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Before returning to Da Nang, the helicopter was refueled twice in mid-air by HC-130P tankers of the 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. from Tuy Hoa AB.

This entirely new method in helicopter operations was the idea of one of the pilots who flew on the mission. Maj. John H. McLeash, now assigned to the 3d ARRG, spent the past two and one-half years planning this type of operation while assigned to Hq, Aerospace Rescue and Recov-

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EGLIN AFB, Fla. — After establishing two international records, two helicopters from the 48th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Sq. are on their way to Vietnam.

Both HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" copters flew nonstop from New York to Paris for the 27th Paris International Air and Space Salon. Now they will be used for rescue operations in Vietnam.

Pilots of the helicopters on their record flights were Maj. Herbert R. Zehnder (New York to Paris in 30 hours 40 minutes) and Maj. Donal B. Maurras (New York to London in 29 hours 13 minutes and on to Paris).

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Refueled Copters Fly Rescue

DA NANG, Vietnam (IO)—The HH-3E jolly green helicopter has begun using air-to-air refueling in rescuing pilots downed over North Vietnam.

A jolly green from the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. at Da Nang AB recently made its first refueled rescue mission over the Gulf of Tonkin.

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'Jolly Green Giant' Aerial Refueling Increases AF Rescue Capabilities

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Piloted by Col. Albert P. Lovelady, 46, of Alexandria, Va., 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group commander, the first flight was scheduled to last about 5 hours, 45 minutes.

Colonel Lovelady said of the mission, "this new type of operation will greatly enhance our rescue capabilities. It will allow us to do a much better job and I'm proud to be sharing the honors of this first mission with the men of the 37th ARRS who made it work."

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This entirely new method in helicopter operations was the idea of one of the pilots who flew on the mission, Maj. John H. McLeash, 37, of Winter Park, Fla., now assigned to the 3rd ARRG, spent the past 2½ years planning this type of operation while assigned to Headquarters, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, at Orlando AFB, Fla.

Crew members making the flight, in addition to Colonel Lovelady and Major McLeash were: Maj. William O. Mayfield, 40, Owensboro, Ky., aircraft commander and instructor pilot; Maj. Herbert D. Kalen, 39, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., pilot; TSgt. Maurice F. Tasker, 34, Belmont, N.H., flight engineer, and A2C Walter White III, 20, of El Paso, Tex., pararescuer man.



ANOTHER FIRST—Following the first helicopter air-to-air refueling mission in Southeast Asia, rescue personnel at Da Nang AB inspect the probe used. From left are: Col. Albert P. Lovelady, Alexandria, Va., 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group Commander; Maj. Lamar G. Tullos, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, helicopter standardization pilot; Capt. Carlton R. Damonte, Windsor Locks, Conn., aerial refueling instructor pilot; and A1C Michael W. Mulvaney, Lawton, Okla., flight mechanic.

Second from left: Maj. William O. Mayfield, RCC

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Jet-Assisted C-123K Excels in Paradrop

SAIGON—With its two new jet engines roaring alongside the propeller-driven ones, the newly-modified C-123K lifted off the runway at Tan Son Nhut AB and went on to

make the first paradrop since its modification.

First Mission Flown by O-2

DA NANG AB — The O-2 Super Skymaster has been flown on its first combat mission in Vietnam by pilots of the 9th Air Commando Sq., Flight C, psychological air warfare unit here.

The crew to log the initial mission was Capt. Stephen H. Spivey and David B. Englund.

"It's a more versatile plane than the U-10," said Captain Spivey.

The O-2 is replacing the U-10B Courier as the primary psywar speaker aircraft in I Corps.

"The speakers on the O-2 are twice as powerful as on the U-10," said Captain Englund. "We're going to get better results from them."

"The O-2 is going to work extremely well for the mission."

The Provider, assigned to the 315th Air Commando Wg here, headed towards the Mekong Delta where needed supplies would be paradropped to special forces and Vietnamese Army troops.

The plane arrived at its destination, and unloaded more than five tons of supplies.

Commanding the aircraft was Col. Vernon W. Froelich, 315th Air Commando Wg. commander, with Maj. Geoffrey C. Brown, serving as instructor pilot.

Colonel Froelich stated of the mission, "It was beautiful. Everything went according to plan and the loadmaster crew did a marvelous job of releasing the cargo."

"The K model plane, with its auxiliary jet engines, is going to add much to the safety aspect of making drops of supplies and in special forces camps."

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