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56. Helicopter pilot grins before taking off to pick up royal guest.

57. Cameras click as distinguished Emperor is escorted from chopper.

58. Tie-down man stands ready as Eastwind's whirlybird returns after leaving penguin on ice.

A visiting emperor inspected the Coast Guard Icebreaker Eastwind on December 21, 1960 while she was breaking a clear channel into McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

Picked up by the Eastwind's helicopter crew near McMurdo Sound, he was flown to the 269-foot white cutter where officers and men lined the flight deck to welcome him aboard.

As he was escorted from the whirlybird, piloted by Lt David E. Musselman of Lakehurst, N.J., the emperor gave an approving shake of his head at the assemblance gathered to greet him.

Cameras clicked as he was shown around the Eastwind. The emperor was dressed formally for the occasion, even though the temperature was way below freezing.

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