

KOREAN WAR PROJECT

OPERATION ORDER 12-52

HMR-161 (REINF)
IN THE FIELD
0800 17 NOVEMBER 52

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TASK ORGANIZATION:

HMR-161 (REINF)

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

- LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAREY
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LIEUTENANT SELLERS
- a. HMR-161 Forward Echelon LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAREY
 - b. HMR-161 Rear Echelon LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEES
 - c. First Air Delivery Platoon LIEUTENANT SELLERS

1. a. See Intelligence Annex (Annex ABLE)

b. Reserve elements of the 1st Marine Division conduct progressive training in amphibious operations and vertical envelopment.

2. a. HMR-161 (REINF) helicopter lifts two hundred eighty four (284) personnel of FOX Company 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, from CVE (SOYA-DO Island) BS 495210 to landing zone ABLE (TOKCHOK-TO Island BS 460218).

3. a. HMR-161 Forward Echelon flight section proceed to CVE (SOYA-DO Island) BS 495210 and execute lift of troops in accordance with Annex BAKER.

b. HMR-161 Rear Echelon continue normal support, be prepared to augment HMR-161 Forward Echelon with personnel and/or equipment and material on order.

c. First Air Delivery Platoon proceed to CVE (SOYA-DO Island) BS 495210 establish three (3) loading sites BAKER, one (1) refueling site and one (1) engineering site, all in close proximity. Further proceed to TOKCHOK-TO Island BS 460218 and establish three (3) landing sites ABLE. Exercise troop control for helicopter loading aboard CVE (SOYA-DO Island) and landing zone ABLE on TOKCHOK-TO Island.

X (1) If confronted with enemy action, aircraft will seek landing spots in defilade, maintain communications if possible, and await further instructions. Ground personnel will seek natural protection and await further instructions. Protective measures for material and equipment will be taken if possible.

(2) Round trip distance averages five (5) nautical miles, requiring approximately fifty seven (57) round trips or 9.5 trips per aircraft based on the average availability of six (6) aircraft.

(3) Overall control of the operation rests with the Operations Duty Officer embarked aboard the CVE (SOYA-DO Island).

(4) Planes will operate between the CVE (SOYA-DO Island) and landing zone ABLE on TOKCHOK-TO Island as initially assigned in Annex BAKER unless otherwise directed by the ODO.

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(5) Heading from CVE (SOYA-DO Island) to landing zone ABLE TOKCHOK-TO Island, 270 degrees magnetic. Return 095 degrees magnetic to the carrier, CVE (SOYA-DO Island)

(a) Heading from ASCOM City to SOYA-DO Island is 238 degrees magnetic.

(6) Aircraft flight Pattern:

(a) West bound aircraft will fly at 100 feet, 65 knots.

(b) East bound aircraft will fly at 200 feet, 65 Knots.

(c) West bound aircraft have the right of way.

(7) Maximum allowable weight per aircraft sixty six hundred (6600) pounds.

(8) Aircraft should not require refueling during the actual lift.

(9) Only five (5) troops will be carried on any one trip, or four (4) troops with crew served weapons.

(10) Aircraft experiencing mechanical difficulty will notify the ODO if possible and retire to the designated engineering site, located aboard the CVE (SOYA-DO Island)

(11) Radio silence will be maintained except in emergency.

(12) Power limits will NOT be exceeded, except in an emergency.

(13) Wire communications between RED and BLUE beaches will be established by helicopter.

(14) DOG DAY

(a) ROGER DAY 18 November 52

(b) DOG DAY 19 November 52

(15) HOW HOUR

(a) HOW HOUR ROGER DAY 0900

(b) HOW HOUR DOG DAY 0900

(16) This order is effective on receipt.

4. a. SUPPLY

(1) Class I Rations

(a) All rations supplied by Shore Party to CVE (SOYA-DO Island)

(2) Water

(a) All elements - one (1) canteen per man.

(b) All other supplied by Shore Party.

(3) Class II

(a) Shelter halves as required transported by individuals.

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- (b) Mosquito netting as required transported by individuals.
- (c) Sleeping bags as required transported by individuals.

(4) Class II A

- (a) Rear Echelon support as required.
- (b) Tool kits and spare parts as required by engineering Department transported by air lift.

(5) Class III A

- (a) 1100 (100/130) gallons of gasoline supplied by Shore Party.
- (b) One (1) drum (55 Gallon) 1100 oil supplied by Shore Party.

(6) Ammunition

- (a) All personnel carry two (2) clips for t/o weapons.
- (b) Pilots .38 Cal. ammunition as required.
- (c) Pyrotechnics: Very Pistol.

b. EVACUATION:

(1) Personnel requiring medical treatment will be taken to Battalion aid station or hospital ship as required.

(2) All requests for helicopter evacuation will be made to ODO.

c. SANITATION:

(1) All areas will be properly policed prior to departure.

(2) Local raw water will not be used for human consumption under any circumstances.

d. SECURITY:

(1) Military Police will be provided by Shore Party.

e. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) All surplus equipment will be returned to the squadron rear echelon.

(2) Uniform: Dungarees, leggings, or boots and helmets.

(3) No personnel will molest or associate with the natives, damage or destroy dwellings, crops, trees, etc.

(4) Non-Commissioned Officers in charge of surface lift take charge of personnel and equipment and report to Shore Party Battalion ASCOM City by 1600 16 November 52.

5. a. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Shore Party will provide one (1) AN/GRC-9 at landing zone ABLE and BAKER.

