

WING GETS NEW 'N' MODEL HERCULES...

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii—The 36th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan, is the proud owner of the newest version of the Lockheed HC-130 Hercules.

The fresh-off-the-assembly-line HC-130 N was picked up recently at the Lockheed-Georgia Company plant in Marietta, Ga., by a 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing crew commanded by Lt. Col. James Krajicek, special assistant to the 41st ARRWg commander.

The new "N" model at Yokota is one of 15 new HC-130s destined for Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing units. The HC-130N is the third version of the C-130 cargo aircraft to be specifically designed for ARRS search and rescue. The new model incorporates the long range and helicopter refueling capabilities of the older H and P models with structural and systems improvements.

Innovations for the Hercules' use in combat rescue include a structurally improved center wing section, armor plate on the flight deck to protect crewmen from enemy fire and improved brakes and anti-skid system to afford added safety when landing on forward combat air strips.

One of the most obvious differences between the new model and present HC-130s in the 41st ARRWg is the absence of a surface-to-air retrieval yoke on the nose.

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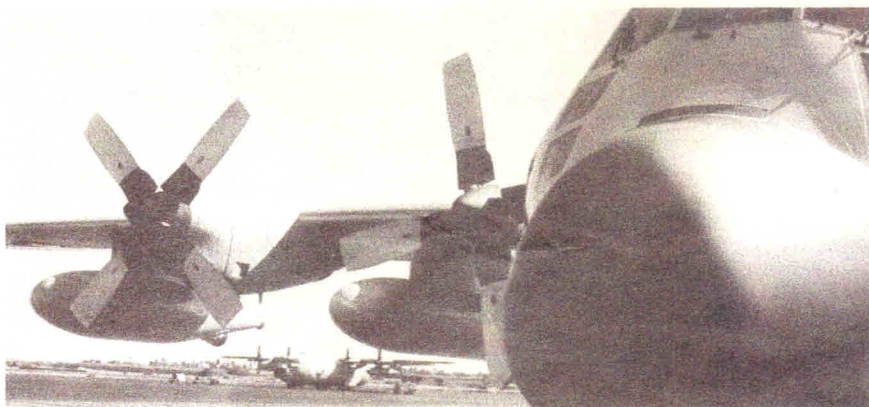
PARARESCUEMAN AIDS RUSSIAN SAILOR

CLARK AB, Philippines - - What was an Air Force sergeant doing aboard a Russian trawler?

For Sgt. Jones L. Stamey of the 31st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here, it was all in a day's work. A pararescueman, Sergeant Stamey descended from an HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter to evacuate a sick Russian seaman to Manila.

The Manila rescue center had received a request for helicopter evacuation for a seriously ill man aboard a 7,000-ton Russian trawler.

It took several hours to ascertain the seriousness of the man's condition and coordinate plans for rescue. Evidently, a sailor, 41-year-old Marks Chernyavsky, had suffered a stroke or severe hypertension.



THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT—New HC-130N puts its best nose forward as an H model of the same plane sits in the background at Hickam AFB.

...AND NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, Lt. Col. Herbert Leong (left), greets his predecessor, Lt. Col. James Krajicek, who had just arrived with the 41st ARRWg's first HC-130N. Colonel Krajicek, who now serves as special assistant to the 41st ARRWg commander, leaves soon to become commander of the 31st ARRSq.

Early the next morning a HC-130 pilot from the 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, flying a scheduled run into Vietnam, spotted the Russian vessel. He placed the ship at about 78 nautical miles west of Lubang Island in the Philippines.

Attempts to contact the ship directly from the 13th Air Force Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) were in vain.

"Before making the final decision to go and pick up the sailor, we coordinated with officials at the American Embassy in Manila and the Presidential Palace," explained TSgt. Eugene Howells of the 13AF JRCC. Finally at 12:57 on the second day, the "Jolly Green" was launched from Clark.

Their first task was to locate the ship. An HC-130 stood by as back-up in case

the "chopper" ran into trouble pinpointing the vessel.

"Our biggest problem was trying to decipher the Russian characters," said the aircraft commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Kittleson. "We knew the name of the ship, (the Novrjissinkisovrossik), but we couldn't read the Russian script. Finally we spotted the name printed in English on the bridge. Then we knew we had it."

The ship's crew motioned the chopper in and Sergeant Stamey was lowered onto the deck.

The pick-up took place at 2 p.m. Dr. Harr L. Shannon III from the USAF Hospital Clark was on board the helicopter to provide medical attention.

The Russian sailor was then flown on to Manila where an ambulance stood by to take him to a metropolitan hospital.