





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 66

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) CAROLINA Airfield, NEGROS (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 0850-0920 I  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) 2. 1440-1500 I

(c) Clouds Over Target 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 One Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT                                   | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR<br>TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION<br>EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO. HITS On<br>Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight,<br>serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1<br>46 Bldgs. located one<br>2 mile SW of the runway |                                 | 16<br>VMF-251                         | 10,000 rds. 50 Cal<br>32x500 lb. GP                        | 27                                 | Serious.  |
| 3 Same as 1   |                                 | 16<br>VMF-251                         | 8,000 rds. 50 Cal<br>32x500 lb. GP                         | Many                               | "   |
| 4   |                                 |                                       |  |                                    |   |
| 5   |                                 |                                       |  |                                    |   |
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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).

1 and 2. Photograph taken at 1000 o'clock the following morning after this strike revealed that 80 per cent of the entire group of buildings was destroyed, and 15 per cent severely damaged.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes, but not available to attach to this report. 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

This dive bombing attack was delivered at 0850 o'clock, with approach to the target from the East, out of the sun. Pushover was at 10,500 feet, the planes making a 70 degree dive with wheels down.

In the first run, there was only one observed miss, with the remaining 15 bombs right within the group of buildings. On the second run there were four observed misses, and they hit about fifty yards to the north of the road, near the western end of the target. By the time the third division of planes started its first run, there was a large fire going among the most concentrated cluster of buildings in the center of the target. This fire put up heavy black smoke to about 2000 feet, and almost totally obscured the western half of the target. On the second run two more fires were started, not as large as the first.

Pilots report that the first large fire described above was a gasoline or oil fire, which was still burning when our planes left the target. Three strafing runs made by all sixteen planes started other small fires.

Two P-38's were in the vicinity during the strike and one of the pilots was overheard saying to the other, "The Navy's doing a good job down there." One of our pilots interrupted the conversation with "Navy, Hell. It's Marines."

The afternoon strike was equally successful, and finished off all but two of the buildings left from the previous strike. This strike was observed from an SBD by Colonel Z. C. HOPKINS, USMC, Commanding Officer of Marine Air Group Fourteen, and the Squadron A.C.I. Officer.

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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

No comment.

MISSION LOG

The following pilots participated in both missions.

Bachelor  
Harris  
Pirages  
Irwin

Schroeder  
Sandbach  
Evans  
Robinson

Smith  
Neilson  
Rosellen  
Mac Lachlan

Cunningham  
Beattie  
Seoville  
Jernigan

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**6 February, 1945.**

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