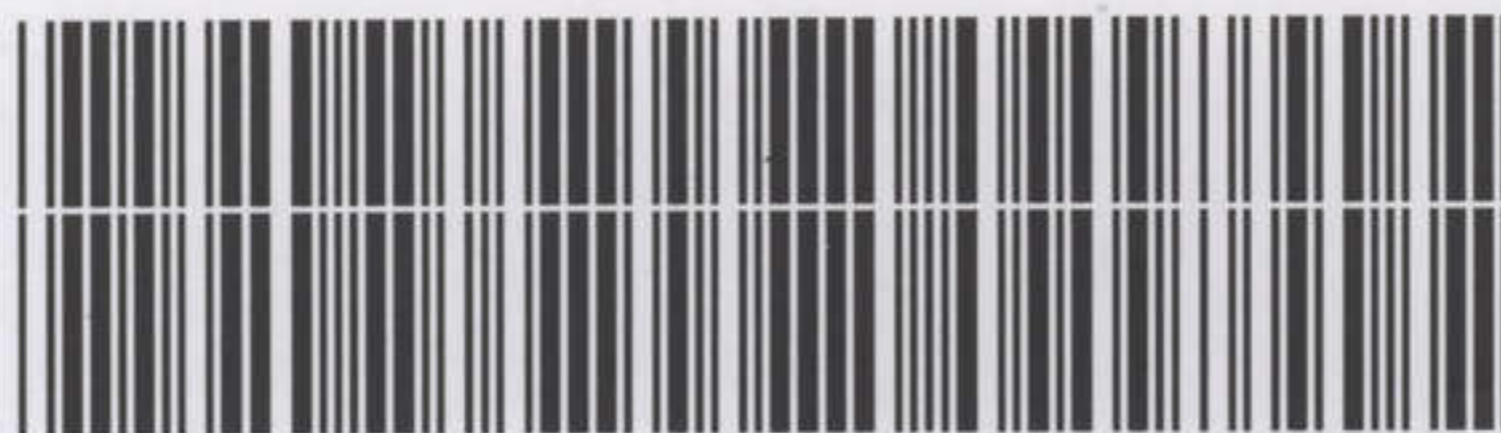


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(Sgd.) GUY RUSSELL  
Vice Admiral,  
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Far East Station,  
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
PERIOD 5TH TO 19TH DECEMBER, 1951

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's report of proceedings for the period 5th to 19th December, 1951, is forwarded for your information.

2. Paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report stress once more the inestimable value of the helicopter, not only in its rescue role, but as plane guard. The lack in immediate replacement and delay in the supply of spares for the British helicopter detachment has been most disappointing, and the prompt action by the United States Navy in providing a replacement from their own limited sources is much appreciated.

3. The diversion of Task Element 95.11 for convoy protection at this stage, just when the protection and security of the islands has become the first responsibility of the naval forces, is hard to understand - as is the failure to provide proper garrisons. I have discussed this in my 45th Report of Proceedings. It has been suggested several times that, if this diversion really is necessary, at least the times of arrival and departure of convoys might be phased so as to provide the minimum dislocation to the other duties of the carrier. However, Commander Task Force 95 considers that he cannot interfere with the operations of Commander Task Force 90 in any way, especially in view of the terms of the original directive from Commander Seventh Fleet and Commander Naval Forces, Far East.

4. In view of the importance attached to the defence of friendly islands it is unfortunate that the carrier element (whose aircrew have a more up to date picture of the local situation than their Air Force stand-ins) has to be withdrawn to provide air cover for these convoys.

5. In view of the general increase of enemy activity throughout the operating area, the increase in small arms flak damage reported in paragraph 19 is to be expected.

6. The comparison between pilots' claims and actual results in appendix A is interesting and should provide a "fillip" to aircrew. Unfortunately, due to the defensive role now being played by the island guerrilla organisations, information of this type will not be readily available.

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REAR ADMIRAL.



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**SECRET**H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
20th December 1951.SECRET

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for H.M.A. ship under my command for the period 5th to 19th December 1951.

2. SYDNEY sailed from Kure at 0830 Item on Wednesday 5th with H.M.C.S. SIOUX in company and proceeded via the Van Diemen Strait to Area Nan. H.M.S. COMUS joined me at 1800 on 6th. I assumed the duties of C.T.E.95.11 and O.T.C. West Coast at 2100 Item on this day.
3. H.M.A.S. TOBRUK joined me at 0730 on 7th, and it was pleasant to have on my screen once more the ship with whom I have worked so much in the past. Flying began at 0730, the day being rich in results, but unhappily marked by the loss in action of the second pilot from this ship. Sub Lieutenant R.R.Sinclair, R.A.N., was pilot of a Sea Fury which was hit by flak Northwest of Chinnampo. The aircraft caught fire and the pilot bailed out, but from subsequent medical examination it appears that he was killed by hitting the tail plane of the aircraft as he jumped. His body was recovered by helicopter, and after cause of death had been determined, was committed to the deep with full Naval honours in position 37° 30' N 124° 30' E at 1745 Item.
4. Four other aircraft were hit by flak on this day one Sea Fury being forced to land on Paengyong-Do with its wheels up, The remainder returned safely on board and, although not seriously damaged, it required a good deal of work to make them serviceable again.
5. A front which appeared very menacing on the evening of the 7th, passed without incident, and was followed by fine clear weather on the 8th. BROWN RANGER joined me at 0700 and refuelling of the screen was carried out during the day. Another aircraft, this time a Firefly, was hit by flak during the last event on this day, and made an excellent wheels down landing on a small beach at Techong-Do, whence the aircrew were recovered by helicopter from Payengyong-Do and were ferried to that island. They were returned to me, together with the pilot of the Sea Fury, in TOBRUK, who had been loaned to C.T.E.95.12 for the night.
6. MUNRO came back from escorting RENDOVA and joined my screen rather short of fuel at 2200, but fortunately the weather was fair again on the morning of the 9th and she was able to refuel from BROWN RANGER during the forenoon. H.M.C.S. SIOUX was chopped to C.T.E.95.12 at 1400 in accordance with C.T.G.95.1's message 040730.
7. December 10th and 11th were unremarkable in any way save for the perfect weather at sea on both of these days, although the aircraft encountered a good deal of ground fog ashore, which hampered their target attacks. A full flying programme was carried out each day with no incident more alarming than one aircraft entering the barrier.
8. COMUS met WAVE PREMIER to collect mail at Techong-Do early on the 10th on her way back from the night patrol and took the opportunity to top up with fuel. Next day I managed to intercept H.M.S. ALACRITY on her way to join C.T.E.95.12, to collect more mail.

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9. On completion of flying on the 11th, I proceeded to the Southward to the replenishment area, detaching TOBRUK to the Paengyong-Do patrol for the night. U.S.S. PORTERFIELD joined me at 0700 on the 12th and the replenishment of all ships was carried out from WAVE PREMIER during the day. TOBRUK returned about noon with U.S.S. EDMONDS in company. The latter, together with U.S.S. MUNRO was chopped to COMCORTON 11 and despatched to Yokosuka at 1400.

10. The weather deteriorated considerably on the 13th but a full day's flying was achieved. The helicopter from Paengyong-Do, PEDRO FOX, performed notable service for me on this day. When news came during the forenoon that a Sea Fury had been shot down to the Westward of Pyong-Gang the assistance of PEDRO FOX was requested in order to recover the pilot who had bailed out and was unhurt. Unfortunately, at this stage, my own helicopter which was about to take off to act as a back stop to PEDRO FOX was damaged in a taxiing accident and was unserviceable for the remainder of the patrol. PEDRO FOX was successful in picking up the stranded Fury pilot and returned him to Paengyong-Do, refuelling at Chodo on the way. A second Sea Fury was shot down during the afternoon off Ongjin, the pilot bailing out and landing safely in shallow water. He was picked up by a friendly junk and taken to a friendly island whence he was rescued by PEDRO FOX and taken to Paengyong-Do. TOBRUK collected both these pilots from the island during the night but the subsequent days were so inclement that they made an extended stay in that ship until Sunday 16th.

11. Having but a maximum of three destroyers on my screen it was arranged by C.T.G. 95.1 for a destroyer to be lent to me daily from T.E. 95.12 to act as plane guard in place of the damaged helicopter. VAN GALEN performed this duty daily for the rest of the patrol except on Sunday, 16th, when I was operating too far to the Southward for him to reach me.

12. The weather then decided to make up for its earlier excellence and on the 14th and 15th gave us continuous high winds and rough seas with frequent snow showers; on neither of these days was it feasible to fly without grave risk of many deck landing accidents.

13. WAVE PREMIER hopefully joined me early on the 15th to refuel the destroyers, but in view of the weather I sent her with COMUS straight back to Techong-Do, where the latter refuelled. TOBRUK was despatched<sup>to fuel</sup> in the afternoon and went on patrol off Paengyong-Do on completion. In the meantime, late on the 15th, I proceeded with my Task Element to the Southward to the vicinity of Mackau Island, in order to be in a position to cover the convoy under C.T.U. 90.82.6 on its way to Inchon, in accordance with C.T.F. 95's 122315. This of course stopped my efforts to assist C.T.E. 95.12 with air support.

14. The weather however, was against us once more, this time causing the convoy to be very late, not reaching the latitude from which I had been instructed to provide air cover until it was almost time to land on for the last time. Conditions for flying were by no means good, so I delayed flying off until 1500, by which time the convoy was in range and provided one C.A.P. of 4 Sea Furies and 1 Firefly as A.S.P.R.O.



giving myself two CAP and one ASPRO for good measure. The late arrival of the convoy did, however, underline the fact that if these convoys could be arranged so as to cross the 34th parallel just before dusk, they can, at this time of the year, arrive at Inchon early a.m. the next day, and similarly on the Southward journey, departure from the Clifford Islands at dusk would take them South of the 34th parallel by dawn. If this routine were to be established T.E. 95.11 could afford daylight cover in the Inchon approaches from its usual operating ground and still continue to carry out its normal offensive role.

15. During the night of the 16th/17th it was thought that the invasion of Sokto had begun and I detached TOBRUK at the urgent request of C.T.E. 95.12 to join him. The alarm eventually proved false and TOBRUK rejoined at 0500. Throughout the 17th continuous air support was given to T.E. 95.12 operating in the 'Cigarette' route and a CAP for the troop convoy was provided early in the day as it arrived in Inchon approaches.

16. I had hoped to turn PORTERFIELD over on the 18th to U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT, the newly joined C.T.E. 95.11, with the turn over notes and full load of fuel. My plan was to oil him from WAVE PREMIER at Techong-Do at daylight on 17th after he left patrol at Paengyong-Do. Shortly after midnight however, I received C.T.E. 95.12's 161120 asking for PORTERFIELD'S fuelling to be delayed as CONSTANCE was damaged and needed oil. I surmised that WAVE PREMIER must have been ordered North or that it was for some reason impracticable for two destroyers to fuel simultaneously. PORTERFIELD was ordered to rejoin at daylight on 17th. He arrived at Point Oboe with 50% fuel remaining at 0830, as I was being shown C.T.G. 95.1's 161028 ordering me to sail him to join BADOENG STRAIT before dark. This priority signal broadcast on Fox Easy took 11 hours to reach me. I estimated that at 30 knots he could reach BADOENG STRAIT by 1800 and he was accordingly detached.

17. In response to a request by C.T.E. 95.12 TOBRUK was chopped to him and despatched to the 'Cigarette' route at 1100. SIOUX joined me from T.E. 95.12 at 1250. On completion of flying VAN GALEN was despatched to rejoin T.E. 95.12 with turn over notes for U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT, and with COMUS and SIOUX in company I departed to the Southward out of the operational area. At 0115 Item on the 18th COMUS was detached to Sasebo. At 1300 Item SYDNEY and SIOUX carried out C.R.A.A. firings at a towed sleeve target in area Fox on completion of which SIOUX was also detached to Sasebo. SYDNEY proceeded through the Van Diemen Strait and arrived at Kure at 1100 on 19th.

18. The emphasis during this patrol was in support of C.T.E. 95.12 in his anti-invasion operations in the Chodo-Sokto area, including the provision of a constant daylight TARCAP over the ships in this vicinity. 383 sorties were flown which happily included only two deck landing accidents.

19. On this patrol there were 25 cases of flak damage of which five resulted in the total loss of the aircraft. This represents a rate of 1 aircraft being damaged by enemy action in every 12 offensive sorties. This is a very sharp increase on previous patrols. However, of the 25 cases of flak damage, no less than 11 cases occurred in the area of the AMGAK Peninsular, and a damage rate of this order must be accepted when numbers of aircraft are continually carrying out attacks in one small area. A similar trend was noted after the frequent attacks in the Han River area.



20. It was only on this patrol that "LEOPARD" started to pass results of air strikes on targets given by him to the ship. Attached as Annex "A" is a comparison between the results reported by "LEOPARD" and the actual claims of the pilots who carried out these strikes. These results are very good and when compared with the pilots' claims, indicate that in the remaining 53 "LEOPARD" targets which have been attacked in the past a lot more damage has been done than has been claimed. It is realised that the damage claims of the Air Group are nearly always an underestimation, but it is intended to adhere to the strict rules in force at the moment as it is considered that underestimation is far preferable to overestimation.

21. Additional copies of this report are enclosed for transmission to Commonwealth and U.S. Naval authorities.



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) D. H. HARRIS

CAPTAIN.

The Flag Officer  
Second-in-Command,  
FAR EAST STATION.

Enclosures:

1. Debriefing reports.
2. Daily narratives.
3. Damage caused by enemy flak.

Annex "A".



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

7 DEC 51

EVENT 124

0730-0915

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 R/P and Cannon            | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 R/P and Cannon            | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 X Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and cannon | Strike |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

6/8 cloud at 6000 feet.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight carried out an A/R of the waterways West, SW and NW from CHINNAMPO searching for all types of enemy craft that could be used to mount an amphibious assault on the islands of CHODO and SOKTO-RI.

Numerous junks and sampans were sighted in the waterways - too many to plot accurately in such a short patrol. However many were strafed and damaged. Others along the CHINNAMPO waterfront were rocketted and damaged - one was seen to explode.

The village at CHESAN-NI XC 8029 was strafed.

One aircraft was hit in this area and made a wheels up landing on the beach at PAENGYONG-DO.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided a TARCAP for the defending ships patrolling in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI Area (HMS Whitsand Bay, HMS Cockade and USS Edmonds). A target of 122 mm guns at XC 784679 given by the ships was searched for but not located. However the rockets were placed at the pin point without any observed results.

During the reconnaissance of nearby mainland beaches numerous junks and sampans were sighted but until photograph coverage has been interpreted, serviceability cannot be assessed.

(c) 5 x Firefly

A low level bombing attack was made on the rail bridge at YC 4418. One complete span was removed. The flight then moved on to the rail bridge at YC 3633. This was cut as was the nearby serviceable diversion.

During a later A/R store dumps along the rail line at YC 3214 were strafed starting one fire.

Box cars at YC 3414 were strafed and several damaged.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail line from CHAERYONG to CHANGYON is once again serviceable.

(b) The rail line from SINWON-NI YC 3833 to HAEJU is now serviceable.



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INTELLIGENCE (Contd)

(c) The rail line from HAEJU to ONGJIN is once again serviceable.

6. DAMAGE

- (a) 2 Junks damaged.
- (b) 1 sampan destroyed.
- (c) 14 sampans damaged.
- (d) 3 rail bridges destroyed.
- (e) 1 store sump destroyed.
- (f) 4 box cars damaged.
- (g) 2 houses destroyed.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of Coast from XC 735664 to XC 763718.

(Sgd) M B SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

7 DEC 51  
0915-1100

SERIAL 125  
EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 X Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Low rain squalls over the target area in the HAN RIVER. Cloud base in the CHINNAMPO area is 6000 - 7000 ft.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

Attacks were to have been carried out on LEOPARD targets in the HAN RIVER area but low cloud prevented the aircraft reaching their pre-briefed targets. The well used road bridge at BS 542961 was rocketted, direct hits being obtained, but the bridge was too heavy for material damage to be caused. Weather prevented the pre-briefed A/R being carried out.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft flew TARCAP over the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area.

Trenches at XC 755566 were strafed with unobserved results.

Rocketting attacks were carried out in the CHINNAMPO waterfront area, destroying one junk and possibly damaging two other junks. One aircraft was damaged by small arms fire.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The road bridge at BS 542961 is serviceable and appears well used.

Although the rail bridge at BS 553986 is cut, an earthen diversion nearby indicates that stores are being manhandled across the stream to the railway line on the other side.

The village at BT 578021, attacked and set on fire in Event 'E', 28 Nov 51, is completely destroyed.

Two possibly serviceable 35 ft junks were seen at XC 835808 and XC 837813, and a large log raft at XC 742727.

A large motor junk, apparently serviceable, was seen on a slipway at YC 081875.

Two junks were seen burning at XC 832736.  
New trenches were observed at XC 755566.

5. FLAK

Automatic small arms fire was received from XC 848819.

6. DAMAGE

1 junk destroyed.  
2 junks damaged.

M. EDDY                      Capt.  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

SYDNEY CAG

7 DEC 51

EVENT 126

1100-1245

SERIAL 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | AR     |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base in YONAN area is 2000 ft, decreasing to 1000 ft in patches. In the CHINNAMPO area cloud base was at 8000 ft.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This was the normal Milk Run to HANCHON.

The junks reported at YC 951904 to YC 954906 appeared definitely unserviceable and were not attacked.

At XC 965925, troops were seen in trenches which were accurately strafed. Casualties could not be assessed.

One aircraft was shot down at XD 8807, the pilot being seen to bail out. His parachute developed at approximately 150 ft, but on hitting the ground he did not move. He was picked up off the mud bank by the helicopter from BROMIDE BAKER.

The flight flew RESCAP over the pilot whose aircraft was seen burning furiously about 20 yards from him.

A village at XC 8751 was rocketted and strafed, two large buildings being damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft flew TARCAP over the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area.

An airspot was carried out with USS EDMONDS on to a wood at XC 784679 where six 120 mm guns were reported hidden. Some rounds fell in the target area but as the shoot was at extreme range, fire for effect was not sufficiently accurate to cause much damage.

One aircraft was damaged by small arms fire.

Junks and rafts were observed at XC 665500 and XC 722578. These were rocketted and strafed damaging two junks.

Junks and sampans were observed at numerous places along the coast between XC 880775 and XC 950817.

(c) 4 x Firefly

Bombing attacks were carried out on the railway bridges at:-

- (i) BT 4302: one long span at the eastern end was destroyed.
- (ii) YC 592057: two centre spans destroyed.
- (iii) YC 562065: one span destroyed.

On a later A/R one ox cart was damaged.



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4. INTELLIGENCE

Two motor junks, one of which carried the friendly recognition signal on the mast, were seen at 030 Oboe 15. One had stopped and the other was steaming towards the first one.

The Eastern branch line between SARIWON and SINWON-NI at YC 3833 is still unserviceable.

The railway line at YC 567063 is cut in two places.

Approximately ten open empty box cars were seen at WONUM-NI XD 8903.

5. FLAK

Automatic small arms fire came from XC 783680.

Explosive tracer shells came from XD 8705.

6. DAMAGE

3 railway bridges destroyed.  
1 ox cart damaged.  
2 junks damaged.  
2 large buildings damaged.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of Coast from XC 7366 to XC 7156.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

7 DEC 51

SERIAL 127

1245-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |  |        |
|-----|-------------|--|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon                     | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon                     | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 X Fury    | Cannon                                 | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Dept <sup>l</sup> Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 6000 ft over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

This sortie was pre-briefed to carry out a strike on a LEOPARD target at XC 870722 but was diverted to fly RESCAP over the BROMIDE BAKER helicopter which was picking up the downed pilot. They escorted the helicopter back to PAENGYONG-DO.

(b) 2 x Fury

The flight was pre-briefed to fly TARCAP over the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area but was diverted to escort HMAS "SYDNEY's" helicopter which landed in PAENGYONG-DO to transfer the pilot shot down in Event 'C' from the BROMIDE BAKER helicopter.

Rocket attacks were later carried out on houses at XC 848803 and on new diggings at XC 846814. Two houses were damaged. A further straffing run was made on junks at XC 819715 with unobserved results.

(c) 2 x Fury

These aircraft carried out the TARCAP instead of the aircraft which had been diverted to RESCAP. The ships did not carry out a shoot, but airbriefed the TARCAP to attack targets at:-

- (i) XC 758712 - rocketted, two houses being destroyed.
- (ii) XC 765708 - an enemy Command Post which was straffed with unobserved results.
- (iii) Troop positions on the hill slopes between XC 758712 and XC 765708. These were straffed, again with unobserved results, no movement being seen.

Suspected gun positions at XC 784679 were investigated without confirmation, and one ox cart was destroyed and another damaged at XC 799675.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Troops were sighted in trenches at XC 820714.

Approximately 12 men were seen walking along the road at XC 5923.

5. DAMAGE

2 houses destroyed.  
1 ox cart destroyed.  
1 ox cart damaged.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coast line from XC 713592 to XC 623449.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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**SERIAL 128**  
**EVENT 'E'**

SYDNEY CAG

DE-BRIEFING REPORTS  
HMAS 'SYDNEY'      7 DEC 51  
1440-1615

1. MISSIONS

- |                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 3 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 1500 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 3 x Fury

These aircraft provided a TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. They were briefed to attack twelve sampans on the beach at XC 866723 - these were accurately rocketted and 3 were destroyed and 5 damaged.

The ships then requested that an A/R be made of the road leading North from ULLYUL XC 9164. Nothing more mobile than ox carts were sighted - eleven were attacked.

(b) 4 x Firefly

A low level attack was made on the rail bridge East of ONGJIN at YC 1702. Unfortunately the bridge was not destroyed but the line at the Western end was cut.

A further attack was made on the rail bridge at YC 101008 but although the bridge was not hit one bomb skipped into a nearby village setting off a large ammunition dump with a colossal explosion. The village was completely destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) A 50 foot motor junk was anchored 150 yards off the beach at XB 7498. Two smaller motor junks were nearby and people were seen to be either loading or unloading them.

(b) Large wheel tracks were sighted on the road leading South from the ferry point at YC 0786.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) One rail cut.
- (b) 3 sampans destroyed.
- (c) 5 sampans damaged.
- (d) 14 houses destroyed.
- (e) 2 ox carts destroyed.
- (f) 4 ox carts damaged.

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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY GAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

8 DEC 51

SERIAL 129

0730 - 0915

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | AR     |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Ceiling and visibility unlimited.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

This flight carried out the routine check of shipping in the TAEDONG-GANG and CHAERYONG-GANG waterways. Numerous junks and sampans were sighted, rocketting and strafing attacks being made at YC 267897, damaging three large junks.

One ox cart was damaged and the ox killed at YC 2951.

Rocketting attacks on railway rolling stock at SINKON-RI YC 3832 destroyed one box car and damaged three open trucks.

(b) 2 x Fury

TARCAP was flown over the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. Gun targets at XC 765706 and XC 775726 were given to the aircraft to attack, but as no signs of the guns could be seen, an alternative target of trenches between XC 770723 and XC 774728 was strafed with unobserved results. The ships requested investigation of mortar positions at XC 820720, but again the target could not be located. Permission was then given for rocketting attack on junks at XC 818720. Two junks were destroyed and three damaged.

(c) 4 x Firefly

Low level bombing attacks were made on railway bridges west of CHAERYONG at:-

(i) YC 0847 - two spans collapsed and the line, although intact, was badly bent.

(ii) YC 0447 - one span blown out and the abutment at the Eastern end damaged.

On the later A/R, ox carts were strafed damaging two and killing one ox. The railway station at CH'WIYA-RI YC 2413 was strafed with unobserved results.

4. DAMAGE

- 2 railway bridges destroyed.
- 2 oxen killed.
- 3 ox carts damaged.
- 2 junks destroyed.
- 6 junks damaged.
- 1 box car destroyed.
- 3 railway trucks damaged.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coast line from XC 743714 to XC 775730.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY GAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

8 DEC 51  
0915 - 1100

SERIAL 130  
EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

These aircraft attacked a LEOPARD target of 270 CGF in the village at YC 021415 making accurate rocket and strafing attacks. Many houses were hit and at least five destroyed.

An A/R was then made along the rail lines in our operational area confirming the damage caused yesterday.

The village of TARTAN YC 0316 was strafed and one house left burning.

(b) 2 x Fury

This flight provided a TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. A target of a village at XC 870721 was given as a target by the ships - this was rocketted and three buildings were destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) A diversion is being built to the south of the rail bridge at YC 4809. We destroyed this bridge during our last patrol.

(b) Four junks and several sampans were sighted on the beach at XC 5818.

(c) The six junks sighted yesterday at XC 893815 are no longer at that location.

5. DAMAGE

(a) 6 houses destroyed.

(b) 5 houses damaged.

(c) 3 buildings destroyed.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO from XC 871695 to XC 868291 and XC 865715 to XC 818723.

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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

8 DEC 51

EVENT 137

1100-1245.

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

A LEOPARD target, reported to contain 800 NKA with mortars, machine guns and one artillery piece at KIDONG, XC 989024, was rocketted and strafed. All rockets struck in the target area, destroying two houses and probably damaging several others.

A camouflaged sheet-iron hut at XC 5307 was strafed but damage could not be assessed.

One ox cart was destroyed and another was damaged on the subsequent A/R.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKYO-RI TARCAP. Rocketting and strafing attacks were made on the village at XC 8480 destroying two houses and damaging at least two others.

(c) 5 x Firefly

The successful railway interdiction programme continued with low level bombing attacks on bridges at:-

- (i) XC 2816 - no damage was caused to the bridge, but two bombs falling short damaged some houses. Photographic interpretation will be made to determine the extent of the damage.
- (ii) XC 2414 - unfortunately only near misses were obtained which did not damage the bridge.
- (iii) XC 2616 - one span was destroyed and severe damage was caused to a second span.

XC6815

Junks and sampans were observed at XC 5727, XC 5913, and XC 584183.

A road repairing party at XC 6726 was strafed, one person being killed and clouds of smoke or steam were seen to issue from the repair area. A large building at XC 7615 was strafed with unobserved results. A medium sized sailing junk was sighted at XC 6508, heading East.

4. INTELLIGENCE

An unusual number of stacks of hay were observed in the villages between CHANGYON and SOKYO-RI XC 7128, which could mean considerable troop activity in the area.

On the edge of the runway of the ONGJIN airfield, a gun pit possibly containing a gun or a dummy gun was observed.

No attempt has been made to repair the railway bridges between YONAN and HAEJU as yet.

5. DAMAGE

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| One railway bridge destroyed.                                   | 4 houses destroyed.  |
| One person killed.  | 2 houses damaged.    |
| Some houses damaged - photographic interpretation will be made. | 1 ox cart destroyed. |
|   | 1 ox cart damaged.   |

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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

8 DEC 51

SERIAL 132

1245 - 1430

EVLNT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over whole area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The daily Milk Run to HANCHON was carried out by this flight.

Four 40 foot serviceable junks were strafed and damaged - one at XD 9318 and the other three at YD 012388.

Approximately 6 troops in a trench at YD 015051 were strafed with unobserved results.

On the return A/R troops in trenches South West of HANCHON were strafed, once again with unobserved results.

A further 15 to 20 troops in trenches at YD 046274 were rocketted causing at least 10 casualties.

During a recce of the KYOMIPO waterways, craft were attacked as follows:-

- (i) Junk at YC 220998 - strafed and damaged.
- (ii) Two Junks at YC 271895 - strafed and damaged.
- (iii) Sampan at YC 290835 - strafed and damaged.
- (iv) Junk at YC 308785 - strafed and damaged.
- (v) Sampan and one occupant at YC 291669 - destroyed.
- (vi) 3 Junks at YC 280614 - rocketted - two destroyed and one damaged.

Before returning to the ship a saw mill was rocketted and set on fire in TAETAN YC 0315.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. These aircraft were advised by the controlling ship that all the craft shown on the trace dropped to them this morning are enemy and should be attacked. Consequently several junks were attacked - two were destroyed and several damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Throughout the hills South West of HANCHON many newly prepared defences were sighted.

(b) A large gun pit is being prepared at YD 013407.

5. DAMAGE

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) 4 junks destroyed.   | (d) 11 troop casualties. |
| (b) 11 junks damaged.    | (e) 1 sampan destroyed.  |
| (c) 2 bunkers destroyed. | (f) 1 sampan damaged.    |

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coastline from XC720742 to XC822724.

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8 DEC 51

SERIAL 163

1430-1615

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Further concentrations of troops reported by LEOPARD were attacked as follows:-

(1) YC 113237, PODONG, containing 650 NKA, was rocketted and strafed damaging one large building, destroying two houses and damaging several other houses.

(11) YC 107263, KAEGOL, reported to house 700 NKA, was strafed, causing a small fire in one large building.

On the subsequent A/R, a concentration of approximately 400 troops, dressed in white, were surprised in a large group at XC 953422. They dispersed rapidly into the villages at XC 955424, XC 952424 and XC 946424 on the approach of the aircraft. The remainder of the cannon ammunition was expended on the strafing runs which resulted in at least 30 troops being killed. Several others must have been wounded but it was not possible to gauge the number.

(b) 2 x Fury

This flight provided the TARCAP for the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI Island area. On arrival of the TARCAP in the area, the ships were engaging positions on the HO-DO island XC 7374, but an airspot was not required, nor were any targets given to the aircraft to attack.

A junk and sampan reconnaissance was carried out along the Wales Coast from XC 6956 to YC 0786.

A log raft approximately 30 ft long is being built at XC 7473. This was attacked but no damage was done.

In the CHINNAMPO junk building yard, a shed and the 30 ft junk inside were destroyed by rockets.

Near misses only were obtained on about 12 small boats at XC 9593, and at XC 9597 a covered conical stack was attacked and hit, with unobserved results.

The railway line at YC 1893 was blocked by debris in a cutting, following a rocket strike on a tunnel-like construction over the line. This building has been damaged on previous patrols.

Two ox carts were destroyed and two more damaged at XC 3472.



(c) 4 x Firefly

All the main railway lines in the 'Wales' area now having been cut, the Fireflies were switched on to bombing a large number of barrack-type buildings, north of ONGJIN at YC 075032. These buildings house the workers from a nearby mine. All bombs dropped in the target area and photographic study will be necessary to determine damage done.

A sampan was strafed and damaged at YC 4703 and a new junk was damaged at YC 4507. Three ox carts were damaged later, at XB 9297.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Four new tunnels are being dug out of the hillside at XC 9131.

The railway bridge at XC 8635 is still unserviceable.

Several serviceable box cars were observed at the railway station at KWANGNYANGMAN XC 9597.

Six loaded hand propelled rail trucks and an attendant working party were observed on the salt flats at XC 9497.

5. FLAK

Small arms fire including tracer was received from KWANGNYANGMAN XC 9597. Two aircraft were hit.

6. DAMAGE

2 large buildings damaged.  
1 small building damaged.  
2 houses destroyed.  
Several houses damaged.  
30 troops killed.  
Unknown number of troops wounded.  
1 Sampan damaged.  
1 junk damaged.  
2 ox carts destroyed.  
5 ox carts damaged.  
1 boatshed destroyed.  
1 junk destroyed.  
1 railway line blocked.

Photographic interpretation will be needed to determine bomb damage by Fireflies.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coast line from XC 880775 to XC 885834.

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9 DEC 51

SERIAL 134

0730-0915

EVENT 'A'

- |    |     |             |                            |        |
|----|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. | (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
|    | (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
|    | (c) | 5 x Firefly | 2x500 lb bombs and Cannon  | Strike |
|    | (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
|    | (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A routine reconnaissance was made of the waterways around CHINNAMPO, KYOMIPO and CHAERYONG-GANG. Again many small craft were sighted and attacks were made as follows:-

- (i) One junk XC 9589 strafed and damaged.
- (ii) One junk YC 0086 strafed and damaged.
- (iii) Three sampans YC 2088 strafed and damaged.
- (iv) One loaded junk YC 200984 rocketted and destroyed.
- (v) One loaded barge XD 1901 rocketted and destroyed.
- (vi) One loaded sampan YC 2590 rocketted and destroyed.
- (vii) One loaded sampan YC 280613 rocketted and destroyed.
- (viii) Three loaded sampans YC 003795 strafed and damaged.
- (ix) Three loaded sampans YC 0283 strafed and damaged.

Stores on a jetty at YC 072853 were rocketted and destroyed.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided the TARCAP for the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. A target of an alleged 6 x 122 mm guns at XC 785679 was given by the ships and strafed but with unobserved results.

Sheds on the CHINNAMPO waterfront at YC 073875 were rocketted and a secondary explosion (thought to be of fuel) was caused.

(c) 5 x Firefly

The flight low level bombed the railway bridge north of CHINNAMPO at YC 0993 but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

4. FLAK

Meagre Light innaccurate flak seen coming from YC 230966, YC 0695, XC 869668 and YC 078880.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail line from HAEJU to SINWON-NI is still unserviceable but the bridge at YC 4418 is being repaired.

(b) A red flag was seen flying in a field at XC 869668 - flak was received from the area.

6. DAMAGE

|                  |                          |                           |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 junks damaged  | 9 sampans damaged        | One barge destroyed.      |
| 1 junk destroyed | 2 sampans destroyed      | One store dump destroyed. |
|                  | One fuel dump destroyed. |                           |

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coastline from XC 855740 to XC856820.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

9 DEC 51

SERIAL 156

0915-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 6000 ft over target area near CHODO - SOKTO-RI area, and 3000 ft near ONGJIN.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

Pinpoint LEOPARD targets in the ONGJIN peninsula were selected for the Fury attack.

(i) XB 904994 - rocketted and strafed, destroying three houses and damaging at least one more.

(ii) XB 913975 - strafed, but no fires were started nor could damage be assessed.

No A/R was attempted as one aircraft developed a fault in the oil pressure relief valve.

(b) 2 x Fury

(i) These aircraft flew TARCAP over the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area shipping. A target, one gun, was given to the aircraft to attack at XC 853813. Rocket and cannon attacks were made and hits were obtained in the immediate vicinity of the covered gun pit and nearby covered trenches. Damage could not be assessed nor was any movement seen.

(ii) A further target of one battalion in the village at XC 936739 was then strafed with no observed results nor movement.

(iii) At XC 936796, 76 personnel with 2 x 122 mm guns, 2 AA guns and one HMG were reported. These also were strafed without definite results.

(iv) Similar concentrations were reported at XC 851817 which was strafed, and at XC 840811. No claims could be made from these strafing runs.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The village at XC 868669 was seen to be burning. One house was demolished, another burning furiously and two more smoking.

5. FLAK

Nil.

6. DAMAGE

3 houses destroyed.  
1 house damaged.

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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

9 DEC 51

SERIAL 136

1100-1345

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 2000 feet over HANCHON.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight carried out the daily 'Milk Run' to HANCHON attacking junks in the bay at HANCHON damaging 3 junks.

On the return A/R an Anti-aircraft gun at YD 0746 was strafed and hit, then a concentration of troops (100 plus) in trenches around the hill at YD 1533 was rocketted and strafed. At least 20 bodies were seen before leaving the area - many more casualties must have been caused.

Approximately 15 troops were also seen in the trenches at YD 0428 - these were strafed with unobserved results.

15 large sampans at YC 975817 were rocketted and six were destroyed.

A motor junk at YC 014808 was strafed and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARCAP for the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. A target of troops in six houses at XC 936739 was given the aircraft. This was rocketted and strafed with unobserved results.

A reconnaissance was then made for a gun position at XC 840811. A camouflaged entrenchment and troops were sighted but no gun. This target was attacked and well covered but no damage was noticed.

(c) 4 x Firefly

This flight dive bombed a large collection of barrack buildings at YC 063063. Bombs all fell in the target area and many buildings were destroyed and damaged - exact details after photographic interpretation has been completed.

Store dumps along the rail line at YC 3525 were strafed and hit but no fires were started.

A troop concentration (150 plus) was sighted in a re-entrant at XC 730290 but as the flight had little ammunition left, a short strafing was all that could be made. No casualties were observed.

4. FLAK

Meagre light flak received from HANCHON.

1 aircraft damaged by flak.



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5. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) The rail bridges at YC 1703 and YC 2615 are still unserviceable.
- (b) Troop concentrations in a re-entrant at XC 730290.
- (c) Freshly camouflaged defensive positions were sighted at XC 756702 and XC 754693.

6. DAMAGE

4 junks damaged.  
1 AA gun damaged.  
20 troops killed.  
6 large sampans destroyed.  
1 store dump damaged.  
1 ox cart destroyed.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coast line from XC 747700 to XC 775736.

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DE-BRIEFING REPORT  
HMAS 'SYDNEY' 9 DEC 51  
1245 - 1430

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SERIAL 137  
EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 3 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

5/8 cloud at 4000 ft over N.W. Wales.

3. REPORTS

(a) 3 x Fury

scheduled

(i) One of the aircraft, for a strike in this event having gone unserviceable on deck, the second strike aircraft was diverted to join the TARCAP over the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area.

(ii) A gun company reported at XC 9380 was investigated but no observations were made. A rocketing attack was made on the village of ORIPO-RI XC 939799, two houses being damaged.

(iii) An enemy 105 mm gun battery was reported by the ships to be digging in at XC 757582. No movement was seen although there is evidence of fresh diggings in the area. Photographic runs were made over the position.

(iv) A further target of 20 mm guns covered with straw at XC785678 was investigated but again nothing was seen. This position has been rocketted on previous Events.

(v) Ten junks at XC 873704 were attacked with permission, and although the cannon fire covered the target, damage could not be accurately assessed.

(vi) One house was destroyed by rockets at XC 833669.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Two small fires were observed at XC 836812.

5. FLAK

Nil.

6. DAMAGE

2 houses damaged.  
1 house destroyed.

7. DAMAGE - EVENT 'C'

After strike photography reveals that the Fireflies in Event 'C' destroyed 11 barrack buildings and badly damaged a further 6.

