

(a) The Department now has authority to acquire and convert four small and ten larger types of privately-owned vessels for the Naval Local Defense Forces of the Fourteenth Naval District. These are generally of the yacht type and do not have very high speeds. The delivery of underwater detection gear is slow, but every effort will be made to give priority for such gear assigned these vessels.

(b) The completion of the 173-ft. sub-chasers (PC) is progressing slowly, and they will not be turned out in any quantity until about May, 1942. Eight of these, due for completion in May, 1942, are tentatively assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District. The date of completion of the 119-ft. sub-chasers (PC) is indefinite due to the engine situation.

(c) The Commandant now has under his command the Coast Guard of the Fourteenth Naval District. Of the Coast Guard vessels under his command, the following are equipped with depth charges and underwater detection gear: **TANAY**, **BELLIANCE**, and **TIGER**.

(d) Ten YMS, expected to have depth charges and sound gear when available, are tentatively assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District. Two of these are due for completion in the third quarter.

(e) The Department has no additional airplanes available for assignment to the Fourteenth Naval District. Allocations of new aircraft squadrons which become available in the near future will be determined by the requirements of the strategic situation as it develops.

[3] 6. Transmission of this document by the following means is necessary and is authorized: within the continental limits of the United States by registered air mail; beyond the continental limits of the United States via P. A. A. locked box.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF,
WAR PLANS DIVISION,
Washington, December 7, 1941.

Memorandum for the Adjutant General (Through Secretary, General Staff)
Subject: Far East Situation.

The Secretary of War directs that the following *first priority secret radiogram* be sent to the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces in the Far East; Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command; Commanding General, Hawaiian Department; Commanding General, Fourth Army:

"Japanese are presenting at one p. m. Eastern Standard time today what amounts to an ultimatum also they are under orders to destroy their Code machine immediately stop Just what significance the hour set may have we do not know but be on alert accordingly stop Inform naval authorities of this communication.

"MARSHALL."

L. T. Gerow,
L. T. GEROW,
Brigadier General,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff.

Noted O. C. S. 12/7/41. JW.

Radios as follows dispatched ¹ 11:52 AM, 12-7-41, by Code Room, WDMC:

- 12.05 #733 to CG, USAFFE, Manila, P. I.;
- 12.17 #529 to CG, Haw. Dept., Ft. Shafter, TH.
- 12.00 #519 to CG, Crbn. Def. Cmnd., Quarry Heights, CZ.
- 12.11 # 16 to CG, Fourth Army, Pres. of San Fco., Cal. ehb-1705.

I certify that this message was dispatched via facilities of the Western Union Telegraph Company and Radio Corporation of America to RCA Honolulu substantially at the time indicated on the face of the document.

Edward F. French,
EDWARD F. FRENCH,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Chief, Traffic Operations Branch,
Army Communications Service, CCSig.

¹ Code messages sent out D. E. V.