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The following communique was received in London from India this afternoon:-

The situation on the Arakan front is unchanged. Elsewhere in Burma there has been some increase in patrol activity by both sides. In a number of recent encounters our patrols in the upper Chindwin country and the Kachin levies in the Sumprabum area have inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy, with negligible losses to themselves.

Yesterday, April 20, R.A.F. Blenheims attacked about 500 Japanese troops at a place in the Mayu hills. Most of the bombs were seen to burst among the enemy, and it is believed that many casualties were caused.

Hurricanes carried out an offensive sweep over the Akyab district, machine gunning enemy transport and buildings. In the afternoon a formation of Blenheims bombed Japanese troops near Thaungdut on the upper Chindwin. Last night our night bombers attacked an enemy airfield near Meiktila.

Yesterday afternoon a high flying force of Japanese bombers with a strong fighter escort attacked the Imphal area. Many of the bombs fell among village huts, and some people were killed and injured. R.A.F. fighters engaged the raiders, probably destroyed two of them, and damaged others.

From the day's operations two of our aircraft are missing.

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