

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-251 (b) Based on or a copy of VF-251 (c) Report No. 129  
 (d) Take off: Date 27 April, 1945 Time (LZT) 2. 1145 (Zone); Lat. 11° 2' N. Long. 125° 44' E.  
 (e) Mission ground support on NEGROS ISLAND. (f) Time of Return 2. 1400 (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| TYPE<br>(a)      | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER               |                              |                            | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES<br>CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f) | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g) |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|
|                  |                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e) |   |                      |
| 1. <u>P4U-1D</u> | <u>VF-251</u>   | <u>12</u>            | <u>None</u>                  | <u>11</u>                  | <u>1 x 500 lb. GP</u>                             | <u>Inst.</u>         |
| 2. <u>"</u>      | <u>"</u>        | <u>"</u>             | <u>"</u>                     | <u>12</u>                  | <u>" " " "</u>                                    | <u>"</u>             |

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

| TYPE        | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|-------------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|------|
| <u>None</u> |          |        |      |      |          |        |      |

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE | (b)<br>NO.<br>OBSERVED | (c)<br>NO. ENGAGING<br>OWN A/C | (d)<br>TIME<br>ENCOUNTERED | (e)<br>LOCATION OF<br>ENCOUNTER | (f)<br>BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED;<br>GUNS OBSERVED | (g)<br>CAMOUFLAGE AND<br>MARKING |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>None</u> |                        |                                | <u>(ZONE)</u>              |                                 |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                                | <u>(ZONE)</u>              |                                 |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                                | <u>(ZONE)</u>              |                                 |   |                                  |

(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)<br>TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: |          |                 | (c)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d)<br>DAMAGE<br>CLAIMED |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER |                         |                          |
| <u>None</u>              |                              |          |                 |                         |                          |
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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>CAUSE - TYPE ENEMY A/C<br>TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d)<br>WHERE HIT ANGLE (List armor,<br>self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)<br>EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE<br>(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
| 1. T4U-1D           | VMS-251         | Operational   | Broken oil line.  | Went emergency wheels-up<br>inside on runway. No<br>SID required.                  |
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| 14                  |                 |   |   |  |

## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

| (a)<br>NO. | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)<br>CAUSE | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1.         | VMS-251         | 2nd Lt., Charles SCOTT, Jr. | Operational  | Uninjured.                 |
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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>A/C | (b)<br>MILES<br>OUT | (c)<br>MILES<br>RETURN | (d)<br>AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | (e)<br>AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | (f)<br>AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |     |       |    | (h)<br>NO. OF PLANES<br>RETURNING |  |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-------|----|-----------------------------------|--|
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | .30                           | .50 | 20MM  | MM |                                   |  |
| 1. T4U-1D          | 175                 | 175                    | 2.5                        | 230                       | 170                         |                               |     | 3300  |    |                                   |  |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             |                               |     | 11700 |    |                                   |  |
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## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

| CALIBER                                   | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over  |      |        |          |         |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   | X    |        |          |         |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | X    |        |          |         |

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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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) 2. 0745-0515/L  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 2. 1235-1245

(c) Clouds Over Target 7/10 at 1500 feet  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility Unlimited  
(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)<br>AIMING POINT   | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING       | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
|   |                              | (k) SQUADRON                |   |                                 |  |
| 1. <u>enemy hold knoll 12 miles N of DICOLOD AIRFIELD.</u>    |                              | <u>11</u><br><u>VAF-251</u> | <u>11 x 500 lb. GP strafed.</u>                         | <u>10</u>                       | <u>10ns observed.</u>                                    |
| 2. <u>troop concentration along river 5 mi. SE of DICOLOD</u> |                              | <u>12</u><br><u>VAF-251</u> | <u>12 x 500 lb. GP strafed.</u>                         | <u>12</u>                       | <u>" "</u>   |
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(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).

1. Target was so blanketed by smoke from bombs and shells, that results were totally obscured.
2. Ground Fighter Controller stated we must have killed lots of Japs in this attack, as the bombs all hit in the assigned target.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?  Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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**XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.** (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

**ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY**

**OWN AIRCRAFT**

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

**ENEMY AIRCRAFT**

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- "    "    , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- "    "    , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

**ATTACK**

**OWN TACTICS**

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

**DEFENSE, ENEMY**

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

**OPERATIONAL**

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

~~NO COMMENT.~~

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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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**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 LOG.

### Flight One.

- WOLF - Overshot
- SCHEWE - Area hit.
- SCOTT - Jettisoned bomb. (Emergency landing).
- LINDNER - Area hit.
- SANDBACH - Area hit.
- RAUSE - " "
- LINGENFELTER - " "
- WELCH - " "
- POOR - Area hit.
- KEMP - " "
- RHODES - " "
- MORRIS - " "

### Flight Two.

- WOLF -
- SCHEWE -
- WELCH - All planes in this flight scored area and possibly damaging hits.
- POTTER -
- POOR -
- KEMP -
- RHODES -
- MORRIS -
- SANDBACH -
- RAUSE -
- LINGENFELTER -
- SMITH -

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