8. DAMAGE, EVENT 'E', 8 DEC 51

Photographic interpretation of damage caused by the Firefly bombing attack at YC 075032, in Event 'E', 8 Dec 51, shows that 4 large barrack buildings were destroyed.

9. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out VLO of coastline from XC 894836 to XC958814.

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9 DEC 51

EVENT 'E'

1430-1615

SERIAL 138

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARGAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over ONGJIN area but low cloud over YONAN area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight attacked the troop concentration sighted by the Fireflies during the last Event. Strangely enough at least 150 were found in exactly the same location, together with many piles of stores.

Repeated rocket and strafing attacks were made - at least 40 were killed and many stores destroyed.

Another large concentration was found in trenches at XC 787318 and another 20 killed by strafing attacks.

(b) 2 x Fury

Once again a TARGAP was flown for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. The ships requested an A/R be made of the road leading North from ULLYUL - this provided no targets so small craft along the CHINNAMPO waterfront were rocketted.

One junk was destroyed and one damaged.

(c) 4 x Firefly

The flight were briefed to attack a village at BT 500040 reported by LEOPARD to hold 1000 OCF. Unfortunately bad weather prevented this so a secondary target of a large working lead and zinc mine at XC 074067 was dive bombed. The main buildings were unfortunately missed but hits were obtained on surrounding installations and treatment tanks.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Much more activity was noted in the area south east of CHANGYON than ever before. Villages appear crowded with people and stores. In addition to the troops mentioned in para 3 (a) above new defences and large troop concentrations were sighted at XC 786332 and XC 776318.

(b) The stacks of hay reported between CHANGYON and SOKKYO-RI XC 7128 in Event 'C', 8 Dec 51, do not contain stores but are probably destined as roofing materials, as considerable re-building is in progress in the area.

5. DAMAGE

60 troops killed.  
Many Stores destroyed.  
One lead and zinc mine damaged.  
One junk destroyed.  
One junk damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major,  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

10 DEC 51

SERIAL 139

0730-0915

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Fog and ground haze under 3000 ft cloud base north of CHINNAMPO and over Wales.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This was the routine HANCHON 'Milk Run' which was briefed to continue the attacks on troop concentrations at YD 1533 and YD 0428, in addition to the normal coastal shipping check.

No new junk or sampan sightings were made, nor was any troop movement seen at YD 0428. Weather prevented the aircraft from reaching the troop concentrations at YD 1533.

Box cars at WONUM-NI XD 9003 were rocketted, six being damaged, and one ox cart was damaged at XC 8857.

Approximately 20 troops in trenches at XC 7457 were strafed with unobserved results, and at YD 043273 a covered object which could possibly have been a vehicle was damaged by strafing runs.

(b) 2 x Fury

TARCAP over the CHODO-SOKTO-RI area. The ships gave a target of three 45 ft junks and one small craft at XC 723577, to the aircraft to attack. All were damaged.

A group of 8 persons were strafed at XC 9476 but low haze prevented damage being assessed.

(c) 5 x Firefly

The flight was briefed to bomb a troop concentration in a village at BT 500040. Weather prevented the aircraft from reaching the target and the now serviceable diversion railway bridge at YC 3847 was attacked. Near misses only were obtained, no visible damage being done. Bad weather prevented any A/R from being carried out.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Nil.

5. FLAK

Automatic small arms fire came from YD 0939. Small arms fire was received from YD 040277. Light AA fire came from YD 0428. 1 aircraft was hit.

6. DAMAGE

6 box cars damaged.  
1 ox cart damaged.  
3 junks damaged.  
1 small boat damaged.  
1 possible vehicle damaged.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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10 DEC 51

SERIAL 140

0915-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARGAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Low mist obscured the majority of the area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

These aircraft were briefed to return to the area South West of CHANGYON with the object of seeking out any further troop concentrations such as those attacked in Event 'E' yesterday.

Unfortunately low cloud and fog prevented any sightings or attacks being made.

Contact was then made with the ships in the CHODO area - a target of a bunker at XC 757583 was given them - this was accurately rocketted but with unobserved results.

An attack was then made on the village at XC 738170 from where some friendly ships had been fired on. Some six houses were damaged.

Whilst carrying out this attack an active flak position at XC756143 opened up - this was attacked but no damage could be assessed.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARGAP aircraft for the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area who requested that a target of bunkers at XC 757583 be attacked - these were accurately rocketted.

On a later A/R some 40 troops were sighted along the road at XC 778680. These were attacked and at least 15 killed.

A light ack ack gun was seen firing from a bunker at XC 767678 - this was strafed and the gunner killed.

4. FLAK

Meagre light flak received from XC 756143 - one aircraft was damaged by this flak.

Meagre light flak received from XC 767678.

DAMAGE

6 houses damaged.  
16 troops killed.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

10 DEC 51

SERIAL 141

1100-1245

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/B and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 8 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over the target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A fighter sweep of the beaches of N W Wales to attack junks and sampans sighted over the past three days, was carried out. No serviceable craft were found to attack although there are numerous unserviceable vessels on the beaches.

A strafing run was made on an AA Gun position at XC 936804 but no visible damage was done.

An unsuccessful search was made for a gun at XC 852811.

The flight was then directed to the troop concentration being strafed by the Fireflies. A group of approximately 25 troops were strafed, and it is estimated that 15 were killed.

Rocketing attacks were made on CHANGYON, two buildings being damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKTO-RI TARCAP. Photographic missions were flown as requested by the ships, and unsuccessful searches were made for reported troop positions in the general area of the ridge running south-east from XC 7667 and at XC 7555.

A group of 20 troops were strafed at XC 795591, three being killed. Rocketing attacks were then made on CHANGYON destroying four houses.

(c) 4 x Firefly

Another visit was paid to the railway bridge North of CHINNAMPO at YC 0993. An accurate bombing attack destroyed the greater portion of the bridge and tore up a further 150 yards of the railway line and embankment on the Northern side.

On the return A/R, in the area of XC 8338, XC 8138 and XC 8438, groups of enemy troops were observed in the open. Strafing runs were made on the total of approximately 150 troops, and it is estimated that 60 were killed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

An unusual number of haystacks were observed in both ULLYUL XC 9265 and SONGHWA XC 8747.

5. FLAK

Small arms fire came from YC 094913, YC 095926, and YC 097924.

Light AA fire was received from XC 936804 and XC 936806. One aircraft was hit.

6. DAMAGE

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 railway bridge destroyed.     | 78 troops killed.   |
| 150 yards railway line torn up. | 4 houses destroyed. |
| 2 buildings damaged.            |                     |

M. EDDY      Capt.  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

10 DEC 51

SERIAL 142

1245-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon         | TARGAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Visibility 5 miles - ceiling 3-4000 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

The aircraft returned to the CHANGYON area where large troop concentrations have been sighted in the past two days.

Parties of troops were sighted and attacked as follows:-

- (i) XC 807349 - 20 plus sighted - 10 killed.
- (ii) XC 792343 - 15 plus sighted - 5 killed.
- (iii) XC 777343 - 15 plus sighted - 5 killed.

The rail ~~cut~~<sup>LINE</sup> at XC 855344 was rocketted and cut on the bend.

(b) 2 x Fury

Once again a TARGAP was flown for the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI Area.

A road reconnaissance was requested from ULLUYUL to CHINNAMPO - this was carried out but proved negative.

A suspected ack ack position at XC 783677 was then accurately rocketted.

Villages at XC 739302 and XC 735295 and houses at XC 733298 were then rocketted and strafed - 6 houses were destroyed or damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) A complete coastal recce of the mainland beaches opposite CHODO was made - no new sightings were made and the majority of craft along the beaches now appear unserviceable.

(b) The re-entrant at XC 730290 that yesterday had large piles of stores scattered about it, is now completely deserted.

(c) The CHANGYON area still shows signs of much activity.

(d) Serviceable junks were sighted as follows

XC 625186 - one afloat.

XC 643205 - two afloat.

(e) A fire is still burning in CHANGYON from the rocketting attack in Event 'C!.

5. DAMAGE

(a) One rail cut.

(b) 20 troops killed.

(c) 6 houses destroyed or damaged.

(Sgd) N.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

10 DEC 51

SERIAL 143

1430-1615

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Broken cloud at 3000 ft in the TARCAP area and a heavy ground fog over the HAEJU - YONAN area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight was briefed to continue the strikes against the troop concentrations seen during the past two days in the CHANGYON area, but there was no signs of troops in any of the localities. A village at C 945424 into which troops had been seen to run yesterday was strafed, two houses being damaged but no movement seen.

A rocket attack was made on the village at XC 827353, destroying one house and probably damaging two more. Further attacks were made on CHANGYON damaging one building. An ox cart was damaged and the ox killed at XC 7027 and another cart damaged at XC 9743.

The strike was called in to help the TARCAP in strafing attacks on a troop concentration at XC 753553.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKTO-RI TARCAP. At XC 753553 a concentration of 100 plus troops was attacked and at least 20 were killed. No targets were allotted by the ships nor were any shoots carried out.

A rocketing attack was made on CHANGYON resulting in three houses being destroyed.

(c) 4 x Firefly

Another attempt was made to bomb a reported concentration of 1000-CCF at BF 500040, but again weather prevented the aircraft from reaching their target. Alternative LEOPARD targets in the ONGJIN area were attacked at:-

(i) XB 881974 - all bombs landed in the target area destroying at least six houses and severely damaging four more, and causing a secondary explosion. A strafing run damaged a further building in the southern end of the village.

(ii) XB 872987 - one house was destroyed and three were damaged, five small fires being started.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The fire in CHANGYON started in Event 'C' is still burning and had destroyed two large buildings.

A large junk was sighted in the active harbour at XB 9387 and another large junk was seen on the beach of YUK TO island XC 1915.

5. DAMAGE

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 11 houses damaged.   | 2 ox carts damaged. |
| 11 houses destroyed. | 1 ox killed.        |
| 2 buildings damaged. | 20 troops killed.   |

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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11 DEC 51

SERIAL 144

0730-0915

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight flew the 'Milk Run' to HANCHON which proved negative to seaward.

On the return A/R a search was made for troop concentrations S E of HANCHON but none were sighted.

Rail cuts were made at YC 421127 and YC 408127 with rocket attacks.

Finally store dumps near CHANGYON at XC 811346 were rocketted and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

A TARCAP was provided for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. No targets were given but a reconnaissance was requested of the area around PUNGCHON. Approximately 20 troops were seen in trenches at XC 6448 - these were strafed with unobserved results.

Camouflaged defensive positions at XC 8481 were also strafed with the same results.

Before returning to the ship, large sampans at XC 870729 were rocketted and two destroyed.

(c) 5 x Firefly

A LEOPARD target of 300 CCF in a village close to CHANGYON at XC 833359 was dive bombed. All bombs fell in the target area destroying and damaging many houses and causing one large fire. Because of the smoke caused by the explosions, exact damage was impossible to assess - it is hoped that photographs will be taken during a later Event.

A large group of objects resembling hay stacks was strafed at TAETAN - one of which yielded a secondary explosion.

4. FLAK

Meagre light innaccurate flak was seen coming from YD 1337 and YD 0428.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail lines between ONGJIN and HAEJU and YONAN and between MIRYOK TONG YC 3539 and HAEJU are still unserviceable although the bridges at YC 1603 and YC 4418 have been repaired.

(b) The HAEJU airfield is very unserviceable and no swept wing aircraft were sighted.

(c) Store dumps in caves were sighted at XC 811346.

(d) At YC 086043, three large and two small buildings were sighted each protected by a blast pen.

(e) Approximately 9 serviceable box cars were sighted in the railway siding at YC 2853 on the Western side of CHAERYONG.

(f) At YC 086043, three large and two small buildings were sighted each protected by a blast pen.



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6. DAMAGE

2 sampans destroyed.  
One ox cart destroyed.  
One store dump destroyed.  
Two store dumps damaged.  
One box car damaged.  
Two rail cuts.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

11 DEC 51  
0915 - 1100

SERIAL 145  
Event 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

An A/R was carried out in an attempt to locate the troop concentrations that have been harrassed over the past few days.

No large concentrations were seen and the only sightings made were in twos and threes. Rocketting and straffing attacks were carried out SUGGYO-RI XC 9443, destroying at least four houses and damaging three more.

Straffing runs were also made on the village of PAEKSU-DONG XC 689201 and although the target was well covered, it was impossible to assess damage.

A radio station, reported to be on a hilltop at XC 842366, was investigated, but no sign of the station was seen.

A total of 16 clumps of hay were seen and straffed on a sandbank on the river bank at XC 7356, and although several were hit, no signs of supplies or movement could be seen, nor are there any houses in the vicinity.

(b) 2 x Fury

This flight provided the normal TARCAP over the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. The ships gave a target of five sampans and one junk at XC 8480 to the aircraft who carried out a rocketting attack. One sampan was destroyed and two severely damaged.

A reported troop concentration at XC 7757 was investigated but no movement was seen.

Three junks and five sampans, all apparently serviceable, at YC 0884, were straffed, two junks being damaged. A group of six sampans at YC 0785 were straffed, two being damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Considerable new diggings were observed on the hillsides near the road between CHANGYON and SOKYO-RI XC 7128.

Wheel tracks were seen in the river bed at XC 9576. These linked up with the road at XC 9474.

A small white flag was observed flying on a flagpole among some trenches at YC 0786, but no movement was seen in the area.

5. FLAK

Nil.

6. DAMAGE

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 houses destroyed. | 1 sampan destroyed.         |
| 3 houses damaged.   | 4 sampans severely damaged. |
|                     | 2 junks damaged.            |

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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11 DEC 51

SERIAL 146

1100-1245

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lbs and cannon     | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A routine check was made of the waterways around CHINNAMPO, KYOMIPO and North of CHAERYONG. Small craft were attacked as follows:-

(i) A large motor driven sampan loaded with stores at YD 270088 was strafed and sunk.

(ii) One sampan at YD 193973 was strafed and sunk.

(iii) Three sampans at YD 200 18 were rocketted - one destroyed and two damaged.

(iv) In the vicinity of KYOMIPO a further 7 sampans (4 loaded) were damaged.

(v) Two sampans at XC 9882 were rocketted and destroyed.

During a later A/R a large store building at YC 072853 was strafed and damaged.

A large camouflaged dump in the vicinity of YD 2489 was rocketted and badly damaged and several troops who tried to leave in a hurry were killed.

A large barrack building at XC 812339 was rocketted and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

The section provided the TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. Targets were given by the ships and attacked as follows:-

(i) Sampans at XC 842804 - two were damaged.

(ii) Sampans at XC 870721 - one was destroyed.

Small arms fire was received from a defensive position at XC 866722 - this was strafed with unobserved results.

The CHINNAMPO waterfront was paid a visit before returning to the ship and one sampan was destroyed and two damaged.

(c) 4 x Firefly

A rail bridge at YC 4418 was low level bombed but unfortunately only a rail cut on the south side resulted.

During a later A/R a rail bridge reconnaissance was made - result in paragraph 5 (a) below.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire received from XC 866722.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail line from CHAERYONG to CHANGYON is still unserviceable.

(b) Coal barges are thought to load at YD 190010 and after ferrying downstream unload just North of KYOMIPO at YD 254925.



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6. DAMAGE

5 sampans destroyed.

9 sampans damaged.

1 rail cut.

2 store dumps damaged.

5 troops killed.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

11 DEC 51

SERIAL 147

1245-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

This flight was briefed to pinpoint caves reported in the CHANGYON area and to carry out rocket attacks on bends in the railway line between SINWON-NI YC 3833 and SINCHON YC 4045.

Having pinpointed the new earthworks at XC 818348, the flight continued to SINCHON where a large troop concentration was observed at YC 175467. Accurate rocketting and strafing attacks were made as the troops scattered into nearby houses and ditches, 25 being killed and one house destroyed. It is not possible to estimate the number of wounded.

The flight remained over the area and guided the aircraft in Event 'E' on to the target.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKTO-RI TARCAP. The ships requested investigation of a suspected gun position at XC 866722. Three trenches were seen but were unoccupied. Rocketting attacks were made on a group of five junks on the CHINNAMPO waterfront. Direct hits were obtained and three junks were destroyed.

On the ULLYUL - CHANGYON road, three ox carts were damaged by strafing.

4. INTELLIGENCE

On the northern bank of the river running through SINCHON between YC 156463 and YC 188472, numerous small straw-covered store sheds were observed. Further small store dumps were reported at YC 174466, YC 175466 and YC 178468.

5. FLAK

Small arms fire came from the southern side of the town of SINCHON, at YC 174467.

6. DAMAGE

3 junks destroyed.  
3 ox carts damaged.  
25 troops killed.  
1 house destroyed.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

11 DEC 51

SERIAL 148

1430-1615

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury and 3 Fireflies

The aircraft flew straight to the concentration of troops found in Event 'D' on the outskirts of SINCHON at XC 175467. Here they were directed onto houses into which at least 100 enemy had been seen to run. One of the Event 'D' Furies acting as a 'Mosquito' controlled the attack and directed 28 rockets, 6 bombs and many strafing runs at the houses sheltering the troops.

On the completion of the attack during which two large secondary explosions were caused, the only houses left standing in the target area were on fire. Eighty per cent of the troops must be presumed casualties.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided the TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. One junk and one sampan were strafed and damaged.

HMS WHITESAND BAY requested that the aircraft carry out an Air Spot with HMethMS VAN GALEN. However this proved impossible as the receiver of the latter ship was unserviceable.

Before returning to the ship a store dump in a cave at XC 811346 was again rocketted and hit. Stores were seen to disintegrate.

4. FLAK

Light accurate flak was received from XC 845807. One aircraft was twice hit by this flak.

5. DAMAGE

(a) Photographic interpretation of the damage caused by the Fireflies in Event 'A' shows 14 houses destroyed and at least 5 damaged.

(b) 18 houses destroyed and many more damaged.

(c) 80 troop casualties.

(d) One store dump damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SERIAL 149

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EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Ground haze but little cloud over ONGJIN area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This was the routine 'Milk Run' to HANCHON which proved negative to seaward. However in the HANCHON estuary some 25 to 30 small craft were rocketted and strafed. Three junks were destroyed and 5 sampans damaged.

On a later A/R troops and a possible gun position in trenches at YD 143338 were strafed with unobserved results.

Box cars at YD 1901 were rocketted and 3 were damaged. Nearby two large buildings were rocketted and damaged.

One aircraft which had been hit by flak crashed and burnt at XD 998108. It is thought the pilot baled out. The flight then covered the pilot who was seen walking along a creek bed toward the sea displaying his yellow panel. A green flare was fired to inform him help was on the way. The aircraft were then relieved by a RESCAP of two more Furies.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO + SOKTO-RI TARCAP. The ships requested investigation of PUNGCHON XC 7656 on which a shoot had been successfully carried out during the previous night. Numerous other pinpoint targets were given to the aircraft but in all cases no positive sightings was made although several empty gun pits were observed at XC 840810, XC 852812, and XC 852816.

At XC 844812 a stack of approximately 20x 44 gallon type drums were strafed and hit, but no fires resulted.

The ridge down the CHINPUNG-MYON peninsula was reconnoitred but no movement was seen in the trenches along the ridge. A gun position at XC 775665 was also strafed without positive results.

Rocketting attacks were made on PUNGCHON XC 7656 starting one large fire in a probable fuel dump, and damaging three more houses.

(c) 4 x Firefly

A troop concentration reported by LEOPARD to be in the village at YB 237997, was dive bombed. The bombing was accurate, destroying four large buildings and six houses. No movement was seen in the area.

At XC 8938, people ran from buildings into a nearby cave which was strafed with unobserved results. Stacks of hay on the roadside at YC 2248 and in the village at YC 0442 were strafed without observed damage or movement.

4. INTELLIGENCE

A diversion built around the WONTO rail bridge at YC 4418 is now completed.



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5. FLAK

Light accurate intense fire, estimated at 37 mm, including tracer came from the area of YC 205468.

4 possible heavy ack ack guns were seen firing from YD 300183. Fire was accurate and of moderate intensity. One aircraft was hit ~~by~~ and forced to make an emergency landing.

6. DAMAGE

4 large buildings destroyed.

6 houses destroyed.

3 houses damaged.

1 fuel dump damaged.

3 box cars damaged.

2 buildings damaged.

3 junks destroyed.

5 sampans damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SINKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

13 DEC 51

SERIAL 150

0915-1130

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

These aircraft were unable to attack their pre-briefed target as they were required to escort the PAENGYONG DO helicopter to the scene of the downed pilot and then return with it to CHODO. This mission was performed without incident.

Before returning to the ship three junks in the bay at KC 5818 were strafed and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARCAP aircraft for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. They were requested to search for a 76 mm gun position at KC 895813 however only apparently empty defensive positions were sighted.

The section were then called up to act as a RESCAP over the pilot downed in Event 'A', who was seen walking West towards the coast. Whilst cover was being given him, groups of troops, who were seen moving towards the crashed aircraft were strafed and 11 killed.

At 1055 the helicopter from PAENGYONG-DO picked up the pilot and set course for CHODO.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire was seen coming from the villages KC 995108 and KC 985118. One aircraft was hit by this fire.

5. DAMAGE

11 troops killed.

3 junks damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

13 DEC 51

SERIAL 151

1100-1245

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | RESCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (d) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (e) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (f) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

A general A/R was carried out over the NW area of Wales, searching for troop concentrations. No movement was seen. One ox cart was destroyed and two damaged by strafing and a suspected AA position at XC 936806 was also strafed with unobserved results.

Rocketting attacks were made on a suspected ammunition dump in a cave at XC 850822 and although hits were obtained in the area, no visible damage was done. A search was made for reported gun positions on the northern tip of AMGAK peninsula at XC 847823 with negative results.

Further rocketting and strafing attacks were made on CHANGYON, damaging a large factory-type building.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft flew RESCAP, escorting the helicopter with the pilot downed in in Event 'A', from CHODO to BROMIDE BAKER.

While the helicopter was refuelling, the flight carried out an A/R, strafing attacks being made on a small group of troops on the road at YD 2203, two being killed and one wounded.

A camouflaged junk was strafed and damaged at YC 2596 and another was damaged at YC 2494. A sampan was destroyed at YC 0787 by rockets.

(c) 2 x Fury

The CHODO-SOKTO RI TARCAP. A target of 2 x 75 mm guns at XC 936796 was given by the ships to the aircraft to investigate, but no positive sighting was made. A short RESCAP was then flown in escort of the helicopter.

Rocketting and strafing attacks were made on an active AA position at XC 895815. Hits were obtained in the area and the AA fire ceased. No other damage was visible.

Another gun target at XC 896560 was investigated. Camouflaged positions were reported to the ships who confirmed their intention of carrying out a shoot at 1400. Rocketting and strafing runs were made, starting a small grass fire in the area of the trenches, but



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no other damage was observed.

Another gun position at XC 7657 was attacked and the TARCAP Event 'D' was directed on to the target for an attack.

(d) 4 x Firefly

A further railway interdiction strike was carried out on the bridge at YC 423233. An accurate low level bombing attack destroyed the southern half of the bridge. In addition approximately 50 yards of line and embankment were torn up.

Stacks of hay in the village of OUJIN-NI XC 5818 were strafed, one being set on fire. No movement was seen in the area.

4. INTELLIGENCE

An unusual number of small mounds of hay were observed in TOGYONG NI XC 7727. A new small raft was seen at XC 894818.

5. FLAK

Light AA fire came from XC 895815. Two aircraft were hit.

6. DAMAGE

1 railway bridge destroyed.

50 yards of railway line and embankment torn up.

1 ox cart destroyed.

2 ox carts damaged.

1 large factory building damaged.

2 troops killed.

1 troop wounded.

2 junks damaged.

1 sampan destroyed.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

13 DEC 51

SERIAL 152

1245-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

A reconnaissance was made for supply dumps in caves near CHANGYON. Many tunnels were sighted around the hill at XC 8134 but all appeared empty.

In the vicinity of SUGYO-RI XC 943413 dumps with camouflaged netting over them were strafed and damaged.

An attempt was then made to break the rail line near SUGYO-RI. Unfortunately the rockets missed but 4 houses were destroyed.

Before returning to the ship two sampans at XC 7615 were strafed and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided the TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area. A target of bunkers at XC 757583 was given by the ships - this was rocketted and one bunker at least was destroyed.

A search was then made for AA guns at XC 895815 but although new positions were sighted no guns were seen.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak sighted coming from XC 752568.

5. INTELLIGENCE

Troops were sighted manning trenches along the beach at XC 693562.

6. DAMAGE

2 store dumps damaged.

4 houses destroyed.

1 ox cart destroyed.

3 sampans damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

13 DEC 51

SERIAL 166

1430-1615

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Rocketting and straffing attacks were carried out on a reported LEOPARD concentration at NAEDONG-NI YC 282018. A large fire was started in the village and at least four houses were destroyed and several more damaged.

On the subsequent A/R near the ONGJIN airfield, one aircraft, during a straffing run on a camouflaged object at YC 113013, was hit by small arms fire from YC 116011, the pilot being forced to bail out. He landed in shallow water at YB 130885 and was picked up by a friendly junk and later was transferred to the helicopter from PAENGYONG-DO.

The remainder of the flight flew RESCAP over the area until the pilot was seen to be picked up by the helicopter, which was then escorted back to it's base.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft flew TARCAP over the shipping in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area.

An airspot was carried out with HMS ~~ORLANDO~~ <sup>CONSTANCE.</sup> on trenches at XC 698553, three direct hits being obtained in the target area. An attempt was made to assess damage for the ship, but was unsuccessful.

A further airspot was carried out with HMS ALACRITY on a troop position at XC 765675. Three direct hits were again obtained in the trenches.

A possible target at XC 936739 was given to the aircraft, 20 to 30 troops being seen to run from the target area into the nearby trees. Rocketting and straffing attacks were made on the troops position but casualties could not be determined due to the cover afforded by the trees.

Straffing attacks were then made on new diggings at XC 765675 but no movement was seen in the trenches and no damage claims can be made.

A pinpoint target of four new partly constructed probable gun pits at XC 784679 was investigated with a view to the ships engaging them on 14 Dec. No movement or guns were seen in the area.

(c) 3 x Firefly

Dive bombing attacks were made on the village of CHONGHYON-NI, XC 990060 where 200 CCF had been reported by LEOPARD. The attack was accurate, all bombs landing in the target area, and although one fire was started, photographic study will be necessary to assess damage done. There was no movement seen in the area before or after the attack.

A search was made for the reported possible gun or dummy gun emplacement on ONGJIN airfield, with negative results.



The aircraft then flew RESCAP over the downed Fury pilot until he was picked up.

(d) 2 x Fury

This flight was the CAP over HMAS SYDNEY and was airbriefed to proceed to the CHODO area where an F86 pilot bailed out over SOSA-RI, XC 6467. RESCAP was flown until the pilot was picked up and transferred by helicopter to USS MANCHESTER.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire came from XC 767673, and from trenches at YC 116011. One aircraft was shot down by this latter fire.

5. DAMAGE

Photographic study is necessary to determine the Firefly bomb damage.

4 houses destroyed.

Several houses damaged.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

17 DEC 51

SERIAL 154

0740-0910

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                              |            |
|-----|-------------|------------------------------|------------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon           | TARCAP     |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon           | CONVOY CAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                       | CAP        |
| (d) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 1000 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike     |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon   | ASP        |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 2000 to 3000 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight acted as a TARCAP in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area.

Two aircraft acted as Mosquitos for the Firefly strike and after locating possible gun positions on the AMGAK peninsula directed bombing attacks at those positions.

The other two were requested by the ships to make a search for troops and small craft along the beaches south of CHONGYANG-DO and UNGDO XC 7874. (Both islands had been unsuccessfully attacked during the last 24 hours). A thorough search was made and at XC 8373 a possible troop position was strafed with unobserved results. A further negative search was made along the beaches North of the CHINNAMPO estuary. Before returning to the ship rocket and strafing attacks were made at the suspected gun positions on AMGAK peninsula. Once again however with unobserved results.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft after acting as a convoy CAP in the INCHON area dumped their rockets in a village in the HAN RIVER area at BS 508941 destroying 4 houses and starting a fire.

(c) 5 x Firefly

These aircraft were briefed to dive bomb gun positions on the AMGAK peninsula with 1000 lb bombs. These positions had been annoying the ships during the night. A target of 3 suspected gun positions in the vicinity of XC 836811 was indicated by rockets from a Sea Fury acting as a Mosquito. Five individual bombing attacks were then made and two bombs fell in the target area, damage however was impossible to assess.

4. FLAK

Light accurate flak was encountered from the Northern tip of the AMGAK peninsula. Two aircraft were hit, necessitating one making a precautionary landing at SEOUL.

5. DAMAGE

4 houses destroyed.



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6. DAMAGE (Previous Events not reported before).

(a) LEOPARD has advised the following results:-

- (i) Event 'B' 8 Dec - village YC 021415 - 80 enemy killed  
24 wounded, 3 ammunition dumps, 3 vehicles, 200  
bags of rice.
- (ii) Event 'E' 8 Dec - village YC 113237 - 36 enemy killed  
70 wounded.  
- village YC 107263 - 47 enemy killed  
87 wounded, 11 houses destroyed.
- (iii) Event 'B' 9 Dec - village XB 886992 - 14 enemy killed,  
11 mortars and many Russian SNG's and rifles destroyed.

(b) Post strike photographic study of the Firefly bomb  
damage caused in the village at XC 990060 during Event 'E' 13 Dec  
shows 6 houses destroyed and 4 damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY

17 DEC 51

SERIAL 155

0910-1110

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

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The aircraft reported to HMS CEYLON requesting targets in the ANGAK peninsula area. Strafing runs were made on junks at XC 9883 damaging four.

The road reconnaissance between ULLYUL XC 9264 and CHINNAMPO proved negative but a large house filled with stores was rocketted and repeatedly strafed at XC 9875, the store dump being severely damaged and left smoking and the house destroyed.

A further target, SOHAE RI XC 845804, was rocketted, two houses being destroyed and one severely damaged.

Reported gun positions at XC 783678 were investigated with negative results.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKTO-RI TARCAP. No targets were allotted by the ships nor were any shoots carried out. Rocket and cannon attacks were made on a group of junks at XC 865722 destroying one and damaging three.

Suspected troop concentrations at XC 8272, XC 7772 and XC 7769 were investigated without result.

4. INTELLIGENCE

No movement was seen on either CHANGYANG DO XC 7873 or UNGDO XC 8074.

Dummy troops represented by bushes were seen to be evenly spaced in the trenches at XC 7833.

Serviceable junks were sighted at XC 840798 and XC 736683 with a further four small sampans at XC 753654.

The two junks previously reported at XC 818697 have now gone.

5. FLAK

Nil.

6. DAMAGE

1 junk destroyed.  
7 junks damaged.  
1 store dump damaged.  
3 houses destroyed.  
1 house damaged.

M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

17 DEC 51

SERIAL 156

1100-1255

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and cannon | Strike |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and cannon  | ASP.   |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 3000 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight carried out the Milk Run - Junks at XD 0564 and XD 0645 were strafed and damaged.

They then reported in to the ships in the CHODO area where they were requested to attack gun positions at XC 835805. These were rocketted and well covered - at least one bunker was definitely destroyed.

(b) 2 x Fury

This section provided a TARCAP for the ships in the CHODO - SOKTO-RI area, who requested they make a search for gun positions on the ANGAK peninsula. This proved negative.

An attack was then requested on the village at XC 776554 - three houses were destroyed and several more damaged.

(c) 4 x Firefly

In accordance with a directive received from CTF 95 this flight were briefed to attack boat targets in the ULLYUL area. No boats were sighted so an attack was made on large buildings in the town where possibly boats could be built. Six buildings were destroyed and many more damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail line from ONGJIN to HAEJU is once again serviceable - the rail bridge at YC 2614 having been repaired.

(b) Many store dumps were sighted in the hills SE of CHANGYON.

(c) The village at XC 890678 is on fire with over 15 houses burning.

5. DAMAGE

6 Buildings destroyed.  
3 houses destroyed.  
6 houses damaged.  
6 junks damaged.  
2 ox carts destroyed.  
1 gun position destroyed.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major,  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

17 DEC 51

SERIAL 157

1255-1440

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Scattered cloud at 4000 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 2 x Fury

The flight was briefed to attack an enemy gun sighted this morning at XC 838813. The position was rocketted and strafed, and although no rocket actually entered the slit of the covered position, the strafing was accurate. Damage or casualties could not be estimated.

A junk at XC 736683 was strafed and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARCAP for the CHODO - SOKTO-RI shipping. On a coastal reconnaissance, a camouflaged pit at XC 752596 was accurately strafed with unobserved results. One enemy troop was killed at YC 0384.

Rocketting and strafing attacks were made on the gun position at XC 838813 in conjunction with the 2 aircraft on A/R but no separate damage claims can be made.

An AA position at XC 841811 was then rocketted and strafed, two rockets exploding in the gun pit from which flak had come, hitting one aircraft. The position was destroyed and the guncrew killed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Well used caves were seen at XC 851606 and XC 847613.

The village of SOHAE RI XC 845804, attacked in Event 'B' is still burning furiously.

5. FLAK

Light accurate flak came from XC 841811. Two aircraft were hit.

Small arms fire was received from XC 935806. One aircraft was hit.

6. DAMAGE

1 junk damaged.  
4 troops killed.  
1 AA position destroyed.

(Sgd) M. EDDY Capt  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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17 DEC 51

SERIAL 158

1440-1615

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and cannon | Strike |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight reported to the ships in the CHODO area who informed the flight that the island of UNG-DO XC 8074 is now in enemy hands and should be attacked. Rocket and strafing attacks were made at a gun position in the vicinity of XC 806740 and at the village at XC 807736. Direct hits were obtained on both targets and one secondary explosion caused at the former target.

(b) 2 x Fury

The CHODO - SOKTO-RI TARCAP. Were asked to escort a friendly force that was due to sail from SOKTO-RI with the object of recapturing UNG-DO. However after much waiting the invasion was postponed and the aircraft joined up with the other Fury flight in the rocketting described in (a) above.

(c) 4 x Firefly

The rail bridge at YC 1703 was low level bombed but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

Box cars on the line West of the bridge were accurately strafed and damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The village of SINHUNG-NI at XC 8967 is still burning brightly.

(b) New defensive positions were sighted in the area of YC 1303.

5. DAMAGE

5 houses damaged.  
2 box cars damaged.  
One gun position destroyed.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major,  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



ENCLOSURE NO. 2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S 020/2E/1 DATED 20 DEC 1951.....

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NARRATIVE.

DATES: 5th and 6th December, 1951.

WEATHER: 5th December - Wind W.N.W.-N.W. - 20-25 knots.  
Cloudy to overcast with patches of light rain.  
Cloud base 2000-3000 feet. Visibility 5-10 miles.  
Wind moderated and cloud dissipated in evening.  
Sea moderate.  
6th December - Wind N.W. 10-15 knots. Cloudy to  
overcast, base 3000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles.  
Sea slight.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

SYDNEY sailed from Kure at 0830/5th with H.M.C.S.  
SIOUX in company, on passage to Operational Area  
'NAN'. H.M.S. COMUS joined at 1800/6th.  
SYDNEY assumed duties of E.T.E.95.11 at 2100/6th.

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ENCLOSURE NO.2. TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S 020/2E/1 DATED.....

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NARRATIVE.

Date: 7th December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear A.M. becoming cloudy to overcast late P.M. with approach of front. Visibility good deteriorating to 4 miles P.M. Wind Westerly 15 knots increased to 30/35 knots P.M. Sea slight becoming moderate.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in Operational Area all day. TOBRUK joined at 1700. SIOUX chopped to C.I.F. 95.12 for the night at 1720. COMUS transferred 3 ratings to SYDNEY by jackstay at 1700.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                             |
|---------------|------------|------------|--|---|
| "A"           | 0730       | 0915       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B" (T)       | 0830       | 1100       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "B"           | 0915       | 1100       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                    |
| "C" (T)       | 1015       | 1245       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "C"           | 1100       | 1245       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail.   |
| "D" (T)       | 1200       | 1430       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "D"           |            |            | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.U.           | CAP.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>RESCAP.        |
| "E"           | 1430       | 1615       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.            |

(T) - TARCAP events.

Two Seafuries were lost during the day. The first, pilot, Sub-Lieutenant A.J.B. Smith, R.N., was hit by Flak, lost oil pressure and force landed with wheels up, on beach at PAENGYONG -DO. Pilot was unharmed and aircraft possibly salvageable.

The second, pilot, Sub-Lieutenant R.R. Sinclair, R.A.N., was hit by Flak and took fire, Pilot bailed out in position XD8807, but was killed in doing so, apparently through hitting tail fin of aircraft. His body was recovered by helicopter and buried at sea in position 37°30'N, 124°30'E at 17



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ENCLOSURE NO. 2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S 020/2E/1 DATED.....

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 8 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with good visibility. Wind North-Westerly, 20-25 knots moderating to 15 knots by evening. Sea moderate to slight.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operating area all day. BROWN RANGER joined at 0700. SIOUX re-joined at 0830. COMUS, TOBRUK and SIOUX refuelled during the day. BROWN RANGER detached to TECHONG-DO at 1630. TOBRUK to PAENGYONG-DO at 1720. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO joined at 2200.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 51 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u>  | <u>OFF.</u>  | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                             |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|---|
| "A"            | 0730         | 0915         | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>3 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B" (T)<br>"B" | 0830<br>0915 | 1100<br>1100 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.           | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.         |
| "C" (T)<br>"C" | 1015<br>1100 | 1245<br>1245 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.U.<br>5 F.I. | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R. |
| "D" (T)<br>"D" | 1200<br>1245 | 1430<br>1430 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.           | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.         |
| "E" (T)<br>"E" | 1345<br>1430 | 1615<br>1615 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P. |

(T) - TARCAP event.

One Firefly was hit by Flak and lost oil pressure, forced landing on TECHONG-DO. Aircrew recovered by helicopter from PAENGYONG-DO.



