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I. GENERAL.

(a) Unit Reporting VC-87 (b) Based on or at USS MARCUS ISLAND (CVE-77)
 (d) Take off: Date 2 April 1945 Time (LZT) 0730I (Zone); Lat. 25-45N Long 128-42E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1115I (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS 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)	
TBM-3	VC-87	2	-	2	4x500 lb. G.P. 6x5" HE Rockets	Inst.nose; .025 delay tai Non-delay base
TBM-3	VC-87	2	-	2	10x100 lb. G.P. 8x10" HE Rockets	Instantaneous Non-delay base

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

Type	Squad.	Number	Base	Type	Squad.	Number	Base
FM-2	VC-	12	USS SARGENT BAY (CVE-83)				
TBM-3	VC-93	8	USS PETROF BAY (CVL-80)				

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	
TBM-3	50	50	3.75	330	191	-	240	-	-	4

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) and Location(s) Ground Defense Installations, (b) Time over Target(s)
Central OKINAWA ISLAND0810-0935I (Zone) (c) Clouds over Target Scattered at 2500 feet(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 18 Miles (f) Bombing Tac-tics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used _____ Bombs Dropped per Run VariedSpacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release 2000 feet (g) _____

(h) _____ (i) _____ (j) _____ (k) _____ (l) _____ (m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment).

The four VC-87 torpedo bombers participated with other aircraft of the group in attacks upon slit trenches, empty gun positions and other defense installations. Bombs were dropped in the target area with results difficult to observe but proximity of hits to targets indicated considerable damage. Caves in the area were rocketed.

The large number of direct support and other friendly aircraft operating in the objective area crowded the operation and made radio traffic unusually heavy.

Pilots and Aircrewmembers participating in this mission were;

Lieut. J. D. CORNWELL

Lt.(jg) J. E. COUSINS

Ensign M. E. WORTMAN

Ensign D. L. WARREN

O. H. LUITEN, AMM2c

W. J. E. BINSWANGER, ARM3c

W. A. GRITZNER, AOM2c

N. F. WILLIS, ARM3c

P. E. COOK, AMM3c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

No comment.

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