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Prologue. Never in our history has there been a time like the present --Plans for reaching you quickly with pursuit are jeopardized -- We are virtually a floating ammunition dump -- We came 4,700 miles and are pigeon-holed! -- The news from Wavell is all bad -- There goes our ferry route -- Second lieutenants are expendable -- You are not forgotten men -- A collection of the worst landings I have ever seen --I'm all shot to hell! -- These guys are really inexperienced -- Someone is crazy! This is murder! -- I deeply regret failure to hold Abda Area --I was thoroughly enjoying myself -- Nothing will ever happen to me --He was wholly unrecognizable -- How can we operate against such odds? -- Every day a nightmare! -- Nothing less than desertion --Thousands of men gone completely mad -- Senseless in all senses --Give us 24 hours to get out of this God-damned place! -- Epilogue --Appendix. Table 1. Pilots of 21st Pursuit Squadron -- Table 2. Pilots of 34th Pursuit Squadron -- Table 3. Pilots of 35th pursuit group -- Table 4. Pilots of 14th, 20th and 51st pursuit groups -- Table 5. Philippines pursuit pilots sent to Australia -- Table 6. Pilots and aircraft of 17th

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