

# **KOREAN WAR PROJECT**

## **OPERATION ORDER 13-52, SILENT REDLINE II**

HMR-161 (REINF)  
IN THE FIELD  
0800 21 November 1952

OPERATIONS ORDER)

SILENT REDLINE II

NUMBER.....13-52)

Maps: Korea, 1:50,000 AMS Series I751 Sheets 6427-I and II; 6527-I, II, and III; 6528-II, and III

TASK ORGANIZATION

HMR-161 (REINF)

DECLASSIFIED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 13 YEARS.  
DOD DIR 5200.10

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|                                      | LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAREY        |
| a. <u>HMR-161 Forward Echelon</u>    | <u>LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAREY</u> |
| b. <u>HMR-161 Rear Echelon</u>       | <u>LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEES</u>  |
| c. <u>First Air Delivery Platoon</u> | <u>LIEUTENANT SELLERS</u>       |
1. a. See Intelligence Annex (Annex ABLE)
  - b. Reserve elements of the Korean Marine Corps will effect the relief of units on the MLR.
  2. a. HMR-161 (REINF) helicopter lifts 1000 personnel of the 3rd Battalion KMC from landing zone ABLE (CS 062812) to loading zone BAKER (BS 903767) and 1000 personnel of the 1st Battalion KMC from loading zone BAKER (CS 903767) to loading zone ABLE (CS 062812).
  3. a. HMR-161 Forward Echelon flight section proceed to loading zone ABLE (CS 062812) and execute troop lift in accordance with the flight schedule.
  - 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 loading zone ABLE (CS 062812) establish loading/unloading zone ABLE within area encribed by 1000 meter radius, further proceed to loading zone BAKER (BS 903767) establish loading/unloading zone BAKER within an area encribed by 1000 meter radius. Within zones ABLE and BAKER establish, improve and mark three (3) loading/unloading sites, one (1) troop control point and one (1) engineering maintenance site of sufficient size to accomodate two (2) helicopters simultaneously. In zone ABLE establish two (2) refueling sites of sufficient size to accomodate (2) aircraft simultaneously. Exercise troop control within zones ABLE and BAKER.
- X. (1) If confronted with enemy opposition, aircraft will seek landing spots in defilade, maintain communication as possible, await further instruction Ground personnel will seek natural protective defense positions and await further instructions. Protective measures for equipment and material will be taken if possible.
- (2) Amphibious tractors will be stationed on the east and west banks of the HAN GANG RIVER at BS 965775 to assist personnel of ditched aircraft. A life raft will be available at zone ABLE.
- (3) Round trip distance average twenty-four (24) nautical miles, requires approximately twenty-five (25) minutes and one hundred (100) pounds of fuel. The total lift requires approximately one hundred fifty (150) round trips or fifteen (15) round trips per aircraft on a basis of ten (10) aircraft participating.

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(4) Positive overall control of the operation rests with the ODO located at zone ABLE.

(5) Planes will operate between corresponding site numbers in the zones.

(6) Heading from ABLE-17 to zone ABLE is 220° magnetic, then 260° magnetic to zone BAKER.

(7) Aircraft flight patterns:

a. Left hand pattern (depending on wind) at landing zone ABLE and BAKER.

b. East bound aircraft will fly at one hundred (100) feet, west bound aircraft one hundred fifty (150) feet.

c. East bound aircraft have the right of way.

(8) Maximum allowable gross weight per aircraft is 6600 pounds.

(9) All planes will be refueled to 425 pounds prior to initial take-off (full rear tank). Minimum fuel allowed prior to refueling 100 pounds.

(10) Aircraft experiencing mechanical difficulties will retire to the closest maintenance site. If possible to maintenance site ABLE.

(11) Pilots will not exceed power limits (red line), if impossible with scheduled load, pilots will reduce load.

(12) No radio communication unless for emergencies.

(13) DOG DAY                      21 November 1952

(14) HOW HOUR                    0901

(15) This order effective on receipt.

4. a. HMR-161 Forward Echelon S-4 provide two (2) fuel trucks, two 6X6 trucks, 3500 gallons of aviation gasoline (100 octane), 100 gallons of oil (1120) and six (6) cases of "C" rations and twenty-five (25) gallons of water. Material and equipment to be at refueling site ABLE be HOW-30.

b. HMR-161 Forward Echelon S-5 provide fifteen (15) maintenance personnel, high usage spare parts, magnetos, spark plugs, etc; necessary hand tools for field maintenance, one (1) life raft and two (2) hand fuel pumps to maintenance site ABLE. Personnel and equipment to arrive maintenance site ABLE, HOW-30.

c. Casualties will be evacuated to DOG MED.

d. HMR-161 Forward Echelon is to provide helicopter lift for twenty-eight (28) Air Delivery Platoon personnel, two (2) communication personnel, fifteen (15) maintenance personnel, ten (10) relief pilots and the ABLE zone ODO prior to commencement of the troop lift.

e. All personnel will be retrieved in accordance with the flight schedule.

f. Dual pilots will not be used.

g. Pilots will change after each refueling.

