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The first flight, designated event four, commenced at 0615I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, eight F4U's for CAP, two AD's for ASP, and four AD's and four F4U's for close support. The TARCAP and CAP flights were uneventful. The ASP flight reported a radar contact with a possible schnorkeling submarine at 36-35.5 N and 124-37 E thirty miles north of the 0700I position of the task force. The close support group and the NGF spot were assigned targets consisting of AA positions and defense installations in the hills of southeast Seoul. All of the armament was expended on gun emplacements along the top of the ridge in the following areas; CS 2257, CS 2356, and CS 2357, and on trenches and emplacements on the southwest and northeast slopes. Two 500# GP bomb hits on gun emplacements were observed and the observation plane reported excellent results. A 40mm AA emplacement at CS 2257, was destroyed, and an ammunition dump at CS 2356 was hit with fifteen HVAR's and destroyed. All of the planes were recovered at 0900I.

The second flight, designated event six, commenced at 0915I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, four F4U's and four AD's for close support, and four F4U's for a photo mission and escort. Six F4U's and three AD's were added to the close support group for offensive strength. The ASP, CAP, and TARCAP flights were uneventful. The photo flight noted that the railroad from Ha eju to Sariwon and a spur line to a dock at the Chaeryong-gang appears to be intact. A small vessel was at the dock. The NGF spot flight was sent on a road sweep north of Seoul at CT 2116, where they attacked eight railroad cars with two 500# bombs and eight HVAR's. Two cars were blown off the tracks and four others were probably destroyed. Four F4U's of the close support group were sent 25 miles south of Seoul to a point between Suwon and Osan to assist friendly tanks that were being held up by enemy gun fire. The planes were unable to sight targets and the controller could not give the locations of any. No targets were attacked by this group. The remainder of the close support group attacked the hilly section of southeast Seoul that had been attacked by the previous flight. Twenty-four 500# bombs and one hundred HVAR's were dropped on trenches and gun positions in this area. Smoke and dust prevented observation of the damage which was undoubtedly inflicted. Foot traffic was observed moving east from Heeju to Baesong. All of the planes in the flight were recovered at 1215I.

The third flight, designated event nine, commenced at 1215I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, and nine F4U's and seven AD's for close support. The ASP, CAP, and TARCAP flights were uneventful. The NGF spotter flight strafed and damaged two trucks and fired eight HVAR's into a bridge approach just west of Pyongjongo (CS 2861), but no damage was evident. The pilots on this flight reported transmissions on VHF channel nine from "Boyhood 14" who attempted to direct them to another area. When asked to authenticate, "Boyhood 14" could not comply. The

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close support controller verified our belief that "Boyhood 14's" transmissions were attempts at radio deception by the enemy. Nine F4U's and three AD's, of the close support group, attacked a large multiple roof railroad shop just west of Pyonggang (38-53 N and 127-34W). The building was left in flames after twelve 500# bombs were dropped, five of which were direct hits. Proceeding from this area and heading southeast, the flight discovered and attacked a twelve car camouflaged railroad train at 38-20 N and 127-10E. During the attack one hundred and six HVAR's were fired into the train, destroying five cars and damaging seven others. The flight then separated and four AD's were diverted by the close support controller to attack a ridge (1959) northwest of Seoul, dropping eight 500 # bombs and firing forty-four HVAR's. Numerous strafing runs were also made on the west slopes of the ridge, but observation of the damage was limited because of the rugged countryside. The flight was recovered at 1545I.

The fifth flight, designated event twelve, commenced at 1545I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, nine F4U's and seven AD's for close support, and four F4U's for a photo mission and escort. The CAP, TARCAP, NGF spot, and ASP flights were all uneventful. The photo flight was not assigned a mission after reporting to the controller. The close support group was divided by the controller into three flights and assigned several targets. Two groups, consisting of seven AD's and five F4U's, were sent on a sweep northwest of Seoul. They attacked a railroad bridge and a road bridge five miles east of Yonan (BS 5599) with fifteen 500# bombs. One bomb hit and destroyed one span of the railroad bridge. Eight HVAR's fired at the highway bridge caused some damage to the bridge approach. The AD's proceeded west to Haeju (YC 3812) and attacked railway yards with seven 500# bombs and eighty-four HVAR's. Fires were started in five storehouses north of the tracks. One large building was burning brightly when last observed. Additional damage was inflicted on the previously damaged railroad yard. Four F4U's were instructed to proceed northeast of Seoul and hit AA emplacements found in the hills. Although flying at hilltop height in an effort to draw fire from the ground, they saw no indication of AA fire or guns. They returned to the ship without attacking any targets. All the planes were recovered at 1845I. No enemy aircraft encountered this date.

