit on a 5,000-ton transport. Fighters attacked an anti-aircraft battery.

3. General Henshaw was furnished with an inventory of gold specie now in Australia which is available for purchase of rubber.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. In view of the seriousness of our nickel shortage, General Andrews was directed to assist the projects of the Nicaro Nickel Company, specifically by the release of certain surplus materials in Jamaica. These projects will increase our supply by 15 per cent.

2. The 601st and 99th Field Artillery Battalions (75 mm Howitzer, Pack) have left Fort Bragg, N. C., for station at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS

1. In his operations report for July 22 General MacArthur states that the enemy attacked Mubo unsuccessfully. 1200 to 2000 Japanese landed at Gona and Buna during the night July 21-22; our air forces made thirteen bombing and strafing attacks during the operation, setting fire to one 8,000-ton ship, probably hitting a destroyer, and effecting other damage. An attack was also made against Dilli by our air forces.

2. For July 23 General MacArthur reports renewed attacks on enemy shipping, stores, and installations in the Gona-Buna area; one direct hit set afire a 5,000-ton transport. Fighters silenced an anti-aircraft battery.

3. General MacArthur was furnished with an inventory of gold specie now in Australia which is available for purchase of rubber.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

The War Department informed General Eisenhower that movement orders for the 14th Fighter Squadron are being modified to provide for its temporary assignment to Iceland; the 27th Squadron is to remain there until this Squadron arrives. The principal object of this decision is the protection of aircraft moving between the United States and the United Kingdom.

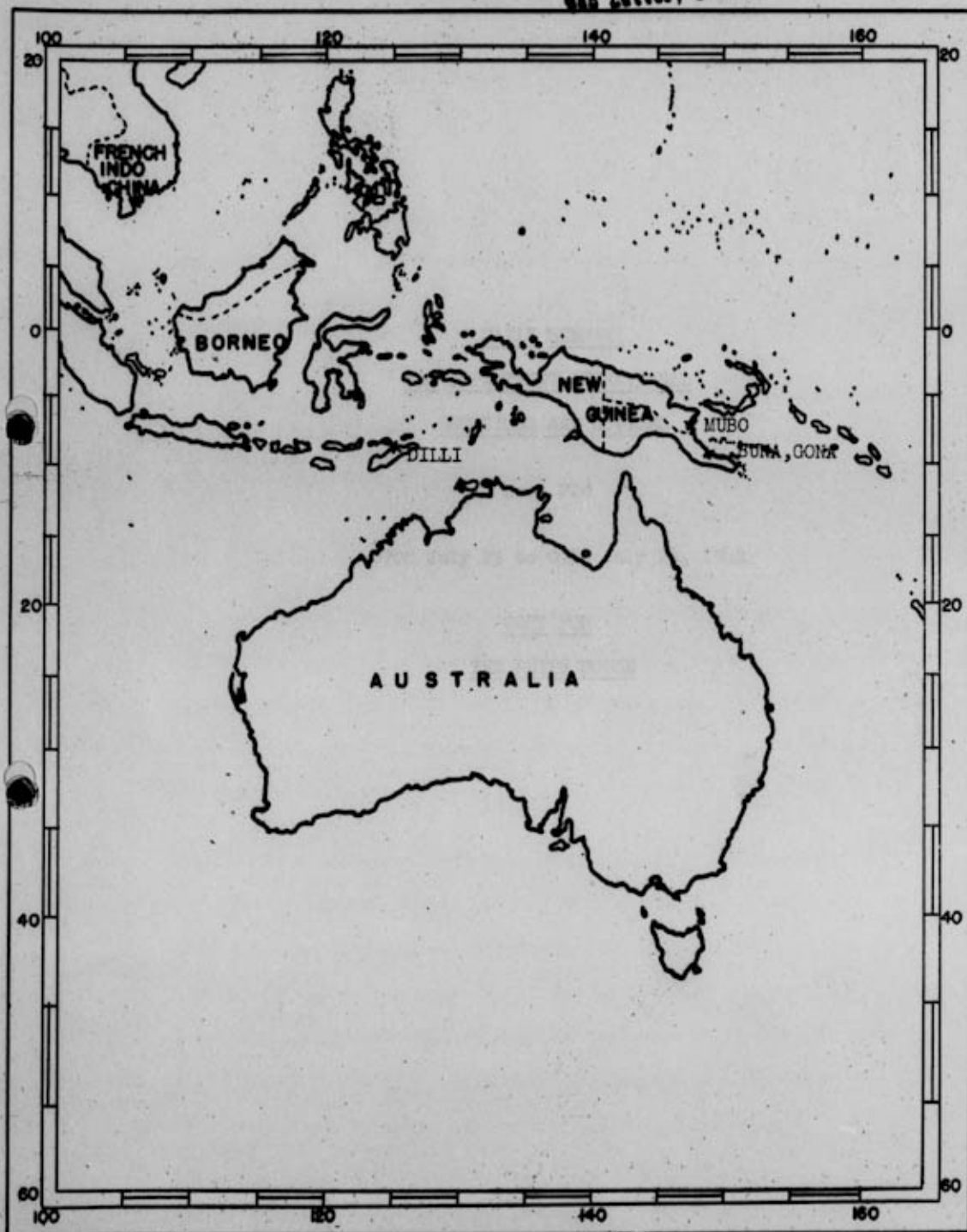
ASIATIC THEATER

1. Generals Marshall, Stilwell, and Naiden were informed of the decision that the A-29 (Hudson) light bombers, formerly known as Dawson's Flight, will not be assigned to the Middle-Eastern Theater but will continue to China upon arrival at Khartoum.

2. General Naiden reports that on July 22 his bombers attacked Myitkina airdrome, and on July 23 the railway bridges north of Katha (130 miles north of Mandalay).

3. General Stilwell was directed to advise the British authorities that the 10th Air Force cannot assume responsibility for the air defense of Karachi. Generals Naiden and Sibert were so informed; the War Department had previously notified General Brereton that it could not assign means for this purpose.

