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INDIA JOINT WAR COMMUNIQUE

The following Joint War Communique from India was received in London today:-

In the Arakan our pressure against Japanese positions at Rathedaung and Donbaik is being maintained. The enemy is well dug in, and is putting up stubborn resistance.

In support of our land forces R.A.F. Blenheims, escorted by fighters, bombed Rathedaung yesterday morning February 3 and again in the afternoon. In the course of offensive patrols elsewhere a combat took place over the Mayu Peninsula between four Hurricanes and six Japanese fighters. One enemy aircraft was damaged.

Last night Wellington bombers attacked Akyab and enemy occupied villages in the district. Bombs were seen to burst in the target areas and a number of fires were started. None of our aircraft is missing. Yesterday afternoon four enemy bombers with fighter escort attacked a place about twenty miles south east of Cox's bazar. Slight damage was caused but no casualties have been reported.

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