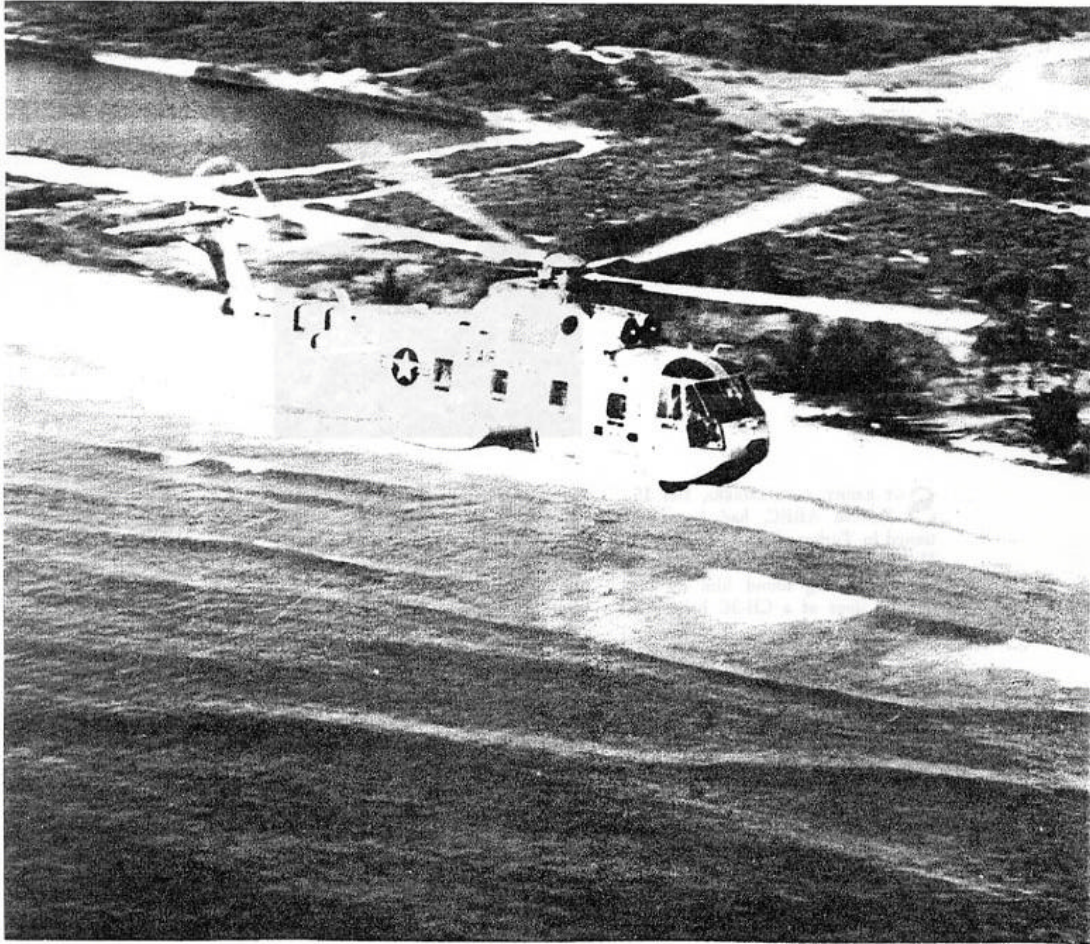


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# SGT CHAMBERS



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**S**GT LARRY J. CHAMBERS, Det 15, Eastern ARRC, had been stationed in Turkey, France, California, Florida and Vietnam, but one morning last spring found him leaning out the door of a CH-3C helicopter over the Atlantic.

Sgt Chambers was flight engineer on a rescue chopper making a hoist pickup of a British seaman from the ship *Holly Bark*. The seaman had fallen into one of the ship's holds suffering a head injury and multiple fractures. He was in severe shock.

The recovery, using a Stokes Litter Basket, was going well until the survivor was ten feet below the helicopter cabin door. At this critical point the hoist failed, leaving the basket with the injured man dangling in

midair. Despite the air crew's best efforts, they couldn't get the hoist working again. Sgt Chambers, using his ingenuity, hooked a cargo tie-down strap into the Stokes litter hoisting ring, and secured the cargo strap tightening device to the helicopter. Using the tightening device, the Stokes litter was raised enough for Sgt Chambers and two passengers to get a firm grip on it. Then they lifted the survivor into the helicopter.

Sgt Chambers, acting as a well-trained professional, was instrumental in saving the seaman's life. If he hadn't been able to get the injured man into the helicopter and to land-based medical attention, the survivor most probably would have died. Good show! 