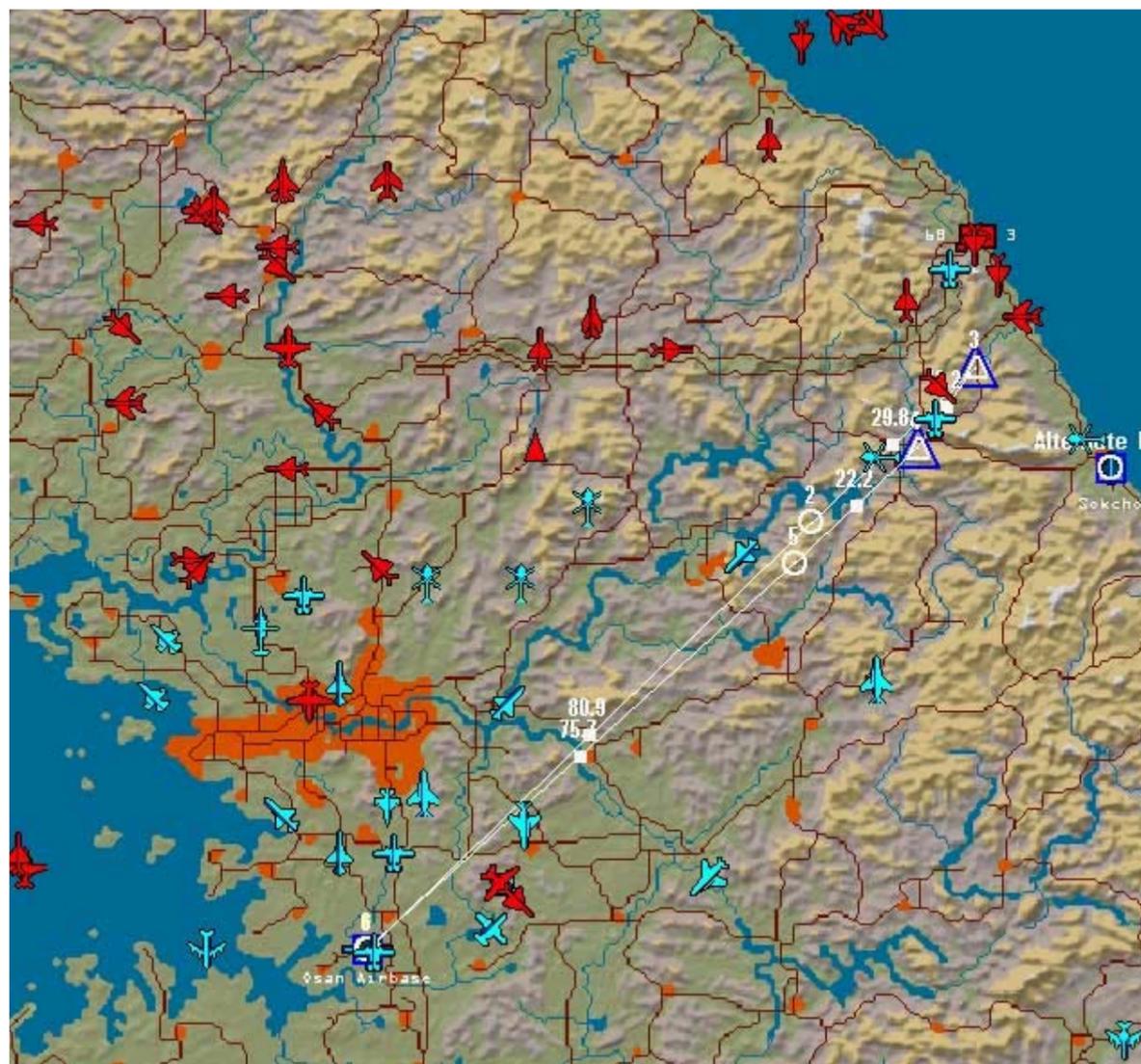


Planning/preflight:

