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Falcon 4.0/SP3 Campaign Mission Report #79
OPERATION ROLLING FIRE
DAY 7 – 0445 HOURS

Campaign Status:

Air supremacy has been re-established over the entire central and southern portion of the Korean peninsula. With the enemy fighter threat greatly diminished we will once again begin the systematic destruction of enemy forces and supply chains.

Objective:

The objective for this mission is a strike on the Kangso steel mill:

BRIEFING

MISSION: Strike Kangso Steel Mill
YOUR TASK: Deep Strike (Diverted)
 Time on Target: 05:20:14

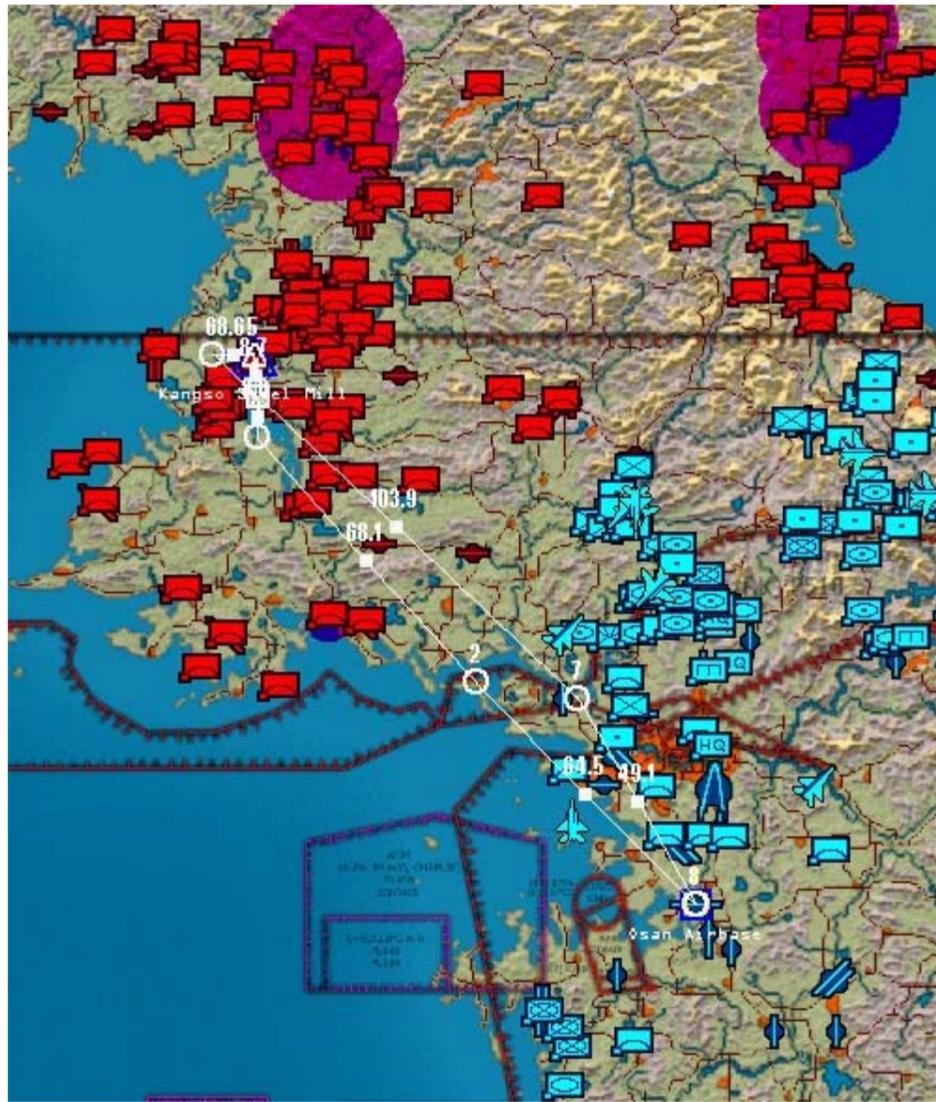
SITUATION:
 Be advised: Starting at 20:00:00, our ground forces will be making a major push towards P'Yongyang.