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The first flight, designated event one, commenced at 0445I with the launching of one AD for ASP and one AD for CAP. The flight was uneventful and was recovered at 0615I.

The second flight, designated event two, commenced at 0415I with the launching of one AD for TARCAP and one AD as night intruder. Both flights were consolidated into one night intruder mission and assigned to patrol north from area 2663 on the northeast edge of Seoul. Almost immediately after starting to patrol this highway, the night intruders discovered a train heading north out of Seoul, in area 2860. The planes immediately attacked the train, strafing it and dropping two 500 lb GP bombs and fifteen 220 lb fragmentation bombs. The train was brought to a stop in a cloud of steam from the engine. Both of the planes were recovered at 0745I.

The third flight, designated event four, commenced at 0615I with the launching of two F4U's for NCF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, and four F4U's and four AD's for deep support. The ASP, TARCAP, and the CAP flights were uneventful. The four F4U's of the deep support group were directed to sweep area five, east of Seoul. Two railroad cars were completely demolished and four others damaged at the Chijong-myron railway siding after being hit with eight HVAR's and strafed by the group. Four AD's assigned to deep support were sent by the controller to sweep area four, northeast of Seoul. At Chinchon, on hill 301, the planes attacked an AA emplacement with twenty-four rockets and strafing. The gun was destroyed and the position neutralized. One span of a bridge, in the same area (CS 8995), fell into the water after eight 500 lb bombs were dropped and two direct hits observed. The mouth of a tunnel and the surrounding trackage were torn up at Kapyong (CS 7188) when hit with twenty-four rockets from the AD's. The NCF spot flight was assigned to sweep sector three, northwest of Seoul. A bridge approach, eight miles east of Kaesong (BR 7107), was blasted with one 500 lb bomb. Six rockets from the F4U's hit and damaged a dam located fifteen miles north of Haeju at Miryok-tong. Two carts approximately one mile north of Haeju were strafed and destroyed. Although no flak was observed by any of the pilots, a small hole was found in the left wing of one F4U upon landing. Upon return to the ship, during recovery, an F4U, piloted by LTJG BASS of Fighter Squadron sixty-three (VF-63), spun in on the approach and crashed into the sea. LTJG Bass was immediately rescued by the helicopter and sustained no injuries. The rest of the planes were recovered at 0915I.

The fourth flight, designated event six, commenced at 0915I with the launching of two F4U's for NCF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, four AD's and four F4U's for deep support and four F4U's for a photo mission and escort. The TARCAP, ASP and CAP flights were uneventful. While enroute to a mission at Chinampo and Kyonipo, the photo escorts strafed two carts, a motor vehicle and a seventy-five foot train of camouflaged objects of the road four miles north of

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Chinampo (YC 1955). Two of the carts were destroyed; the others, though strafed, did not burn. Thirty or forty "U" shaped trenches were observed along the top of a levee at (YC 3063). Two or three men were observed in each trench. Six miles northeast of Seoul, in a rea 2961 to 3262, nine trucks were strafed by the NGF spot. The trucks varied in size from a half-ton, carrying personnel, to a ton wheel vehicle pulling field piece. One truck was run off the road down an embankment and four others were set on fire and left burning intensely. One of these showed the characteristic flame of burning phosphorous. In the same general vicinity, a tank was destroyed by four F4U's assigned to deep support. The planes attacked the tank with six 500 lb bombs, eight rockets, and one napalm. Two direct hits with 500 lb bombs were observed. Six closely spaced 20mm AA positions in area 3362M were destroyed with two 500 lb bombs, twelve rockets, and one napalm by the same group, and an armoured car in area 3061 was also destroyed by direct rocket hits. A one-half ton truck in area 3263 was damaged by strafing and a motor vehicle was probably destroyed by a close rocket hit. All of the planes were recovered at 1215I.

