

APPENDIX J.

STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF THE R.A.F., DECEMBER 7, 1941.

Malaya.

<i>Aerodrome.</i>	<i>Squadron No.</i>	<i>Type.</i>	<i>Strength in Aircraft.</i>
Alor Star	62	Blenheim I (B)	11
Sungei Patani	21	Buffalo	12
	(R.A.A.F.)		
Sungei Patani	27	Blenheim I (F)	12
Kota Bharu	1	Hudson	12
	(R.A.A.F.)		
Kota Bharu	36	Vildebeeste	6
Gong Kedah	100	Vildebeeste	6
Kuantan	60 (a)	Blenheim I (B)	8
Kuantan	8	Hudson	8
	(R.A.A.F.)		
Kuantan	36	Vildebeeste	6
Tengah	34	Blenheim IV	16
Kallang	243 and 488	Buffalo	32
Sembawang	8	Hudson	4
	(R.A.A.F.)		
Sembawang	453	Buffalo	16
Seletar	100	Vildebeeste	6
Seletar	205	Catalina	3
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(a) No. 60 Squadron had arrived from Burma for Bombing practice, and was retained in Malaya on the start of the war with Japan. About the middle of December the personnel were sent back to Burma by sea, the aeroplanes being retained in Malaya to replace wastage in other squadrons.

There were two maintenance units, No. 151 at Seletar and No. 153 at Kuala Lumpur.

Reserve Aircraft.

Blenheim I and IV	15
Buffalo	52 (b)
Hudson	7
Vildebeeste	12
Catalina	2
Total	<hr/> 88

(b) Of these, 21 were temporarily out of action owing to trouble with the engine valve gear on a new mark of engine.

Burma.

<i>Aerodrome.</i>	<i>Squadron No.</i>	<i>Type.</i>	<i>Strength in Aircraft.</i>
Mingaladon	60	Blenheim I (B)	4
Mingaladon	67	Buffalo	16

Reserve Aircraft.

Blenheim I	Nil
Buffalo	16

Of the total of 32 Buffaloes in Burma, 24 were temporarily out of action owing to trouble with the engine valve gear on a new mark of engine.

Ceylon.

Catalina	2
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Total in Far East.

Initial Equipment	180
Reserves	104
Total	<hr/> 284

Of these aircraft, the Vildebeestes were obsolete, and if these are deducted the figures become :—

Initial Equipment	156
Reserves	92
Total	<hr/> 248