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Encl: (1) Combat Air Support Reports for Period 21 December
through 22 December 1950

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12-21-50
(date)

TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0230	1	AD-4N	F. FLETNER	LALANUS
	1	F4U5N		

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

A large concentration of troops and trucks was seen moving south on the coastal road from Hongwon DV 1231 to Chakto-ri CV 3607. Four trucks were destroyed and one truck was probably destroyed along this road. One large building was napalmed and destroyed in Hongwon. Two unidentified ships were sighted in a cove at CV 3706. They were thought to be enemy.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0530	1	AD-4	A. R. ENGLISH	LALANUS
	1	AD-4N		

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 9114 - Napalmed, strafed, and bombed heavy troop and truck movement through this area. Thirty troops were killed and three bldgs. were destroyed. Four trucks were strafed and destroyed at DV 3231. Fifteen railroad cars and troop activity were strafed at CV 6612. The damage was undetermined. Heavy small arms fire was directed against the strike at CV 7207. Large troop and truck concentrations were sighted moving through Chigyong and at CV 9114.

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0840	2	F9F	A. J. HANGLER	LABANUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7030 - Heavy movement (apparently civilian) was sighted moving through Oro-ri towards Hungnam. In Oro-ri two bldgs. were lightly damaged and two oxen and carts were destroyed by strafing.

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0840	2	F4U-4	M. A. HOLGREN	TIPTOP

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Gasoline drums at CV 7816 were napalmed and strafed. Fifty drums were left burning. A large three story building was bombed at CV 7814. Four direct hits caused half of the building to collapse. This area was also strafed and 100 barrels of gasoline were left burning. At CV 7007, a 1½ ton flat-bed truck was strafed and destroyed.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0840	6	F4U-4	C. ... CRAIG	CABIN FOURTEEN

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RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

One warehouse was napalmed and left burning at CV 9614. The tracks at each end of a railroad tunnel at CV 9613 were destroyed by bombing. Troops at CV 8817 and CV 8815 were bombed, napalmed, and strafed. Twenty troops were killed. Five ox carts were strafed and destroyed at CV 8918 and CV 8618. A $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long railroad tunnel at CV 3508 was bombed and napalmed. The damage was light.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0340	4	AD-4	R.G. THOMSON	LABARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

The controller ordered the strike to hit an enemy Command Post in the center of Namhung. Eight 2000 μ and 24 100 μ G.P. bombs were used, and an estimated 30 buildings were destroyed. The Command Post was damaged extensively.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0840	2 4	AD-4 FAU-4	R.C. MERRICK	CABIN FOURTEEN

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Three bomb hits were made on a tunnel entrance at CV 9013. The damage could not be determined. A small town at CV 9517 was napalmed and strafed. One warehouse and six buildings were destroyed. Five buildings were probably destroyed. Troops were strafed at CV 9221 and ten were killed. CV 7816 - Two warehouses were destroyed by napalm and strafing.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1200	2	F9F	D.E. WOOD	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Area CV 7030 - Two oxen and two carts were destroyed by strafing. One building in the same area was lightly damaged.

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1200	2	F4U-4	H. J. WESTERVAULT	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7620 - 350 to 500 fuel drums were napalmed, bombed, and strafed, an estimated 50 percent were destroyed. CV 9517 - The town of T'oejo was bombed, napalmed, and strafed. One fire was started, but other damaged was undetermined. CV 7620 - 125 metal cans, 2½' by 2½' in size, were hit by strafing. The cans emitted a white smoke, but no fire resulted.

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1200	6	AD-4	L.V. DAVIDSON	BIGTIME FOURTEEN

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RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7914 - Buildings, warehouses, and a hospital were bombed, napalmed and strafed. The hospital was damaged extensively, 50 to 60 buildings were destroyed, and 3 to 4 warehouses were destroyed. The airfield at Yonpo was bombed and strafed, and 1200 barrels of fuel were destroyed.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1200	9	F4U-4	K.S. VANWATER	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7718 - The town of Sinbor-oi was napalmed, bombed, and strafed. An estimated 35 buildings were destroyed and 20 troops were killed. Yonpo Airfield was bombed and strafed, and two to three thousand barrels of fuel were hit.

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1520	2	F9F	A.R. HARRIS	JUNGWIRE

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Yonpo Airfield - Seventy cases of rockets were exploded by strafing. One gun emplacement was damaged. Strafing caused fourteen fires among oil and gas drums.