The AWACS planning map shows relatively light air activity enroute to the target area with greater enemy air activity forecast over the target area:



We'll be carrying MK-20 Rockeyes for our strike and AMRAAMs for self-protection:



Debrief:

When we first start out on the runway, I'm puzzled to see an F-16 directly in front of me. For a brief second I think I accidentally selected the wing position instead of flight lead but when the tower clears me for take-off the F-16 does a 180 and falls into position behind me:



The flight to the target area was one of the calmest I've had yet in the theater. The central portion of the peninsula is not very hotly contested. The coastal areas seem to be where the greatest enemy concentrations are. About 30 miles from the target area the first sign of trouble comes when I get spiked by a MiG-29 at 9 o'clock:



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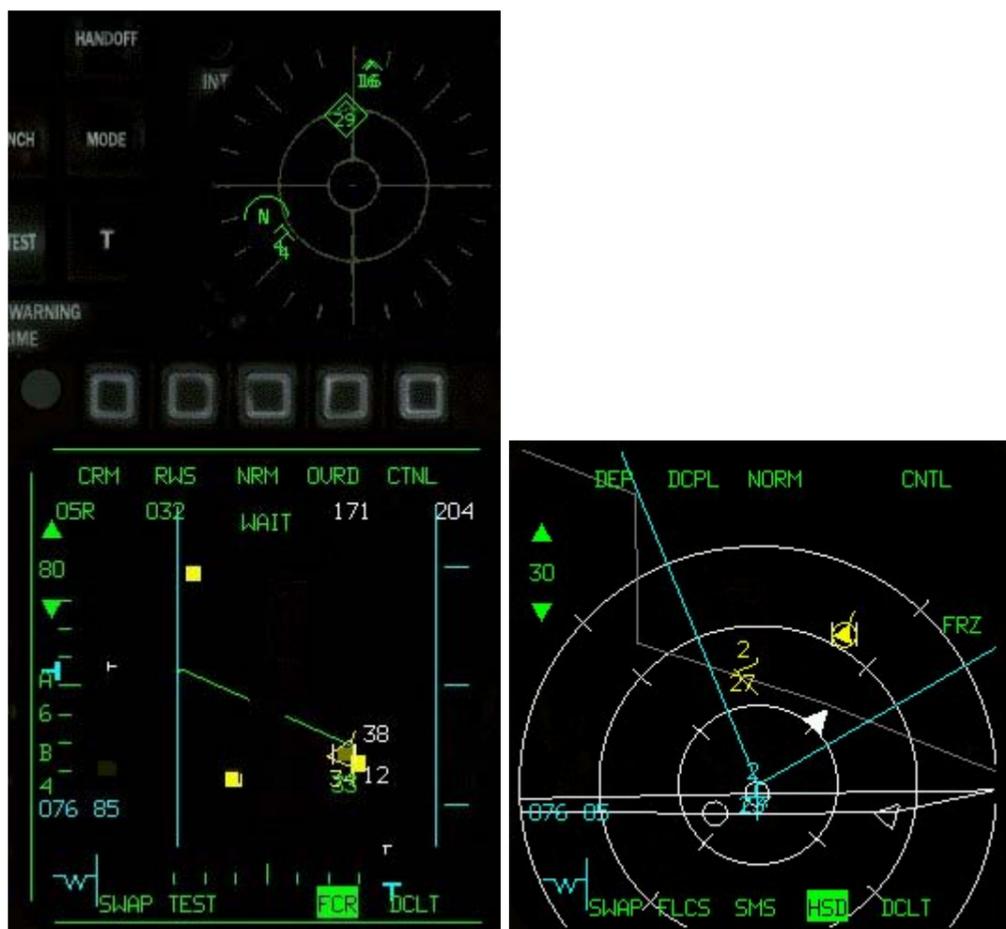
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The -29 isn't a threat to ignore, so I reluctantly put my nose on him and start slewing the radar cursors around until I finally start painting them (this image I'm querying another contact, the -29s are actually in the center of the radar):