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General Butler reports that on July 22 his heavy bombers attached birds but results were not observed because of the overcast.

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General Butler reports that on July 22 his heavy bombers attached birds but results were not observed because of the overcast.

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WITNESS INFORMATION

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1. General Butler reports that on July 22 his heavy bombers attached birds but results were not observed because of the overcast.

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2. In a cable received yesterday General Butler reports that on July 22 his heavy bombers attached birds but results were not observed because of the overcast.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Butler reports that on July 22 his heavy bombers attacked Kiska but results were not observed because of the overcast.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports successful attacks, without losses, by heavy bombers of the American Air Forces on Tobruk, July 19, and on Suda Bay, Crete, and Tobruk, July 21.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Lee reports the conclusion of an arrangement with the British Government whereby 1,000,000, each, wool blankets, undershirts, drawers, and socks are to be delivered to our forces in Great Britain, in return for a like number of these articles to be released to the British in this country.

2. In a cable received yesterday General Eisenhower urged speedy consummation of negotiations with the British Government vesting in the American military authorities exclusive jurisdiction over crimes and misdemeanors committed by American military personnel on British soil. Such action must be legalized by Parliament which will adjourn in ten days. The State Department has therefore instructed the Ambassador to expedite action in our behalf.

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3. General Eisenhower reports that the Headquarters, Services of Supply in the United Kingdom, is now established and operating at Cheltenham, England.

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1. The operations report for July 21, 1942, showed that our units were engaged in a large-scale operation, including the direct hit on a large target and four plane shots.

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The Commission General, Army and Navy, was directed to organize a party for the purpose of surveying the territory of the U.S.A., in connection of the present state to derive from the United States. The party was to consist of about the United States by about 1. No further action was authorized.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for July 21, General MacArthur mentions that our bombers attacked enemy shipping off Ambasi, obtaining one direct hit on a large transport and four close misses.

2. The War Department plans to send to the Hawaiian Department the 40th Division (less 1 infantry regiment), certain service troops, 9 Air Base Security Battalions and 1 Battery, 37 mm (anti-aircraft). General Emmons has been directed to "triangularize" the 27th Division upon arrival of these units. His plans for the disposition of his reinforcements among the islands have been approved.

3. Generals MacArthur, Emmons and Harmon have been notified that, effective August 1, the boundary between the South Pacific and the Southwest Pacific areas will run south from the equator along meridian 159 east.

ASIATIC THEATER

The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, was directed to organize a party for the purpose of surveying air routes, within the territory of the U.S.S.R., in extension of the present route to Alaska from the United States. The party must be ready to leave the United States by August 1. No itinerary has yet been authorized

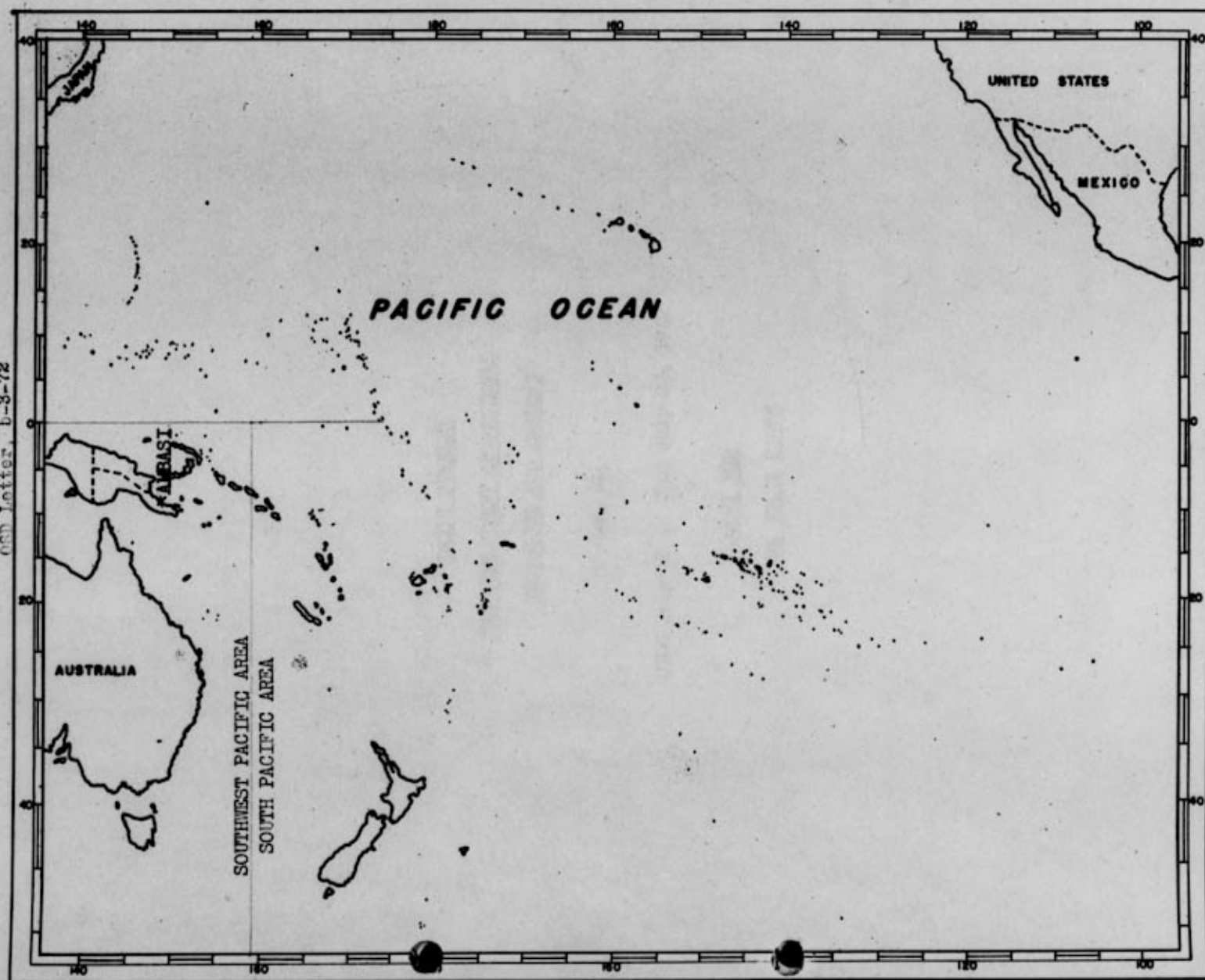
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by the Soviet Government which has agreed, however, to furnish an airplane to transport the party. Permission has been requested for the use also of an American airplane. The party will be responsible to Major General Follett Bradley; members must be scrupulously circumspect in their activities.

