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From: Commander Carrier Air Group FIVE
To: Commander Task Force SEVENTY SEVEN
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (CV-45)

Subj: Close Air Support; Data concerning

Ref: (a) CTF 77 Conf disp 180214Z of Nov 1950
(b) CTF 77 Conf disp 190123Z of Nov 1950
(c) CTF 77 Conf disp 190454Z of Nov 1950

Encl: (1) Tabulated Data on Close Air Support of Carrier Air Group FIVE (Props)
(2) Tabulated Data on Close Air Support of Carrier Air Group FIVE (Jets)

1. The information requested by references (a), (b) and (c) is submitted as enclosures (1) and (2).

2. No detailed records were made regarding comments or controllers on these flights. Comments and controllers listed are as the individual pilots recalled them from memory or personal notes. If the actual TAC could not be recalled the RIO controller, ie Mellow, Lazarus, Wildwest, Devastate Able or Baker, is listed.

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CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS OF CARRIER AIR GROUP FIVE (PROPS)

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DATE	1200 POINT OBOE	TAKE OFF TIME	NUMBER AND TYPE A/C	FLIGHT LEADER	CONTROLLER	RESULTS	AREA	COMMENTS
7-26-50	129-57E 35-50N	0740	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed warehouse containing troops and supplies.	YONGANNI	
		0745	10 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MELLOW	Five (5) trucks destroyed.	TAEGU to TAEJON	
		1000	6 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 2 trucks and damaged 1.	YONGDONG	
		1015	7 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	BEAVER 1	Destroyed 2 trucks and damaged 1.	YONJU - PUNGGI-	
		1300	4 AD-4	LCDR RAMSEY	MOSQUITO UNCLE	Destroyed 70% of YONGDONG, destroyed 1 truck, damaged 3 other villages and 1 RR bridge.	YONGDONG	Good Control and Communications. Too many A/C in area.
		1330	8 F4U-4B	LT SMITH	MELLOW	Troops concentrations attacked.	TAEJON	
		1615	8 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MELLOW	Napalmed CHONG-SAN, strafed troops.	YONGDONG CHONG-SAN	
7-28-50	125-37E 35-19N	0745	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed HANCHANG damaged YONGANNI, inflicting many casualties.	HANCHANG YONGANNI	Good Control, radio over loaded.
		0500	8 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MOSQUITO MIKE	1 tank, 1 field piece destroyed.	YONGDONG	

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7-28-50		1045	6 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 1 truck, 1 half-track, 2 jeeps, 1 tank & 1 power station.	YONGDONG	Controller specified area for armed reconnaissance.
		1345	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Damaged 2 warehouses, 1 truck & jeep. Heavy troop casualties.	YONGDONG	Good control. Area crowded b support A/C.
		1345	8 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	MOSQUITO	Hit tanks & troops.	HAMCHANG	Damage unknown
		1630	8 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MELLOW	Destroyed 1 tank, 3 trucks. Damaged 1 tank, 4 trucks, 3 busses	NAMWON	
		1645	6 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 1 village & inflicted heavy troop casualties.	HAMCHANG	Successful mission.
7-29-50	125-14E 35-52N	0700	8 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MELLOW	Destroyed 2 power stations & burned 2 villages.	HADONG	
		0700	8 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Burned HADONG & 2 small villages. Destroyed 3 trucks damaged 1 highway bridge.	HADONG	Radio channel crowded. Good flight.
		1000	4 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 70% of village & destroyed 1 truck and damaged 1 truck.		Poor control Village was only target given.
		1000	8 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MOSQUITO	Destroyed 1 tank, 1 half-track. Damaged 1 bridge.	HADONG	

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		1300	8 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MELLOW	Destroyed 4 trucks. Damaged 6 trucks & 2 bridges.	HADONG	
		1300	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 5 trucks. Damaged 5 trucks, 2 villages & 1 highway bridge.	SUNCHON HADONG	Good radio communications.
		1300	3 AD-4	LTJG WEST	MELLOW	Destroyed 1 jeep, 3 trucks. Damaged 6 trucks, 1 bridge, 1 village.	SUNCHON, KUAYE KOCHANG KOKSONG	Successful mission.
		1600	3 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 5 trucks & 1 tank. Damaged 1 field piece, 1 bridge, 1 village.	HADONG	Very good control & radio procedure.
		1600	8 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	MOSQUITO	Destroyed 4 vehicles. Bombed bridge.	HADONG	Several Air Controllers used.
8-5-50	127-54E 33-07N	1200	4 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MELLOW	Attacked CHINJU village.	CHINJU	
		1200	5 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Damaged 2 villages. Many troop casualties.	KORYSONG	Poor TAC
		1500	5 AD-4	LT LOGAN	MELLOW	Damaged SACHON & 1 highway bridge.	SACHON	
		1530	2 F4U-4B	LTJG DOWNS	MELLOW	Strafed & bombed troops.	TAEGU	
8-6-50	127-55E 33-30N	0630	12 F4U-4B	LT SMITH	MELLOW	Strafed troop concentrations near CHINJU & HAPCHON.	CHINJU HYOPCHON	