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h. Uniform of the day with TO weapon, cartridge belt, first aid packet and canteen (full).

5. a. Communications:

(1) Communications will provide:

- (a) One (1) ANGR-9 for use of the ABLE zone ODO.
- (b) One (1) MAW radio.
- (c) Eight (8) field phones and necessary wire in zones ABLE and BAKER so that all landing sites will be connected to the troop control points.
- (d) Two (2) communication personnel to lay wire DOG-1
- (e) Personnel and equipment to arrive at the designated sites by HOW-30.

(2) Call Signs:

- (a) All squadron aircraft                      PATROLMAN 99
- (b) Individual aircraft                      PATROLMAN (plus side number)
- (c) ABLE zone ODO                              PATROLMAN UNCLE

(3) Frequencies:

- (a) Primary                                      142.02 Mg.
- (b) Secondary                                    3510 Kcs.

(4) Command Post HMR-161:

- (a) Forward Echelon                            PATROLMAN LEADER
- (b) Rear Echelon                                BS 975515
- (c) First Air Delivery Platoon                BS 903767
- (d) ABLE zone ODO                              CS 062812

(5) (a) Time zone ITEM.

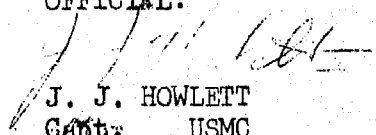
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ANNEXS:

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Annex ABLE to Operation Order 13-52

INTELLIGENCE

MAP REFERENCE: KOREA 1:250,000 AMS series L552 sheet No 52-9 (SEOUL)

KOREA 1:50,000 AMS series L751 sheet numbers 6527-I,  
6527-II, 6527-III and 6527-IV

1. GENERAL ENEMY SITUATION

a. Elements of the SIXTY FIFTH and FORTIETH CCF Armies are deployed from W to E respectively along the general line BS-8287 to CT-0910.

b. ENEMY UNITS ON LINE AND LOCAL RESERVE

40th CCF Army	
Army troops	4,500
118thDiv	12,000
119thDiv	12,000
120thDiv	3,000
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	31,500

65th CCF Army	
Army troops	4,500
193rdDiv	7,500
194thDiv	7,500
195thDiv	11,000
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	30,500

62,000 Total troops in contact  
and Local reserve

c. Each CCF Army has eight (8) organic artillery Bns of 24 guns each. The enemy has a total of 16 artillery Bns in direct support of infantry units on the line confronting the 1stMarDiv. It is reasonable to believe that the enemy could supply ammunition for 100% employment of all weapons for a period of only a few hours.

d. The enemy has at least one (1) Armored Regt in the sector and is accepted to be in the Kaesong area BT-8505. This Regt consists of 36 T-34/76 or T-34/85 tanks and 4 JSU-122 or JS tanks. This places the armored strength in terrain which is the most suitable for armored vehicle operation.

e. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

(1) Confronting the 1stMarDiv the enemy has seventy two (72) infantry Bns in position to effect the military picture in our sector, only sixteen (16) of which are believed to be on the line.

(2) In direct support of the infantry units the enemy has sixteen (16) artillery Bn and one (1) armored regt.

(3) The enemy has two (2) army size reserve units, one of which could reinforce front line troops within twelve (12) hours and the other within a week.

(4) The enemy has one (1) Bn of 122 artillery and one (1) of 75/76 with a combined total of 32 guns which are capable of directing fire in zone of operation.

(5) Consideration must be given to the reinforcement capability of the twenty seven (27) Bns of the 63rd CCF Army accepted as capable of reinforcing the units opposing the 1stMarDiv. Numerous reports indicate that the 63rd CCF Army has displaced Westward into HWANGHAE Province to join the other unit of the XIX Army Group (64th CCF Army). This would appear to reduce the enemy reinforcement capability by 27 Bns; However, numerous reports also indicate that the 42nd CCF Army has begun to move into this area as a replacement for the 65th CCF Army or as an army size reinforcement. The 47th CCF Army has remained unlocated in reserve and might possibly act as a reinforcement unit in the event that the 42nd CCF Army should relieve the 65th CCF Army on line.

f. OTHER INTELLIGENCE FACTORS

(1) Estimated Enemy Losses

Total since 25 March 1952: 6,896 (counted), 8,693 (estimated), 15,589 total KIA; 19,019 (estimated) WIA; 78 PW.

(2) Enemy Combat Efficiency

Excellent

(3) Morale

Good

(4) Weather

21Nov Generally clear and much cooler with early morning ground fog in valleys and low places. Temperatures will range from a minimum of 20-40 degrees to a maximum of 45-55 degrees.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Will the enemy attempt to interfere with operation? If so by what means.

(1) Indications - Air attack, Artillery or Mortar fire.

(2) Reporting agencies - All pilots and ODO.

(3) Communications - Radio.

3. COUNTER INTELLIGENCE

a. Fly in defilade where ever possible.

b. 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) List any special cargo giving means of handling and transporting.

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(4) Information on technique which may be of value to subsequent flights.

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