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1. The Army General Staff has been directed to prepare for the movement of the troops who will follow the capture of the island of Guadalcanal.

2. On July 19, the Army General Staff issued the following orders:

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4. In the operations report for July 21, General MacArthur reported that a hostile force had landed near the mouth of the New Guinea River in the area of the New Guinea River. The force was reported to be composed of Japanese troops and was reported to be moving towards the New Guinea River.

5. General MacArthur was informed of the landing of the Japanese force and was directed to take the necessary steps to prevent the Japanese from landing in the area of the New Guinea River.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Army Ground Forces have issued directives for the movement of the troops who will relieve the combat elements of the British ground forces remaining in Iceland.

2. On July 20 our heavy bombers attacked the enemy camp at Kiska, causing fires.

3. By order of the Chief of Staff the 13th Field Artillery Brigade (medium and heavy weapons), 4 Tank Destroyer Battalions, 2 Medium Tank Battalions, 1 Engineer Amphibian Brigade, and certain Medical and Signal units have been alerted for possible early shipment to the European Theater, in addition to those troops previously scheduled.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for July 20, General MacArthur mentions that a hostile air attack caused some damage to our airfield at Port Moresby in spite of interception by our pursuit airplanes. A ship was sunk by a hostile submarine at Jervis Bay (south of Sydney).

2. General Emmons was informed of the rescission of the President's directive for transportation to concentration camps on the mainland of Japanese (citizen and alien) residents who are deemed

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potentially dangerous. He was authorized, as Military Governor, to intern any potentially dangerous American citizens of any origin, and to evacuate to resettlement areas, in family groups, up to 15,000 citizens of Japanese ancestry who are not believed trustworthy.

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AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Maider reports that our medium bombers attacked the dock and warehouses at Hankow on July 18 with good results. On July 19 they successfully bombed Linchwan (Fuchow), and on July 20 the railroad station, docks, and warehouses at Kiukiang.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, has been advised that the Naval Base and Fleet Anchorage Project for Roosevelt Roads will be continued.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that he has established the U. S. Army Service of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area, effective July 20th and that he has discontinued the organization known as USAFIA, transferring all elements of the latter command to the former. Brig. Gen. Richard C. Marshall, USA, has been given command of USASOS.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Butler mentions in his air operations report for July 17 that an enemy submarine was sighted and attacked while shelling a Russian ship south of Fort Randall, Alaska. Photographic and bombing missions were performed over Kiska, with loss of one B-17.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports for July 18 a bombing raid on the air-drome at Kieta, Bougainville Island.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Heavy daylight attacks were made July 15, 16, 17 by our heavy bombers on the harbor areas of Bengasi and Tobruk. No airplanes were lost.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The War Department approved construction by Army Air Force means and local equipment of an airport at Iquitos, Peru. This will be one of a chain of airports needed for patrol of the Amazon basin.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports for July 17 that heavy bombers attacked the harbor area at Rabaul. A reconnaissance bomber over Tulagi and another near Koepang were attacked by Japanese fighters, of which a total of two were shot down and one damaged, with no Allied loss.

2. The War Department informed General MacArthur that all requisitions are to be approved, and final allocation of supply for his area is to be made, by him or by his authorized representatives.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Instructions are being issued directing the cessation of radio deception and interference by Army radio stations in Alaska during the present command status of fleet-opposed invasion. They may be performed by specific request of the Naval officer exercising unity of command.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his Operations report for July 16, General MacArthur states that Boela (Ceram Island) and Salamaua were attacked by his bombers.
2. The commanders of our forces on the islands in the South Pacific were instructed as to the procedure of rendering operations reports through the officer exercising unity of command.
3. General Emmons was notified that in conformity with our basic agreement with the Japanese Government all civilian Japanese nationals, without exception, will be returned to Japan, and all American civilians will be returned to this country from Japan or Japanese-occupied territory.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. The War Department notified General Eisenhower that, according to reliable information, there are Axis fortifications along the Channel coast from Cherbourg to Ostend, and along a line 60 to 100 miles inland. His recommendations were invited as to any special training or equipment which this might suggest.

