

15-17 May 1970 ship hijacking

I was on the USS Denver in the Gulf of Cambodia 15-17 May 1970. Two HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopters from the 40th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, were dispatched in response to a mutiny aboard the U.S. flagged merchant vessel SS Columbia Eagle. Two crewmembers seized the vessel with the threat of a bomb and a handgun. The hijackers turned the vessel over to the Cambodian government before we could assault the vessel.

