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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 30 March 1945 Time (LZT) 1515I (Zone); Lat. 27-17N Long 128-40I
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1815I (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	4x500 lb. G.P.	Inst.nose;.025 delay tail

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

Type	Squad.	Number	Base	Type	Squad.	Number	Base
TBM-3	VC-	4	USS WAKE ISLAND (CVE-65)				
FM-2	VC-96	12	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	45	-45	3	330	147	-	75	-	-	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).

Radio Station 1 mile East

(a) Target(s) & Location(s) of NAHA AIRFIELD, OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(s)

1630-1710I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target Unlimited in Immediate Area

(d) Visibility of Target Partially Obscured by Smoke (e) Visibility 8-10 Miles

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

run 2 Spacing 50-75 feet Altitude of Bomb Release 2000 feet (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 and Ammo. Expended, each aiming point.	(m) No.Hits on Aim- ing Pt.	(n) Damage (None, sli- ght, serious, de- stroyed or sunk
Radio Station and Towers		4 VC-87	16x500 lb. G.P.	9	Destroyed

(o) RESULTS:

(See Narrative).

(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).

When the primary target (NAHA AIRFIELD) was found to be almost totally obscured by smoke from fires burning in surrounding villages, Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE as Air Coordinator led an attack upon the secondary target of a radio station one mile east of the north end of NAHA AIRFIELD. Lieut. McGUIRE demolished one 400 ft. radio tower with a direct hit and Ensigns G.V. WATT, D. L. WARREN and M.E. WORTMAN all scored hits on two administration and radio equipment buildings of concrete and brick which were razed.

Pilots and Aircrewmen participating in this mission were:

Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE	J. C. WOODS, ARM1c
	R. J. FELKER, AMM2c
Ensign G. V. WATT	E. W. PEET, Jr., ARM2c
	F. I. GOODELL, AOM3c
Ensign D. L. WARREN	T. L. PULLIAM, AMM3c
	D. B. SWACKHAMER, ARM3c
Ensign M. E. WORTMAN	T. J. SZPONT, ARM3c
	P. E. COOK, Jr., AMM3c

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

No comment.

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Date