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A good percentage of the 450,000 civilians who live on Japan's strategically important island of Okinawa are going to ^{be} ~~be~~ angry the next time radio Tokyo tells them " Our air force controls the skies and our Navy is invincible. " They will know that propaganda isn't true and, as far as they're concerned, they will have scars to prove ~~ix~~ their ~~xxxxxxxix~~ assertions. Proof of the Jap radio's untruthfulness was furnished the bandy-legged little people during the early hours of March 1 1945 - and it was probably more proof than they wanted. The carrier-based Marine Wolfpack squadron did the convincing ^{when} ~~and~~ their just-after-dawn attacks must have aroused many a Jap sleepy eyed civilian and military man - and sent ~~them~~ ^{him} hurrying for cover. Major Herman Hansen, squadron commander, found the reception that awaited his attacks a decided anti-climax. Only a few AA guns puffed away and none even came close as he led his squadron in for pass after pass on Estena airfield and shipping off the west ~~xxxxix~~ central coast. " Can you imagine that, " said the ~~xxxxix~~ Major " those ~~xxxx~~ Japs were surprised again. " Taking off just as the first streaks of dawn colored the sky, Major Hansen and his men ^{went} ~~were~~ roaring along over Okinawa at about ~~xxxxix~~ 0800. Assigned to Estena field ~~xxxx~~ the squadron pushed over at 8000 feet and went into a 45-degree dive. The rockets were fired at 1500 feet with the pullout at below 800 feet. Coming in with 12 planes in line abreast the Marines ~~xxxx~~ gave the airfield ~~x~~ ~~xxxx~~ an efficient rocketing and ~~ix~~ strafing. Major Hansen destroyed one single engine plane on the ground, while the divisions led by 1st Lt. Stonebraker and Captain Owen strafed and destroyed four single engine planes parked on the west end of the field. Jim Hamilton strafed four Kiska-type barracks while George Murray damaged a radio tower. The first pass, explained Major Hansen " was strictly on the house - a free ride. "