 Reports show the Kangso Steel Mill is currently producing war materials for the enemy. We would like to destroy to slow its output.
 Intelligence reports the highest impact targets are:
 Factory
 Assembly Bldg

PACKAGE ELEMENTS:

Spartan2 (Deep Strike)	4 F-16CG	Destroy Factory and return home immediately
Jolly1 (SEAD Escort)	4 F-16CJ	Protect package from enemy air defenses

THREAT ANALYSIS:
 No enemy air response is anticipated.
 Known or suspected enemy air defenses along your flight path include:
 SA-5 missile launchers 3 nm northeast of Hwangju
 SA-5 missile launchers 6 nm northeast of Hwangju
 KS-19 anti-aircraft guns 2 nm east of Ok-Tong
 KS-19 anti-aircraft guns 1 nm northwest of Kangso
 KS-19 anti-aircraft guns over Kangson-nodongjagu



Planning/preflight:

Located just south-west of P'yongyang, the Kangso steel mill complex consists of several very large factory structures:

RECON

Slant Range: 2730 ft Bullseye: 312 83 nm

Day 7, 9:35

TARGET LIST

TARGET	CONDITION	VALUE
Kangso Steel Mill	100% Operational	
Factory	No damage	Low
Factory	No damage	Low
Factory	No damage	Low
Assembly Bldg	No damage	Low
Factory	No damage	Low
Storage Tank	No damage	Very low

RECON



Soon we are airborne and headed for our primary target. The SEAD flight joins up with us north of Seoul and they scurry out ahead of us to take on any air defenses. Minutes pass and soon the radio comes alive as the SEAD flight starts engaging radar guided AAA sites.

AWACS calls the area clear, allowing us to concentrate wholly on the task of delivery our air-to-ground ordnance. Using the ground radar slaved to the target steer-point I am able to quickly identify and zoom in on the steel mill. I direct the element (#3 & #4) to attack the very large building just to the left and beneath the crosshairs and give my wingman (#2) the smaller building situated between the two storage tanks. For my own bombs I select the large building on the right side of the DBS2 display:





I've set my SMS page to release 3 of my 2000 pound bombs at once, providing maximum damage effect to the large structure I've targeted. I decide to leave one bomb on the rack in case I need to re-strike one of my wingman's assigned targets. Ducking down below the high overcast I feel a bit vulnerable at 10,000 feet since I'm within engagement range for any SA-13 vehicles that might be lurking down there. With the ceiling preventing a good visual CCIP line-up for a medium altitude delivery, I put my faith in the CCRP system and elect to do a level auto-bombing pass. My steering is centered up and I'm showing :28 seconds to release:





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With only 20 foot spacing the three bombs hit very near one another and implode the building for a direct hit:





As I circle back around the site I watch the rest of my flights bombs impact the target area and several other buildings go up in flames:



I make one more short run at the facility and drop my last remaining bomb on the building I had designated for #2 to take-out since it appeared undamaged after his pass:



After my bomb hits I re-form my flight and we return uneventfully back to Osan for the recovery:



Conclusions:

The mission is a success with all four members of the flight scoring 100% bombs on target and completely shutting down the factory from further operations:

DEBRIEFING

MISSION: Success (Strike Kangso Steel Mill)
YOUR TASK: Diverted (Destroy Factory at target site)
DIVERT TASK: Success (Destroy Factory and return home immediately)
PILOT RATING: Excellent

Actual TOT: 05:22:41 (147 seconds late)
 Losses: 0

PACKAGE STATISTICS:

Flight	Aircraft	Comments
Spartan2 (Deep Strike)	4 F-16CG	Mission success: Significant damage to target site. Event List
Jolly1 (SEAD Escort)	4 F-16CJ	Mission success: No losses to enemy AD. Event List