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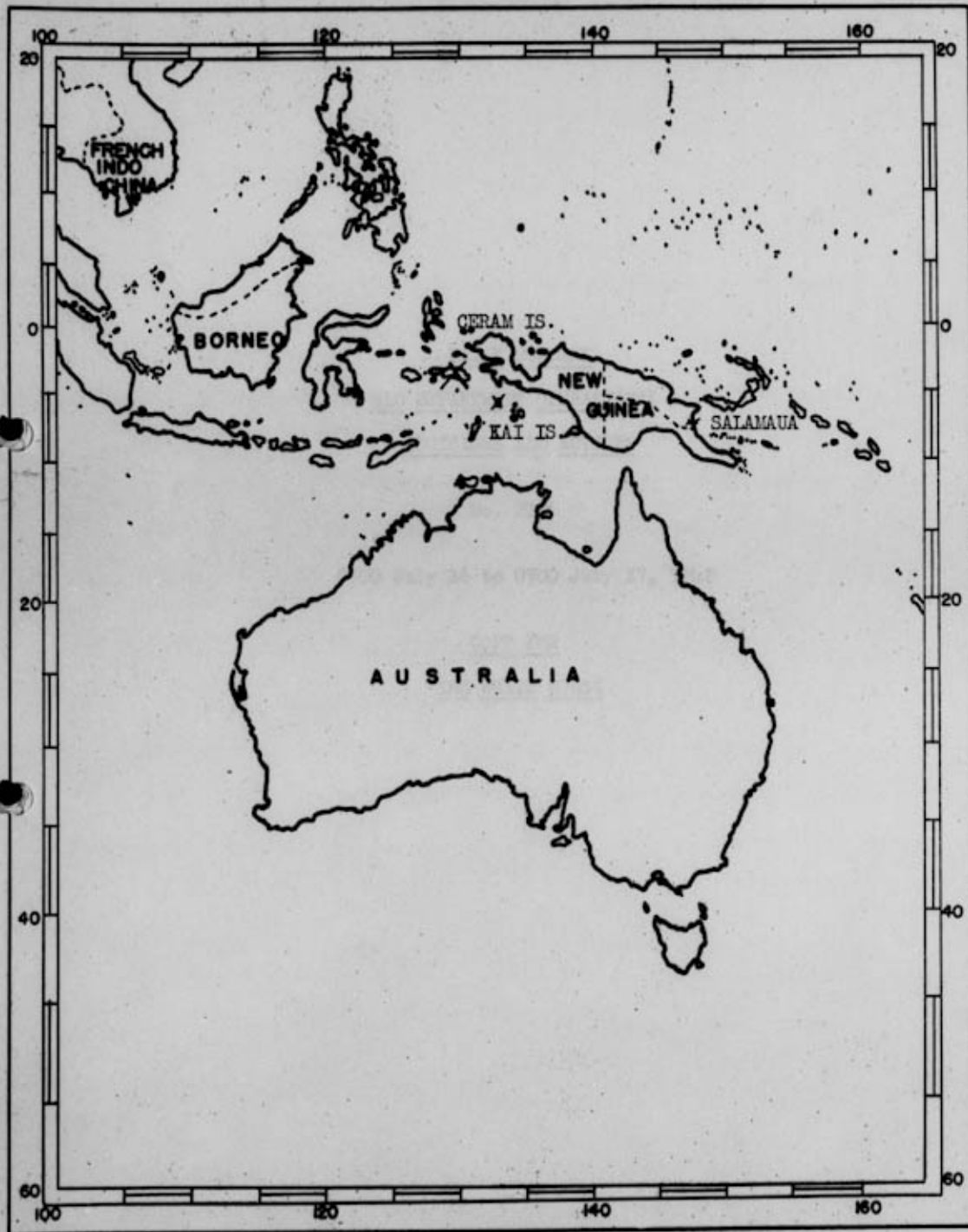
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2. General Eisenhower was informed that

- (a) The 2d Division will be trained as an airborne division, and will be ready for shipment in January.
- (b) The 45th Division is receiving amphibious training and will be ready for shipment in late August.
- (c) The 36th, 29th, 38th, 77th Divisions will receive amphibious training in turn thereafter.

His views were requested as to priority of shipment of these units as well as of the 4th Motorized and 2d Armored Division.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for July 14, General MacArthur states that his bombers attacked Salamaua airdrome and the harbor at Kalabahi.

2. General MacArthur informs the War Department that General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, will move from Melbourne to Brisbane, effective 1000 GCT July 20. Naval and Air Commanders will be in the same building, with Ground Force Headquarters adjacent thereto.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Naiden reports that a total of 17 heavy bombers and 10 transport airplanes have been dispatched from India to the Middle East. Six more heavy bombers are awaiting spare motors.

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The War Department notified the overseas commanders that the reverse Lend-Lease principle will be put into effect at once, and will be utilized wherever practicable and on as large a scale as possible.

Practically anything needed—equipment, labor, information, facilities (but not pay and allowances of military personnel)—may be obtained on a reciprocal aid basis from authorized representatives of those countries whose defense The President has determined to be vital to the defense of the United States, and who are receiving Lend-Lease aid from us. No payments will be made. Furnishing such assistance will act as a credit against the account for aid rendered by the United States. Appropriate receipts must be given for assistance received; in the absence of price standards responsible officers are authorized to exercise discretion in applying a dollar value.

Formal agreements are being negotiated.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General Emmons has been advised that the 40th Division (less an infantry regiment) and certain service and anti-aircraft units will be dispatched to reinforce the Hawaiian Department as shipping

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permits. One port battalion and three quartermaster battalions are being furnished essentially to replace Japanese workers on the docks and to relieve the general labor shortage.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that Consolidated and Fortress bombers of his command successfully attacked the harbor and dock facilities at Benghazi and Tobruk during daylight, July 13. One airplane was shot down by AA fire.

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EXTERNAL INFORMATION

1. A proposal that a radio-telephone installation be provided for Washington, D.C. has been disapproved by the War Department.

2. On July 14, our Embassy advised a Japanese soldier to China. Details were not obtained.

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General MacArthur reports for July 14 that a detachment of Japanese from Japan and Australian troops captured London, and that the Japanese without opposition.

INTERNAL INFORMATION

General MacArthur was also notified to act in support of the War Department in coordination with General MacArthur, who is expected to

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. A proposal that a smoke-screen installation be provided for Washington, D.C. has been disapproved by the War Department.
2. On July 12, our bombers attacked a Japanese cruiser in Kiska harbor. Results were not observed.
3. An agreement has been reached between the Army and Navy whereby the Navy will transport perishable food supplies in large refrigerator vessels to Puerto Rico and Trinidad. Army vessels will distribute these supplies to the neighboring bases; they will also distribute similar supplies to meet local Navy needs and will carry such other Navy supplies as space permits.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports for July/3 that a detachment of Netherlands East Indies and Australian troops occupied Tanimbar, Kai and Aroe Islands without opposition.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower has been designated to act in behalf of the War
* Department in conversations with General De Gaulle, who is recognized as

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head of the organized French forces resisting Axis aggression. General Eisenhower will collaborate with Admiral Stark, the Navy representative, and with the Ambassador.

