

## I. GENERAL.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L(a) Unit Reporting VC-87. (b) Based on or at USS MARCUS ISLAND (CVE-77)(d) Take off: Date 26 March 1945. Time (LZT) 0930 I (Zone); Lat. 25-47N, Long. 127-22E.(e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1330I (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY REPORT.

Type	Squad.	Number			Bombs and Torpedoes	Fuze Setting
(a)	(b)	Taking Off	Engaging Enemy A/C	Attacking Target	Carried (per plane)	(g)
		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
FM-2	VC-87	4	-	4	1 NAPALM	
TBM-3	VC-87	3	-	3	10 x 100 lb. G.P. 8 x 5" H.E. Rockets	Inst.nose,.01 delay tail. Non/Delay tail.

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

Type	Squad.	Number	Base	Type	Squad.	Number	Base
FM-2	VC-92	4	USS TULAGI (CVE-72)				

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

None.

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)

None.

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

None.

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

None.

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING.

(a) Type A/C	(b) Miles Out	(c) Miles Return	(d) Av. Hours in Air	(e) Av. Fuel Loaded	(f) Av. Fuel Consumed	(g) Total Ammo. Expended				(h) No. of Planes Returning
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
FM-2	40	45	4	185	136	-	1600	-	-	4
TBM-3	40	45	4	330	188	-	-	-	-	3

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

Caliber	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY - Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
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).

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) & Location(s) Aware Town, Tokashiki, Kerama Retto. (b) Time Over target(s) 1030-1240 I (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2500' cumulus, alto cumulus, .7 cover.

(d) Visibility of Target Obscured by smoke and low scattered clouds.

(e) Visibility 8 Miles. (f) Bombing Tactics: Type 30° glide Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_ Bombs Dropped per Run 10 in train Spacing 20 feet Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_

(g) No. enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed      Prob. Destroyed      Damaged     

(h) Aiming Point	(i) Dimensions or Tonnage	(j) No. A/C Attacking (k) Squadron	(l) Bombs, & Ammo. expended, each aiming Point	(m) No. hits On aiming Pt.	(n) Damage (none, slight, serious, dest. or sunk.)
1. Houses & buildings in <del>AWARE</del> .		7 VC-87	30x100 lb. G.P. Bombs 22x5" H.E. Rockets 4xNAPALM Bombs	22 17 2	12 houses & buildings destroyed.

(o) RESULTS:

- Greatest damage was accomplished with 100 lb. G.P. bombs. Direct hits in village resulted in destruction of target structures.
- All Napalm bombs, twin-fused, ignited satisfactorily but errors in release nullified damage accomplished.

(p) Were photographs taken? No. 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).

Unable to join up with the scheduled Air Coordinator and other aircraft for a strike against targets on TOKASHIKI ISLAND, KERAMA RETTO, OKINAWA GUNTO, Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE acted as Air Coordinator in leading the four fighters and three torpedo bombers of VC-87 and four fighters of VC-92 in glide bombing, rocket, fire bomb and strafing attacks on the village of ANIARE, TOKASHIKI ISLAND, as directed by CASCU. Due to hills surrounding village, runs were made to retire over water.

Fighter pilots, with no previous experience in fire bombing, had a tendency to overlead targets, and correction for this will be applied to further fire bomb attacks. All NAPALM bombs ignited satisfactorily.

Pilots and Aircrewmembers participating in this mission were:

VF

Lt. Cdr. H. N. HEISEL  
 Lt.(jg) G. F. BOMELY  
 Lt.(jg) J. T. ISELY  
 Lt.(jg) D. G. WELLS

VT

Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE	J. C. WOODS, ARM1c
Lt.(jg) E. M. ZIEGLER	R. J. FELKER, AMM2c
Lt.(jg) W. L. NEAGLE	F. V. McGUGGART, ARM3c
	R. L. McGREW, AMM3c
	P. C. GLASS, AOM1c
	E. R. BUXTON, ARM2c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

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Observation of results of Napalm bombs indicated effective area was limited to a diameter of 20 to 30 feet.

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