

Deck Log entry for helo crash during vertrep 16 June, 1969 while anchored at Palma Mallorca – the day that I reported aboard.

(AMGR-1) - June, 1969

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