

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMUNIQUE No. 92

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Throughout the Arakan, our pressure on the enemy was maintained during 2nd April.

Our patrols and artillery were active in the coastal area South of MAUNGDAW.

North of BUTHIDAUNG, our troops captured KYAUKYIT.

West African troops cleared KALADAN and two other villages in the Kaladan Valley, inflicting casualties on the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting.

There was a lull on the whole of the Chin Hills from South-East of IMPHAL. One of our patrols without loss ambushed an enemy party which suffered thirty casualties.

In Central Burma our forces have carried out successful and extensive road demolitions, and are inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Forward elements of the 22nd Chinese Division are advancing Southward along the MOGAUNG valley road.

The fighting extends from the NAMSANG HKA across the road eastwards.

Indicative of the speed of the Chinese advance is the fact that the enemy is abandoning dead in pill-boxes.

Medium bombers of the Strategical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, on the night of the 3/4th April, attacked YEU railway station. There were two direct hits on the tracks and a fire was started, followed by a large explosion. Medium bombers on the 3rd April, attacking TANGON and PAUKKAN bridges damaged the first-named.

On the 2/3rd April, fighters of the Tactical Air Force attacked enemy positions and rivercraft in the ARAKAN, KALADAN and MAYU areas, while dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters strafed and bombed enemy headquarters' positions, tanks, motor transport and other targets in the CHIN hills, CHINDWIN valley and NORTH-WEST BURMA. One tank was destroyed, two damaged, and six others hit in the TAMU area. There was one very successful dive-bombing attack on MYOTHIT, in which there were direct hits on buildings.

On 2nd April long-range fighters maintained their attacks on enemy communications in SOUTH BURMA.

Two explosions and fires followed an Air Commando Force attack on ammunition dumps at INDAW.

In an attack on ANSIAKAN airfield, fighters set two enemy aircraft on fire, and damaged three.

From all these operations, no Allied aircraft is missing.

One of the two aircraft reported missing on 2nd April, is now known to be safe.

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