

1st. Flt Lt Hugh Pierce. Flt Lt Graham Clark. MAIM Eric Ainslie.

Flares were reported off Filey Brigg - it turned out to be a cobbler with engine failure and we stood by until the Filey Lifeboat arrived to take her in tow.

20th. Flt Lt Hugh Pierce. Flt Lt Paul Longden. Master Nav Ron Dedmen. MAIM Eric Ainslie.

Rumour has it that this intrepid birdman, one hang glider pilot, was doing his soaring at night - possibly to give him the benefit of the doubt it was the last of daylight. In any event he made a right mess of it and landed heavily enough to do himself considerable damage, such that our aviators roared off in the dark into the hills west of Sheffield to lift him to the nearest ambulance. Paul went along as the extra pair of eyes (he also was duty authoriser!).

21st. Flt Lt Paul Ongden. Flt Lt Adrian Rule. Sgt Terry Williamson.

A Jet Provost ingested a bird, of largish variety one must assume, which put out his engine, whereupon he took to the Martin Baker Let Down with his student, and within a very short time had been picked up and taken to Catterick after a short stop to pick up the SMO at Leeming. The incident was close to Mallam Tarn.

24th. Flt Lt Hugh Pierce. Flt Lt Paul Longden. Flt Lt Adrian Rule. Sgt Terry Williamson.

Paul acted as another pair of eyes again when 'Night rider' Hugh set off to take a pump to the FV Jen Peters, taking water about 60 miles out. A very efficient operation this turned out to be - other than the fact that the SYKES pump yet again refused to cooperate. Fortunately another boat in the area had a pump to do the work.

# Hang glider pilot hurt in 50ft fall

AN investigation is to be held into a hang gliding accident in North Derbyshire in which a man was badly injured.

Harvey Cammack, a member of the Sheffield Hang Gliding Club, suffered pelvic, thigh and internal injuries after falling about 50 feet at Lord's Seat, Rushup Edge, Edale.

He was airlifted from the hillside by an RAF rescue helicopter and was this afternoon described as "serious but stable" in the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

Police said the accident happened as Mr. Cammack, aged 30, of Staindale Road, Scunthorpe, was taking off for his second flight yesterday afternoon.

He appeared to fail to clip himself onto the glider and clung on for several seconds but fell, landing on the steep hillside.

## Scrambled

Emergency services including a mountain rescue team and an ambulance crew were called to the scene and the injured man — who remained conscious — was tended as a Wessex helicopter of 22 Squadron was scrambled from its base at Leconfield, North Humberside.

The glider, which

crashed, has been taken to Buxton police station to await investigation by the British Hang Gliding Association.

★ Ambulancemen and Peak Park Rangers carried computer engineer Ian Cowan, aged 34, of Dawlish Avenue, Stafford, from Froggatt Edge in North Derbyshire after he suffered a suspected broken ankle when he slipped near a climb called The Pinnacle. 21-11-83

★ Firemen and ambulancemen helped rescue a hiker who had sunk up to his hips in a bog on a moor off the Snake Pass.

## RAF PAIR IN MOORS CRASH QUESTIONED

The pilot and co-pilot of an RAF jet trainer who "ditched" over remote moorland in North Yorkshire were being interviewed by senior officers last night.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that the jet Provost was on a routine training flight when it crashed about six miles from Ingleton. The crew parachuted to safety and were picked up by a helicopter from their base at RAF Leeming about 40 miles away.

No one was injured and no civilian property was affected. The Ministry stressed that they were not connected with controversial low-level runs practised over the moors, and said: "A court of inquiry has been set up to investigate this."

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Leconfield helicopter rescuers notch up 100 scrambles this year

# Milestone for mercy fliers

AN RAF search and rescue squadron has chalked up a milestone in mercy missions.

For the first time since 202 Squadron started operating the service from Leconfield, near Beverley, in 1957, its helicopters have scrambled a hundred times in a year.

The latest rescue happened late on Sunday.

A call from the rescue co-ordination centre at Pitrievie in Scotland scrambled one of Leconfield's two Wessex helicopters and its three-man crew.

The Finnish supertanker Finney had radioed that Ms. Marina Viitanen, 24, who works in the engine room, had suspected appendicitis.

The tanker, which was on its way from Immingham to Rotterdam, was intercepted near

the Humber light vessel, 38 miles out at sea.

The winchman, Sgt. Terry Williamson, was lowered to the deck, as the pilot, Fl. Lt. Hugh Pierce and Master Navigator Ron Dedmen, held the helicopter over the ship's deck.

Ms. Viitanen was lifted aboard and flown to Hull Royal Infirmary where, last night, she was said to be satisfactory.

Within 99 minutes of being alerted, the Wessex and its crew were back at base.

Since the flight was formed, Leconfield helicopters have responded to 2,237 scrambles and have rescued 1,478 people.

The crews' task is highly demanding and requires constant training to enable them to retain their highest level of efficiency.

When founded, the rescue team used Bristol Sycamore helicopters.

These were replaced by Whirlwinds three years later. The present Wessex machines were introduced in August, 1981, and have become a familiar sight over East Yorkshire.

Leconfield is one of nine search and rescue flights scattered throughout the British Isles and it covers an area bounded by Teesside, Lancaster, Birmingham and the Wash, and up to 120 miles out over the North Sea.

The unit's main role is to assist aircraft in distress but, in reality, the majority of work is in support of civilian organisations such as coastguards, mountain rescue services, the lifeboats, the merchant and fishing fleets, and the police and ambulance services.

The flight has 46 personnel, comprising 11 aircrew and 35 ground crew.



FLYING HIGH: Winchman Terry Williamson gets hoisted by Master Navigator Ron Dedmen, while pilot Fl. Lt. Hugh Pierce, and members of the ground crew, from left to right, Cpl. Kevin Buchanan and Cpl. Chris Haines, look on at Leconfield yesterday.

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