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AIR NEWS:

Jet fighters are homing to the U.S. carrier Essex off California when the one thing Naval pilots fear really happens - the ship's arresting gear fails. Helpless, the fast-moving aircraft skitters along the flight deck - with disaster waiting at the other end.

The crew rush to the side. Is the pilot safe? Was he stunned by the impact? The spray begins to clear, and yes - there he is!

Modern carriers are equipped for such emergencies - and within seconds a helicopter is airborne for rescue operations.

Very soon, Lieutenant Herbert Crump is back aboard the Essex. There's an old pilot's saying that the good landings are the ones you can walk away from - even if it's by helicopter!

A salvo of rockets from a U.S. scorpion fighter show their power against a pilotless B.17 bomber. The target breaks up - and no wonder, for just one of these rockets, it is claimed, can destroy the biggest aircraft in the world - and the Scorpion carries 104 of them.

Backbone of America's defence against atomic attack, the Scorpion can deliver its deadly rockets in any weather at altitudes up to 45,000 feet - the most heavily-armed fighter in service. And the rockets their designers add, just can't miss.