The fifth flight, designated event nine, commenced at 1215I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARGAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, and four F4U's and four AD's for deep support. The CAP and ASP flights were uneventful. The F4U's assigned to NGF spot were despatched to area four. A railroad bridge one mile to the west of Pyonggang (CT 5053) was hit by two 500 lb bombs, causing the cables to give way. Two camouflaged vehicles at Konhwa (CT 6538) were strafed and knocked out by six rockets. At Tonggduchon (CT 3115), a stalled tank which was being protected by a 20mm gun emplacement was strafed and the emplacement was knocked out. Four F4U's assigned to deep support were sent to area three to attack targets of opportunity between Chinampo and Pyongyang. No targets, troops, or vehicles were observed in the area. At Pyonggang (CT 5149), four AD's, assigned to deep support, searched area four. A highway tunnel with supplies stored inside received a direct hit from a salvo of eight rockets and was heavily damaged. What is believed to have been a self-propelled 76mm gun on a light tank chassis was found at Chongong-ni, strafed, hit with two rockets and heavily damaged. Seven 500 lb bombs were dropped and twenty five rockets were fired at tunnel northeast of Seoul (37-47N and 126-25E) and at least one bomb, a direct hit, exploded within, probably blocking the tunnel entrance. Two rockets hit and destroyed a small truck at 38-27N and 125E. The planes were all recovered at 1545I.

The sixth flight, designated event 12, commenced at 1545I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARGAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, and four F4U's and four AD's for deep support. The CAP, TARGAP, and ASP flights were uneventful. The F4U's assigned for NGF spotting were sent to sweep a rea four, northeast of Seoul. At Capiyong (CS 7289) a railroad boxcar was attacked with two 500 lb bombs and rockets. One bomb was a near miss and the rockets severely damaged the car. Eight miles east of Chunshon (CT 8105) and Chongong (CT 3010) two boxcars and a hidden truck were left smoking, but not burning, after being hit with six rockets and strafed. After an appreciable period of orbiting, the deep support group was directed to attack mortar positions tow miles northwest of Seoul. However, the mortar positions could not be detected. Four F4U's dropped four 500 lb bombs in the area and destroyed a building. An automobile was destroyed five miles north of Seoul (CS 2568) after

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being hit with napalms and rockets from four AD's. A locomotive, which had been previously attacked and a tender were strafed and rocketed with HVAR's at Uijongbu. The tender was set on fire. The four AD's were forced by weather to land aboard the USS PHILIPPINE SEA where they remained all night. The remaining aircraft were recovered at 1845I.

The seventh flight, designated event 14, commenced at 1845I with the launching of one AD for ASP and one AD for CAP. Both planes were recovered immediately because of weather conditions unsuitable for flying. No enemy aircraft encountered this date .

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NGF spot flights commenced at 0615I with the launching of four F4U's on event one. At 0715I an additional NGF spot flight consisting of two F4U's and two AD's was launched. These flights directed the Naval gunfire of the U.S.S. MANCHESTER and DESDIV 112 who were bombarding Fankochi Point (37-40N & 125-21E). During the bombardment, hits were observed at 06772 Q and 06726. Trenches and gun emplacements at 0732 were hit with six-inch gun fire. Five inch gun fire hits were observed at 0737723 on trenches and gun emplacements. These positions are considered to be destroyed. In addition, the vessels delivered saturation fire over the fortified area of the peninsula. Four of the planes were recovered at 0915I and the remaining four at 1015I.

Strike Able, designated event two, commenced at 0615I with the launching of ten F4U's and six AD's. Four of the Boxer's AD's were launched from the PHILIPPINE SEA. Strike Able directed its attacks on the Fankochi Point area. The planes attacked a trench along the western cliff of the peninsula with 220 lb fragmentation bombs. Twelve 220 lb fragmentation bombs were dropped on the southwest beaches and twelve instantaneously fused bombs were dropped on pill boxes and trenches in the southwest and central area of the peninsula. Two 1000 lb bombs with two hour delay fuses were placed near a block house and a trench. Four F4U's attacked trenches containing some troops at 071725. The trenches were strafed and six rockets were fired into nearby emplacements in the same area. In area 082730 four 500 lb VT fused bombs, eight rockets and two napalms were dropped into trenches and on two gun emplacements. In area 081731 on Fankochi Point, a napalm bomb was dropped on a building near two machine gun pits. The building was destroyed and the weapons silenced. Two pill boxes and trenches on the west side of Fankochi Point were attacked with four rockets and one napalm. All the planes were recovered at 0915I.

