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CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SUMMARY

1-1-51
(date)

TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0715	6	AD-4	E. V.	MOSQUITO INDISTINCT
	8	F4U-4	DAVIDSON	

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 9621 - Bombed and rocketed a railroad bridge with the result that one span was damaged extensively and the tracks were destroyed. A highway bridge at DT 8209 was bombed and rocketed.

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The damage was light. CT 8517 - A bridge at this point was bombed and rocketed. The bridge approaches were damaged lightly. CT 7804 to CT 8006 - Troops, pillboxes, and trenches were hit with napalm, bombs, HVAR, and strafing. The area was well saturated, but the damage could not be determined.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1040	7	AD-4	H.G. CARLSON	ROLLER SKATE ONE
	5	F4U-4		MOSQUITO INDISTINCT
				MOSQUITO TUMBLEWEED

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Controller Roller Skate One directed the strike against a railroad tunnell at DV 3333. 1000# G.P. bombs and HVAR effectively blocked both ends of the tunnel. The controller reported that a 25 car train was in the tunnel. DV 3636 20 boxcars were bombed, strafed and rocketed. An estimated 10 cars were destroyed while the remainder were either damaged or left burning. In this same area, a warehouse was strafed and left burning. DT 1218 - The village of Yanggu was bombed and rocketed. Large fires were started and an estimated 20 bldgs. were destroyed. DT 1417 to DT 1528 - Six to eight villages in the valley were strafed, bombed, napalmed and rocketed. Twenty buildings were destroyed and twelve large fires were started.

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1340	4	AD-4	K.S. VANMETER	MOSQUITO SHOVEL
	4	F4U-4		MOSQUITO TUMBLEWEED

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CS 6895 - Strafed, napalmed, and bombed buildings and troops along the road in this area. An estimated 50 troops were killed and 7 to 10 buildings were destroyed.

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0840	6	F4U-4	C.E. CRAVEN	ROLLER SKATE THREE

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

DT 1275 - A concrete bridge at this point was hit with 500# and 100# G.P. bombs. The damage was light. Bldgs. at CT 8672 were bombed and strafed. One warehouse was destroyed, two large bldgs. were damaged extensively, and a haystack containing supplies was left burning. A bridge at DT 1583 was bombed and rocketed, but no damage resulted.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0840	6	F4U-4	F.L. FOXTON	UNCONTROLLED

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Villages from CS 8333 to CS 7826 were bombed, strafed, and rocketed. Twelve bldgs. were destroyed and others were left burning. Damage to troops in the area could not be determined. Two of the pilots in this strike reported automatic weapons fire.

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0840	6	AD-4	D.J. TENNYSON	MOSQUITO TOWNSEND

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CT 2710 - A small concentration of trucks, artillery pieces, and troops were located at a small village in this area. Bombs, HVAR, and strafing destroyed four trucks and seven buildings. Four artillery pieces were extensively damaged, but damage to the troops could not be determined.

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TAKE OFF: TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1200	4	F4U-4	G.M. COHAN	ARMED RECCO

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CU 8628 - A highway bridge at this point was probably destroyed by bombs and HVAR. CU 5154 - Two hits by bombs and HVAR were registered on the side and approaches of a highway bridge. A railroad bridge at CU 9226 was damaged lightly by HVAR. A highway bridge at CU 9721 was damaged lightly by one direct bomb hit. Strafed and destroyed two oxcarts at CV 8230. Strafed and destroyed 2 horses at CU 6986.

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1200	6 4	AD-4 F4U-4	E.V. DAVIDSON	MOSQUITO INDISTINCT

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CS 7395 - 28 trucks and 1 field piece were destroyed by bombing, strafing, and HVAR. This was UN equipment abandoned on the road after an ambush by CCF forces the preceding night.

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0840	2 8	AD-4 F4U-4	D.E. BRUCE	DRAGON FLY

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CS 3375 - A troop concentration of unknown strength was reported by the controller to be moving through the valley at this point. The valley was flanked by two villages. Bombs, napalm, HVAR, and strafing left both villages burning. Damage to the troops could not be determined.

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0840	4 4	AD-4 F4U-4	E. C. HARRIS	SPECIAL MISSION

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

This strike was pre-briefed to hit command posts in the village of Hoeyang CT 7885. Bombs, napalms, HVAR and strafing destroyed three fourths of the city, destroyed one command post, and damaged extensively a second command post.

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1200	7	F4U-4	K.S. VANMETER	MOSQUITO TUMBLEWEED

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

DS 2390 - In conjunction with other planes of the strike, mass enemy troop movements were bombed, rocketed, and strafed. 30 to 50 troops were killed, three bldgs. containing troops and supplies were destroyed, and one truck was destroyed. CS 9557 - Bombed, strafed and rocketed troops reported in this area. The damage was not determined. DS 1278 - Bombed and destroyed a bldg. having a radio antennae.

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1200	4	AD-4	R.T. PHILLIPS	MOSQUITO COTTONSEED

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1200	5	F4U-4	C.M. CRAIG	MOSQUITO TUMBLEWEED

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Bldgs. and troops in area DS 2390 were hit with bombs, HVAR and strafing. Other planes of the strike hit this same concentration. Three bldgs. were destroyed, five bldgs. were damaged extensively and 10 troops were killed. It is probable that other troops were hit. DS 2296 - horses, bldgs. and troops were bombed and strafed. It was estimated that 3 horses were killed and several bldgs. were damaged. DS 2398 - Strafed a troop concentration in this area with the result that nine were killed and others were probably killed.

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