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SURVIVAL AT SEA.

Navy types aboard H.M.S. Plover were guinea pigs in testing methods of staying alive in the sea. Equipment includes Survival Packs, which for a four-hour test contained glucose sweets and tins of water. From four hours the volunteers increase the time to 48 hours before they leave their training here at Portland.

Once in the raft, ten or twelve men look out for the survival pack. Wartime pilots lived almost incredible times in rubber dinghies; the Navy's survival rafts are an improvement on the old idea. Back on the ship after the four hours stint, the volunteers reported for medical examination. The Fleet plans a mid-Atlantic test in February, when men will spend five days in the rafts. They'll include officers of the rank of captain downwards, as well as ratings. After the inspection a tot of Nelson's blood restores good spirits, so there shouldn't be any lack of volunteers for the Atlantic experiment.