

## The Alan Marsh Memorial Trust Fund

### THE ALAN MARSH MEDAL

*(Awarded to a British Pilot in recognition of outstanding pilotage achievement)*



LIEUT-COMMANDER G G R MILLER, R N

The Executive Council of the Helicopter Association is pleased to announce that the Alan Marsh Medal for 1957 has been awarded to Lt-Commander G G R Miller, R N, and will be presented to him on the occasion of our Annual Dinner on September 4th

On December 16th, 1957, whilst serving with No 701 Squadron, Royal Navy, he successfully transported by Naval helicopter a young patient in urgent need of specialised treatment from Gatwick Airport to the R A F Hospital at Halton. Previously a helicopter had conveyed the boy from Brighton Hospital to just south of Gatwick but because of weather conditions was not able to proceed. Lt-Commander Miller flew direct from Lee-on-Solent to Gatwick, where visibility was in the region of 4-500 yards and it was already dark on his arrival. Despite a meteorological forecast of thick fog at London and in the Bovingdon area, a successful night

cross country flight was made to Halton with no other radio aids than VHF/DF

In the opinion of the Council the flight constituted an outstandingly skilful and courageous feat of pilotage

Lt-Commander Miller joined the Royal Navy in 1936, and commenced flying helicopters towards the end of 1953. He served with No 848 Squadron in Malaya, and joined No 701 Squadron as Senior Pilot when it was formed in October, 1957. He is now with the Ministry of Supply.

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### THE ALAN MARSH AWARD

*(Awarded to a British student who has shown exceptional ability in technical study in the rotary wing field)*



KENNETH FREDERICK TOPP

The Awards Committee were pleased to select Mr K F Topp as the recipient of the 1958 Award. He will be undertaking a short helicopter flying course at Air Service Training in August and we hope to publish his impressions of the course in the next issue of The Journal.

Mr Topp, a Student Member of the Association, has just completed a two year course at the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield, where he submitted for the College Diploma a thesis relating to "Torsional Vibration in Helicopter Transmission Systems". He has now re-joined Westland Aircraft Ltd where he served an apprenticeship during 1951/1956.

## Cierva Memorial Prize Essay Competition

### RESULT OF THE 1957 COMPETITION

The Association is pleased to announce the result of the 1957 Competition

The prize of £50 has been awarded to MR T OPATOWSKI for his paper entitled "The Stability of Flying Platform Type Helicopters"

It is hoped that the paper will be published in the October issue of The Journal

### THE 1958 COMPETITION

In commemoration of the work of Senor Juan de la Cierva in the early pioneering of rotary wing flight, the Association offers annually a prize for an original essay relating to rotorcraft

The competition is open to entrants of any age or nationality and is not restricted to members of the Association

This year a prize of £50 will be awarded to the competitor submitting the best paper on the following subject —

" IS MAN-POWERED ROTATING-WING FLIGHT A FUTURE POSSIBILITY ? "

The closing date will be 31st December, 1958, and Rules and Entry Form should be obtained from the Association's Office



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