

managed to climb up them, being cut and bruised in the attempt. The second dinghy was now in considerable difficulty, having been swept over the rocks in a partially deflated condition. Sergeant Wood, observing the danger to the occupants, stripped off his clothing, donned a flotation jacket and swam for the shore with the intention of securing aid. The sea carried him on to a rock on which he obtained a hand hold, and he afterwards succeeded in climbing the cliffs. To obtain help he ran for about a mile partly through a railway tunnel, on his bare feet,

and returned with a sergeant and two infantrymen, who improvised a rope of blankets and rescued a number of the crew of the aircraft. During the process, however, the rope broke and an R.A.F. officer fell back into the sea, but Sergeant Wood dived into the water and supported him until he was joined by another member of the rescue party, when they succeeded in bringing this officer ashore. Six hours later an officer succeeded in swimming out with a rope which enabled those left on the rocks to be rescued by means of a breeches buoy.

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