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		0630	7 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed large supply dump & inflicted troop casualties.	HAMMON SUCHON-NI SUNCHON	
		0930	4 AD-4	LTJG WEST	MELLOW PINEAPPLE - HORSERADISH	Attacked troops and villages.	SONJU - KORYUNG WAEGWAN	
		0930	6 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MELLOW	Damaged bridges.	SANCHON - KOCHANG	
		1230	4 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 2 trucks, 1 jeep, 1 tank & damaged KUMCHON.	KUMCHON	Fair control - not enough targets.
		1530	7 AD-4	LTJG WEST	MELLOW MOSQUITO - JIG	Destroyed 3 trucks, 1 jeep & damaged 2 villages.	NAMJI-RI	
		1530	6 F4U-4B	LT JENNINGS	MOSQUITO FOX	Attacked troop concentrations in villages.	CHINJU	
8-9-50	124-54E 35-43N	1230	4 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	MOSQUITO	Destroyed 1 tank.	TAEGU	
8-16-50	130-11E 37-11N	1230	4 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Attacked troops in 2 villages.	CHONGHA KWNAGCHONNI	Good flight.
		1230	8 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MELLOW	Destroyed 6 trucks & 3 power stations. Damaged 2 trucks.	TAEGU	
		1500	5 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 8 trucks, 1 jeep. Damaged 3 trucks, 1 village.	POHANG - HUNGHAE HAKCHON DONG	Controller appeared inexperienced. Flight assisted in spotting targets & front lines

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8-16-50	[illegible]	1530	7 F4U-4B	LT JENNINGS	MOSQUITO	Attacked troops.	POHANG-DONG PONGYANG	Air & Ground TACs.
		1730	4 F4U-4B	LTJG MUNCIE	MOSQUITO	Attacked troops.	POHANG-DONG PONGYANG	Air to Ground TACs.
		1730	3 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 3 trucks, damaged 2 trucks.	POHANG	Poor TAC
		1800	4 F4U-4B	LT SMITH	MOSQUITO DRAGONFLY	Burned supply and gasoline dump & 4 villages.	TAEGU	
8-26-50	130-47E 36-47N	0930	2 F4U-4B	LT HERRICK	MOSQUITO	Attacked troops, tanks and vehicles.	HAEGAN	Good TAC.
		1530	4 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	MOSQUITO	Attacked troops & supplies. Burned 3 trucks & fuel dump.	CHACHON-DONG	
		1530	6 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 10 trucks, 1 mortar position & 1 highway bridge.	HACHONDONG HANGHO-DONG PYONHANG-NI	Good TAC. Radio channel crowded.
9-1-50	124-57E 36-57N	1100	6 F4U-4B	LTJG BRYANT	MELLOW	Bombed HAMAN village.	HAMAN - TUKSONG	Emergency CAS call
		1315	7 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	MELLOW	Burned 2 villages, damaged 1 highway bridge.	TAEGU	
		1400	5 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 3 trucks & 3 villages with troops.	KAEPYODONG	
		1700	5 AD-4	LTJG WEST	MELLOW MOSQUITO - VAUDEVILLE	Destroyed 1 bridge & 3 buildings containing troops.	HAMAN - CHUGAM-NI	

