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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA (CV-47)
To : Chief of Naval Operations
Via : (1) Commander Carrier Division ONE
(2) Commander Joint Task Force SEVEN
(3) Commander SEVENTH Fleet
(4) Commander Naval Forces, Far East
(5) Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet

Subj: Action Report for the period 6 through 21 September 1950; forwarding of

Ref: (a) CNO ltr OP-345/aa serial 1197P34 of 3 August 1950
(b) Com7thFlt rest disp 212325I of September readdressed as CTF 77 disp 090656Z of October

Encl: (1) Resume of damage inflicted on the enemy and of own sorties

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the action report for the period 6 through 21 September is hereby submitted.

Part I - Composition of own Forces and Mission:

U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA (CV-47) with CTF 77 and CTG 77.4 (ComCarDivONE) embarked sortied from SASEBO HARBOR at 0630I on 11 September 1950 in company with other units of Task Force 77. This ship was operating in accordance with ComSEVENTHFlt Operation Plan 9-50 and ComCarDivONE Operation Order No. 1-50. The mission of this task force was to maintain air supremacy in the objective area, to isolate the objective area, and to provide air cover and support for the Attack Force in order to assist in the amphibious assualt and capture of the Inchon-Seoul area.

Part II - Chronological Order of Events:

The ship sortied from SASEBO HARBOR at 0630I, 11 September 1950 for the east coast of Korea. The three days, 12, 13, and 14 September, were spent in conducting attacks on defenses in the Inchon area, and in providing air cover and gunfire spotting aircraft for Task Force 90 which was conducting pre-D day shore bombardment. During the period 15 through 21 September aircraft from this ship performed the following tasks: (a) close and deep support for ground forces, (b) TARCAP, (c) night heckler and intruders,

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(d) Naval gunfire spotting aircraft, (e) armed reconnaissance north of 38°N, (f) Photo reconnaissance, (g) CAP and ASP for own forces. Throughout the operation, morning and afternoon sweeps were made of all enemy airfields within a radius of 150 miles.

U.S.S. BOXER (CV-21) joined Task Force 77 on 15 September. This ship replenished on 16 and 19 September; on these days, combat air operations were not conducted from this ship.

Part III - Performance of ordnance material and equipment:

a. Ordnance expended

(1) The following ammunition, complete rounds, was expended during the subject period:

Type	Quantity
Bombs	
500 lb. G.P.	304
1000 lb. G.P.	140
2000 lb. G.P.	18
220 lb. frag bombs	90
260 lb. frag bombs	47
350 lb. ADB	4
100 lb. Incendiary Cluster	145
Rockets	
5" HVAR with MK6 head	2,133
Napalm	
Navy Type 1	5,780 lbs.
A/C Machine Gun Ammunition 20MM	112,350 rounds (ratio of one - one - one)

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Part IV - Brief resume of battle damage:

a. Ship - None

b. Aircraft:

	F9F	F4U	AD	Total	F9F	F4U	AD	HO3S	Total
Lost	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Damaged	0	4	4	8	0	0	0		
Total:	0	4	4	8	1	1	0	1	3

c. See enclosure (1) for damage inflicted.

Part V - Personnel, performance and casualties:

a. Performance - The performance of the crew was outstanding during the all out flight operations which was marked this period. Similarly the performance of personnel engaged in replenishment at sea was considered exceptional.

b. Casualties - None

Part VI - Comments on doctrine and operational procedures

a. Operations

(1) Effectiveness of close and deep support throughout the period was restricted due to the lack of up-to-date information on friendly front line positions and bomb lines.

(2) Dumping targets were not established. Close support flights were occasionally kept orbiting until 10 minutes prior to

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DAMAGE INFLICTED

TARGET	DESTROYED	PROBABLY DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Warehouses	27	23	24
Factories			3
Bridges			5
Troops		Undetermined	

SORTIES

(1) Offensive 612

(a) 337 F4U
(b) 28 F4U (PHOTO)
(c) 99 F9F
(d) 148 AD

(2) Defensive 256

(a) 29 F4U
(b) 44 AD
(c) 183 F9F

(3) 7 AD Courier

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DAMAGE INFLICTED

TARGET	DESTROYED	PROBABLY DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Trucks	26	12	14
Tanks	1	1	3
Bus	1		2
Jeeps	3	1	
Halftrack	1	1	
Carts	6	4	7
Aircraft			1
Junks	6	1	7
Locomotives	5	1	8
RR tank cars	2		
Other RR cars			140
AA positions	3	4	10
Gun emplacements	3	3	17
Pill boxes	4		1
Artillery pieces			15
Ammo dump	2		
Barracks	3		4
Headquarters Buildings	2		12

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