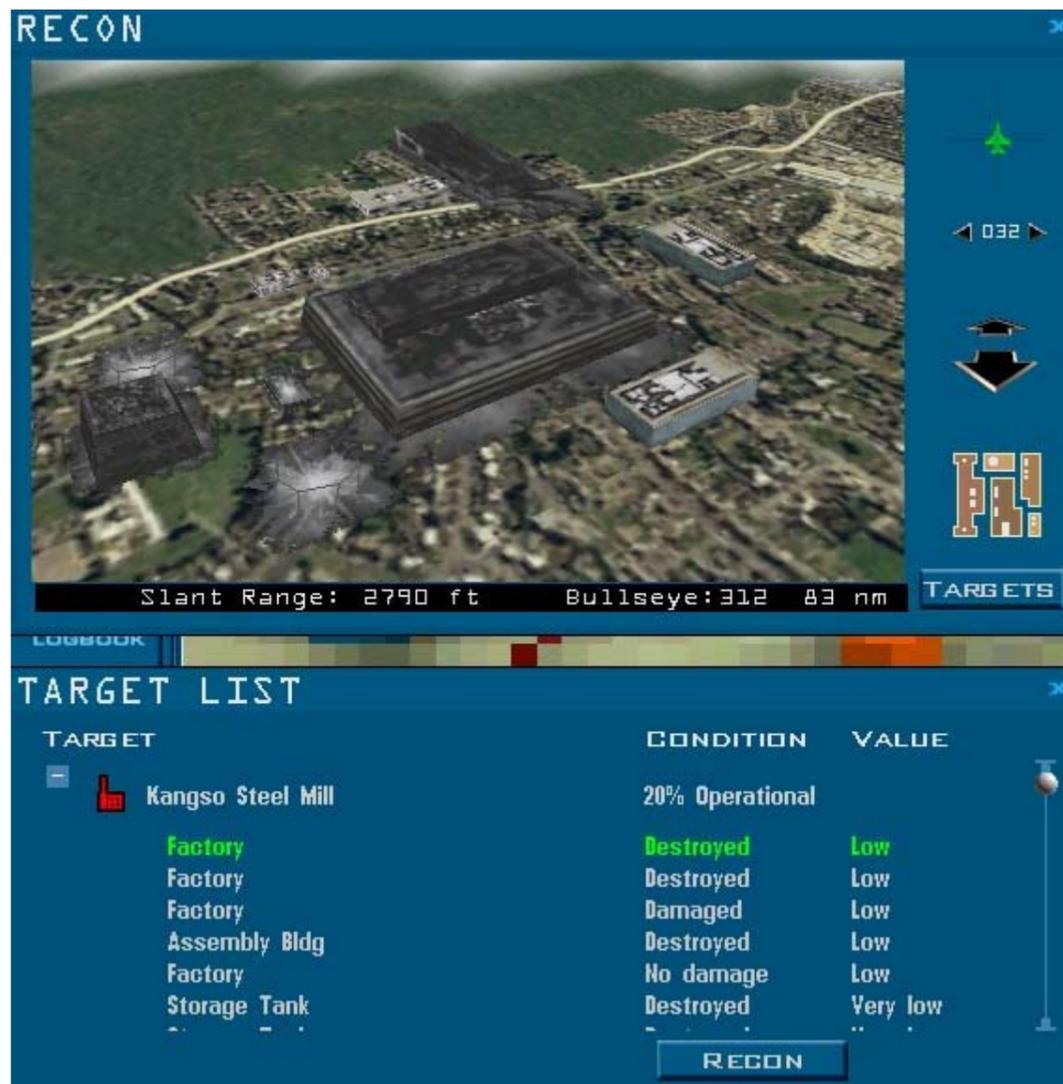
FLIGHT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Status	Ordnance Fired	Results
Spartan21	Functional	4 x Mk-84	4 hits (100%)
Spartan22	Functional	4 x Mk-84	4 hits (100%)
Spartan23	Functional	4 x Mk-84	4 hits (100%)
Spartan24	Functional	4 x Mk-84	4 hits (100%)

PILOT STATISTICS:

Callsign	Aircraft	Pilot	Status	AA Kills	AG Kills	Rating
Spartan21	F-16CG	Lt. Beach	OK	0 (0)	5 (0)	Excellent
Spartan22	F-16CG	Lt. Welch	OK	0	4	Excellent
Spartan23	F-16CG	Lt. Moen	OK	0	1	Excellent
Spartan24	F-16CG	Lt. Deremaiah	OK	0	0	Excellent
Jolly11	F-16CJ	Maj. Hathaway	OK	0	1	Excellent
Jolly12	F-16CJ	Lt. Kletzky	OK	0	2	Excellent
Jolly13	F-16CJ	Lt. Jap	OK	0	1	Excellent
Jolly14	F-16CJ	Lt. Garrigues	OK	0	1	Excellent

RESULTS:
 We estimate production at Kangso Steel Mill has been completely shut down. This will help reduce the amount of war materials to the enemy.



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Good mission, I see you only bit off one mission this time. 😊 Granted it's easy to assume that the F-16, which has morphed into a fighter-bomber, can handle both A2A and A2G on a single sortie, it is certainly not a tactically strong posture. Good read, as always. Cheers.

Mulch it.

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I thought for sure you were going to take that last bomb and look for an airbase with a packed ramp. 😊

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Geez, I sure hope Kang wasn't home when those Mk-84's came crashing through the roof!

Sure is nice to have clear skies ingress and egress, eh? 😊

Pat Tillman (1976-2004):
4 years Arizona State University, graduated with high honors.
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