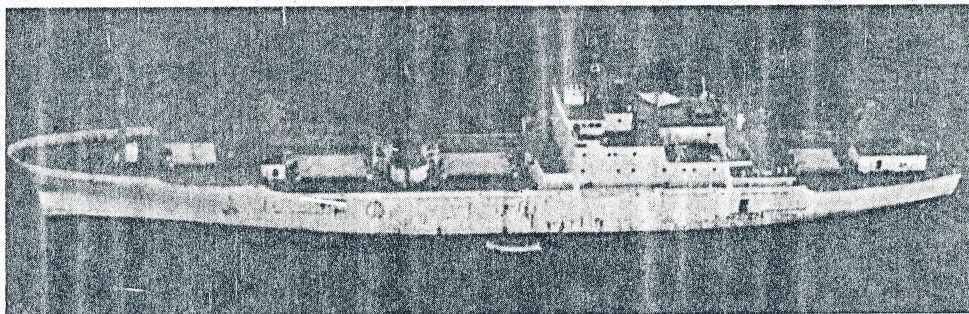




Parascuemen Staff Sergeants Leif E. Arvidson, left, and Jack Metcalf look over medical supplies prior to the jump.

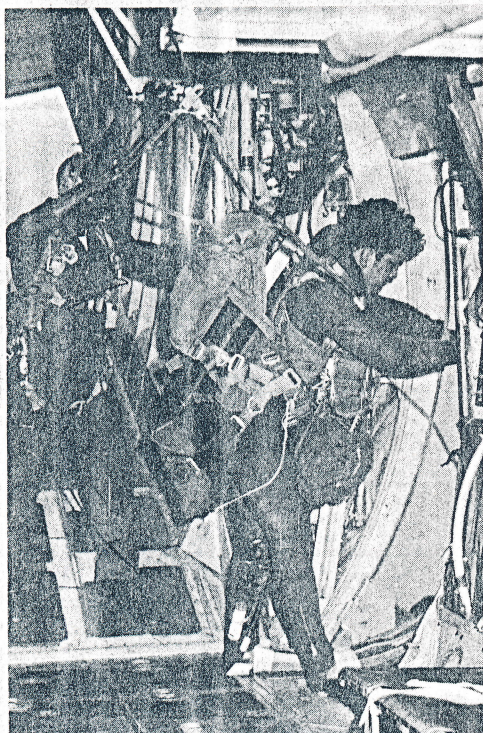


The doctor and the two PJ's talk over possible medical problems which may be encountered aboard ship.



The British cargo ship, "Manistee" awaiting the two Pease parascuemen.

54th saves



SSgt. Jack Metcalf readies to jump as SSgt. Carl Harris, loadmaster, assists.

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The 54th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here went to the aid of a British seaman in need of blood May 10.

The squadron was notified early that Thursday afternoon that James Bell, a crewmember aboard the British cargo ship "Manistee" needed blood and medical attention due to internal bleeding from a hemorrhaging ulcer.

After obtaining Dr. (Capt.) Lawrence Borland from the base clinic and six pints of blood, a 54th EC-130 aircraft departed Pease for the "Manistee" at 1:40 p.m.

The ship was reported to be about 300 miles east of Bermuda.

Upon arrival in the area Staff Sergeants Jack S. Metcalf and Leif E. Arvidson parachuted from the plane into the water near the ship.

Once aboard the "Manistee", Metcalf and Arvidson reported that the 50 year-old Bell was pale with a weak blood pressure and a weak pulse. While maintaining radio contact with Dr. Borland in the aircraft overhead, Metcalf and Arvidson worked to stop the bleeding and began administering blood to Bell.

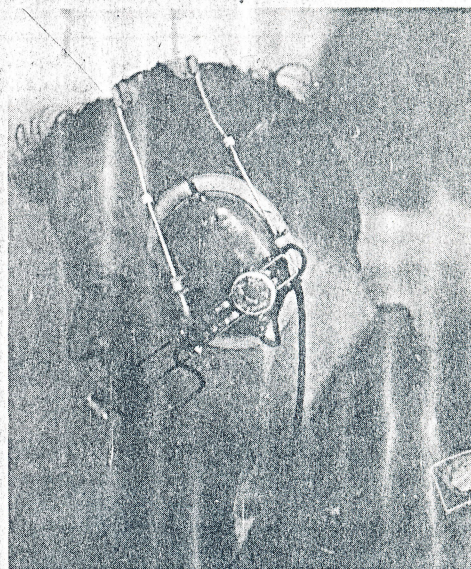
After having been administered two units, Bell's blood pressure improved and Dr. Borland concluded that Bell's vital signs were stable and that the parascuemen had him under control.

The aircraft returned to Westover AFB, Mass. late Thursday evening due to weather conditions here.

Parascuemen Metcalf and Arvidson remained on board the "Manistee" caring for Bell. The ship docked at a port, one mile Northeast of Sir David's Head Bermuda Friday afternoon, and the Pease men were picked up there.

The Pease rescue unit is the same organization that spotted and rescued the lone survivor of the sunken Norwegian Freighter, "Norse Variant," March 25th.

Other crewmembers flying the mercy mission were Capt. Raymond M. Hanson, aircraft commander; First Lieutenants Steven S. Woodard and William B. Kahrs, co-pilots; Lt. Col. Norman G. Stetson, navigator; SSgt. Johnnie F. Bovender and TSgt. Charles E. Root, flight engineers; SSgt. Carl R. Harris, loadmaster; and TSgt. Eddie B. Hawkins, radio operator.



Lt. Col. Norman Stetson, navigator on the plane which dropped the parascuemen to aid the crewmember of the "Manistee."