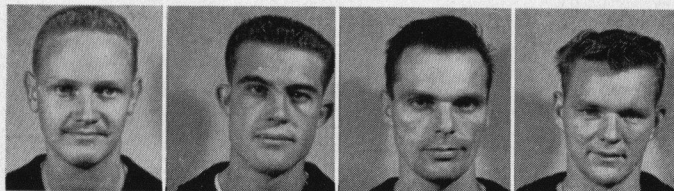


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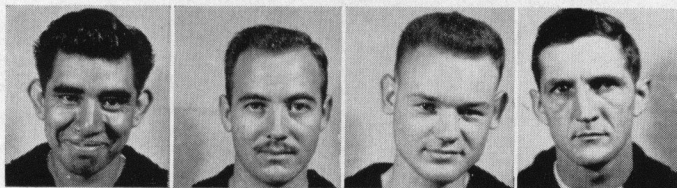


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**I**T'S ALWAYS a toss-up when crewmembers are trying to decide whose job is the most important to the Yorktown and her squadrons, but if you asked the fighter pilots that flew daily missions from her decks, the answer is inevitably the helicopter units of the Air Department.

The men who man these strange looking "whirly-birds" are charged with a life-saving mission. It is their job to be on hand at all times during flight quarters. One crew is always in the air, hovering amidships, hoping against hope that there will be no need for them to do a job. But if someone's luck fails and a plane dips into the water, they are hovering over the downed plane in a matter of seconds. The pilots and crewmen of HU-1 were called upon more than once to pull a flyer from the drink, and they never fail to get their man.

Often 'copters are used as taxis between ships of the task force—but their main job is the rescue of pilots down at sea. Every second counts when performing a rescue mission, because of the near freezing temperatures of the water. And the proud boast of the Yorktown's helicopter unit is, "we never lost a man." It is due to their highly trained efficiency that men like Lt. Arnicar and the air crewmen of his ill-fated Sky-raider, are alive to tell their story. And pilots from other carriers will always remember the welcomed sight of the Yorktown's "whirly-bird" as it dipped down from the sky to snatch them from the jaws of death.