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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 27 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0730I (Zone); Lat. 25-20N; Long.								
(e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1115I (Zone)								
II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.								
Type Squad. (a) (b) Taking Engaging Attacking Off Enemy A/C Target (c) (d) (e) Bombs and Torpedoes Carried (per plane) Fuze Setting (f) (g)								
FM-2 VC-87 4 - 4 1 x 250 lb. G.P. Inst. nose fuze Inst. tail fuze								
III. OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.								
Type Squad. Number Base Type Squad. Number Base								
FM-2 VC-92 8 USS TULAGI (CVE-72) TBM-3 VC- 8 USS SARGENT BAY (CVE-83)								
IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).								

None.

V. ENLINY 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.

Type A/c	(b) Miles Out	(c) Miles Return	Av. Hour	(e) s Av. Fuel Loaded	Av.Fuel	•30	.50 2	Expe POMM	MMI	No. of (h) Planes Returning
FM-2			3.75	185	140		2550	•••	***	4
IX.	LNLMY	and the same of th	RCRAFT E	ENCOUNTERED	(Chock	one block None	on eac	ch lin	ne). oderate	Intense
HEAVY - Time-fused shells, 75mm and over X										
MEDIUM - Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm										
LIGHT - Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm X										

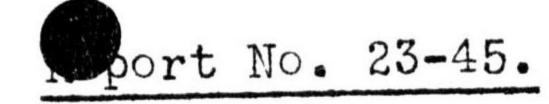
X. CORMARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

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XI. ATTACK ON ENER	MY SHIPS OR GROUND OB	BJECTIVES (By	Own Aircraf	t Listed in	II (nly).
(a) Target(s) & Loc	cation(6) Trenches, g	gun positions	and caves n	ear YONTAN	Airfield,
OKINAWA. (b) T:	ime ()ver Target(s) 08	320-1005 I (Zo	one).		
(c) Clouds Over Tax	rget 6000 feet, soli	d overcast. ((d) Visibili	ty of Targe	t Clear
(e) Visibility 15	Miles. (f) Bombing	g Tactics: Ty	уре	Bomb Sight	Used
Bombs Dropped Per	Run Spacing	İ	iltitude of	Bomb Releas	е
(g) Number of Enem	y Aircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroj	yed None P	robably Des	stroyed
None Damaged No	one .				
(h)(i)	(j) (k)	(1)	(m)(n)(c)
(p) Were Photograp	hs Taken? No . Pho	otographs of I	Damage, When	Taken, Sho	ould Be

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XII. TACTICAL AND (PERATI NAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

The four VC-87 fighters joined up with VT and VF from other squadrons and were directed to attack targets in the hills northeast of YUNTAN airfield, KINAWA ISLAND. Several runs were made on slit trenches, empty gun positions and caves. None of the VC-87 VF could release the 250 lb. bombs, and therefore conducted strafing attack with results undetermined. On retirement, the group strafed a fishing boat in KIMIU WAN, OKINAWA.

Pilots participating in this mission were:

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Lt.(jg) E. L. LDWARDS Lt.(jg) W. H. HERRICK Ensign R. E. PREATOR Ensign W. G. ALLEN Shoot 5 of 5

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

> Failure of bombs to release was investigated, and cause was probably due to fact release mechanisms on airplanes had not been recently exercised. Steps were taken to prevent recurrence by insuring release mechanisms functioned properly prior to further operations. On subsequent flights fighter planes dropped 250 lb. bombs without trouble.

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