

11. You will normally communicate as necessary with the Chiefs of Staff, the Air Ministry being used as a channel of communication for telegrams, and letters being addressed to the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee; but you have the right to correspond direct with an individual Chief of Staff on matters particularly affecting his Service.

APPENDIX B.

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO GENERAL OFFICERS COMMANDING AND AIR OFFICER COMMANDING, FAR EAST.

Headquarters of Commander-in-Chief, Far East, will open at Singapore at 0800 hours on the 18th November.

(2) A prime function of staff of Commander-in-Chief, Far East, will be to prepare, in conjunction with Staff of Commander-in-Chief, China, all joint plans that may be required either by Chiefs of Staff organisation in London or by strategic situation in Far East. The Authority for such plans will be either Chiefs of Staffs in London or two Commanders-in-Chief.

(3) There will be no alteration in channels by which you correspond War Office, Air Ministry, Colonial Office or Burma Office on any matters other than questions of policy affecting strategy or operations. On these questions of policy you will correspond direct with this Headquarters, sending copies of your communications to appropriate Governor. Similarly, all communications from Commander-in-Chief, Far East, to you on these questions will be repeated to appropriate Governor.

On other questions you will repeat to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, such of your communications to War Office, &c., as you judge of sufficient importance.

(4) You will ensure that intimate touch now existing between yourself and Governor in your command is maintained.

(5) You will submit to Commander-in-Chief copies of your most recent appreciations and plans which are now in operation and will keep him fully informed of any changes in situation by signal if of immediate importance, otherwise by periodical liaison letter.

(6) You will submit location statement showing present location of all forces within your command. You will subsequently report major changes in location as they occur.

(7) The Commander-in-Chief requires to be kept informed of general administrative conditions of forces under your command, including position in respect of reserves of essential commodities. Any major administrative difficulties which you may now be experiencing, or which arise subsequently, will be reported at once, in order that both extent to which they may affect operations or policy may be accurately gauged, and that representations may be made direct by him to higher authority, if such a course appears to be required.

(8) You will submit short report of present state of training of units under your command and your programme of training for coming months. Further instructions will be issued on method by which Commander-in-Chief is to be kept informed of progress of training.

(9) Chiefs of Staff have made Commander-in-Chief, Far East, responsible for maintaining touch with His Majesty's representatives in Japan, China and Thailand, and with His Majesty's Consuls-General in Netherlands East Indies and Indo-China. Your direct touch with His Majesty's representatives or Consuls-General in these countries should therefore be restricted to matters immediately affecting your commands.

APPENDIX C.

H.M. SHIPS BASED AT SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1941.

Singapore—

Capital Ships—

Prince of Wales.
Repulse.

Cruisers—

Danae.
Dragon.
Durban.

Destroyers—

Jupiter.
Electra.
Encounter.
Express.
Tenedos.
Thanet.
Scout.
Stronghold.

Ships from other Stations refitting at Singapore.

Cruiser—

Mauritius (E.I. Station).

Destroyers—

Isis (Mediterranean Station).
H.M.A.S. *Vampire* (Australian Station).
H.M.A.S. *Vendetta* (Australian Station).

Submarine—

Rover (Mediterranean Station).

Hong Kong—

Destroyer—

Thracian.

This list does not include auxiliary minesweepers, patrol vessels and small craft.

APPENDIX D.

SUMMARY OF ARMY STRENGTH, MALAYA, NOVEMBER, 1940.

Infantry—

17 Battalions, viz.—

British 6 (including 1 M.G. Battalion).

Indian 10

Malay 1

Mobile Artillery—

1 Mountain Regiment, R.A.