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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 251, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

WAR DIARY

FROM: 1 MAY, 1945

TO: 31 MAY, 1945

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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:

Culuan strip, Samar Island, Philippine Islands.
(11° 02' N - 125° 43' E)

COMMANDING OFFICER:

Major Thomas W. FURLOW	1 May - 21 May 1945
First Lieutenant Glen P. KEITHLEY	21 May - 31 May 1945

NEXT HIGHER ECHELON:

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP FOURTEEN

ROSTER OF OFFICER PERSONNELDATE DETACHED TO
MCAD, MIRAMAR

	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	
<u>MAJOR</u>			
FURLOW, Thomas W.	(NA)B	Sq. Commanding Officer.	21 May 1945
<u>CAPTAIN</u>			
*SCHROEDER, Frank A.	(NA)B	Exec. Officer; Oper. Officer.	13 May 1945
<u>FIRST LIEUTENANTS</u>			
IRWIN, John W.	(AV)	AirMaintO.	21 May 1945
*KAMMEYER, Preston L.	(NA)B	NA	7 May 1945
*KEITHLEY, Glen "F"	(AV)	Adj.; PerO.; Chief Censor; MembOrg.Council, MAG-14.	1 June 1945
*MC CASKILL, John J.	(AV)	CampConstO.; RecO;	1 June 1945
*THOMAS, Louis P.	(AV)	Ass't Censor. CommO.; TranspO.;	21 May 1945
		Ass't Censor; Voting Officer.	
*WELCH, Henry B.	(AV)	Intello.	21 May 1945
*WARREN, Arthur J., Jr.	(NA)B	NA	17 May 1945
<u>COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICER</u>			
WIART, Andy J.	(AV)	MachineShopO; Ass'tAirMaintO.	Pending detachment on 1 June 1945. (Effectd 8 June 1945).
<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>			
CIGNOTTI, Louis J.	(AV)	MatO.; Ass't Air Maint O.	21 May 1945
ROBINSON, Cyrus B.	(AV)	OrdO.; CmlWarO.	21 May 1945
<u>LIEUTENANT, U.S. NAVY</u>			
*HARTMAN, Daniel L.		(MC-FS) Jdfr MADS-1 20Apr45	Assigned VMF-222 on 21 May 1945

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SUMMARY OF THE MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

May 1st brought a fitting climax to the operations of a fine squadron when, on this last day of operations prior to decommissioning, twelve (12) Corsairs from Marine Fighting Squadron 251 flew in close support for ground forces at Sulpa, Leyte Island. An assigned target area in the path of the Second Philippine Battalion was blanketed with bombs and covered by strafing. The Commander of the ground forces reported excellent coverage.

By Wing General Order No. 14-1945 (1st MAW, FMF), dated 24 May 1945, the squadron was decommissioned effective 1 June 1945. All but thirteen (13) of its officer personnel were absorbed into the other Marine Aircraft Group Fourteen squadrons as replacement or augmentation, the effective date of transfer having been 30 April 1945. Of the remaining thirteen (13) officers, twelve (12), who had completed their tour of duty overseas, were detached to Personnel Group, MFAWC, MCAD, Miramar, San Diego, California, and the thirteenth went to Marine Fighting Squadron 222. Major Thomas W. FURLOW served as Commanding Officer of the squadron until the date of his detachment to the United States on 21 May 1945. He was succeeded by First Lieutenant Glen F. KEITHLEY.

Marine Corps and Navy TDA and T/A material was turned in to the Group Quartermaster. Recreation property on hand was turned in to the Group's Recreation Officer for reallocation to the remaining squadrons within the Group.

And so, with the performance on May 1st of their last mission, which received the frequent and well deserved label of excellent, and upon the execution of the administrative matters arising from its dissolution, Marine Fighting Squadron 251 wrote its finis and went out of existence.

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Intelligence Section,
MAG-14

APPROVED:

E. A. MONTGOMERY
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