

## EXERCISE MARINER

The battleship Vanguard sailed northern waters in NATO manoeuvres. American high commanders landed on Eagle (Aircraft carrier) to confer with Royal Navy opposite numbers. From Gibraltar to Iceland ships of the Atlantic Alliance, under supreme command of U.S. Admiral McCormick, co-operated in their biggest exercise to date. Jet craft returned to Eagle after engagements with imaginary foes.

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*Hornet aircraft & engine -*  
One Firefly ~~was~~ in trouble couldn't make landing. Happily both pilot and observer were picked up by helicopter.

Two These men of the Fleet Air Arm thanked their stars they'd escaped death in the icy waters. ~~Weather~~ *weather now* in the Denmark Strait, off Iceland *f* turned bad. Up sprang a Force 9 gale and all ships, big and small, were soon battling the worst seas many *veteran* of the sailors had ever known.

Vanguard had to refuel. No easy operation either for the battlewagon or the Oiler, Wave Victor, but perfectly carried ~~men~~ out.

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The poor *f* destroyers must have thought they were on submarine duty. Crews wished they'd joined the army.