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From: Commander Carrier Air Group TWO

To: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. BOXER (CV-21)

Subj: Action Report of Carrier Air Group TWO for period 1 August 1952 through 11 August 1952; submission of

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Encl: (1) Subject Action Report

1. This report is forwarded as enclosure (1) for inclusion in the Action Report of the U.S.S. BOXER (CV-21) as required by reference (a).

2. Information, comments and recommendations are presented under the headings indicated below:

I Mission and Composition

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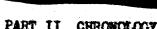
PART I MISSION AND CONTOSITION

- a. Departed Yokeruka 1 August 1952, Carrier Air Group TIO, embarked in the U.S.S. BOXER (CV-21), proceeded to the area off the east coast of Korea and reported to Commander Task Force SEVE TY-DEVEN. Operating under CTF-77 Operations Order Ho. 22-51 (second revision), and in accordance with the Maily Air Plan promulgated by Commander Carrier Division THREE, the mission of the Group was to perform interdiction flights consisting of strikes, aread recommandence flights and backler flights directed primarily against North Korean Supply rouses including railroad track and equipment, bridges, highways and supply areas. Defensive missions included CAP and ASP.
- b. Composition of the Air Oroup

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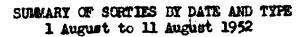
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| VC-61 Det. "A" LT J. (h) HARRIS | F9F-2F | W | | . | Vi . | 11.8 | 2.36 | 1.6 |
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PART II CHRONOLOGY

- 1 August 1952 Departed MOB Yokosuka.
- 2 August 1952 Enroute to Korean Theater of Operation.
- 3 August 1952 Conducted Group tactics and training enroute to Korean Theater of operation. Sixty-six (66) sorties included sixty (60) group tactics, two (2) slow time and four (4) ASP.
- 4 August 1952 Joined Task Force SEVENTY-SEVEN. No air operations due to replenishment.
- 5 August 1952 Seventy (70) tons of ordnance was dropped by one hundred and eighteen (118) sorties including armed recco, strikes, NGF, photo and others. Targets were interdiction targets on railreads and supplies and billeting areas south of Wensan.
- 6 August 1952 Six (6) armed recco and four (4) ASP sorties were launched in the early morning. A serious fire on the hanger deck of the USS BOXER curtailed further operations. In addition to the loss of aircraft and equipment, the following listed personnel of the Air Group were killed in the fire: LT Jemes E. SHROPSHIRE, Jr., Flight Surgeon of Air Group TWO; SODEN, B. G., AT2, VC-35 Detechment "Able"; CANALES, I. (n), AA, VA-65; TAYLOR, R. S., HN, VF-24; CONGER, V. L., PN3, VF-64; WARK, J. B., HM3. VF-64. and BURDETTE. W. B., AT3. VC-35 Detachment "Able".
- 7 August 1952 No air operations due to damage caused by fire.
- 8 August 1952 Replenished at see with Task Force SEVENTY-SEVEN and departed for ROB Yokosuka.
- 9 August 1952 Enroute to ROD Yokomko.
- 10 August 1952 Enroute to NOB Tokosuka.
- 11 August 1952 Arrived NGD Yokosuka for repair of ship and availability.



| Date | Total Sort Aborts | Armed Recco Day Night | Strikes Sort Photo | Escorts | NGF | CAP | ASP | Other |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 8/ 1/52 | Departed NOB | Yokosuka i | | | | | | |
| 8/ 2/52 | Enroute to Ko | orean Waters | • | | | | | |
| 8/ 3/52 | 66 2 | | | | | | 4 | 62 |
| 8/ 4/52 | Joined Task I | force and Rep | lenishment. | | | | | |
| 8/ 5/52 | 118 2 | 11 6 | 54 6 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 6 | 5 |
| 8/6/52 | 10 1 | 6 | | | | | 4 | |
| 8/ 7/52 | No flight ope | erations due | to fire. | | | | | |
| 8/8/52 | Replenishmen | t and departe | ed Task Force | SEVENTY-S | SEVEN | for l | IOB Yo | kosuka. |
| 8/ 9/52 | incroute to N | OB Yokosuka. | | | | | | |
| 8/10/52 | Enroute to N | OB Yckosuka. | | | | | | |

8/11/52 Arrived NOB Yokosuka.

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SUMMARY OF SOUTIES THE THEM 1 AUGUST AND 11 AUGUST 1952 BY AIRCRAFT TYPE AND OFFERSIVE DEFENSIVE

| | | d offer | | |
|-----------|----|---------|----|-----------|
| | EE | FAU | AD | TOTAL |
| OFFERSIVE | 24 | 49 | 22 | 95 |
| DIFFESIVE | 20 | 2 | 9 | 31 |
| OTIENS | 13 | 32 | 23 | _68_ |
| | • | | | 194 TOTAL |

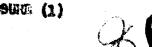
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| TYTE A/O | PLO Y | | 17-24 1-34-5 | PAU-9XI | AD-AQ AD-AQ W-33 | TOTAL |
|------------|-------------|--------|---|---------|------------------------|---------|
| THE GRAM | | | | | | |
| 2000# GP | | 30 | | | | 10 |
| 1000# OP | | 30 | | | | 30 |
| 500V GF | 19 15 | | | 7 | | 47 |
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| ITVALL-9" | 18 | | | • | | 31 |
| ATAIL-5" | | | | | | 16 |
| 20 M | | | 23 | | | 34 |
| | 300 7000 | 2,065 | 2,920 | 3,800 | 900 | 9,685 |
| Dosto | 300 7000 | | | • | | 13,300 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| | ,060 25,100 | 71,606 | 3,312 | 18,299 | 11,960 | 157,795 |
| TOTAL | | | * | | | |
| TOIS | B.7 | 35.7 | 1.7 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 78,9 |



