

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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CONFIDENTIAL
I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMF-251 (b) Based on or at SAMAR, PHILIPPINE IS. (c) Report No. 125
 (d) Take off. Date 25 April, 1945. Time (LZT) 1. 0912/I. (Zone); Lat. 11° 2' N. Long. 125° 44' E.
2. 1315
3. 1700
 (e) Mission Ground Support for Army on CEBU ISLAND. (f) Time of Return 1. 1125/I.
2. 1515 (Zone)
3. 1900
4. 1900

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)		
1. <u>F4U-1D</u>	<u>VMF 251</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1 x 500 lb. GP</u>	<u>Inst.</u>
2. <u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" " " "</u>	<u>"</u>
3. <u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>(plus 1 x 100 lb. Naplam</u>	<u>"</u>
4. <u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>on each of 2 a/c.)</u>	<u>"</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>None</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, (ZONE)	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>None</u>						

(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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<u>None</u>						

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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) CEBU ISLAND. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 0955-1045/I.
(SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) 2. 1415-1425
3. 1800-1830
4. 1800-1810

(c) Clouds Over Target AM: None
PM: None
(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 Coconut grove with huts 2 miles So. of SACSAG, CEBU.		4 VMF-251	4 x 500 lb. GP Strafed.		None observed.
2 Enemy troops, halfway between TABOGON, and BOGO.		4 VMF-251	4 x 500 lb. GP Strafed.		" "
3 Area along west sid of N.S. road 3 miles south of		4 VMF-251	4 x 500 lb. GP 2 x 100 lb. Napalm.		" "
4 MEDILLIN A/D.			Strafed.		
5 Same as #2.		4 VMF-251	4 x 500 lb. GP Strafed.		" "
6					
7					
8					

(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. Strafing smoked two huts.

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

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

MISSION LOG.

Flight One.

WOLF - Miss.
SCHWE - 30 yards overshoot.
SCOTT - Direct hit on area.
LENDNER - " " " "

Flight Two.

POOR - Miss
KEMP - Area hit.
RHODES - Miss
MORRIS - Area hit.

Flight Three.

SANDBACH - Area hit.
RAUSE - " "
LINGENFELTER - " "
DUDLEY - " "

Flight Four.

POOR - Area hit.
KEMP - " "
RHODES - " "
MORRIS - " "

H. B. WELCH, 1st Lt., A.C.I.O.

THOMAS W. FURLON, Major,
Commanding Officer.

25 April, 1945.

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