

## VERTREPS

Another highly demanding means of receiving supplies was by VERTREP or Vertical Replenishment. The huge helicopters used in vertical replenishment could carry a load nearly three times larger and heavier than our highline during UNREPS. Where an UNREP might take three hours, the same amount of supplies could be VERTREPED in less than an hour. Every member of the crew not actually on watch turned to in helping out during VERTREPS. Each load, once dropped on the fantail, had to be cleared in a matter of minutes, or even seconds, as the next chopper would be in position to make another drop very quickly.