Strike Baker, event four, commenced with the launching of ten F4U's and seven AD's at 0815I. The F4U's made four runs on gun emplacements in the vicinity of 0772, firing fifty-six rockets, dropping four 500 lb bombs, and six napalms. It is estimated that two gun emplacements were destroyed at 069720 and 065721. Four 500 lb bombs were dropped on three gun emplacements, at 064725 and 069720, and it is believed that the emplacements were badly damaged by near misses. Two gun emplacements were also damaged at 070721 after receiving six direct hits and several near misses from rockets. The AD's on strike Baker had a primary target of positions at the southern tip of Fankochi Point, where twenty-one 1000 lb bombs and fifty-six 220 lb fragmentation bombs were dropped. A moderate amount of damage was done to the gun emplacements. No personnel were sighted during this attack. All of the planes were recovered at 1015I.

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Because of the high arming distance required for the VT fused and delayed action bombs, results of the bombing attacks could not be accurately determined. However, all trenches and gun positions appeared to have been damaged or knocked out. Installations in the Fankochi Point area appeared to be quite new, but relatively little activity was noted at the time of this attack. Some machine gun fire was received from forces on the ground, and a small amount of inaccurate AA, 76mm or over, was observed; apparently coming from a point well north of the target area. Troops when first observed were on the beaches and climbing the cliffs. No more than 100 troops were observed at any time, most of which became casualties. It is felt that the Fankochi Point defenses may have been built in the belief that our initial landing would be at that point and that previous to the time of this attack the defending force was withdrawn for the defense of Seoul. No enemy aircraft encountered this date.

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The first flight, designated event four, commenced at 0615I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, and four F4U's and four AD's for deep support. The CAP, TARCAP, and ASP flights were uneventful. After receiving no target assignments from the controller, the two F4U's assigned to NGF spot proceeded to approximately thirty miles north of Seoul (CT3106) where they attacked a gun emplacement. After seven runs, dropping two 500 lb bombs and firing thirteen rockets, the gun emplacement was silenced. One of the F4U's sustained slight damage to it's tail section from 20mm AA fire from the emplacement. The deep support group reported to the controller and were assigned to sweep area three, northwest of Seoul. Near Kaesong (BT 8403) the planes saw a truck halt and about twenty troops abandoned the vehicle and scattered as it was attacked with four 500 lb bombs, four rockets and strafed. Two of the rockets were direct hits on the truck, approximately fifteen of the troops were killed or wounded and the truck believed destroyed. At Yonan two wagons covered with hay were strafed and hit with two rockets and one wagon was left burning. The deep support flight was split up at Sinwon-ni. Four AD's of the deep support flight attacked several trucks loaded with supplies along the side of the road just east of Chontac-ri. Four 500 lb bombs were dropped upon the trucks and one truck was left burning from a direct hit. A camouflaged vehicle two miles west of Chongdan (YC 5507) was destroyed with one hit and one damaging near miss by rockets. Near Kaesong (BT 9505) a weapons carrier was destroyed with two 500 lb bomb hits. Returning from Sinwon-ni, four F4U's attacked a small truck east of Haeju. Four rockets were fired and one direct hit resulted in the destruction of the truck. The four F4U's joined with the AD's at Paekchon (BT 6309) where two tanks covered over with branches were discovered. One tank was left burning and numerous hits observed on the other after it had been strafed and attacked with forty rockets. Later the group attacked a bridge three miles west of Kaesong with four 500 lb bombs. Pieces of the superstructure were blown off and the bridge was weakened in general, but no spans were knocked out. The flight reported much enemy activity on the hill tops from Kaesong to Heiju. Many troops were observed in newly dug trenches. All of the planes were recovered at 0915I.

The second flight, designated event six, commenced at 0915I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, four F4U's and four AD's for deep support, and four F4U's for a photo mission escort. The CAP, TARCAP and ASP flights were uneventful. The NGF spot strafed a cart eight miles west of Kaesong (7303). The cart did not blow up. Two carts were also strafed near Yonan, and one was left burning. A group of fifteen people were spotted standing near trenches at Yongdomyon and about ten troops were killed or wounded by strafing. The deep support group was instructed to sweep the roads from Sariwon to Pyongyang and south of Chinampo. (more)

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(Continued) A railroad train was sighted five miles south of Sariwon but was not attacked as the controller informed the group that it had been previously knocked out. Meager and inaccurate flak was encountered due east of Chinampo. At Chinampo the group split up. The AD's strafed two ox carts near Waryong-ni (XC 8969) and killed or wounded approximately ten troops. The F4U's strafed and damaged six carts at (YC 3874). The F4U's and the AD's rejoined just north of Onchon-ni where a tank and two vehicles were sighted and attacked. The NGF flight, which was north of there at the time, saw the bomb blasts, heard the rest of the group on VHF, and joined in the attack on the tank. Eighteen 500 lb bombs were dropped and twenty rockets fired at the tank and two vehicles. Two direct bomb hits were observed on the tank. The north side of the town (Onchon-ni) was left in flames and about twenty people were killed or wounded. One pilot noted automatic weapon fire in this area. While returning to the ship the F4U's strafed two small trucks but time did not permit damage to be checked. The photo mission and escorts were directed to map the area from Heiju to Sariwon. While returning to the ship they strafed five or six ox drawn carts at CT 5266 and left all but one burning. All of the planes were recovered at 1215I.

