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Falcon 4.0/SP3 Campaign Mission Report #55
OPERATION ROLLING FIRE
DAY 5 - 0640 HOURS

Campaign Status:

Allied forces are now knocking on the door to Wonsan. The frag is heavy with search & destroy missions intending to prevent reinforcement of enemy forces south of Wonsan.

Overall the allied ground situation continues to see steady attrition of enemy ground forces while there is a troubling increase of enemy aircraft inventory, although that has not been reflected in an increase in DPRK/PRC operational tempo. It is our assumption that aircraft supplies are being received by enemy air units, but due to large-scale destruction of enemy bases the increasing inventories are not able to sortie:



Objective:

The next mission of the morning is a search & destroy mission on the southern outskirts of Wonsan, specifically in the area around Anbyon. We have been given a free-fire sector over Anbyon in which we are free to engage all targets since they will be exclusively enemy.

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BRIEFING

MISSION: Search for and destroy enemy ground forces in the area around Anbyon.
YOUR TASK: BAI
 Station Area: over Anbyon.
 Time on Station: 07:07:59
 Patrol Time: 00:11:23

SITUATION:
 Be advised: Starting at 01:00:00, our ground forces will be making a major push towards P'Yongyang.

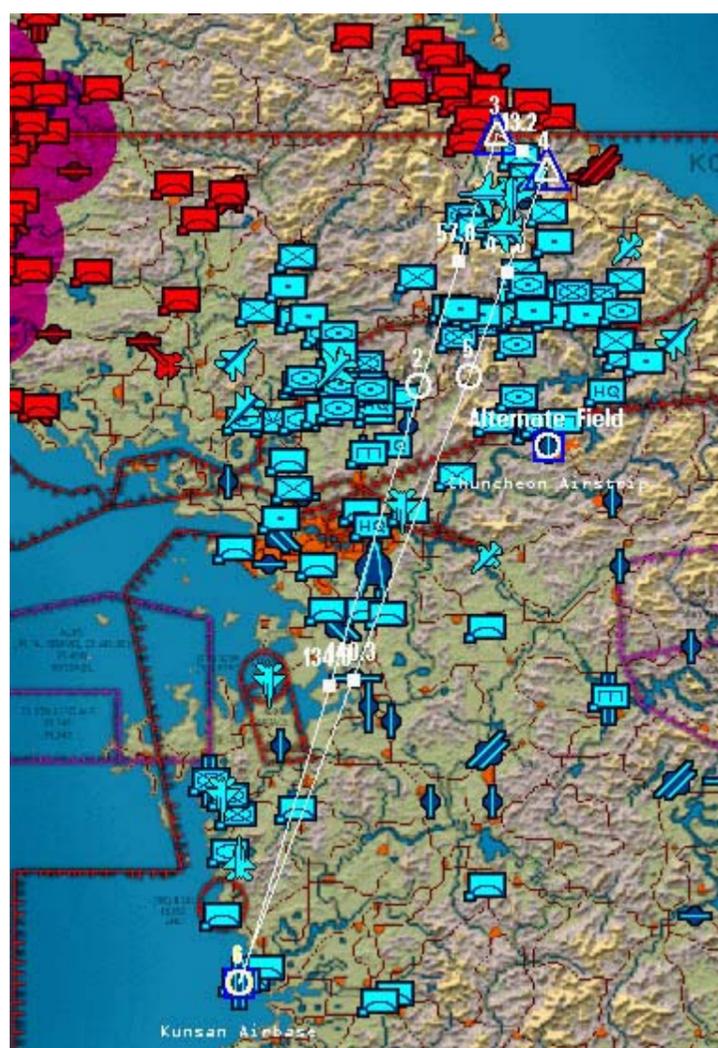
 Army intelligence reports the DPRK 1st Infantry Brigade is moving towards Anbyon. Air command hopes to attrit their forces before they arrive at the front.

PACKAGE ELEMENTS:
 Hostage1 (BAI) 4 F-16C Search for enemy targets, engage and destroy at will

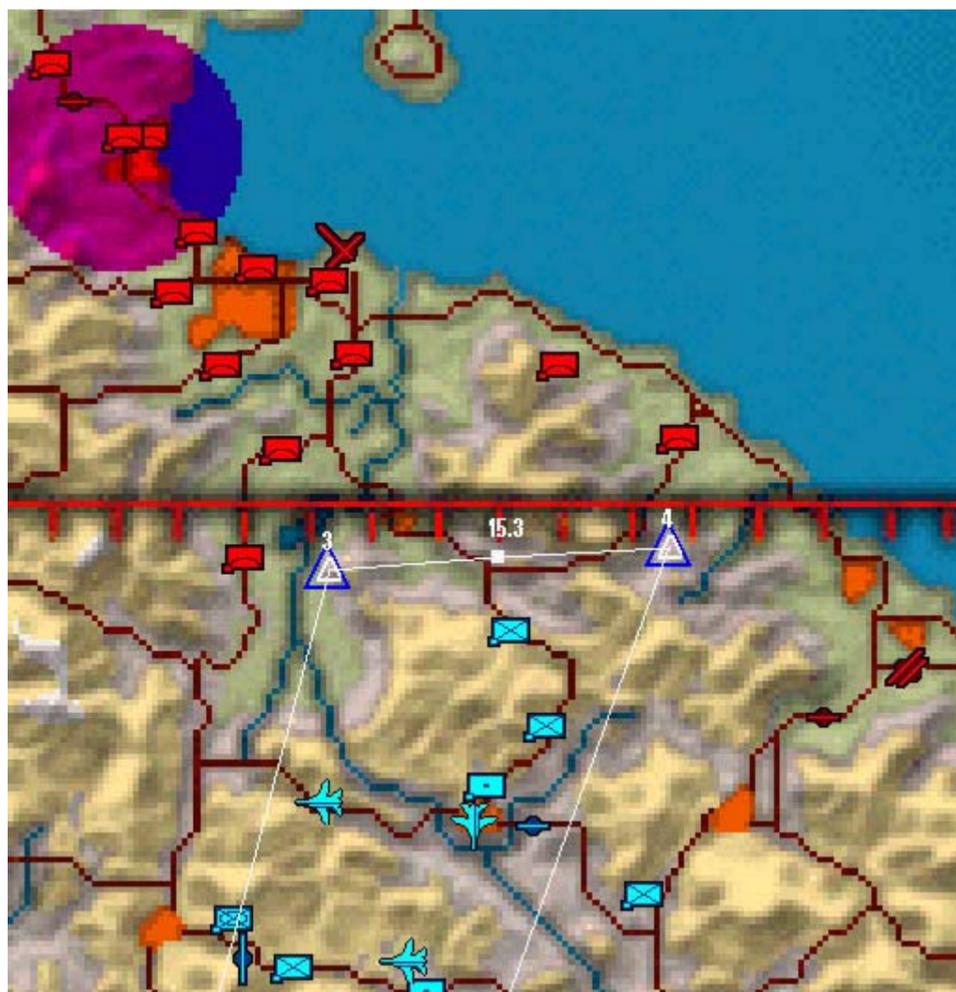
THREAT ANALYSIS:
 No enemy air response is anticipated.
 Known or suspected enemy air defenses along your flight path include:
 SA-5 missile launchers 2 nm southeast of Yonghung-pon'gung
 SA-5 missile launchers 2 nm west of Kwangsonggwon
 ZSU23-4 anti-aircraft guns 5 nm southeast of Anbyon

