

- 7 PAISH DEDMEN AINSLIE - Yacht stuck in mud in Humber. Two mentally disturbed men winched off and taken to Hull RI where they were interviewed by Police. Winchman worried about his reputation as one man attempted to thank him with a kiss!
- 8 PAISH DEDMEN AINSLIE - Sub Aqua diver on Fishing Vessel 'BETTY' suffering bends transferred to diving support ship 'SEABOARD ILLUSTRIOUS' alongside Rig 48/8A.
- 8 LONGDEN HEWITT WILLIAMSON - Crewman on salvage vessel 'RECOVERY' 5 miles NE of Withernsea transferred to Hull RI.
- 9 LONGDEN DEDMEN AINSLIE - Yacht stuck in mud in Humber. Three winched off and left with Coastguard on South Bank.
- 10 PAISH RULE WILLIAMSON - Crewman with eye injury on Polish ship 'NIMFA' to Hull RI.
- 12 PIERCE PRENTICE WILLIAMSON - Mid air collision Jaguar/Tornado. All crew picked up by Coltishall. Later transferred by Leconfield Chopper from Coltishall to Ely Hospital.
- 15 PAISH HEWITT BARNES - Search for overdue FV 'EMMA JANE'. Found at anchor no assistance required.
- 17 LONGDEN HEWITT WILLIAMSON - Man with heart condition missing between Hornsea and Skipsea. Found by Police at home.
- 17 LONGDEN HEWITT WILLIAMSON - Rig support ship on fire 75 miles NE Hornsea. Helo not required as survivors picked up by another ship.
- 25 SUTHERLAND RULE WILLIAMSON - Night search for missing cobble from Hornsea. Found no assistance necessary.
- 30 PIERCE DEDMEN ALLEN - Report of windsurfer in trouble off Mablethorpe. On arrival found cabin cruiser submerged. Searched with ILB for survivors. Coastguard established crew brought ashore by another boat.
- 31 LONGDEN RULE AINSLIE - Night search for red flares off Hornsea. FV 'SEA VENTURE' dead engine. 3 crew. Winchman put on board no assistance required. ILB towed boat to shore.

Blaze crew rescue

THE eight-man crew of the rig support vessel Abaco were forced to abandon ship 70 miles east of Spurn last night after the engine room caught fire.

The fire started at 9.30 pm and nine ships went to her aid after a mayday signal.

A rescue helicopter was scrambled from RAF Leconfield but turned back when a helicopter from RAF Coltishall in Norfolk and the Humber Lifeboat were on their way.

The crew abandoned ship and transferred onto the Danish-registered fishing vessel Echo 727, which had come alongside.

The men, said to be safe and well, were taken to their home port of Lowestoft by the former Grimsby trawler, the Blackburn Rovers, now a rig-support ship operating out of Lowestoft.

The 272 ton converted trawler Abaco was being towed back to Lowestoft today by a sister standby ship, the Kennedy.

Boat stranded

AN AIR SEA rescue helicopter was scrambled last night to go to a fishing boat stranded off Hornsea by engine failure. The helicopter, from RAF Leconfield, lowered a winchman to assess the damage to the 26ft. open coble Sea Venture.

The three-man crew had fired distress flares which were seen on the shore and reported to Humber coastguards. The Humber lifeboat was put on stand-by.

The Sea Venture was towed into Hornsea by the Hornsea coastguard general purpose rescue boat.

Humber rescue alert

COASTAL rescue services were alerted yesterday when an elderly seaman was reported missing after leaving Grimsby on a pleasure sailing trip.

His wife became worried when her husband, who is in his 70s, had not returned home to Saltfleet on Saturday night. He had left the Lincolnshire village in the morning on his 30ft open fishing boat Emma Jane.

His wife contacted Humber coastguards, who called out an air sea rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield. It located him four miles north of the Humber estuary. He was anchored and declined help, saying he was trying to free his fishing net, which had got tangled up.

Just hanging around waiting for rescue



POISED and ready to abandon the safety of the helicopter, Graham Harris looks reflective.

"UNPRONOUNCEABLE Polish seaman with metal in eye lifted from vessel Nimfra to Hull — so ran the latest entry in the Scramble Log of Delta Flight, 22 Squadron the RAF's Air Sea Rescue wing stationed at Leconfield near Beverley.

Such an event is all part of a day's work for the crews of 'D' Flight, but a new experience for me as I sat in the operations room sipping coffee, sizing up the canary coloured Wessex helicopter sunning itself on the tarmac outside.

"Better get you kitted out pretty quickly," said Pilot Paul Longdon "we've a possible emergency on and we may need to scramble in a hurry." Now with a daylight scramble time of less than five minutes, I didn't hang about.

The emergency however failed to develop, so the pace was more leisurely as I climbed aboard, and Navigator Ron Dedmen went through the ditching procedure "just in case".

Without a real casualty, I was predictably "volunteered" as next best thing, and as we took off, rose to 500 feet and headed for the coast, I tried not to fidget in my seat knowing that soon I would be dangling over the North Sea like a pendulum in a grandfather clock.

If I needed any reminder, a cursory glance around the body of the Wessex emphasised the fact that this was certainly no pleasure trip — a mammoth first aid kit, stretcher, ten man dinghy, flares, blankets — the old girl was earning her keep.

We approached Filey, landed briefly on the grassy car park to pick up a radio from the Coastguard and then headed south towards Flamborough Head.

As the pebbly bay designated

for my "rescue" came into view the third, and equally important member of the crew, Winchman "Barney" Barnes, positioned himself in the open doorway. I shuffled to the edge, slipped the sling over my shoulders and swung gently into space 50 feet above the waves.

In the twinkling of a rotor blade I'd been deposited with unbelievable accuracy on a 3' wide ledge at the base of the cliff. The helicopter disappeared around the headland but much to my relief, and the delight of the crowd now gathered, returned to make good my "escape".

Within seconds Barney had joined me on the ledge, the harness was in position and I was heading out and up.

As we approached the open doorway of the "mother ship" Navigator Ron (doubling up as winch operator) hoisted me aboard and I had been "beemed up," breathless but intact.

'D' Flight have had 43 scrambles so far this year, and watching the inflatables and "Sunday sailors" on the way back to base, there will certainly be no shortage of "customers" this summer.

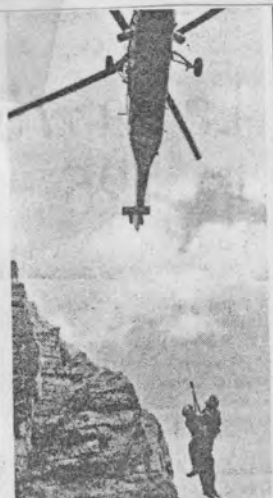
The pin point accuracy and obvious skill of the crew had made the operation look easy — it wasn't, and I was grateful for the chance to see such a professional machine in action.

Many thanks to all those at Leconfield.

Graham Harris.



READY for action, the RAF rescue team keep a careful lookout for possible trouble spots.



THE unfriendly cliffs of Flamborough have another possible victim plucked from their grasp.



RESCUE almost completed, our 'victim' is within feet of safety.

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Close co-ordination between Scarborough lifeboatmen and the crew of a helicopter from RAF Leconfield during a display in the South Bay yesterday, which was Scarborough lifeboat flag-day.

Heres RON PLAYING AT PARATROOPERS AGAIN!