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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) 1200I (Zone); Lat. 25-50N Long 128-42E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1540I (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

Type Squad.	Number			Bombs and Torpedoes	Fuse, Setting
(a) (b)	Taking Off	Engaging Enemy A/C	Attacking Target	Carried (per plane)	(g)
	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
TBM-3 VC-87	4	-	4	10x100 lb. G.P. ** 8x5" HE Rockets	Instantaneous Non-Delay Base
(**One plane carried 2x500 lb. G.P.)					

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

Type Squad.	Number	Base	Type Squad.	Number	Base
FM-2 VC-96	12	USS RUDYERD BAY (CVE-81)			

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	70	70	3.6	330	180	-	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) Ridge Defense Installations
East of YONTAN AIRFIELD, OKINAWA (b) Time Over Tar-
get(s) 1250-1500I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target Scattered to broken, cumulus
at 1500-2000 feet, .3 cover (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility
6-8 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Bombs
Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Varied
(g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o)

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

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

Defense installations in the ridges to the East of the YONTAN area were again the target. In the area, a radar station was destroyed. In addition, underground positions in the target area were damaged during the attack upon the target area.

While orbiting over the center of the Island at 4,000 feet, four bursts of phosphorus shells, with their characteristic streamers, were observed at about 5,000 feet, several hundred yards from the aircraft. Source of the fire could not be located. No further fire was experienced.

Pilots and Aircrewmembers participating on this mission were:

Lieut. J. W. LORCH

Lt.(jg) E. M. ZIEGLER

Lt.(jg) V. H. LEINICKE

Lt.(jg) S. E. LINK, Jr.

T. R. HALL, AOM1c

B. PARNELL, ARM1c

R. L. MCGREW, AMM3c

F. V. MCGUGGART, ARM3c

J. D. SHUFELT, AM2c

C. M. McLAUGHLIN, ARM2c

A. C. STULTS, AMM1c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

No comment.

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4-3-45.
Date