NARRATIVE.

Date: 9th December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud A.M. Good visibility. Wind S.W. veering to N.W. P.M., 15/20 knots. Sea slight.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

BROWN RANGER joined A.M. and refuelled DOUGLAS A. MUNRO. TOBRUK re-joined 0700. BROWN RANGER detached to Sasebo at 1100. SIOUX chopped to C.T.E. 95.12 at 1400. COMUS loaned to C.T.E. 95.12 for the night.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                             |
|---------------|------------|------------|--|---|
| "A"           | 0730.      | 0915       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B" (T)       | 0830       | 1100       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "B"           | 0915       | 1100       | 2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.U.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.                    |
| "C" (T)       | 1015       | 1245       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "C"           | 1100       | 1245       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>1 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail.   |
| "D" (T)       | 1200       | 1430       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "D"           | 1245       | 1430       | 2 F.U.<br>1 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.                 |
| "E" (T)       | 1345       | 1615       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "E"           | 1430       | 1615       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.            |

(T)- TARCAP Event.

Three aircrew stranded at PAENGYONG-DO through forced landings returned to ship in TOBRUK.

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 10 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear all day with light winds. Sea calm.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Ships in operational area all day. COMUS refuelled from WAVE PREMIER at PAENGYONG-DO and rejoined at 1100. MUNRO loaned to C.T.E. 95.12 for the night.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                             |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| "A"           | 0730        | 0915       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B" (T)       | 0830        | 1100       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "B"           | 0915        | 1100       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                    |
| "C" (T)       | 1015        | 1245       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "C"           | 1100        | 1245       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.            |
| "D" (T)       | 1200        | 1430       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "D"           | 1245        | 1430       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                    |
| "E" (T)       | 1345        | 1615       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.                                     |
| "E"           | 1430 m      | 1615       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.            |



ENCLOSURE NO.2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S O20/2E/1 DATED. 20 DEC 1951

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 11 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear all day with light winds. Sea calm.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operation area throughout the day. MUNRO re-joined at 0700. ALACRITY joined at 1200 to transfer mail. TOBRUK loaned to C.T.E.95.12 for the night. SYDNEY screened by COMUS and MUNRO proceeded to the southward to replenishment area at 1625.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u>  | <u>OFF.</u>  | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>  | <u>MISSION.</u>                                      |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| "A"            | 0730         | 0915         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.          |
| "B" (T)<br>"B" | 0830         | 1100         | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                  |
| "C" (T)<br>"C" | 1015<br>1100 | 1245<br>1245 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I. | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "D" (T)<br>"D" | 1200<br>1245 | 1430<br>1430 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>1 F.I.           | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>Kimpo.        |
| "E" (T)<br>"E" | 1345<br>1430 | 1615<br>1615 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I.           | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.          |

(T) - TARCAP event.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S O20/2E/1 DATED.....

PAGE SEVEN.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: 12 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear all day with some cloud P.M.  
Visibility good, deteriorating P.M. Wind- West-  
South Westerly 10/20 knots. Sea slight to moderate.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Replenishment day. WAVE PREMIER joined 0700.  
U.S.S. PORTERFIELD joined 0730. Task Element replenished  
during the day. TOBRUK and EDMONDS joined at 1145.  
EDMONDS and MUNRO detached to Yokosuka at 1400. WAVE  
PREMIER to TEICONG-DO 11.00. COMUS on Green Park Able.

AIR: No ATROPS.



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 13 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine to partly cloudy with ceiling 3500 feet. Visibility good. Wind - North westerly 20/35 knots gusting to 35. Sea moderate to rough with a moderate swell developing P.M.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS.

Task Element in operational area all day. COMUS rejoined from PAENGYONG-DO at 0800. TOBRUK detached to C.U.E.95.12 on completion of flying.

AIR: SYDNEY=flew 55 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>   | <u>MISSION.</u>                                      |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| "A"           | 0730.       | 0915       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>TARCAP.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.          |
| "B"           | 0830        | 1100       | 2 F.U.   | RESCAP.  |
| "B"           | 0915        | 1100       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                               | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                             |
| "C" (T)       | 1015        | 1245       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "C"           | 1100        | 1245       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.U. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail.<br>RESCAP. |
| "D" (T)       | 1200        | 1430       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "D"           | 1245        | 1430       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                               | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                             |
| "E" (T)       | 1345        | 1615       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "E"           | 1430        | 1615       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>3 F.I.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                     |

(T) - TARCAP event/

Two Seafuries were lost through Flak during the day. Both pilots bailed out, one landing in position XD9910 and one in YB0585. Both unhurt. Latter was rescued from shallow water by friendly junk. Both were picked up by helicopter from PAENGYONG-DO and taken to that island, whence TOBRUK retrieved them during the night.



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ENCLOSURE NO. 2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S O20/2E/1 DATED.....

PAGE: NINE.

NARRATIVE.

DATES: 14 and 15 DECEMBER, 1951.

WEATHER: Cloudy to overcast on both days, with ceiling 2000 feet, with frequent showers of snow and sleet. Visibility good, except in showers. WIND-NW to NNW 30/35 knots, gusting to over 40. Seas - rough to very rough, with heavy North-westerly swell developing.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

14th December - TOBRUK and VAN GALEN (on loan from C.T.E. 95.11 as planeguard) joined 0700. VAN GALEN detached at 1315 and PORTERFIELD at 1515 - both to PAENGYONG-DO.

15th December - PORTERFIELD, VAN GALEN and WAVE PREMIER joined at 0730. COMUS and WAVE PREMIER detached to TECHONG-DO at 0755. COMUS refuelled there and returned at 1530. TOBRUK detached to refuel at TECHONG-DO, thence to PAENGYONG-DO. VAN GALEN returned to PAENGYONG-DO early P.M. SYDNEY, screened by COMUS and PORTERFIELD proceeded to southward to position off MACKAU ISLAND for cover of C.T.U. 90.82.6 on the 16 December.

AIR: No AIROPS were possible either day.

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ENCLOSURE NO. 2 TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S O20/2E/1 DATED..... **20 DEC 1951**

PAGE: TEN.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: 16 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Overcast to fair with 2 to 4/8 cloud P.M. Visibility good. Sea rough to moderate with North-westerly swell. Wind - North-westerly 30 knots A.M. moderating to 20 knots P.M.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in vicinity MACKAU ISLAND all day to cover movements of C.T.U. 90.82.6. TOBRUK re-joined 0945 - PORTERFIELD detached to PALANGYONG-DO at 1300.

AIR: Convoy was considerably held up by bad weather, and as a result it did not enter the area in which air cover was required until late afternoon, when aircraft were flown off. SYDNEY flew 8 sorties only.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>        | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u> | <u>MISSION.</u>         |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| "D"           | 1500               | 1530       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U. | C.A.P.<br>CONVOY C.A.P. |
| D 2E          | 15 December, 1951. |            | 1 P.I.<br>1 P.I. | A.S.P.<br>CONVOY C.A.P. |

WEATHER: Overcast to fair with 2 to 4/8 cloud P.M. Visibility good. Sea rough to moderate with North-westerly swell. Wind - North-westerly 30 knots A.M. moderating to 20 knots P.M.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in vicinity MACKAU ISLAND all day to cover movements of C.T.U. 90.82.6. TOBRUK re-joined 0945 - PORTERFIELD detached to PALANGYONG-DO at 1300.

AIR: Convoy was considerably held up by bad weather, and as a result it did not enter the area in which air cover was required until late afternoon, when aircraft were flown off. SYDNEY flew 8 sorties only.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>   | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u> | <u>MISSION.</u>         |
|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| "D"           | 1500          | 1530       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U. | C.A.P.<br>CONVOY C.A.P. |
| D 2E          | 15 Dec, 1951. |            | 1 P.I.<br>1 P.I. | A.S.P.<br>CONVOY C.A.P. |

WEATHER: Overcast to fair with 2 to 4/8 cloud P.M. Visibility good. Sea rough to moderate with North-westerly swell. Wind - North-westerly 30 knots A.M. moderating to 20 knots P.M.



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 17 December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear. Visibility good. Wind westerly  
10/15 knots. Sea smooth.

## SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operational area all day. TOBRUK was detached at 2310/16 to SOKTO to join C.T.E. 95.12; was recalled ~~at~~ re-joined at 0500. VAN GALEN joined 0630. PORTERFIELD re-joined and was detached to meet BADOENG STRAIT at 0900. TOBRUK detached and chopped to C.T.E. 95.12 at 1100. SIOUX joined 1300. VAN GALEN detached to PAENGYONG-DO at 1625. SYDNEY, screened by COMUS and SIOUX proceeded to southward from operational area on completion of flying,

AIR: SYDNEY flew 55 sorties - one abortive.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                                    |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| "A"           | 0740        | 0910       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>TARCAP.<br>CONVOY CAP.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B" (T)       | 0840        | 1110       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "B"           | 0910        | 1110       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.                           |
| "C" (T)       | 1025        | 1255       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "C"           | 1110        | 1255       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.                   |
| "D" (T)       | 1210        | 1440       | 2 F.U.   | TARCAP.  |
| "D"           | 1255        | 1440       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                           |
|               | 1210        | 1615       | 1 F.I.   | Mail.  |
| "E" (T)       | 1355        | 1615       | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>4 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | TARCAP.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.        |



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NARRATIVE.

DATES: 18th and 19th December, 1951.

WEATHER: Fair to cloudy. Wind SW to North - 12 knots.  
Sea - smooth to slight. Visibility good, decreasing  
in Inland Sea and lowering to less than 1 mile at  
Kure.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

18th December - SYDNEY proceeding southward with  
COMUS and SIOUX. COMUS detached to Sasebo at 0130I.  
SIOUX detached to Sasebo on completion of close  
range firings at 1325I.

19th December - SYDNEY secured port-side to at  
Kure at 1100.

AIR: No AIRO'S.



DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT BY ENEMY FLAK PERIOD 5 - 19 DECEMBER, 1951.

| A/C.    | CALLSIGN. | PILOT.                | DATE.     | DAMAGE & REPAIRS.   |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| WE.679  | 141       | S/Lt. Smith.          | 7.12.51.  | SHOT DOWN.  |
| VX 763  | 133       | Lt. Goldrick.         | 7.12.51.  | Flak damage to rear fuselage. Tail end change   |
| WE.795  | 103       | S/Lt. Sinclair.       | 7.12.51.  | SHOT DOWN.  |
| WE.788  | 102       | S/Lt. Webster.        | 7.12.51.  | Bullet hole in rudder. Rudder change.   |
| WE.790  | 105       | Lt. Salthouse.        | 8.12.51.  | Bullet hole in rudder. Rudder change.   |
| VX.751  | 106       | Lt. Wheatley.         | 8.12.51.  | Flak damage to Stbd. Tailplane. New t'plane.  |
| WE.676  | 138       | Lt. Wild.             | 8.12.51.  | Flak damage stbd. wheel fairing. Service by repairs.  |
| WB.358  | 200       | Lt. Oakley.           | 8.12.51.  | SHOT DOWN.  |
| VX.759  | 137       | S/Lt. MacDonald.      | 9.12.51.  | Flak damage tailplane & elevators. New tailplane and elevators fitted.  |
| VX.759  | 137       | Lt. Cdr. Fell.        | 10.12.51. | Flak holes in Stbd. undercarriage door, wing root fillet & wheel well. Repaired with cover patches.                 |
| VX.724. | 107       | Lt. Johns.            | 10.12.51. | Flak damage tailplane. Tailplane change.  |
| WE.788  | 102       | S/Lt. Wright          | 10.12.51. | Bullet hole in port drop tank (bullet inside). Tank change on deck.   |
| WB.394. | 207       | S/Lt. Champ.          | 11.12.51. | Bullet hole in stbd. Mainplane. Insertion patch.  |
| WB.316. | 203       | Lt. Cdr. Wotherspoon. | 11.12.51. | Bullet hole in stbd. centre section. Insertion patch.   |
| WE.676  | 138       | Lt. Cdr. Bowles.      | 11.12.51. | Flak damage to Port Mainplane, engine cowling & fin. Mainplane change, cover patch on cowling, panel change on fin. |
| VX.749  | 131       | S/Lt. Coleman.        | 11.12.51. | Bullet hole Stbd. centre section. Cover patch.  |
| VX.760  | 130       | Lt. Seed.             | 11.12.51. | Bullet hole Port elevator. Elevator change.   |
| WE.797  | 135       | Lt. Cooper.           | 13.12.51. | SHOT DOWN.  |
| VX.764. | 134       | Lt. Cdr. Bowles.      | 13.12.51. | SHOT DOWN.  |
| WF.590. | 108       | S/Lt. Smith.          | 13.12.51. | Bullet Hole camera hatch. Cover patch.  |
| VX.763  | 133       | Lt. Wheatley          | 13.12.51. | Flak damage Stbd. Mainplane. Insertion patches top and bottom skins.  |
| VX.729  | 104       | Lt. Salthouse.        | 17.12.51. | Flak damage - trimming controls shot away - aircraft landed at Kimp & transferred to Iwakuni.                       |
| VX.730  | 109       | Lt. Cdr. Fell.        | 17.12.51. | Bullet damage Stbd. undercarriage & Stbd. main spar. No repairs - A/c transferred to Iwakuni.                       |
| VX.726  | 101.      | S/Lt. Lane.           | 17.12.51. | Heavy flak damage Stbd. fuselage. Repaired by using insertion patch.  |
| WF.591. | 135       | Lt. Cdr. Bowles.      | 17.12.51. | Bullet hole through CSU/ Propellor change.  |



ANNEX "A" TO SYDNEY'S LETTER 20/2E/1 dated 20 DECEMBER, 1951.

COMPARISON OF THE ONLY LEOPARD RESULTS WE HAVE RECEIVED  
WITH THE CORRESPONDING PILOT CLAIMS.

1. EVENT "B" 8 DEC

| <u>TARGET</u>                   | <u>PILOT CLAIMS</u>   | <u>LEOPARD RESULTS</u>   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 270 CCF in village<br>YC 021415 | Many houses hit and<br>at least 5 destroyed.<br><br>(Debriefing Report<br>Serial 130 para<br>3(a)). | 80 enemy killed<br>24 enemy wounded<br>3 ammunition dumps<br>3 vehicles<br>200 bags of rice<br>1 Mess hall.<br><br>Remainder of troops<br>moved out of village |

2. EVENT "E" 8 DEC

| <u>TARGET</u>                          | <u>PILOT CLAIMS</u>   | <u>LEOPARD RESULTS</u>                                      |
|--|---|---|
| (a) 650 NKA in<br>village<br>YC 113237 | Destroyed 2 houses<br>Damaged one large<br>building.<br>Damaged several<br>houses.<br>(Debriefing Report<br>Serial 133 para<br>3(a) (i)). | 36 enemy killed<br>70 enemy wounded.                        |
| (b) 700 NKA in<br>village<br>YC107263  | Fire in one large<br>building.<br>(Debriefing Report<br>Serial 133 para<br>3(a) (ii)).  | 47 enemy killed<br>57 enemy wounded<br>11 houses destroyed. |

3. EVENT "B" 9 DEC

| <u>TARGET</u>                                | <u>PILOT CLAIMS</u>  | <u>LEOPARD RESULTS</u>   |
|--|--|--|
| 120 CCF) in<br>150 NKA) village<br>XB 904994 | Destroyed 3 houses<br>Damaged several<br>(Debriefing Report<br>Serial 136 para<br>3(a) (i)). | 11 enemy killed<br>11 mortars destroyed<br>Many Russian SMG's and<br>rifles destroyed. |



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14th December, 1951.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
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(Copies to :-

- The Secretary, Australian Commonwealth Navy Board.
- The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.)

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - PERIOD 18TH NOVEMBER TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1951

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's report of proceedings for the period 18th November to 30th November, 1951, is forwarded for your information.

2. Operation ATHENAEUM, mentioned in paragraph 3, was a combined air and surface strike on HUNGAM on 20th and 21st November, the ships taking part being, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, H.M.S. BELFAST, H.M.A.S. TOBRUK, H.M.S. CONSTANCE, H.M.C.S. SIOUX, H. Neth. M.S. VAN GALEN, one United States destroyer and three United States L.S.M.R.s. A full report on this operation has been forwarded as an Appendix to my 44th report of proceedings (not to the Australian Commonwealth Navy Board).

3. The subsequent part of this patrol was marred by bad weather, but on the days when flying was possible, a high rate of striking was maintained.

R.A. VILLIERS

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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(The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station's letter No. FO2FE/2960/89 of 14th December, 1951.)

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Forwarded for the information of Their Lordships concurring in the remarks of the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station.

*J. Fisher*

Far East Station,  
10th January, 1952.

for Vice Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
1st December 1951.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for H.M.A. ship under my command for the period 18th to 30th November 1951.

2. SYDNEY sailed from Sasebo at 1600 on Sunday 18th November in company with BELFAST wearing your flag as C.T.G.95.8 and was detached at 2000 on 19th as C.T.E.95.82. I proceeded with SIOUX and CONSTANCE in company to arrive at Point Oboe (39° 20' North 129° East) by first light. U.S.S. HYMAN joined my screen at 2340.
3. The first event of operation ATHENAEUM was launched at 0700 on 20th November and there followed two days of excellent flying weather with a calm sea and a steady light breeze. I was much exercised during Wednesday 21st as to how to effect the ordered exchange of Helicopter Unit 3 with Helicopter Unit 12, as the customer for my Unit (No. 3) persisted in remaining firmly at anchor some 75 miles to the Northwards throughout the day. The problem was solved by the timely arrival of U.S.S. PIAMIGAN at 1400 to deliver the crew of Unit 12. Lieutenant Davidson U.S.N. and his crew left us to join L.S.T. Q.092, the exchange being effected after the last land on.
4. SIOUX and HYMAN were detached to join C.T.G.95.2 at 1645 on Wednesday 21st when I departed from the area for the West Coast with CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN in company, whom I fuelled during the next forenoon in the TOSHIKIMA STRAIT. On rounding the South West tip of Korea during the last dogwatch on Thursday 22nd, speed had to be reduced to 11 knots owing to heavy head seas. Winds from the North West up to force 8 prevailed during the next day, Friday 23rd, and no flying was possible. U.S.S. EDMONDS who was due to join my screen at daylight was ordered to fuel from GREEN RANGER in Fox Anchorage.
5. I took the opportunity afforded by the bad weather to send my senior Midshipmen over to CEYLON for their seamanship examination. SYDNEY proceeded up the East Channel in the approaches to INCHON and the transfer took place under the lee of the island of Shoppaul. At 1600 this day U.S.S. EDMONDS chopped to T.E.95.12. T.E.95.11 retired to the South for the night.
6. Although the wind had eased to force 5 by daylight on Saturday 24th, sleet, snow and low visibility made flying impracticable until 1000. U.S.S. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO joined my screen at 0710 and COMUS at 1330 from T.E.95.12. Low cloud and snow showers in the target area spoiled the prospect of making up for lost time in our air operations and aircraft were unable to attack their prebriefed targets.
7. Sunday 25th November, was replenishment day and the Task Element met WAVE CHIEF escorted by TAUPO at 0730. SYDNEY began refuelling at 0810; the weather, with increasing winds from the West and a rising sea and swell was far from ideal for this evolution; WAVE CHIEF was not ready to fuel destroyers on the starboard side until about 1000 by which time the weather had got worse. U.S.S. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO after a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to connect the fuelling hoses was despatched to Fox Anchorage to await the arrival of the oiler as I could not risk keeping her at sea any longer. SYDNEY managed to complete with AVGAS and to embark 840 tons of oil by 1115 when at the request of the tanker I disconnected as an emergency evolution. WAVE CHIEF subsequently reported that his port after derrick which had been

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carrying the O.F. hoses had become bent and fractured. It is presumed this must have occurred during the last few minutes when SYDNEY dropped back in station suddenly despite an increase of 20 revolutions the moment the movement was detected. This accident was reported in my message D.T.G. 250248 and WAVE CHIEF was ordered to rig the port foremost derrick with 2 oil hoses, 1 Avgas and 1 water.

8. As the weather continued to deteriorate it was impracticable to attempt to fuel the remaining destroyers and at 1430 I decided that the best chance of fuelling them was to send the tanker to a sheltered anchorage and to detach them as opportunity offered to fuel there. Accordingly COMUS who had joined me from BUGATTI patrol at 1330 and TAUPO were detached to escort WAVE CHIEF to Fox Anchorage. By 1700 on this Sunday ( exactly 5 weeks to the minute since our encounter with the worst period of Typhoon RUTH) the wind had achieved a steady force 10 from the North West with gusts up to force 12. SYDNEY with CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN in company, was hove to some 20 miles North West of MACKAU. Shortly after 1800 a signal was received from COMUS reporting his party hove to some 40 miles to the Northward. During the night the wind moderated gradually and veered so that by 1130 on Monday, 26th, course was set at 14 knots for the vicinity of the Clifford Islands.

9. A temporary lull in the fierce weather occurred about noon and at 1300 flying operations began. But this lull was false and conditions deteriorated after 1400 so that this was the only event of the day. I was glad when COMUS, who had managed to fuel during the improvement, hove in sight with the oiler. CONSTANCE took over WAVE CHIEF and escorted her to Fox Anchorage while SYDNEY with COMUS and VAN GALEN in company retired for the night to the South.

10. During the forenoon of Tuesday 27th, CONSTANCE and MUNRO rejoined complete with fuel and I detached VAN GALEN to Fox Anchorage thankful that the last of my destroyers was on her way to be fuelled. From CONSTANCE were embarked my 5 Midshipmen and 5 from H.M.S. CEYLON, who had been wandering around the ocean in WAVE CHIEF since the afternoon of the 24th November, the weather having been too bad to embark them at sea. Although the wind was still strong and gusty on this day, the 27th and 28th produced reasonable to good flying weather and the respite hitherto enjoyed by the enemy ashore came to an end. VAN GALEN rejoined at 2345 on 27th.

11. After flying finished on Wednesday 28th, SYDNEY with COMUS, CONSTANCE, and VAN GALEN in company proceeded out of the operational area, COMUS and CONSTANCE being detached to Sasebo at 0100 on 29th. After carrying out C.R.A.A. firings at a towed target in area Fox during the afternoon of the 29th, I arrived with VAN GALEN at Kure, at 1100 on Friday, 30th November.

12. The Action Information Organisation has been fully engaged in all its aspects since commencement of operations on 5th October, 1951. No fewer than 236 interceptions have been made, all identified as friendly. N.E. officers have rapidly become proficient in this art and a "miss" to-day is a rare occurrence. In addition to interceptions and its normal routine work of vectoring aircraft to the target area, homings, height determination, interrogation and classification of all tracks, the A.I.O. played a major part in the rescue of the Firefly crew by helicopter from behind enemy lines on 26th October. The accurate vectoring of the helicopter and its C.A.P. to the rescue scene and from there to Kimpo airstrip, the co-ordination of all information, in fact the direction of the rescue, saved many precious minutes of the all important time before dusk.



13. The radar, and in particular Type 960, has performed admirably. Communications have, except on those odd inexplicable occasions, been very good. Excellent two-way communication was held at 160 miles with a Sea Fury orbiting at 14,000 feet a ditched aircraft. The surface side of the A.I.O. has not had as many opportunities to prove its worth but information derived from the G.O.P. has been of great value to the command. An important function of the Operations Room in connection with the air operations has been the sorting and filing of a great number of signals.

14. Only 270 sorties were flown on the East and West coasts of Korea during this disappointing patrol, but valuable experience was gained in the operation of Sea Furies and Fireflies in temperatures below zero. The use of the oil dilution systems in the aircraft considerably improved the starting up first thing in the morning. A dilution of 5% was found to be suitable for the conditions experienced. The aircraft serviceability achieved at the commencement of flying each day was 93% for both types; this reflects great credit on the Air Engineer Officer and maintenance personnel.

15. Additional copies of this report are enclosed for transmission to Commonwealth and U.S. Naval authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) D. H. HARRIES

CAPTAIN



The Flag Officer  
Second-in-Command,  
FAR EAST STATION.

Enclosures :

1. Debriefing Reports.
2. Daily Narratives.
3. Damage caused by enemy fire.



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 NOV 51

SERIAL 100

0710-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike                 |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP                 |
| (c) 6 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike and<br>Air Spot |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP                    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight for the first time in this theatre used dive bombing tactics in attacking a large group of barrack buildings (Target P6) CV833116. All bombs landed in the target area. Buildings were destroyed and damaged - one small fire was started. Definite claims will be made after photographic interpretation has been made.

Small junks at CV813084 were strafed and damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided a TARCAP for HMS BELFAST, HMAS TOBRUK and HNethMS VAN GALEN. On completion of their CAP the section attacked the boat basin at CV849078 (Target P21). Several sampans were destroyed and damaged.

(c) 6 x Firefly

A group of eleven barrack buildings (Target P4) at CV844108 was dived and all bombs fell in the target area. Several buildings were destroyed and damaged.

Groups of sampans in the bay at CV9617 and CV9918 were strafed.

One aircraft then spotted for HMS BELFAST directing her guns onto a group of buildings at CV817108 (Target P9). Ranging was carried out successfully but fire for effect was not observed due to the phosphorous smoke obscuring the target area. Communications and procedure were good.

Another Firefly directed the guns of HNethMS VAN GALEN onto a suspected food storage in three large buildings at CV842088 (Target P1). Communications and procedure were good and fall of shot was around the target area. Many 44 gallon drums around the target were hit - the buildings were damaged but are worthy of another attack.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak was sighted coming from the area CV808086.

5. INTELLIGENCE

The large rail bridge at CV744166 is destroyed but a serviceable diversion has been built to the north.

The rail line from CV766158 to CV915123 appears to be serviceable.

6. DAMAGE

Several (buildings destroyed)  
(buildings damaged) Details after photo interpretation

6 Sampans damaged

4 Junks damaged

2 Sampans destroyed

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major



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SYDNEY GAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 NOV 51

SERIAL 101

0900-1050

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|              |                    |        |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | TARCAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury | Cannon             | GAP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over the target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Target P18, a group of houses at CV798088, was selected for a rocket attack by the Furies. All rockets struck in the target area damaging several houses, strafing runs were also made but no fires were started. Assessment will be made from photographs taken.

During a later A/R, ox carts were destroyed at CV755120, CV754090 and CV778099 and a junk was damaged at CV848077.

An Air Spot with HMS BELFAST on Target P20 CV807126 was carried out. Ranging and procedure were good and nine buildings were damaged and a fire started in the southern portion of the target which was at extreme range.

The Air Spot with HMAS TOBRUK firing on to Target P17, CV796089, was abortive owing to the fall of shot being unobserved.

The TARCAP dump target P22, CV794077, a percussion cap plant was rocketted and strafed. The buildings appeared derelict and further slight damage was done.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Approximately 20 unserviceable aircraft were observed in the dispersal area NE of YONGPO airfield CV7505. They resembled Japanese zero type aircraft.

The airfield at CV6901 could be used by light aircraft.

The road bridge at CV735181 is serviceable.

Several junks were sighted at CV746032 and there were serviceable fishing boats at CV780057 and CV765053.

5. FLAK

NIL

6. DAMAGE

3 Ox carts destroyed.

9 Buildings damaged.

Several houses damaged - details later.

One junk damaged.

Event 'A'

After strike photography reveals the following damage from the previous Event's bombing strikes:

5 60ft barrack buildings destroyed.

6 60ft barrack buildings damaged.

6 150 foot barrack buildings damaged.

(Sgd) M EDDY Captain  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 NOV 51

SERIAL 102

1050-1240

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |                 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike          |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP          |
| (c) 6 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike and      |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | Air Spot<br>CAP |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight dive bombed a group of 6 buildings at CV828117 (Target P5). One building was destroyed and three were damaged - a small fire was started.

Open rail cars, some loaded with what appeared to be lumber were strafed at the rail junction CV778132. Three were damaged.

A gun emplacement, possibly occupied, on the side of the cliff at CV907118 was strafed and hit.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided a TARCAP for the bombarding ships. No targets were given by the ships so the dump target, building at CV850091 (Target P2) was rocketted. Hits were obtained and the building damaged.

(c) 6 x Firefly

The aircraft dive bombed a large group of buildings at CV797119 (Target P11). Some hits were obtained and damage will be assessed after photographic interpretation.

One Firefly Air Spotted for HMS BELFAST who fired at Target P24 - a large group of buildings. Fire for effect was accurate and 5 salvos fell in the target area damaging three large buildings. Procedure was good.

The other Firefly directed the guns of HNetHMS VAN GALEN at Target P13, CV803096. Some 8 shells landed in the target area damaging at least 12 houses. On occasions the spread of shot when firing for effect was quite large probably due to the targets location being on the reverse slopes of a hill. Procedure was good.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Smoke was seen issuing from the north end of a rail tunnel at DV0018.

(b) The coastal rail line from HUNGNAM NE to NAMHO-RI DV0726 appears to be serviceable.

(c) Smoke was seen coming from a chimney at CV827107.

(d) Serviceable box cars were sighted (some loaded) at CV758182.

5. DAMAGE

One building destroyed.

Four buildings damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 NOV 51

SERIAL 103

1240-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |          |                    |        |
|-----|----------|--------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | TARCAP |
| (c) | 2 x Fury | Cannon             | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A rocketing and strafing attack was made on Target P17, a school at CV797088. The roof of the school was damaged at either end but no other damage was visible. A house alongside the school was also possibly damaged and will be confirmed from photographs taken.

An Air Spot was carried out with HMS BELFAST firing on Target P8, CV828126. The result of the shoot was the destruction of three houses with four barrack buildings being damaged.

The Air Spot with HMAS TOBRUK, Target P32, CV818095, resulted in two direct hits on a large building at CV818095 plus a further hit which started a fire in another large building at CV819094.

The Air spotter had just ranged HNetHMs VAN GALEN on to Target P31, CV829102, when cease fire was ordered due to the TARCAP carrying out an attack. No damage can be claimed.

On the subsequent A/R at CV758025 and CV743010 four fishing vessels were destroyed and two more damaged. 3 ox carts were damaged.

(b) 2 x Fury

After completing the TARCAP over the bombarding ships a rocket attack was made on the Target P2, CV850091. One wing of the building had previously been damaged and as a result of the attack extensive damage was done to the other wing.

One junk and four fishing vessels were damaged at CV011150.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At CU6788 a long mound approximately 10 ft high was seen on which large camouflaged objects had been placed approximately 100 yards apart. The A/A guns reported were interspersed with the objects.

The railway diversion built across the river at this point is definitely serviceable.

A 50 ft junk was sighted at DVO416. Alongside the jetty at which the junk was moored a large canvas type construction, capable of hiding a motor launch, was noticed. It was empty but was camouflaged with land camouflage.

A large red and white buoy was sighted at DVO211. This was reported to HMS BELFAST.

Several serviceable box cars were seen at DVO827.

Approximately 12 fishing vessels were sighted at CV037166.

5. FLAK

At CU6788 three A/A guns of approximately 20mm calibre opened fire.



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6. DAMAGE

1 Building damaged.  
1 House damaged.  
3 Ox carts damaged.  
1 Junk damaged.  
10 Fishing vessels damaged.

Event 'B'

Photo interpretation reveals that the following damage was caused to Target P13 in Event 'B':

1 House destroyed.  
3 Houses damaged.

Event 'C'

After strike photography reveals the following damage caused to Target P11 in Event 'C':

4 Buildings destroyed.  
4 Buildings damaged.

(Sgd) M EDDY Captain  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 NOV 51

SERIAL 104

1430-1630

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |                        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike                 |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARGAP                 |
| (c) | 6 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike and<br>Air Spot |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP                    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Another dive bombing attack was made - this time on buildings at CV808117 (Target P10). All bombs were in the target area and damage can only be assessed after photographs have been taken.

(b) 2 x Fury

Another TARGAP was provided for the bombarding ships but no tasks were given them.

Before returning to the ship the aircraft attacked a dump target of a large building at CV850091 (Target P2). The target was again damaged and as some 30 rockets have hit this building today it must be considered very unserviceable.

(c) 6 x Firefly

Target P19 - the HUNGNAM brig at CV296116 was dive bombed and several bombs were seen to hit the main building dropping a large portion.

Another Air Spot with HMS BELFAST was carried out by a Firefly. The target (P10) large buildings at CV808117 was successfully engaged although as it was on the reverse slope of a hill many rounds were wasted. At least four buildings were damaged.

A further shoot was carried out with HNEthMS VAN GALEN at Target P14 a large area target of houses at CV812090. Difficulty was experienced in ranging owing to a large spread of shot and poor communications. However approximately 6 rounds fell in the target area damaging 6 houses.

4. FLAK

(a) Accurate light flak (probably .5inch) was received from the hill tops CV827122 and CV831121. One aircraft was damaged by this flak.

(b) Light inaccurate flak was sighted from the area CV798113.

(c) Light inaccurate flak was sighted from the area CV801100 (F5).

5. INTELLIGENCE

Smoke was seen coming out of the eastern end of the tunnel at CV853082

6. DAMAGE

Cannot be assessed until photographs have been examined.

Event 'D'

Subsequent photographic interpretation of the target attacked in Event 'D', Target P17, CV797088, confirmed one house damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 NOV 51

SERIAL 105

0710-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 6 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

After flak suppression had been fired by the bombarding ships, a large group of buildings at CV797119, Target P11, was dive bombed. All bombs fell in the target area and damage assessment will be made after photographic interpretation. Villages in the areas CV793123 and CV755096 were strafed and minor damage caused. One ox cart was damaged at CV 760105.

(b) 2 x Fury

After flying the normal TARCAP over the bombarding ships, this flight attacked a school at CV846100, Target P3, with rockets and cannon. Some direct hits were obtained causing damage to the southern end of the building.

At CVC37164 a large junk was strafed and severely damaged.

Accurate strafing runs were also made on the large tanks at CV784114.

(c) 6 x Firefly

Target P6, a large group of buildings at CV833116, was dive bombed accurately. The extent of the damage can be assessed after photographic interpretation is made.

The Air Spot carried out with HMS BELFAST on to Target P35, CV849079 was successful. Direct hits were obtained on the 3 large buildings which comprised the target and the surrounding area was well covered. Procedure was good.

The Air Spot with HMAS TOBRUK firing on to Target P33, CV800095, experienced initial difficulty in ranging but direct hits were obtained later on the western end of the building.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Smoke was seen issuing from the southern end of the tunnel at CV958147

The railway line between HUNGNAM and MUNJUNGHUNG-NI DVO95275 is serviceable.

The railway line between HAMHUNG and TONGCHON-NI CV804005 is serviceable.

5. DAMAGE

One ox cart damaged.

Photographic interpretation necessary for building damage.

One building damaged.

One junk severely damaged.

Event 'E' 20 Nov 51

After strike photography reveals the following damage caused in Event 'E' of 20 Nov 51.

Target P10 : 1 Building destroyed.  
3 Buildings damaged.

Target P19 : 2 Buildings damaged.

(Sgd) M EDDY Captain.



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HMAS SYDNEY

21 NOV 51

SERIAL 106

0900-1050

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|              |                    |                        |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| (a) 4 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | Strike and<br>Air Spot |
| (b) 2 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | TARCAP                 |
| (c) 2 x Fury | Cannon             | CAP                    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight attacked target P7 - a large building at CV832116 - with rockets and strafing. The target was well covered and all buildings at least damaged.

One aircraft Air Spotted with HMS BELFAST at Target P36, a group of buildings at CV789101. The shoot was accurate and about 80% of the shells landed in the target area. Many houses were severely damaged. The guns were then directed onto a village at CV845087 - again the shoot was accurate and approximately 20 houses were destroyed.

One other Sea Fury spotted for Hmets VAN GALEN at Target P37 - a group of buildings at CV854079. This shoot was also accurate and the target well covered. 6 small and one large buildings were destroyed.

Target P34, CV804093, was also engaged, but with HMAS TORRUK. Many hits were obtained on the main building which was severely damaged.

On a later A/R along the coast to the North East two loaded sampans were sunk.

(b) 2 x Fury

The section provided a TARCAP with the bombarding ships but no targets were given. A dump target of buildings at CV842088 (Target P1) were rocketted and strafed. One building exploded and was destroyed and three large oil tanks were strafed and hit but no fires were started.

4. FLAK

One LAA gun was sighted in an emplacement at CV826111.

5. DAMAGE

Four buildings damaged.  
One building destroyed.  
Two sampans destroyed.

Event 'A'

Photographic interpretation after the Fury attack in Event 'A' reveals the following damage:

2 large buildings destroyed.

Further photographs are being taken in Event 'C' to determine the Firefly damage.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 NOV 51

SERIAL 107

1050-1240

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A group of 40 small buildings, Target P36, at CV789101, was dive bombed accurately, all bombs falling in the target area. Assessment of damage will be determined from photographs taken.

A large lighter type vessel was strafed and damaged at CV037162.

At CVO47160 four sampans were strafed and damaged. At CV964142 a large covered construction on the edge of the beach, containing a vessel, was repeatedly strafed and considerable damage must have been caused to the vessel.

(b) 2 x Fury

Following the normal TARCAP, the flight carried out a rocketing and strafing attack on Target P36, CV789101, which had been attacked by the Fury dive bombing strike earlier. All rockets hit in the target area damaging five houses. Strafing runs were also made on a large building at CV793082. Two ox carts were destroyed in later strafing attacks at CV6800, a fishing vessel damaged at CU7195 and one house damaged in a village at CU6795.

(c) 5 x Firefly

Target P13, a group of houses at CV803096 was dive bombed successfully and it is estimated that eight buildings were destroyed and 6 buildings seriously damaged. This will be confirmed from photographic interpretation.

On a subsequent A/R a total of 6 ox carts were strafed and damaged, three personnel being killed.

An Air Spot was carried out with HMS BELFAST on Target P9, CV817106, hits being obtained in the target area and further damage being caused at CV819105. It is estimated that possibly five buildings were damaged.

