

Crudgington had to dispel the rigs crew's fear of the breaking waves and dense spray before he could carry out the first double lift rescue. He rescued 12 survivors by this method, being winched down on each occasion. Having landed the survivors safely at Guernsey Airport, further participation in the rescue was prevented because the aircraft had experienced a primary hydraulics failure while on the ground.

Throughout the rescue Lieutenants Eagles and Crudgington displayed professional competence of the highest order. Their great courage and devotion to duty in the

face of hazardous conditions was wholly exemplary and in the finest traditions of the Service.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air to the undermentioned:

Chief Aircrewman Malcolm John TUPPER, D083002W.
Chief Aircrewman Terence Anthony KING, D055746N.

For their skill, courage and professionalism during a hazardous helicopter rescue of survivors from the grounded oil rig *Orion* in atrocious conditions on the 1st and 2nd February 1978.

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