

- January 1 The following officers transferred to HqSq MAG-11.  
 WELCH, Claude H., Capt., USMC.  
 FREEMAN, William H., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 HABERMAN, Roger A., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 MARONTATE, William P., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 PRESSLEY, Frank H., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 OLSSON, Hugo A. Jr., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 FURLOW, Thomas W., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 COLLINS, John V., Capt., USMCR.  
 REUSSER, Kenneth L., 2nd Lt., USMCR joined from VMF-122.
- January 2 PETERS, Herbert A., 2nd Lt., USMCR from TAD at Australia.
- January 3 The following officers from TAD at Cactus:  
 KIRK, Kenneth J. Jr., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 SPURLOCK, Roy T., 1st Lt., USMCR.
- January 4 Routine training.
- January 5 Routine training. Eighteen (18) enlisted men joined from VMSB-234;  
 Thirteen (13) enlisted men joined from VMF-122: Three (3) enlisted men  
 joined from VMSB-142. One (1) enlisted man transferred to HqSq MAG-11.
- January 6 Four (4) enlisted men joined from HqSq. FMAW;
- January 7 Routine training.
- January 8 Six (6) enlisted men TAD to Cactus. Nine (9) enlisted men transferred to  
 HqSq, MAG-11. COLLINS, John V., Capt., USMCR and PARDEE, Walter W., 2nd Lt.  
 USMC boarded USS Crescent City.
- January 9 The following officers from TAD at Cactus.  
 BAESSER, Blaine H., Capt., USMCR.  
 WEILAND, Charles P., Capt., USMCR.  
 MC GLOTHLIN, Joe H. Jr., Capt., USMCR.  
 RAILSBACK, Eldon H., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 SCHWETHELM, Harry F., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 GARTON, Wendell P., MG., USMC  
 Squadron prepare to go aboard USS Crescent City bound for Cactus.
- January 10 The following officers to TAD at Cactus:  
 CAMPBELL, William R., Major, USMC.  
 ANDERSON, James R., Capt., USMC.  
 MOORE, Jack R., Capt., USMCR.  
 BARAN, Walter A., 1st Lt., USMCR  
 BERTELING, John B., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 BRYSON, Robert L., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 KLAS, Donald L., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 LIVINGSTON, Robert M., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 SABIETIER, Henry S., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 WHITAKER, William H., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 MC CARTNEY, Henry A., 2nd Lt., USMCR.  
 RHODES, Richard M., 2nd Lt., USMCR.  
 SNEE, William H., 2nd Lt., USMCR.  
 Squadron VMO-251 boarded USS Crescent City.
- January 11 The following officers to TAD at Cactus.  
 VROOME, Ray L., Major, USMC.  
 MC CARTNEY, Henry A., 1st Lt., USMCR.  
 Squadron on board ship.



- January 12 Squadron on board ship. Preparations made to get underway. Following units on board: VMF-122, VMO-251, 69th Signal Co. (Army) and an Army B-17 Squadron. Commanding Officer of troops; Captain John V. Collins, USMCR. Sergeant Major of troops; Master Technical Sergeant Glen "F" Keithley, USMCR.
- January 13 Evacuated one (1) enlisted man from Cactus.
- January 14 Squadron left Espirito Santos for Cactus.
- January 15 Squadron in route to Cactus. MOORE, Jack R., Capt., USMC reported Missing in action.
- January 16 Squadron in route to Cactus.
- January 17 Squadron debarked from USS Crescent City at Cactus at 10:00 with three (3) officers and one hundred seventy-five (175). VMO-251 and VMF-122 relieved the ground crew of VMF-122 and VMF-121.
- January 18 Routine combat conditions.
- January 19 Routine combat conditions.
- January 20 Routine combat conditions.
- January 21 Routine combat conditions.
- January 22 Routine combat conditions.
- January 23 One (1) enlisted man killed in action during bombing raid.
- January 24 The following officers failed to return from mission:  
 ERWIN, Paul V.E., 2nd Lt., USMCR.  
 LEEDS, Phillip J., 2nd Lt., USMCR.  
 One (1) enlisted man evacuated to unknown destination.
- January 25 TRENCHARD, Harold R., 1st Lt., USMCR evacuated, location unknown.
- January 26 CAMPBELL, William R., USMC, Major evacuated to Buttons.
- January 27 Routine combat conditions.
- January 28 Routine combat conditions.
- January 29 Routine combat conditions.
- January 30 The following officers missing in action.  
 CHRISTIAN, Wayne W., 1st Lt., USMCR  
 LOBAN, Glen A., 1st Lt., USMCR.
- January 31 Routine combat conditions.

RECAPITULATION

OFFICERS

20 Cactus  
 12 Buttons  
 1 White Poppy

ENLISTED MEN

182 Cactus  
 5 Buttons.



Report of Destruction of Enemy Ships and Planes and Loss of Own Aircraft.

MONTH OF JANUARY

ENEMY PLANES

Date	Name of Pilot	Type	Enemy Plane	Where and how
:	:	U.S. Plane	Destroyed	destroyed
Jan 15	✓ Capt J. R. Moore	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 15	✓ Capt J. R. Moore	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 15	✓ Lt. W. A. Baran	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 15	✓ Lt G. A. Loban	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 15	✓ Lt. G. A. Loban	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 15	✓ Maj J. N. Renner	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 23	✓ Lt. G.A. Loban	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 23	✓ Lt P.V.B. Irwin	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 23	✓ Maj J.N. Renner	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 25	✓ Maj R.L. Vroome	F4F-4	Zero	In air
Jan 25	✓ Lt H.S. Sabatier	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 25	✓ Lt H.A. Peters	F4F-4	Zero	in air
Jan 25	✓ Lt. H.A. Peters	F4F-4	Zero	in air

FRIENDLY LOSSES

Date	Type Plane	Cause of Loss	Status crew	Status crew	Comments
Jan 15	F4F-4	Zero	Safe		Pilot missing 14 days.
Jan 23	F4F-4	Zero	Safe		Pilot missing 20 days.
✓ Jan 23	F4F-4	Zero	MIA		Pilot missing in action Lt. P.V.B. Irwin last seen being attacked by Zeros

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Submitted by:  
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