

# **KOREAN WAR PROJECT**

## **OPERATION SILENT-REDLINE, REPORT ON - STATISTICS**

MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 161  
1STMAW, C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

RTL:jat  
A4-3  
Ser: 1314-52  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division

Subj: OPERATION SILENT-REDLINE, report on

Ref: (a) Map Korea, 1:25,000 AMS Series L-751 Sheets 6497 I and II;  
6527 I, II, and III; 6528 II and III  
(b) Operation Order 7-52

Encl: (1) Statistics

1. MISSION:

a. To transport by helicopter across the HAN GANG River, the 1st Battalion KMC from the Vicinity of BS 902766 to CS 062807 and to transport the 5th Battalion KMC across the HAN GANG River from the vicinity of CS 062807 to BS 902766 (See reference (a) ).

2. PURPOSE:

a. To effect the relief of a unit on the MLR and return the relieved unit to a rear area as expeditiously as possible.

b. Further evaluation of the helicopter and the helicopter squadron as it is now organized and equipped.

3. PLANNING PHASE:

a. Planning Conferences were held by the G-3 1st Marine Division, 1st, 5th Battalions KMC and HMR-161 in sufficient time to complete the necessary arrangements and brief all units concerned.

4. EXECUTION PHASE:

a. A shuttle system using ten (10) helicopters operating from assigned sites was used.

b. Three (3) sites were used at each of the loading/unloading zones.

c. Six (6) troops or five (5) troops and crew served weapon were carried each trip.

d. One (1) maintenance and repair site, and two (2) refueling sites at Zone ABLE (See Reference b) were used.

5. DISCUSSION:

a. Radio communication between zones and between aircraft was not used throughout the operation.

b. In an operation of this type it is believed radio communications are unnecessary except in emergency.

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c. This was the first operation attempted using only one (1) pilot per aircraft with a relief pilot per aircraft standing by at the refueling site.

d. Pilots effected relief after each refueling which occurred approximately every one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes.

6. CONCLUSIONS:

a. That two (2) refueling sites are necessary for continuous and prompt refueling of aircraft, operating over a distance of approximately twelve (12) miles.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That additional operations of this type be assigned for further training of personnel of the First Marine Division and HMR-161.

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PAC FLT COMBAT EVAL BD  
CO MAG-16 (3)  
CO MAG-26 (4)  
CO MAG-36 (4)  
CO HMX-1  
CG LSTMARIV (2)  
CG LSTMAW  
CO MWSS-1

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SILENT-REDLINE STATISTICS

NUMBER OF FLIGHTS - - - - -277  
NUMBER OF TROOPS CARRIED - - - - -1618  
FIRST AIRCRAFT OFF - - - - -0900  
OPERATION ENDED - - - - -1531  
AIRCRAFT TIME - - - - -61 Hours  
TOTAL TIME TO COMPLETE OPERATION - - - - -6 Hours 31 Minutes  
AVERAGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING - - - - -8.5  
TOTAL FUEL CONSUMED - - - - -2700 Gallons  
TOTAL OIL - - - - -50 Gallons

ENCLOSURE (1)

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