

War Diary
VMO-251
18 May + 30 Sep 1942
Hist #6156 Div

Marine Observation Squadron 251

17 June, 1942.

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From: The Commanding Officer.

To: (1) The Chief of Naval Operations. (Office of Naval Records and Library.)
(2) The Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.
(3) The Commanding General, 2nd Marine Air Wing.
(4) The Commander, Amphibious Force, Pacific.
(5) The Commander, Carriers, Pacific.

Subject: War Diary, starting of, and submittance of.

Reference: (a.) 2nd Marine Air Wing General order 16-42 dated 2nd June, 1942.

(b.) Pacific Fleet letter. 111-42 dated 11 March, 1942.

(c.) Op Nav Ltr file FF1/A12-1 (7) (291) A12-1 (420222) dated 22 Feb. 1942.

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), The War Diary of Marine Observation Squadron Two Fifty One is started this date.
2. Copies of this diary dating from 18 June to 30 June are herewith submitted.

JOHN N. HART,
Lt. Col., USMC.

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Marine Observation Squadron Two Fifty One, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, F.M.F.

From 17 June, 1942 to 30 June, 1942.

Original to be retained by Squadron until the end of the war or until Squadron is decommissioned or for any other reason ceases to exist as an active unit at which time it shall be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Operations (Office of Naval Records and Library).

Copies to:

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- Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
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18 May, 1942.

Received secret orders (CMC 003013242) to embark upon the U.S.S. Heywood, proceed overseas, and report to Commander, Amphibious Force, South Pacific.

Composition of Squadron at the present time:

15	F4F-3
2	SNJ-3
1	J2F-4

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17 June, 1942.

Embarked U.S.S. Heywood at 1400 at San Diego, for duty
beyond the seas in compliance with Order No. 003013242, The
Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps. Strength--30 Officers, 273 Enlisted.

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18 June, 1942.

Departed at 1500, this date.

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Marine Observation Squadron 251, operating under Second
Marine Aircraft Wing F.M.F.

19 to 31 June, 1942.

At sea aboard U.S.S. Heywood.

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