

H-19 'Copter Battle-Tested

TOKYO.—The huge H-19 Sikorsky helicopter is being tested in Korea under field conditions by the 3d Air Rescue Squadron of Far East Air Forces.

The large windmill-type aircraft was transported to the Far East by the giant Douglas C-124 Globemaster which recently departed for the United States from Haneda AFB.

Evolved from the Air Force's smaller H-5 helicopter, the H-19 is capable of carrying 10 passengers—eight litter cases, plus the pilot and attendant.

During the airdrop operation of the 187th Regimental Combat Team, the H-19 was used to evacuate paratroop casualties out of the Munsan area 20 miles north of Seoul. It has a power-operated hoist for rescue operations and can be equipped with amphibious landing gear.

Capt. Joseph D. Cooper of Eglin Field, Florida, who came here with the H-19 on the C-124 Globemaster, is the pilot who has been flying it in Korea.

The aircraft has one 600-horsepower rotor Pratt and Whitney engine and a top speed of 100 miles per hour. Its wingspan is 49 feet long, while the fuselage is 39 feet 6 inches. It is 12 feet 4 inches high.