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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) 1515I (Zone); Lat. 25-31N Long 127-28E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1845I (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)	
TBM-3	VC-87	4	-	4	4 x 500 lb. G.P.	Inst.nose;.025 tail delay
TBM-3	VC-87	4	-	4	8 x 5.0" H.E. Rockets 10 x 100 lb. G.P.	Base Non-Delay Instantaneous

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)				
FM-2	VC-96	4	USS RUDYERD BAY (CVE-81)				

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	
TBM-3	-	-	3.5	330	153	350	1200	-	-	8

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) Buildings in S. OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1600-1750I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 1800 feet, scattered; high overcast
 (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used _____ Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing 30 feet Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (g) No. of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) Aiming Point	(i) Dimensions or tonnage	(j) No. A/C Attacking (k) Squad.	(l) Bombs & Ammo. expended, each aiming Point	(m) No. HITS On Aiming Pt.	(n) DAMAGE (None, Slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Factory at MINA- TOGA, OKINAWA	100'x125'	4 VC-87	4x500 lb. Bombs 10x100 lb. Bombs	Several	Destroyed
Numerous small buildings at MINA- TOGA, OKINAWA	-	8 VC-87	100 lb. Bombs & Rockets	Many	Numerous Buildings destroyed
Factory at ARA- GUSUKU, OKINAWA	60'x120'	4 VC-87	4x500 lb. bombs	Several	Serious Damage
Large Buildings at GUSHICHAN, OKINAWA	75'x100'	4 VC-87	100 lb. Bombs & Rockets	Several	Several destroyed.

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(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.)

Two buildings, identified as probable factories, and numerous small buildings and houses in the towns of MINATOGA, ARAGUSUKU and GUSHICHAN, on Southeast OKINAWA ISLAND, were destroyed and many installations including underground ammunition dumps were attacked with unobserved results by VT planes of VC-87, accompanied by VF of VC-92 and VC-96. A probable ammunition dump at TOMUI, OKINAWA, was exploded by a direct rocket hit. Bridges and revetments were attacked with unobserved results. Barracks and buildings were strafed.

Pilots and Aircrowmen participating in this mission were:

Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE	J. C. WOODS, ARM1c
	R. J. FELKER, AMM2c
Lieut. J. D. CORNWELL	W. J. E. BINSWANGER, ARM3c
	O. H. LUITEN, AMM2c
Lt.(jg) W. L. NEAGLE	P. C. GLASS, AOM1c
	E. R. BUXTON, ARM2c
Lt.(jg) E. M. ZIEGLER	R. L. MCGREW, AMM3c
	F. V. MCGUGGART, ARM3c
Lt.(jg) G. T. BUTCHER	J. FOLEY, AOM3c
	P. H. CLIFTON, ARM3c
Lt.(jg) H. H. ELLIOTT, Jr.	C. E. CAMERON, ARM2c
	E. L. VENTURINI, AMM2c
Lt.(jg) S. E. LINK, Jr.	A. C. STULTS, AMM1c
	A. E. PEARSON, ARM2c
Ensign G. V. WATT	E. W. PEET, Jr., ARM3c
	F. I. GOODELL, AOM3c

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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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