

'COPTER RESCUE BY SCOOP NET.

At Gosport, the Navy demonstrates a new device to assist rescues from the sea. Lieutenant Commander Spreule, the inventor, fixes a net to a naval helicopter. The net can be lowered from the aircraft, to scoop up a floating body. Taking the controls himself, the Lieutenant Commander gets ready to show how it works. It was whilst serving as commander of a search and rescue unit that he devised the net. After many experiments in his spare time he finally achieved success. Second Officer Letta Ridley of the Wrens is a volunteer for a practice run. At about twenty or thirty feet, the helicopter flies slowly in ready to scoop her up as in a shrimping net.

The net, which is known to operate even in waves of about five feet, will soon be standard equipment for all naval helicopters.

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