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9-2-50	125-13E 35-56N	0830	12 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MOSQUITO VAUDEVILLE	Attacked troops on ridge	SINBANNI	Good TAC.
		0830	5 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 4 trucks, attacked troops.	HYOPCHON	
		1130	4 AD-4	LCDR RAMSEY	MELLOW MOSQUITO MASTIFF	Destroyed 3 tanks, 7 trucks & 1 40MM gun. Damaged 4trucks.	HAPIN	Good TAC.
		1130	7 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MOSQUITO SPECIAL INSTRUCTION 14	Destroyed 10 trucks, & 3 tanks. Bombed troops.	CHINJU	Good control maintained.
		1430	6 AD-4	LT LOGAN	PICKLE BARREL	Destroyed 2 field pieces, damaged 4 villages.	CHUNGHANNI	
		1430	10 F4U-4B	LCDR BARKER	MOSQUITO VAUDEVILLE	Attacked troops on ridge & in town.	CHIRYON-NI	Poor Communications.
9-3-50	124-01E 34-20N	1630	9 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MELLOW	Bombed KUNGJU	CHONGJU	Poor communication & weather.
		1630	5 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	MELLOW	Destroyed 6 warehouses.	KUNGJU	Crowded communications.
		1630	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MELLOW	Destroyed 4 warehouses, damaged 2 trucks.	SAMCHONPO	Crowded communications.
		1645	6 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	MELLOW	Destroyed 2 tanks, damaged 15 field pieces, & 2 tanks. Strafed troops.	CHINGDONG-NI	Marine ground TAC

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9-15-50	124-12E 36-44N	0540	6 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	LAZARUS	Destroyed 1 truck & AA positions.	INCHON-SEOUL	Good TAC.
		0730	6 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	LAZARUS	Destroyed 1 ammo dump, 4 machine gun nests, and 20 trucks.	INCHON	
		1030	6 F4U-4B	LTJG MUNCIE	LAZARUS	Attacked supply dump. troops and vehicles.	KUNCHON-TAEJONG	
		1330	4 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	LAZARUS	Damaged 1 AA position, 1 gun emplacement. Strafed many troops.	INCHON	
		1500	6 F4U-4B	LCDR MARKER	LAZARUS	Bombed gun positions.	INCHON	
		1630	6 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	LAZARUS	Destroyed 1 gun position, strafed beach	INCHON	Control poor due to crowded circuit.
9-16-50	124-36E 36-36N	0730	6 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	LAZARUS	Strafed enemy troops.	INCHON	
9-18-50	124-32E 36-13N	1030	4 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	DEVASTATE ABLE	Burned 1 village, damaged highway bridge.	INCHON-SEOUL	
9-22-50	124-23E 36-24N	0730	4 F4U-4B	LT HERRICK	LAZARUS	Destroyed 8 AA positions. Burned 1 truck.	SEOUL HAN RIVER	
9-25-50	124-19E 36-45N	0740	6 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	DEVASTATE ABLE	Attacked troops & AA positions in SEOUL.	SEOUL	Well Done from Controller.
		0745	6 AD-4	LTJG WEST	DEVASTATE ABLE	Attacked troop concentrations.	SEOUL	
		1045	6 AD-4	LT LOGAN	DEVASTATE ABLE	Attacked AA positions.	SEOUL	

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9-27-50	124-44E 36-24N	0615	2 F4U-4B	LTJG ALBRIGHT	MOSQUITO WILDWEST	Destroyed 5 field pieces, 10 mortars. Killed 200 troops.	SUWON	
		0915	6 F4U-4B	LCDR ENGLISH	MOSQUITO WILDWEST	Destroyed 1 tank.	SUWON	
		1215	4 F4U-4B	LTJG LUNCIE	FOREST 14	Attacked troops & machine gun nests.	INCHON-SEOUL Hill #346	Good TAC
9-28-50	124-50E 36-42N	1345	5 F4U-4B	ENS WOOD	BUCCANEER 14	Attacked troops in village.	37°-13'N 126°-12'E	Good TAC. Troops surrendered.
9-30-50	124-31E 36-20N	1100	3 AD-4	ENS McLAIN	DEVASTATE ABLE	Destroyed many mortar positions.	UIJONGBU	Good control and radio procedure.
		1400	4 AD-4	LCDR HODSON	DEVASTATE ABLE	Attack enemy troops.	UIJONGBU	Good TAC.
10-13-50	130-07E 39-14N	0930	3 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	MOSQUITO GRANITE	Strafed enemy troops.	WONSAN	
11-7-50	128-55E 39-33N	0800	4 F4U-4B	LT SMITH	MOSQUITO HAMMER	Attacked troops on ridge.	ANJU	
		0800	5 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MOSQUITO HAMMER	Attacked enemy troops.	ANJU	Poor TAC.
		1100	4 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	HAMMER MOSQUITO HAMMER	Damaged 1 tank, 2 trucks.	PAKCHON	Good TAC. Radio crowded.
		1400	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER				Circled HUNGNAM for 1 hr. 45 min. no TAC.
		1400	8 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	WILDWEST MOSQUITO WILDWEST	Burned village & attacked troops.	SINANJU	

