

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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**I. GENERAL**

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(a) Unit Reporting VFP-251 (b) Based on or at SARAN, PHILIPPINE IS. (c) Report No. 92  
 (d) Take off: Date 8 APRIL, 1945 Time (LZT) 1. 0645 I (Zone); Lat. 11°2'N Long. 125°44'W  
 (e) Mission Bomb and strafing COCAIN SD, MINDANAO (f) Time of Return 2. 1530 I (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. <u>B-24</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1010</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1x1000 GP.</u>	<u>1/10 sec. delay</u>
2. <u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
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## 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
<u>B-24</u>			(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		
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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) COTABATO, MINDANAO (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 0805-20 I  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) 2. 1355-14 (Zone I)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2. Some  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) 1. Clear.

(d) Visibility of Target 2. "  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 2. Some.  
(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 1. Pushover: 7,000 ft. 35° glide. No brakes. Bomb Sight Used Gunlight.  
(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	Group of buildings on south side of MASPAY	8 VMF-251	6x1000 lb. G.P.	6	Serious.
2	CORRAL, COTABATO, MINDANAO				
3	same as 1.	5 VMF-251	5x1000 lb. G.P.	5	Serious.
4					
5					
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).

- ROBINSON'S direct hit destroyed one building. No fires were started but several buildings were soaked by strafing.
- Burned one hut to the ground. Damaged an undetermined number of buildings.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes. 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

MISSION ONE:

BACHELER	Exploded prematurely.
HARRIS	Fell short.
IRWIN	Damaging hit.
ROBINSON	Direct hit.

SCHROEDER	Damaging hit.
HEATIE	" "
DAIGLE	" "
JURKICAN	Near Miss.

MISSION TWO:

BACHELER	Unobserved.
HARRIS	"
JENNINGS	Direct hit.
IRWIN	Unobserved.

HILLSON	This division located a group of coconut trees reported to conceal Jap personnel quarters.
SMITH	
MAC LACHLAN	
WYATT	

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W. L. BACHELER, Major, 8 March, 1945.  
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