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REPORTS

1. The Army Air Force report the activation of the 13th
Fighter Group at Davis Field, Charleston, S. C., and the 100th
Fighter Group at Davis Field, Tallahassee, Florida.

2. The State Department was requested to notify the
Embassy of the impending arrival of Major General. William

Wheeler.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Army Air Forces report the activation of the 337th Fighter Group at Morris Field, Charlotte, N. C., and the 338th Fighter Group at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida.

2. The State Department was requested to notify Admiral Standley of the impending arrival of Major General Follett Bradley.

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purpose elsewhere, is shown on July 12.

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Five of our many business agencies in which a number of young business-
men in the Netherlands were interested by means of family funds.
The first of July 12, and of our business and the other agencies were
interested in the situation of the Netherlands.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

A large four-motored German land-plane coming from the east circled Eskimonaes, Greenland, on July 11.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

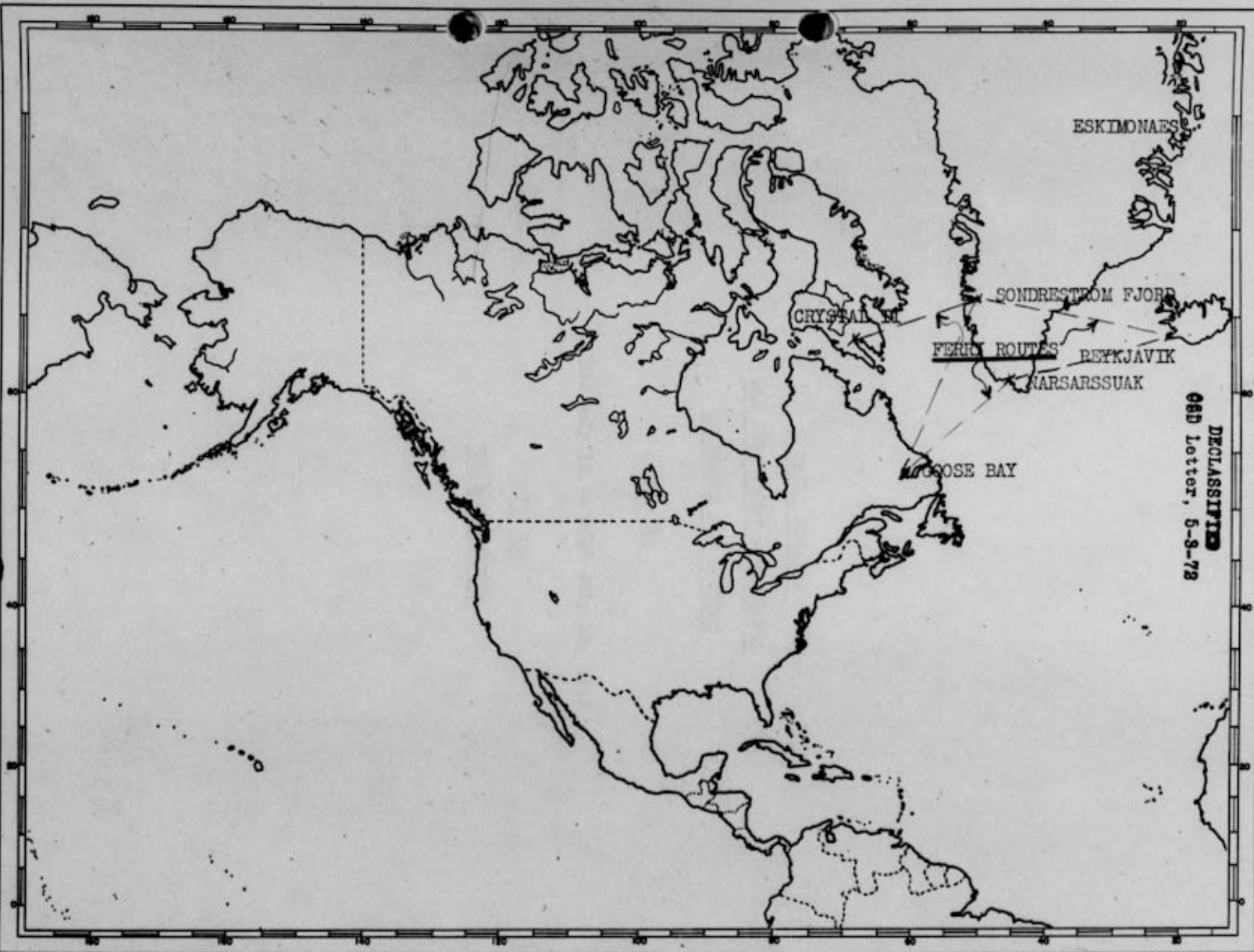
1. Major General Julian F. Barnes has been relieved of his assignment as Commanding General, S.O.S., U. S. Army Forces in Australia, and assigned to duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.

2. General MacArthur's operations report for July 11 relates that his heavy bombers, enroute to attack Rabaul, were intercepted with losses to the enemy and some damage to our airplanes. A village on the north coast of New Britain was attacked. Our fighters intercepted an enemy raid on Port Moresby, with net losses to our advantage.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Five of our heavy bombers enroute to attack a convoy of troop transports in the Mediterranean were intercepted by fifteen to twenty German fighters on July 9. One of our bombers and two enemy aircraft were destroyed. The mission was abandoned.

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REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY

The Secretary of Defense will be pleased to accept the honor of the Secretary of Defense, who will be present at the ceremony of the presentation of the Military Police Company to the Secretary of Defense.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Services of Supply were directed to return to the US the 6th Cavalry Detachment which went to Nassau, Bahamas, at the time of the recent race riot. A Military Police Company is replacing it.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports unsuccessful air attacks on shipping in the Tulagi-Guadalcanal area. Hostile bombers attacked Port Moresby without being intercepted; our AA shot down two and possibly three.

