

THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY ISLAND.

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Gaumont British News presents the first newsreel pictures received in this country of the American Navy's outstanding Pacific victory near the islands of Midway.

It will be remembered that more than 15 ~~Japanese~~ ships --- half the Main invasion fleet of about 30 vessels --- were sunk or shattered.

The enemy fleet was closely clustered together when American bombers swept down, like a bolt from the blue, to their surprise attack. Great damage was done to ^{Japan's} ~~the Japanese~~ fighting ships, many of which were hit and ^{with some} blazing furiously.

~~The Japanese were so hard pressed that they did not even stop to pick up survivors, and thousands perished in the waters of the Pacific.~~

Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet, decorated several officers who had distinguished themselves in this crashing naval victory.

And ~~he~~ one of the pilots who took part in the successful bombing of the Japanese fleet, gives you his impression of the attack.