

MAY 1987

- 2nd F/L Firmston-Williams, F/L Whittaker, F/S Wakeman.
A single handed French yachtsman nearly became just that when he partially severed some fingers. He was strop lifted from a freighter which had moored alongside his yacht and taken to Hull RI. FWs schoolboy French proved useful.
- 6th F/L Sandford, S/L Corby, F/S Murrant.
Another 'finger' job. A Seaman on a Danish fishing vessel had badly mangled his finger in trawling gear. Some good first aid training for the winchman and then transferred to Hull RI.
- 10th F/L Sandford, F/L Clark, F/S Murrant.
More fingers! This time off a French trawler, a seaman with two crushed fingers lifted in a Bosuns chair & taken to Hull RI.
- 11th F/L Kirkup, S/L Corby, MACR Samwell.
Sailor with kidney stones, Bosun chair lifted to Hull RI.
- 15th F/O Wolfendale, S/L Corby, MACR Samwell.
Doctor taken from Scarborough Hospital to 53 year old seaman with stomach pains on board a ship. Doctor & casualty transferred to Scarborough.
- 19th F/L Kirkup, F/L Boothby, Sgt Williamson.
IRAQI female, two months pregnant on an oil tanker, had fallen & was bleeding badly. Tricky one for Terry, bearing in mind woman's religion, so the crew picked up a doctor from Hull RI en-route and let him sort it out. With a suspected miscarriage, casualty was stretcher lifted with IV drip in place & taken to Hull RI.
- 22nd F/L Kirkup, S/L Corby, F/S Murrant.
Search for FV ANMARA which had been seen near Scarborough the day before and then disappeared. A liferaft was found at the base of Bempton Cliffs but could not be lifted due to the height of the cliffs and high tide.
- 23rd F/L Best, F/L Boothby, MACR Samwell.
A coastal search for the crew of the ANMARA. One body was recovered from the beach and taken to Scarborough.
- 24th F/L Firmston-Williams, F/L Clark, MACR Samwell.
Search for a parachutist, one of a stick of four dropped from an aircraft over the sea, 7nm NE of Grindale. After some confusion over the number of parachutists actually dropped from the aircraft, the missing man was eventually found at Filey railway station.

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- 25th F/L Sandford, S/L Corby, Sgt Williamson.
Call from Humber CG to lift man with broken femur from beach at Hornsea yacht club.
A/C landed on beach & transferred casualty to Hull RI.
Whilst at Hull RI, the crew were re-tasked to Filey with a report of three people cut off by the tide at the Brigg. Nothing found but it transpired that they were helped by other means.
Before completion of the previous task, the crew were called to the assistance of a family at Whitby reported to be cut off by the tide. Once again however, it seems Superman had got to them first.
Same crew, same day! A report from the CG of a fisherman with severe bleeding from a gashed hand sent our busy team en-route to the FV LIBERTY 2 off Hornsea.
The casualty was double lifted to an ambulance waiting near the shore.
- 30 th F/L Sandford, F/L Boothby, Sgt Williamson.
Scrambled to a fisherman in a diabetic coma on a trawler 90nm ENE Flamborough.
En-route , picked up a doctor from Hull RI and refuelled on rig "Esmond". Casualty and doctor returned to Hull RI.
- 31st F/L Best, F/L Boothby, Sgt Williamson.
Crew assisted in a coastal search for a possible suicide victim after female clothes and a note found on Filey Brigg. After an extensive search nothing was found.
- 31st F/O Wolfendale, F/L Whittaker, MACR Samwell.
Whilst airborne, crew were scrambled to the Leeds area. The a/c was landed on to pick up one hill walker in an MRT stretcher plus one doctor and transferred both to hospit

Helicopter on rescue mission

A LECONFIELD helicopter crew flew a 170-mile rescue mission out to the North Sea to carry a doctor to a seaman in a diabetic coma.

