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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
CARRIER AIR GROUP FIVE

CVG5/A16-3/A9-9/(jds)
Serial 070-50
20 September 1950

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

Subj: Action Report for period 25 August - 6 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 for the period 25 August - 6 September 1950 required by reference (a) is forwarded for inclusion in the report of VALLEY FORGE.

I. NARRATIVE

1. Operations against North Korean invasion forces were conducted by Carrier Air Group FIVE on 26, 27, 29, 30 of August, and on 1, 2, 3 and 4 of September as directed by OTC, Commander Carrier Division ONE, in compliance with Commander Seventh Fleet Secret Operation Order #14-50.

2. The Air Group, under the command of Commander H. P. LANHAM, USN, commenced this operation with the following number of aircraft and pilots available.

a.	F9F-3 Jets (two squadrons)	28 aircraft,	39	pilots
b.	F4U-4B Fighter-Bombers (two squadrons)	24 "	38	"
c.	AD-4 Dive Bombers (one squadron)	13 "	23	"
d.	F4U-5N and AD-3N Night unit	4 "	6	"
e.	AD-3W ASP unit	3 "	4	"
f.	F4U-5P Photo unit	1 "	2	"

3. During this period Carrier Air Group FIVE operated from the U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE in company with the U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA and Carrier Air Group ELEVEN. Flight operations against the North Korean invasion forces comprised controlled close support work, armed reconnaissance patrols and sweeps, and interdiction-strike work on assigned targets by small and medium size strike groups.

This Air Group furnished close support to the front line ground forces on 26 August and 1, 2 and 3 September. Bad weather prevented similarly scheduled action on 5 September.

Routine CAP, ASP, or utility flights also conducted along with these offensive operations included the additional dates of 28 and 31 August and 5 and 6 September.

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The total hours and sorties for this period, 25 August through 6 September, were:

				Sorties over Korean targets	
Jet Hours	186.3	Jet Sorties	107	Jet	96
Prop Hours	1900.9	Prop Sorties	604	Prop	399
Total	2087.2	Total	711	Total	495

II. BATTLE DAMAGE

1. Own Losses:

1 F4U-4B ditched at sea after being hit by AA.

15 other aircraft received battle damage from enemy AA or own bomb blast. Two of these required transfer for repairs. Five others were repairable aboard ship by changing a component part such as a wing, fuel cell, aileron, or stabilizer. Damage on the remaining eight was minor.

2. Enemy Losses:

	Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
Aircraft	6 (one airborne)	0	5
Locomotives	24	2	17
RR Cars	54	10	95
RR Tank Cars	8	0	10
RR Bridges	5	0	11
Highway Bridges	2	0	4
Trucks	116	7	70
Tanks	5	0	1
* Other Vehicles	14	7	5
Warehouses	33	5	11
Factories	2	0	2
Other Buildings	14	0	21
Supply Dumps	2	0	4
Fuel Dumps	6	0	8
Ammo Dumps	1½	0	0
Freighters	0	0	1
Tankers	0	0	1
Corvettes	0	0	7

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	Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
** Other Vessels	6	10	26
Gun Emplacements	13	2	8
Water Tower	0	0	1
Canal Locks	0	0	1
Villages (containing military targets)	15	0	3
Shipbuilding Crane	1	0	0
Oil Tanks	5	0	0

* Other vehicles includes jeeps, half-trucks, buses, carts, and autos.

** Other vessels includes LCT's, barges, power boats, schooners, and junks.

III. CASUALTIES

1. Own - None

2. Enemy - Unknown

IV. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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