

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. 91

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) MALABANG, MINDANAO (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 0900
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) 2. 1410

(c) Clouds Over Target 1. None
2. 6/10 at 5000 ft.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target 1. Clear.
2. Clear. (e) Visibility 1. Unlimited.
2. Unlimited.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 1. Pushover: 12,000 ft. 80° dive.
2. " 9,500 60° Bomb Sight Used Gunsight.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 2. 2000
(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 Fortified outpost at MALABANG.		4 VMP-251	8x500	None	None seen.
2 Radio and personnel area south of town		4 VMP-251	8x500	"	" "
3 Fort CAROUERA		4 VMP-251	8x500	"	" "
4 PARANG TOWN		12 VMP-251	22x500	?	Serious.
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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).

- Results negative. One strafing run made on the three outposts. The center outpost smoked thin white smoke to 500 feet.
- Three good-sized fires and two smaller ones. Two strafing runs by all planes. Excellent bombing coverage with all bombs in the assigned target area, PARANG TOWN, except two which hung and had to be jettisoned.

(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

Afternoon hop

HARRIS plane was hit by AA or debris from an explosion so he jettisoned his belly tank. It exploded and caused a large grass fire. AA was coming from a house in the southern end of town.

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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

MISSION LOG

	1.	2.
BACHELER	Miss	1 hung and jett.
HARRIS	"	
PIRAGES	Unobserved	1 hung and jettisoned.
LEWIN	Miss.	1 " " "
SMITH	No results were	
NEILSON	observed from the	
ROSELLEN	remaining bombs	
MAG LACHLAN	dropped.	
WOLF	All planes in this flight	
ERDMANN	except those indicated	
WARD	above, scored damaging	
BEATTIE	or direct hits on buildings	
SCHROEDER	in the town.	
EVANS		
DAIGLE		
JERNIGAN		

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Commanding Officer.

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