Targets P30, CV824103 and P31, CV829102, were successfully engaged by HMAS TOBRUK using an airspotter, many hits being seen in the target area. It was not possible to ascertain damage caused. Communications and procedure were good throughout.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The steel framework of a large new building was sighted at CV962138.



(2)

5. FLAK

Light automatic fire came from the area of CV803098.

Heavier fire, bursting at 3,000ft, came from the area of CV801091.

Heavy fire, bursting at 8,000ft, also came from the SW corner of HAMBURG city.

6. DAMAGE

One lighter type vessel damaged.

4 Sampans damaged.

2 Vessels damaged.

6 Houses damaged.

6 Ox carts damaged.

3 Personnel killed.

2 Ox carts destroyed.

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1240-1430

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

(a) 4 x Fury      8 x R/P and Cannon  
(b) 2 x Fury      8 x R/P and Cannon  
(c) 2 x Fury      Cannon

Strike and  
Air Spot  
TARGAP  
CAP

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A large building (Target P33) at CV800095 was rocketted and strafed. Many hits were obtained and the building is now very unserviceable.

During a later A/R several small buildings were strafed and damaged. In the area P26, CV953174, only one box car was sighted - this was strafed and damaged.

One Fury Air Spotted for HMS BELFAST at (Target P23) barrack buildings at CV748030. The shoot was accurate and approximately 60 per cent coverage was obtained. TCO fires were started and at least 10 houses destroyed.

Another Fury directed VAN GALEN's guns onto Target P1 - buildings at CV842086. This shoot was also accurate and at least 2 houses were destroyed - another was left burning. Procedure was good.

(b) 2 x Fury

The TARGAP were again not given a task so attacked their dump target (P3) of a large building at CV846100. Direct hits were obtained with 18 rockets - apart from the normal smoke of the explosions orange smoke billowed from the building.

Before returning to the ship the village at CV748030 (P23) was strafed - one house was destroyed and two damaged.

4. FLAK

Light flak was encountered in the area CV7402 and one aircraft was damaged.

5. INTELLIGENCE

A large explosion was sighted at 1256 from the area of HUNGHAM bay.

6. DAMAGE

3 Buildings damaged.  
1 House destroyed.  
2 Houses damaged.  
1 Box car damaged.



6. DAMAGE (Contd).

Event 'A'

Photographic interpretation of damage caused by the Firefly attack on Target P6, CV833116, in Event 'A' reveals:

- 2 Houses destroyed.
- 5 Buildings (56ft) destroyed.
- 2 Buildings (55ft) damaged.

Event 'C'

Photographic interpretation of damage caused in Event 'C' reveals:

- (a) Fury - Target P36, CV789101.
  - 9 Buildings (40ft) destroyed.
  - 1 Building (40ft) damaged.
  - 1 Building (240ft) damaged.
- (b) Firefly - Target P15, CV803096.
  - 4 Buildings (75ft) destroyed.
  - 10 Buildings (50ft) destroyed.
  - 5 Buildings (50ft) damaged.

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SERIAL 109

1420-1530

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) 6 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

A bombing attack was carried out on the railway line and rail tunnel at CV896125. The terrain in this area is very rugged making the attack difficult, and unfortunately only near misses were obtained at both ends. Photographic interpretation will determine whether the line has been cut.

A large fire was seen burning in the village at CU723996.

(b) 6 x Firefly

Bombing attacks were made on the railway line and rail tunnels at CV920123 and CV922123.

(1) Simultaneous attacks were made on both ends of the tunnel at CV920123. The attacks were accurate, the bombs exploding right in the tunnel openings, possibly cutting the lines and causing masonry to fall at each end of the tunnel. A secondary explosion occurred inside the eastern end after the bombs had exploded.

(11) Near misses only were obtained in the attack on the tunnel at CV922123, causing no damage to either the line or the tunnel.

4. INTELLIGENCE

A white clad person was observed in a trench of a known strong point on top of the tunnel at CV920123.

5. DAMAGE

Photographic assessment will be made.

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24 NOV 51

SERIAL 110

1000-1200

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Chages and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Visibility and cloud base between latitudes of SEOUL and CHINNAMPO zero. Clear north of CHINNAMPO.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Weather prevented the Furies attacking their prebriefed targets in the HAI RIVER area and they were subsequently airbriefed to proceed to the CHINNAMPO waterfront area.

At YC032905, several open loaded railway trucks and three box cars were rocketted and strafed. Several direct hits were observed but damage could not be estimated although pieces were seen to fly off approximately four trucks.

Straffing runs were made on a major street in CHINNAMPO CITY, damaging two houses.

An ox cart was destroyed at YC036905 and a loaded sampan was damaged at YC072853.

Weather prevented photographs being taken of the gun battery at XC771678.

(b) 5 x Firefly

Heavy snow clouds prohibited primary and secondary targets being attacked. As it was not possible to locate a target within the operational range of the aircraft bombs were dropped in the general area of XC5825 with unobserved results.

4. FLAK

LAA fire came from area YC030905.

5. DAMAGE

- 4 Railway trucks damaged.
- 2 Houses damaged.
- 1 Ox cart destroyed.
- 1 Sampan damaged.

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24 NOV 51

SERIAL 111

1200-1400

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base approximately 8,000 feet over the bomblines but haze restricted visibility to about 8 miles.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

A close Army Support mission was flown in support of the British Commonwealth Division. Control was exercised by a Mosquito aircraft who directed the flight onto a village (CT183247) housing enemy troops and Artillery pieces. This is the area from which the large communist attack on 23 Nov was launched.

After repeated rocket and strafing attacks the flight were credited with 85 per cent coverage, two artillery pieces and five troop shelters destroyed. Three houses were left on fire.

4. DAMAGE

Two artillery pieces destroyed.  
Five troop shelters destroyed.  
Three houses destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

24 NOV 51

SERIAL 112

1400-1600

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base zero with snow and sleet over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The flight was briefed to attack a LEOPARD target in the HAN RIVER area at BS477999, reported to contain 3,000 NKA troops. However weather prevented aircraft from entering the area and an alternative target at YB0198 was rocketted and severe damage was caused to a large building.

Another village at YC017004 was rocketted, two houses being destroyed. Strafing runs were made on workers' huts at YC075030 with unobserved results. A fire was started in a possible store dump at YC2413 and an ox cart was damaged at YC3016.

Further rocketting attacks were made in TAETAN, YC0115, destroying two houses and damaging one large warehouse. Another warehouse was strafed and damaged at YC017107 and two houses were damaged at NAMHO-RI XC907187.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The railway bridge at YC2615 was bombed resulting in two spans of the bridge being badly damaged rendering the bridge unserviceable.

On the later A/R, seven ox carts were strafed and damaged on the main road west of ONGJIN.

INTELLIGENCE

The railway bridge at YC163018 is again serviceable.

5. DAMAGE

Three large buildings damaged.  
Four houses destroyed.  
Two houses damaged.  
Eight ox carts damaged.  
One railway bridge damaged.

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26 NOV 51

SERIAL 113

1300-1500

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                            |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon |

A/R  
CAP  
ASP

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

A LEOPARD target of a troop concentration in the village at BT525005 was rocketted and strafed. Houses were destroyed and damaged but no activity was noted.

Faulty communications made it impossible to contact HMS MOUNTS BAY so a rail reconnaissance was made from YONAN through HAEJU to CHAERYONG and CHANGYON.

Box cars and ox carts were attacked en-route.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail bridges at YC5806, YC4418 and XC9947 have been rebuilt and the rail line between YONAN, HAEJU, CHAERYONG and CHANGYON is serviceable.

(b) Wheel marks through the snow indicate that all the main roads are in use.

(c) Smoke was seen coming from the rail tunnel at YC3635.

5. DAMAGE

- 4 Box cars damaged.
- 2 Ox carts destroyed.
- 3 Houses destroyed.
- 5 Houses damaged.

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SYDNEY GAG

HMAS SYDNEY

27 NOV 51

SERIAL 114

0725-0915

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |          |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike   |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAP and  |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | Air Spot |
| (d) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | CAP      |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | Strike   |
|                 |                            | ASP      |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight contacted HMS CEYLON in the CHODO area and then carried out a strike against 76mm guns that had been reported by LEOPARD in a house at XC771678. Rocket and strafing attacks were made and the house hit - no guns were sighted. The village at XC863239 where troops had been reported was also rocketted and houses destroyed.

The flight then carried out a Milk Run to HANCHON attacking a floating junk at YD0643. Hits were obtained.

During a later A/R sampans were attacked in the CHAERYONG GANG waterways.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided a CAP for HMS CEYLON and also carried out an Air Spot for her guns at a target XC771675 (alleged 76 mm guns). Hanging was successful but unfortunately only near misses were obtained on the target.

The village at XC770700 was also shot at but only one salvo landed in the target area.

(c) 5 x Firefly

A bombing attack was made against a village at ORIJONG, XC863239, where LEOPARD had reported 200 Chinese Communists ate breakfast between the hours of 0700 and 0800. Several houses were destroyed and some 20 troops were seen to run from a house at XC861244.

During the following A/R hay stacks with no snow on them and tracks leading to them at YC1704 were strafed with unobserved results.

Store dumps at YC3215 were strafed with unobserved results. Large buildings and two flak positions in ONGJIN were also strafed.

4. FLAK

Light inaccurate flak was sighted at YC0702 and YC0803.

Light inaccurate flak was sighted at YC4211.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) 21 apparently serviceable box cars are in the siding at WONUM-NI XD9404.

(b) Approximately 24 Thunderjets were sighted at XD9030 at 0815 flying south at 200 feet.

(c) The rail bridge at YC2615 is still unserviceable.

(d) The reported OP at YC764707 appears to be in use.

6. DAMAGE

8 Houses destroyed.

10 Houses damaged.

1 Junk damaged.

3 Sampans damaged.

5 Junks damaged.

2 Box Cars damaged.

2 Ox carts destroyed.

4 Cows destroyed.

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27 NOV 51

SERIAL 115

0915-1105

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike     |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP        |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP        |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CEYLON CAP |

2. WEATHER

Clear over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

CGF troop concentrations in the HAN RIVER area at BT516014 and BT548022 were attacked.

- (a) BT516014 - rocketted, damaging some houses. The extent of the damage however could not be assessed.
- (b) BT548022 - rocketted and strafed, destroying one house and damaging possibly two others. 50-100 troops were seen running from the village, dispersing as they ran. Strafing runs were made resulting in possibly six being killed or wounded.

On the later A/R, four box cars filled with what appeared to be fuel drums were strafed with unobserved results.

(c) A CAP was flown over HMS CEYLON which engaged the previously reported 76mm gun position. The CAP was not able to observe the fall of the shells. On completion of the CAP, the aircraft rocketted and strafed a village at XC5527, destroying one house.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The rail bridges at YC4536, YC4839 and YC4843 are still unserviceable and the line is cut at YC4838. This railway is being used between YC4843 and SARIWON.

The road running south from SARIWON is being extensively used by vehicles.

Five newly loaded box cars were sighted at YC3632.

The railway between SARIWON and MIRYOKTONG YC3539 is serviceable.

6. DAMAGE

6 Personnel killed or wounded.  
2 Houses destroyed.  
2 Houses damaged.

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27 NOV 51

SERIAL 116

1105-1256

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS        |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CEYLON CAP |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | SYDNEY CAP |
| (d) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike     |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP        |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

A close Army Support mission was flown with the British Commonwealth Division. A target of bunkers on a hilltop at CT1623 was attacked under the control of a Mosquito aircraft. The strike of rockets and cannon was right on the target and before leaving the area the controller thanked the flight for a good strike and advised that at least one bunker had been destroyed.

(b) 2 x Fury

After providing a CAP for HMS CEYLON the section attacked store dumps in trenches at YC2414. Hits were obtained with rockets and a fire started under a nearby rail bridge.

A LEOPARD target of troops in a large house at YB2396 was rocketted and the house destroyed.

A rail cut was made with rockets at YC2414.

An OP at XC580180 (given as a target by HMS CEYLON) was strafed and hit.

(c) 5 x Firefly

Very successful bombing attacks were made on rail bridges at XC9947 and XC8635. The former had two spans removed and the southern abutment damaged - the latter two spans destroyed. Photographs will confirm.

4. DAMAGE

- 2 Rail bridges destroyed.
- 1 Bunker destroyed.
- 1 House destroyed.
- 1 Rail cut.
- 3 Ox carts destroyed.

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SERIAL 117

1255-1445

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 3 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

3 x Fury

Another visit was paid to the HAN RIVER area to attack a troop concentration reported by LEOPARD. The village at BS455959 was rocketted and strafed, damaging five houses and starting three fires. No movement was seen in the target area.

Two Air Spots were attempted with HMS MOUNTS BAY on targets in the HAN RIVER area and although communications were excellent, procedure and target map references given were not good. Both shoots were unsuccessful, no rounds being observed.

An A/R was not carried out as an escort had to be provided to KIMPO airfield for one of the aircraft that developed throttle trouble.

4. DAMAGE

5 Houses damaged.

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27 NOV 51

SERIAL 118

1445-1635

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

LEOPARD targets were attacked as follows:-

|                          |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| (1) XC869233 - 80CCF     | ) | Rocketted and straffed<br>destroying houses but<br>no activity seen. |
| (11) XC875210 - 30 CCF   | ) |  |
| (111) XC862244 - 100 CCF | ) |  |

During a later A/R box cars at SONGO-RI, YC2147, and the odd ox cart were straffed.

Three sampans on the HAEJU waterfront were also damaged.

(b) 5 x Firefly

Two aircraft attacked the rail bridge at WONTO, YC4417, and one span was destroyed.

Two other Fireflies then low leveled bombed the rail bridge at YC486096 - at least three spans being destroyed.

The fifth aircraft then attacked the bridge at YC1703 but unfortunately only obtained a near miss.

On an A/R from HAEJU to ONGJIN only ox carts were sighted.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire was sighted coming from the paddy fields in the area YC4112.

5. INTELLIGENCE

A locomotive was seen to disappear into the southern end of the rail tunnel at YC4213.

6. DAMAGE

Two rail bridges destroyed.  
6 Houses destroyed.  
10 Houses damaged.  
3 Box cars damaged.  
6 Ox carts destroyed.  
3 Sampans damaged.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out VLO of rail line from KALNGI (YC086470) to HAOWON (YC005471).

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28 NOV 51  
0725-0915

SERIAL 119  
EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Clear over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

Strikes in the HAN RIVER area continued with attacks on a troop concentration at BS477999 which was rocketted and strafed. All rockets fell in the target area starting a fire. Damage will be assessed from photographs taken. One aircraft was hit by small arms fire.

During the later A/R, a house was damaged at YC474001, another at XC8942 also 2 ox carts at XC8942 and a further ox cart at XC7217.

Two more ox carts were damaged at YC0525, box cars damaged at YC0647 and YC3539 and a vehicle destroyed at YC1346. Damage was also caused to box cars at YC3538 and YC1747.

(b) 4 x Firefly

A further railway interdiction bombing attack was made on the bridge at YC402267, but unfortunately only near misses were obtained, no damage being caused.

Wheel tracks were seen entering a house at XC8534. The house was strafed and severely damaged but no vehicle was seen. An ox cart was also damaged at XC6726. At XC675250, a camouflaged rectangular object on the road was strafed and left smoking.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The box cars seen yesterday at MIRYOKTONG, YC3440, have been shifted out of the area.

Smoke was seen issuing from the railway tunnel at XC891392.

5. FLAK

It was not possible to pin point the area from which the small arms fire was received in the HAN RIVER area.

6. DAMAGE

6 Ox carts damaged.  
6 Box cars damaged.  
1 Vehicle destroyed.  
3 Houses damaged.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft flew a VLO of the rail line from YC423137 to YC447159 and from YC436183 to YC433228.

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HMAS SYDNEY

23 NOV 51

SERIAL 120

0915-1105

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |                   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/B<br>CAP<br>ASP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     |                   |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon |                   |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight carried out the "Milk Run" to HANCHON - the only target being attacked was a junk at YD0442 which was strafed and damaged.

Two isolated buildings surrounded by new defences on hill tops at YD0543 and YC0545 were accurately strafed.

A hundred plus troops with stores in defences at YD120280 were rocketted and strafed. Hits were obtained but casualties were impossible to assess although many must have been caused.

More occupied defences at YD140340 were strafed with unobserved results.

Box cars in the siding at WOHUM-NI, XD9004, were rocketted damaging one.

One loaded junk at YC3065 was strafed and damaged.

4. FLAK

Two occupied flak positions with guns of approximately 20 mm calibre were sighted in the area YC2454. These opened fire and two aircraft were damaged.

5. DAMAGE

One box car damaged.  
2 Junks damaged.  
Unknown number of troop casualties.  
2 Buildings damaged.

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28 NOV 51

SERIAL 121

1105-1255

EVENT 'G'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS    |
| (b) | 1 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | PE/R   |
| (c) | 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER Very good over the target area.

3. RESULTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The close Army Support mission flown in support of the British Commonwealth Division, was controlled by two Mustang aircraft who directed the strike on to targets at BT9334. These targets, occupied troop shelters, were a considerable distance behind the enemy front line. Rocketting and straffing attacks were made, many strikes being observed in the target area. Although the number of casualties caused could not be gauged, a coverage of 90% was awarded.

(b) 1 x Fury

The aircraft having flown part of the HAN RIVER photographic cover requested by HMS MOUNTS BAY, then rocketted and straffed targets at BS575995. All rockets struck in the target area but damage could not be assessed. One ox cart was destroyed at YC5203.

(c) 3 x Firefly

A low level bombing attack was made on the railway bridge at YC386472. A direct hit was obtained on the embankment approach to the bridge, destroying a large section of it and severely damaging the line.

A further attack was made on the bridge at YC3933 but no hits were obtained nor was any damage caused.

One ox cart was destroyed at YC2653.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Approximately 30 personnel dressed in white were seen in the area YC5203.

5. FLAK

An unoccupied A/A position was clearly seen at YC1147. This position has been active on various occasions on previous patrols.

6. DAMAGE

2 Ox carts destroyed.  
1 Railway bridge damaged.

(Sgd) M EDDY Captain  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

28 NOV 51

SERIAL 122

1255-1445

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

A LEOPARD target of 450 GCF in the village of POWANG-NI, YC041688, was strafed. The area was well covered - four houses were set on fire and troops were seen to leave the village in rather a hurry. These were strafed with unobserved results.

A reconnaissance was made of the area where troops were attacked in Event 'B'. Well over 100 troops were again sighted in trenches at YD040280 (this map reference amends YD120280 given in the de-briefing report for Event 'B'). These were accurately rocketted and strafed and together with the attack in Event 'B' it is now conservatively estimated that at least 100 troops were killed or wounded.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire was received from the village at YC041688.

5. DAMAGE

4 Houses destroyed.  
100 Troops killed or wounded (Event B and D).

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS SYDNEY

28 NOV 51

SERIAL 123

1445-1635

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

A second visit was made to the HAN RIVER area where targets were attacked as follows:-

|                                   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| (I) Village BT578021 (200 CCF)    | ) |  |
| (II) Village BS521995 (2,000 CCF) | ) | Rocketted and strafed.   |
| (III) Village BS528978 (50 CCF)   | ) | Large fires started in all villages and many houses destroyed. |

HMS MOUNTS BAY was contacted and a canister of photographs dropped - these were collected by the ship who then carried out an Air Spot shoot at a village BS675986. The shoot was more successful than that carried out yesterday and the village was hit by 6 rounds. Four houses were destroyed and several damaged.

(b) 4 x Firefly

A low level attack was made on the rail bridge at WONTO, YC4418. The northern span was dropped and two 6 hour delay bombs were neatly placed close to the broken span.

Another attack was then made on the rail bridge at YC1703 but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Store dumps were observed near the railway station at NAMPA-RI YC2816.

5. DAMAGE

1 Rail bridge destroyed.  
3 Ox carts destroyed.  
1 Ox cart damaged.  
16 Houses destroyed.  
11 Houses damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SILKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



PAGE ONE.

NARRATIVE.

DATES: 18th and 19th November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear both days. Fresh winds.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:- SYDNEY sailed from Sasebo at 1600I forming part of Task Group 95.8, under the command of Rear-Admiral A.K. Scott-Moncrieff, D.S.O., in H.M.S. BELFAST, proceeding up the East Coast of Korea for Operation "Athenaeum" off Hungnam.

Gun functioning trials were carried out at 0830/19th November.

Officer-of-the-watch manouevres were carried out A.M. 19th November.

SYDNEY assumed the duties of C.T.E. 95.82 at 1830/19th, at which time she was detached with SIOUX and CONSTANCE to proceed to Point Oboe, 39°20'N, 129°E. U.S.S. HYMAN joined at 2330/19th.



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NARRATIVE

DATE: 20 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear, cloudless. Light breezes. Sea calm, slight swell.

## SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in vicinity of 31°20'N 129°E throughout the day.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 58 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>                      | <u>MISSION</u>                                       |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| "A"          | 0710       | 0900      | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>6 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>TAR. CAP.<br>Strike<br>Strike(2 Airspot)   |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1050      | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.           | C.A.P.<br>R/P Strike(2 Airspot)<br>TAR. CAP.         |
| "C"          | 1050       | 1240      | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>6 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>TAR. CAP.<br>Strike.<br>Strike (2 Airspot) |
| "D"          | 1240       | 1430      | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>2 F.U.           | C.A.P.<br>R/P Strike (2 Airspot)<br>TAR. CAP.        |
| "E"          | 1430       | 1620      | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>6 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>TAR. CAP.<br>Strike<br>Strike (2 Airspot)  |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 21 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear - cloudless. Light westerly winds.  
Sea very slight.

## SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in vicinity of 39°20'N, 129°E, throughout the day. U.S.S. PTARMIGAN joined at 1600 to effect change of Helicopter units. Hutron One Unit Twelve joined SYDNEY, Hutron One Unit One transferred from SYDNEY to PTARMIGAN for L.S.T. 9092. PTARMIGAN detached at 1645. SIOUX detached to Wonsan and HYMAN chopped to C.G.T. 95.2 HNMS VAN GALEN joined 1645. SYDNEY screened by CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN proceeded to Area NAN.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 55 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>  | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                     | <u>MISSION.</u>  |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| "A"           | 0700<br>0710 | 0900<br>0900 | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>6 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>T.A.R. C.A.P.<br>Strike.<br>Strike (2 Airspot) |
| "B"           | 0900         | 1050         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br><br>2 F.U.       | C.A.P. (<br>R/P Strike<br>(2 Airspot)<br>T.A.R. C.A.P.   |
| "C."          | 1050         | 1240         | 2 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>T.A.R. C.A.P.<br>Strike.<br>Strike (2 Airspot) |
| "D"           | 1240         | 1430         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br><br>2 F.U.       | C.A.P.<br>R/P Strike<br>(2 Air Spot)<br>T.A.R. C.A.P.    |
| "E"           | 1420         | 1545         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>6 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>Strike.<br>Strike (2 Airspot)                  |



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NARRATIVE.

Date: 22 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some *cloud*. Wind North to North-easterly, increasing to Force 4 late afternoon. Sea clam with moderate westerly swell in evening.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

SYDNEY, screened by CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN on passage to Area NAN. Destroyers refuelled from SYDNEY A.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SYDNEY assumed duties of C.T.E. 95.11 at 2100 Item.

AIR: No flying.



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 23 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Overcast, ceiling 1000 feet with minimum A.M. Wind 330/35 knots moderating at sunset. Visibility 8 miles - Sea very rough to rough.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operational area throughout the day. CEYLON joined company at 1150. Task Element proceeded to Inchon Approaches to transfer personnel in lee of Shopaiul Island. U.S.S. EDMONDS joined at 1345 and chopped to C.T.E. 95.12 at 1645 when CEYLON parted company.

AIR: Weather prevented flying throughout the day.

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 24 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Sleet and snow showers A.M. improving to fine P.M. Overcast low cloud A.M. bearing 4/8 at 3,000 feet, P.M. Wind North-westerly backing P.M. to westerly 15/20 knots. Visibility 4/6 miles except in showers, improving to 10/15 miles P.M. Sea slight.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operational area throughout the day, U.S.S. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO joined 0710. COMUS joined from C.T.E. 95.12 at 1330 chopping to C.T.E. 95.11 and was detached to 'BUGATTI' at 1600. Task Element proceeded Southward to replenishment area at sunset.

AIR: Weather unsuitable for flying inoperational area until 0945. Although in target area, low cloud, snow storms, and poor visibility prevented aircraft reaching pre-briefed targets. Opportunity targets were attacked as visibility allowed. SYDNEY flew 36 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>Off.</u> | <u>On.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                     | <u>MISSION.</u>                     |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| "B"           | 1000        | 1200       | 2 F.U.<br>6 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.    |
| "C"           | 1200        | 1400       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.<br>A.S.P.<br>Mail. |
| "D"           | 1400        | 1600       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.    |

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Dear Sir,  
I am writing to you in regard to the  
letter of the 11th inst. which you  
kindly forwarded to me.

Yours faithfully,  
[Signature]

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NARRATIVE.

**DATE:** 25 November, 1951.

**WEATHER:** Overcast with ceiling at 800 feet. Showers. Visibility deteriorated during the day to 1 to 2 miles. Wind west 30 to 35 knots, veering to North West 45 to 50 knots with gusts to 65 knots. Sea very rough.

**SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:**

Task Element in replenishment area throughout the day. WAVE CHIEF and TAUPO joined 0730. SYDNEY began replenishing at 0810 but disconnected through weather at 1120. Destroyers could not be refuelled through weather. COMUS joined at 1800. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO detached at 1100 to Fox Anchorage to await oiler. COMUS detached with WAVE CHIEF and TAUPO at 1425. SYDNEY screened by CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN hove to in position 35°N, 124°50'E at 1800.

**AIR:** Replenishment day. No AIROPS.

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 26 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Overcast A.M. improving to 6/8 at 2,000 feet  
P.M. Occasional snow showers. Visibility 5/10  
miles except in showers. Wind Northerly 35 knots,  
gusting, decreasing by sunset to 20 knots. Sea  
rough to Very Rough with short steep swell moderating  
with the wind.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element returned to operational area A.M.  
COMUS refuelled P.M. and joined with WAVE CHIEF  
at 1630 when CONSTANCE was detached to escort  
WAVE CHIEF to Fox Anchorage. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO  
in Fox Anchorage awaiting oiler.

AIR: No AIRCRAFT until temporary improvement in weather  
at 1300. Further events cancelled at 1430. Seven  
sorties flown.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>           | <u>MISSION.</u>          |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| "D"           | 1300       | 1450       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P. |



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 27 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear. Wind North, North-westerly 20 to 25 knots, *gusting* to 30. Sea moderate.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operational area throughout the day. CONSTANCE and DOUGLAS A. MUNRO rejoined from fuelling 0930 when VAN GALEN was detached to fuel at Fox Anchorage. CONSTANCE on 'BUGATTI'. VAN GALEN rejoined at 2345.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 60 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>   |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| "A"           | 0715        | 0915       | 2 F.U.<br>6 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I.<br>2 F.U. | C.A.P.<br>A.R. & CEYLON C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>CEYLON C.A.P. |
| "B"           | 0915        | 1105       | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.U.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>CEYLON C.A.P.                         |
| "C"           | 1105        | 1255       | 2 F.U.<br>6 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I.<br>1 F.I. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail.                         |
| "D"           | 1255        | 1445       | 2 F.U.<br>3 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.  |
| "E"           | 1445        | 1635       | 6 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>5 F.I.           | A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.                                  |

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 28th Novembor, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear all day, with fresh to light winds.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS.

Task Element in operational area until dusk. CONSTANCE re-joined from 'BUGATTI' and visit to PAENEYONG-DO at 1350. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO detached to 'BUGATTI' at 1900 to await arrival of REMDOVA. SYDNEY screened by COMUS, CONSTANCE and VAN GALEN proceeded to Southward away from the operational area at 1800.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>   | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>                               | <u>MISSION.</u>                                |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--|--|
| "A"           | 0715<br>0725. | 0915<br>0915 | 2 F.U.<br>6 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.               |
| "B"           | 0915          | 1105         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>2 F.I.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>To Kimp.           |
| "C"           | 1105          | 1255         | 2 F.U.<br>5 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>3 F.I.<br>1 F.U. | C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>To Kimp. |
| "D"           | 1255          | 1445         | 2 F.U.<br>4 F.U.<br>1 F.I.                     | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                       |
| "E"           | 1445          | 1635         | 6 F.U.<br>2 F.U.<br>1 F.I.<br>4 F.I.           | A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.               |



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NARRATIVE.

DATES: 29th and 30th November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear both days.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

On passage from Area NAN to Kure. COMUS and  
CONSTANCE detached to S. SEED 0120/29th. SYDNEY  
and VAN CLEEN arrived KURE at 1100/30th.

Close range anti-aircraft firing practice at  
sleeve target was held A.M. 29th.

AIR: No flying either day.



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DAMAGE CAUSED BY ENEMY FLAK.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PILOT.</u>              | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u> | <u>DAMAGE AND REPAIRS.</u>  |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Nov. 20     | Lt. Salthouse.             | 107.             | Bullet hole in Port Aileron.<br>New aileron fitted.                                 |
| 21.         | Lieut-Cdr.<br>Wotherspoon. | 211              | Port wing leading-edge fillet<br>holed. Fillet repaired.<br>(Self-incurred).        |
| 21          | Lieut-Cdr.<br>Bowles.      | 106              | Hole in Port main-plane.<br>Insertion patch.  |
| 21.         | <b>Lieut. Jude.</b>        | <b>104</b>       | Under-side of <b>Stbd.</b> Wing centre-<br><b>section damaged.</b> Insertion patch. |
| 28          | Lt. Rickell                | 134              | Stbd Main-plane holed. New<br>main-plane fitted.                                    |
| 28          | Lieut-Cdr.<br>Bowles.      | 141              | Explosive bullet passed through<br>fuselage aft of cockpit.<br>Insertion patches.   |
| 28          | Sub-Lieut.<br>Webster      | 106              | Stbd. Aileron holed. New aileron<br>fitted.   |

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3RD NOVEMBER TO 14TH NOVEMBER, 1951  
(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's letter No.  
20/28/1 of 15th November, 1951.)

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ADMIRALTY.

(Copy to:- Australian Commonwealth Naval Board,  
Flag Officer, Second-in-Command,  
Far East Station.  
SYDNEY.)

Forwarded for the information of Their  
Lordships, concurring in the remarks of the Flag Officer,  
Second-in-Command, Far East Station.

(Sgd.) GUY RUSSELL  
Vice Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Far East Station,  
22nd December, 1951.

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF, FAR EAST STATION.

(Copies to:-

Australian Commonwealth Naval Board.

S Y D N E Y)

This report covers H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's third operational patrol in Korean Waters and gives a good representative picture of West Coast Carrier air operations, with aircraft carrying out a variety of tasks. The steady mounting of more than 50 operational sorties a day has come to be regarded as a matter of routine by such ships as "SYDNEY" and "GLORY", but it is still a fine achievement for a Light Fleet Carrier and one requiring the highest standards of organisation, maintenance and airmanship.

2. At the present time just under 30 per cent of the effort is defensive with occasional increases when ships other than the carrier require air cover.

3. I fully endorse the remarks of the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY in his paragraphs 16, 17 and 18.

A. K. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF.

*Sec. Registry.*

Far East Station.  
29th November, 1951.

REAR ADMIRAL  
Second-in-Command.

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
15 NOVEMBER, 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period 3rd. to 14th. November 1951.

2. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY left KURE at 0830 on 3rd. November for passage to the operational area NAN and was joined in the Bungo Suido at 1530 by H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN. H.M.C.S. CAYUGA from Sasebo joined me at 0650 on 4th. November in time to take part in an A.A. firing practice at a sleeve target in area FOX. I assumed command of T.E. 95.11 at 2100.
3. Flying operations began at 0700 on 5th. November and H.M.C.S. SIOUX and U.S. Ships HANNA and COLLETT joined my screen. H.M.S. BELFAST closed at about 0900 while flying off the second event and at 0945 the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, and members of his staff were embarked by jackstay method. On completion of the transfer H.M.S. BELFAST parted company taking with her H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN who was chopped to T.E. 95.12 at this time.
4. During the forenoon I received a signal from U.S.S. COLLETT stating that his Sonar was unserviceable for lack of a transformer. This was reported by signal to C.T.E. 95 with a request that the necessary part be flown to Kimpo. COLLETT's Sonar was subsequently repaired with a transformer transferred from U.S.S. BRISTOL.
5. On this day our first casualty occurred when Lieutenant R.E. Clarkson, D.F.M., R.A.N., was killed when his aircraft failed to pull out of a straffing dive while attacking enemy transport. This was reported in my signal D.T.G. 050545Z.
6. The next day, Tuesday 6th. November, U.S.S. BRISTOL joined at 1055 and after transferring safe hand mail at 1240 was detached with U.S.S. HANNA to fuel from WAVE CHIEF who was en route from the South. In order to simplify the transfer of Confidential Books from SIOUX to COMUS (due to close and embark the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, that evening), I arranged for the helicopter to bring them on board SYDNEY during the routine guard mail trip. Unfortunately the helicopter's winch wire parted during this operation and 2 bags of Signal Publications were lost. My signals D.T.G. 060640 and D.T.G. 090222 and COMUS' signal D.T.G. 061140 refer.
7. At about 1440 ships began to join from all directions; COMUS arrived from the East to collect the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, but owing to a change of plans, joined my screen. WAVE CHIEF escorted by HANNA and fuelling BRISTOL and HANNA appeared from the South and COLLETT who had been acting as Bird Dog covering a strike on Junks to the North of Korea Bay rejoined from the North. On completion of her fuelling I detached HANNA to Yokosuka. The remainder of the screen with the exception of COLLETT were refuelled and fuelling and the transfer of mail, including mail for ST. BRIDE'S BAY who joined for the purpose, was carried on until 1900 by which time it was quite dark. During this day the weather was poor with low cloud and rain. Despite these conditions a full flying programme was completed though, except in the far North, visibility was not good over targets. A cunning ruse by which T.E. 95.12 hoped the guns on ANGAN would reveal themselves by opening fire on ATHABASKAN failed to draw the enemy and the waiting strike of Furies had to be content with attacking pre-arranged targets.
8. The winds on 7th. November were high and gusty and weather conditions approached the limit for deck landing, but fortunately no accidents occurred. COMUS closed at 1140 and embarked the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, and his staff for passage to Sasebo. COLLETT was refuelled from WAVE CHIEF during the forenoon. A slight diversion was caused at 1445 by a flash from ST. BRIDE'S BAY reporting the descent of parachutes. None of my aircraft was in difficulties and no unidentified aircraft were on the radar scan though SYDNEY was within 30 miles of the reported position.

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A thorough search of the area was carried out by my aircraft but nothing was seen. CAYUGA was chopped to T.E. 95.12 at 1545 and despatched to R/V with BELWASE to assist in the evacuation from TAIWA-DO of 50 wounded as a result of an air raid the previous day. At 1705 COLLETT was detached to patrol BUGATTI and I retired to the South and assumed Tactical Command on the West Coast on the departure of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.

9. Thursday 8th. November, was a comparatively peaceful day after the alarms and excursions of the first three days of this patrol. A full days flying of 54 sorties in good weather was achieved without incident. CAYUGA was chopped again to T.E. 95.12 for another phase in the operations among the islands to the Northward. At dusk T.E. withdrew to the South subsequently meeting WAVE CHIEF and HAWEA at 0730 on Friday 9th. The Task Element was refuelled throughout this day and no operations took place. An A/S patrol was provided by C.T.G. 95.2.

10. On Saturday 10th, normal flying took place and I was glad to be able to establish that my aircraft were not the ones responsible for the latest infringement of the Forbidden Territory round KAESONG.

11. Sunday, 11th. November, was also a quiet day, with normal flying in progress. The two minutes silence was observed at 1000 as operations at 1100 prevented its observance at the proper time. By a happy coincidence this time corresponded with 1100K in Eastern Australian States.

12. The following day, November 12th, dawned to the most inclement weather and air operations had to be postponed until 1300 owing to low cloud, rain and poor visibility. Twenty-two sorties were flown during the afternoon and the ship attained her one thousandth operational sortie in the 18½ days' flying since arrival in Korean Waters. During this day the screen was refuelled, BRISTOL being detached at 0930 to meet RENDOVA off Sasebo in accordance with C.T.G. 95.1 signal D.T.G. 110643.

13. Tuesday, November 13th, gave fine weather once more, with a clear sky and extreme visibility, a perfect day for flying. Fifty-six sorties were flown bringing the total for this patrol to over 400. U.S.S. NEW JERSEY, wearing the flag of Vice Admiral W.M. Martin, U.S.N., Commanding 7th. Fleet, and escorted by U.S.S. SHIELDS joined at 0645. Vice Admiral Martin accompanied by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command Far East Station, visited me by helicopter during the forenoon. He watched the ship operating aircraft, chose targets for New Jersey to bombard during the afternoon and spoke to the aircrew. NEW JERSEY and SHIELDS parted company at 1020.

14. On completion of flying on this day COLLETT was detached to patrol AUSTIN at request of C.T.E. 95.12 and to join RENDOVA the following morning, and SYDNEY, screened by CAYUGA and BLOUX, proceeded to the Southward out of the operational area to Sasebo. Close range firings were carried out during the forenoon of 14th in area GEORGE. There was a marked improvement in accuracy compared with the shooting on the way out. The ship arrived at Sasebo at 1460 Item on Wednesday 14th. November and secured to number 18 Buoy.

15. The standard of air operations during this period has remained at a satisfactory level and the patrol was particularly noteworthy for the improvement in the standard of bombing by No. 817 Squadron of Fireflies. I am pleased to be able to say that on 13th. November no railway line was serviceable in the area covered by my aircraft, each one having at least one bridge down or one line cut. The standard of deck landing has continued to improve; there has been but one accident in the last 427 landings and this was due to a momentary lack of concentration on the part of those responsible, allowing an aircraft to land without a hook.