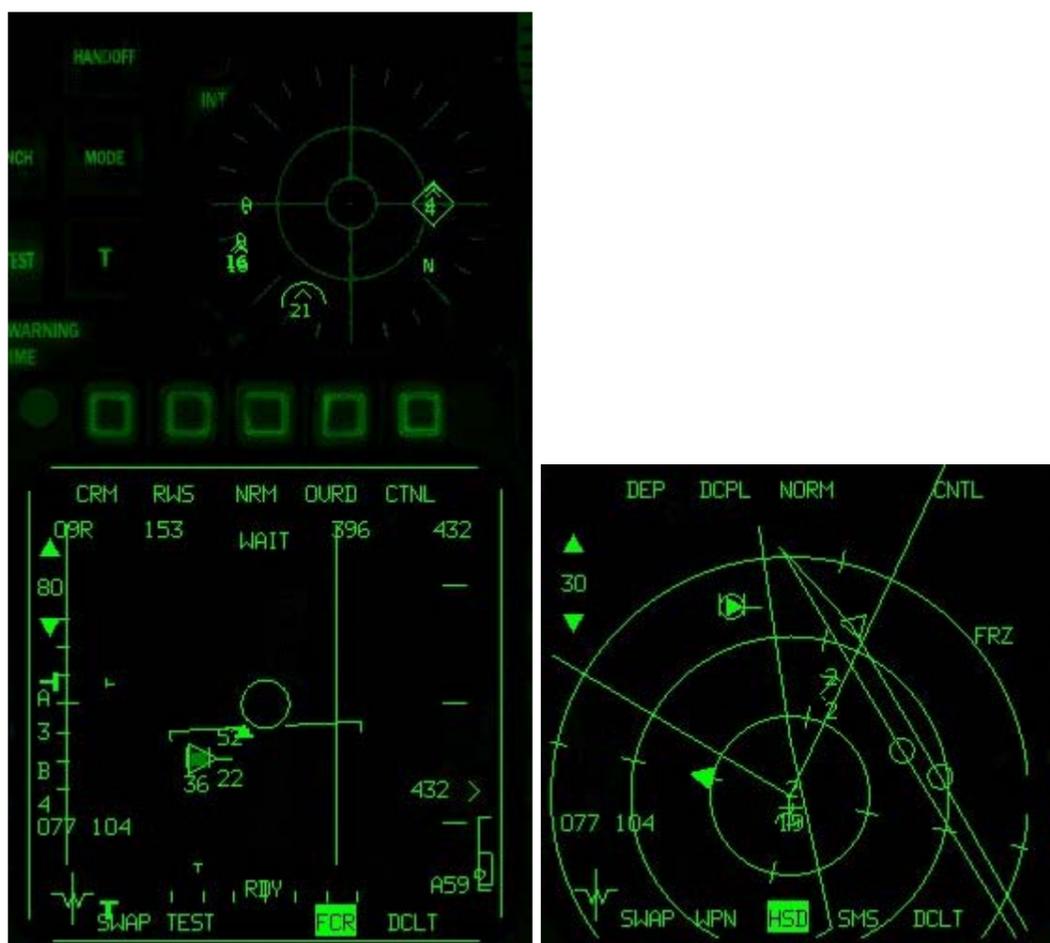
I select one of the -29s and decide to use my wingmen to my advantage and order him to engage. A few seconds later he yells out "Fox 3 long" and an AMRAAM buzzes over my canopy:



I quickly select the second -29, lock him up and again order my wingman to engage which he promptly does splashing the second -29 as I keep watch through my HUD:



Turning back on course the radar scope starts to fill up with the anticipated additional enemies that the MiG-29s always seem to be escorting. This time there is a bit more of a lethal mix however. Instead of just a few Il-28s there are at least 4 MiG-21s, MiG-19s and a flight of probably 4 MiG-23 multi-role attack aircraft. I wager that the MiG-21s are the biggest threat and quickly lock up and launch on two of them flying in formation:



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My first AMRAAM kills one MiG-21:



My second does in the wingman:



Then I lock up a pair of MiG-23s and fire on them, quickly exhausting all my air-to-air ordnance (Hans was right!):



Unfortunately I hear my wingman engaging another of the MiG-23s and he manages to get shot down to my great despair.

With the skies a hot-bed of activity and out of A2A ordnance I head due south away from the area and call for help from the AWACS controller. I also call for the picture from AWACS and hear there is a group of MiG-19s at my 6 o'clock for 10 miles so I wait for a friendly flight of F-16s to pass me going the other way before I hazard a 180 to check my radar. Pointing back toward the strike waypoint I can see the F-16 flight that came to my rescue working over the air threats in the area.



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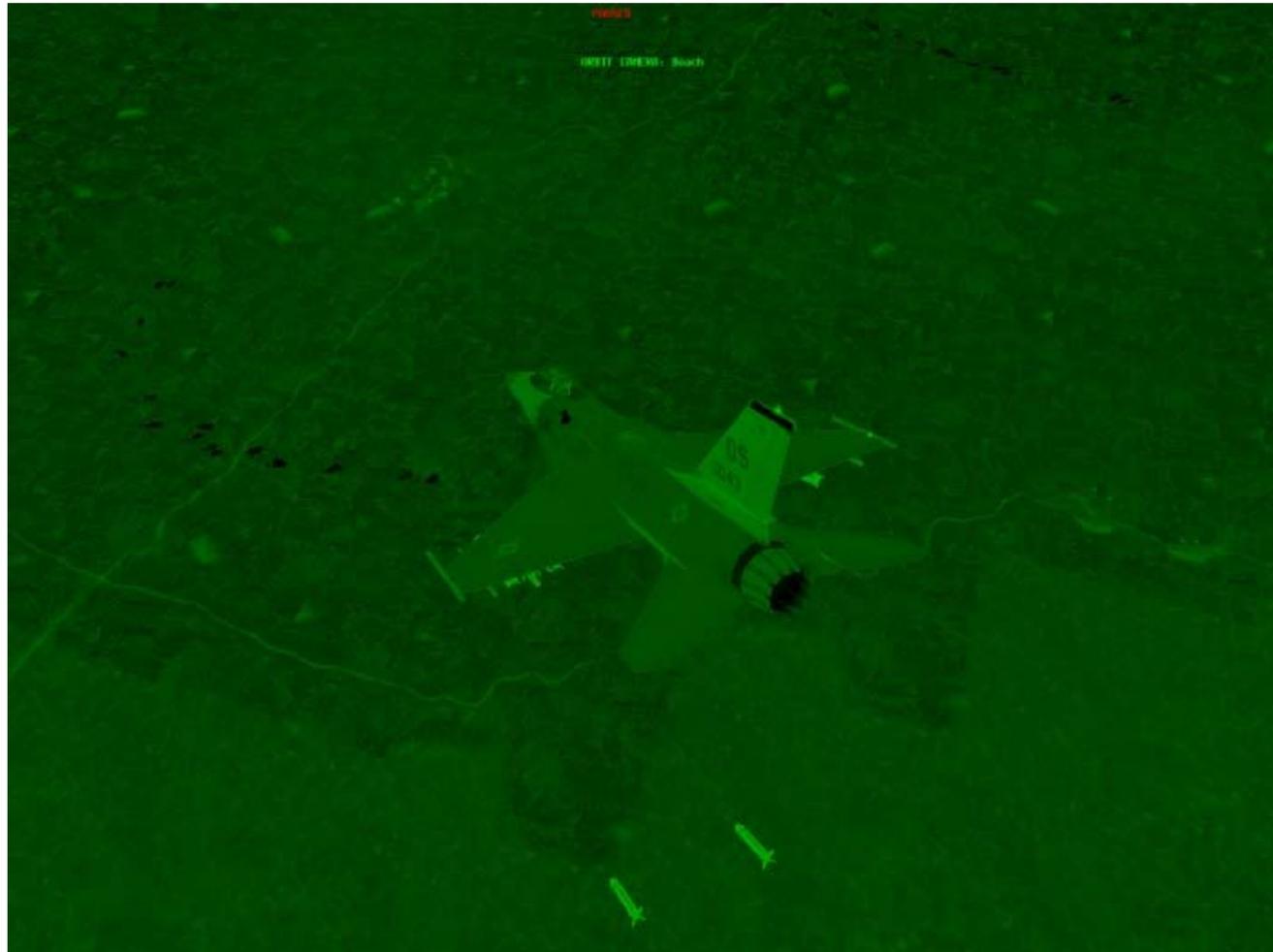
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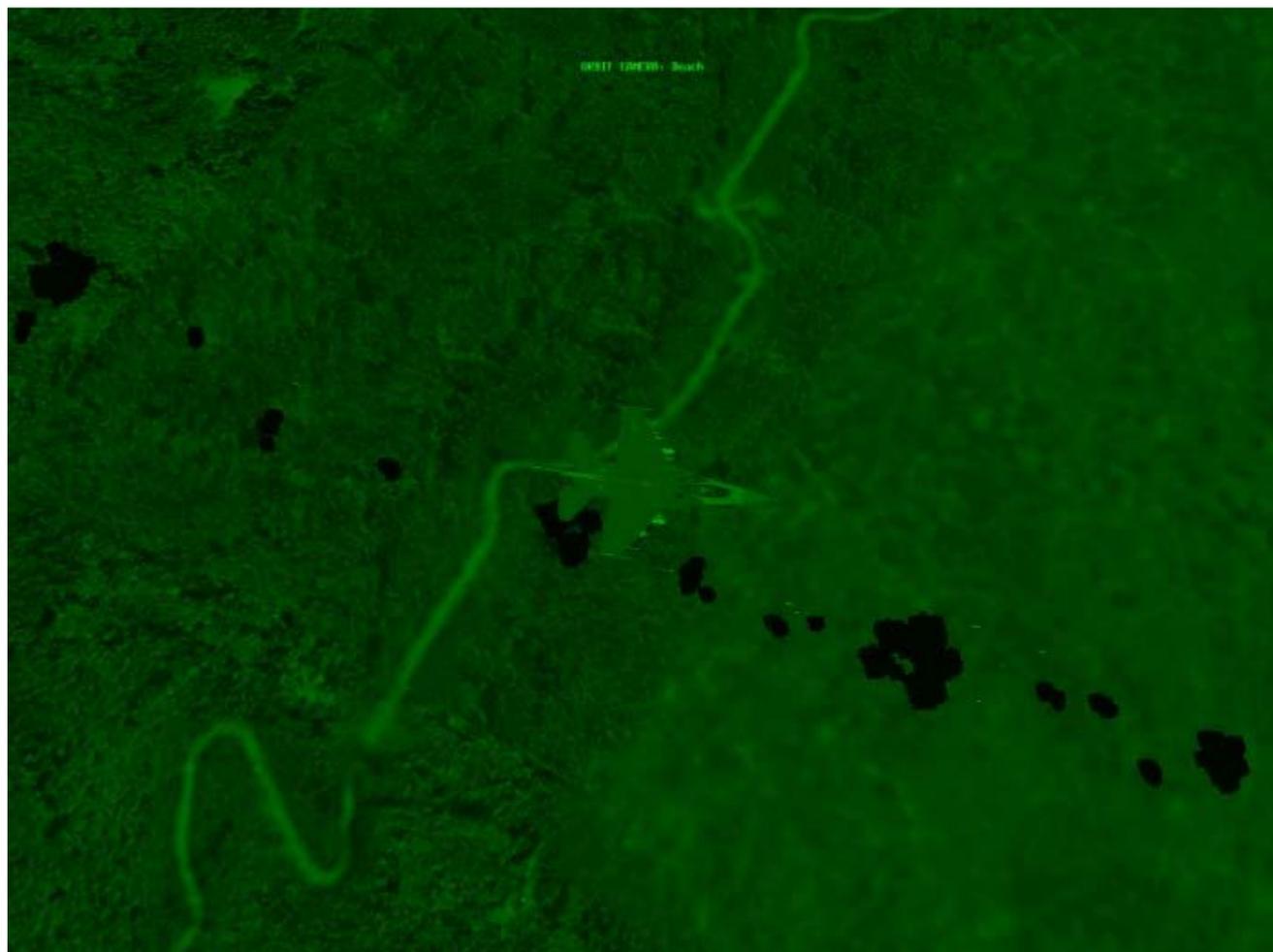
📅 posted 10-07-2003 22:18 🏠 👤 ✉️ 📝 “ ”

