

and others blew their conches 6. 41. 2; (10) On the second day of the war, Dhṛṣṭadyumna and Somakas showered arrows on Droṇa 6. 48. 30; (11) On the third day, Kṛṣṇa noticed Bhīṣma routing Somakas chased by the delighted Kauravas (*prabhagnān dṛśya somakān*) 6. 55. 68; (12) On the fifth day, when Bhīṣma started killing Pāṇcālas and Somakas, they acted nobly and decided to attack Bhīṣma (*āryāni yuddhe matim kṛtvā bhīṣmam evābhīdudruvuh*) 6. 68. 31; (13) On the sixth day, Śikhaṇḍin surrounded by Somakas and Irāvanta stood at the 'tail' of the Makaravyūha of Pāṇḍavas (*pucche makarasya*) 6. 71. 4, 11; Somakas were terrified (*vitresuh*) to hear the sound of Droṇa's conch when he blew it after defeating Drupada 6. 73. 46; (14) On the eighth day, when the Pāṇḍava army attacked Bhīṣma he killed Pāṇcālas, Somakas and Sṛñjayas with his arrows; nevertheless, abandoning the fear of death they attacked Bhīṣma (*tyaktvā mṛtyukṛtāni bhayam*) 6. 84. 2-4; battle that ensued, in which Bhīṣma cut off their hands and heads and felled down those riding chariots, horses and elephants (*virathān rathinaś cakre; hayebhyo hayasādinām; nirmanuṣyāṁś ca mātāṅgān...*), described in 6. 84. 5-7; when Droṇa attacked Somakas and Sṛñjayas in order to kill them (*abhyadravata ... preṣayīṣyan yamakṣayam*) a loud cry was raised by Sṛñjayas (by implication also by Somakas) (*tatrākṛando mahān āsīt sṛñjāyānām*) 6. 85. 20-21; that night, Karṇa assured Duryodhana that he would kill all Pārthas and Somakas if Bhīṣma laid down his arms and left the battlefield 6. 93. 13; Duryodhana then went to Bhīṣma and

reminded him that he had assured him (Duryodhana) to kill Somakas; he asked Bhīṣma to carry out his assurance by killing Somakas 6. 93. 37-38; thereupon Bhīṣma once again assured Duryodhana that next day he would either kill Somakas and Pāṇcālas to delight him or they would kill him (*tair vāhami nihataḥ saṁkhye gamiṣye yamasādanam / tām vā nihatyā saṁgrāme prītim dāsyāmi vai tava //*) 6. 94. 14-15; (15) On the ninth day, in the morning, Duryodhana asked the kings to get ready with their armies since Bhīṣma was going to kill that day Somakas (*adya bhīṣmo ... nihaniṣyati somakān*) 6. 95. 1; at mid-day, Bhīṣma fought a fierce battle with Somakas blowing them away by hundreds and thousands with his sharp arrows (*vyadhaman ... śataśo 'tha sahasraśaḥ*) 6. 99. 1-2; in the evening when the sun had set (*bhāskare 'stam upāgate* 6. 103. 1), Yudhiṣṭhira seeing that great chariot-fighters among Somakas had been defeated and had lost enthusiasm (*jitān dṛṣtvā ... nirutsāhān mahārathān*) felt like ordering cessation of hostilities for that day (*avahāram arocayat*) 6. 103. 4; (16) Dhṛtarāṣṭra asked Saṁjaya how, on the tenth day, did Bhīṣma face Pāṇḍavas while at the same time killing Somakas 6. 104. 25; Dhṛṣṭadyumna, aided by Somakas, attacked Droṇa 6. 111. 30; Bhīṣma, when attacked by Śikhaṇḍin, killed Somakas who followed Arjuna (*pārthapādānugān*) 6. 112. 64; none of the great chariot-fighters of Somakas hoped to live after facing Bhīṣma in battle (*na ... yaḥ saṁprāpya raṇe bhīṣmam jīvite sma mano dadhe*) 6. 112. 75; exhorted by Dhṛṣṭadyumna, Somakas and Sṛñjayas rushed at Bhīṣma showering