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Falcon 4.0/SP3 Campaign Mission Report #39
OPERATION ROLLING FIRE
DAY 4 – 0515 HOURS

Campaign Status:

Daylight operations are gearing up and all indications remain that DPRK/PRC air operations have been significantly reduced. I am unsure whether this is due to attrition of enemy forces or if deeper OCA strikes (by other US/ROK assets) have reduced the number of airbases enemy forces are able to sortie from.

Objective:

The objective for this dawn mission is a fighter sweep over P'Yongyang. This mission is in support of continued rapid advances by US/ROK ground forces.

BRIEFING

MISSION: Destroy as many enemy aircraft as possible

YOUR TASK: Sweep

Station Area: over P'yonggang.

Time on Station: 05:45:49

SITUATION:

Be advised: Starting at 21:00:00, our ground forces will be making a major push towards P'Yongyang.

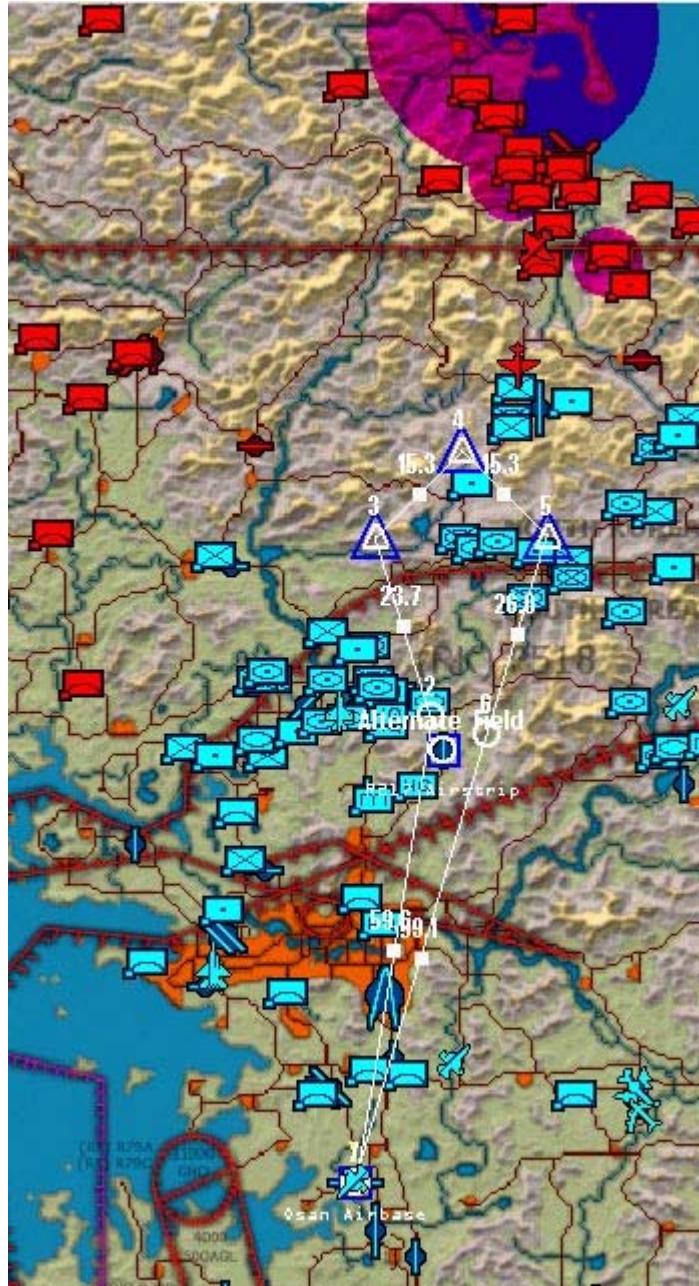
Army command would like to clear the area over P'yonggang of enemy CAS aircraft and helicopters. Air command will be running an offensive sweep mission in the area in the hopes that we can clear the area of enemy assets while suffering minimal losses.

PACKAGE ELEMENTS:

