

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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Report No.	377-620
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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting 251 (b) Based on or at ANAP, PHILIPPINE IS. (c) Report No. 151  
 (d) Take off: Date 7 April, 1949 Time (LZT) Varied (Zone); Lat 11° 2' N Long 125° 44' E  
 (e) Mission GROUND SUPPORT FOR JAY ON CUBU ISLAND (f) Time of Return Varied (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>147-10</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>2 x 1000 lb. GP</u>	<u>Incl.</u>

## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>147-10</u>							

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>102 WAK 2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>				

Referred to Op 16-1-V for  
 Action Information  
 Comment  
 Retain  
 Return  
 See Attached Memorandum

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	167-10			Unknown. This plane (Bureau #57512) piloted by Captain Francis E. Doughty, crashed in flames at a point 3 miles SE of LAGO AIRFIELD, near CASO CITY, CASO ISLAND.
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## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
2	167-10	Francis E. Doughty, Captain, USMC.	Shot down at low level while strafing an enemy gun position.	Killed in action.

## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
167-10	145	125		120	120					

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- URNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) CHRY. ISLAND (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target all: 1000 7/10 at 1000 feet  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility unlimited  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1. <u>gas positions and trenches</u>		4 VMF-251	8 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	4	None observed.
2. <u>gun position on top of a sharp peak.</u>		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	0	None from bombs.
3. <u>young supply dump in hills</u>		4 VMF-251	8 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	2	See (c) below
4. <u>same as 3.</u>		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.		
5. <u>same as 3.</u>		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	1 (Direct)	
6. <u>camouflaged trucks and positions</u>		4 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	1 ( " )	Destroyed
7. <u>FIELD.</u>		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	3 ( " )	three trucks
8. <u>concrete building in same area as 3.</u>		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	1	Very close miss.
		2 VMF-251	4 x 1000 lb. CP strafed.	0	Door near miss.

(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

1. None observed.
2. Strafing started something smoking, but the fire didn't last long.
3. Bombing started one good fire. Thoroughly strafed and burned 5 or 6 dumps of supplies camouflaged with hay and straw. Set one thatched hut 20 x 40 feet afire.
4. Strafing fired one hit.
5. Direct hit.
6. DOUGHERTY's direct hit destroyed completely three camouflaged trucks. Other bombs dropped on 21 positions did possible damage. Thoroughly strafed gas positions and trucks.
8. GARD strafed into a cave and started a good fire inside.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? no Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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**XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.** (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

**ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY**

**OWN AIRCRAFT**

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

**ENEMY AIRCRAFT**

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own, " " , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own, " " , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

**ATTACK**

**OWN TACTICS**

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

**DEFENSE, ENEMY**

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

**OPERATIONAL**

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

~~NO COMMENTS.~~

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**ARMAMENT**

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

**RECOGNITION**

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

**PROTECTION**

- Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection
- Leak Proofing

**EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

**NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Octants
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

**INSTRUMENTS**

- Flight
- Power Plant

**OXYGEN SYSTEM**

**CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES**

**STRUCTURE**

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

**POWER PLANT**

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

**HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

**FUEL SYSTEM**

**FLIGHT CLOTHING**

**MAINTENANCE**

**BASE FACILITIES**

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

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MISSION LOG.

Flight One.

FURLOW - 2 Area hits.  
RABBE - 2 " "

Flight Two.

POON - 2 Area hits.  
O'BRYEN - 1 Inds.

Flight Three.

DONOHY - 2 Inds  
SCHNEE - 2 Area hits.

Flight Four.

WYATT - 1 hung and jettisoned, 1 miss.  
LINDNER - 1 miss, 1 damaging hit.

Flight Five.

SCOTT - 1 near miss, 1 direct hit. (Destroyed two buildings)  
KALVELAGE - 2 Inds

Flight Six.

DONOHY - Direct hit, destroyed three trucks, 1 area hit.  
SCHNEE - 2 Area hits.

Flight Seven.

BRADEN - 1 Ind, and 1 area hit.  
MORRIS - 2 Area hits.

Flight Eight.

WARD - 1 near miss. (Possibly damaged enemy in cover)  
SMITH - 1 near miss. where tanks hit.)

Flight Nine.

WENDSCH - 2 damaging hits on gun positions.  
DUBLET - 2 " "

Flight Ten.

FURLOW - 2 Area hits.  
LINDENFELTER - 2 " "

Flight Eleven.

POON - 2 Area hits.  
NEW - 2 " "

THOMAS W. FURLOW, Major,  
Executive Officer.

APPROVED BY:

FOR:

H. L. BACHLER, Major,  
Commanding Officer.

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7 April, 1945.

DATE