Comfortable with the situation I pull up my A2G radar, switch to GMT and designate a target. The radar breaks lock a couple of times but soon the radar picture is showing an obvious convoy so I roll in on it with CCIP selected:





My CBUs hit right on target but as I pull off the target I hear my airframe take a huge hit and my aircraft starts rolling out of control to the right. I yank the handles and again my mission is over:





Conclusions:

Well, I should have orbited south of the target area for a little longer because I ended up getting shot down by an AA-8 'Aphid', probably launched by one of the MiG-23 attack aircraft. I thought the immediate area was clear, but I might not have tilted my radar down enough to paint the entire airspace volume when I was approaching the target area. A timely call to AWACS probably would have alerted me to his presence, but things were pretty busy.

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Beach joined as Spartan21 at 01:59:00
DPRK MiG-29A downed by Spartan22 at 02:13:37
DPRK MiG-29A downed by Spartan22 at 02:14:08
RBK-250/PTAB launched at Beach 02:18:06
DPRK MiG-21MF downed by Beach at 02:18:49
DPRK MiG-21MF downed by Beach at 02:20:04
DPRK MiG-23ML downed by Beach at 02:23:03
Spartan22 downed by DPRK MiG-23ML at 02:23:0
A.A-11 launched at Beach 02:23:17
DPRK MiG-23ML downed by Beach at 02:23:45
RBK-250/OAB launched at Beach 02:32:24
RBK-250/OAB launched at Beach 02:34:48
A.A-8 launched at Beach 02:35:24
DPRK T-55 destroyed by Beach at 02:35:30
DPRK BTR-60 destroyed by Beach at 02:35:31
A.A-8 launched at Beach 02:35:36
A.A-8 launched at Beach 02:35:36
A.A-8 launched at Beach 02:35:40
Beach ejected at 02:35:56
    
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The mission is rated a partial success since I did manage to score a few kills on some ground vehicles. Trading US/ROK planes for DPRK planes isn't exactly a good idea though. One F-16 is worth far more than a couple MiG-21s and MiG-23s.

DEBRIEFING

MISSION: Partial success (Interdict enemy vehicles in the area around Dalsan.)
YOUR TASK: Partial success (Search for enemy targets, engage and destroy at will)
PILOT RATING: Excellent

Actual TOT: 02:19:52 (196 seconds late)
 Losses: 2

PACKAGE STATISTICS:

Flight	Aircraft	Comments
Spartan2 (Interdiction)	2 F-16CG	Mission partial success: Only light damage was inflicted to enemy.

