

HELICOPTERS.

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[Parliamentary Secretaries and officials of the Ministries of Civil Aviation and Supply] have been given a demonstration of ~~xx~~ the effect of a new type of silencer on a helicopter. An interested mechanical observer was also present --- a sound recording machine from which it could be ascertained how greatly the noise was reduced by the silencer.

The noise made by helicopters without a silencer, is one of the great drawbacks to their use in towns and cities; but although tests are not yet complete, officials say that the results are highly satisfactory.

And now at H.M.S Siskin --- ^{the} the Royal Naval Air Station at Gosport --- we have a demonstration of another gadget to improve the efficiency of the ubiquitous helicopter. It was invented by Lt.-Commander Sproule, R.N. It is a net, in the form of a scoop; these volunteers --- two men and a girl --- are going to be rescued by it from the water.

The girl in the water is Wren Second-Officer Leta Ridley. And now --- let's see how it works.

It is an unqualified success. [^] People being rescued from the sea may be too badly injured to help themselves. The scoop does the whole thing for them ----- a great advance, in the vital work of Air/Sea Rescue.