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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWENTY ONE,  
SECOND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE,  
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June 10, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 21,  
(Senior Naval Aviator Present, Second Marine  
Aircraft Wing.).

To: The Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

Subject: Report of Enemy Action, MIDWAY ISLAND.

Enclosure: (A) Folder containing copy of:  
Preliminary report of CO, MAG-22, LtCol. Ira L.  
KIMES, to SNAF, 2ndMAW;  
Copy of report of CO, VMSS-241, Capt. Marshall A.  
TYLER, to CO, MAG-22;  
Copy of report of CO, VMF-221, Capt. Kirk ARMISTEAD,  
to CO, MAG-22;  
Copy of statement of each of nineteen (19) pilots  
of VMSS-241;  
Copy of statement of each of twelve (12) pilots of  
VMF-221;  
Copy of statement of each of five (5) rear seat  
gunners of VMSS-241.

1. The enclosure is forwarded, as a preliminary report, in order that pertinent information on the MIDWAY ISLAND action may be available to you at the earliest possible time. They were, in most cases prepared on Monday, June 8, 1942, at MIDWAY, and brought out, by air, by the undersigned on June 9, 1942. Statements of the five (5) rear seat gunners, and of Captain John F. Carey (VMF-221), Captain Herbert T. Merrill (VMF-221), and Captain Richard L. Blain, (VMSS-241), all of whom are in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, having been evacuated by air from MIDWAY, were obtained while they were patients.

2. Major Lofton W. Henderson and Major Floyd B. Parks were the respective Squadron Commanders of Marine Scout-Bombing Squadron 241 and Marine Fighting Squadron 221. Both failed to return to base from their first mission.

3. A more detailed report will be forwarded when prepared.

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