16. Handling of aircraft on deck remains excellent and the average time interval in catapulting is down to 42 seconds, although as low as 39 seconds has been achieved.



which reflects very favourably on the hard work of the Flight Deck Engineer Officer and the Flight Deck Officer and their teams. The percentage of aircraft hit by flak shows a considerable drop as the aircrew gain by experience

17. This patrol is the last one on which Major G.H. Hardcastle serves with me as C.B.A.L.O. I wish to commend the excellent work that he, Major Simkin and the C.B.A.L.S. have been doing since long before the ship came to Korea. That my aircrew have been complimented several times on the performance of their duties in map reading and air spotting, is very largely due to the excellent training they have received from the C.B.A.L.O's.

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18. The photographic section also deserves to be mentioned. They have been dealing with an average of four photographic sorties per day which since the beginning of operations has meant the processing of over 7000 prints. Many of these have been produced within 50 minutes of an aircraft's landing so that necessary information may be obtained for damage assessment or for briefing for later events. Over twelve hundred fully titled prints have been added to those turned over by H.M.S. GLORY, so that I now hold a comprehensive photographic library of the operations area. In addition much routine work has been done, such as the production of photographs to accompany Forms A 21 and A 25, press releases and the filming of all deck landings.

19. A total of 401 sorties has been flown during this period and ammunition expended was as follows:-

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 20 m.m.       | 124,994 |
| R.P.          | 1,550   |
| 500 lb. Bombs | 186     |

This brings the total expenditure to 512 500 lb. Bombs, 8 1000 lb. Bombs, 4098 R.P. and 262,784 rounds of 20 m.m. ammunition. The useful expenditure of this in 19½ days flying gives some indication of the hard work that has been done by the armament supply party in leading an average of 54 aircraft per day.

20. Additional copies of this report are enclosed for transmission to Commonwealth and United States Naval Authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

**(Sgd.) D. H. HARRIES**

CAPTAIN

Flag Officer, Second-in-Command,  
FAR EAST STATION.

Enclosures: 1. De-briefing reports  
2. Daily narratives  
3. Damage caused by Enemy Flak.



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

5 Nov 51

SERIAL 63

0715-0900

Event 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Ceiling at 2500 feet over target areas.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft were briefed to attack targets recommended by EUSAK and strikes were made as follows:-

- (i) Regimental CP at XC 916567 - Rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed.
- (ii) Battalion troops at XC 942687 - Rocketted and strafed - fire started - houses destroyed.
- (iii) Battalion troops at XC 903568 - Rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed.
- (iv) Artillery Battalion XC 937712 - rocketted and strafed - fire started and houses destroyed.

During a later A/R a party of 15 troops were strafed in the ONGJIN area but no definite casualties can be claimed. 30 plus box ~~cars~~ cars were sighted and strafed in the area of SINDOK YC 4034.

One aircraft hit by SAA fire from the area XC 9344.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The flight low level bombed a large bridge at YC 437188 but unfortunately only near misses were achieved.

A large loaded wheeled vehicle was strafed at YC 0201 and damaged; two ox carts destroyed in the HAEJU area.

4. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) Much rail activity in the area of SINDOK YC 4034.
- (b) The rail bridge at YC 437188 is considered suitable for another low level attack.
- (c) The rail line HAEJU - ONGJIN is once again serviceable.

5. DAMAGE

11 houses destroyed.  
2 box cars damaged.  
6 ox carts destroyed.



6. FLAK

Light meagre inaccurate flak at ANAK YC 1864.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out vertical line overlap of railway from SINWON-NI YC 3933 to YANBUNG YC 4027.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

5 NOV 51

SERIAL 64

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 3500 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The Furies were given Leopard targets in the HAN RIVER area to attack. Troop concentrations at BT 690013, BT 695053, BT 683008, BT 700069 were rocketted and strafed one rocketting and one strafing attack on each target.

During a later A/R of the road leading North from PARCHON a possible truck was strafed at BT 670155. The leader in his strafing run was hit by light flak and, rolling over on to his back went straight into the ground nearby, the aircraft breaking up into many pieces. No sign of life or of fluorescent panels were seen.

Two aircraft of the remainder of the flight were later hit by light flak from the same general area whilst carrying out RESCAP operations. A few enemy soldiers were seen in trenches to the East of the position being strafed. One RESCAP aircraft thoroughly strafed those LAA positions which they had located, and put two rockets into slit trenches in the area.

The two aircraft hit by flak, being short of fuel were sent to Kimpo airfield.

4. DAMAGE

Not observed.

5. FLAK

There is a possibility that the position BT 670155 is a flak trap owing to the unusually large number of LAA guns sighted.

(Sgd) G H Harcastle Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

5 NOV 51

SERIAL 65

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | CAS    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | RESCAP |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (e) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Ceiling 7/8 at 5,000 feet over CAS area and 1,500 feet over the Firefly target.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight were briefed to report to the US I Corps who allotted them to the US 1 Cavalry Division. A target of troops on a ridge at CT217274 was indicated by a Mosquito aircraft who then controlled the strike very successfully. Before leaving the area the flight were credited with 80 per cent coverage.

(b) 2 x Fury

The section were briefed to make a search for the Sea Fury pilot shot down in Event 'B'. This was done and the aircraft was located completely destroyed at BT670155. No sign of life was sighted and the pilot must now be presumed lost.

The aircraft then attacked a suspected defensive position and store dump at BT623231 with rockets and strafing attacks. Hits were obtained.

(c) 4 x Firefly

The flight attacked a rail bridge at XC995467. Unfortunately the very low ceiling made the attack difficult and the bridge is still serviceable.

On completion of the strike one section carried out an Air Spot with HMAS MURCHISON, difficulty was experienced in establishing communications but then procedure and communications were good.

A target of gun positions at XC8583 was engaged but as this was at the extreme range of the ship's guns the shoot was not successful.

4. DELAYED DE-BRIEFING OF EVENT 'B'

The two Fury pilots of Event 'B' who had to land at KIMPO for refuelling landed on with aircraft from Event 'C'.

They reported that the possible truck attacked in Event 'B' was in fact an ex cart carrying long bags. The way their leader was hit and went into the ground was as described in the De-briefing Report for Event 'B'.

One of the pilots reported his aircraft had been hit by LAA fire from a position at BT655155 cutting the elevator trimmer control and putting a hole in the fuselage. This pilot stated that in his opinion the general area was a flak trap as many LAA positions were sighted on the high ground on both sides of the road for a distance of approximately three miles.



(2)

What may have been a yellow fluorescent panel or portion of the parachute or dinghy was seen about 10 feet from the fuselage. Petrol leaked out and has stained the ground surrounding the wrecked portions of the aircraft.

The second Fury was hit by LAA fire whilst photographing the wreckage.

All RESCAP personnel considered that there was no chance that the downed pilot lived through the crash.

5. INTELLIGENCE

New defensive position at BT623231.

6. DAMAGE

1 ox cart destroyed.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

5 NOV 51

SERIAL 66

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |

2. WEATHER

Visibility 10 miles. Cloud base 5,000ft over coastal area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

These aircraft carried out the daily "Milk Run".

Two very small and possibly serviceable sampans were strafed at XD9628.

Some more possibly serviceable sampans were strafed near HANCHON.

New earthworks at YD0243 were rocketted hits being observed in the area. A further gun position at YD0444 was rocketted and hit.

Two large huts at XD8604 were strafed and hit.

Rolling stock at the railway station at WONUM NI XD9004. Two box cars were destroyed. 12 trucks with only four serviceable were rocketted at XC9298 resulting in one previously serviceable truck being damaged.

Four troop shelters near gun positions in the village of HAKKYE RI XC7768 were strafed, all being damaged.

Two ox carts were damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

A friendly junk was seen at YD7901 at 1430.

Two sampans were sighted beached at YD0237. These were near newly dug defences and were not attacked.

5. DAMAGE

4 troop shelters damaged.  
 2 box cars destroyed, 1 damaged.  
 2 large huts damaged.  
 2 ox carts damaged.

(Sgd) G.H. HARDCASTLE Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



DE-BRIEFING REPORTSYDNEY CAGHMAS SYDNEY5 NOV 51SERIAL 671500-1645EVENT 'E'1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over the target areas.

3. REPORTS(a) 4 x Fury

The flight were briefed to attack three troop targets in the HAN RIVER area. Attacks were made as follows:

- (I) 60 NKA in village at BS519983 - straffed and a fire started
- (II) 70 NKA in village at BS537962 rocketted and straffed - houses destroyed.
- (III) 50 NKA in village at BS563938 - rocketted destroying houses and starting a fire.

A suspected gun position at BS674962 was straffed.

Loaded box cars in the sidings at YC413343 were straffed and damaged.

Some troops in a village at YC215108 were straffed and a nearby house set on fire.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight bombed the rail bridge at YC437188 but unfortunately only near misses were obtained. The line was cut on the southern approach.

Four box cars in siding at ONGJIN were straffed and damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Two JML's, thought to be friendly, were sighted at XB9798 - nearby one junk was loading from the shore.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) 6 ox carts damaged.
- (b) 1 ox cart destroyed.
- (c) one rail cut.
- (d) 4 box cars damaged.
- (e) 4 houses destroyed.

(Sgd) M.E. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

6 NOV 51

SERIAL 68

0715-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8 R/P and Cannon           | Strike |
| (d) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Patchy cloud at 3,000ft. 8/8 cloud at 7,000ft.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight was briefed to support HMS BELFAST and H'CS ATHABASKAN in the decoy operation to try and make the ANGAK coastal defence guns reveal themselves by opening fire.

The flight satisfactorily communicated with BELFAST at 0725 and proceeded to the prearranged RV South of CHODO island, remaining on call at 400 feet. At 0745 BELFAST informed the flight that if the enemy did not open fire on ATHABASKAN the aircraft were to strike the pre-briefed gun positions at 0815. The shore battery did not however open fire and the flight rocketted and strafed the gun positions and the local area surrounding them. No actual guns were observed but this may well have been due to the excellent camouflage and siting.

BELFAST did not request an Air Spot owing to lack of time.

No flak was observed.

(b) 5 x Firefly

Weather inland prevented the Fireflies from attacking the rail bridge for which they had been briefed.

A road bridge at YC3115 was bombed with unsatisfactory results.

An alternative target, a troop concentration at TOGI village YC332201 was glide bombed. Two new white buildings in the area received near misses.

On a later A/R three ox carts were destroyed.

Trenches and a blast bay at YB0877 were strafed with unobserved results.

4. DAMAGE

3 Ox carts destroyed.

(Sgd) G.H. HARDCASTLE Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

LTJAS SYDNEY

6 NOV 51

SERIAL 69

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 8 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

8 x Fury

The aircraft flew to the North of the YELLOW SEA where they had been briefed to attack enemy shipping which had assisted in the invasion of the friendly island KA DO XD4379.

Concentrations of junks and sampans were attacked in the following areas:

(I) Bay XD4085 - one 70ft junk.  
one 40ft junk.  
14 Sampans.

Result - one 70ft junk damaged.  
one 40ft junk destroyed.  
two sampans destroyed.  
seven sampans damaged.

(II) Bay XD4380 - three 40ft junks.  
seven sampans.

Result - three 40ft junks destroyed.  
one sampan destroyed.  
five sampans damaged.

(III) Bay XD446807 - one 40ft junk.

Result - one 40ft junk destroyed.

Three of the 40 foot junks in the KA DO bays appeared to be loaded.

4. FLAK

Meagre light accurate flak was experienced from the area XD4183.

Meagre light inaccurate flak was experienced from the area XD4480.  
One aircraft damaged by small arms fire.

5. DAMAGE.

One 70 foot junk damaged.  
5 40 foot junks destroyed.  
12 sampans damaged.  
3 sampans destroyed.

(Sgd) W.B. STIKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY GAG

HMAS SYDNEY

6 NOV 51

SERIAL 70

1100-1500

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (d) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Within a 30 mile radius of HAEJU cloud base was between 1,000 and 2,000 feet.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

Weather prevented attacks being made on the primary targets. Serviceable box cars interspersed amongst unserviceable ones located alongside a railway station at SUGYO-RI XC9443 were rocketted and thoroughly strafed with unobserved results.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The low cloud base prevented the Fireflies attacking their primary rail bridge target.

A bridge at YC2517 was bombed but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

A later A/R resulted in 2 ox carts being destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

New trenches observed at YC282159. At YC271152 a defensive position was photographed.

Friendly junks are still in the area at YB0685.

5. DAMAGE

2 ox carts destroyed.

6. FLAK

Light FLAK was observed coming from XC9144.

(Sgd) G.H. HARDCASTLE Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

6 NOV 51  
1300-1500

SERIAL 71  
EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Ceiling 2,500 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The aircraft ranged along the West coast as far north as HANCHON searching for enemy shipping.

Two camouflaged junks were sighted at YD0644 - these were rocketted but unfortunately direct hits were not obtained.

On the return journey an A/R was made along the coastal roads to CHINNAMPO.

A large building at XD9627 was rocketted and damaged.

Box cars in the sidings at XD9299 and XD9398 were rocketted, destroying and damaging several.

A 20 foot motor launch at XC9795 was strafed and damaged.

4. FLAK

Light inaccurate flak was experienced at YD0747.

Light accurate flak was received from the area YD0539.

5. INTELLIGENCE

Two junks were sighted at XD8404 waving South Korean flags but NOT showing the correct recognition signals.

One 70 foot camouflaged junk, which appeared serviceable was sighted at YD0644.

6. DAMAGE

- (a) 2 junks damaged.
- (b) one motor launch damaged.
- (c) one large building damaged.
- (d) three box cars destroyed.
- (e) four box cars damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SINKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

6 NOV 51

SERIAL 72

1500-1640

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 3 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER Good over target area.

3. REPORTS  
4 x Firefly

One section of the Fireflies attacked the road bridge at YC2615 and completely knocked out the three centre spans.

The second section, having observed this accurate attack, dive bombed the nearby rail bridge at YC2616 knocking out the third span from the Eastern end. It will be recalled that this bridge when recently attacked lost the span second from that end. After this run one of the first section cut the line at the Western end.

The pilot carrying the two 6 hour delay bombs placed them directly under the bridge. This strike was very well planned and had most successful results not one bomb being wasted.

5 x Fury

A troop concentration in the village at YB069924 was rocketted, good coverage being made in the Eastern end. At least one house was destroyed. The Western portion of the village received three strafing runs, a fire being started.

A reported concentration of 1,000 NKA in the village of TANG JANG YB057948 received 24 rockets which were directed into the middle of the village. Two strafing runs resulted in four fires being started.

Enemy troops were reported in an orchard at YB238997 and the orchard was strafed thoroughly, no damage was seen. A village nearby was also strafed with fires started.

4. INTELLIGENCE

With so much light flak being fired from the Furies village targets, it can be assumed that reasonably large numbers of troops were in fact in occupation in the area. Numbers of troops actually killed or wounded are impossible to assess.

5. DAMAGE

1 Road bridge destroyed.  
1 Rail bridge destroyed.  
1 Rail cut.  
Some troop shelters destroyed.

6. FLAK

Two camouflaged twin LAA guns in possible concrete emplacements fired from YB059943. Pilots observed men in the pits.

LMG and rifle fire came from trenches at YB094923.

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HMAS SYDNEY

7 NOV 51

SERIAL 73

0715-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 5 x Firefly | 2 500lb Bombs and Cannon   | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 X Fury

The aircraft attacked LEOPARD targets as follows:-

- (1) YC226135 - CCF Command Post - rocketted and strafed - four houses destroyed.
- (11) YC227134 - 300 NKA in village - rocketted large building and two houses destroyed.
- (111) YC210017 - 100 NKA in village - rocketted and strafed - fires were started and some houses destroyed.

During a later A/R along the road to CHAERYONG via HAEJU no movement was seen.

Box cars were strafed in the siding at SUGYO-RI XC9543 damaging three.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The flight low level bombed a rail bridge at YC084470 but unfortunately missed the bridge - the rail was cut twice at the western end.

Three camouflaged objects that could have been vehicles were strafed on the road at XC8837. Men were seen to run from them but no damage was observed.

4. FLAK

An A/A LMG was observed firing from YC211015. Meagre light inaccurate flak was seen in the area YC124464.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail tunnel at YC4214 had smoke issuing from one end and is suitable for a dive bombing attack at it's N.E. end.

(b) The rail line from HAEJU to ONGJIN is serviceable with the exception of the rail bridge at YC2614 which was bombed in Event 'E' yesterday.

(c) The rail line from CHAERYONG to CHANGYON is once again serviceable.

6. DAMAGE.

- 9 houses destroyed.
- 1 building destroyed.
- 12 houses damaged.
- 1 ox cart destroyed.
- 3 box cars damaged.
- 2 rail cuts.

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7 NOV 51.

SERIAL 74

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon |     |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | ASP |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAP |

CAS

2. WEATHER

8/8 cloud at 2,500 feet.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

This event consisted of Close Air Support in the I Corps area support being given to the British Commonwealth Division.

Enemy troops in trenches along a ridge at CT165255 were accurately rocketted and strafed under the direction of a Mosquito aircraft. The controller credited the flight with 100% coverage of the target area, and after a later low level reconnaissance reported approximately 18 enemy killed in the strike.

4. DAMAGE

18 enemy troops KIA.

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HMAS SYDNEY

7 NOV 51

SERIAL 75

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The flight visited the HAN RIVER area once again attacking reported troop concentrations as follows:-

- (1) BT696053 - 150 NKA - rocketted and some houses destroyed.
- (11) BT683008 - 120 NKA - rocketted and some houses destroyed.
- (111) BS709992 - 100 NKA - rocketted and strafed, fire started and some houses destroyed.

An Air Spot was carried out with HMAS MURCHISON but was abortive owing to the ship requesting the engagement of a target out of range of her guns.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The diversionary rail bridge at YC401267 was low level bombed but no hits were obtained.

During a following A/R some camouflaged objects resembling vehicles on the road at XC7429 were strafed with unobserved results.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The railway from YONAN to HAEJU is serviceable.

The airfield at AYANG-NI is unserviceable for all but light aircraft.

A small steam vessel was sighted in the bay at XC5827 - it did not answer interrogation when challenged.

5. DAMAGE

Seven houses destroyed.  
One ox cart and two oxen destroyed.

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HMAS SYDNEY

7 NOV 51

SERIAL 76

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | GAP |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8x R/P and Cannon          | A/R |

2. WEATHER

Good.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

This was the "Milk Run" Event. The odd ox cart was strafed in various different areas during this A/R. About 25 ox carts and approximately 150 enemy troops in the general area of the village at UNBONG-DONG YC089792 and scattered along the road leading south east from the village were repeatedly rocketted and strafed with an estimated 50-60 killed or wounded.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At YC094778 some suspicious activity thought to be the building of a supply dump, was noticed.

The pilots saw a junk at XD7505 and another at XD7560. Token recognition signals were made so the junks were left alone.

The ox cart convoy attacked in this event was observed moving North prior to the attack.

This general area will be investigated and any lucrative targets attacked in event 'A' tomorrow.

DAMAGE

7 ox carts destroyed.  
12 ox carts damaged.  
50-60 enemy killed or wounded.

6. FLAK

Approximately 37mm A/A fired from YD0747.

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HMAS SYDNEY

7 NOV 51

SERIAL 77

1500-1645

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 7 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 7 x Fury

Another visit was paid to the HAN RIVER area where more LEOPARD troop targets were attacked as follows:-

- (I) BS652996 - 350 NKA - rocketted and strafed - large fires started.
- (II) BS675986 - 120 NKA - rocketted and strafed - two houses destroyed and others left burning.
- (III) BS643958 - 200 NKA - rocketted and strafed - three houses destroyed and a fire started.

Cont<sup>ACT</sup> was then made with HMAS MURCHISON who asked for an Air Spot on a village at BS698965. A shoot was attempted but had to be abandoned after an experienced spotter had been unable to adjust the fall of shot onto the target.

During a subsequent A/R two camouflaged vehicles were sighted in a village at YC575067. These were strafed and hit but with unobserved results.

(b) 3 x Firefly

Another rail bridge was attacked - this time West of YONAN at YC593057. One span was completely removed and a delay bomb lodged under a further span.

During an A/R many new defensive positions appear to have been prepared in the CHINMOK-SAN peninsula YB2595.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire was sighted coming from the village YC588056.

Meagre light inaccurate flak was received from one gun in a village at YC583058.

5. INTELLIGENCE

New defensive positions - some occupied - were noticed in the CHINMOK-SAN peninsula YB2595.

6. DAMAGE

10 houses destroyed.  
one rail bridge destroyed.

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HMAS SYDNEY

8 NOV 51

SERIAL 78

0715-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (d) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

5 x Firefly

A rail bridge at XC9947 was low level bombed. This attack was most successful as the southern most span was removed and approximately 50 yards of railway line south of the bridge destroyed. Photographs of the damage were taken.

6 camouflaged rectangular objects at XC8736 were strafed and hit. No specific damage observed.

2 camouflaged vehicles along the road at XC5524 were strafed and damaged.

Three box cars containing what was thought to be coal were strafed near YUCHON at XC8836.

6 x Fury

Five loaded ox carts were destroyed near a village at YC104775. This village was rocketted and strafed, four houses being destroyed and a fire started.

Three empty ox carts with oxen, west of the village were strafed and damaged, two oxen being killed.

Four rockets were accurately fired into a LAA position at YC104788 with unobserved results.

One more ox cart was destroyed on a later A/R. Gun pits and trenches at AMGAK were strafed - no specific damage observed.

Yet 2 more ox carts were destroyed at YC0398.

At WONUM-NI XD9405 five serviceable railway trucks amongst unserviceable ones were rocketted and strafed causing a secondary explosion. Men in the area rapidly disappeared at the arrival of the aircraft.

4. INTELLIGENCE

An usually large number of haystacks were observed in the village of KULLONG-NI XC7429 and these will be reconnoitred in a later event.

5. DAMAGE

1 Rail bridge destroyed.  
50-60 yards railway line out.  
9 ox carts destroyed.  
4 ox carts damaged.  
2 vehicles damaged.  
1 railway truck destroyed.  
4 rail trucks damaged.



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6. FLAK

SAA fired from YC104768.

Five shells of approximately 40mm calibre were fired at Furies from YC0193.

Three fully manned SAA gun pits were situated to the west of the railway line in the station area XD9405. These opened fire at the Furies with negative results.

No damage was sustained by any of our aircraft.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out a Vertical Line Overlap of railway line from UDUNG-NI XD945980 to CH'ONGJONSANG-DONG XD934049.

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8 NOV 51

SERIAL 79

0900-1100

EVERT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 R/P And Cannon           | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight, after reporting to HMAS MURCHISON, attacked targets in HAN RIVER as follows:-

- (a) BS 620986 - 70 NKA - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed.
- (b) BS 605938 - 150 NKA - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and a large fire started.

An air spot was carried out with MURCHISON at a village BS 651997 but was abortive owing to the fall of shot not being observed. Another target at BS 698965 was then attempted but was also a failure owing to the poor grouping of MURCHISON's guns.

4. FLAK

Meagre light innaccurate flak and small arms fire was received from the village at BS 705972.

5. INTELLIGENCE

Possible store dumps in village BS 605938.

The village at BS 643957 attacked yesterday is still smouldering.

6. DAMAGE

6 houses destroyed.

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HMAS SYDNEY

8 NOV 51  
1100-1300

SERIAL 80  
EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | Cannon                     | Mail   |
| (d) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS    |
| (e) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Firefly

The primary target of a rail bridge at YC4057 was low level bombed, the bombs falling sufficiently close as to cause some damage to the girders. A cut was made in the embankment to the south side of this bridge.

The road bridge alongside the rail bridge was also bombed and the road on the northern end of the bridge blocked by craters.

During the A/R to CHANGYON two camouflaged possible trucks were strafed at YC0616. No damage observed.

Large square objects alongside houses in the village at HADAEAM at YC0516 were strafed with unobserved results.

(b) 4 x Fury

This flight gave close Air Support to the Australian Battalion of the British Commonwealth Division.

The target indicated by the Mosquito aircraft was approximately 40 enemy troops dug in in trenches along a ridge at YC172219. These trenches were rechecked and strafed thoroughly. The pilots clearly saw the enemy troops huddled in their trenches. The Mosquito credited the flight with 90% coverage and estimated 25 enemy killed.

The TACP with the British Commonwealth Division called up the Furies at the end of the strike and requested a "Fly Past" over the Divisional area. This was carried out.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Large square objects covered with green canvas were seen alongside the road from YC0316 to YC0516.

Apparently serviceable box cars observed on the rail line between HAEJU and YULTONG-NI

Four possible field guns at XC6727.

5. DAMAGE

1 Rail bridge slightly damaged.  
1 road cratered.  
25 Enemy killed.  
2 Ox carts destroyed.  
2 Ox carts damaged.

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HMAS SYDNEY

8 NOV 51  
1300-1500

SERIAL 81  
EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good over entire area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight carried out the "Milk Run" as far North as HANCHON but no shipping was sighted. On the return trip along the coastal roads a concentration of box cars in the siding at TAMEU-RI YC9796 were rocketted and two were damaged.

Three sampans at YC078854 were strafed and damaged.

An ox "carting expedition" was then carried out and some 24 loaded carts were attacked. A conservative estimate of the damage caused is 10 destroyed and 10 damaged, one of the former exploded.

A party of troops at YC0341 was strafed and at least 5 were killed.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak was sighted at YC0139.

5. INTELLIGENCE

Many more box cars than usual were sighted on the rail line between CHINNAMPO and ONGJIN-NI.

The motor launch at XC5727 is definitely unserviceable.

The ferry terminal at YC078854 appears to be in use.

6. DAMAGE

2 Box cars damaged.  
3 Sampans damaged.  
10 Ox carts destroyed.  
10 Ox carts damaged.  
5 troops killed.

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8 NOV 51

SERIAL 82

1500-1700

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (d) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

6 x Fury

This was the HAN RIVER area strike and villages at BS604937 and ES705972 reported to contain enemy troops, were rocketted and strafed. Two houses were destroyed and three damaged.

During a Reconnaissance the flight investigated groups of large square objects covered with green canvas and on a road at YC0316 as reported in Event 'C'.

No sign of these objects could be found and it may be assumed that these were probably camouflaged vehicles.

An ox cart was destroyed.

5 x Firefly

The large steel rail bridge at WONTO YC457188 was low level bombed, resulting in one span being badly bent to such an extent that this bridge may now definitely be considered unusable. Photographs of this bridge were taken after the bombing. One 6 hour and one 12 hour delay bomb landed at one end of the bridge.

Straffing runs were made on suspicious masses of straw in a rail siding at YC1602. This set the heaps on fire and as they burned so rapidly it is considered that supplies were contained therein. Obliques were taken before and after the attack.

At YB2588 further piles of straw were strafed and hit, no specific damage being observed. Photographs were taken.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At YC2802 large scale earthwork operations suggestive of dam construction were under way.

In the area YC6103 two pilots noticed laundry laid out in the rear of a house in the un-mistakable shape of a large arrow pointing in a North Easterly direction.

5. DAMAGE

- 1 Rail bridge destroyed.
- 1 Ox cart destroyed.
- 2 Houses destroyed, 3 damaged.

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10 NOV 51

SERIAL 83

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         |
| (b) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon |

A/R  
Strike  
CAP  
ASP

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft carried out the "Milk Run" as far North as HANCHON but no shipping was sighted.

During a later A/R box cars at ONJONG-NI were rocketted destroying two.

A floating sampan at YC0487 was strafed and damaged.

A 50 ft motor fishing vessel with steel hull at YC078874 was strafed - an explosion was observed.

A camouflaged sampan at YC2976 was strafed and damaged.

A store house at YC2558 was strafed and damaged.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The flight returned to dive bombing tactics to attack the important rail bridge north of CHINNAMPO at YC0903 but unfortunately were unsuccessful, obtaining only near misses. Until photographs have been interpreted damage cannot be assessed.

A further span was taken out of an already damaged rail bridge nearby.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak was sighted coming from YC084888.

5. INTELLIGENCE

The rail bridge at XC9947 out by the Fireflies on 8 Nov is still unserviceable.

Two junks at XD8010 were sighted but correct recognition signals were not shown. They were not attacked.

The gun boat on the stocks in the CHINNAMPO waterfront appears as though it is being repaired.

6. DAMAGE

- 1 Ox cart destroyed.
- 2 Box cars destroyed.
- 1 Sampan destroyed.
- 1 50ft Motor fishing vessel damaged.
- 1 Store dump damaged.
- 1 Rail bridge damaged.
- 1 Sampan damaged.

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HMAS SYDNEY

10 NOV 51

SERIAL 84

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (b) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (c) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

After reporting in to HMS 'WHITESAND BAY' the Furies attacked the following targets in the HAN RIVER area:

(a) BT 697052 - 300 NKA in village - rocketted, six houses destroyed and several damaged, two fires were started.

On the A/R between YONAN-HAEJU-ONGJIN several groups of ox carts were strafed destroying nine and damaging six.

The railway tunnel at YC 4314 from which smoke was issuing was rocketted, the rockets entering the mouth of the tunnel. Damage could not be assessed but the line was blocked by falling masonry.

4. FLAK

A gun of calibre approximately 20 mm was seen firing from a field at YC 423122.

5. INTELLIGENCE

Bridges at YC 593057 and YC 2616, which had been previously destroyed, were investigated. No repair work has commenced on either bridge as yet.

Several small camouflaged dumps were observed alongside the road between YC 2012 and YC 1808.

The ferry terminal at BS 707997 appears derelict and is usable by very small craft only.

Rail cut West of YONAN at BS 4898 is being repaired.

The railway line between HAEJU and CHONSAN-NI is serviceable.

6. DAMAGE

9 ox carts destroyed.  
6 ox carts ~~destroyed~~ DAMAGED.  
6 houses destroyed.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

1 aircraft carried out Vertical Line Overlap of rail line from SINWON-NI (YC 3933) to MIRYOK'TONG (YC3540).

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10 NOV 51

SERIAL 85

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over Firefly target area but 4/8 at 4,000 feet over the bomblines.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The flight reported to I US Corps for Close Army Support Mission. They were then allotted to the 25 Canadian Brigade where a target of troops on a ridge CT122157 to CT117153 was indicated to them by white mortar smoke. The target was well covered with rockets and strafing and the flight were awarded 95 per cent coverage by the ground forces.

(b) 4 x Firefly

A dive bombing attack was made on the rail bridge at YC386472 but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

During a later A/R several ox carts were strafed.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak was sighted from the area YC285520.

5. DAMAGE

Two ox carts destroyed.

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10 NOV 51

SERIAL 86

1500-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (b) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (c) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

4/8 cloud at 4,000 feet over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The strike was briefed to attack the following targets in the AYANG-NI area:

- (a) YC423350 - barracks - rocketted and strafed, damaging 3 huts.
- (b) YC437343 - railway rolling stock and turntable. The trucks which appeared to be filled with bridge building or railway repair materials, were rocketted and strafed. Hits were obtained but extent of damage is not known.

During the A/R from AYANG-NI to SARIWON, smoke was seen issuing from a tunnel at YC382506. This was strafed but damage could not be assessed. An A/A gun position at YC413516 was also strafed with unobserved results.

A tarpap was flown over HMAS MURCHISON in the HAN RIVER from 1355 to 1530 hours.

4. FLAK

An A/A position containing 3 x 12mm automatic guns fired from YC413516.

INTELLIGENCE

Camouflaged dumps were seen near the railway line at YC427342.

There is a possible locomotive hideout in the tunnel branch line at YC382505.

A large new hut, approximately 50 feet long, has been built at YC453277 and in conjunction with nearby hillside dugouts, maybe a supply dump.

A large fire was seen on the island of NAPSOM YB0991 and a further fire in a village at BT420015.

6. DAMAGE

3 Huts damaged.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out oblique photography of all bridges on rail line from SANGWOL-TONG YC456356 to CH'OGU'RI YC444528 and VLO of rail sidings at CH'OWGSOK-TONG YC438345.

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HMAS SYDNEY

10 NOV 51

SERIAL 87

1500-1700

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | TARCAP |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (e) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight attacked reported troop concentrations in the HAN RIVER area as follows:

- (I) BT654025 - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and damaged.
- (II) BT684017 - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and damaged.
- (III) BT649026 - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and fires started. A secondary explosion was observed in one house.

Two aircraft then carried out an Air Spot with HMS BELFAST in the ONGJIN area.

A large building alleged to be a rice store house at YB253909 was given by the ship as a target. Owing to the small size of the target a direct hit was not obtained although the target area was straddled.

Procedure and communications on the part of the ship were good.

During a later A/R ex carts in the CHINMOK-SAN peninsula were attacked.

(b) 2 x Fury

These aircraft provided a TARCAP for HMAS MURCHISON in the HAN RIVER area. Before leaving the ship an Air Spot was carried out on a village BS627954. Procedure and communications were poor but the target was eventually hit and four houses destroyed. The section then rocketted a village at BT684016 destroying three and damaging four houses.

(c) 4 x Firefly

A low level attack was made on the rail bridge at YC423233 but only near misses were obtained.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The rail bridge at YC438188 is still unserviceable.

The rail bridge at YC2614 is being repaired.

A larger than usual concentration of box cars was observed in the HAEJU marshalling yards.



5. DAMAGE

- 7 Houses destroyed.
- 9 Houses damaged.
- 3 Ox carts destroyed.
- 1 ox cart damaged.
- 1 Pack horse destroyed.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out VLO of rail line from YONBONG YC405267 to YC404346 SINDONG-NI.

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HMAS SYDNEY

11 NOV 51

SERIAL 98

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

8/8 cloud at 5,000ft over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The following troop concentrations were attacked in the HAN RIVER area:

- (i) BS588974 - rocketted and strafed - six houses were damaged.
- (ii) BS620985 - rocketted and strafed - several houses were damaged and a small fire started.
- (iii) BS622973 - rocketted and strafed - a small fire started, two houses being destroyed and several damaged.

3 Ox carts were destroyed at XC9803.

During the A/R from ONJONG-NI to HAEJU no movement was seen.

(b) 5 x Firefly

A bombing attack was carried out on the railway bridge at YC386472 and resulted in the bridge being completely demolished.

The railway bridge at YC0847 was also bombed. The bridge is still standing although damaged and the line was cut.

Trenches at YC1864 were strafed but damage could not be assessed. Other movement was seen.

The remainder of the cannon ammunition was expended on a railway tunnel at XC8637 without observed results.

One ox cart was destroyed. American jet aircraft were observed strafing and bombing the WOLSONG-NI area YC4458.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At YC2323 three large clumps of what seemed to be camouflage material were seen by the roadside.

5. FLAK

Small arms fire came from the area of ONJONG-NI BP555230.

Inaccurate A/A fire, including tracer, from 12mm automatic guns was observed at BP533218 and BP513219.

6. DAMAGE

- 2 Houses destroyed.
- 1 Bridge destroyed.
- 4 Ox carts destroyed.
- 12 Houses damaged.
- 1 Bridge damaged.
- 1 Railway line cut.



(2)

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out VLO of rail line from SOCHON YC163017  
to ONGJIN YC075005.

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SERIAL 89

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight flew along the western coastline to HANCHON searching for enemy shipping. Several junks at YD0644 were strafed and two were damaged.

A defensive position on the island YD007383 was strafed and a fire started.

Troops in a trench at YD055293 were strafed with unobserved results.

A camouflaged truck at YD0024 was strafed and destroyed.

Several junks and sampans along the CHINNAMPO waterfront were attacked damaging several.

4. FLAK

Small arms fire was received from ONGJIN-NI XD9405.

One aircraft was damaged by small arms fire received from the area of CHINNAMPO city.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Very few box cars were sighted in the sidings at ONGJON-NI XD9405 and WONUM-NI XD9403 - usually these sidings are full of cars.

(b) The buildings on the salt flats in the area XD8805 are stacked high with sacks - possibly rice or salt.

(c) The gun boat on the stocks at YC0888 is being repaired.

6. DAMAGE

One vehicle destroyed.

Four ox carts destroyed.

2 Junks damaged.

3 Sampans damaged.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out vertical line overlap of coast from YOMGOTCHIN YC031838 to TAE-DONG YC090836.

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SERIAL 90

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS    |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

5/8 cloud at 5,000ft over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

This flight provided close Army Support on the I US Corps front. The attacks were controlled by a Mosquito aircraft and were made in support of the 28 Infantry Brigade. Enemy troops in bunkers were rocketted and strafed and a 90% coverage of the target area was credited. Then enemy trenches were too deep to allow an assessment of damage to be made. Communications were good throughout, the target being indicated by smoke rocket.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The bombing target was the railway bridge at YC0993. The railway line was badly cut on both the north and south sides of the bridge and damaged one span of the bridge. The neighbouring road bridge received a direct hit and was destroyed. Confirmatory photographs were taken.

A large truck was strafed and damaged at XC9262.

A small camouflaged dump was strafed at XC8858 but damage could not be assessed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Approximately 100 troops were seen on the island of YUK-TO at XC6915.

5. FLAK

12mm fire was received from the target area at CT179221.

A/A LMG fire came from the area of YC097928.

6. DAMAGE

One road bridge destroyed.  
One rail bridge damaged.  
Railway line cut twice.  
One truck damaged.

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SERIAL 91

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 R/P and Cannon           | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The aircraft made another trip to the HAN RIVER area in continuance of the directive issued by CTG 95.1 and attacked a troop concentration at BT603036 with 32 rockets. The strike was all in the target area and at least 6 houses destroyed with many more damaged.

Twelve sail boats at YC358101 and YC365101 which LEOPARD had reported having motors installed were strafed and six were damaged.

An Air Spot was carried out with HMAS 'MURCHISON' at a village BS696970. The shoot was successful and several houses were destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail bridge at YC5906 is still unserviceable.

(b) The rail bridge at YC2615 has been repaired and is possibly once again serviceable. Photo interpretation will confirm.

5. DAMAGE

6 Houses destroyed.

12 Houses damaged.

6 x 30 foot fishing boats were damaged.