The RAF search and rescue helicopter had to refuel at the Esmond gas rig on Saturday afternoon after dropping a winchman and Hull consultant Dr. John Gosnold on to the Grimsby trawler Lysha more than 80 miles out to sea.

After emergency treatment the crewman, Mr Paul Frederickson of Grimsby, was winched aboard the helicopter on a stretcher and flown to Hull Royal Infirmary.

He was fully conscious by the end of the journey but was admitted to the infirmary and later transferred to Castle Hill Hospital at Cottingham.

Mercy flight for 'bends' diver

A BRIDLINGTON man was flown from North Yorkshire to Great Yarmouth after suffering an attack of the bends, while diving.

A helicopter from RAF Leconfield was called to Scarborough, after medical staff decided the man needed treatment in a decompression chamber.

Club-mates from the Filey Sub-Aqua Club had reported the incident earlier in the evening, as they dived from a launch off Filey Brigg.

The 38-year-old diver — who has not been named — reached the North Sea Medical Centre around midnight yesterday.

Ambulancemen gave him pure oxygen on the trip from Filey to Scarborough, after his friends brought him ashore, in a bid to reduce the potentially-crippling effect of excess nitrogen in his blood.

Today a spokesman for the medical centre said the man's condition was "fine." His wife is travelling from Bridlington to meet him later today.

Mercy air-lift

AN RAF rescue helicopter from Leconfield airlifted a man to Scarborough hospital after he badly injured a hand while on board a fishing vessel 60 miles north-east of Flamborough Head last night. A coastguard spokesman said the man, who has not been named, damaged his hand in a winch on the Monica B, which is thought to be from Grimsby.

Bends-attack diver recovers

A 38-YEAR-OLD Bridlington man, who was flown to Great Yarmouth at the weekend after suffering an attack of the bends while diving, has returned home.

A helicopter from RAF Leconfield had been called to Scarborough when medical staff decided that the man needed treatment in a decompression chamber.

His friends from Filey Sub Aqua Club had earlier reported the incident as they dived from Filey Brigg.

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Kidney boy in air dash

A young kidney transplant boy was recovering in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary today after a helicopter dash.

Ten-year-old Mark Tallon was flown to the hospital after a 360-mile flight — beating a deadline set by surgeons by two hours.

Today, as doctors said Mark was "stable," his parents praised the emergency services.

Mrs Donna Tallon said: "The helicopter crews were fantastic. It was touch and go for a time."

Mark, of Ness Circle, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, was holidaying with his parents at his grandparents' home in Hull when it was learned a kidney had become available.

Mr Tallon said: "We were all fast asleep when we got the call at 7 am on Sunday. We were told that if we could not get Mark to Aberdeen by one o'clock it would be no go."

Mr Tallon learned there was no chance of getting Mark to the infirmary by commercial flights in time to beat the deadline. He contacted the police and ambulance services.

Within 90 minutes of the hospital call Mark and his mother were picked up by a Wessex helicopter from RAF Leconfield. The Wessex flew to RAF Boulmer in Northumberland, where a Sea King was waiting.

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13 JUL 1987

High-speed copter dash for kidney transplant

A YOUNG Ellon kidney complaint sufferer on holiday in Hull was flown by helicopter to Aberdeen in a high-speed dash yesterday after surgeons found a kidney that matched his needs.

Mark Tallon (9) and his parents, John and Donna Tallon, got the good-news telephone call at a relative's home in Hull yesterday morning.

Mum and dad immediately contacted the emergency services to find a way of getting their son back North quickly, for they were told they only had a few hours to get him to Aberdeen for the oper-

ation as the kidney could not be held for long.

The Humberside police and ambulance services pulled out all the stops and got the RAF air-sea rescue service based at Leconfield, near Hull, to get Mark and his mum on their way North.

They were taken to RAF Boulmer in Northumberland where another helicopter took them on to Aberdeen.

A Grampian Health Board spokesman last night described Mark as being in a "stable" condition in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary's renal unit after the operation. He added that the kidney had come from south of the border.

