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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
CARRIER AIR GROUP FIVE

CVG5/A16-3/A9-9/(cfc)
Serial 072-50

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4 October 1950

From: Commander Carrier Air Group FIVE
To: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (CV-45)

Subj: Action Report for period 6 September through 21 September 1950

Ref: (a) CNO rest. ltr Op 345 ser 1197P34 of 3 August 1950

1. The following action report of Carrier Air Group FIVE from 6 September through 21 September 1950 required by reference (a) is forwarded for inclusion in the report of VALLEY FORGE.

I. NARRATIVE

1. During this period Carrier Air Group FIVE (U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE) participated in the United Nations invasion of the Inchon-Seoul area. This operation was in compliance with:

   a. CJTF SEVEN and Com7thFlt Op Plan 9-50 dtd 3 Sept 1950
   b. ComPhibGrp ONE Op Order 14-50 dtd 2 Sept 1950
   c. ComCarDiv ONE Op Order 1-50 dtd 10 Sept 1950

2. The Air Group commenced this operation with the following number of aircraft and pilots available.

a. F9F-3 Jets (two squadrons)	28 aircraft,	36 Pilots
b. F4U-4B Fighter Bombers (two squadrons)	27 "	33 "
c. AD-4 Dive Bombers (one squadron)	12 "	23 "
d. F4U-5N and AD-4N Night Unit	6 "	6 "
e. AD-5W Air Unit	3 "	4 "
f. AJ-2P Photo Unit	1 "	2 "

3. Offensive flight operations for Air Group FIVE, coordinated with those of CVG-11 (U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA) and CVG-2 (U.S.S. BOXER), were conducted on 12, 13, 14, 15 (D-DAY), 16, 18, 19, and 21 September. Additional operations were conducted on 11 and 17 September for routine defensive and utility flights.

During this phase the jet aircraft were utilized for daily sweeps over the enemy airfields and for combat air patrol. All operations were conducted from a launching point in the Yellow Sea convenient to the Inchon-Seoul area. In general all propeller offensive flights were concentrated in the objective area (Wolmido Island, Inchon, and Seoul) or on the surrounding road nets leading to the area. Missions were comprised of Tarcap, Naval Gun Fire Spotters, Close Support, Deep Support, Call Strikes, Night Heckler, Night Intruder, and Night Tarcap.

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Far reaching interdiction flights were conducted at the opening of the phase and again at the end of the period. Routine defensive, operational, and utility flights were conducted as necessary.

The total hours and sorties for this period, 6 September through 21 September, were:

				Sorties over Korea	
Jet Hours	472.4	Jet Sorties	288	Jet	112
Prop Hours	1717.5	Prop Sorties	538	Prop	434
Total	2189.9	Total	826	Total	546

II. BATTLE DAMAGE

1. Own Losses:

1 F9F-3 ditched at sea. Gradual loss of power presumably due to an AA hit.

1 F4U-5N ditched at sea. Operational loss.

1 F4U-4B ditched at sea. Operational loss.

2 AD-4 damaged by AA. Transferred for overhaul.

17 other aircraft received minor battle damage and were repaired aboard the carrier.

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	Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
[illegible]	19	0	8
Railroad Cars	17	[illegible]	47
Tank Cars	0	0	6
Railroad Bridges	1	[illegible]	5
Oil Storage Tanks	1	0	2
Factories	10	[illegible]	3
Warehouses	11	0	13
Barracks	2	[illegible]	7
Buildings (unidentified because of camouflage)	15	0	3
Ammo Dumps	3	[illegible]	1
Supply Dumps	4	1	2
Fuel Dumps	4	0	0
Highway Bridges	[illegible]	[illegible]	5
Trucks	171	6	84
Jeeps	10	0	2
Tanks	10	1	3

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	Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
* Other Vehicles	40	1	16
Gun Emplacements	30	2	12
Small Craft	3	2	16
Military Installations	2	1	0

* Buses, autos, tractors, halftracks, and carts.

III. CASUALTIES

1. Own - None
2. Enemy - Undetermined number of troops killed or wounded.

IV. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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