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HMAS SYDNEY

11 NOV 51

SERIAL 92

1500-1645

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Main cloud base at 3,000 ft. Patches of lower stratus cloud. Light rain.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

(I) The enemy sail boats that were strafed in Event 'D' were again attacked with rockets and cannon. One boat was destroyed and several others damaged.

(II) At YB289857 two aircraft investigated the area from which an enemy 120mm mortar had been firing on the friendly island of TAKSOM YB541879. There was no sign of the mortar nor was any other movement in the surrounding trenches seen. This was a LEOPARD target.

(III) Troop concentrations in the villages at YC537023, YC527088 and YC525005 were rocketted and strafed. The resultant damage was 11 houses destroyed and six damaged, with a fire burning at YC537022.

(IV) The railway tunnel at YC1808 was rocketted resulting in the line being cut at the tunnel mouth. Four ox carts were also destroyed later.

(V) The flight was airbriefed to attack a troop concentration at 081921. The position was strafed and resulted in approximately 6 enemy being killed and possibly 4 more wounded.

(b) 3 x Firefly

A dive bombing attack was made at YC378188 on a Fifth Air Force target consisting of a possible Headquarters and store dump, both underground. All bombs fell in the vicinity of the target but low cloud prevented accurate bombing and photographic interpretation will be necessary to assess damage.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Photographic interpretation shows the railway bridge at YC2615 to be serviceable.

An unusually large number of fishing vessels were seen south of HAEJU, some of them containing up to 15 people.

5. FLAK

Light A/A fire came from YC4212.

6. DAMAGE

11 Houses destroyed.  
6 Houses damaged.  
1 Boat destroyed.  
1 Railway line cut.  
6 Personnel killed.  
4 Personnel wounded.

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HMAS SYDNEY

12 NOV 51

SERIAL 93

1315-1500

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base 1,500 - 2,000 feet - visibility good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

These aircraft carried out the daily "Milk Run" to HANCHON but this time it was negative to seaward.

During a later A/R the serviceability of several rail bridges was checked - reported in para 5 below.

Camouflaged buildings were strafed in SANGSA-RI XD1027 with unobserved results and several ox carts destroyed one of which exploded

(b) 4 x Firefly

The rail bridge at YC1603 was low level bombed and the three most eastern spans were removed.

4. FLAK

Meagre light inaccurate flak received from SANGSA-RI YD1027.

5. INTELLIGENCE

(a) A great deal of activity was noticed on the island of TAK-SOM YB3587 - there were also many boats afloat around its coast.

(b) Two gun boats - one under way were sighted at YB0585.

(c) The rail bridge at YC0903 attacked by the Fireflies in Event 'C' yesterday is definitely unserviceable as is the rail bridge at YC5606.

6. DAMAGE

One rail bridge destroyed.  
6 Ox carts destroyed.  
3 Ox carts damaged.  
2 Houses destroyed.

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12 NOV 51

SERIAL 94

1500-1645

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Cloud base at 1,500 - 2,000 ft and lifting.

3. REPORTS

6 x Fury

The strike was briefed to attack troop concentrations in the HAN RIVER area:

(a) BT600024 - rocketted and strafed - four houses were destroyed, four damaged and a fire was started.

(b) BT630012 - rocketted and strafed and two large fires were started which caused extensive damage to the village.

(c) BT604057 - rocketted and strafed - all strikes were in the target area and damage was not assessed due to light flak coming up from BT613030.

Three ox carts were strafed and destroyed at BS490978 and another was damaged at BT4409.

The dump target at YC583051 was strafed during the A/R and two houses were damaged.

At YC375140 a house with a red tiled roof, reported by LEOPARD to contain an enemy Command Post was strafed and damaged, but no movement was seen.

A large new galvanized iron building at YC579080 was strafed repeatedly and left smoking.

4. INTELLIGENCE

A long open railway truck was sighted in the rail siding at YC580056.

The railway line at approximately BC4798 is blocked by a large pile of rubble caused by recent bombing.

5. FLAK

A/A machine gun fire was received from prepared positions at BT635001.

Another light machine gun fired from BT613030.

6. DAMAGE

3 Ox carts destroyed.

1 Ox cart damaged.

4 Houses destroyed.

8 Houses damaged.

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HMAS SYDNEY

13 NOV 51

SERIAL 95

0715-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 5 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 5 x Fury

This was the HANCHON "Milk Run". A fishing boat was strafed and sunk at XD8703 and eight more fishing boats were destroyed at XD9827. One ox cart was destroyed at XD9609 on the return A/R. At the railway siding at WOHM-NI XD8903, rolling stock was strafed and two box cars were destroyed.

A rocket attack was made on the A/A position at XD9005 and direct hits were obtained in the target area. No accurate estimate of damage can be made.

The junk target at YC078875 was rocketted and severe damage was caused to six of the vessels. Another sampan was strafed and damaged at YC0786.

One ox cart was destroyed and four more damaged at YC0695.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The railway bridge at YC418245 was low level bombed but the inversion in the area which restricted visibility, prevented an accurate assessment being made of the damage caused to the bridge. The railway line was cut on the northern side. Photographic interpretation will be made later.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At XC7657 a large new brick building was sighted but no movement was seen in the vicinity.

5. FLAK

A/A fire, estimated at 37mm, came from a prepared three-pit position at XD9003.

6. DAMAGE

- 9 Fishing boats destroyed.
- 2 Box cars destroyed.
- 2 Ox carts destroyed.
- 4 Ox carts damaged.
- 6 Junks damaged.
- 1 Sampan damaged.
- 1 Railway line cut.

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HMAS SYDNEY

13 NOV 51

SERIAL 96

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 R/P and Cannon           | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight attacked LEOPARD targets in the CHANGYON area as follows:

- (1) XC772275 - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and a fire started.
- (11) XC844328 - rocketted and strafed - houses destroyed and damaged.

During a later A/R the roads from CHANGYON to CHAERYONG to HAEJU yielded no better targets than the odd ox cart.

(b) Supplementary de-brief Event 'A'.

A further debrief of the Firefly pilots in Event 'A' is as follows:

South West of CHAERYONG at YC2450 a camouflaged vehicle was strafed but damage could not be determined. Box cars and the Goods Shed in the railway siding at SUGYO-RI XC9442 were strafed. Two box cars were damaged and the shed was left smoking. In the village at XC6420, two large houses were damaged as the result of several strafing runs.

4. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) The rail bridge at YC418245, attacked in Event 'A' this morning is serviceable.
- (b) The rail bridges at YC4518 and YC2615 are also once again serviceable.
- (c) The rail bridge at XC9947 is being repaired.
- (d) A possibly serviceable locomotive was sighted on the line between XC9644 and YC1346.

5. DAMAGE

6 Houses destroyed.  
6 Houses damaged.  
1 Building destroyed.  
3 Ox carts destroyed.  
2 Box cars damaged.

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HMAS SYDNEY

13 NOV 51

SERIAL 97

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS    |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Ceiling and visibility unlimited.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The Close Army Support strike was carried out with the Australian Infantry Battalion. The targets were enemy troops dug in at CT176224. The standard procedure worked excellently as usual, the target being indicated by artillery smoke. The trenches were accurately rocketted and strafed and an 80% coverage of the target was credited by the TACP. OLYMPIC control congratulated the flight on a fine performance. This is the second time this target has been attacked by the Furies.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The village of CHIMYON-NI, BS577980, was dive bombed, all bombs being well distributed over the whole village causing two secondary explosions.

One of these explosions may have been a fuel dump for the explosion violence completely demolished several houses and large fires started which caused severe damage.

Photographic interpretation will be necessary to ascertain the exact extent of the damage. Large clouds of smoke towering to 4,000ft covered the area.

The secondary target of SOONKA troops at BT618008 was strafed but no obvious damage was done.

at BS427937 five ox carts were strafed and all damaged.

An Air Spot was attempted with HMAS MURCHISON but was abortive owing to the fall of shot being unobserved.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The railway bridge at YB5806 is still unserviceable.

5. FLAK

Small arms fire came from BS577980 and CT176224.

6. DAMAGE

5 Ox carts damaged.

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13 NOV 51

SERIAL 98

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |          |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R      |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Air Spot |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP      |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP      |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

This flight made an A/R of the CHAERYONG - GANG waterways attacking shipping as follows:

- (I) 40 foot junk YC240827 was rocketted and sunk.
- (II) Motor junk, approximately 70 feet long at YC215854 strafed and damaged.
- (III) 15 foot sampan at YC280794 - strafed and damaged.
- (IV) 40 foot camouflaged junk at YC285563 strafed and damaged.
- (V) Two 30 foot sampans at YC263693 were rocketted - one destroyed the other damaged.
- (VI) One loaded 30 foot sampan at YC295625 - strafed and destroyed - crew of two were killed.
- (VII) One loaded 20 foot sampan at YC2756 was strafed and sunk.
- (VIII) Four 30 foot sampans, two loaded, at YC297604 were strafed and damaged.

Box cars at CHINJI-RI YD0104 were rocketted and four were damaged - an explosion was observed in one.

A camouflaged building at YC1684 was strafed with unobserved results.

New huts at YC2485 were strafed causing a small explosion in one.

(b) 2 x Fury

This section provided an Air Spot for the 16 inch guns of the US battleship NEW JERSEY directing their fire onto a reported troop concentration at XC728276. After ranging with one gun fire for effect was made with 9 guns.

As the target was at extreme range, difficulty was experienced in ranging and the beaten zone of the fire for effect was some 200 yards in length.

Three rounds landed in the target area and several on the western fringe. Two houses were demolished and many more damaged.

Procedure and communications were good throughout.

4. FLAK

Intense light inaccurate flak was received from the areas YC3460 and YC3562.



5. DAMAGE

- 2 Houses destroyed.
- 8 Houses damaged.
- 2 Ox carts destroyed.
- 1 Junk destroyed.
- 2 Junks damaged.
- 3 Sampans destroyed.
- 6 Sampans damaged.
- 2 Personnel killed.
- 4 Box cars damaged.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out VLO of rail line north of CHINNAMPO  
(YC099940 - YC110045).

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SERIAL 99

1500-1645

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The HAN RIVER targets selected for this strike were:-

- (I) BS565975 - rocketted causing one small fire, destroying three houses and damaging three more.
- (II) BS588974 - rocketted - one house destroyed and three damaged.
- (III) BS573955 - rocketted - destroying three houses and one large building, and damaging several more houses.

The village at BS577980 which was attacked by Fireflies in Event 'C' was still burning fiercely. At least 15 houses had been destroyed and many more damaged.

Four aircraft strafed a LEOPARD target at YC387111 reportedly containing one company of CCF troops. One small fire started destroying one house. 80% coverage of the village is estimated.

Two ox carts were destroyed SW of CHANGYON and a large building at XC8534 was repeatedly strafed without causing obvious damage or starting fire. Another LEOPARD target at YC389139 containing two companies of CCF troops was strafed but no movement was seen.

(b) 4 x Firefly.

The large railway bridge at WONTO YC4418 was again bombed and direct hits destroyed the two northern spans and tore up the line for the full length of the bridge.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The locomotive reported at XC8942 in Event 'B' is definitely unserviceable.

Eight steel railway flat cars were observed at SAJANGGYO YC1807.

Numerous small craft were seen near TAKSOM YB3488 on which several hundred people were seen, this is unusually active for this small island.

5. FLAK

Light mesgre inaccurate flak came from the village at BS577980.

6. DAMAGE.

23 Houses destroyed.  
5 Houses damaged.  
2 Ox carts destroyed.  
1 Railway bridge destroyed.  
1 Large building destroyed.

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ENCLOSURE NO.2. TO H.M.A.S.SYDNEY'S NO. O.20/2E/1 DATED.....

PAGE : ONE.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: 3rd and 4th November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear both days, with some cloud on the 4th.  
Winds light to moderate.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS: H.M.A.S. SYDNEY sailed from Kure at 0830 Item for operational area. H.M.C.S. ATHALASKAN joined from Kure at 1530 on the 3rd and H.M.C.S. CUYUGA from Sasebo at 0630 on the 4th November.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY assumed command of T.E. 95.11 at 2100 on the 4th.

Close range firings at sleeve target were carried out in area FOX at 0700 on 4th.

AIR: No flying either day.



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ENCLOSURE NO. 2. TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S NO. O.20/2E/1 DATED.....

PAGE : TWO.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: Monday, November 5th -- Guy Fawkes Day.

WEATHER: Clear but becoming overcast p.m.  
Light but gentle breezes.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS: Task Element in operating area throughout the day.  
U.S.S. HANNA and U.S.S. COLLETT joined at 0730.  
H.M.S. BELFAST joined at 0900. Flag of Rear Admiral  
A.K. Scott-Moncrieff, D.S.O., C.T.C. 95.1 transferred  
from H.M.S. BELFAST to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY at 0950. U.S.S.  
COLLETT detached to BUGATTI patrol at 1750 and was  
ordered to be in position 38° 55' N 119° 25' E by 0900  
on the 6th to act as BIRD DOG covering AIROPS in North  
Korea Bay. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY screened by H.M.C.S. CUYUGA  
H.M.C.S. SIOUX and U.S.S. HANNA withdrew to southward  
during the night.

AIR: H.M.A.S. SYDNEY flew 53 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION.</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              | 0715       | 0900      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.            |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | Mail.           |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1645      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.            |

Sea Fury 103, piloted by Lieutenant K.E. Clarkson, R.A.N.  
was hit by flak at position BT 670155. Aircraft disintegrated.  
No chance of survival.



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 6th November.

WEATHER: Overcast throughout the day with some rain. Light winds. Low cloud and poor visibility hampered AIROPS over southern part of target area.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

Task Element was in operating area throughout the day. U.S.S. BRISTOL joined at 1055. H.M.S. COMUS joined at 1440. U.S.S. COLLETT rejoined from BIRD DOG duties at 1500. U.S.S. HANNA detached to YOKOSUKA at 1620. WAVE CHIEF and H.M.N.Z.S. HAWEA joined at 1445 to fuel escorts. U.S.S. BRISTOL, U.S.S. HANNA, H.M.C.S. SIOUX and H.M.C.S. CUYUGA fuelled p.m. H.M.S. ST. BRIDES BAY joined at 1710 to fuel, detaching at 1900, when WAVE CHIEF and H.M.N.Z.S. HAWEA left for Clifford Islands and U.S.S. COLLETT was detached to BUGATTI pabot.

AIR: H.M.A.S. SYDNEY flew 55 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u>   | <u>ON</u>    | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>  | <u>MISSION.</u>                    |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|
| "A"          | 0700<br>0715 | 0900<br>0900 | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>5 Fireflies | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.   |
| "B"          | 0900         | 1100         | 2 Sea Furies<br>8 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly                | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.           |
| "C"          | 1100         | 1300         | 2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies | C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "D"          | 1300         | 1500         | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly                | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.           |
| "E"          | 1500         | 1645         | 2 Sea Furies<br>5 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.   |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 7th November.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud. Fresh to strong winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

Task Element was in operating area throughout the day. Flag of Rear Admiral A.K. Scott-Moncrieff, D.S.O. was transferred from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to H.M.S. COMUS at 1140. H.M.S. COMUS proceeded to Sasebo. U.S.S. COLLETT rejoined from BUGATTI patrol and was detached to refuel, rejoining the screen at 1220. H.M.C.S. CUYUGA chopped to C.T.E. 95.12 at 1545 for a special operation. U.S.S. COLLETT detached to BUGATTI patrol at 1710. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded to southward during the night screened by U.S.S. BRISTOL and H.M.C.S. SIOUX.

AIR: H.M.A.S. SYDNEY flew 53 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION.</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              | 0715       | 0900      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.            |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.          |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 5 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.            |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1645      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 7 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 3 Fireflies     | A.R.            |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 8th November.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with fresh winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

U.S.S. COLLETT rejoined from BUGATTI patrol at 0715.  
 H.M.C.S. CUYUGA chopped to T.E. 95.11 at 1100 and to  
 95.12 at 1400 for special operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY assumed duties of Officer in Tactical  
 Command of West Coast at 0001 on 8th November.

AIR:

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY flew 54 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              | 0715       | 0900      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | Mail           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
| "D"          | 1210       | 1315      |                 |                |
|              | 1300       | 1500      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            | 1 Firefly | A.S.P.          |                |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1645      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           |                 |                |



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 9th November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear, light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

Replenishment day. Task Element remained in vicinity of position PLOUGH throughout the day. H.M.N.Z.S. HAWEA and WAVE CHIEF joined at 0715. U.S.S. BRISTOL joined from BUGATTI patrol at 0730. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, U.S.S. COLLETT, U.S.S. BRISTOL and H.M.C.S. SIOUX refuelled a.m. WAVE CHIEF and H.M.N.Z.S. HAWEA detached to FOX anchorage at 1345. H.M.C.S. CUYUGA chopped to T.E. 95.11 from T.E. 95.12 on completion of special operation, joined WAVE CHIEF and refuelled, then to BUGATTI patrol.

AIR:

No AIROPS. ASPRO provided by Mariner from C.T.G.96.2.



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NARRATIVE

DATE: 10 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear, with light winds. Sea calm.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS;

Task Element in operational area throughout the day. CAYUGA rejoined from 'BUGATTI' at 0700. SIOUX detached to BUGATTI at 1800.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 55 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u>   | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>   | <u>MISSION.</u>                             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|---|
| "A"          | 0700<br>0715 | 0900<br>0900 | 2 Sea Furies,<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>5 Fireflies              | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.            |
| "B"          | 0900         | 1100         | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly                              | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                    |
| "C"          | 1100         | 1300         | 2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>1 Firefly. | C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>Mail. |
| "D"          | 1300         | 1500         | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly.                             | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.                    |
| "E"          | 1500         | 1645         | 2 Sea Furies.<br>6 Sea Furies.<br>1 Firefly.<br>4 Fireflies.           | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.            |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 11 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and Clear with some cloud A.M. Overcast with some cloud P.M. as cold front approached the area.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS:

Task Element in operational area throughout the day.  
 SIOUX rejoined from 'BUGATTI' at 0725. BRISTOL detached to 'BUGATTI' at 1715.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

At 0300 a signal was received from ComNavFe stating that at 0800/10 an unidentified aircraft flew over the KAESONG area. All SYDNEY aircraft were at that time in the vicinity of CHINNAMPO, about 70 miles to the north west of Kaesong.

AIR: SYDNEY flew 53 sorties.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>  | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>  | <u>MISSION.</u>                    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| "A"           | 0700<br>0715 | 0900<br>0900 | 2 Sea Furies.<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly.<br>5 Fireflies. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.   |
| "B"           | 0900         | 1100         | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly.                  | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.           |
| "C"           | 1045         | 1300         | 2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies.   | C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "D"           | 1300         | 1500         | 2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly.                  | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.           |
| "E"           | 1500         | 1645         | 2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Firefly.<br>3 Fireflies.  | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R.   |



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 12 November, 1951.

WEATHER: At dawn, high winds, with low cloud and rain, improving later. Cloud base 1,000 feet until 1200 Item. Wind force 4 at 1230. Visibility 6 except in rain, improving to 7/8, P.M. Sea - 3.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS.

Task Element in operational area throughout the day. HAWEA and WAVE CHIEF in vicinity at 0645. BRISTOL rejoined from 'BUGATTI' refuelled and was detached at 0930 to meet RENDOVA off Sasebo. COLLETT, CAYUGA, and SIOUX also refuelled. HAWEA and WAVE CHIEF detached to vicinity of Clifford Islands at 1400. SIOUX to 'BUGATTI'.

AIR: Poor weather caused postponement of flying programme until 1300. SYDNEY flew 22 sorties P.M. and so achieved 1,000 operational flights since arrival in Korean Waters.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u> | <u>ON.</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u>   | <u>MISSION.</u>                  |
|---------------|-------------|------------|--|----------------------------------|
| "A"           | 1300        | 1500       | 2 Sea Furies.<br>6 Sea Furies.<br>1 Firefly.<br>4 Fireflies. | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B"           | 1500        | 1645       | 2 Sea Furies.<br>6 Sea Furies.<br>1 Firefly.                 | C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>A.S.P.         |

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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 13 November, 1951.

WEATHER: Wind force 2/3 throughout the day. Fine and clear, with visibility extreme.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS.

U.S.S. NEW JERSEY, wearing the flag of Commander 7th Fleet, with U.S.S. SHIELDS in vicinity of Task Element at 0640. SIOUX rejoined from 'BUGATTI' at 0700. NEW JERSEY and SHIELDS parted company at 1030. COLLETT detached to 'AUSTIN' at 1640. SYDNEY screened by SIOUX and CAYUGA proceeded from operational area for Sasebo at 1700.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Commander 7th Fleet, Vice-Admiral H.M.Martin, U.S.N., accompanied by Rear-Admiral A.K.Scott-Moncrieff, D.S.O., visited SYDNEY during the forenoon.

AIR:

SYDNEY completed 401 sorties for present operational period by flying 56 to-day.

| <u>EVENT.</u> | <u>OFF.</u>  | <u>ON.</u>   | <u>AIRCRAFT.</u> | <u>MISSION.</u>      |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|
| "A"           | 0700<br>0715 | 0900<br>0900 | 2 Sea Furies.    | C.A.P.               |
|               |              |              | 6 Sea Furies     | A.R.                 |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly.       | A.S.P.               |
|               |              |              | 5 Fireflies.     | A.R.                 |
| "B"           | 0900         | 1100         | 1 Sea Fury       | C.A.P.               |
|               |              |              | 4 Sea Furies     | A.R.                 |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly        | A.S.P.               |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly.       | Mail.                |
| "C"           | 1100         | 1300         | 2 Sea Furies.    | C.A.P. SYDNEY.       |
|               |              |              | 6 Sea Furies.    | C.A.S.               |
|               |              |              | 4 Fireflies.     | A.R.                 |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly.       | A.S.P.               |
| "D"           | 1245         | 1500         | 2 Sea Furies.    | C.A.P. SYDNEY.       |
|               |              |              | 2 Sea Furies.    | Air Spot-NEW JERSEY. |
|               |              |              | 4 Sea Furies.    | A.R.                 |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly.       | A.S.P.               |
| "E"           | 1500         | 1645         | 2 Sea Furies.    | C.A.P. SYDNEY.       |
|               |              |              | 6 Sea Furies.    | A.R.                 |
|               |              |              | 1 Firefly.       | A.S.P.               |
|               |              |              | 4 Fireflies.     | A.R.                 |

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ENCLOSURE NO. 3. TO H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY'S" NO. 020/2E/1 dated

DAMAGE CAUSED BY ENEMY FLAK

| <u>ACC NO.</u> | <u>PILOT</u>          | <u>DAMAGE &amp; REPAIRS.</u>   |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| 105            | Lt. Beange.           | Hole in Port Mainplane. Insertion Patch.   |
| 103            | Lt. Clarkson.         | Aircraft Shot down.  |
| 101            | S/Lt. Lane.           | Damage to rear wedge, elevator cables, and elevator control rod. New cables, new rod, cover patch. |
| 130            | Lt. Jude.             | Bullet hole leading edge stbd. mainplane. Cover patch.   |
| 210            | Lt. Cdr. Wotherspoon. | Hole in wing tank. New tank.   |
| 136            | S/Lt. Sinclair.       | Hole in stbd. L.R.F. New tank.   |
| 109            | S/Lt. Coleman.        | Hole in stbd. tailplane. Cover patch.  |
| 141            | S/Lt. MacDonald.      | Damaged tailplane. Cover patch.  |
| 133            | Lt. Salthouse         | Leading edge of Port mainplane damaged. Cover patch.   |
| 136            | Lt. Cdr. Fell.        | Hole in Port mainplane. Cover patch.   |
| 102            | Lt. Campbell.         | Hole in under-surface of stbd. mainplane. Cover patch.   |
| 202            | Lt. Cdr. Lunberg.     | Hole in Port mainplane. Cover patch.   |
| 132            | Lt. Rickell.          | Port mainplane damaged by rocket fin. Insertion patch.   |
| 103            | Lt. Cooper.           | Hole in under-surface of stbd. mainplane. Insertion patch.   |
| 102            | S/Lt. Coleman.        | Hole in stbd. mainplane. Insertion patch.  |
| 104            | Lt. Cdr. Bowles.      | Bullet in Port inter-spar tank. Rudder damaged. New tank, new rudder; Insertion patch.             |
| 130            | Lt. Wild.             | Damage to leading edge of tailplane. Insertion patch.  |



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Sec. 4th N.M.

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2 ~~D/D.A.W.O.T.~~ ~~ARK~~ 4/2

3 ~~A/D.A.W.O.T. (T)~~ ~~DR/L~~

A/D.A.W.O.T. (W) ~~O/R~~

4 ~~A/D.A.W.O.T. (F)~~ ~~DR~~ 4/2

5 ~~A/D.A.W.O.T. (C)~~ ~~DR~~ 4/2

~~D.A.M.R.~~ 11/2/52

6 ~~A.2 N.M. (Air)~~ ~~DR~~ 7/2

C.A. 4th N.M.

7. OFFICE ~~DR~~



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(Sgd.) GUY RUSSELL

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's report of proceedings for the period 17th October to 28th October, 1951, is forwarded for information.

2. With reference to paragraph 8, due to a previous unfortunate incident of the same nature, craft in the area referred to have only been attached at the request of Leopard. As I have frequently pointed out, with the very loose control exercised over such friendly craft, the chances of such occurrences are high, but the organisations concerned consider this acceptable. From the blockade point of view I consider also that the restriction on attacks is acceptable and in any case the area, being only 30 odd miles from ANTUNG, is not one which it is advisable to visit regularly with naval aircraft.

3. The rescue reported in paragraphs 14 and 15 was an outstanding courageous and efficient operation. I have instructed the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to make any recommendation he may think fit for recognition of the part played by the U.S. Navy helicopter crew.

4. The recommendation in paragraph 22 is being taken up with Commander Task Force 95 and Commander Seventh Fleet and has, it is understood, already been brought to the notice of F.E.A.F. TOKYO by virtue of the fact that the rescued Firefly crew visited that Headquarters for interrogation. This novel rescue aid is entirely the idea of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, at any rate in this theatre, and every credit is due to her for its successful introduction.

5. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY continues to maintain the very high standard she set in her first operational patrol.

*Sec. Repairs*

*attached  
on Reg. 11*

**A. K. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF.**

REAR ADMIRAL.

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H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
29th October 1951.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for H.M.A. ship under my command for the period 17th to 28th October 1951.

2. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY with H.M.S. COMUS in company left Sasebo at 0800 Item on Wednesday 17th October for the operational area NAN U.S.S. HANNA joined my screen at 1150. At 1120 a short but effective C.R.A.A. firing was carried out in Area GEORGE which had to be cancelled owing to low visibility after SYDNEY had shot down the drogue in one run. At 2100 on 17th October I assumed command of Task Element 95.11 and Officer in Tactical Command, West Coast of Korea.

3. At 0700 Item on Thursday 18th flying operations began 40 miles south of Point Oboe (position 37° 10' N, 124° 35' E.). H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN joined at 0720 when I was able to detach HANNA, who had then only 28% fuel remaining, into Fox Anchorage to fuel from WAVE CHIEF, with instructions to rejoin before dark if possible. At 1100 Item U.S.S. NAIFEH joined my screen and Lieutenant Colonel Ergott, U.S. Army, and four others were transferred to me by helicopter. At 1200 Item I detached COMUS to Sasebo in accordance with C.T.G.95.1 signal D.T.G. 170313Z.

4. As the time of arrival of VAN GALEN, who had ammunition to deliver to TAUPO, was uncertain, C.T.E.95.12 was requested to provide a ship for Bugatti patrol. At about 1700 Item, while landing on the last event in a very light wind, I observed that NAIFEH was dropping more rapidly astern than I had come to expect. He shortly afterwards had to stop to inspect his Port turbine and at 1826 confirmed that he could steam on his Starboard engine only. After dark the Task Element retired for the night at 12 knots and HANNA rejoined from fuelling at 2230.

5. At 0620 Item on Friday 19th, H.N.M.S. VAN GALEN joined and I detached NAIFEH to fuel from WAVE CHIEF who had arrived in the area escorted by MURCHISON. At 0835 NAIFEH was detached to SARU SOMU anchorage and later was sailed to Sasebo in accordance with C.T.G.95.1 signal D.T.G. 182301Z.

6. The screen refuelled from WAVE CHIEF during the forenoon and BELFAST, who had arrived to be refuelled, closed me at 1025 Item so that I could transfer Colonel Ergott and his party. This was accomplished by jackstay to the cheering strain of BELFAST's band. At 1330 Item I performed a notable service in the cause of the Church in transferring by helicopter the R.C. Chaplain from ATHABASKAN to MURCHISON for subsequent transfer to BLACK SWAN for onward passage to Kure in order that he could meet a party of visiting Canadian R.C. Bishops. Formal recognition of the performance of this pious duty is daily awaited from His Holiness, although ATHABASKAN intimated by signal that the Chaplain, during this aeronautical experience, had achieved his nearest to Heaven.

7. On Saturday 20th low cloud and increasing poor visibility over the target area caused air operations to cease by 1300 Item. Only 33 sorties were flown this day. At 1325 ATHABASKAN was detached to collect mail for the Task Element from AMETHYST at SARU SOMU anchorage, subsequently carrying out Bugatti patrol.

8. An improvement in the weather on Sunday 21st October enabled air operations to be conducted on a scale to some extent worthy of this historic day. In response to an urgent call from "Leopard" strikes were sent to deal with what was believed to be a junk-borne

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invasion on the island of TAEHWA DO. "Leopard" had confirmed in his signal timed 202145 Item in reply to C.T.E.95.12 that there were no friendly junks in the area. A strong effort resulted in heavy damage to junks drawn up on the beaches of the enemy mainland coast and in the sinking of six junks under way. It was subsequently reported that during this operation two friendly junks were sunk, and it regretted that the otherwise successful operation was thus marred.

9. On Monday 22nd no flying took place and the Task Element replenished from WAVE CHIEF. In response to a signal from HANNA explaining that he had had one night at anchor since September 30th and was short of fresh provisions, I took the opportunity of supplying him with a quantity of fruit, vegetables and meat. An A/S Patrol Mariner was provided this day by C.T.G. 96.2.

10. On Tuesday 23rd October in addition to the normal day's flying programme SYDNEY provided air search and rescap for ditched American airmen in the North-east of Korea Bay. One of my Fury pilots detected a survivor in the water and towards dusk a Firefly dropped to him a G-dropper containing a dinghy and supplies as it was believed that he was out of reach of surface rescue craft owing to shallow water. This survivor, however, was subsequently rescued by a boat from MURCHISON.

11. Normal flying operations began on Wednesday 24th at dawn. By 1100 high winds made deck landing conditions most difficult and except for the C.A.P. and air search being continued for the American airmen ditched the day before no further flying was carried out.

12. The screen refuelled on Thursday 25th October and late in the day SYDNEY replenished with AVGAS from WAVE CHIEF. During the first event a Sea Fury (Pilot - Lieutenant C.M. Wheatley, R.A.N.) was hit by flak off CHINNAMPO and ditched. He was promptly rescued unhurt by a patrolling DUMBO and landed at KIMPO. During the third event whilst on C.A.S. mission over the front line, a second Sea Fury (Pilot - Lieutenant Commander J.L. Appleby, R.N.) was hit by flak, necessitating a precautionary landing at KIMPO where the aircraft remains. Both pilots were re-embarked by Firefly during the final event of the day. It was intended during the evening to supply HANNA with further fresh provisions but he stated that he did not want any and would replenish from RENDOVA on her arrival. Whether this was owing to U.S. solidarity or a scarcely veiled slur on my Victualling Department is not known.

13. During the second event on Friday 26th a Sea Fury engaged in operations in the HAN RIVER was hit by flak and crash-landed on a mudbank on the South side of the river. The pilot, Sub Lieutenant N.W. Knappstein, R.A.N., was speedily recovered unhurt by a boat from H.M.S. AMETHYST who also salvaged serviceable remnants of the aircraft.

14. During the final event of the day five Fireflies were attacking a tunnel 10 miles South of SARIWON when they encountered intense light flak which brought down one (Pilot - Sub Lieutenant N.D. MacMillan, R.A.N. and Observer 1 P. Mancox, O/N. A40057) in a field about 3 miles West of the target. A detailed account of the subsequent rescue is contained in the Daily Narrative attached as Enclosure 2.

15. When news of the disaster was received a calculation revealed that it would be an extremely close thing whether the helicopter could in fact carry out its mission and get back to our side of the line or to a friendly island before nightfall. Although it was realised that the despatch of the helicopter might result, owing to the approach of night apart from enemy action, in the loss or capture of it and its crew, it was decided that the risk was a justifiable one. Although constant voice touch and radar contact was maintained with the two escorting Furies until after the survivors had been picked up an extremely anxious two hours was spent and it was with great relief that a message was received



from AMETHYST in the HAN RIVER that the helicopter had passed over her into friendly territory some 15 minutes after sunset. That the helicopter managed to get to KIMPO with the last of the light at 1830 was a result beyond anybody's expectation. The decision to send the helicopter was received with enthusiasm by the duty crew (Aviation Device Chief (Aviation Pilot) Arlene Keith BABBIT, 300-02-77, and Aviation Mechanician's Mate Airman Callis Calvert GOODING, 568-24-19.), and their mission was carried out with courage and skill. Just after the pick up had taken place a North Korean soldier who was menacing the helicopter was shot dead by the crew member with an Owen gun. Apart from the fine performance of the helicopter's crew the whole rescue organisation worked with copybook exactitude and it is felt that the Ship's Guardian Angel had a very hardworking and successful day.

16. At sunset HANNA went alongside VAN GALEN to transfer one rating (who had just been granted compassionate leave to the United States) for passage to Sasebo, an evolution which was carried out well in the choppy sea condition obtaining. At 1830 Item HANNA was detached to close PAENGYONG DO to embark "Leopard" at dawn and SYDNEY with ATHABASKAN and VAN GALEN in company proceeded South out of the operation area. U.S.S. RENDOVA relieved me as C.T.E. 95.11 at 2100 Item on 27th October. VAN GALEN was detached to Sasebo at 0500 Item on 27th October. SYDNEY and ATHABASKAN arrived in KURE at 1200 Item on Sunday 28th after carrying out A/A firings in Area FOX on passage during the afternoon of 27th.

17. At the latter end of this operational period the Pilots' map reading had improved considerably and they were seeing more on the ground so that much better results were achieved. Generally the Pilots have shown great enthusiasm for the work they are carrying out, so much so that it may be necessary shortly to lay down some fairly rigid rules with regard to attack being continued to too low an altitude. The deck landings have improved considerably and it is hoped that the number of A.25's rendered will decrease to a negligible quantity in the near future.

18. FIREFLY TARGETS.

These have consisted mainly of rail bridges and rail tunnels as they are considered to be most important with a view to interrupting the flow of War materials and food supplies to the Front Line. The success of these attacks has increased since a modified low level attack with delayed action bombs has been used, but this type of attack can only be employed against undefended targets.

19. FURY TARGETS

They have been Coastal Shipping and "Leopard" targets which consist mostly of troop concentrations. C.A.S. has been the most popular mission as Pilots feel that they are achieving more positive results. A large amount of Bombardment spotting has been carried out with considerable success. Two strikes a day have been laid on in the HAN RIVER area.

20. FLAK

During the two operational periods 474 Offensive Sorties have been carried out and 3 aircraft have been shot down (2 Furies and 1 Firefly) and 28 aircraft damaged by flak of which one (a Fury) has had to be replaced. The majority of the Flak damage was caused by small arms fire. No heavy flak has yet been encountered but some 30 m.m. and 40 m.m. has been seen but is mostly inaccurate. The biggest Flak concentrations have been met during C.A.S. missions. It is considered that the number of aircraft hit can be decreased provided not more than 2 runs are made on any individual target.



21. AIRCRAFT SERVICEABILITY

The overall serviceability figures during the period have been as follows :

|            |   |       |
|------------|---|-------|
| Sea Furies | - | 84.5% |
| Fireflies  | - | 78%   |

Prior to the commencement of flying each day the average serviceability has been :

|            |   |     |
|------------|---|-----|
| Sea Furies | - | 91% |
| Fireflies  | - | 82% |

These figures are considered highly satisfactory and indicate extremely good work by the maintenance personnel. Minor Inspections are being carried out at sea which avoids over congestion of the component Workshops whilst in Harbour and also permits the Maintenance personnel the maximum amount of rest and shore leave.

22. ESCAPE AND EVASION

Fluorescent panels are carried by all aircrew and have already proved their value. On two occasions where aircraft have crash-landed in Enemy Territory the rescue aircraft have seen these panels long before sighting the aircrew and they also help the Rescap to keep the position of the downed aircrew in view. It is strongly recommended that panels should be issued to all aircrew engaged in operations.

23. A total of 389 sorties were flown during this period, and ammunition expended was as follows :

|               |   |               |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| 20 m.m.       | - | 96,280 rounds |
| R.P.          | - | 1472          |
| 1000 lb Bombs | - | 8             |
| 500 lb Bombs  | - | 174           |

24. Additional copies of this report are enclosed for transmission to Commonwealth and United States Naval Authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) D. H. HARRIS

CAPTAIN

The Flag Officer  
Second-in-Command,  
FAR EAST STATION.

Enclosures :

1. Debriefing Reports
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3. Damage caused by enemy flak.



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H.M.A.S. ' SYDNEY '

18 Oct 1951  
0700 - 0900

Serial 26  
Event ' A '.

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                           |         |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon        | Strike. |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb. Bomb & Cannon | Strike. |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                    | C.A.P.  |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges & Cannon  | A.S.P.  |

2. WEATHER

Fine over Target area.

3. REPORTS

(A) 6 x Fury

The flight was briefed to attack a target recommended by Fifth Air Force of 1600 troops and gun positions on the northern tip of the peninsula at KC 8580. (Target Request No. 6 - W).