NEWSCLIP/APCUT

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Airlift for sick German skipper

THE skipper of a German ship was airlifted to Hull Royal Infirmary last night after collapsing aboard his vessel.

An RAF rescue helicopter from Leconfield was flown to the commercial vessel Libra II, which was off Read's Island in the Humber Estuary, after being alerted by the Humber Coastguard.

The skipper, who has not been named, was said to be "satisfactory" at the hospital this morning, and was expected to be discharged later today.

Copter dash gives kidney boy hope

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By FRANK URQUHART

A YOUNG kidney transplant boy was recovering in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary today after a dramatic helicopter dash gave him the chance of a new life.

Ten-year-old Mark Tallon was flown to the hospital after a 360 mile double chopper flight — beating a deadline set by surgeons by two hours.

And today as the plucky schoolboy's progress was being carefully monitored by specialists, his parents praised the emergency services who made the life-giving operation possible.

"I can't thank them enough," said his delighted dad Mr John Tallon. "Everyone has been absolutely marvellous."

And mum Mrs Donna Tallon commented: "The helicopter crews were fantastic. It was touch and go for a time."

Mark, of Ness Circle, Ellon, was holidaying with his parents at his grandparents home in Hull when the family learned a kidney had become available.

Explained Mr Tallon, a 41 year-old offshore worker: "We were all fast asleep when we got the call at seven o'clock on Sunday morning."

"We were told that if we could not get Mark to Aberdeen by one o'clock it would be no go."

Mr Tallon quickly learned there was no chance of getting Mark, one of four children, to the infirmary by commercial flights in time to beat the deadline.

He contacted the police and ambulance services who quickly



Mark... stable after copter flight for operation



Mrs Donna Tallon with a picture of Mark.

made arrangements for the mercy dash.

Within 90 minutes of the initial call from the hospital Mark and his mum were being picked up by a Wessex from RAF Leconfield for the first stage of the journey.

The Wessex flew to RAF Boulmer in Northumberland where a Sea King was waiting to take Mark on the second leg to Aberdeen.

Said Mrs Tallon (32): "Mark was a bit apprehensive, but the helicopter crews were terrific, taking him into the cockpit during the flight."

As he prepared for his operation Mark asked his mum for a special present.

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Revealed Mrs Tallon: "Mark is daft on the Dons and his hero is Alex McLeish. He already has two players strips, and just before he went under for the operation he asked if he could get the goalkeeper's strip."

Mark, a pupil at Auchterellon School, was first diagnosed as suffering from renal failure when he was three, but he loves to play football with the rest of his chums at school.

More often than not,

explained Mrs Tallon, Mark plays in goals.

Mr Tallon, who is driving north today to be at Mark's bedside, said: "We haven't had a holiday for some time but the doctors had told us it would be OK to take Mark away for a few days. The call came right out of the blue."

"Once we had contacted the police and the ambulance everything happened so quickly. I can't thank them enough for what they have done for us."

Mark was said to be "stable" today in the infirmary's renal unit.

The Tallons have three other children, Louise (11), Sarah (5) and Richard (3).

NEWSCLIP/APCUT

MIDDLESBROUGH
EVENING GAZETTE
(Teesside)

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30 JUL 1987

Copter swoops to save couple

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AN RAF helicopter was called out to winch two people to safety from rocks near Whitby.

The helicopter, from RAF Leconfield, was called in after an inshore rescue boat spotted Kate and Graham Bell, of West Yorkshire, clinging to rocks near the High Light lighthouse last night.

The alarm had been raised when the couple failed to arrive in Whitby after setting off to walk from Robin Hood's Bay. It is understood the couple had been stranded on the rocks by the incoming tide.

They were winched off the rocks and later taken by ambulance and taken to hospital, a North Yorkshire police spokesman said today. Both were treated at Whitby General Hospital for minor exposure and released.