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0112 1142 MONAGHAN TO COM 14: Investigated Sampan NISHIN MARU Number 12 dash FC dash 142 at 1200. Ordered to return to Honolulu Harbor. Located in area bearing 245 true, distance ten miles from Barbers Point are numerous stakes and fishing balls laid by sampan.

0126 1156 COM 14 TO ASP PEARL: Pan American Clipper out Pearl between 1500 and 1600 will remain below 1500 feet until after rounding Diamond Head and departing Mokapu Point.

0130 1200 MERLESMITH TO COM GEN HONOLULU: Singapore officially reports 1603, 9 Dec. 1941 GMT Japanese landing in strength at Singora and Patani in southern area Thailand. Occupation of airdromes in Kelantan attempted by further forces. Royal Air Force reduction due south of Australia North Malayan airdrome Netherlands East Indies sending 18 planes and requests that send fighters. 200 Japanese estimated operating from Saigon alone. 127 "Factory" built and asked to bomb Fic airdromes if practicable as arranged Australian Imperial Forces battalions plus 1A hinderance trooping proceeding at Ambon expected convoy movements Ex Darwin 11th December repeat Milid as my number No 28 signed MERLESMITH. NOTE: Above dispatch handed to COM 14 By Army: Received at Signal Office through commercial Pacific Cable.

Mailgram COM FLEET AIR DETACHMENT TO FLEET AIR DETACHMENT: Radio beacon located in signal tower Navy Yard available for Homing purposes frequency 422 Kcs. requests for service should be made via Comptwing 2 or Naval Air Station Pearl.

0149 1219 CTF 8 TO CTF 9 CTF 12: Numerous dispatches with external indicators DRYH received. System not repeat not held this task force.

-- Unknown -- RDO USG Pearl to Govt Navy Com OFF NAS MIDWAY: Radio USG Pearl Harbor ck 40 Govt Navy 356 PM Dec 9 BT Govt Navy Commanding Officer NAS MIDWAY BT Use Govt Navy Headings. Your zero nine two three three zero Xray comply Cincpac zero eight one nine four three. Do not destroy Roger Inter Prep Five until capture absolutely and imminently certain:-Commandant.

0234 1304 COM 14 to ASP PEARL: Prepare for Air Raid.

0238 1308 COMBASEFOR TO NAVAJO: Proceed immediately to point twenty five miles bearing 195 from Diamond Head and attempt to salvage plane.

0245 1315 CINCPAC TO CTF8: Army Radar reports carrier launching planes 50 miles north of Oahu.

0244 1314 COM14 to ASP PEARL: It is possible that these planes approaching may be friendly. Be on the alert.

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0215 1245 COM 14 TO NAS MIDWAY: Maintain continuous radio watch as before. Answer planes and ships. Use cable to me as necessary except to avoid delays. NPM using serials 1-999 will use fox method to you on island frequencies.

0300 1330 CTF8 to CINCPAC: Recommend consideration Hickam Field wharf for berthing large carriers. Bow and stern moorings required. Honolulu harbor for berthing ENTERPRISE.

0321 1351 COMDESRON 1 TO COM14: Merchant vessel LANSING flying British flag passing Oahu on a northeasterly course.

0325 1355 COM 14 to ASP PEARL: Our own planes are taking off to investigate unidentified planes north of Kuhuhi.

0327 1357 COMBASEFOR TO BRAZOS: BRAZOS hereby assigned to Com13 for temporary duty Alaska Service.

0249 1319 ISABEL TO COM14: Tow abandoned 026 True 255 miles from Copper. My course 123 speed 10.

0340 1410 CINCPAC TO CTF8: No further information of enemy carrier but Radar reports planes moved to westward of Oahu and are now circling there.

0340 1410 COM12 to COM14: AND FROM COM14 TO CINCPAC FOR INFO: Urdis 082359 negative pending further instructions from Opnav. Ref: Should MANINI enroute New Zealand and Malama ....

0330 1400 COMAIRSCOFOR TO COMTRANSTRARON PAC: Flight 1st plane my 091256 delayed 24 hours.

0249 1319 REGULUS TO COM14: Tow abandoned 026 true 255 miles from copper. My course 123 speed 10. Note: Underscored group corrected.

0400 1430 MTBRONCOM TO COMBASEFOR: PT25 is in vicinity of the plane reported down report sighted no other planes. Is plane still afloat.

0302 1332 STAFF INTLL.OFF.WELLINGTON TO ADMIRALTY CINC FAREASTERN(BR): Japanese apparently made successful landings on Butaritari and Tarawa Islands in Gilbert Islands at about 1645Z/9. Ocean Islands bombed twice yesterday but wireless station still functioning.

0335 1405 COMBASEFOR TO ASP PEARL: All ships slow to 6 knots passing NEVADA WIDGEON AND CALIFORNIA and keep as far away as possible.