No movement was seen and the defence appeared deserted, however at Village at KC 845803 was rocketted and strafed - several houses being destroyed and damaged.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight was briefed to attack another Fifth Air Force Target of Rail Road Locomotive and Parts Shops and Locomotive Storage Areas in the HAEJU Area (Target Request No. 11 - W).

All bombs were dropped on the underground shelter at YC 413123 and although no specific damage was observed all bombs exploded in the immediate vicinity of the tunnel entrance.

During an A/R the Railway Station at CHWIYA - RI YC 2413 was strafed also the Barracks Buildings at YC 0704 were strafed and 8 buildings were set on fire.

No flak was sighted.

4. INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) What appeared to be a new mine was sighted at YC 082033.
- (b) Several rafts were sighted along the beaches in the area of Y C 9981.
- (c) A possible Coastal gun position was seen at XG 856972.

5. DAMAGE.

One Ox cart destroyed.  
Twelve Houses damaged.  
Four houses destroyed.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY.

1 Aircraft carried out vertical line overlap of Chinsampe Waterfront. Map Ref. YC 0788 to YC 1289.

(Sgd.) M.B. SIMKIN Major

DE-BRIEFING OFFICER.



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SERIAL 27

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |                     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike and Air Spot |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | C.A.P.              |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | A.S.P.              |

2. WEATHER

Good.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

Targets in the HAN RIVER Area as requested by C.T.G. 95.1 were rocketted and strafed. These were the remaining houses in Villages at BS648952, BS653948, BS693966 and BS705972. A few houses were destroyed or damaged.

During a later A/R, a strafing attack was made on long shelter at BT639219. No damage was observed but target was hit.

Two Furies detailed for Air Spot with BELFAST at first had trouble with communications as ship's radio was intermittent. A Village at YB238912 was given as the target by BELFAST. Ranging was relatively easy as the initial 6" ranging rounds fell 100 yards to the right of the village. Fire for effect resulted in 50% of the shells landing in the Village knocking down some buildings. No fires were started.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Bridge at BS7106 has three spans out. This bridge was photographed at request of FO 2 I/C F.E.S. Bridge at BS398179 had once been damaged but has not been repaired. Possible Storehouses seen at BS531816. Village at YB305860 appears to be worth a strike.

In the general area of the HILL ORASAN BS662978 there were apparent A/A positions with clearly visible camouflaged guns which the Pilots considered a possible dummy target or FLAK trap.

5. DAMAGE

6 Houses destroyed or damaged.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

Vertical Obliques taken of bridge at BS7106.

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SERIAL 28

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | C.A.P. |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | A.S.P. |

2. WEATHER

Fair over the target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The flight carried out the daily "Milk Run" checking the coast as far NORTH of HANCHON YD0743. Nothing of interest was seen along the coast.

50 Box cars in the CHINNAMPO railway yards were rocketted and two were destroyed. Large buildings at SUJA-RI were rocketted - several were destroyed. Light inaccurate FLAK was encountered at HANCHON.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight attacked a target of troops, supplies and vehicles that Fifth Air Force had reported to be in large building at SINCHON YC175472 (Target request No 9-W). Bombs fell in the target area causing only near misses. Barrack buildings in the town were strafed and damaged.

During an A/R six box cars sighted at YC4738 were strafed and well covered, all being damaged. No FLAK was encountered.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The bombing target as in 3(b) above is worth another attack.

(b) The road bridge at CHINNAMPO YC0590 is under repair.

5. DAMAGE

(a) Two ox carts destroyed.

(b) Six box cars damaged.

(c) Two box cars destroyed.

(d) Two buildings were destroyed.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS 'SYDNEY'

18 Oct 51

SERIAL 29

1300 - 1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight were detailed the reconnaissance of the CHAERYONG GANG river and its tributaries as intelligence reports indicated the enemy were moving supplies from PYONGYANG south to SARIWON by river. Many semi derelict boats were observed. Four apparently serviceable sampans were strafed at YC 3168 and YC 3072 respectively inflicting some damage.

At SINCHON one ox cart was attacked. The ox galloped away but the cart was destroyed.

At PAEGU XC 9742 approximately 200 white clothed men were seen sitting in the streets in groups along the side of the road. The centre street ~~street~~ was strafed by one aircraft. The number killed or wounded difficult to estimate.

PUNGCHON XC 7657 received the full force of the Furies rockets. One barn was damaged, a red tiled house, one large tin barn destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

The large number of white clothed men in PAEGU could have been draftees.

5. DAMAGE

One ox cart (negative ox).  
One barn was damaged, a red tiled house, 1 large tin barn  
4 Sampans damaged. destroyed.

6. FLAK

No Flak observed.

7. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out VLO of CHAERYONG GANG river from YC 304728 to YC 295675.

(Signed) G H Hardcastle Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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18 Oct 51  
1500-1700

SERIAL 30  
EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | C.A.P. |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | A.S.P. |

2. WEATHER

Fine over the target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

Once again as requested by CTG 95.1 targets in the HAN RIVER area were rocketted and strafed. Villages at BS705972 and BS698970 were the targets and several more houses were damaged and destroyed. The area continues to show no sign of activity. During an A/R between YONAN BS5098 and HAEJU no activity was seen and the railway appears to be out of use. No FLAK was seen.

One Fury carried out an Air Spot with HMS BELFAST on request and was asked to engage troops on the side of a hill at YB318968. Most of the rounds fell in the target area. The target was at the extreme range of BELFAST'S guns making adjustment difficult. Assessment of actual damage done was not possible.

(b) 5 x Firefly

The flight attacked a railway bridge at YC424233. The southern span was dropped and the bridge is now very un-serviceable. The rail line was also cut.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The railway between YONAN and HAEJU appears to be un-serviceable.

(b) The roof of the underground shelter at YC413123, attacked by Fireflies in event "A", has collapsed.

(c) A new barrack building was sighted at YC384323.

5. DAMAGE

(a) One Rail bridge destroyed.

(b) One Box car damaged.

(c) One Rail cut made.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS SYDNEY

19 OCT 51.

SERIAL 31

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

HAN RIVER area completely clouded over. Small portion of general area visible.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Firefly

The primary bridge target was covered by cloud so a dive bombing attack was made on one large building in ULLYUL XC3264. The centre of the building was knocked out.

(b) 6 x Fury

The primary target area of the HAN RIVER villages was completely clouded over.

An R/P and strafing attack was made on villages at YC4314 starting several fires and destroying a total of six houses. This was one of the areas not covered by cloud.

4. INTELLIGENCE

At approximately XC5826 CAP aircraft found tracks leading to houses behind which two vehicles camouflaged with nets were parked. These were not attacked but will be investigated by the "Milk Run" Furies in Event 'C'.

5. DAMAGE

6 houses destroyed.

1 Large building badly damaged.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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19 OCT 51

SERIAL 32

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Target area clear but remainder of "Wales" covered with low cloud.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

The flight attacked a camouflaged gun boat on a slip way at CHINNAMPO. Rockets were seen to hit the target but no actual damage assessment could be made. Large buildings in the immediate vicinity were rocketted and strafed. Two junks were also strafed and damaged. During a later A/R three box cars were strafed - one was destroyed.

4. DAMAGE

- (a) One gun boat damaged.
- (b) Two large buildings damaged.
- (c) Two junks were damaged.
- (d) One ox cart destroyed.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

A very low oblique was taken of the town of SINCHON YC1747.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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19 OCT 51

SERIAL 33

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | AR     |

2. WEATHER

Generally still cloudy.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Firefly

Large buildings and houses at SINCHON were dive bombed with one building badly damaged and about 5 large houses destroyed.

Near SOKKYO-RI XC7128 two large carts containing hay were strafed with unobserved results.

(b) 6 x Fury

Two serviceable railway trucks at WONUM-NI railway station XD9003 were strafed and left burning. Three railway trucks were in the middle of a group of damaged ones.

The two camouflaged trucks at XC6926 reported by Event 'A's' CAP were strafed three times. Hits were observed but no fires started.

The flight strafed earthworks at YD0139 after three men had been observed in the area. The earthworks were thoroughly strafed and one man claimed killed. Large Barrack buildings at KURYON-NI YD0124 were rocketted. Two direct hits were obtained, one building being blown to pieces, the other collapsed. Barrack buildings at YONGDO-RI XC8999 were rocketted.

New trenches on the headland at YD0139 were strafed and movement observed in the trenches with men running up and down with what appeared to be straw mats on their backs. Trenches on the point at XD9627 were strafed. Two men were observed running in the area.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Four serviceable railway trucks still remain at WONUM-NI XD9003. These were not attacked owing to lack of ammunition, but will be dealt with in Event "E".

5. DAMAGE

5 houses destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed and 1 building damaged.  
2 box cars destroyed.  
2 trucks damaged.  
1 man killed.

6. FLAK

SAA fire at WONUM-NI XD9003 holed one Fury. SAA fire observed at XC6229 and a derelict building at XD8804 but in both cases no hits were received.

(Sgd) G.H. HARDCASTLE Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS SYDNEY

19 OCT 51

SERIAL 34

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Clear over the target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight attacked the CHINNAMPO waterfront rocketing a large building which was badly damaged and destroying another smaller one. The gun boat attacked in Event 'B' is definitely unserviceable.

An A/R was then made in the CHAERYONG - GANG river area - no movement seen. A factory area in KYOMIPO was strafed and damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Approximately 12 bombs fell through cloud and landed at YC1187 - another stick fell in the CHINNAMPO city area. The attacking aircraft were not sighted.

5. DAMAGE

One building destroyed.

Two buildings damaged.

(Sgd) M.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY GAG

HMAS SYDNEY

19 OCT 51

SERIAL 35

1500-1645

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Cloud over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 5 x Firefly

The Fireflies dive bombed the two strangely shaped large pentagonal structures at YC0704. Four bombs hit each structure causing craters. The consensus of opinion now that these objects have been bombed is that one contains sand and the other slag.

Straffing attacks were made on huts and buildings in the general area, one ox cart destroyed.

(b) 6 x Fury

The village area near the pentagonal structures was thoroughly strafed knocking down some buildings and leaving fires burning. A bright orange smoke was observed from houses at YC082022, this being a secondary explosion. A group of men along a track were strafed.

The flight then attacked the serviceable rail trucks at the station at WONUM-NI XD9004, rockets blowing to pieces two of the trucks.

R/P damaged all four houses at XC5826 where earlier Events reported had contained camouflaged vehicles. Three ox carts were destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

20 large Nissen type new huts observed at approximately YC0564.

6 soldiers seen running into a cave near XD927041.

5. DAMAGE

Five ox carts destroyed.

Three buildings destroyed, four houses damaged.

Two rail trucks destroyed.

6. FLAK

SAA fire from the general area of the railway station resulted in a bullet through the petrol tank of one Fury and the fin of another Fury. A third Fury was hit in the engine.

Light inaccurate FLAK approximately 20 mm observed firing from a hill at XD9103. This caused no damage.

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HMAS SYDNEY

20 OCT 51

SERIAL 36

0700-0900

EVENT "A"

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | GAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Low cloud obscured the majority of the operational area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

In accordance with the directive received from CTG 95.1 the strike attacked targets in the HAN RIVER area. These were villages alleged to contain troops as follows BS651990 (640) BT690012 (200) BS675983 (80). Rockets fell in the target areas destroying and damaging several houses. During an A/R of the roads NORTH several box cars and ox carts were strafed.

The village of WONTO YC4518 from which some SAA fire was received was rocketted and at least one house was destroyed. A secondary explosion was observed. Light inaccurate FLAK was encountered at ONJONG-NI BT5522 and from the point YC5514.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The aircraft were unable to reach their primary or secondary targets of rail bridges SOUTH of SARIWON and NORTH WEST of CHINNAMPO respectively. A factory at YC4312 was bombed and direct hits were obtained destroying a large building. Meagre light inaccurate FLAK was encountered at YC3834.

4. INTELLIGENCE

No movement was observed in the YESONG GANG river area.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) Five ox carts.
- (b) Four box cars damaged.
- (c) One house destroyed.
- (d) Four houses damaged.
- (e) One large building.
- (f) Two rail cuts.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

20 OCT 51

SERIAL 37

0900-1100

EVENT "B"

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Very Fair.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

Villages and woods on the NORTH side of the HAN RIVER which had been reported as containing enemy troops were thoroughly strafed. Rockets were thrown at a group of houses at BS577944 destroying two and damaging the third.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Nil.

5. DAMAGE

2 Houses destroyed, one damaged.

6. FLAK

A light A/A gun of at least 40 mm calibre firing at intervals of 4 to 5 seconds was sighted at BS652995. None of our aircraft were damaged.

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20 OCT 51

SERIAL 38

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Poor visibility and very low cloud was encountered in all areas, except immediately NORTH of the HAN RIVER where the cloud base was approximately 3,000 feet.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

Due to bad weather the flight were unable to carry out the "Milk Run". A large building at YOMAN was rocketted and destroyed.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight were unable to attack their primary or secondary targets due to the poor weather. The planned Air Spot with HMS BELFAST was also cancelled. All bombs were dropped 'safe' into the sea before returning to the ship.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Nil.

5. DAMAGE

One large building destroyed.

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SYDNEY GAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 OCT 51

SERIAL 39

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) | 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

Six Furies were detailed to attack 6 NK Motor Junks and one CCP Sail Junk reported to be in the vicinity of XD2293. These vessels LEOPARD considered to be a threat to the friendly island of TAEHWA-DO. One Motor Junk was strafed at XD5284 setting it alight and sinking it. A junk in the bay at TAMDO was rocketted and destroyed, another in the same bay was strafed and badly damaged.

A sailing junk at XD4577 was strafed thoroughly, several hits were scored. This junk though damaged was not seen to sink. In the bay at XD4294 three junks were strafed, hitting all three. In the second run the centre junk was hit and destroyed. Two further junks were rocketted.

Two more junks were strafed and damaged at XD5590. A rocket attack at the same ferry point destroyed yet another junk. Five junks were strafed at XD6598 causing damage to three. These had been observed hoisting sails and preparing to move off. Village at XD4394 was strafed scoring hits of four large storehouses outside the village.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The Fireflies unfortunately missed their target, the railway bridge NORTH WEST of CHINNAMPO, but cut the line at one of the river banks. A hutted camp just NORTH of UNDONG-NI YC0606 was strafed, hits being observed.

A railway station and huts at YANGWON YC2502 was strafed, no visible results being observed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Wreckage from the motor junk appeared to be brown stores floating on the surface after the junk had sunk. Pilots thought that much construction work had been done in the YONDANG DONG airfield area.

5. DAMAGE

Destroyed: 1 Motor Junk. (No survivors).  
2 x Large (50ft approximately) sailing junks.  
4 x Small (30ft approximately) sailing junks.

Damaged: 1 x 50ft sailing junk.  
14 x Small sailing junks.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 OCT 51

SERIAL 40

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 6 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good over target.

3. REPORT

4 x Fury

These aircraft carried out the first Close Army Support Mission of our Operational tour - they were prebriefed to report to I Corps who were to allot targets. Initially Communications were very bad and some time was wasted establishing contact with the ground control stations and being "shunted" from one to the other.

Eventually CONRAD Control (British Commonwealth Division) asked that a village at CT1315 be attacked. As this was close to the bomblines and no indication of the target by smoke or Mosquito aircraft was possible the Flight Leader decided not to attack. He was then briefed to attack the villages at CT0913 and CT1402 which he did observing many strikes in the houses. Bad communications and the lack of control from either a TACP or Mosquito aircraft handicapped the flight on this their first CAS mission.

Intense light FLAK was encountered from the enemy FDL's but no aircraft were damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Nil.

5. DAMAGE

Three houses destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 OCT 51

SERIAL 41

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Perfect.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Firefly

The bridge at XC9947 was dive bombed. The bombs this time being dropped singly. All bombs unfortunately missed the target.

A strafing run was later made on SUGYA-RI railway station. Hits were observed. Another railway station at MUNJONG-NI was strafed, no positive damage observed. Rolling stock at NAMPARI YC283160 was strafed, many hits being scored.

(b) 6 x Fury

These six Furies were briefed to repeat the task given to Event 'A' aircraft and attack junks reported to be in the vicinity of XD2293. Three large motor junks at anchor 400 yards SOUTH of SUUN DO island XD2293 were rocketted and strafed. The strafing caused small explosions, all junks were set on fire and left burning from stem to stern.

One junk was armed with a machine gun on a tripod mounted on the poop manned by two men. These probably did not have time to fire as the second aircraft in the initial strafing run blew the poop and gun crew to pieces. Approximately 12 survivors were seen swimming in the water after the attacks.

4. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) All the men seen in the junks were dressed in brown.
- (b) It is obvious that the junks were carrying cargo of an explosive nature, possibly ammunition.
- (c) A Wireless station was observed at SUUN-DO island.
- (d) A suspected armoured fighting vehicle was strafed at YC225073. This vehicle was photographed.

5. DAMAGE

3 Large motor driven junks destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

21 OCT 51

SERIAL 42

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good over target.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

Our second Close Army Support Mission were briefed to report to I Corps for instructions. Here they were directed to CONRAD CONTROL (British Commonwealth Division). Once again communications were bad and the control channels very cluttered with transmissions. Difficulty was experienced in establishing contact with BLOND CONTROL (I Corps), CONRAD CONTROL (British Commonwealth Division) and CONRAD BAKER (Commonwealth Brigade). However eventually CONRAD ABLE (Canadian 29 Brigade) gave a target of troops entrenched on a ridge at CT1318 - this was accurately rocketted and strafed after it had been indicated by orange smoke. The TACP on completion of the mission thanked the aircraft for an efficient strike.

Meagre inaccurate light FLAK was encountered but caused no damage.

4. DAMAGE

Photographs of shipping damaged in Event 'C' reveal that two large motor junks and one motor vessel (coastal type) were destroyed.

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HMAS SYDNEY

21 OCT 51

SERIAL 43

1500 - 1700

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (b) | 6 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | ASP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 5 x Firefly

The railway bridge at XC 8735 was dive bombed and missed.

At SINCHON approximately three cylindrical railway trucks were strafed. A building alongside the trucks caught fire. One ox cart was destroyed at YC 1602.

(b) 6 x Fury

The HAN RIVER area village at BS 6395 was rocketted, two houses being damaged. Another village at BS 6296 was rocketted two more houses being damaged.

Files of possible equipment wrapped in straw matting were strafed along a ridge at YC 5217. Damage could not be assessed.

A large barrack type building at YC 5202 was rocketted causing damage to one end.

Approximately 30 personnel all dressed in white and sitting under bridges outside the village of YANGWON YC 1602 were strafed twice. Casualties estimated as five.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) Many men and a few small boats were observed on the island of SO-SOM YC 3905.

(b) All railway bridges between CHANGYON and SINCHON are serviceable.

(c) At the northern end of SINCHON a large intact building surrounded by slit trenches was observed.

(d) The bridge at YC 4324 which had been cut by the Fireflies three days ago has now been repaired.

(e) Two F80's seen at CHANGYON.

5. DAMAGE

(a) 1 building damaged.  
(b) 3 railway trucks possibly damaged.  
(c) 4 houses damaged.  
(d) 5 men killed.  
(e) 1 ox cart destroyed.

6. FLAK

Medium (black smoke) flak was observed bursting at 5000 ft over SINCHON. No aircraft hit.

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HMAS SYDNEY

23 OCT 51

SERIAL 44

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Poor visibility at the NORTH end of the YELLOW SEA - good elsewhere.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft ranged to the extreme NORTH of the YELLOW SEA searching for enemy shipping. Bad visibility restricted the flying but several large sampans and junks were attacked and damaged. A village at XD9482 was rocketted destroying two troop shelters and causing a secondary explosion.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight dive bombed the rail bridge at XC865345 using for the first time a low angle of attack with a delayed action fuze. Unfortunately only near misses were obtained but the method of attack was popular amongst the aircrews. During a later A/R several box cars were strafed and a bridge reconnaissance made.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The railway line CHANGYON - CHAERYONG to rail junction at YC3655 to HAEJU is serviceable.

(b) The rail tunnels at YC383506 and YC362352 appear to have some rolling stock in them.

(c) A large operating mine is located at XC901379.

5. DAMAGE

(a) 8 box cars were damaged.  
(b) 7 50ft junks damaged.  
(c) 6 sampans were damaged.  
(d) Two troop shelters destroyed.

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23 OCT 51

SERIAL 45

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 3 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |

NOTE: During this Event the stand by CAP was scrambled to replace the original CAP aircraft which had been sent NORTH on a RESCAP mission for US aircrew in trouble.

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

This flight were sent to I Corps for instructions for their Close Air Support Mission. They were then sent NORTH to be controlled by the Mosquito aircraft with 28th Brigade of which the Australian Battalion forms a part. Communications and procedure were good and little difficulty was experienced in identifying the target which was a number of troops dug in along a ridge at CT115173. Rocket and strafing attacks were repeatedly made and the Mosquito's Controller having assessed the accuracy of the attacks stated, "I credit you with 90% coverage".

Light meagre FLAK was seen but no damage sustained by our aircraft.

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SYDNEY CAG

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23 OCT 51

SERIAL 46

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft attacked 'LEOPARD' targets as follows:

- (I) 250 NKA in houses at YC217000. Rocketted and strafed - many houses destroyed and damaged. No activity seen.
- (II) 70 NKA and 2,000 bags of rice at YC165022. Straffed - many hits and the buildings were seen to be stacked with bags - possibly rice. A camouflaged ox cart was destroyed.
- (III) 100 NKA in 5 houses YB249896. Straffed - many hits but no activity.
- (IV) 80 NKA in houses YB243905. Straffed - many hits but also no activity.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight made a low level dive bombing attack on the rail bridge at YC264147. A span was completely destroyed.

An A/R was then made in the HAN RIVER area after contact had been made with CTE 95°13. Several villages were strafed but as usual no movement was seen.

4. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) The railway line between CHAERYONG and SARIWON is serviceable.
- (b) Many houses in village YC0222 appeared to be showing red panels on the roof.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) 5 Houses destroyed.
- (b) 7 Houses damaged.
- (c) One ox cart destroyed.
- (d) One rail bridge.

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SYDNEY CAG

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23 OCT 51

SERIAL 47

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |

2. WEATHER

3/8 Cloud at 4,500 feet.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury.

These aircraft were briefed for close air support in the I Corps area. I Corps Tactical Air Control Party routed them forward to be controlled by a Mosquito aircraft allotted to the Commonwealth Division. One enemy occupied village at CT123198 near the front line was rocketted and a second village at CT115203 strafed. Large fires were started in the first village. Communications and procedure were quite good and little difficulty in target location was experienced. The Mosquito Pilot's assessment of both attacks was 80% coverage.

Light FLAK from an unlocated position was fired at the flight but caused no damage.

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SYDNEY CAG

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23 OCT 51

SERIAL 48

1430-1630

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | A/R    |
| (b) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (c) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft were briefed to report to CTE 95-13 then carry out an A/R in the HAN RIVER area. Contact was made and several villages alleged to be troop shelters were rocketted and strafed. Houses were destroyed and fires started yet again no movement was observed.

Shortage of time spoilt an attempted Air Spot with HMS AMETHYST.

During an A/R the aircraft again rocketted the building at YC165022 where a rice store had been reported by LEOPARD. The building was destroyed.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight bombed a rail tunnel at YC 194107 using once again a low level attack. Two bombs were neatly placed inside the tunnel collapsing the roof and another two bombs fell at the entrance cutting the line and causing the side of the cutting to collapse - thus covering what remained of the line.

The aircraft then strafed a LEOPARD target of 500 NKA in a village at YC236154. Hits were obtained but no damage assessment could be made.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail tunnel at YC563352 considered as a target for Firefly bombing tomorrow is not defended.

(b) It is considered that no airfield exists at YC4256. A LEOPARD report had stated one was being built at that position.

5. DAMAGE

(a) One rail tunnel destroyed.

(b) One building destroyed.

(c) Four houses damaged.

(d) The JOC have advised that the CAS mission in Event 'B' killed 75 Communists and destroyed 6 bunkers.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

Vertical Line Overlap of area of suspected airfield at YC4256.

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RESCAP DE-BRIEFING REPORT

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During Event 'B' reports were received that USAF B29 aircrew were reported to be down in the sea well NORTH of CHINNAMPO. CAP aircraft called SHIRLEY, the TACC at SEOUL and were given the co-ordinates of one of the downed aircraft. This was XD 7570. The Fury pilots orbited this area over the sea in very poor weather and gave cover to Dumbo Charlie, the rescue aircraft which was on the water and had picked up four of the downed aviators. A thorough search was carried out by the CAP but no further survivors were seen. Much equipment and dinghies were floating on the surface. Four Meteors arrived at the scene but had to leave immediately owing to lack of fuel.

At approx 1100 the first Fury Rescap was relieved by two more Furies from 'SYDNEY'. At the same time Dumbo Charlie considered there were no more survivors and took off. The second CAP returned to the ship.

A third CAP were now sent to cover a second position XD 6602 where further aircrew had been reported downed. Dumbo Able had seen two lots of four airmen in the water. When he landed he lost sight of them and the sea at this stage was so heavy that he could not get near them. He then taxied his aircraft down to CHODO Island with two minesweepers escorting him. Dumbo Dog was capped by SYDNEY's third CAP. HMAS 'MURCHISON' was now approaching.

SYDNEY's fourth CAP relieved the third one and searched the coast for survivors, eventually one was sighted flashing his signal mirror from a dinghy at approximately XD 7020. US Mustangs then arrived and relieved this CAP.

(Prior to this fourth CAP's search, Dumbo Dog directed the CAP on to a suspected mine at XC 5892. This was strafed but did not detonate).

At 1545 23 Flight of four aircraft were diverted from the HAN RIVER area to help out. A G Dropping aircraft was scrambled and vectored on to the unfortunate American in the water. The Port G Dropper was successfully dropped approximately 30 yards from the downed airman. Later reports stated that this pilot was getting into the large dinghy carried in the G Dropper.

HMAS 'MURCHISON' later despatched a boat and it is confidently expected that this Airman will spend the night in comfort.

It is of interest to note that SYDNEY during the day provided a total of 13 sorties to assist in the Rescap operation and that the good observation of our pilots and prompt despatch and accurate delivery of the G Dropper have been instrumental in the saving of the life of a USAF pilot.

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24 OCT 51

SERIAL 49

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 4 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |

2. WEATHER

Good for "Milk Run". Patches of cloud at 300ft and 8/8 at 800ft over Firefly's target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Firefly

A tunnel at YC3635 was bombed under bad weather conditions. The flight leader had to land at KIMPO and an accurate assessment of damage cannot be made until his return to the ship.

(b) 6 x Fury

The "Milk Run" Furies destroyed 2 sampans at YC2482. Two little boats were strafed and damaged in the same area. The railway bridge at YC1794 was rocketted and just missed. Two ox carts were strafed and damaged. MIRYOK TONG YC3539 was rocketted and strafed.

2 of the Furies were detailed to assist HMAS MURCHISON negotiate the shallow water hazards which threatened her safety. The Fury pilot stated that he successfully coursed the ship without any difficulty. The aircraft also carried out a mine search ahead of the ship. Later a village at XC5726 was rocketted obtaining 30% coverage.

4. INTELLIGENCE

Large store dump seen at the rail siding at SINCHON. Light FLAK defended this dump.

5. DAMAGE

2 ox carts damaged.

2 Sampans destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

24 OCT 51

SERIAL 50

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) 4 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Scattered cloud over the target area.

3. REPORTS

4 x Fury

The flight once again attacked alleged troop concentrations in the village BT658978. Fires were started.

An Air Spot was carried out with HMS AMETHYST at a troop encampment at BT679985 - no movement was seen but shot fell in the target area. Procedure and communications were good. Four pack horses were sighted and strafed at BT5612. The SINCHON railway station was strafed and hits were obtained.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) One bomb was seen to enter the entrance of the tunnel attacked by the Fireflies in Event 'A'.

(b) The camouflaged airfield reported by LEOPARD at YC548188 was looked for but until photo interpretation has been made its existence cannot be accepted.

5. DAMAGE

(a) Two pack horses destroyed.  
(b) Four box cars damaged.  
(c) Three troop shelters damaged.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

One aircraft carried out vertical line overlap of railway line from SINCHON YC170473 to CHANCHON YC220485. VLO of area near NOMGAM YC560189 to YC538188 to ascertain possible airstrip.

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SYDNEY GAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

24 Oct 51

SERIAL 51

1100-1320

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|              |                    |        |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | RESCAP |
| (b) 2 x Fury | Cannon             | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over coastal area.

3. REPORTS

2 x Fury

The aircraft were briefed to search in the area XD 9055 for downed American aircrew. After approx one hour over the area no sign of any survivors was sighted however two drop tanks were sighted on a sand bar at XD 8858. The aircraft were then relieved by two F84's.

Whilst returning to base the flight sighted approx 20 troops digging defences at XD 9833. These were strafed and 12 killed. At XC 8634 a rail bridge was rocketted. The bridge was not destroyed but the rail was cut.

Buildings along the salt pans at XD 9423 were strafed with no observed results.

4. DAMAGE

(a) 12 troops killed.  
(b) One rail cut.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

24 Oct 51

SERIAL 52

1315-1525

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

2 x Fury

8 x R/P and Cannon

RESCAP

2. WEATHER

Good over coastal area.

3. REPORT

2 x Fury

The flight were air briefed by DUMBO NAN at 1330 to search the area bounded by KD 4085, 4045, 7085, 7045, paying particular attention to the islands. No sight of any survivors was seen. At 1445 the aircraft were relieved by American aircraft.

An A/R was then made in the area North of CHINNAMPO. At KD 9204 a large group of store buildings were rocketted destroying four.

4. DAMAGE

(a) 4 store buildings destroyed.

(b) 2 ox carts destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

24 OCT 51

SERIAL 53

1515-1700

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|              |                    |        |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| (a) 2 x Fury | 8 x R/P and Cannon | RESCAP |
| (b) 2 x Fury | Cannon             | CAP    |

2. WEATHER

Perfect over target area.

3. REPORTS

2 x Fury

The aircraft continued the search for the missing US airmen but once more with no avail. A thorough search being made of the group of islands around XD4848.

On the return trip to the ship some box cars were rocketted and strafed at XD8903. Some buildings at XC8997 and XC5826 were also strafed and many hits being obtained.

4. INTELLIGENCE

It is thought that the ONJONG-NI No1 airfield at XD9407 is being repaired - bomb craters having being filled in.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) 2 box cars damaged.
- (b) 4 houses damaged.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

25 OCT 51

SERIAL 54

0700-0900

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |        |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |
| (b) | 5 x Firefly | 2 500lb Bombs and Cannon   | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAS    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over the target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

The aircraft carried out the daily "Milk Run" reconnoitring the coastline as far North as HANCHON. Negative shipping was sighted. During the return A/R the LEOPARD target of 26 Brigade Supply Centre at YC033954 was rocketted and strafed. Armed troops were sighted firing at the aircraft. One aircraft was hit by small arms fire and made a successful ditching at XC7288. He was later picked up DUMBO DOG.

(b) 5 x Firefly

A rail tunnel at XC891392 was attacked using low level skip bombing tactics. Bombs entered both ends but the smoke of the explosions made damage assessment difficult. At the Southern end white smoke or steam drifted out. As the bomb that entered that end did not explode through a fuzing fault. It is thought some rolling stock was hit.

Seven box cars at YC041473 were strafed and damaged. A motor launch at XC5627 was strafed and damaged.

4. DAMAGE

- (a) Six ox carts destroyed.
- (b) One motor launch damaged.
- (c) Six houses destroyed.
- (d) Twelve houses damaged.
- (e) One large building damaged.

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DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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DE-BRIEFING REPORT

SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

25 OCT 51

SERIAL 55

0900-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Excellent.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

HMS AMETHYST passed a target of known field guns at BS705973 to the Furies which carried out a rocketting attack. Two ~~Sabres~~ Salvoes were seen to hit trenches at the top of the hill. A nearby house and also a bunker was set on fire.

A reconnaissance of the general area to the West of the "HAN RIVER AREA" revealed eight camouflaged ox carts on the East side of the road at BS470885, which were strafed twice. The ship was informed of this target and briefed the Fireflies accordingly.

A village at BS652998 was rocketted with hits being obtained on two houses into which khaki clad men had been seen to run.

HMS AMETHYST requested an Air Spot onto the same target. The shoot was abortive owing to difficulty of observation of fall of shot. Two buildings at BS646964 were strafed. These had been given to the pilots as a suitable target. A village at BS691008 was strafed.

A trolley containing what appeared to be five oil drums was strafed in the village at BS633937. Hits were obtained, but no fire started. A freshly dug gun pit in the open with three newly camouflaged dugouts nearby at BT5712 was strafed, hits being scored. L&A fire was fired from these positions.

Barrack type buildings near a gold mine at BS6798 were hit by AMETHYST'S guns which were directed by one of the Furies acting as Air Spotter. Two enemy occupied villages at YB597952 and YB561943 were accurately rocketted and strafed twice. Men were seen running around in both villages. Pilots did not recognise what clothing they were wearing.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY

A reported airfield North East of HAEJU was vertically photographed. In addition obliques of suspected gun positions were taken at HMS AMETHYST'S request.

5. DAMAGE

6 houses destroyed.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS 'SYDNEY'

25 Oct 51

SERIAL 86

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                             |        |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon          | CAS    |
| (b) | 2 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and cannon | Strike |
| (c) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                      | CAP    |
| (d) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon  | ASP    |

2. WEATHER

Good over target areas.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 X Fury

The aircraft were briefed to report to I Corps who allotted them to Mosquito CONRAD, operating over the British Commonwealth Division. The Mosquito directed them onto a village at CT 143295 which housed troops and supplies. After the target had been indicated by the Mosquito's smoke rockets, the flight made rocket and strafing attacks. On completion of the mission the Mosquito thanked the flight leader and informed him that his attack had covered 80% of the target and had caused several secondary explosions.

Accurate intense automatic anti aircraft fire was encountered over the target and one aircraft was hit in the Port wing necessitating a precautionary landing at KIMPO.

(b) 4 x Firefly

The flight low level bombed the rail bridge at YC 438188 but unfortunately only near misses were obtained.

An A/R to ANAK revealed signs of recent activity and the villages to the south are thought to warrant further reconnaissance.

The eight camouflaged ox carts reported in the last Event were strafed and hits were obtained damaging all.

4. INTELLIGENCE

(a) The rail bridge at YC 264147, cut in Event C on 23 Oct, is being re-built.

(b) The rail tunnel at XC 891392 attacked in Event A this morning has the line cut and both entrances partially blocked.

(c) First phase photo interpretation reveals NO sign of an enemy airfield at YC 555176. A LEOPARD agent had reported the presence of an airfield at this location.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) 8 ox carts destroyed.
- (b) One rail cut.
- (c) One rail tunnel damaged.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

25 OCT 51

SERIAL 57

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Excellent.

3. REPORTS

6 x Fury

This Event concentrated on the HAN RIVER area. A Regimental Command Post at BT611054 and a troop concentration at BT628033 were rocketted and strafed, fires being started in the former target.

An Air Spot was carried out on a HAN RIVER village HMS AMETHYST'S shells falling in the general target area.

Houses at BS668958 and BS659956 were rocketted and strafed at AMETHYST'S request, fires being started and three houses destroyed.

4. DAMAGE

9 Houses destroyed.

5. FLAK

LAA fire coming from BS655001 holed one of the Furies in two places  
another Fury received one hit from small arms fire.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

26 OCT 51

SERIAL 58

0700-0845

EVENT 'A'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                              |        |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon   | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                       | CAP    |
| (c) 4 x Fury    | 2 x 1000 lb bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500 lb bombs and Cannon  | Strike |

2. WEATHER

V. Good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 4 x Fury

Four Furies each armed with two 1000 lb bombs attacked the rail bridge North of HAEJU at YC 438188, and missed it.

During a later A/R two serviceable box cars were strafed in CHAERYONG damaging both. A well stocked storehouse at YC 2154 was also strafed starting a fire.

A village at YC 4212 was strafed, two large houses catching fire.

One ox cart was destroyed.

(b) 3 x Firefly

3 Fireflies bombed the rail tunnel between CHAERYONG and HAEJU at YC 363553. Near misses were scored, hits falling all around the tunnel entrance but regrettably the tunnel entrance was not thought to be blocked.

One of the bombs cut the rail line 75 yards south of the Southern mouth.

At YC 0347 several box cars were strafed, hits being observed.

A village containing 5 carts was strafed at YC 7328, all carts being damaged and a small fire being started in a building. One ox and cart were destroyed.

4. INTELLIGENCE

8 Box cars were seen at YC 2248.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) Two ox carts destroyed.
- (b) Two box cars damaged.
- (c) One storehouse and stores damaged.
- (d) Two houses damaged.
- (e) Rail line cut.
- (f) Five carts destroyed.

G H Hardcastle Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

26 OCT 51

SERIAL 59

0800-1100

EVENT 'B'

1. MISSIONS

- |     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

- (a) 6 x Fury

Once again the HAN RIVER area was visited and after contacting HMS AMETHYST the flight made an A/R of ten targets given by that ship. Nothing worth attacking was sighted and the ship was informed accordingly.

LEOPARD targets were attacked as follows:

- (I) Troop concentrations at BS378985 - rocketted and strafed.
- (II) Troop concentrations at BS566982 - rocketted and strafed.
- (III) Troop concentrations at BS469975 - rocketted and strafed.
- (IV) Battalion HQ at BT611054 - rocketted and strafed.

In all cases strike was in the target area but results were unobserved.

Box cars in the siding at SONGO-RI YC2248 were strafed.

Some camouflaged dumps on a railway line at BT606053 were attacked, results were unobserved but many people were seen to run from the area. Small arms anti aircraft fire was received from the nearby village of WONDONG.

One aircraft was hit by flak and made a successful ditching at BS6186. The pilot was picked up by a boat from HMS AMETHYST.

4. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) A store dump, troops and camouflaged defences were sighted at BT6324.
- (b) Four F 80's were sighted attacking in the same area.