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(2) Call Signs:

- (a) All squadron aircraft PATROLMAN 99
- (b) Individual Aircraft PATROLMAN plus side no.
- (c) CVE (SOYA-DO Island) PATROLMAN UNCLE
- (d) Helicopter support team BLACKMAIL HOW
- (e) Forward Air Controller RUMMY

(3) Frequencies:

- (a) Primary 3215
- (b) Secondary 140.58 Channel DOG

b. Command Post HMF-161 (REINF)

- (1) Forward Echelon PATROLMAN LEADER
- (2) Rear Echelon BS 975515
- (3) First Air Delivery Platoon BS 495210
- (4) CVE ODO BS 460218
- (5) Landing zone ABLE BS 460218
- (6) Landing zone BAKER BS 460218
- (7) Forward Air Controller (TOKCHOK-TO)
- (8) Helicopter support team CVE (SOYA-DO)

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAREY

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Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

ANNEXS:

- ABLE - INTELLIGENCE
- BAKER - FLIGHT SCHEDULE
- XRAY - DISTRIBUTION LIST

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INTELLIGENCE

MAP REFERENCE: KOREA 1:250,000 AMS series L552 sheet NJ 52-9 (SEOUL)

KOREA 1:25,000 AMS series L851 (TOKCHOK-TO)

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

a. In early April 1952, PURPLE forces directed a series of attacks upon the island approaches to INCHON. Upon gaining control of the islands the enemy immediately undertook to establish radar stations thereon to give early warning against UN air attacks against enemy installation on the mainland. Soon after occupation PURPLE withdrew all organized units, leaving only radar personnel and a small security force comprised of PURPLE indoctrinated subversive forces.

b. The early warning net affords the enemy forces the opportunity to take counter measures against UN operations in this area and enables PURPLE air and anti-aircraft units to interfere seriously with UN air efforts.

c. Sightings of large SSPs and merchant vessels have been recorded in this area.

d. There have been no recordings of submarine sightings in the immediate area.

e. Area is within range of enemy fighter and bomber type aircraft based on the mainland.

2. Essential Elements of Information

a. Will PURPLE forces attempt to interfere with operation.

(1) Indications - Air attack, surface or submarine sightings.

(2) Reporting Agencies - All pilots, ODO

(3) Communications - Radio

3. Counter-Intelligence

a. Maintain radio discipline at all times.

4. Reports

a. Debriefing forms

(1) Number of troops airlifted on each flight.


(2) Gross weight of cargo airlifted on each flight.

(3) Information on technique which would be of value to subsequent flights.

5. Summary of Friendly Situation

a. Elements of EUSAK are to seize, occupy and defend the island approaches to INCHON in order to deny the enemy early warning and to establish

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air-sea rescue bases thereon.

b. Surface units of COMNAVFE are to direct such naval support as will be necessary to support the amphibious operation.

c. 2ndBn7thMarRegt will seize, occupy and defend the island of TOKCHOK-TO BS-460218 in order to deny the enemy early warning and to establish air-sea rescue bases thereon. To achieve surprise and minimize the enemies opportunity to destroy the existing radar installations, HMR-161 will air lift one Rifle Co (Reinf) of 2ndBn7thMarRegt from CVE Island (SOYO-DO) BS-489226.

d. On D-day H-hour aircraft of this squadron will airlift F Co (Reinf) 2ndBn7thMarRegt from CVE Island (SOYO-DO) to TOKCHOK-TO Island BS-460218.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE
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TIME	HR. NO.	PILOT	DUAL PILOT	REMARKS
1400		MARY	SELLERS	SEE FOOTNOTE #1
1400		LINNEMEIER	MORRISON	SEE FOOTNOTE #1

FOOTNOTE NO. 1 - Flight will depart A-17 at 1300 17 November for ASCOM. From ASCOM the flight will depart at 1400 18 November for CVE (SOYA-DO Island) with advance party of FOX Company 2nd Battalion 7th MARINES.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE
18 NOVEMBER 52


OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MAJOR MARY

TIME	HR NO.	PILOT	DUAL PILOT	REMARKS
0730		LTCOL. CAREY	FERRIS	SEE FOOTNOTE 1 & e
"		OLSON, V. D.	HARRY	" " 1 & t
"		LINNEMEIER	MORRISON	" " 1 & c
"		LTCOL. DANSER	BENT	" " 1 & d
"		GILLIES	DERWALLIS	" " 1 & e
"		SMITH	BOLEN	" " 1 & f
"		MARY	SELLERS	" " 1 & g

FOOTNOTE NO. 1 - Flight will depart A-17 at 0730 on 18 November for CVE (SOYA-DO Island). Flight for 19 November 1952, same as above except departure time will be 0800.

- FOOTNOTES a-g - a. One (1) APU 250 lbs.
b. One (1) spare parts box 200 lbs.
c. One (1) can of 1065 transmission oil.
d. One (1) life raft and one (1) rope ladder.
e. Two (2) hand gas pumps.



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- f. Will lay two (2) lines from landing site on BLUE Beach to Shore Party CP on RED Beach when directed.
- g. Spare aircraft, ODO and Commanding Officer of ADP. One (1) life raft and one (1) rope ladder.

- FOOTNOTE NO. 2 - (a) Each aircraft will be equipped with current map covering operating area.
- (b) First Pilots will determine that sufficient life jackets are available and that they are worn by all personnel on over water flights between ASCOM City and SOYA-DO Island. Life jackets will be worn by all crew members during troop lift flights.

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