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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 31 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0730I (Zone); Lat. 25-20N Long 127-20E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1120I (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 NAPALM Bomb	

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

Type	Squad.	Number	Base	Type	Squad.	Number	Base
TBM-3	VC-92	9	USS TULAGI (CVE-72)				

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	3.8	185	135	-	2250	-	-	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)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Anti-Aircraft Positions, YONTAN AIRFIELD, OKINAWA(b) Time Over Target(s) 0820-1030I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 1500 feet, cumulus, .5 cover (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10-12 Miles(f) _____ (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed NoneProbably Destroyed None Damaged 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).

Suspected anti-aircraft positions under trees along the southwest edge of YONTAN AIRFIELD, OKINAWA ISLAND, were assigned as targets to the direct support group. Two divisions of VC-87 fighters fire-bombed the area, making seven of eight napalm bomb drops effective to burn out the target area which was approximately 400 feet in length.

Secondary targets including barracks and other buildings in the village of TOKESHI, north of YONTAN field, were attacked by the third division, scoring three fire-bomb hits to burn the barracks and destroy several smaller buildings. Strafing produced fires in the villages of HANZO, KOKUDA, and SOBE.

In the hills northeast of YONTAN field, caves bearing evidence of recent activity were strafed.

Pilots participating in this mission were:

Lieut. F. J. BRAZIL
Lieut. T. A. MOORE
Lt.(jg) R. B. PORTER
Lt.(jg) V. W. GROVES
Lt.(jg) E. L. EDWARDS
Lt.(jg) W. H. HERRICK
Ensign F. "L" CHAPMAN
Ensign H. J. GRIFFIN
Ensign D. P. POTTER
Ensign R. E. PREATOR
Ensign J. J. SPARKS
Ensign J. BIELAGUR

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

No comment.

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Squadron Commander Date



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