Skyhawk1 (Sweep) 2 F-16CG Clear sweep area of hostile aircraft

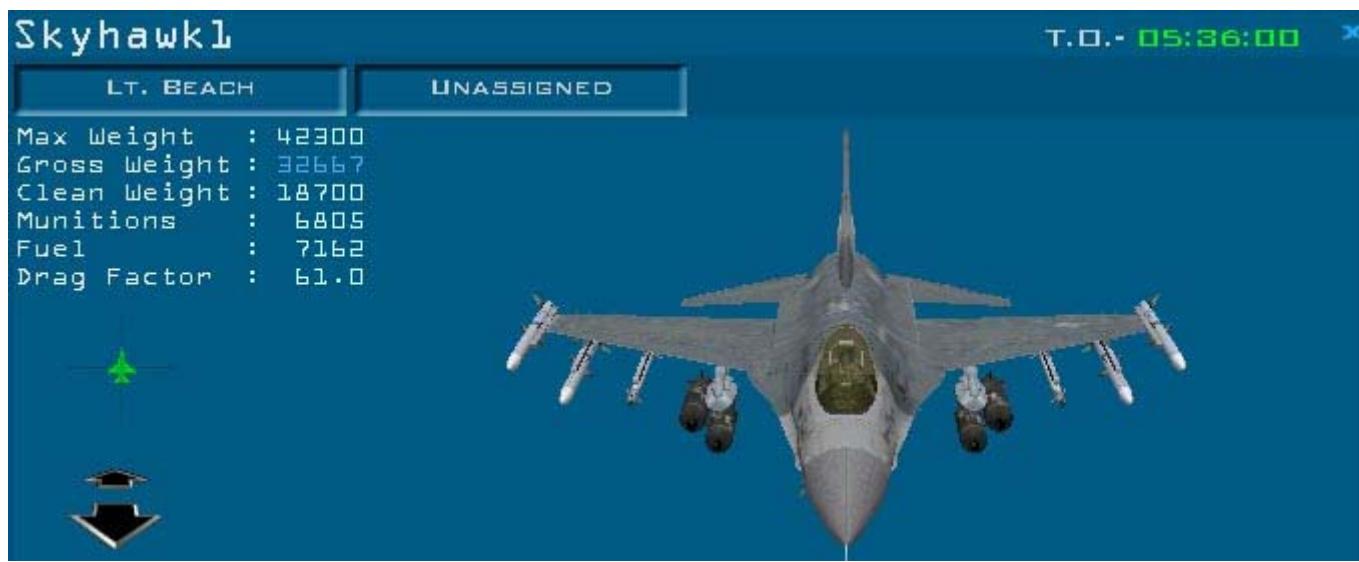
THREAT ANALYSIS:

DPRK MD-500s are expected to be operating within operation area.



Planning/preflight:

Our two-ship flight will depart Osan AFB and proceed north to loiter over the FEBA, engaging all enemy air assets that are brave enough to show themselves. Since the past 24 hours has seen a dramatic drop in enemy sortie rates we will supplement our A2A load-out with 4 CBUs in order to provide on the spot ground interdiction capability:



Debrief:

With our 6 AMRAAMs and 4 CBU canisters slung beneath our wings we takeoff and turn north toward our sweep area:



Glancing over my shoulder toward Osan, I make a single orbit, pick up my wingman and order him into close spread formation as we climb out to the north:



I glance down and select PRGM 3 on my counter-measure panel:



With my radar set to a long range scan I detect a lone target moving south, probably a large bomber based on the detection range:



The bomber is too far away for me to engage before another flight of friendly aircraft converge on him and make quick work of the situation. I turn my attention to completing my check-list and switch my lights off and configure my CBUs for delivery:



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Our "eyes in the sky", callsign "Chalice":



The blue sky is beautiful after the long night of green hues; it's a good day for hunting in Korea:



We reach our sweep waypoints and repeated calls to AWACS are responded to with the disappointing reply of "I don't have anything.." Frustrated by the lack of air action we alternate searching the air and ground and I spot an enemy column on my GMT radar:



I confirm the targets are north of the floating "FEBA" and query AWACS (I like to think of them as a JSTAR too!) for a positive enemy designation. With all doubt removed I padlock the middle of the column, order my wingman to engage and likewise roll in on the target:



My CBUs catch a couple of APCs trundling across the landscape:



As I pull off I hear the shrill warbling off the missile warning tone and glance down to see an SA-5 has been launched at me:





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I work my way back south, outpacing the SA-5 and turn back in for a second pass at the convoy. I nose over and once more at the bottom of my attack run the SA-5 lights off at me again and I wish I had a HARM to respond in kind:





With the SA-5 in the air I'm a bit nervous because it is forcing me down (to gain speed and energy) into the engagement range of several SA-13 vehicles to the south-east!



My wingman drops his CBUs in a level CCRP pass:



Yet another SA-5 arcs up from the site just to the north of our area:



Out of CBUs I return to the relative safety of our sweep area. I already know that my CBU passes were not very effective because the convoy was pretty well dispersed and on my second pass I failed to lead the convoy movement adequately. This mission isn't going very well at all but my mood brightens when AWACS finally calls out an enemy target coming down from the north about 40 miles away:



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I'm sitting right on the FEBA and know that running hell-bent northward is a bad idea so I make a couple of wide S-turns north and wait for the bogey to come to me. After a couple minutes the enemy bomber is within range and loose my first AMRAAM toward him:



For an easy kill:



A few minutes later, back on station we get a second call from AWACS indicating an enemy fighter well to our north-east: a single MiG-19, very low to the water moving north-west. We throttle up in pursuit, making a very big mistake. When we get close enough for a shot I start to reason that I'll start expending my wingman's weapons first since I will be able to go tank and continue the mission while I send him home when his fuel level becomes critical. With that thought I hand the MiG-19 off and order him to engage using the "CHAINSAW" command and he promptly fires his AMRAAM scoring a hit on the MiG-19:





With the MiG-19 going down I turn my attention to a second contact that has popped up and then it dawns on me that we are seeing enemy aircraft departing a coastal airport and we are catching them on the climb-out (a very vulnerable time for any aircraft!). I slew my targeting cursors over the new contact, designate it, and can see he is very low down near the beach:





I again give the "CHAINSAW" command to my wingman, who promptly rolls inverted to put his nose on the target, rolls upright, and fires his second AMRAAM:





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Boom! Splash-two!



