

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VME-251 (b) Based on or at SAMAR, PHILIPPINE IS. (c) Report No. 131
 (d) Take off Date 29 April, 1945 Time (LZT) 1. 0620/1 (Zone); Lat. 11° 24' N Long. 125° 44' E
 (e) Mission Ground support for Jay on NEGROS ISLAND. (f) Time of Return 2. 1435 (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)		
1. F4U-1D	VME 251	12	None	12	2 x (3x100 lb. Napalm Cluster)	Inst.
2. "	"	"	"	"	" " " "	"

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F4U-1	VME-223	4	SAMAR, PHILIPPINE IS.				

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

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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) NEARBY ISLAND. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 0755-0825/Z
AM: None SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK 2. 1325-1340 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target PM: overcast at 3000 feet.
AM: Clear. (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target PM: Partly obscured. (e) Visibility AM: 15-20 miles.
PM: " " " (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 100-500
(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 Ravine NW of CANLON VOL- CANG, and SO. OF BAGO RIVER.		12 VMF-251	20 x Napalm Clusters. No strafing.		None Observed.
2 Same as #1.		12 VMF-251	24 x Napalm Clusters. No strafing.		" "
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(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).

- Excellent coverage of target area, which was reported by the fighter director to be thickly occupied by enemy troops.

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

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MISSION 100.Flight One.

WOLF	- 2	Area hits.
SCHEWE	- "	" "
SCOTT	- "	" "
LINDNER	- 1	cluster bomb broke. Jettisoned.
WARD	- 2	Area hits.
SMITH	- "	" "
SANDBACH	- 1	fell off prematurely, and 1 area hit.
RAUSE	- 1	cluster broke, two 100 pounders fell off. 1 area hit.
POOR	- 2	Area hits.
KEMP	- 1	cluster broke, jettisoned in hills, 1 area hit.
RHODES	- 2	Area hits.
MORRIS	- "	" "

Flight Two.

WOLF	- 2	Area hits.
SCHEWE	- "	" "
LINDNERFELTER	- "	" "
WELCH	- "	" "
WARD	- 2	Area hits.
SMITH	- "	" "
SANDBACH	- "	" "
RAUSE	- "	" "
POOR	- 2	Area hits.
KEMP	- "	" "
RHODES	- "	" "
MORRIS	- "	" "

H. B. WELCH, 1st Lt., A.C.I.O. THOMAS W. FURLON, Major, 29 April, 1945.
Commanding officer.