

ROYAL DAY ON CARRIER.

Biggest Man O'War in the Royal Navy, the 43,000 ton aircraft carrier Eagle, was a privileged ship, host for the day to the Queen and the Prince of Wales. The bearded Vice Admiral Evans and Captain Frewen escorted Eagle's Royal guests. For the 2,400 officers and men on board this was a day to remember. Certainly it was for little Prince Charles. What a thrill to see aircraft on the flight deck, one of Eagle's Seahawks preparing for flight. More than thirty of Eagle's planes were to take off in the day's programme. The carrier was launched by the Queen when she was Princess Elisabeth thirteen years ago. The rescue helicopter hovered at the ship's side.

The catapult launching device was explained to the young Prince and then Sky Raiders flew past. Below them, on the eight hundred foot flight deck, all was ready for the launching of Sea Hawks and other aircraft taking part in the demonstration.

Impressed by the highly efficient activities on deck Her Majesty and the Prince descended on the aircraft hoist and saw the rum issue. The ships may change but the grog goes on for ever. Incidentally, on the rum barrels of all H.M. Ships, are the words, "The Queen, God Bless Her". The Navy's obviously the career.... a memorable day for the Queen, the Prince and Eagle's officers and men.