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11-8-50	128-59E 39-34N	0630	8 F4U-4B	LT HERRICK	MOSQUITO SPECIAL	Burned villages in valley NE of YONGHUNG	YONGHUNG	Good TAC
		0645	4 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	DEVASTATE BAKER	Destroyed supply buildings.	YONGHUNG	
		0930	5 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	WILDWEST MOSQUITO WILDWEST	Attacked troops.	ANJU	Good flight in [redacted]te of poor TAC.
		0930	4 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	MOSQUITO HAMMER	Burned village and warehouses.	SINANJU KUNU-RI	
		0930	4 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN		Burned truck and village.	HAKALWOO-RI	No TAC. Followed a Marine Flight.
		1230	3 AD-4	LCDR HODSON		Attacked troops.	KUNU-RI	
		1230	8 F4U-4B	LTJG MUNCIE	MOSQUITO WILDWEST	Attacked troops.	KUNU-RI	
11-15-50	128-52E 39-28N	0825	2 F4U-4B	LCDR PITTMAN	DEVASTATE BAKER CIGAR 14	Attacked troops.	PUNGSAN	Good TAC.
		0825	2 AD-4	LTJG JACKSON	CIGAR 14	Attacked troops.	PYNGSAN	Good TAC.
		1145	2 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	DETRIMENT 14	Destroyed supply warehouses.	SONO-RI	Successful mission. Good TAC.
		1145	2 F4U-4B	LTJG ALBRIGHT		Destroyed supply warehouses.	SONO-RI	Successful mission. Good TAC.

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11-16-50	129-06E 35-56N	0645	4 F4U-4B	LTJG MUNCIE	CIGAR 14	Attacked troops.	KAPSAN	
		0645	3 AD-4	LTJG WEST	MOSQUITO GRADUAL GRADUAL 14	Destroyed 10 houses containing troops.	CHANGPYONG-NI	Good TAC.
		1325	2 AD-4	LTJG WEST	INTERLUDE 14	Attacked troops.	RUK-DONG	
		1325	4 F4U-4B	LTJG DARROW	MOSQUITO-DEVASTATE	Burned 4 villages.	LAEDRY	Good TAC.
11-18-50	129-19E	1325	2 F4U-4B	LCDR MURPHY	SANDBLASTER 1 & 2	Burned village and strafed troops.	SINHYANG-DONG	Sandblaster 2 very poor TAC.
		1325	4 AD-4	LT GALLAGHER	MOSQUITO SANDBLASTER	Attacked enemy troops.	SINHYANG-	TAC inexperienced. Flight did most of its own target spotting.

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CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS OF CARRIER AIR GROUP FIVE (JETS)

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7-28-50	125-37E 35-19N	1530	7 F9F-3	LCDR LAMB	MELLOW	None	NAKTONG RIVER	Unable to contact Mellow control.
7-29-50	125-14E 35-52N	0615	8 F9F-3	LCDR DAVIDSON	MELLOW	Strafed troops and gun emplacements.	NAKTONG RIVER	Controller informed flight that circuits were overloaded. 4 A/C diverted to deep support, remaining division joined F-80 flight, although not in radio contact.
8-5-50	127-54E 33-07N	1100	8 F9F-3	LCDR POLLOCK	PICKLE BARREL	Burned supplies on road and in village.	CHINJU	Unable to contact specified TAC. Contacted Pickle Barrel after 15 min. Handled 4 A/C only. Good TAC.
9-1-50	124-57E 36-57N	1615	4 F9F-3	CDR LANHAM	MELLOW	None	KIMP-YONGNG	Unable to establish radio contact.
9-2-50	125-13E 35-56N	0700	4 F9F-3	CDR POLLOCK	MOSQUITO MASTIFF	Sank 3 barges.	YONGSANG	Waited 18 min for TAC to come on station. Good TAC once he arrived.

NOTE: During the period 26 July to 3 September approximately six other four plane missions scheduled for Close Air Support were aborted because they were unable to contact MELLOW CONTROL or were unsuccessful in finding a controller in the area. All of these missions proceeded on armed reconnaissance after wasting from 5 to 20 minutes trying to establish communications as briefed. Limited endurance of the jets prevented any further delay in attempting to establish radio contact.