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INDIA JOINT WAR COMMUNIQUE

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

On Arakan front the position of our troops east of Buthidaung remains unchanged. Unable to make further progress in that area the enemy dug in at Taungnaw and then proceeded during the past several days to develop a move against our exposed northern flank on the Mayu Peninsula. Infiltrating across the Mayu river south of Kwazoc the enemy succeeded over the weekend in mounting a direct threat to our communications in the narrow strip between the hills and the sea north of Donbaik. To meet this outflanking movement necessary readjustments have been made of our positions on the Mayu Peninsula. In engagements here and with Japanese units operating in the hills area and south of Indin our troops have inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. Fighting continues.

Yesterday morning April 6 R.A.F. Blenheims escorted by fighters bombed the enemy occupied village of Thinganet five miles west of Htizwe. Bursts were observed in the centre of the target area. In the afternoon our fighters machine-gunned enemy positions at Indin. Last night bombs were dropped on the Japanese aerodrome at Pakokku on the Irrawaddy south west of Mandalay.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Yesterday afternoon a formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters attacked an aerodrome in south eastern Bengal. Slight damage was caused and some casualties have been reported.

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