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HELICOPTERS STRIKE AGAINST MALAYAN COMMUNISTS.

Up the perilous Mayalan river, bristling with rapids and crocodiles, and bordered with dense tropical jungle, comes the advance party of a new attack against the Communist terrorists. In their narrow Malay boats they present a sitting target for any terrorists who might be lurking on the river banks, but as the Security Forces strike further into the interior, so the Communists creep further away into the dark depths of the jungle.

This is the first stage of an attack on a band of terrorists known to be hiding in their camps deep inside the forest undergrowth of this area.

Step by step the Security Forces reach out their striking line carrying their rations and their weapons with them.

First job is to send up a signal locating their position to aircraft waiting to drop supplies. And down it comes - right on time - the stores and the equipment they need to build a camp which may be their outpost home for months. An early and vital task is to make friends with the aborigines or jungle dwellers who can give them information about the Communists' movements. On this information is based the attack against the terrorists by the fighting units brought fresh into the area by helicopter.

Back at base, the Security Forces prepare for the big helicopter lift. They are briefed to plunge straight into a jungle search for terrorists the moment they touch down at the advance camp. Helicopter pilots of the Royal Navy study the map of the area so that they will not miss the tiny jungle clearing that is to be their landing strip. A brigade of Gurkhas stand ready to take their turn, each man carrying his rations for a week.

These American-built helicopters of the Royal Navy are making it possible for the Security Forces in Malaya to come to grips in a matter of hours, or even minutes, with Communist terrorists huddled hundreds of miles away in their jungle hide-outs.

This is the sort of country that would take men weeks to hack their way through, only to arrive exhausted at the point where they need their full strength and wits to make successful contact with the enemy. Helicopters lift men and weapons over this jungle-covered hill territory and bring them fresh to their fighting task. It is almost impossible to spot terrorist camps from the air, and only skilled navigation and accurate pin-pointing can pick up the position of the landing strip. And down it comes - straight down, on to the pocket handkerchief of a clearing made by the advance party. All change. As quickly as the men can tumble out, the helicopter is off again for another load.

In they come - one after another - like a bus service. One minute to unload and off again: and a whole brigade of Gurkhas is launched into an attack - the spearhead of a long line of strung-out communications and supplies, of a complex piece of planning and organisation in which many branches of the fighting forces play their part.

At the base the shuttle service is nearly finished, and headquarters are informed by radio that the last few flights are just leaving.

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Across the miles of virgin Malayan jungle .. across the unnavigable rivers .. on and on they fly to carry the free world's attack against the Communist terrorists seeking to hide deeper and deeper in some of the worst territory in the world for fighting a war - the heart of the Malayan jungle.

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Film Content:

- (a) Opening with scene of advance party in a long narrow prahu (Malay boat) powered by outboard motor.
- (b) Advance party landing on river bank.
- (c) A signal is sent up and is answered when a R.A.F. plane flies in dropping supplies.
- (d) Activities of advance party setting up camp and carrying in the supplies. Aborigine lends a helping hand.
- (e) At the base camp, troops busy getting ready for the air lift. A group of officers and pilots conferring before a map.
- (f) Officer briefing the men, and they take off from the base camp in helicopter of the Naval Air Squadron.
- (g) Flying over dense jungle. Interior shots of pilot and men in helicopter.
- (h) Landing on a spot in jungle cleared by advance party.
- (i) Back again to the base camp and more shots of men taking off in helicopters and landing on jungle clearing.
- (j) Final shots of taking off from base camp, ending with helicopter flying over jungle.

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