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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 29 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0730I (Zone); Lat. 25-35N Long 128-28E
 (e) Mission Direct Support (f) Time of Return 1130I (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 tai
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.

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	40	55	4	330	182	-	450	-	-	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) KUME SHIMA; NAHA AIRFIELD, OKINAWA. ^(b) Time Over Target(s)

0820-1135I (Zone) (c) Clouds Over Target 2000-6000 feet; broken cumulus;

.5 cover. (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 Miles

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

_____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (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. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Mission was directed to attack probable bomber strip on KUME SHIMA, as well as any other targets of opportunity. Reconnaissance revealed no air strip on the island, and a probable radio tower and numerous buildings, including a possible barracks, were bombed and rocketed, several buildings being destroyed and the radio tower and other buildings being damaged.

Revetments and small buildings along the runways at NAHA AIRFIELD were bombed and rocketed with moderate damage.

Pilots and Aircrewmen participating in this mission were:

Lieut. J. F. McGUIRE	J. C. WOODS, AR1c
	R. J. FELKER, AM2c
Lieut. J. W. LORCH	B. PARNELL, AR1c
	T. R. HALL, AOM1c
Lt.(jg) W. L. NEAGLE	P. C. GLASS, AOM1c
	E. R. BUXTON, ARM2c
Lt.(jg) R. L. KOUNS	J. A. KOCHANEK, AM1c
	J. P. GORDON, AR1c
Lt.(jg) J. E. COUSINS	N. F. WILLIS, ARM3c
	W. A. GRITZNER, AOM2c
Ensign G. V. WATT	E. W. PEET, Jr., ARM3c
	F. I. GOODELL, AOM3c
Ensign D. L. WARREN	T. L. PULLIAM, AM3c
	D. B. SWACKHAMER, ARM3c
Ensign W. J. SAUNDERS	H. R. PILKENTON, AM3c
	J. B. COOK, ARM3c

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.)

None.

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3-30-45.
Date.