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4 AUGUST - 8 AUGUST 1952

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ENCLOSUPE (1)



B. Aircraft Damage

1. Combet damage to Air Group TWO aircraft from 1 August 1952 to 11 August 1952.

| Date | Squadron | Type A/C | Bureau Number | Cause | Time Out Of Commission |
|--------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 8/5/52 | VP-C4 | F4U-4 | 81825 | AA 37 MM | 6 Hours |
| 8/5/52 | VC-35 | AD-4N | 124143 | AA | 6 Hours |

2. Operational damage to Air Group TWO Aircraft from 1 August 1952 to 11 August 1952.

| | | Troe A/c | Bureau Munber | Cause | Time Out Of Commission |
|--------|-------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 8/5/52 | VA-65 | AD-4 | 123949 | Darrier Greek | 8 Hours |
| 8/5/52 | VA-65 | A-CA | 127862 | Hit Oun Mount | 10 Hours |

ENCLOSURE (1)

3. Aircraft damaged beyond repair aboard ship.

| Date | Squadron | Type A/C | Dureau Mumber | Cause |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 8/6/52 | ·P-24 | F9F-2 | 123025 | Badly burned by fire and scaked wit salt water. Strike. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | P9P-2 | 127163 | Nose and wings burned and scaked with salt water. Strike. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | F9F-2 | 127188 | Burned and scaked with salt water. Strike. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | F9F-2 | 123022 | Soaked with salt water and large shrapnel hole. Major overheul. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | 197-2 | 127161 | Salt water scaked. Downed by ComfairJap representative. Trans. for repairs. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | F9F-2 | 123650 | Salt water soaked. Overhaul. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | P9F-2 | 122578 | Salt water scaked. Overhaul. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 ' | 197-2 | 123038 | Salt water damage. Downed by ComFairJap representative. Trans. for repairs. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-24 | 197-2 | 125089 | Salt water damage. Downed by ComfairJap representative. Trans. for repairs. |
| 8/6/52 | V F-24 | P9F-2 | 123034 | Salt water damage. Downed by ComFairJap representative. Trans. for repairs. |
| 8/6/52 | vc-61 | F9F-2P | 123706 | Burned, scaked with salt water and shrapnel damage. Overhaul. |
| 8/6/52 | vc-61 | 198-2P | 123711 | Burned, scaked with salt water an shrapnel damage. Overhaul. |
| 8/6/52 | vc-3 | P4U-5 N | 123181 | Damage by intense heat and salt water. Overhoul. |
| 8/ 6/ 52 | . AC-3 | 74U-5N | 124517 | Badly burned by fire and scaked with salt water. Strike. |
| 8/ 6/ 5 2 | 2 VC-35 | AD-4N | 124146 | Domaged wing sper. Major repair. |
| 8/6/52 | VF-63 | F4U-4 | 80939 | Salt water damage. Overhaul. |

4. Aircraft Lost

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|--------|--------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 8-6-52 | 13-64 | PAU-4 | 96822 | Destroyed by Jettironed. | hangar deck | fire and |
| 8-6-52 | VF-24 | Pyr-2 | 123069 | Dertroyed by Jottirened, | hangar dock | fire end |





5. Aircraft Damage, Statistical Analysis

| | F9F | PAU | AD | TOTAL |
|--|------|------|------|-------|
| A/C Lost (Combat) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A/C Lost (Combet)/100 Sorties | 0 | • 0 | o | 0 |
| A/C Lost (Operational) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| #A/C Lost (Operational)/ 100 Sorties | 1.76 | 1.20 | o | 1.03 |
| Total A/C Lost | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| *Total A/C Lost/100 Sorties | 1.76 | 1.20 | o | 1.03 |
| A/C Damaged by AA (includes A/C lost) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| A/C Damaged by AA/100 Sorties | 4.17 | 0 | 4.54 | 2.15 |

^{*} NOTE: These tabulations based on total sorties. Other tabulations based upon offensive sorties only.



PART Y PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE

A. Air Group personnel performed in an outstanding momer both in action against the enemy and in fighting fire abourd ship. Morels was excellent.

B. Committee

- 1. The Air Group flight surgeon and six enlisted men were killed as a result of fire and explosion about ship.
 - a. LT SHROPSHIRE Died while attempting to save 2 Corpsmen who were trapped in Flight Surgeon's Office.
 - b. TAYLOR, R. S., HH Died as a result of being trapped in the Flight Surgeon's Office.
 - c. WARK, J. V., HMS Died as a result of being trapped in the Flight Surgeon's Office with TAYLOR, above.
 - d. COMMER, V. L., PN3 Died in the ettempt to save other mens! lives.
 - e. CANLLES, I. (n), AA Died in the attempt to save other mens! lives with CURLER, above.
 - d. DUNDETTS, W. B., AT3-- Died from suffocation in Aircremens' compartment.
 - e. SCUEN, D. G., AT2 Died from suffocation in Aircremmens' compertment.



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