The third flight, designated event nine, commenced at 1215I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, three F4U's and three AD's for deep support, and four F4U's for a photo mission. The CAP, TARCAP, and ASP flights were uneventful. The NGF spot strafed and destroyed a jeep with four passengers five miles east of Pyongyang. Twelve 500 lb bombs were dropped and forty-eight rockets were fired at six to eight warehouse type buildings in Sinch'on (YB 1845) by the deep support group. The buildings were badly damaged but did not burn. The group also strafed four carts west of Haeju (YC 3216), destroying two and damaging one. Photo escort planes strafed a cart northwest of Pyongyang which burst into flames. Two trucks and many carts were observed on the roads in the same area, but the direction of the vehicles could not be determined. An enemy encampment of approximately 150 troops located at Susanmyon (YD 1217), was strafed killing or wounding 25 to 50 troops. All the planes were recovered at 1515I.

The fourth flight, designated event 12, commenced at 1515I with the launching of two F4U's for NGF spot, four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, five F4U's and four AD's for deep support, and four F4U's for a photo mission. The NGF spot flight was assigned to sweep the western part of sweep area four, north of Seoul, for targets of opportunity. Two carts at CT 2735 were strafed but they did not burn. Two bridges under construction near Chongong-ni (CT 2735) were attacked with eleven rockets and two 500 lb bombs. One rocket hit and two near misses with 500 lb bombs were scored. The photo mission planes made two strafing runs near Ongjin airfield killing or wounding twenty-five troops dispersed in groups of ten or twenty about the fields of that area. Slight damage was sustained to the speed ring of the plane by automatic small arms fire. A munitions factory five miles west-south-west of Haeju was strafed with no apparent damage. The deep support group was sent on a road sweep north and northeast of Seoul. Thirty-six rockets were fired, five 500 lb bombs were dropped, and the planes strafed four camouflaged objects in the middle of the railroad tracks at Kumhwa (CT 6738). The objects were long mounds and were thought to be loaded cars. All were left in flames. Two railroad oil tank cars at CT 6341 were attacked with five 500 lb bombs, six rockets and strafing. (more)

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(Continued) Although the tank cars sustained no direct hits, an underground storage tank blew up and the area was left in flames. At Chorwon (CT 4334) a road bridge was attacked with twenty rockets and four 500 lb bombs. Two direct rocket hits were observed and a building near the bridge was left in flames. All of the planes were recovered at 1830I. No enemy aircraft encountered this date.

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The first flight, designated event one, commenced at 0415I with the launching of one AD for ASP and one AD for CAP. At the same time event two was launched consisting of one AD for TARCAP and one AD as NIGHT INTRUDER. Both flights were uneventful. The planes on event one were recovered at 0615I and the planes of event two at 0745I.

The third flight, designated event four, commenced at 0615I with the launching of four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, four F4U's and four AD's for Deep Support, and one AD engine run-in over the force. The ASP and CAP flights were uneventful. The F4U's assigned to TARCAP were assigned to sweep area three, northeast of Seoul. After experiencing communications difficulties the planes arrived over the target area late and attacked no worthwhile targets. The deep support mission was assigned a search and attack mission in areas 8276 and 9476 by Devastate Able, and ordered to report to the control of Buccaneer Fourteen. However, communications could not be established with Buccaneer Fourteen. The flight then proceeded on the southern leg of road sweep three, northeast of Seoul, where two carts located one mile east of Yonan were strafed and rocketed. One direct rocket hit was observed on each of the two carts. At Haeju, a bridge just north of the city (YC 4212) was attacked with two 500 lb bombs and eight rockets. One 500 lb bomb and four rockets were damaging near misses. The damage to the bridge could not be assessed as the bridge did not collapse. The F4U's probable destroyed another bridge northwest of Haeju after dropping two 500 lb bombs and firing seven rockets; of which one bomb and three rockets were direct hits. A fire was started to the north of the bridge as a result of the attack. At Hanpori (BT 7733), the AD's attacked a railroad bridge with ten 500 lb bombs and twenty-four rockets. Twelve rocket hits and ten damaging bomb misses were observed. Following this attack, the AD's attacked a tunnel at Namchonjon (BT 7345), hitting it with two 500 lb bombs and twenty four rockets. The tunnel mouth is believed to have been closed by the hits. All of the planes were recovered at 0915I.

