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JOINT INDIAN COMMUNIQUE

The following joint war communique was received in London this morning from India:-

In the past two days the R.A.F. have made three separate attacks on the important Japanese aerodrome at Magwe in Burma.

On Sunday, December 27 a squadron of Blenheim bombers dropped a considerable number of bombs on this target, causing damage to runways and hitting buildings, one of which blew up.

The other two raids on Magwe took place yesterday, December 26. One was made by a Blenheim formation, which dropped bombs on one of the runways among enemy aircraft parked in dispersal pens.

The other operation was a low level attack by Hurricane fighters, which successfully shot up buildings and motor transport on the aerodrome.

The Hurricanes also attacked and severely damaged a medium sized Japanese river steamer on the Irrawaddy.

From these and other operations one of our fighters is missing.

Patrolling continues on the front of the Eastern Army. In the Arakan district one of our patrols encountered enemy troops in the vicinity of Rathedaun on the night of December 27.

After an exchange of fire the enemy broke off contact.

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