0436 1506 COM HONO DIST TO COM 14: Instructions requested seizure sampans outlying Islands.

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0340 1410 CINCPAC TO CTF 8: No further information of enemy carrier but Radar reports planes moved to westward of Oahu and are now circling there.

0350 1420 CINCPAC TO CTF 8: Radar reports about 3 planes in flight. Ship launching them may have been cruiser. Army bombers also searching.

0414 1444 Radar screen now clear. Air raid warning in Pearl secured.

0400 1430 14th ND OP OFF TO NAS, CINCPAC: Ensign John R. McCarthy USNDR Scout Squadron 6 ENTERPRISE reports he was shot down Sunday morning over West Loch. He bailed out and believed plane fell in Loch but may have drifted across into cane field. He was unable to jettison his confidential code information or lost plane procedure; if plane landed in cane field its confidential information may fall in the hands of Japanese living in that area. McCarthy enemy plane was a single seat low wing monoplane fighter similar to P-36 at 3 to 4,000 feet altitude and had retractable landing gear. The wings were pointed taper estimated speed in dive 220 knots. Plane had no camouflage. Other enemy planes at one thousand feet altitude were two seater low wing with both retractable and non-retractable landing gears. Some had belly tanks. Estimated dive speed 170 knots. McCarthy confident that these were land planes and not carrier planes and that his ship was hit in accessory section by either .50 calibre incendiary or small cannon; ten seconds after being hit, fire broke out forward of cockpit. Engine failed at no time. Flotation back panel torn out completely. He feels that enemy equipment and piloting were much better than previous information had lead him to expect. McCarthy now in Navy Yard hospital with broken leg sustained by hitting stablizer in bailing out. Rear seat man, Cohn, RM3c, unaccounted for by McCarthy. This office disseminating this to fleet intelligence and CO NAS PH. END.  
LtCom Dickens.

0417 1447 CPW 2 to CINCPAC: Request 2 officers and 20 men be detailed to duty at Naval Air Station Pearl as salvage unit. Part of enlisted men should be qualified to pass on whether material and equipment still suitable for use. Urgent.

0430 1500 COM 14 TO ASP PEARL: All planes coming in now are assumed to be friendly.

0430 1500 COMDESRON 1 TO COM 14: Request more information on aviator found down bearing 195 from Punchbowl. Have searched area with two DDs for 25 miles south.

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0437 1507 SEN CG OFF 14th ND TO COM 14: 3 sampans 12 crew seized by CG units. Sampans under guard at Kewalo Basin. Crew members placed custody FBI.

0448 1518 CTF 8 TO CINCPAC: Will conduct 360 degree search radius 100 miles from 0600 position.

0517 1547 COM 14 TO COM HONO DIST: Permission granted seize all sampans outlying islands.

0534 1604 CINCPAC TO CTF 12, COMBASEFOR, NEOSHO, COMDESRON 1: NEOSHO, Desron ONE depart Pearl entrance 0400 GCT December 11, rendezvous 200 miles southwest Oahu with Task Force 12 at 1730 GCT December 11. Destroyers how with Task Force 12 proceed to Pearl when relieved by Desron ONE. Task Force 12, carrier and cruisers fuel from NEOSHO.

0548 1618 CINCAF TO OPNAV, CINCPAC: Cavite bombed, damage extensive.

0558 1628 JOHNSTON I. to RDO WAILUPE: Enemy carrier 90 miles E. on course irregular. Urgent.

0604 1634 MIDWAY IS. TO COM 14: Army radio here reports has established communication with Army radio Wake. No other report than still not taken.

0620 1650 MIDWAY ISLAND TO COMDT 14TH NAVDIST: Casualties in firing evening of December 7 as follows: First Lieut. George H. Cannon USMC, Pfc Elmer R. Morrel, USMC, Ens. Donald T. Kraker A-V(N) USNR, Ralph Egbert Tuttle, F.2c. USN.

0630 1700 CPW2 to WAILUPE: Can you check back and get a verification on that enemy carrier off Johnston Island. The Army wishes to know immediately.

0628 1658 COMBASEFOR TO COM MTB 1: Continue search until 0900 tomorrow. Do not approach Oahu closer than 20 miles during darkness.

0650 1720 CINCPAC TO COMINRON 2 CASE CONYNGHAM TUCKER SELFRIDGE: Cominron 2 detail 4 ships to relieve CASE CONYNGHAM TUCKER SELFRIDGE in offshore patrol at 0900 on 10 Dec. After relief mentioned, destroyers return to Pearl and refuel. Then get ready for other duty.

→ 0607 1637 SECNAV TO ALNAV: Place in effect immediately instructions governing Maritime and Aerial warfare May 1941 except as modified by supplementary instructions issued from time to time.