Planning/preflight:

Our 4-ship flight will depart Kunsan for the relatively long flight to the general area south of Wonsan. The Wonsan area has been sanitized of fixed surface-to-air missile sites so the only remaining threat should be vehicle and infantry mounted SAMs:



Steerpoints #3 and #4 delineate the southern boundary of the "free-fire" zone and any engagements near this line should be preceded by an AWACS declaration to avoid fratricide:



Each aircraft will carry a load-out consisting of 8 CBU-52B/B canisters and a mix of air-to-air missiles:

Hostage 1 T.O. - 06:47:00

| LT. BEACH | OPT. NOH | LT. JHUNG | LT. TU |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Max Weight : 42300 | | | |
| Gross Weight : 35331 | | | |
| Clean Weight : 18238 | | | |
| Munitions : 9931 | | | |
| Fuel : 7162 | | | |
| Drag Factor : 69.0 | | | |

| Loadout | INV | QTY | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AIM-120B | MED | 2 | ● | ● | ● | | | | ● | ● | ● |
| AIM-9M | MED | 2 | ● | ● | ● | | | | ● | ● | ● |
| ALQ-131 | HGH | 1 | | | | | ● | | | | |
| CBU-52B/B | HGH | 8 | | | ● | ● | | ● | ● | | |

Debrief:

With the brief completed and the ordnance hung we taxi out to the runway and soon the tower clears us for take-off. My wingman looks on as my aircraft rotates and climbs into the clear morning sky:



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While I climb out slowly to allow my flight to catch up I set up my CBU's for a delivery of 2 per pass, 300' interval and 3000' burst altitude:



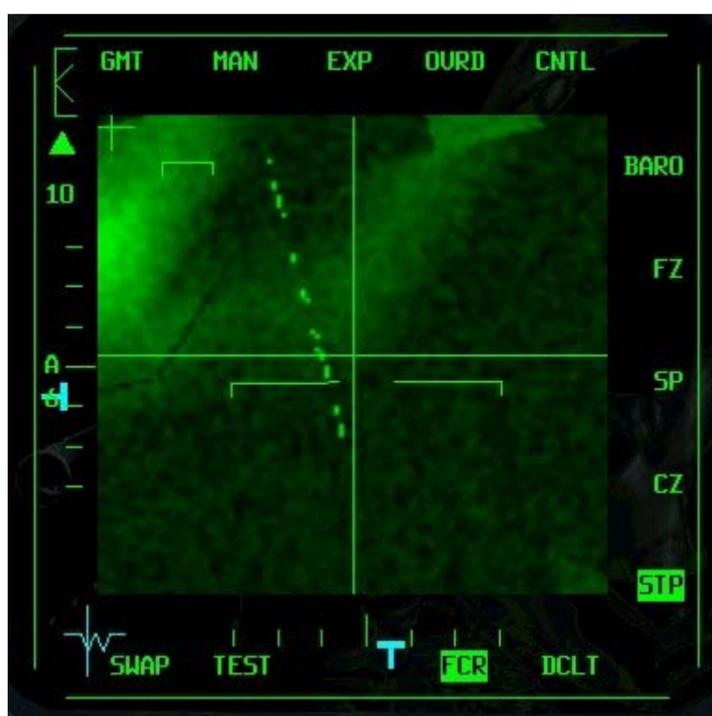
Pulling my flight into a tight formation for the en-route portion of the trip I watch my wingmen respond gently to my minor course corrections:



Approaching the search & destroy area I query AWACS for any enemy air threats before switching over to the air-to-ground mode. After scanning a bit with GM mode I can't discern anything useful so I switch to the much more useful GMT (ground moving target) mode and quickly see several likely suspects. Moving the targeting cursors over a target I verify the cursors on the HSD remain north of the "free fire" line between steer-points #3 and #4:



Pulling up the 10 miles EXP view of the GMT radar the convoy is clearly visible. I declare the targets to AWACS, verify they are enemy and hand off the targets to my flight:



Immediately upon me releasing my flight they aggressively seek out the convoy but use a bit of a risky delivery technique by flying level bombing passes well in the range of enemy small arms and AAA:



As my wingman sets up for his run on the target yellow tracers (look off his right wing) zip by and I cringe hoping he makes it through the gauntlet:



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Cresting the last ridge before the coastal plains my wingman is perfectly lined up for his CBU attack against the enemy column:



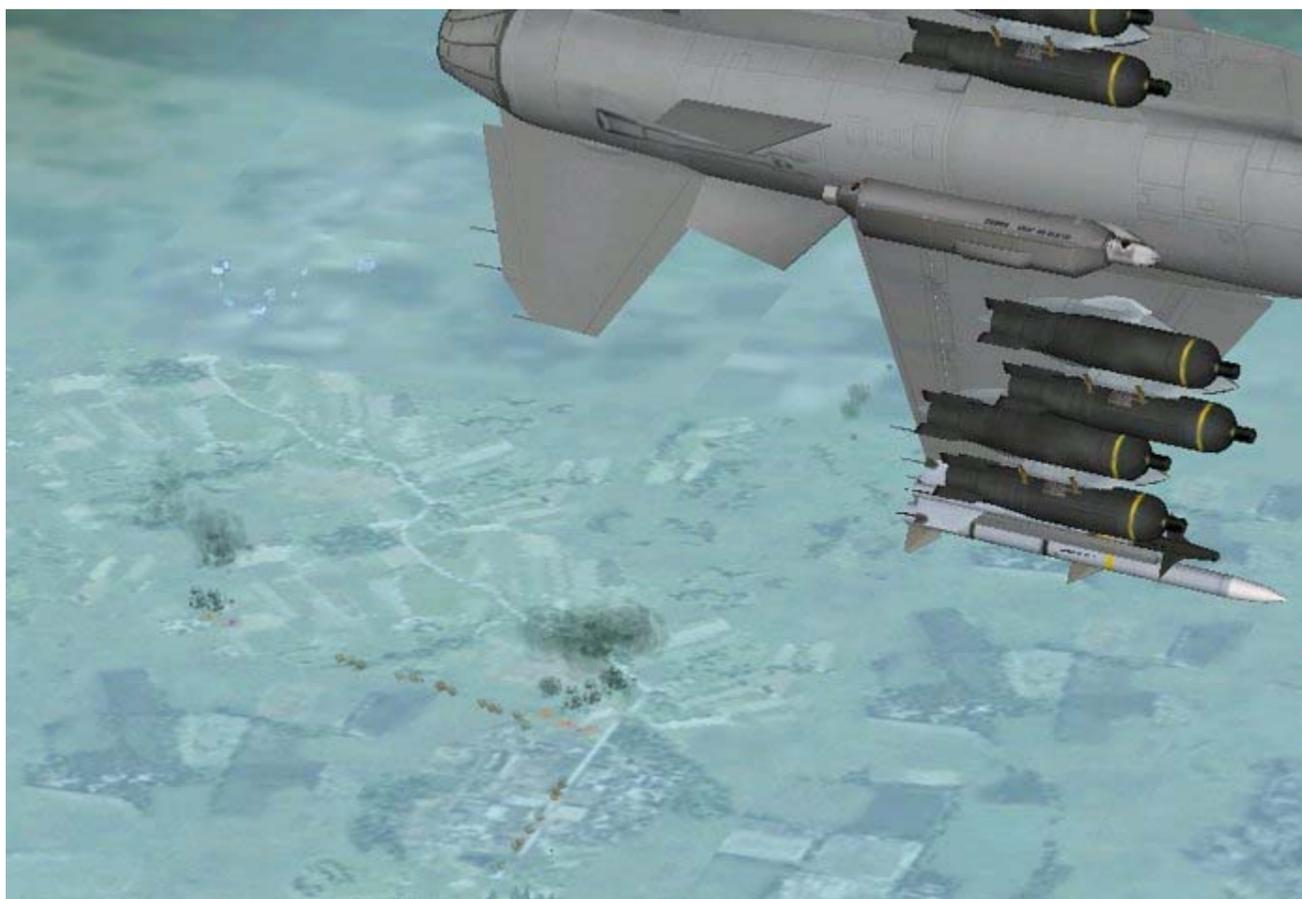
Lower your heads boys...this one's going to be a big one!



Although the interval on the bombs could have been a little better the first strike hits a good many vehicles and sends the convoy into disarray:



From my perch at 18-thousand feet I orbit the area and watch the effects of my wingmen's strikes as CBUs burst among the convoy and a pall of black smoke rises from the destroyed vehicles:



I'm surprised to see that all three of my wingmen used full ordnance passes, releasing all of their CBU's on the first pass. A bit of a waste, but it allows me to get on with employing my weapons. Later analysis in the after-action report shows the wingmen killed 22 vehicles and 2 SA-2 launchers in 60 seconds. Picking out the remnants of the convoy I roll in on my first strike:



After the first pass I pull up, execute a half Cuban-8 and re-enter the chute for the second delivery. Black smoke smudges the skies around me as enemy AAA gunners track my flight members across the skies leaving me unmolested for my first two passes:



The threat warning receiver reminds me not to push the attacks too low lest I suffer the consequences from numerous SA-13 vehicles embedded in several convoys below:



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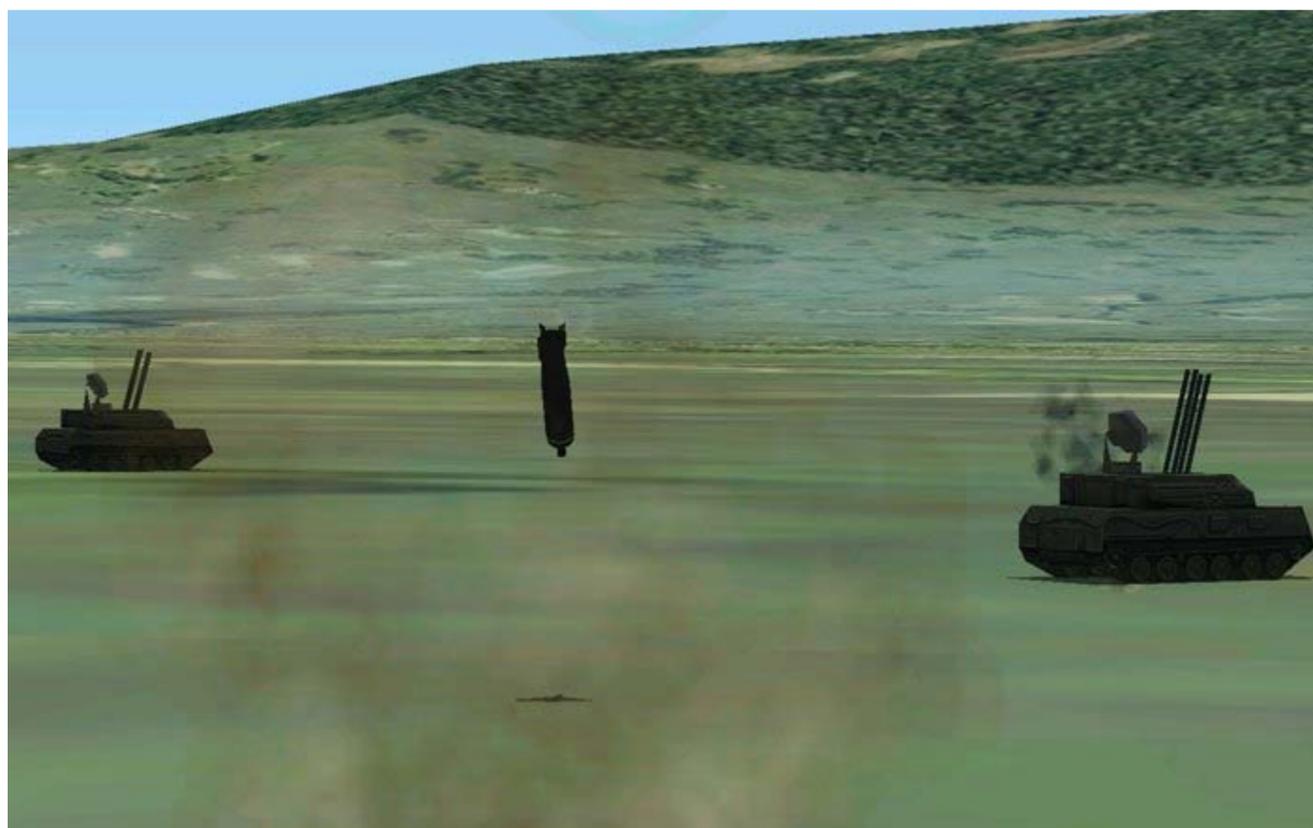
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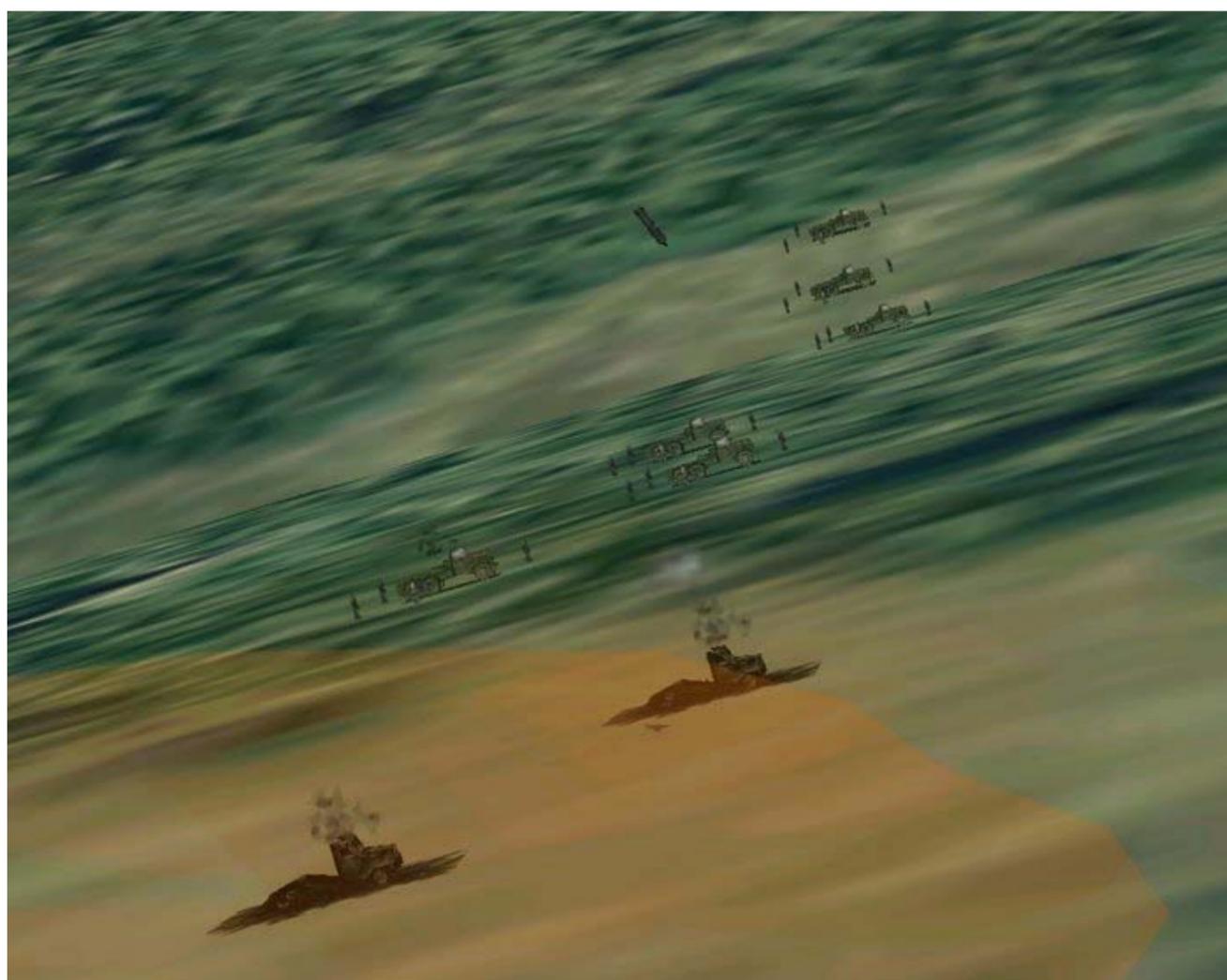
My first pass results in 8 vehicles killed, the second pass 6 additional kills, including these 2 ZSU-23-4 anti-aircraft vehicles:



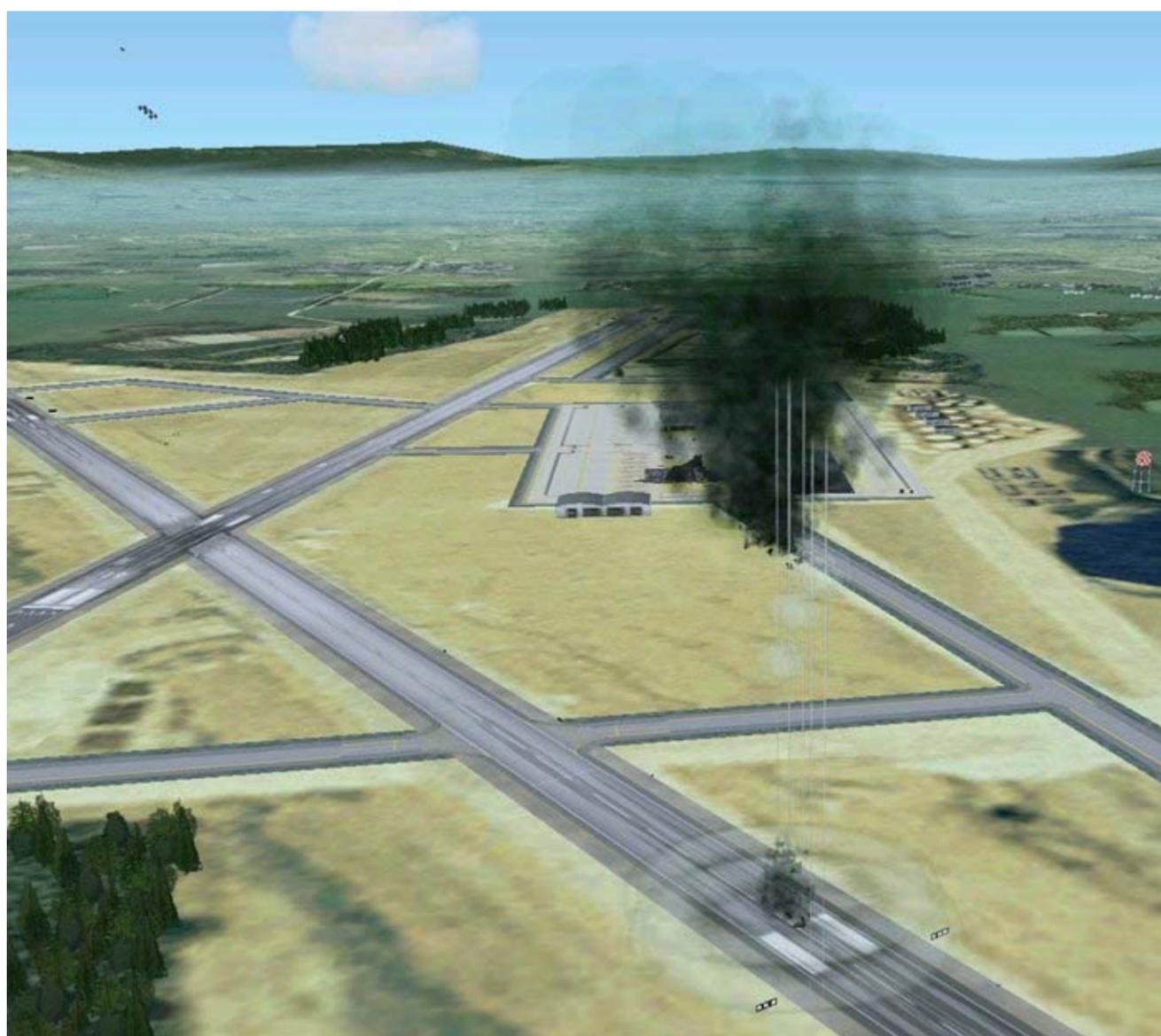
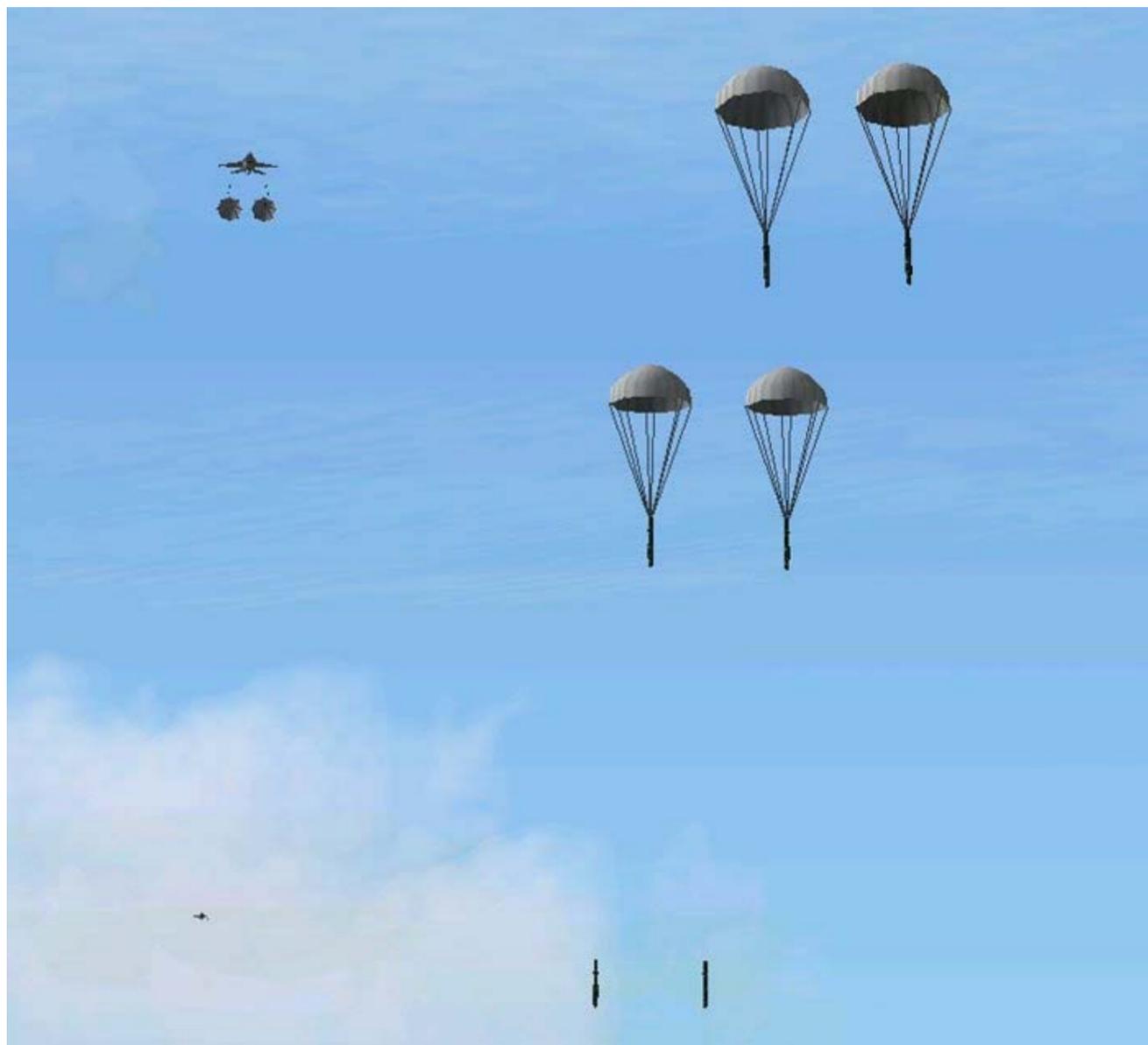
With the convoy totally decimated I climb out with 4 bombs left, switch my delivery to single CBU mode and start scanning via padlock for additional targets. Shortly I spy a static convoy located due north of my first strike on the slope of a small hill near the beach and I dive into an attack once again:



As the bomblets explode among the utility trucks I think that if I were down there I'd be out of my vehicle and running for cover!



As I pull off my delivery I find myself very near Wonsan airfield, a target I have visited on multiple other OCA strikes. I'm amazed to see another flight of F-16s zipping down the runway in trail formation, each ripping off Durandals on a coordinated strike on the airbase!



It is amazing to watch another full flight working over Wonsan once again; I'm pretty sure they are F-16CGs from Osan.

Entering a high orbit I do a quick AWACS check for threats and my heart stops for a few beats when they give a threat call within 5 miles! I turn to the target bearing but can't see anything on my radar so I quickly turn to the padlock function to attempt a visual ID. Within seconds I've cycled onto a low flying enemy helicopter who has definitely wandered into the wrong part of the world today!

Extending a bit to the south-west I select the cannon and start my attack run on the enemy helicopters near Kuum-ni airfield:



Knowing I'm risking getting shot down by an SA-13 or infantry launched SAM I try to make a quick, slashing attack with a zoom climb back up to a safe altitude. The risk of collision is also very real when attacking slow moving helicopters. Bursting through the flight of two helicopters I score several hits on one of the helos and it goes down in flames:





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As I pull of from the attack the sky blackens with heavy AAA bursts as enemy gunners take their best shot at me:



Coming back around for a follow on pass for the remaining helicopter I bottom out, press the trigger lightly and the helicopter explodes as I fly through the fireball hoping I don't ingest any debris:



Pulling a bit too aggressively off the target to reach a safe altitude I hear a little pop of metal as the remaining CBU's threaten to tear off their racks. Once above 15-thousand feet, in relative safety, I pull up the BIT-failure page and see a couple of stores-management errors and I hope my remaining CBU's will be functional:



Unfortunately, during my two low passes against the helos I unwittingly dragged my flight down with me and Hostage 1-4 was hit and killed by an SA-13. I only realize this later, after a flight check to see how much gas the flight has left and it leaves me feeling a bit guilty over my poor flight management after their initial attack.

With two more CBU's to deliver I make a couple more attacks hitting a couple more trucks and an inoperative SA-2 site:



Freed from the external stores I hit the CAT switch and am free to maneuver at will, pulling as many Gs as I wish:



An F/A-18 orbits in a CAP near Wonsan:



With my newfound (though minimal) knowledge of the various fuel monitoring functions of the ICP I pull up the HOME page of CRUISE pages and it shows that I will have 1039 pounds of fuel when I arrive at home base if I depart now:



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That leaves me with a bit of reserve, so with a full complement of air-to-air missiles I decide to head west, parallel to the FLOT and see if I can find any enemy air action coming south.