In our excitement and pursuit, however, we have made a critical mistake. A very smart SA-2 operator down there has allowed us to close into range of the SA-2 battery guarding the northern limits of Wonsan (one of the few remaining SA-2 sites in that area). With no warning on the RWR prior to launch, the SA-2 suddenly pops onto the RWR scope followed an instant later by the launch tone....missile in the air!!



I have almost no time to react and I'm well within the missile envelope. I reef around hard to the north punching chaff and flares but I'm too late and the missile adjusts and hits me square knocking me onto my back:



Out of control my jet tumbles down and I mutter a quick "See ya!" to my wingman and pull the handles:

**Conclusions:**

Score 1 for the wily SA-2 operator. I was just stupid on this mission. After coming back to F4 after 2 months off, I was lured into a sense of invulnerability after three highly successful missions. Coupled with a bit of target fixation (a very low Su-25 drawing me closer and lower to the Wonsan area) I just flew right into an ambush. There was no need for me to keep my nose on the bandit after I gave the "CHAINSAW" command since my wingman would perform a max-range AMRAAM shot. I should have worked my way back south and waited for him to rejoin.

The mission is rated a partial failure (apparently I have a "glass half empty" S-2 officer, I would have preferred "partial success" ..lol..) and trading a healthy F-16 for a Tu-16, MiG-19 and Su-25 might not have been the most favorable outcome.

My wingman performed admirably though, with good ground target hits and 2 for 2 with his air-to-air missiles <S>.

DEBRIEFING

MISSION: Partial failure (Destroy as many enemy aircraft as possible)
YOUR TASK: Partial failure (Clear sweep area of hostile aircraft)
PILOT RATING: Average

Actual TOT: 05:48:26 (157 seconds late)
Losses: 1

PACKAGE STATISTICS:

Flight	Aircraft	Comments
Skyhawk1 (Sweep)	2 F-16CG	Mission partial failure: Enemy losses inflicted with moderate casualties. Event List

FLIGHT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Status	Ordnance Fired	Results
Skyhawk11	Destroyed	2 x AIM-120B 4 x CBU-58A/B	2 hits (100%) 4 hits (100%)
Skyhawk12	Functional	2 x AIM-120B 4 x CBU-58A/B	2 hits (100%) 4 hits (100%)

PILOT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Aircraft	Pilot	Status	AA Kills	AG Kills	Rating
Skyhawk11	F-16CG	Lt. Beach	MIA	1 (0)	3 (0)	Average
Skyhawk12	F-16CG	Lt. Humphries	OK	2	4	Good

RESULTS:

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Beach joined as Skyhawk11 at 05:36:00
DPRK M-1975 destroyed by Beach at 05:53:07
DPRK ACRV destroyed by Beach at 05:53:07
DPRK ACRV destroyed by Beach at 05:53:07
SA5 launched at Beach 05:53:57
DPRK BMP-3 destroyed by Skyhawk12 at 06:01:34
DPRK MDK-2-D destroyed by Skyhawk12 at 06:01:3
SA5 launched at Beach 06:02:47
DPRK T-62 destroyed by Skyhawk12 at 06:05:22
DPRK T-62 destroyed by Skyhawk12 at 06:05:22
SA5 launched at Beach 06:10:06
DPRK Tu-16 downed by Beach at 06:10:32
DPRK MiG-19SF downed by Skyhawk12 at 06:16:07
SA2 launched at Beach 06:26:51
DPRK SU-25BM downed by Skyhawk12 at 06:27:06
Beach ejected at 06:27:33
Beach exited from Skyhawk11 at 06:28:32

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My install:

F4/1.08/SP3
 FreeFalcon 2 (can't remember if it's 2.1 or 2a..sorry..)
 Aeyes 1600 x 1200 super-pit
 Twaelti's original high-tiles (planning on upgrading to the new ones soon!)
 BMS .99 (yes I miss the smoke, but .99 is ROCK, like Prudential ROCK solid)

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Ouch, a Viper with Slammers and AIM-9X missiles loaded...

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Oh dear!

Here I was pondering how successfull your missions (and mine from a ways back) tend to be including the landings... Bet that one brought you back down to earth with a proverbial thump!

Bit surprised to see you taking bombs for the sweep. But I can understand why - the bombing passes on your recent missions have been pretty successfull and it's no doubt tempting to keep on doing it.

Good to see some blue skies though!!

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