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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 28 March 1945 Time (LZT) 1200I (Zone); Lat. 25-30N Long 127-25E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1530I (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) | |
| FM-2 | VC-87 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 x 250 lb. G.P. | Instantaneous |

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

| Type | Squad. | Number | Base | Type | Squad. | Number | Base |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------|--------|--------|------|
| TBM-3 | VC-93 | 8 | USS PETROF BAY (CVE-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 | |
| FM-2 | 55 | 65 | 3.5 | 185 | 125 | - | 1600 | - | - | 12 |

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).

Town and Harbor of

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) TOJUKI, OKINAWA Island (b) Time Over Target(s) _____

1300-1445I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 2500 feet, cumulus, .5 cover

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 15 Miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____ Bombs Dropped per Run _____

Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (g) No. of Enemy Aircraft Hit

on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

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

(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).

Operating with torpedo bombers of VC-93, the three divisions of VC-87 fighters bombed and strafed various targets in the small harbor of TOJUKI, MOTOBU Peninsula, on the west coast of OKINAWA ISLAND. The area, which was reported to be an operating base for motor torpedo and amphibious craft, included concrete piers which were bombed with minor damage. One large building and twelve small buildings were destroyed, and a nearby barracks was damaged. A sixty-foot craft, identified as possibly a motor torpedo boat which was beached, was destroyed by bombing.

Pilots participating in this mission were:

Lieut. T. A. MOORE
Lt.(jg) V. W. GROVES
Lt.(jg) C. WEISSE
Lt.(jg) J. T. ISELY
Lt.(jg) D. G. WELLS
Lt.(jg) E. L. EDWARDS
Lt.(jg) W. H. HERRICK
Ensign S. J. LMHN
Ensign W. K. SMITH
Ensign E. J. LEINWEBER
Ensign W. G. ALLEN
Ensign D. P. POTTER

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

No Comment.

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Date