2. General MacArthur was notified that a directive of the Secretary of War enables the appointment or enlistment of members of the Philippine Army in the Army of the United States, in grade, pending legislation equalizing the pay of the two armies.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton reports that Fortresses and Consolidated bombers attacked shipping and port facilities at Benghazi and Tobruk during daylight, July 8. Heavy and accurate AA fire was received.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The War Department reports the signing of the military agreement with Germany on July 21.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

0700 July 10 to 0700 July 11, 1942

The Army Air Forces have been ordered to attack the German aircraft in the Western Front and in the field of battle with the intent that they be destroyed.

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REMARKS AND COMMENTS

General Eisenhower reports that on July 6 his troops attacked the German and all German installations in France. On July 6, targets near the front and rear were attacked, causing some damage.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The State Department reports the signing of the political-military agreement with Peru on July 9.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for July 9, General MacArthur mentions a successful attack by his medium bombers on the enemy barracks area at Dilli, Timor.

EUROPEAN THEATER

The Army Air Forces have been directed to ship 100 liaison-type aircraft to the European Theater in advance of the Field Artillery units by which they are to be used.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Naiden reports that on July 6 his bombers attacked the wharves and oil storage installations at Hankow. On July 8, targets near Myitkyina and Mogaung were attacked, causing some damage.

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The War Department has received the Department of the Army's
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will be advised of the results.

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Mr. Porter and General Greer will report at home on July 11.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Ground Forces report the departure of the 112th Cavalry (less horses) from Fort Clarke, Texas, for New Caledonia. Horses will be supplied from Australia.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. Generals Maxwell and Brereton recommend that General Brereton's Air Force continue to support the British Eighth Army in case of its withdrawal. Should this Army be destroyed by the enemy, General Brereton proposes to withdraw southwards to defend our air ferry route.

2. General Brereton was notified of the recent agreement reached with the British to provide a pool of P-40 (single-engine pursuit) airplanes in the Middle East. As shipments of these airplanes for the U.S. or British forces arrive they will be distributed according to mutual agreement.

ASIATIC THEATER

Mr. Currie and General Gruber will meet at Accra on July 11.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The Army Ground Forces report the deployment of two JTB Infantry Divisions from the A. P. Hill Reservation, VA to the Camp Stanley, Florida. To all participants in subsequent exercises.

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3. In the conditions reports for July 8 and 9, General Vandenberg mentions a group of Japanese aircraft on July 8, 1942, 0700 July 8 to 0700 July 9, 1942

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4. In the conditions reports for July 8 and 9, General Vandenberg mentions a group of Japanese aircraft on July 8, 1942, 0700 July 8 to 0700 July 9, 1942. On July 8 and 9, 1942, over the East and West. On July 8, 1942, the enemy reported considerable success in a raid on Horn Island.

5. General Vandenberg has been given authority to award decorations, such as the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Medal, to members of Air, Military, and Naval Forces of foreign governments serving in the United States.

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6. General Vandenberg reports that all Air Force units daily receive from July 1 to 3 on Japanese installations in China and Burma.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of the 29th Infantry Division from the A. P. Hill Reservation, Virginia, for Camp Blanding, Florida. It will participate in the Carolina maneuvers enroute.
2. Seven bombers dropped 56 - 500 pound bombs on the enemy's installations at Kiska on July 6. The results were unobserved.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations reports for July 6 and 7, General MacArthur mentions an unsuccessful bomber attack made each day on an enemy convoy off Guadalcanal Island; on July 7 a hit was scored on a torpedo boat nearby. On July 6 our fighters intercepted, over Buna and Port Moresby, an enemy raid on the latter town. On July 7 the enemy caused considerable damage in a raid on Horn Island.
2. General MacArthur has been granted authority to award decorations, other than the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Medal, to members of Air, Military, and Naval Forces of foreign governments serving in his command.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Maiden reports that his air force made daily raids from July 1 to 6 on Japanese installations in China and Burma.

