

(the latest figures available) was 79.6% and the Squadron has never had to cancel an operation for the lack of aircraft. Not one aircraft has been lost as a result of operations.

The Squadron, formed at the R.N. Air Station at Gosport (Hants.), sailed for the Far East in the ferry carrier "Perseus," within a few weeks. The Navy's first operational helicopter unit, it has also transported nearly 200,000 lb of freight over the Malayan jungles. In addition, helicopters have lowered tracker dogs used to round up terrorists, dropped leaflets and carried out valuable low reconnaissance work over clearings. They have spent more than 3,500 hours in the air.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM

On January 13th, 1954, a telegram was sent to —

The Officer Commanding,
848 Royal Naval Air Squadron,
Royal Naval Air Station,
Sembawang,
Malaya

FROM THE PRESIDENT AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMANDING OFFICER AND ALL MEMBERS OF 848 SQUADRON ON THE CITATION AND AWARD OF BOYD TROPHY

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