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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) 1330I (Zone); Lat 25-32N Long 127-27E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1700I (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	4	-	4	1 x 250 lb. G.P.	Instantaneous

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

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	60	60	3.5	185	116	-	2800	-	-	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) & Location(s) Buildings at DAKUSHAKU, OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(s)1430-1615I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 7000 feet, solid overcast, lowerscattered at 3500 feet. (d) Visibility of Target Light Smoke and Haze(e) Visibility 10 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____

(g) No. Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed NoneDamaged None.

(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. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Assigned to strike targets of opportunity in the village of DAKUSHAKU, East of KATENA AIRFIELD, OKINAWA ISLAND, the division of fighters bombed and strafed barracks and numerous small buildings. A fire was started adjacent to the barracks and several houses were destroyed by bombing and fires (see attached photographs).

Pilots participating in this mission were:

Lieut. F. J. BRAZIL
Lt.(jg) R. B. PORTER
Lt.(jg) B. W. KENLEY
Ensign J. BIELAGUR

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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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