The fourth flight, designated event six, commenced at 0915I with the launching of four F4U's for TARCAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, three AD's and four F4U's for Deep Support, and four F4U's for a photo mission and escort. The CAP, TARCAP, and ASP flights were all uneventful. Four F4U's and three AD's were sent on a ship assigned mission to an area one mile east of Pyongyang airfield where photo interpretation had shown AA positions and revict buildings as well as operational railway yards. Three AD's dropped six 500 lb bombs and fired thirty-five rockets into the freight yards, while four F4U's fired rockets and dropped one 500 lb bomb on warehouses (YD 4920) and rocketed and strafed AA positions at YD 4521. A building, on which two AA positions were located, was destroyed by rocket hits and strafing and one warehouse was destroyed by a bomb hit. Leaving this target area, the flight headed south and attacked a tunnel approximately five miles to the south of Chungma (YC 4399).

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(Continued) Three 500 lb bombs found their mark and blocked the entrance of the tunnel. Continuing further south, the AD's and F4U's made attacks approximately five miles northwest of Sin'on-ri (YC 3636). Three ore cars were damaged by six rockets, and a railroad yard at Ayang (YC 4334), with twenty or thirty cars was attacked with fifteen rockets. The railroad station and three cars were in flames when the planes departed. Later, trenches and emplacements to the north and east of Haiju (YC 4424) were strafed and attacked with twenty-four rockets. Several fires were started, but an estimate of the damage could not be made. The two F4U's assigned to the photo mission, and the two F4U's assigned as escort, flew north to Pyongyang where they made a photo map of the city. While returning to the ship the flight strafed a cart and a truck southeast of Sinchon (YC 2243). All of the planes were recovered at 1215I.

The fifth flight, designated event nine, commenced at 1215I with the launching of four F4U's for TARGAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, four F4U's and four AD's for deep support, and one AD for engine run-in. The CAP, TARGAP and ASP flights were uneventful. The deep support group was assigned to road sweep area three, northwest of Seoul. The four AD's, assigned to deep support, swept the eastern part of the area. While proceeding north from Kassong (BT 7833) to Hanpo-ri (BT 7833), two freight cars were attacked and destroyed by strafing and four rockets. In the small village of Mulgas-ri (BT 6850), a railroad yard with two or three tracks, two railway cars and an engine were attacked. Four runs were made during which twenty-four rockets hit and badly damaged the tracks, the cars and the engine. Approximately 1,000 yards northwest of the railway yard, two camouflaged buildings, about thirty yards wide and seventy-five yards long and built up with sandbags, were attacked with twelve 500 lb bombs and eight rockets. Though two bomb and two rocket hits were noted, the extent of the damage was not observed. However, the nearby village was set on fire as a result of the attack. The planes strafed and fired sixteen rockets into trenches and dugouts on a small hill east of Honchon-ni (BT 6650); one dugout was destroyed by a direct rocket and three others were damaged. Small arms fire was noted in the area, and one F4U was hit in the right wing and in the oil cooler by the fire. Eight or nine battered enemy planes were observed on Sinnak field, but no other activity was noted. The western side of the sweep was swept by four F4U's. Three horse drawn carts were strafed and about ten people killed at Yontan-ni (YC 4026.) Three 500 lb bombs, twenty-four rockets and strafing runs left two railroad engines and three flat cars at Sariwon (YC 4363) heavily damaged. The F4U's struck next at Pyohngson (BT 7637). Here, two rockets were fired and strafing runs were made upon eight to ten railroad cars in a railway yard resulting in that being left in flames. The next target for the planes was at Kuum-ni (BT 7716), where supplies and six or seven railroad cars were attacked. The targets were strafed and one 500 lb bomb was dropped leaving the supplies smoking and the cars damaged. All of the planes were recovered at 1515I.

The sixth flight, designated event twelve, commenced at 1515I with the launching of four F4U's for TARGAP, two AD's for ASP, eight F4U's for CAP, four F4U's and four AD's for Deep Support, and four F4U's for a photo mission and escort. The CAP, TARGAP, and ASP flights were uneventful. The deep support mission was assigned close support targets in the town of Uijongbu (CS 2878).

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