

of some 40 minutes, he took firm control of his position, proved inspirational to the crew being rescued and expertly steered all ten of them to the relative safety of the aircraft.

Throughout this arduous rescue, Petty Officer ROGERS displayed an outstanding degree of professionalism, calmness and sound judgement under pressure. He exhibited considerable selfless courage and despite the very real danger and the appalling conditions, his resolve and determination did not waiver. Petty Officer ROGERS' dedication to his duty to save others and complete disregard for his own safety was entirely in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service and undoubtedly helped save the lives of the crew.

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28th September 1993

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:

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Leading Aircrewman Brian BUGGINS, Q.G.M., D179602B.

For his valuable service in the air on 25th October 1992 in the Search and Rescue operation involving the merchant vessel, *Igloo Lion*.

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