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1 December, 1942 - 31 December, 1942.

- December 1 VMO-251 assigned to MAG-11. Auth: COMARAIWING I Confidential dispatch No. 300946, dated 1Dec42.
The following officers to TAD to Cactus:
HAYES, Charles H., Lt. Col., USMC.
WEILAND, Charles P., Capt., USMCR.
BAESLER, Blaine H., 1st Lt., USMCR.
KOBLE, George S., 1st Lt., USMCR.
MC GLOTHLIN, Joe H., Jr., 1st Lt., USMCR.
RAILSBACK, Eldon H., 1st Lt., USMCR.
KIRK, Kenneth J. Jr., 1st Lt., USMCR.
SPURLOCK, Roy T., 1st Lt., USMCR.
SCHWETHEIM, Harry F., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
WOJCIK, Thaddeus, 2nd Lt., USMCR.
GARTON, Wendell P., MG., USMC
- December 2 MILLER, Harold B., Lt(jg) USNR to Cactus.
- December 3 LONGLEY, Carl M., Capt., USMC to Cactus in connection with government aircraft.
- December 4 Routine training.
- December 5 Routine training.
- December 6 Routine training.
- December 7 The following officers from TAD at Australia:
CAMPBELL, William R., Major, USMC.
ADAMS, James P., Capt., USMCR.
LIVINGSTON, Robert M., 1st Lt., USMCR.
LONGLEY, Carl M., Capt., USMC from TAD at Cactus.
- December 8 RUTLEDGE, Oscar "P" 2nd Lt., USMCR detached to USA. Left Auckland, N.Z. aboard USS Mt. Vernon 8Oct42.
- ✓ December 9 KOBLE, George S., 1st Lt., USMCR, killed in aircraft accident at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands 8Dec42.
- December 10 RENNER, Joseph N., Major, joined from FMAW, HqSq, as CO of VMO-251.
- December 11 ANDERSON, James R., Capt., USMC, joined from VMF-122.
The following officers and one (1) enlisted man joined from VMSB-142.
VROOME, Ray L., USMC, Major.
BOOTH, Roy L., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
DUNN, John T., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
LEEDS, Philip, 2nd Lt., USMCR.
MC CARTNEY, Henry A., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
RHODES, Richard M., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
HARLEN, William B., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
HELLERDE, Arthur O., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
NOLL, William A., Ens., USNR, joined from FMAW, White Poppy.
The following officers detached to SS-11.
YEAMAN, Ralph R., Capt., USMC.
PLATT, Frank M., Jr., 1st Lt., USMCR.
STRAINE, Robert G., 2nd Lt., USMC.
MUSACHIA, Seraphin G., QMC, USMC.

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- December 11 The following officers transferred to HqSq-11:
 HAYES, Charles H., Lt. Col., USMC.
 LONGLEY, Carl M., Capt., USMC.
 ADAMS, James P., Capt., USMCR.
 WALLENBORN, Ramon J., Lt. (DC), USN.
 DAGGETT, Robert F., Jr., Lt(jg), USN.
 MILLER, Harold B., Lt(jg), USN.
 DAVIS, Merle C., MG, USMC.
 GILMORE, Richard E., MG, USMC.
 NOLL, William A., Ens., USNR.
 YUNCK, Michael R., 1st Lt., USMCR from TAD at Cactus.
- December 12 Four (4) enlisted men to TAD to Cactus.
- December 13 Routine training.
- December 14 Routine training.
- December 15 Twenty-seven (27) enlisted men transferred to HqSq-11; Twenty-five (25) enlisted men transferred to SS-11; One (1) enlisted man transferred to VMF-122.
- December 16 The following officers joined from MAG-13, 4thMBDAW as of 14Dec42.
 BAKER, Robert M., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 BARAN, Walter A., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 BERTELING, John B., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 BRYSON, Robert L., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 CHRISTIAN, Wayne W., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 LOBAN, Glen A., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 KLAS, Donald L., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 MOORE, Jack R., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 SABTIER, Henry S., 1st Lt., USMCR.
 WHITAKER, William H., 1st Lt., USMCR
 ERWIN, Paul V.B., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 TRENCHARD, Harold R., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
- December 17 One (1) enlisted man to TAD at Cactus; Seven (7) enlisted men transferred to SS-11.
- December 18 Twelve (12) enlisted men transferred To VMD-154 as of 15Dec42.; Nine (9) enlisted men transferred to SS-11.
- December 19 WHITTEN, Robert T., 1st Lt., USMCR to TAD to Aviatorium, White Poppy.
- December 20 SNEED, William H., 2nd Lt., USMCR joined from VMSB-233.
- December 21 BOOTH, Roy L., 2nd Lt., USMCR killed in water crash while on gunnery run.
- December 22 Routine training.
- December 23 Routine training.
- December 24 Routine training.
- December 25 Routine training.
- December 26 Routine training.
- December 27 LITTLE, Raymond D., Lt(MC) USN TAD to Cactus.
- December 28 The following officers joined fromMAG-14 as of 23Dec42.
 FREEMAN, W. B. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 FURLOW, T. W. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 HABERMAN, R. A. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 LOESCH, G. K. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 OLSSON, R. A. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 PRESLEY, F. H. 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 MARIONTATE, W. P., 2nd Lt., USMCR.
 One (1) enlisted man joined from MAG-14 as of 23Dec42. (AP).

- December 29 Routine training.
December 30 The following officers accepted appointment to Captain, USMCR, Temporary.
MOORE, Jack R., 1st Lt., USMCR.
WOJCIK, Thaddeus, 2nd Lt., USMCR.
December 31 The following officer and one (1) enlisted man to TAD to Australia,
as of 30Dec42.
OLSSON, Hugo A., 2nd Lt., USMCR.

RECAPITULATION

OFFICERS

47

ENLISTED MEN

167

PLANES

15 F4F
1 J2F
2 SNJ
18 Total