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INCREASES IN CHARGES FROM 5TH JANUARY 1976

In line with Government policy of increasing fees and charges to meet higher costs, most advertisement rates in the London Gazette have been increased with effect from 5 January 1976.

The new scale of charges is as shown on inside back page.

State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

6th January 1976.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 27th June 1975)

Robert Donald SPARY, Pilot and Managing Director of Alpine Helicopters Ltd., Queenstown, Spruce Grove, RD1, Cromwell.

On 2nd January 1975 Robert Donald Spary was asked by the Police to give assistance to a party of climbers in the Olivine Mountain Range to the north-west of Queenstown. The party had radioed that one of their members had fallen some 40 feet down the Olivine Falls into the Olivine River and was lying badly injured on a rock ledge. Because of the rugged terrain, assistance was required to move him from the area for hospital treatment. There was no suitable area for winged aircraft or a helicopter to land and to have moved the injured climber to a landing site would have taken two days on foot.

Mr. Spary, with a doctor, flew into the area to ascertain the nature of the injuries and how best to move the injured man. On arrival it was found difficult to get to him and it was decided to lift two climbers from Pyke Hut and place them on a large flat rock at the base of the Falls near where the injured man lay, with a view to moving him to the rock for a pick up. However, the two climbers were unable to get to the injured man and were returned to Pyke Hut.

With the weather closing in and little prospect of completing the rescue by other means, Mr. Spary then decided he would attempt to land on the rock ledge where the injured man lay. He did this by placing one skid of the helicopter on the ledge, balancing the machine under

a wall of water from the Falls, and with the rotor blades almost touching a sheer rock face. While in this precarious and extremely dangerous position, the injured man managed to crawl into the helicopter and was taken to hospital. Another member of the party with a badly sprained ankle was also lifted out of the area at the same time.

The whole rescue operation took two and a half hours and was carried out in extremely hazardous and demanding conditions. It owed its success almost entirely to the great courage, dedication and outstanding flying skill of Mr. Spary.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 12th day of November 1975

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Secretary of State for the Environment, after giving to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of Wistanstow, in the County of Salop, ten days' previous notice of his intention in that behalf, has, under the provisions of the Burial Act 1853 as amended by subsequent enactments, made a Representation to Her Majesty in Council that burials should be discontinued forthwith and entirely in Holy Trinity Churchyard, in the said Parish, shown hatched and outlined in black on the plan annexed hereto.

Provided that the burial be allowed in the family grave of the widow, son and daughter of the late Reverend Prebendary Winnington-Ingram at their decease, subject to the condition that no part of the coffin containing the body shall be at a depth of less than three feet below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.