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Alaska Army National Guard Medevac Patients *Guardsmen medevac two suffering respiratory distress on Little Diomed*

CAMP DENALI, Alaska—The Alaska Army National Guard medevaced two women suffering from respiratory distress on Little Diomed Wednesday.

In response to a request for assistance by the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, the 11th Rescue Coordination Center called upon the Alaska Army National Guard's Army Aviation Operation Facility in Nome to assist in the medevac mission.

According to the RCC, a 22-year-old female patient, required medevac to Nome, after her condition failed to improve.

“The physician attending to her in Little Diomed felt her condition required further treatment in Nome after her health failed to get better,” said Master Sgt. Sal Provenzano, RCC non-commissioned officer in charge.

Shortly after receiving the request for assistance, the Alaska Army National Guard launched a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from Nome with two civilian medics onboard. Upon landing, the medics provided treatment to the patient and discovered a second patient who needed emergency assistance.

Both patients were medevaced from Little Diomed to Nome, where an ambulance met the UH-60 helicopter and took them to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

“This is another fine example of Alaska Guardsmen helping fellow Alaskans in their time of need,” said Provenzano.

The Alaska Army National Guard's Nome Army Aviation Operations Facility was awarded two saves for this mission.