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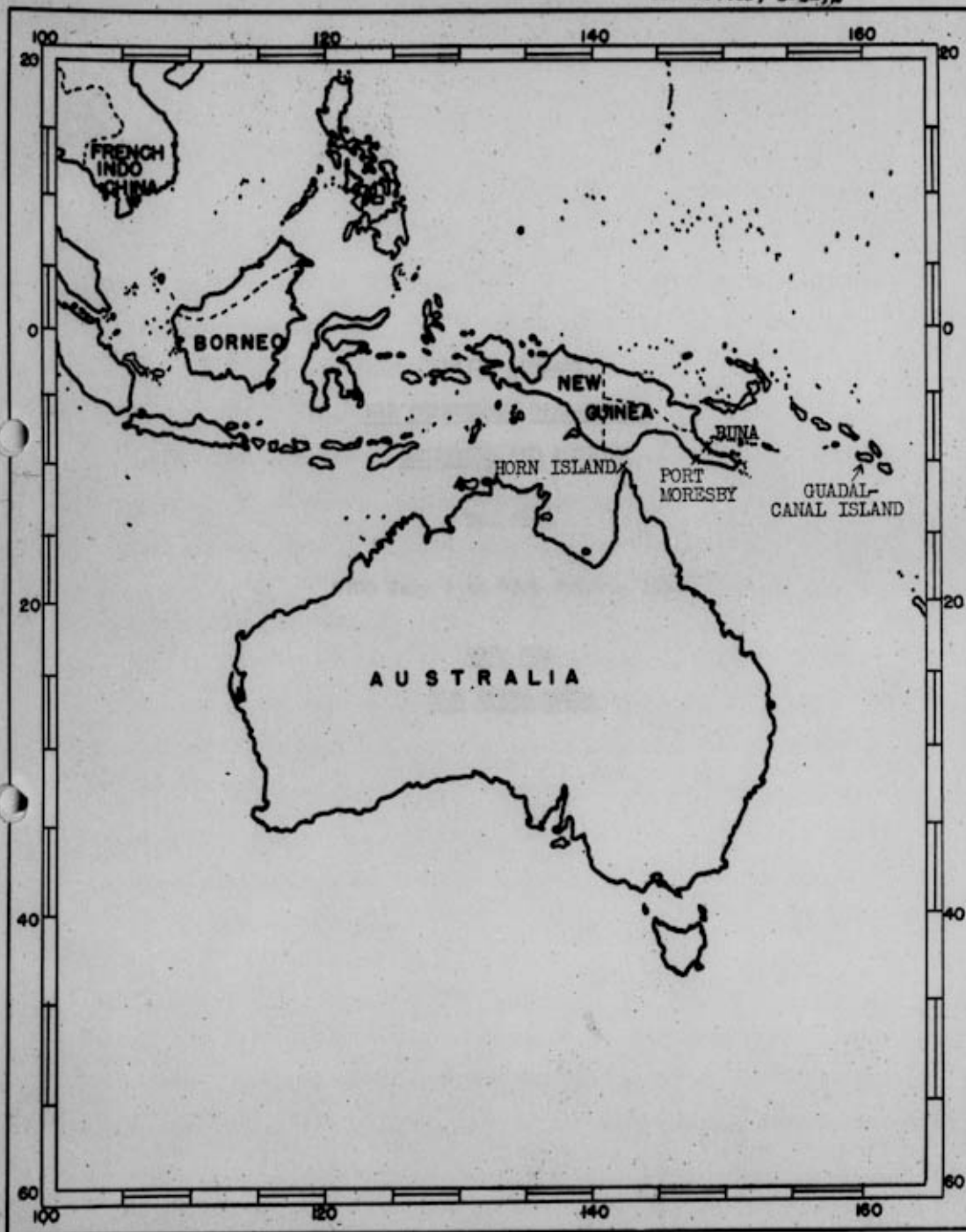
General Fitzgerald has been instructed that in making construction contracts for the Southern African Ferry Route he should arrange, wherever practicable, for payment by "Lend-Lease in reverse".



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WESTERN HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Army Ground Force continues the acquisition of headquarters, All American Corps at Fort Campbell, Tennessee.

2. The Eastern, Western, and Central Defense Commands have been directed to submit, prior to August 15, suggestions for what equipment which may be required.

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3. The War Department has decided to continue the use of the battle boats in direct support of the Army and Navy operations in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. The decision was made after a study of the situation in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

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0700 July 7 to 0700 July 8, 1942

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. In response to a request from the War Department, the following information has been furnished to the War Department, the Staff of General Headquarters, and the War Department.

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2. Major General Robert L. Taylor, who has just completed an inspection tour of Australia, has been requested to prepare a report on the situation in Australia, including the situation in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

ARMY-HIGHLIGHTS

The 37th Infantry Division has departed for the Middle East by airship. Members of the 37th Infantry Division (Army) and 15th Infantry Division (Army) are the Middle East by the Army route is expected to arrive today.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Army Ground Forces announce the activation of Headquarters, III Armored Corps at Camp Campbell, Kentucky-Tennessee.

2. The Eastern, Western, Southern, and Central Defense Commands have been directed to submit, prior to August 15, requisitions for WAAC Companies which they need.

3. The War Department has sent to the isolated Pacific and Atlantic bases a digest of the lessons learned from the Midway operations by the Army and Navy concerning operational procedures, and organization for servicing of aircraft under combat conditions.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In response to a request made by General MacArthur, nine colonels of the regular Army have been ordered to Australia to serve on the Staff of General Blamey, commanding the ground forces there.

2. Major General Robert C. Richardson, who has just completed an inspection tour of Australia, has been designated to command a newly formed Army Corps there, consisting principally of the 32d and 41st U. S. Infantry Divisions.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

||| The 57th Fighter Group has departed for the Middle East by aircraft carrier. Movement of the 98th Bombardment (Heavy) and 12th Bombardment Groups (Medium) to the Middle East by the ferry route is expected to begin today.

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1. The Army Ground Forces have directed the activation of the 12th Armored Division at Camp Campbell (Ky-Tenn) and the 13th Armored Division at Camp Beale, California.
2. The Army Air Forces announce the activation of the 333d Heavy Bombardment Group at Salt Lake City, Utah, the 334th Medium Bombardment Group at Greenville, S.C., the 335th Medium Bombardment Group at Barksdale Field, La., and the 336th Medium Bombardment Group at MacDill Field, Fla.
3. General DeWitt reports that the newly assigned garrison and armament have arrived at Nome except twenty 20 mm AA guns and their ammunition which are enroute from Seward.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC THEATER

1. General MacArthur reports for July 5 that his bombers made three attacks on both Lae and Salamaua, causing considerable damage, and one raid upon the Japanese quarter of Atambaea (Timor). The enemy bombed Port Moresby.
2. Replying to General MacArthur's inquiry the War Department states that the allocation of aircraft to all dominions in the US

spheres of responsibility is under active consideration. The needs of the RAAF are included in this study.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. Ten heavy bombers will leave about July 8 for Khartoum carrying spare parts. It is planned that the airplanes may also be dismantled to furnish spare parts and engines.

2. Reporting from Egypt, General Scott comments favorably upon the General Grant tank (our M3 Medium tank with British turret); he considers it to be at least as good as the German tank. Its body armor is particularly effective. He also reports the superiority over bombers of fighter airplanes carrying 40 mm guns when attacking tanks.

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The Joint General Forces report the withdrawal of several units from
their positions in various sections, the 6888 Central Postal Directory
(Barracks) (relocated) at Camp DAILY SUMMARY, and the Headquarters
of the 1st Parachute Division, Georgia.

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On July 5, General MacArthur, with the attached 1st
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and Balabac airbases; during the operation by the enemy interceptors
and by our forces. There were several by both sides when the
enemy fighter attack at Fort COPY FOR

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1. The enemy forces attacked the harbor of Manila during the
hours of darkness of July 1. All of our planes reported.