5. DAMAGE

- (a) 3 box cars damaged.
- (b) 11 Houses destroyed.
- (c) 13 houses damaged.

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SYDNEY CAG

HMAS SYDNEY

26 OCT 51

SERIAL 60

1100-1300

EVENT 'C'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASF    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 3 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | A/R    |

2. WEATHER

Very good.

3. REPORTS

(a) 6 x Fury

These aircraft carried out the daily "Milk Run" north to HANCHON.

40mm flak positions opened up at HANCHON with their shells bursting at 4,000ft. These positions were rocketted, hits being obtained on one large building and two small buildings.

A large shed at AYANG-NI YC4435 was rocketted. One rocket hit the shed causing severe damage.

A village at YD0139 was strafed and one house set on fire. Near this village three camouflaged ox carts were destroyed.

6 men, 4 dressed in khaki and two in white, crouching in a trench at XD9316 were strafed. Pilot's estimate all six were killed.

A large house at ANSONG-NI XD9316 was strafed and damaged.

Two box cars full of rice were strafed at WONUM-NI XD9004, both box cars being severely damaged.

A camouflaged sampan estimated to be approximately 25ft long was destroyed at YC3176.

At YC3172 a further camouflaged sampan was set on fire by strafing and was destroyed.

At YC3072 a large lightly camouflaged sampan containing stores was strafed holding it's bottom in many places.

(b) 5 x Fireflies

The rail bridge at XC995466 was low level bombed, the southern span and the abutment at the southern end destroyed. The bridge was later photographed.

A new box car at NAMPO-RI was strafed and damaged.

4. INTELLIGENCE

MIRYOKTONG YC4539 has apparently been attacked by FEAF aircraft recently as only about three buildings are now standing.

Many new diggings and gun emplacements are reported on the headlands from the HANCHON area south to MUBON-NI YD0427.

The rail tunnel at YC194107 blocked a few days ago is now serviceable. The rail bridge at YC264147 which had one span removed recently has now been repaired.



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5. DAMAGE

- (a) 1 large shed damaged.
- (b) 1 large building and 2 small buildings damaged.
- (c) 3 ox carts destroyed.
- (d) 6 men killed.
- (e) 1 large house damaged.
- (f) 3 box cars damaged.
- (g) 3 Sampans destroyed.

6. FLAK

2 bursts of 40mm flak at 4,000ft observed coming from HANCHONG.

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HMAS SYDNEY

26 OCT 51

SERIAL 61

1300-1500

EVENT 'D'

1. MISSIONS

|     |             |                            |     |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) | 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | CAS |
| (b) | 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP |
| (c) | 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP |

2. WEATHER

Good over the target area.

3. REPORTS

6 x Fury

Once again the aircraft were briefed to report to the US I CORPS who allotted them to the British Commonwealth Division. A Mosquito aircraft took control of the flight and directed them onto a target of troops in defences on a ridge at CT165255. This area was rocketted and strafed and the Mosquito pilot when thanking the flight congratulated them on a 80% coverage.

No flak was sighted.

(Sgd) W.B. SIMKIN Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



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HMAS SYDNEY

26 OCT 51.

SERIAL 62

1500-1700

EVENT 'E'

1. MISSIONS

|                 |                            |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| (a) 1 x Firefly | 2 Depth Charges and Cannon | ASP    |
| (b) 2 x Fury    | Cannon                     | CAP    |
| (c) 5 x Firefly | 2 x 500lb Bombs and Cannon | Strike |
| (d) 6 x Fury    | 8 x R/P and Cannon         | Strike |

2. WEATHER

Good over target area.

3. REPORTS

(a) 5 x Firefly

An attack was made on a rail tunnel at YC382506. Two aircraft bombed southern end and the other three the northern end. Both ends of the tunnel were blocked. The rail line was torn up at one end.

Intense LAA flak fired from the general area of the tunnel hitting one of the Fireflies which crash landed at YC364553 successfully, both pilot and observer being seen to wave. Both were seen to pick up some gear and move to a ditch in the corner of a field, a yellow fluorescent panel was then displayed.

The RESCAP organisation came into operation efficiently and latest reports state that SYDNEY'S helicopter had picked up both aircrew and was en-route to KIMPO airfield.

(b) 6 x Fury

Four of the Furies proceeded to the HAN RIVER area and two were detailed to attack a suspected enemy Headquarters or Supply Dump in HAEJU and carry out an Air Spot for HMS CEYLON.

The enemy Headquarters at HAEJU was rocketted and much smoke came out of the building.

An Air Spot was then carried out with HMS CEYLON, enemy troops in a village at XC845805 being engaged. The guns were quickly adjusted onto the target owing to the accuracy of the ship and during fire for effect all rounds fell into the village area.

A further Air Spot was carried out with the guns being adjusted onto troops at XC831701. Four rounds only fell in the target area and about 30 rounds around the position.

The "HAN RIVER" Furies rocketted and strafed camouflaged supply dumps on a railway line at BT606053. A fire was started. Further attacks were interrupted by the necessity for providing RESCAP for the downed Firefly.

One Fury assisting in the RESCAP dropped a message to the downed aircrew but was hit by flak whilst doing so and had to go to KIMPO airfield for a precautionary landing.



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4. INTELLIGENCE

A railway bridge at YC373476 has two spans out.

A new building is being constructed at XC845699.

5. DAMAGE

One tunnel blocked at both ends.

One building damaged.

6. FLAK

Intense LAA at YC382506.

(Sgd) G.H. HANDCASTLE Major  
DE-BRIEFING OFFICER



29 OCT 1951

ENCLOSURE NO.2. TO H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY'S" NO. O.20/2E/1 DATED.....1951.

PAGE: ONE.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: 17th October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine, but with haze. Light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left Sasebo at 0800 for passage to operational area with H.M.S. "COMB" in company. U.S.S. "HANNA" joined company at 1145.

Towing aircraft for A.A. shoot arrived at 1100 but shoot was cancelled after first run, when H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" shot down the sleeve, as the visibility was too poor to comply with safety regulations.

H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" assumed command of T.F. 95.11 at 2100 item.

AIR:

No flying.



29 OCT 1951

ENCLOSURE NO.2. TO H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" NO. 0.20/2E/1 DATED.....1951.

PAGE: TWO.

NARRATIVE.

DATE: 18th October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine with some cloud and light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" joined at 0720. U.S.S. "HANNA" detached to refuel from "WAVE CHIEF" in Fox Anchorage. 2 Officers and 8 ratings transferred to H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" by jackstay. 1100-U.S.S. "NAIFEH" joined. 4 Officers and 1 Royal Marine transferred to H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" by helicopter. 1125 H.M.S. "COMUS" detached to Sasebo. U.S.S. "NAIFEH" developed engine trouble at 1700 but remained with screen after investigation. 1730 one patient transferred to Sick Bay from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". 2210 U.S.S. "HANNA" rejoined.

AIR:

54 Sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>A/C</u>   | <u>MISSION</u>                       |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A/S Patrol<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B"          | 0845       | 1100      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                | A/S Patrol<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.         |
| "C"          | 1045       | 1300      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A/S Patrol<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |
| "D"          | 1245       | 1500      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                | A/S Patrol<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.         |
| "E"          | 1445       | 1700      | 1 Firefly<br>5 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A/S Patrol<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 19th October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine with some cloud at sea, considerable amount over target area.  
Light winds.SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

WAVE CHIEF escorted by H.M.A.S. MURCHISON arrived in vicinity at 0620 to replenish screen. H.N.M.S. VAN GALEN joined 0645. U.S.S. NAIFEH detached to refuel 0630. H.N.M.S. VAN GALEN detached to refuel at 0750. 0835 U.S.S. NAIFEH detached to meet H.M.S. BLACK SWAN at Saru Somu. 0956 H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN detached to refuel. 1005 H.N.M.S. VAN GALEN rejoined. 1020 H.M.S. BELFAST closed - 5 Officers and 1 Royal Marine transferred to her by jackstay. 1040 H.M.S. BELFAST detached. 1145 H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN rejoined and U.S.S. KANNA detached to refuel, rejoining at 1315. H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN detached to BUGATTI patrol at 1720.

AIR:

55 Sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>  | <u>MISSION.</u>                  |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                | A.S.P.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.         |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                | A.S.P.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.         |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1700      | 1 Firefly<br>5 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 20th October, 1951.

WEATHER:

Overcast, low cloud. Fresh to light winds.  
 Weather over target area - low cloud and increasing poor visibility.  
 All targets obscured by 1200.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

H.M.A.S. "ATHABASKAN" rejoined at 0630 from BUGATTI patrol.  
 1325 H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" detached to rendezvous with H.M.S. "AMETHYST" at SARU SOMU to collect mail for the task element, then on BUGATTI patrol.

AIR: Programme cancelled at 1300 through bad weather in target area.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>  | <u>MISSION.</u>                  |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Fury                  | A.S.P.<br>C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.       |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R. |



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 21st October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud. Fresh wind.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:  
 H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" rejoined from BUGATTI at 0540. Mail distributed by helicopter. VAN GALEW detached to BUGATTI patrol.

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| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u>  | <u>MISSION</u>  |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--|---|
| "A"          | 0700       | 0900      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies               | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.                              |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                              | A.S.P.<br>C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.                                    |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly<br>4 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies<br>1 Sea Fury | To Kimpo and return.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.<br>From Kimpo. |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 1 Firefly<br>2 Sea Furies<br>4 Sea Furies                              | A.S.P.<br>C.A.P.<br>C.A.S.                                    |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1700      | 1 Firefly<br>5 Fireflies<br>2 Sea Furies<br>6 Sea Furies               | A.S.P.<br>A.R.<br>C.A.P.<br>A.R.                              |

One Sea Fury landed in emergency at Kimpo on 7th October re-embarked.

First Close Air Support missions carried out.



NARRATIVE.

DATE: 22nd October, 1951.

WEATHER:

Fine and clear, with light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

Replenishment day. "WAVE CHIEF" and "HAWEA" joined 0635. Task Element refuelled during the day. "VAN GALEW" rejoined from BUGATTI.0750 - "WAVE CHIEF" and "HAWEA" detached to FOX ANCHORAGE and "VAN GALEW" to BUGATTI. "SYDNEY" transferred provisions to "HANNA" p.m.

AIR: No flying.



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NARRATIVE

DATE: 23rd October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud - light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:  
 "VAN GALEN" rejoined from BUGATTI 0755.  
 "ATHABASKAN" to BUGATTI 1745.

AIR: 56 Sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION</u>      |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| "A"          | 0645       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.              |
|              | 0700       | 0900      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.                |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.              |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.                |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.              |
|              | 0900       | 1155      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P. & A.S.R.     |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.              |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.              |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.                |
|              | 1040       | 1320      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P. & A.S.R.     |
|              | 1100       | 1300      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.                |
|              | 1130       | 1445      | 2 Sea Furies    | A.S.R.              |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.              |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P. & A.S.R.     |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.              |
| "E"          | 1430       | 1630      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.              |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.                |
|              | 1425       | 1730      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P. & A.S.R.     |
|              | 1430       | 1730      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R. & A.S.R.       |
|              | 1550       | 1735      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.R. (G-Dropper). |

C.A.P. aircraft augmented as required carried out R.E.S.C.A.P. and search for survivors of ditched B.29. Dinghy dropped at 1645 to one survivor out of reach of DUMBO and "MURCHISON".



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ENCLOSURE NO. 2. TO H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY'S" NO. 0.20/2E/1 DATED.....

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NARRATIVE

DATE: 24th October, 1951.

WEATHER: At dawn, fresh winds, fine and clear but with some cloud. Although cloud clear wind freshened to force 6 gusting to force 7 by 0800.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS: H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" rejoined from BUGATTI at 0600. H.M.N.S. "VAN GALEW" detached to BUGATTI at 1710.

AIR: 32 sorties. High winds and difficult deck landing conditions led to the cancellation of events after event Baker other than C.A.P. and S.A.R. aircraft, which searched throughout the day for ditched American aircrew in N.E. Korean Bay. A large area was searched under general direction of a DUMBO but without success.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| "A"          | 0645       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              | 0700       | 0900      | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | S.A.R.         |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1315      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | S.A.R.         |
| "D"          | 1315       | 1515      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | S.A.R.         |
| "E"          | 1520       | 1700      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | S.A.R.         |



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 25th October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud. Gentle to light winds.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS: "WAVE CHIEF" escorted by H.M.N.Z.S. "HAWEA" joined element. U.S.S. "HANNA", H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" and H.M.M.S. "VAN GALEN" refuelled a.m. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" replenished with Avgas at 1600

AIR: 47 Sorties. Four events only were flown in view of replenishment of carrier. No flying after 1500.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION.</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| "A"          | 0645       | 0900      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              | 0700       | 0900      | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 5 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
| "B"          | 0900       | 1100      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 4 Fireflies     | A.R.            |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.          |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.          |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.          |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.            |

1 Sea Fury in event Able was hit by flak off Chinnampo and ditched whilst returning to ship at 0830. Pilot was unhurt and was picked up by a DUMBO at 0855, being taken to Kimpo. 1 Sea Fury in event Charlie was hit by flak over front line on C.A.S. mission and landed at Kimpo. Both pilots re-embarked by Fireflies in event Dog.



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NARRATIVE.

DATE: 26 October, 1951.

WEATHER: Fine and clear with some cloud. Strong to moderate breeze.

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS: H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" rejoined from BUGATTI, having effected a rendezvous with H.M.S. "CEYLON" off Paengyong-Do at 0700. U.S.S. "HANNA" detached to Paengyong-Do at 1845. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" screened by H.M.M.S. "VAN GALEN" and H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" proceeded to southward out of operational area at 1900.

AIR: 58 sorties.

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>AIRCRAFT</u> | <u>MISSION</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| "A"          | 0645       | 0845      | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              | 0700       | 0845      | 4 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           |                 |                |
| "B"          | 0845       | 1100      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
| "C"          | 1100       | 1300      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |
| "D"          | 1300       | 1500      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | C.A.S.         |
| "E"          | 1500       | 1700      | 1 Firefly       | A.S.P.         |
|              |            |           | 5 Fireflies     | A.R.           |
|              |            |           | 2 Sea Furies    | C.A.P.         |
|              |            |           | 6 Sea Furies    | A.R.           |

In event Baker during operations in Han River one Sea Fury (Sub-Lieutenant Knappstein, R.A.N.) was hit by flak and came down on a mud bank on south side of river. Aircraft broke in two, but pilot was unhurt, being promptly rescued by boat from H.M.S. "AMETHYST", who is also salvaging serviceable remnants of the aircraft.

In event Easy, Fireflies engaged on bombing a rail tunnel approximately 10 miles south of Sariwon, met intense light flak near the target. One Firefly (Pilot - Sub-Lieutenant MacMillan, R.A.N. & Observer, Observer 1 P. Hancox, O.N. A40057) was hit and crash landed about 3 miles to west of tunnel at 1605. Both aircrew survived and indicated their safety to remainder who immediately called ship and Mosquito at Seoul. Sea Furies operating in Han River area went at once to position as RESCAP and helicopter from Sydney (Pilot - A.D.C. (AP) A.K. Babbitt, U.S.N.) was scrambled, escorted by 2 Sea Furies at 1625. A flight of 4 Meteors came promptly from Kimp'o as additional RESCAP and were relieved by a later one. Helicopter from Paengyong-Do was also scrambled and made for the position escorted by two Sea Furies. In view of the wind and the possibility of its being unable to land before dark this helicopter was ordered by Seoul to return to base at 1700. H.M.A.S. Sydney's helicopter arrived at position and picked up both aircrew, and, still escorted by 2 Sea Furies, landed safely at Kimp'o with the last of the light at 1830.



ENCLOSURE NO.3 to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY's letter 20/2E/51 dated 29 October 1951

DAMAGE CAUSED BY ENEMY FLAK

For period 18th to 26th October 1951.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Pilot</u>     | <u>Aircraft</u> | <u>Damage and Repairs</u>  |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| 18th        | Lt. Brown        | 107             | Bullet hole in nose cowl. Cover patch.   |
| 19th        | Lt. Clarkson     | 138             | Flak damage to fuselage. Insertion repair.   |
| 19th        | S/Lt. Lane       | 101             | Bullet hole in fuselage. Nose cowl damaged by 20 m.m. shellcase.   |
| 19th        | Lt. Cdr. Bowles  | 104             | Bullet entered engine damaging 2 induction pipes. Insertion repair and replacement of damaged pipes, and new injector fitted.                      |
| 19th        | S/Lt. Webster    | 107             | Flak damage to Port mainplane. New mainplane fitted. Bullet passed through main fuel tank. Insertion repairs to fuselage and new fuel tank fitted. |
| 19th        | Lt. Cdr. Fell    | 131             | Bullet hole in leading edge of rudder-fin. Cover patch.  |
| 19th        | Lt. Rickell      | 135             | Bullet hole in Starboard wing-stub. Insertion repair.  |
| 25th        | Lt. Wheatley     | 105             | Damaged by flak causing loss of oil pressure. Aircraft ditched.  |
| 25th        | Lt. Cdr. Appleby | 102             | Flak damaged main spar of Port mainplane. Aircraft landed at KIMPO.  |
| 25th        | S/Lt. Coleman    | 136             | Flak damage to Starboard mainplane. New mainplane fitted.  |
| 25th        | Lt. Cdr. Bowles  | 130             | Flak damage to under-surface of fuselage. Insertion repair.  |
| 25th        | Lt. Brown        | 130             | Under-side mainplane ripped by rocket fin. Insertion repair.   |
| 26th        | S/Lt. Knappstein | 103             | Damaged by flak. Aircraft ditched.   |
| 26th        | S/Lt. MacMillan  | 204             | Damaged by flak. Successful forced landing in enemy territory.   |
| 26th        | Lt. Cdr. Fell    | 137             | Controls damaged by flak. Aircraft landed at KIMPO.  |
| 26th        | Lt. Seed         | 138             | Bullet hole in Elevator. New elevator fitted.  |

Note : Damage classified as "Flak" were jagged holes which may have been caused by :

- (a) Explosive bullets
- (b) Shrapnel from (i) relatively heavy A.A. fire or (ii) bursting of own rockets.

Damage classified as "Bullet Holes" were from Small Arms Fire.



SYDNEY

R of P 1-16 October 1951

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There is no record of receipt  
of a R of P for the period, although  
5193/12/6 (MP1049, S/6, B/96) contains a <sup>CBAL\*</sup> <sup>War</sup>  
Diary for the month.

On 14-15/10/51 SYDNEY encountered  
Typhoon RUTH. For special report on this  
see 4278/3/34 (MP691, B/293).

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\* <sup>was</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>Army</sup> <sup>officer</sup>  
based in SYDNEY



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H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
At Sasebo, Japan.  
13th October 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the report of proceedings of H.M.A. ship under my command for the month of September 1951.

*Hd/N*

2. The voyage to Manus was continued without incident and flying was carried out on the 1st, 2nd and until midday on 3rd September when weather condition caused their cessation. During the afternoon of the 3rd H.M.A.S. "TOBRUK" was completed with fuel. No flying was carried out on the 4th September but an improvement in the weather enabled some flying to be done during the afternoon of the 5th.

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3. While passing through the St. George's Channel during the early hours of the 6th September signals were received from "BARCOO" and A.C.N.B. indicating that the inhabitants of Rabaul were desirous of "SYDNEY's" personal appearance in the harbour and of an air demonstration by her aircraft. Accordingly I entered Rabaul Harbour at 0750 accompanied by "TOBRUK", turned at rest in the Northern part of the Harbour, and left again immediately afterwards to carry out a day's flying to the northward of New Britain. All aircraft flown on exercises during the day carried out a demonstration over Rabaul during some period of their flight. At 1330 on this day a fire broke out in one of the Sea Furies in the forward Deck Park; this was quickly extinguished before it could spread to the other aircraft. A report on this incident has been forwarded in the usual manner.

4. After carrying out flying practices all day to the northward of Manus Island on the 7th September, "SYDNEY" and "TOBRUK" entered Seadler Harbour, and "SYDNEY" anchored in the vicinity of Lonbrun Point at 1700. Calls were exchanged with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea (A/Captain J.A. Walsh, O.B.E., R.A.N.) and both ships completed with fuel. The weekend of 8th and 9th September was pleasantly spent in spite of the intense heat in recreational and social activities with H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU". Apart from private hospitality and an official dinner party which I gave to the notables of the district opportunity was taken to invite on board all the white children of the settlement, sixty members of the Royal Papuan Constabulary and nineteen Recruit Seamen of the New Guinea Division of the Royal Australian Navy. I understand the ship made a great impression on the natives. The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KOALA" (Lieutenant Commander W.O'Loughlin, R.A.N.) lately of this ship, gave a successful party on 9th September. It was quite astonishing to see how smart and festive the upper deck of a boom vessel can be made and I thought it was a praiseworthy effort.

5. With "TOBRUK" in company departure was taken for Yokosuka at 0700 on Monday, 10th September, and flying was carried out from the 10th to the 14th September inclusive. Only one serial was flown on the 12th September owing to heavy rain, and the opportunity was taken of fuelling "TOBRUK". At 0900 on the 11th September a Sea Fury being flown by Sub Lieutenant I.E. Webster, R.A.N., ditched owing to failure of the engine which was in turn due to lack of oil pressure. The pilot managed to get out successfully with his dinghy from which he was rescued by my sea boat within a few minutes.

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6. No flying was carried out on Saturday, 15th September, to enable arrears of aircraft maintenance to be made up and "TOBRUK" was again completed with fuel. At 1355 on this day Naval Airman Mechanic (E) R.F.Spargo, O/N. A.35697, fell overboard from P.1 Gun Sponson. Prompt and correct action was taken by the Officer of the Watch and the rating was picked up unhurt shortly afterwards by my sea boat. After a medical examination of the rating and examination of his medical history it was established beyond doubt that he fell over the side owing to an attack of dizziness. His complaint was diagnosed as Petit Mal, and as the same thing might occur again he is obviously unfit for sea service.

7. Normal flying was carried out on the 16th and 18th September, flying being impracticable on 17th owing to bad weather. War Routine was exercised from 1600 on 17th September to daylight on 19th September. My programme date for arrival at Yokosuka was not until 21st September, but as I was now down to about 50% of oil fuel and as there was a typhoon in the vicinity of the Phillipines which could easily menace Southern Japan within the next few days I decided to enter Yokosuka on 19th September to complete with fuel and so be in a position to do some high speed steaming to avoid the typhoon should this become necessary.

8. I had intended that both ships should carry out anti-aircraft firings at a sleeve target in an exercise area off the East coast of Japan a.m. on the 19th September. On arrival in this area however, the weather had seriously deteriorated, and the low ceiling and visibility made it obvious that no towing aircraft would appear. Course was therefore shaped for Yokosuka and after an anxious approach in low visibility the ship arrived there at 1600 on 19th September followed by "TOBRUK" one hour later. On anchoring a comical note was struck by the appearance of an L.C.P. alongside complete with U.S.Navy Squeegee Band and half a dozen Geisha girls who put up a turn for the benefit of the ship's company.

9. The ship remained at Yokosuka from the 19th to 25th September during which time the officers and ship's company enjoyed the amenities of Yokosuka and Tokyo. I was disappointed on arrival to find that the primary object of my visit to Yokosuka, namely the deperming of the ship, could not be carried out. During the visit I called officially at Yokosuka on Commander, Fleet Activities in Japan and Korea, Rear Admiral McManus, U.S.N., and his Chief of Staff, and together with the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "TOBRUK", in Tokyo, on the Chief of Staff of Commander, Naval Forces, Far East, in the absence of the latter; on Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Robertson, Commander-in-Chief, British Commonwealth Occupation Forces; on Colonel Hodgson, the Australian Political Representative in Japan and on Mr. George Clutton, the Acting United Kingdom Political Representative in Japan. My call on Commander, Fleet Activities was returned by Rear Admiral McManus in person.

10. At 0900 on 25th September I sailed from Yokosuka and having met "TOBRUK" off Oshima at 1225 the two ships proceeded in company for Kure. It was intended, and very much hoped, to get in a day's flying on the 26th September, but persistent rain, low ceiling and visibility made this out of the question. The Bungo Suido was entered at dusk on the 26th. September and after fighting a nightmare battle with a multitude of fishing boats until 0100 on the 27th the ship reached the Inland Sea in safety to 0200 and proceeded up the swept channel to Kure securing alongside at No. 5 berth at 0830. H.M.S. "GLORY", whom we were to relieve, was lying on the other side of the pontoon. Arrangements were immediately put into train to take over the duties of "GLORY" and to transfer aircraft and many items of equipment.

11. H.M.S. "UNICORN", wearing the flag of Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear-Admiral A.K.Scott-Moncrieff, D.S.O. ) arrived at 1040 on 28th September, and H.M.S. "ALERT" with Commander in Chief, Far East Station (Vice Admiral the Hon. Sir Guy Russell, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., ~~###~~.) embarked, at 0900 on 29th, and the period from the 28th to the 30th September was spent in a whirl of exchanging calls, ceremonial visits and social activities. In the intervals we succeeded



in obtaining an excellent turn-over from H.M.S. "GLORY" who sailed for Hong Kong and Australia p.m. on the 30th September. At 1035 on Sunday, 30th September, the Commander in Chief, Far East Station, visited the ship and met the officers and inspected the ship's company at Divisions, on the conclusion of which he was kind enough to make his signal D.T.G. 300215/September, copy of which is attached.

12. The impact of Japan combined with the unfortunate necessity of giving leave daily only until 2400 had a bad effect on many of the younger and irresponsible members of the ship's company. Although conduct on the whole ashore was good and few instances of misconduct were reported, leave breaking assumed large and unsatisfactory proportions, especially in Yokosuka. It is hoped that this is a temporary phase and will pass. Otherwise, the health, morale and discipline of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

13. Navigation and Aviation details for the month are as follows :

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Distance steamed during September    | 6138.7 miles    |
| Distance steamed since commissioning | 94466.9 miles   |
| Hours under way during September     | 436.30/60 hrs.  |
| Hours under way since commissioning  | 3062.35/60 hrs. |
| Deck landings during September       | 280             |
| Deck landings since commissioning    | 5850            |
| Hours flown by aircraft embarked     | 469.30          |

14. In future letters of proceedings will be rendered in accordance with Commander, Task Group 95.1's Operation Order No. 2/51.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SOD.) D. H. HARRIES

CAPTAIN

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET





TO : SYDNEY (R) F.O.2.I.C. AFLOAT

FROM : C. IN C. AFLOAT

CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE VERY SMART TURNOUT  
AND THE EXCELLENT APPEARANCE OF THE SHIP. I WISH YOU EVERY  
POSSIBLE SUCCESS IN YOUR OPERATIONS.

//300215/SEPT.



20.3.1  
H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
(On passage to Manus)

4th September 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August 1951.

2. The weather on Wednesday, 1st August, was again unsuitable for flying and I therefore proceeded to Sydney with TOBRUK in company, securing alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at 1525. The remainder of the week was employed in embarking fuel and Naval and Victualling stores. The ship was dressed overall on Saturday, 4th August, in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

3. The Flag Officer Commanding embarked at 1500 on Monday, 6th August, and at 1600 on the same day I slipped and proceeded for Hervey Bay with TOBRUK in company. During the remainder of the week flying practices were carried out using Bird Island and Morna Point Ranges on Tuesday, 7th August, own resources on Wednesday 8th August, and Fairfax Island range on Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th August. Anchorage was taken up in Bustard Bay during the night of 9/10 August.

4. On completion of flying on Friday, 10th August, the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet transferred to TOBRUK who was detached to Brisbane for fuel. Opportunity was taken to despatch Brisbane natives in TOBRUK to Brisbane for short leave. On parting company from TOBRUK off Fairfax Island I proceeded to the southward and anchored for the night in the northern part of Hervey Bay. AIR SPEED joined me as attendant craft at 0715 on Saturday, 11th August, and flying practices were carried out in Hervey Bay during the forenoon. On completion of flying AIR SPEED was detached to Bundaberg at 1240 and the ship proceeded to Platypus Bay anchoring there at 1420.

5. TOBRUK rejoined me in Hervey Bay at 0730 on Monday, 13th August, and when libertymen had been re-embarked from her the two ships proceeded to the northward and on this and the succeeding days of the week until the afternoon of Thursday, 16th August, armament flying practices were carried out in the Curtis Channel using Fairfax Island range, anchorage being taken up each night in Bustard Bay. On Monday and Tuesday, 13th and 14th August, AIR SPEED acted as Range Safety Boat and Crash Boat off Fairfax Island. She was detached to Bundaberg and then to Brisbane during the morning of Wednesday, 15th August.

6. Departure was taken from Fairfax Island at 1526 on Thursday 16th August, and after a day's flying using own resources off the North coast of New South Wales on Friday 17th August, the ship arrived in Sydney at 0725 on Saturday 18th August, and proceeded directly into the Captain Cook Dock.

7. There is no doubt that the experiment of proceeding to the Hervey Bay area for flying practices was an unqualified success in spite of a certain lack of facilities etc. A separate report will be forwarded on this subject.

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Minister  
16/11/51*



8. The next 13 days were spent in Sydney having certain defects made good and making final preparations before departing for Japan. The ship was shifted to the Fitting Out Wharf by tugs during the forenoon of Tuesday, 28th August. During the afternoon of 28th August the Minister for the Navy accompanied by the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet walked round the ship.

9. During the forenoon of Friday, 31st August, the Flag Officer-in-Charge, New South Wales, paid a farewell call and at 1330 on this day I slipped and proceeded for Manus. Close range A/A firings at a sleeve target towed by an R.A.A.F. Beaufighter were carried out from 1625 to 1645.

10. The health, morale and discipline of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

11. Navigation and Aviation details for the month are as follows :-

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Distance steamed during August       | 3176.5 miles   |
| Distance steamed since commissioning | 88328.2 miles  |
| Hours under way during August        | 201.10/60 hrs. |
| Hours under way since commissioning  | 7626.5/60 hrs. |
| Deck landings during August          | 327            |
| Deck landings since commissioning    | 5570           |
| Hours flown by aircraft embarked     | 638            |

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) D. H. HARRIES

CAPTAIN

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.





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H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
At Sea (Hervey Bay area)

11th August 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of July 1951.

2. During the first nine days of the month the ship was completing availability for leave and refit and preparing for sea. On 4th July the ship shifted berth to "C" Buoy and from that date until Monday 9th July degaussing was carried out using keel haul magnetometer and provisional D.G. charts obtained. At 1100 on Tuesday 10th July I sailed from Sydney to Jervis Bay direct arriving there the same day. The remainder of the week was spent in calibrating the M.F. and H.F. D/F sets at the anchorage and the V.H.F. D/F sets and the Radar, Type 960, at sea. H.M.A.S. "ANZAC" arrived in Jervis Bay to attend on me on 12th July and on the same day a partial repair trial of one hour's duration full power was carried out by "SYDNEY". General working up drills were also carried out during the week including fuelling "ANZAC" at sea.

3. During the weekend 14th/15th July a portion of the SYDNEY Carrier Air Group were embarked and on 16th July eight Sea Furies were flown on board from Nowra and a start was made on Sea Fury deck landing practices. On Tuesday 17th July Sea Fury No. 112 went over the Port side when landing on and sank. The pilot, Lieutenant P. Goldrick, R.A.N., got clear of the machine and was picked up by H.M.A.S. "ANZAC". With the exception of one or two pilots who had not embarked for various reasons Sea Fury deck landing practices were completed p.m. on Thursday 19th July. On this day 57 ratings were despatched to "TOBRUK" on loan to allow her to proceed to sea as attendant destroyer. On Friday 20th July difficult flying conditions were encountered and after six Sea Furies had been landed on from Nowra flying was discontinued, and the adverse weather prevented any further flying during this week. On Sunday 22nd July I proceeded to Sydney by car to wait upon you in order to discuss the future programme of the ship. On this day H.M.A.S. "TOBRUK" arrived from Sydney to relieve H.M.A.S. "ANZAC" who sailed for Sydney the same day.

4. On Monday and Tuesday, 23rd and 24th July, preliminary working up practices were carried out with Sea Furies and during the afternoon of the latter day five Fireflies were embarked from Nowra and a start was made on the Firefly deck landing practices which continued until Thursday 26th July. Some further Sea Fury deck landing practices were carried out on Thursday and Friday 26th and 27th July together with preliminary working up drills for the whole Air Group, and during these two days the full outfit of aircraft was embarked from Nowra and a start was made in operating aircraft with a permanent deck park. Normal working up of the Air Group was continued on Saturday 28th July.



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5. During the forenoon of Monday 30th July normal flying practices were carried out and on the afternoon of that day close range Anti-Aircraft firings were carried out by the ship at a sleeve target towed by a R.A.A.F. Beaufighter. On completion of the day's exercises I sailed for the Newcastle area. On Tuesday 31st July working up flying exercises were continued in the Newcastle area using Bird Island range for practice bombing. An increasing southerly swell however obliged me to discontinue flying in the middle of the day and course was shaped for the Northward with the hope of running out of the bad flying conditions.

6. The health, morale and discipline of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

7. Navigation and Aviation details for the month are as follows :-

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Distance steamed during July         | 1577.8 miles     |
| Distance steamed since commissioning | 85151.7 miles    |
| Hours under way during July          | 176 hours        |
| Hours under way since commissioning  | 7424.55/60 hours |
| Deck landings during July            | 457              |
| Deck landings since commissioning    | 5243             |
| Hours flown by aircraft embarked     | 328.50/60 hours  |

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(SGD.) D. H. HARRIES

CAPTAIN

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.



20/3/1

H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"  
At Sydney.

14th June 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May 1951.

2. From 1st to 4th May inclusive the ship was engaged in flying exercises off Jervis Bay to work up the 21st Carrier Air Group. At 0947 on Thursday, 3rd May, a Sea Fury aircraft piloted by Lieutenant R.W. Barnett, R.A.N., crashed into the sea off Jervis Bay immediately after a rocket assisted take off from the ship's deck. A search by "SYDNEY", "ANZAC", two S.A.R. craft and aircraft failed to reveal any trace of the pilot and at 1048 aircraft in the air were landed on and the flying programme recommenced. The flag of the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet was struck at 0830 on Friday 4th May and re-hoisted in H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" at 1517 on the same day when the Flag Officer Commanding re-embarked after his arrival in Jervis Bay in H.M.A.S. "ANZAC".

3. The ship, with "ANZAC" in company, sailed for Port Lincoln at 2130 on Friday, 4th May, and on Saturday, 5th May, flying was carried out off Gabo Island, all aircraft engaged carrying out R.P. firings. The passage to Port Lincoln was continued on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May, in moderately bad weather conditions until a lee was obtained under Kangaroo Island during the afternoon of the latter day. At 1400 H.M.A.S. "ANZAC" was detached to proceed to Port Adelaide for fuel and "SYDNEY" continued her passage to Port Lincoln, where she took up an anchor berth at 0838 on Tuesday 8th May.

4. The ensuing week was spent at anchor in Port Lincoln preparing for the ship's annual inspection by the Flag Officer Commanding and in carrying out such minor social engagements as the circumstances allowed.

5. At 1200 on Saturday, 12th May, the ship was dressed overall and fired a Royal Salute of 21 guns in honour of the anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. During this day the weather, which had been extremely good during the stay at Port Lincoln, seriously deteriorated and in the evening it became necessary to raise steam for immediate notice, to set anchor watch and to cease boat communication with the shore.

6. The weather had somewhat moderated by the morning of Sunday 13th and on this and the succeeding day the annual inspection of the ship was carried out by the Flag Officer Commanding His Majesty's Australian Fleet; the programme for the inspection had to be altered at the last moment owing to the rain which persisted during these two days. The inspection ended during the afternoon of Monday, 14th May, and at 1650, in company with H.M.A.S. "ANZAC" who had arrived from Whyalla during the forenoon, departure was taken from Jervis Bay via Port Adelaide anchorage.



7. Although recreational, social and sporting activities ashore at Port Lincoln had to be limited by the necessity for preparation for the forthcoming inspection, the visit was a successful one. It had been feared that the impact of the company of a big ship might prove embarrassing to a comparatively small town; these fears were unfounded and the conduct of libertymen was excellent. Great kindness was shown to my ship's company by the citizens of the town and this was particularly marked during the night of 12/13 May when accommodation was found ashore for 26 libertymen stranded ashore by the onset of bad weather.

8. "SYDNEY" and "ANZAC" arrived at Port Adelaide anchorage at 0730 on Tuesday, 15th May, and disembarked long leave libertymen for South Australia and Western Australia by the courtesy of the South Australian Harbours Board's Tender, Sir Wallace Mitchell. This operation was completed by 0918 when the ships once more proceeded for Jervis Bay.

9. Apart from the encountering of a heavy swell between Cape Willoughby and Cape Otway, the passage to Jervis Bay was uneventful. All serviceable aircraft of the 21st Carrier Air Group were flown off to the R.A.N. Air Station, Nowra, during the afternoon of Thursday, 17th May, with the ship off Green Cape, and the ship herself anchored in Jervis Bay at 2330, H.M.A.S. "ANZAC" having been detached off Jervis Bay heads to proceed to Sydney.

10. On Friday, 18th May, the personnel, stores and unserviceable aircraft of the 21st Carrier Air Group were disembarked and at 2150 the ship sailed for Sydney, where she arrived the following morning securing alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at 0740.

11. The remainder of the month was spent in Sydney refitting and giving long leave, the ship being moved into Captain Cook Dock on Friday, 25th May, under Dockyard control with tugs.

12. The health, morale and discipline of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

13. Navigation and Aviation details for the month are as follows:-

|                                      |   |                 |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Distance steamed during May          | - | 2762.2 miles    |
| Distance steamed since commissioning | - | 83573.9 miles   |
| Hours under way during May           | - | 208.10/60 hrs.  |
| Hours under way since commissioning  |   | 7248.55/60 hrs. |
| Deck landings during May             |   | 96              |
| Deck landings since commissioning    |   | 4786            |
| Hours flown by aircraft embarked     |   | 172 hrs.        |

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) D. H. HARRIS

CAPTAIN.

Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.