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- 21 February 1945 Two night-fighters contacted, fired at, and lost contact with an enemy snoopers near the Task Force.
- 22 February The squadron joined in one support strike in the amphibious operations at Iwo Jima.
- 25 February Two fighter sweeps were launched against Hyakuri-gahara, Hokoda, and Mawatari Airfields near Tokyo, Japan. Rescue, Tank Group, and Radar Picket Line combat air patrols were flown. Lieut. Norman W. Sandler, USNR, was lost over the target. Late in the afternoon a third fighter sweep took off to attack the Hachijo Jima Airfields. Seven enemy planes were shot down during the day.
- 26 February Planned operations against Nagoya were cancelled due to poor weather, and the Task Force retired during the night.
- 1 March USS RANDOLPH anchored at Ulithi Atoll.
- 9-10 March Simulated combat operations were conducted.
- 11 March USS RANDOLPH was the victim of a suiciding FRANCES. No VF 12 personnel were casualties.
- 15-31 March Alternating duty between other squadrons of the Air Group, VF 12 was temporarily land based at the Marine Air Base, Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll. During this time the squadron participated in four attacks on Yap Island (March 16, 18, 21, 22), and in flying combat air patrols. Ensign Delbert L. Martin, USNR, was lost at Yap on 21 March, presumably to anti-aircraft fire.
- 1-3 April USS RANDOLPH and Air Group TWELVE conducted a three-day shakedown exercise following completion of the ship's repairs.
- 4 April Five replacement pilots reported aboard for duty.
- 5 April USS RANDOLPH sortied from Ulithi Atoll and proceeded to rejoin Task Force 58 in support of the Okinawa operations.

From the time of sortie from Ulithi until return to Leyte, P.I., daily combat air patrols were maintained. These are not listed hereinafter unless their activity warrants mention. On some days during the cruise in the active combat area CAP's were the only flights launched, hence some dates will show no offensive missions though the squadron was engaged in operations along the Ryukyus.