2. General MacArthur reports that during the night of June 2 and
3 the 1st Air Group attacks to Java and the entire length of the coast
were heavily mined by German bombers. Destroying operations have started.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Ground Forces report the activation of eleven anti-aircraft battalions at various stations, the 99th Infantry Battalion (Norwegian personnel) at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, and the Headquarters of the 1st Parachute Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

On July 5, General MacArthur reported enemy bombing of Wau, and Port Moresby, with slight damage resulting. Our bombers attacked Lae and Salamaua airdromes; damage was sustained by the enemy interceptors and by our force. Losses were also sustained by both sides when an enemy fighter attack on Port Moresby was intercepted.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. Our heavy bombers attacked the harbor at Benghazi during the hours of darkness of July 4. All of our planes returned.
2. General Maxwell reports that during the nights of ^{July} June 2 and 3 the Red Sea approaches to Suez and the entire length of the canal were heavily mined by German bombers. Sweeping operations have started.

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GENERAL ORDER

General MacArthur issued a public proclamation dated June 30, 1942 stating that all civilians should be evacuated from the Philippines after July 10 unless a permit from the War Department is obtained.

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GENERAL ORDER

General MacArthur 0700 July 4 to 0700 July 5, 1942. The 17th Light Infantry Group, Central Postal Directory, is to be moved to Manila in Holland. For more details see War Department Operational Decisions and Actions No. 207.

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GENERAL ORDER

1. General MacArthur has indicated that the evacuation of the Philippines should be decided by October 1. The plan for evacuation must be submitted to the War Department for approval.

2. In the operations report for July 4, General MacArthur reports that the Japanese had been attacking the Philippines. Both attacks were interrupted by the enemy with some damage to each side.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Buckner issued a public proclamation dated June 30, 1942 requiring that all civilians desiring to enter Alaska after July 10 obtain a permit from the Commanding General, Western Defense Command who has created the Alaska Travel Control to act as his representative.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower reports that six American crews of the 15th Light Bombardment Squadron participated July 4 in a raid on airports in Holland. Two crews failed to return.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emons was informed that construction planning for resettlement areas provides a surplus which would accommodate 3000 Japanese should he decide to evacuate that many. Housing will be ready about October 1. His plan for evacuation must be submitted to the War Department for approval.

2. In his operations report for July 4, General MacArthur records bombing attacks on Lae and Koepong airdromes. Both attacks were intercepted by the enemy with some damage to each side.

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AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Maxwell reports that Rommel has been stopped and is withdrawing to the northwest. General Auchinleck has ordered pursuit.

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RECENT EVENTS

The Army Air Corps report the activation of Tuskegee, Alabama, as the 7th Bombardment Group, a colored unit.

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Decision has been made to activate the 7th Bombardment Group which will be assigned to the 1st Bombardment Division at Tuskegee, Alabama. The 7th Bombardment Group will consist of a heavy bombardment group and an additional group of aircraft now being organized. No. 206 will be assigned to the 7th Bombardment Group and will be based at Tuskegee, Alabama. The 7th Bombardment Group will be activated on July 3, 1942.

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2. For July 3, General MacArthur reports that the 7th Bombardment Group has been activated. The 7th Bombardment Group is now being activated at Tuskegee, Alabama. The 7th Bombardment Group will be activated on July 3, 1942. The 7th Bombardment Group will be activated on July 3, 1942. The 7th Bombardment Group will be activated on July 3, 1942.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Air Forces report the activation at Tuskegee, Alabama, of the 332d Fighter Group, a colored unit.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Decision has been made to establish two Mobile Air Forces which can be rapidly concentrated for employment in any area of the Pacific Theater at the direction of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff. Each will consist of a heavy bombardment group. No additional allocations of aircraft are contemplated; these forces will be normally based and operated in the areas to which assigned, viz. Pacific Area and Southwest Pacific Area, respectively.

2. Major General M. F. Harmon has been designated to command the U.S. Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, assisting Admiral Ghormley.

3. For July 2, General MacArthur reports that his bombers attacked Dilli and Ambon. An Australian Independent Company successfully raided an enemy outpost near Lae on July 1, in spite of losing the element of surprise on account of dogs.

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The Army Ground Forces have issued a directive for the organization at Camp Toombs, Georgia, of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

EUROPEAN THEATER

The British Government has decided not to use the air base being constructed at San Antonio delos Banos, Cuba. Instead, it will be used as a base for our anti-submarine operations.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his Operations Report for July 1, General MacArthur records attacks by his bombers on Lae, Salamaua and Buka. He reports that in the Australian commando attack on Salamaua, June 30, there were 85 enemy casualties, 60 or more houses were destroyed, and quantities of weapons or equipment captured.

ASIATIC THEATER

General Stilwell has reported the Generalissimo's verbal agreement that General Stilwell will take command of the Chinese troops entering India, roughly estimated at 12,000, and that these troops will be trained as specialists in artillery and infantry weapons. The War Department has approved this plan provided that the necessary coordination with the British has been effected.

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GENERAL SUMMARY

1. The Army Signal Corps received in Washington the following information from the Pacific Security Council at San Francisco, California:

2. The Army Signal Corps reports that the Pacific Security Council has received information from the British in the Pacific area, and from Japan, Germany, Italy, and the United States, that the Japanese have been active in the Pacific area.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the activation of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment at Salinas, California.
2. The Army Air Forces report that ten light bombers (A-28A) departed Miami for the British in the Middle East, and three light bombers (A-29) departed Morrison Field, Florida, for U.S. Army Forces there.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that an Australian Independent Company successfully raided Salamaua by land; complete results not yet received. Heavy bombers attacked Kendari, Celebes, and Kospang and Dilli, Timor.

AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Maxwell reports taking action to keep the two echelons of his headquarters completely mobile so that it may conform to any movement of British Middle East Headquarters. Activities not contributing directly to current operations are being transferred to Eritrea.

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