

**Banshees Show Worth**

# Real Combat Tests Reveal Jets Best

NEW YORK, May 1—Navy's future role in the air is being decided off the coast of Korea, and today the jet looks like Navy's best bet.

First real combat attack tests of carrier-based jet planes conducted from the USS Essex, with Carrier Task Force 77, are proving that jets have many advantages over conventional aircraft, Aviation Week reporting from the task force, observes.

Use of Banshees from the carrier is showing the worth not only of that jet plane, but of any sea-borne jet, the article says.

Here's how the Banshees stack up. Although censorship prevents details on the plane's bomb load, Aviation Week reports it has seen them launched carrying 1,500 pounds of bombs. If Banshees were equipped with adequate bomb racks, they could easily get off with close to 3,000 pounds.

Banshee pilots say there isn't a Communist target anywhere

in Korea they couldn't hit within 25 minutes after launching from 80 miles off Korea's east coast. Detailed study of records shows jets have a greater accuracy per bomb dropped than other planes.

With a bomb load, the Banshees can outclimb any other Navy plane working in Korea and its speed provides a lot of protection. Only 40 Banshees have been hit by enemy fire, compared with well over 300 for the rest of the air group, the magazine reports. Of the 40 hit, only two were lost over the beach, and in both instances it appeared that the pilots had been hit.

Jet maintenance aboard carriers is much easier than that for conventional aircraft. Though there are complaints over the complexity of the electrical setup in jets, the ease and simplicity of engine changes is an advantage.

Jet pilots are pleased with the performance of the engines, though it was once thought they would not stand up when hit in combat.

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