

H.M.S. Golderest - the school for Navy flyers, near St. David's, Pembrokeshire, where Fleet Air Arm pilots (and ^{one} ~~an~~ American under an exchange scheme) undergo their final training before being posted for service ~~on~~ ⁱⁿ ~~aircraft~~ carriers.

Flying Seahawks (the single-seater turbo-jet fighter) the men, (already qualified pilots) are being prepared for one of the toughest flying jobs - that of landing a plane safely, in all weather conditions, on the heaving deck of a carrier.

It's a tough school, with rigorous and exacting tuition; ~~for~~ a few feet of error can mean the difference between a perfect landing, or, at the ~~very~~ least, an icy ducking.

Even as these pictures were taken, one plane came to grief. Imagine a similar occurrence in mid-ocean, miles from the carrier, and you realise the courage of the men who keep the Navy planes flying.

For this exercise, the tarmac was marked out like a carrier's deck. ~~xxx~~ And, one by one, flying control ~~personnel~~ brought them into land, under actual flying conditions. Fledglings, who having won their ^{"SEA-SONS"} wings; become the "sea-hawks" of the Fleet.