

Helicopter rescue

2260

Sussex: In recent years, the <sup>RESCUE</sup> helicopter ~~has proved so~~

~~successful (using many different methods) that the Air Ministry is to set up units, at strategic points, throughout the country...~~

This news was the background to a Royal Air Force coastal rescue exercise ~~when a crashed airman, directed his own rescue - by radio.~~

The demonstration also featured the latest "scoop-net" technique - which can be used when the victim is badly injured - and ~~cannot co-operate~~.  
~~in the~~

But then came an unrehearsed incident - when one helicopter crashed into the sea. <sup>S</sup>The pilot was the C.O. of the Thorney Island base, Squadron-Leader Paul Bowery - and with his crewman - he had the galling experience of being rescued himself.....by a launch..