



"EMERGENCY!" TURN BACK

On September 7, 1965, with the NORTHWIND encountering heavy swells in the Barent's Sea, Michael Sundquist, 3rd Class Aerographer's Mate, was seriously injured when a malfunction in the hanger door caused it to collapse. Sundquist was working under it at the time. Within minutes Dr. Manuel Ramirez and the ship's corpsmen had Sundquist under treatment in sick bay. X-rays showed that Sundquist had suffered back and pelvis injuries requiring hospitalization ashore. The ship turned back for Tromso, a large fishing community on the northwestern coast of Norway, where Sundquist was evacuated by a U.S. Air Force transport plane to Landstual, Germany, for further treatment. The door also damaged one of the helicopters, leaving it out of commission for the remainder of the patrol.

