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THE PILOT OF ONE IS SAFE.

Men of the Air-Sea Rescue Service fold a collapsible dinghy for stowage aboard a Lysander, while a Walrus Amphibian takes on board blankets and other comforts for an airman in distress at sea. A smoke bomb is coupled up to the Lysander, and the folded dinghy suspended in the "Spats" of its undercarriage. With all the special rescue gear aboard, the Lysander takes off on its mission to render first aid to a man who, at the moment, is a floating speck in the wide expanse of rolling sea. The Air-Sea rescue service is ever ready to answer calls for help, and many precious lives have been saved by its rapid assistance.

The airman is located and down go the ginghy and smoke bomb. The long tail of drifting smoke establishes the airman's whereabouts and the rapidly inflated dinghy takes on board its discomforted occupant while the WALRUS flying boat takes off to effect his rescue.

Glove type paddles are waved in welcome as the WALRUS taxis in to pick up a very cold and damp gentleman of the R.A.F. The organisation behind this branch of the service calls for our highest praise. In all weathers and sometimes under extreme danger the rescue planes go out, to take from the sea men who have crash-landed or parachuted into the water. Many of them may be wounded or suffering from exposure, but they've got good friends in the Air-Sea rescue service who will never let them down.