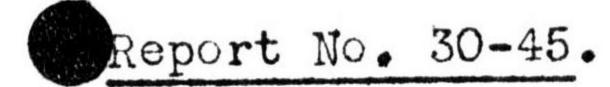
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I.	GLNERAL.							
(a)	Unit Rep	orting	<u>vc-87</u> (b) Based or	or at USS MARCUS	S ISLAND (C	VE-77)	
(d)	Take off	: Dat	te 29 Marc	h 1945 Ti	me (LZT) 13301 (Zor	ne); Lat. 2	5-51 N	Long. 128-48E
(⊖)	Mission_	·	Direct S	upport	(f) Time of Re	eturn <u>1720</u>	I (Zone	·)
II.	OWN AIR	CRAFT	OFFICIALLY	COVERED I	BY THIS REPORT.		anne and the second	
• •	Squad. (b) I		0 0 0,	Attacking			ize, Set	ting
		Off (c)	Enemy A/C (d)	Target (e)	(f)		(g)	
TBM-	-3 VC-87	4		4	4x500 lb. G.P.	Inst.no		5 delay
TBM-	-3 VC-87	4		4	10x100 lb. G.P. 8x5" HE Rockets	Instant Non-de:	taneous lay bas	9
III	. OTHER	U.S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT E	MPLOYED IN THIS OPE	RATION.		
Ty	pe Squad		mber	Base		Number	Bas	0
	2 VC-88		4 USS SA	GINAW BAY	(CVE-82)			

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).

Mone.

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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) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) Total Ammo. Expended No. of (h)										
Type	Miles	Miles	Av. Hours	Av.Fuel	Av. Fuel	•30	.50	20M	I IIM	Planes
A/C	Out	Return	In Air	Loaded	Consumed					Returning
TBM-	3 30	35	3.6	330	159	910	2350			8

IX.	IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).									
Caliber						None	e Mea	ger	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										
			to the same of							

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)	Ground Installations on Southeast Target(s) & Location(s) Coast of OKINAWA ISLAND (b) Time Over Tar-
	get(s) 1520-1636I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 1000 Feet - solid overcast
(d)	Visibility of Target Partially Obscured by Smoke (e) Visibility 8 Miles
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Bombs Dropped Per
	Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release (g) No. of
	Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None
	Damaged None .
(h)_	(i) (j) (k) (1) (n) (o)
(p)	Were Photographs Taken? YES Photographs of Damage, Then 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).

Group was assigned to strike targets in villages and along beaches on Southeast coast of OKINAWA ISLAND. Low ceiling prevented effective bombing of available targets as well as observation of results. Numerous small buildings and huts were destroyed and burned by rockets, bombs, and strafing in the villages of KOCHIMA, KAKINOHAMA, YAHIKU and TOYAMA.

Many entrenchments, prepared gun positions and underground installations were observed and used as targets for bombing and rocketing. A large fortified cave was bombed with unobserved results.

The area was under bombardment by Naval surface units at the time of the attack, and the resulting restrictions added to the difficulties imposed by unfavorable weather upon effective bombing.

Pilots and Aircrewmen participating in this mission were:

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Lieut. J. D. CORNWELL

Lt.(jg) V. H. LEINICKE

Lt.(jg) F. J. T. STOCK

Lt.(jg) G. T. BUTCHER

Lt.(jg) H. H. ELLIOTT

Ensign M. E. WORTMAN

Ensign C. F. WIESENDANGER

D. E. FINN, AMM3c

D. M. SUTHERLAND, ARM3c

O. H. LUITEN, AMM2c

W. J. E. BINSWANGER, ARM3c

J. D. SHUFELT, AM2c

C. M. McLAUGHLIN, ARM2c

T. E. BROGAN, AMM2c

W. A. MASTALERZ, ARM3c

J. FOLEY, AOM3c

P. H. CLIFTON, ARM3c

E. L. VENTURINI, AMM2c

C. E. CAMERON, ARMIZC

P. E. COOK, AMM3c

T. J. SZPONT, ARM3c

J. A. STURGESS, ARM2c

W. C. LORGE, AMM3c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability).

No Comment.

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3-30-45.
Date