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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 2 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1330I (Zone); Lat. 25-51N Long 128-52E  
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1720I (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

Type Squad.	Number	Taking Off	Engaging Enemy A/C	Attacking Target	Bombs and Torpedoes Carried (per plane)	Fuze, Setting
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
FM-2 VC-87	4	-	-	-	1x250 lb. G.P. on two planes only.	Instantaneous
TBM-3 VC-87	4	-	-	4	10x100 lb. G.P. 8x5" HE Rockets	Instantaneous Non-delay Base

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

Type Squad.	Number	Base	Type Squad.	Number	Base
TBM-3 VC-	8	USS SARGENT BAY (CVE- )			
FM-2 VC-88	8	USS PETROF BAY (CVE-80)			

## 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	-	-	3.8	185	125	-	-	-	-	4
TBM-3	-	-	3.8	330	179	175	330	-	-	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.

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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) Defense Installations in Hills  
East of YONTAN AIRFIELD, OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(

1430-1630I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target Scattered to broken, cumulus,

2000 feet (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 8-10 miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used        Bombs Dropped Per Run

Varied Spacing Varied (g)        (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).

The fighter division was assigned to give close cover to troops advancing along coastal road from MASUYA to MAETA along the coast north of YONTAN AIRFIELD. No enemy targets were sighted.

The torpedo bombers dropped on defense installations in the high ridges east of YONPAN AIRFIELD. Their mission carried on the concentration of bombing of this area which had been almost continuously attacked throughout the day. Substantial damage to caves and prepared underground positions was accomplished.

Pilots and Aircrewmembers participating in this mission were:

VF

Lieut. T. A. MC ORE  
 Lt.(jg) C. WEISSE  
 Ensign J. J. SPARKS  
 Ensign S. J. LEHN

VT

Lieutenant J. D. CORNWELL

Lt.(jg) W. L. NEAGLE

Ensign W. J. SAUNDERS

Ensign D. L. WARREN

O. H. LUITEN, AMM2c  
 W. J. E. BINSWANGER, ARM3c  
 P. C. GLASS, ACMLc  
 E. R. BUXTON, ARM2c  
 H. R. PILKENTON, AMM3c  
 J. B. COCK, ARM2c  
 T. L. PULLIAM, AMM3c  
 D. B. SWACKHAMER, ARM3c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

No comment.

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