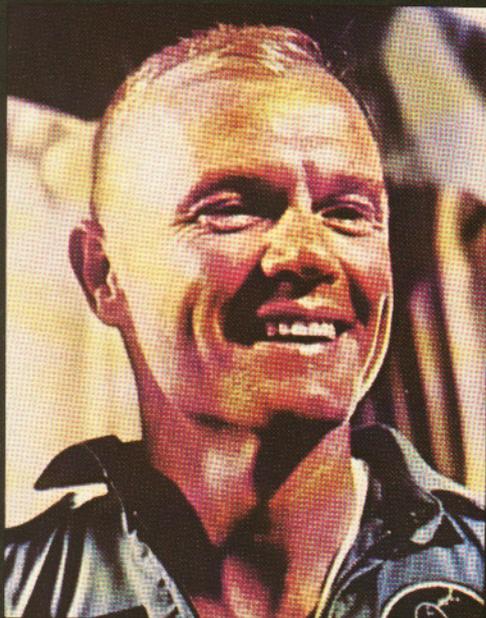


Glenn, the first American to achieve orbital flight, became a popular national hero. Injuries resulting from an accidental fall precluded further flights.



Scott Carpenter had tense moments when his craft overshot recovery area. Glenn, below, returned with a loose heat shield, creating doubts about his safety.



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## a Near Loss



Jim Lovell practices helicopter lift procedures at the Water Survival School, Pensacola, in the days before the Billy Pugh net. At right, Alan Shepard comes back in style.

