

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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) 1200I (Zone); Lat. 25-24N Long. 127-57E  
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1530I (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

Type	Squad.	Number		Attacking	Bombs and Torpedoes	Fuze, Setting
(a)	(b)	Taking Off	Engaging Enemy A/C	Target	Carried (per plane)	(g)
		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
FM-2	VC-87	12	-	11	1x250 lb. G.P.	Instantaneous

(One plane performed message drops and carried no bomb).

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

Type	Squad.	Number	Base	Type	Squad.	Number	Base
TBM-3	VC-96	8	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	
FM-2	-	-	3.5	185	120	-	2100	- -	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) & Location(s) Bridge & Buildings at YONABARU, OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1430-1445I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target Varied from 1000-2500 feet; cumulus; .8 cover (d) Visibility of Target Clear below lower scud
- (e) Visibility 7-8 miles (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (g) No. of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None
- (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (k) \_\_\_\_\_ (l) \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_ (n) \_\_\_\_\_ (o) \_\_\_\_\_
- (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).

Mission was to bomb bridge on road just north of YONABARU, OKINAWA ISLAND. Orientation of primary target was difficult because of low base of broken overcast. Two 250 lb. bomb hits were scored on or near bridge with undetermined results but evidence of possible damage. As secondary targets, buildings including one believed to be a barracks were bombed with unobserved results.

Pilots participating in this mission were:

Lieut. F. J. BRAZIL  
Lt.(jg) R. B. PORTER  
Lt.(jg) J. T. ISELY  
Lt.(jg) G. F. BOMELEY  
Lt.(jg) D. G. WELLS  
Lt.(jg) C. WEISSE  
Ensign R. B. WILLIAMS  
Ensign J. BIELAGUR  
Ensign J. J. SPARKS  
Ensign H. J. GRIFFIN  
Ensign B. J. LEINWEBER  
Ensign P. "L" CHAPMAN

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

No comment.

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Date