

AF Helo Aids Burned Norse Sailors

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TAN SON NHUT AB, Vietnam — U.S. Air Force rescuemen rushed two badly burned sailors to the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base hospital Saturday morning after picking them off a Norwegian freighter damaged by a fire and explosion which killed two other men Friday night, an Air Force spokesman said.

Crewmen of an HH53 "Buff" helicopter made the pick-up from the M. V. Tore Knudsen about 200 miles east of Cam Ranh Bay, the spokesman from the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group here reported. He said the injured men were suffering from third degree burns.

The ship first reported a fire

aboard Friday night but radioed back 30 minutes later that it had been extinguished, the spokesman said. Seven hours later it reported an explosion and asked for help, he added.

He said the HH53, from the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. at Da Nang, left about 9 a.m. Saturday. An HC130 rescue control and refueling aircraft from the 39th ARRS

at Cam Ranh Bay AB also was dispatched to the scene, the spokesman said.

Cause of the explosion was unknown. The ship had reported that it intended to steam into Saigon under its own power.

In a similar operation, rescuemen Wednesday night picked up a sailor injured on a British ship 110 miles east-southeast of Cam Ranh Bay, the spokesman said.

NIGHT WATER HOIST BY
LT COL HOLCOMB

PJ Allen Avery in door

PJ Ralph Moreno on left