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1600	2	AD-4	A.F. CLAPP	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Napalmed and bombed possible troop movement along the road between CV 3920 and CV 3717. The results could not be determined because of darkness.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1920	2	AD-4N	F. NETZNER	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Two trucks were destroyed with napalm at DV 1032. The village of Sinp'o was strafed and four buildings were destroyed. One truck was destroyed by bombing at DV 4649. Heavy troop and truck movement was sighted in Fukchong. DV 3232 - two troops were killed by bombing. DV 3836 - a truck and compound were left burning after a napalm and strafing attack. One truck was destroyed by strafing at DV 4048. DV 6749 - bombed and strafed a small village in this area; the town was left burning and two trucks were destroyed.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0530	1	F4U5N	J.D. NESS	LAZARUS
	1	AD-4N		

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RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Heavy concentrations of troops and apparent civilians were seen in Chigyoung - CV 6511. The area was napalmed, rocketed, bombed, and strafed. Fifty troops were killed, 4 bldgs. were destroyed, and an unknown number of personnel were probably killed. Large numbers of troops were moving towards the coast from this area and from CV 7005.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
0715	2	RF	J.H. ROBCKE	QUAGMIRE

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

50 to 60 drums of oil were strafed and destroyed at CV 7607

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0715	3	AD-4	R.C. MERRICK	LAZARUS
	3	F4U-4		

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 6712 - Bombed and napalmed a village in this area. The results were inconclusive because the town had already been hit. CV 7712 - 20 buildings in this town were destroyed by napalm. CV 5300 - 18 buildings were destroyed or probably destroyed by napalm, rockets, bombs, and strafing. CV 6020 - One large and three small buildings were destroyed by direct bomb and napalm hits. The target assignment by Lazarus was too slow.

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0715	3	AD-4	W.G. SIZEMORE	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7612 - Napalmed, bombed, rocketed, and strafed three small villages in this area. An estimated 30 buildings were destroyed or damaged.

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0715	2	F4U-4	G.M. COHAN	JOHN FOURTEEN

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 8214 - Mortar emplacements were strafed, bombed, and napalmed. One emplacement and its crew was destroyed. The controller reported good hits on other emplacements in the area. Communications were average to poor, but control was effective.

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0715	6	F4U-4	M.H. KROUSE	LAZARUS

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RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 6013 - This target had been hit previous to our arrival. Bombs and napalm destroyed an additional ten buildings. CV 6710 - A small town at this point was left 75 percent destroyed by this and previous strikes. CV 6305 - Light damage was registered on a bridge after near misses by 100# G.P. bombs.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1020	2	F9F	W. RICH	QUAGMIRE

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7607 - Strafed and destroyed 200 drums of gas and oil.

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1020	2	F4U-4	F.L. FOXTON	TIPTOP

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 7618 - An estimated 200 barrels of oil were destroyed by napalm, bombs, and strafing. The strike worked with naval gunfire support to destroy this target.

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1020	10	F4U-4	K.S. VAMETER	BIGTIME FOURTEEN

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 3812 - Strafed supply carts in this area and started two fires among the carts. Twelve buildings were left burning after a bombing run at CV 8713. The straw burned strangely and may have been camouflage for supplies. A village at CV 8015 was bombed and napalmed. Several buildings were left afire.

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TAKE OFF TIME	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER
1020	6	AD-4	E.C. HAMMIS	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

Strafed, bombed, and napalmed small villages in the following areas: CV 9013, CV 0021, CV 9921, DV 0421, and DV 0322. These towns had been previously hit by other strikes; however, two large buildings were destroyed at DV 0421, twelve buildings were left burning at CV 9921, and a railroad station was burned at DV 0322.

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1340	2	AD-4	C.S. PORTER	LAZARUS
	2	F4U-4		

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RESULT, AREA, COMMENTS

Napalmed a bldg. and haystack at CV 6733. Both were left burning and probably destroyed. CV 9036 - Bldgs. and troops were bombed, rocketed, and napalmed and several direct hits were registered. Six bldgs. were left burning. The controller directed the strike to a Command Post at CV 8836. Bombing and napalm destroyed four small bldgs. Bldgs. in the Hamhung area were strafed, but the damage could not be evaluated.

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1340	4	AD-4	E. PHILLIPS	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 8830, - CV 7235 - CV 7650 - 500# G.P. bombs were dropped on highway bridges and intersections at these areas. The damage could not be determined due to the 6 to 12 hour delay fuzes on the bombs. Bldgs. were hit in the town of Sinhung and fires were started. Twelve bldgs. at CV 6733 were left burning after strafing and bombing runs.

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1340	2	F4U-4	H.W. WESTERVELT	TIPTOP

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

In conjunction with naval gunfire, eight buildings at CV 7925 were destroyed. This village was believed to contain troops. The railroad yards, northeast of Hamhung were bombed. Warehouses and flat cars were in this area. 50 barrels of fuel on the flat cars were destroyed by burning.

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1340	4	FAU-4	G. B. CRAVEN	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

A village at BV 0444 was bombed, napalmed, and strafed. One warehouse was partly destroyed. Fifteen buildings were left afire, and an estimated 15 troops were killed.

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1340	4	FAU-4	G.A. PACKER	LAZARUS

RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

BV 8722 - Several bldgs. thought to contain troops were napalmed, bombed, and strafed. Four bldgs. were probably destroyed. 20 to 30 people were sighted on a road in reconnaissance area five able. They were strafed, but the results were undetermined.

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1600	2	FAU5N	R.W. BUCK	LAZARUS

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RESULTS, AREA, COMMENTS

CV 8089 - Railroad cars in a village were napalmed with the result that several fires broke out. Actual damage could not be determined. The road from CV 835 to BV 0733 was bombed and strafed. Small arms fire was directed against the strike at Tongyong-ri. CV 8933 - a village was bombed, napalmed, and strafed, the fires which resulted indicated fuel supplies probably destroyed.

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