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- Jan. 3, Japanese landed at Weston, British North Borneo.
- Jan. 11, Japanese invaded Netherlands East Indies.
- Jan. 13, Netherlands garrison of Tarakan surrendered after destroying oil wells.
- Jan. 23-24, Japanese landed at Balik Papan, Borneo, and Kendari, Celebes.
- Jan. 23-26, United States and Netherlands air and naval forces attacked Japanese convoy in Straits of Macassar, sinking 11 and seriously damaging 23 vessels.
- Jan. 31, Japanese landed on Amboina.
- Feb. 3, Heavy Japanese air raid on naval base and aerodromes of Soerabaja, Java, and at 4 other points on islands.
- Feb. 6, Japanese occupied Samarinda, 60 miles north of Balik Papan, Borneo.
- Feb. 10, Japanese, in pincer movement against Java, landed troops near Macassar and started overland movement from Balik Papan towards Banjermassin.
- Feb. 11, Japanese attacked Macassar.
- Feb. 12, Netherlands navy announced sinking of 2 Japanese cruisers, 1 destroyer and 1 submarine in operations off Amboina.
- Feb. 14, Australian and other Empire reinforcements reached Java.
- Feb. 16, Netherlands forces destroyed oil installations at Palembang before Japanese occupation.
- Feb. 19, Further British and U.S. reinforcements arrived in Java.
- Feb. 20, Japanese landed on Bali and on Portugese Timor.
- Feb. 27- Mar. 1, Battle between Japanese and United Nations naval forces in Java Sea; 8 enemy warships and 17 transports sunk or damaged, 5 Allied cruisers, 1 sloop and 7 destroyers lost. Despite initial reverses, Japanese succeeded in landing 4 divisions and captured Su-bang.
- Mar. 3, Re-formed Japanese invasion fleet of 70-80 ships approached Java.
- Mar. 4, Allied naval and military commands in the Indies transferred to Netherlands officers.
- Mar. 6, Japanese eastern column in Java captured Jokyakarta, 15 miles from sea, thus cutting island in two; Allied forces fell back into mountainous interior. Australian air raid on Kupang, Timor. Japanese captured Batavia.
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- Mar. 7, Last radio message received from Bandoeng, Java.
- Mar. 16, Allied fliers caused heavy damage in raid on Dili, Timor.
- May 14, Allied bombers from Australia raided Amboina for first time.
- June 2, Heavy Allied air raid on islands of Timor and Florida.
- SOUTH SEAS
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- Jan. 22, Japanese landed at Rabaul, New Britain; Australian garrison withdrew after destroying port facilities.
- Jan. 23-24, Japanese landing at Kavieng, New Ireland.
- Jan. 24, Japanese landings on New Britain, Bougainville (Solomons) and New Guinea.
- Jan. 31, U.S. forces attacking Japanese bases in Marshall and Gilbert Islands destroyed 16 ships and 41 aircraft.
- Feb. 27- Mar. 1, Australian aircraft from Port Moresby, New Guinea, bombed Japanese at Rabaul, New Britain, for 3 successive nights.
- Mar. 8, Japanese landed at Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea.
- Mar. 10, Third Japanese landing on New Guinea.
- Mar. 11-12, Australian and U.S. aircraft in attack on Japanese shipping at Salamaua, New Guinea; 7 Japanese ships sunk or damaged.
- Mar. 12, Allies marshalled air power for defence of Port Moresby.
- Mar. 14, Japanese landed on Solomon Islands.
- Mar. 18, Allied air forces attacked Japanese invasion forces at Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea, sinking or damaging 23 vessels, including 12 warships; 2 heavy and 1 light cruiser sunk, 1 cruiser damaged.
- Mar. 19, Japanese column, guided by German missionaries, reported to be advancing overland from Lae towards Port Moresby.
- Mar. 20, Japanese heavy cruiser sunk in bombing raid on Rabaul.
- Mar. 23-24, Two consecutive heavy aerial attacks on Port Moresby.
- Apr. 6, Heavy Allied raids on Rabaul and Gasmata, New Britain. Japanese reported to have landed at 4 points on Bougainville Island, Solomon Is.
- Apr. 7, Third consecutive day of Allied air raids on Lae.
- Apr. 29, Allied aircraft attacked Lae, destroying 20 Japanese machines.