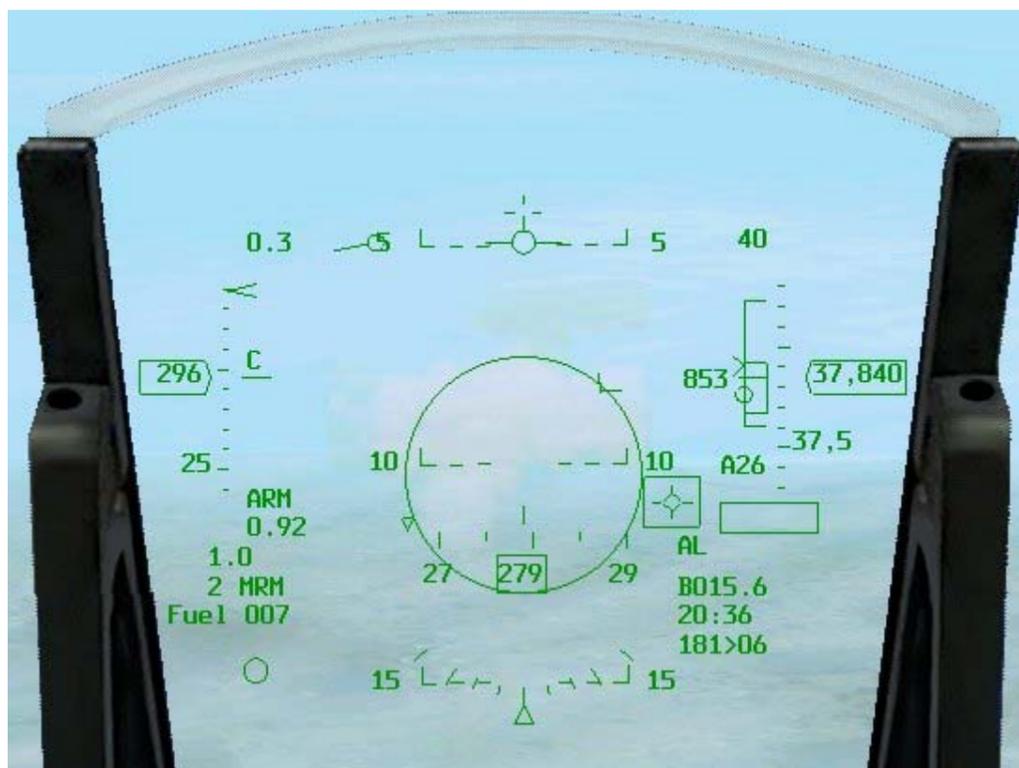
Soon enough my query to AWACS is rewarded with a steer toward a contact coming down from the north. The greater than 60 mile detection range indicates it is a large piece of metal, likely a Tu-16:



I switch to TWS mode, then select the EXP mode to sort the contact in case it consists of multiple aircraft, but only a single contact remains in EXP mode:



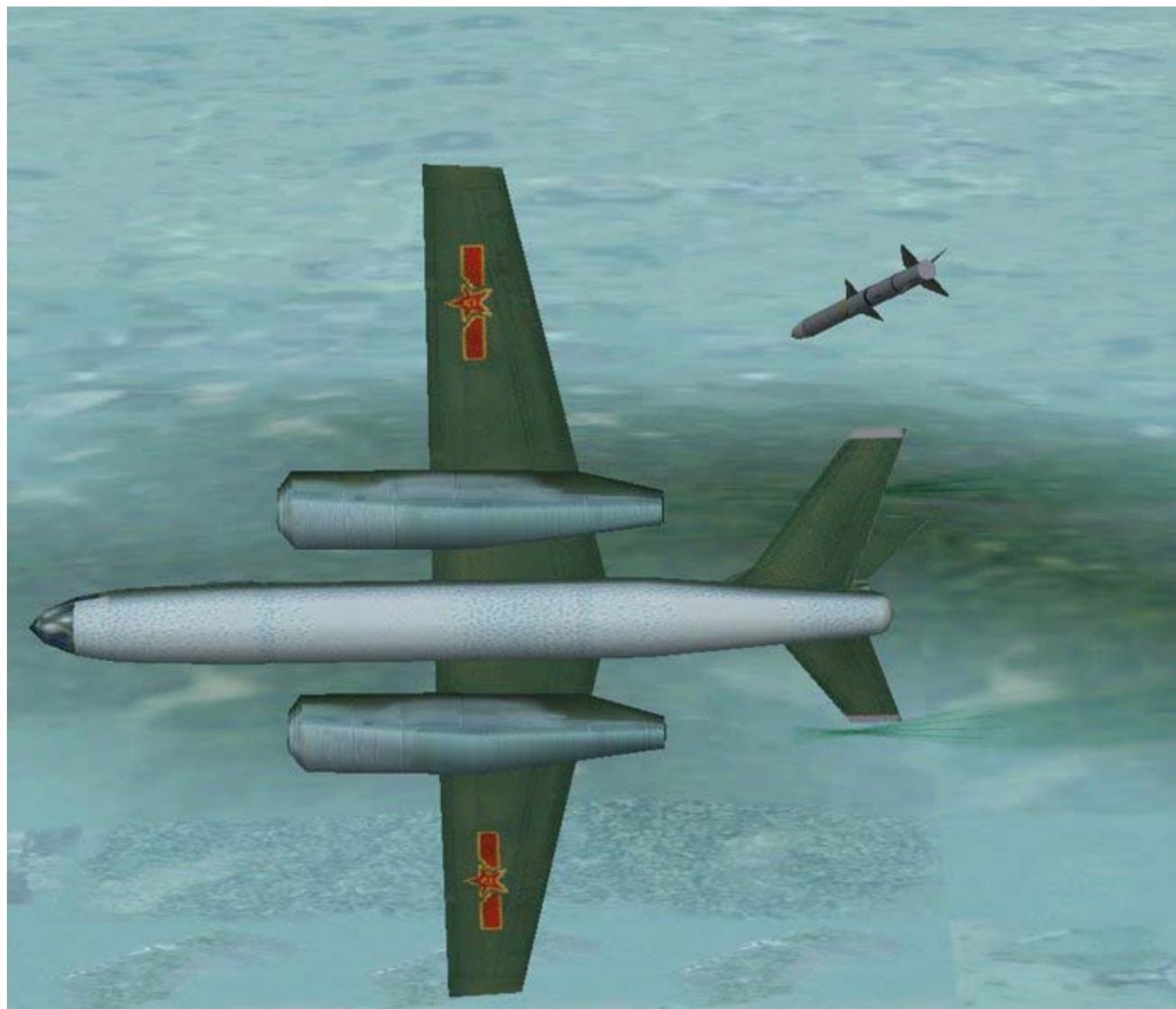
With the target working general toward me, our high closure brings us into firing range in a minute or so:



At high altitude to provide maximum fuel burn and maximum "downhill" AMRAAM efficiency my aircraft is leaving a con-trail. Pressing the pickle button I launch my AMRAAM at the distant target:



The Il-28 executes a break turn, but is too late recognizing the threat:



My pursuit north has led me into range of an SA-2 site, but as soon as the spike appears I head south and he never fires:



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The cruise page is now showing 617 pounds of fuel left at home base so I pull up the base steer-point and head for home:



After a 20 minute flight home I turn onto final for an uneventful landing:



I pull into a parking area near an F-15 flight that is getting ready to head out while another F-16 flight taxis toward the active. I pop the canopy and the tension starts to ebb from my shoulders:



Conclusions:

The mission is a stunning success, marred only by the loss of Hostage 1-4. I'm awarded an Air Medal for my efforts:

DEBRIEFING

MISSION: Success (Search for and destroy enemy ground forces in the area around over Anbyon.)
YOUR TASK: Success (Search for enemy targets, engage and destroy at will)
PILOT RATING: Excellent

Actual TOT: 07:16:48 (8 minutes late)
 Losses: 1

PACKAGE STATISTICS:

| Flight | Aircraft | Comments |
|----------------|----------|--|
| Hostage1 (BAI) | 4 F-16C | Mission success: Only light damage was inflicted to enemy. |

[Event List](#)

FLIGHT STATISTICS:

| Callsign | Status | Ordnance Fired | Results |
|-----------|------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Hostage11 | Functional | 6 x 20mm M61 | 5 misses, 1 hit (16%) |
| | | 1 x AIM-120B | 1 hit (100%) |
| | | 8 x CBU-52B/B | 8 hits (100%) |
| Hostage12 | Functional | 8 x CBU-52B/B | 8 hits (100%) |
| Hostage13 | Functional | 8 x CBU-52B/B | 6 misses, 2 hits (25%) |
| Hostage14 | Destroyed | 8 x CBU-52B/B | 4 misses, 4 hits (50%) |

PILOT STATISTICS:

| Callsign | Aircraft | Pilot | Status | AA Kills | AG Kills | Rating |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Hostage11 | F-16C | Lt. Beach | OK | 2 (0) | 27 (0) | Excellent |
| Hostage12 | F-16C | Cpt. Noh | OK | 0 | 6 | Excellent |
| Hostage13 | F-16C | Lt. Jhung | OK | 0 | 14 | Excellent |
| Hostage14 | F-16C | Lt. Tu | KIA | 0 | 5 | Good |

RESULTS:

The 1st Infantry Brigade has taken 40 losses and is not likely to be committed in the near future, largely due to the efforts of your package.

RELATED EVENTS:

- U.S. F-16Cs struck elements of the DPRK 288th AAA Battalion northwest of Wonsan.
- U.S. F-16Cs struck Wonsan Machine Tool.
- U.S. F-16Cs struck elements of the DPRK 291st AAA Battalion north of Togwon-ni.
- U.S. F-16Cs struck Togwon-ni Nuclear Plant.



Altogether Hostage flight is responsible for 47 ground target kills and 2 air-to-air kills. I realize during the debrief that I didn't kill the first helicopter. In fact, I didn't even hit it and it must have been destroyed by another allied ground or air unit. It did only take one hit from my 20mm gun to down the second helicopter, for which I am given credit.

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Beach joined as Hostage11 at 06:47:00
DPRK KrAz T 255B destroyed by Hostage12 at 07:14:3
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DPRK KrAz F 255B destroyed by Hostage13 at 07:14:4
DPRK SA-2 destroyed by Hostage14 at 07:15:32
DPRK SA-2 destroyed by Hostage14 at 07:15:32
DPRK ZPU-2 destroyed by Hostage14 at 07:15:32
DPRK ZIL-135 destroyed by Hostage14 at 07:15:32
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DPRK ZIL-135 destroyed by Beach at 07:19:42
DPRK MD-500 downed by Beach at 07:25:08
Hostage14 downed by DPRK SA-13 at 07:26:27
DPRK ZU-23 destroyed by Beach at 07:32:04
DPRK ZU-23 destroyed by Beach at 07:32:04
DPRK SA-2 destroyed by Beach at 07:33:31
DPRK SA-2 destroyed by Beach at 07:33:31
DPRK KrAz T 255B destroyed by Beach at 07:33:31
DPRK KrAz T 255B destroyed by Beach at 07:33:31
DPRK IL-28 downed by Beach at 07:52:01
Beach landed at 08:14:32
Hostage12 landed at 08:16:13
Beach exited from Hostage11 at 08:17:03

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A great mission with a satisfactory outcome! Witnessing the totally unrelated OCA strike on Wonsan was the high point of the mission, that was pretty incredible. Have I mentioned how awesome this campaign engine is lately?

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Nice one Beach!!!

You know, when reading a new report from you, I always ask myself if you will go Beach hunting and not making back home !!! This add to the suspense...

JTL

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Beach,

Outstanding post - another great mission, although you didn't "go Beach"!

For the sake of learning... Doctrinally, it's not a "free fire" line. You would have to be operating beyond the FSCL (Fire Support Coordination Line) to be able to execute attacks without some

sort of terminal control (A-FAC, G-FAC, TACP, etc). Inside of the FSCL, you need to be under control to avoid attacking friendly units. Got to love those CBUs.

Buzz

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Good mission - and great pics. You've definitely got your eye in!

Missing FF3 are we??

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<grumble, grumble...guy gets an Air Medal...what did I ever get except written up...tools thrown at me by the mechanics...ejection handles removed from my aircraft...grumble...>

Wow, is it just me, or are the screen pics looking better than ever? That high altitude shot of the close formation, the "over the right wing" wingman shot, the Durandals coming down on Wonsan, the helicopter fight, and that one of the Hornet, looking very sweet!

16% gun rating? Well, OK, I guess, considering you got a chopper with it. And, it was a 20mm round, that makes all the difference.

That looked like a fun mission, start to finish. Thanks again!

Pat Tillman (1976-2004):
4 years Arizona State University, graduated with high honors.
5 seasons National Football League player, Arizona Cardinals.
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