[Event List](#)

FLIGHT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Status	Ordnance Fired	Results
Spartan21	Destroyed	2 x AIM-120C 2 x AIM-120B 6 x Mk-20D	2 hits (100%) 2 hits (100%) 6 hits (100%)
Spartan22	Destroyed	1 x 20mm M61 2 x AIM-120C 2 x AIM-120B	1 miss (0%) 2 hits (100%) 1 miss, 1 hit (50%)

PILOT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Aircraft	Pilot	Status	AA Kills	AG Kills	Rating
Spartan21	F-16CG	Lt. Beach	MIA	4 (0)	2 (0)	Excellent
Spartan22	F-16CG	Lt. Garrigues	KIA	2	0	Good

RESULTS:

The 3rd Armored Brigade has taken 10 losses and is withdrawing, largely due to the losses your package inflicted.

Again it comes down to patience and mission objectives. I probably could have ignored the -29s and pressed on toward the target and made a single pass drop of all my ordnance and turned south-bound to escape the threat. It is a hard temptation to pass up though when you have those beautiful AMRAAMs sitting out there on the rails. Living to fight another day should be paramount though and over-ride that urge to mix it up.

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Zero Niner
 Member
 Member # 273

📄 posted 10-08-2003 00:00 “ ”

Hey Beach!
 What's with the DPRK insisting on lobbing A2G ordnance at you? 😄 Lol 🌐

 Zero Niner, out.

From: **Singapore** | Registered: **Nov 1999** | IP: [Logged](#)

jroc
 Member
 Member # 101

📄 posted 10-08-2003 11:16 “ ”

Hey Beach,
 Great reports and fine pictures!

Just wondering... I'm about at the same stage of campaign as you: next time you start a mission, could you include your squadron strength? Mine's been hovering in the 13-15 F-16s range, I'm just curious how that compares.

Jroc

From: **Corvallis, OR, USA** | Registered: **Oct 1999** | IP: [Logged](#)

MeanGreeny
 Junior Member
 Member # 8923

📄 posted 10-08-2003 19:15 “ ”

Beach,
 Resist the temptation to use those slammers on non threatening aircraft. They've got their own flight path and agenda so as long as you see them in good time you can avoid contact and it's surprising how often you'll get away unmolested as long as you maintain separation. Bend away from your planned flight path if need be but try and unload your A-G prior to going ratting for MiG's and SU's.

You can only lose the war by not stopping the DPRK ground forces. During the initial, busy stages of a campaign it is definitely "One Pass, Haul A\$\$" and *then* go looking for trouble unencumbered by A-G ordnance.

Incidentally, I think you lose when the DPRK get to Seoul. You're doing no immediate good striking targets 120 nm to the North East of your key position - See posts about bridges in mission #10. [Not sure about this - I've never lost a campaign 🌐]

From: **UK** | Registered: **Jan 2002** | IP: [Logged](#)

Zero Niner
 Member
 Member # 273

📄 posted 10-08-2003 20:28 “ ”

quote:

Originally posted by MeanGreeny:
Incidentally, I think you lose when the DPRK get to Seoul.

I thought that Pusan had to be captured as well? 😞

Zero Niner, out.

From: **Singapore** | Registered: **Nov 1999** | IP: [Logged](#)

MeanGreeny
Junior Member
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📄 posted 10-09-2003 16:10     “ ”

quote:

Originally posted by Zero Niner:I thought that Pusan had to be captured as well? 😞

Like I said, I never lost one so I'm a bit hazy on the subject 😊

From: **UK** | Registered: **Jan 2002** | IP: [Logged](#)

BeachAV8R
Member
Member # 3055

📄 posted 10-10-2003 02:07     “ ”

Lol..never lost a campaign..now that's putting the pressure on me! Hehe..

If only I could be a daylight only squadron..I might be doing better..<g>..

I'm getting there though..these forums are an excellent tool for soliciting advice. I'm going to learn JSOWs this morning.. 😊

BeachAV8R

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