
Albatross rescue . . . Rescuemen of the 33rd ARRSq, Naha AB, flew their fourth rescue mission of 1967 recently, when they evacuated a seriously injured merchant seaman from Minami Daito to Kadena AB. Immediately after being assigned the mission, an HU-16 was dispatched to the small island in the southern Ryukyus where the injured man was being taken. The man, a Danish national aboard an American freighter, had fallen 25 feet from a catwalk to the deck, and was suffering from a serious concussion. When the HU-16 arrived, the freighter was just approaching the island and the Rescuemen directed their aircraft to a small landing craft manned by Ryukyuans, which was waiting off shore. The Rescuemen then set their HU-16 down on the island's small landing strip, and took off again with the seaman in 30 minutes. Pararescuemen MSgt Raymond J. Hawco and TSgt John F. Heitsch attended the patient on the hour-long flight back to Kadena where he was immediately taken to Camp Kue hospital for treatment.