

ACTION IN THE BARRER PACIFIC..... U.S. NAVY BEATS JAP BOMBERS.

For stark reality and breathtaking action, this **newsreel** **story** will take a lot of beating. We're out in the South West Pacific with an American Task Force. A Jap fleet somewhere in the distance and Jap bombers overhead. The warship is identified only as "CARRIER X". What she is about to go through is graphically told in these official pictures taken by U.S. Navy cameramen, sticking to their guns, shooting these spectacular battle scenes under fire. In attempting to penetrate the terrific barrage put up, the Japs sacrifice plane after plane. Torpedo dropers and dive bombers coming head-on for the kill into a sky-full of steel. The gunners on CARRIER X and her escort destroyers meet the flying swarms with everything they've got. This is hell with the lid off.

Another Jap takes the count. But there are plenty more where he came from. The heavens are peppered with smoke and burning metal - a smackerel sky like a halo around the twisting, turning Carrier. Bunched on the flight-deck are planes pinned down, and unable to join the squadrons from CARRIER X fighting violent actions in the skies. This is the focal point of a full-scale air-sea battle.

Here comes another one and his bow scores a near miss.

Blast has blown one of the CARRIER's planes over the edge. The storm is breaking in full fury now. Here comes another pocket.

The ship shudders from another near miss but the guns keep blazing away.

Black pillars of smoke rise out of the sea from burning planes cremated in their own fires. The cameraman has his hands full, pecking into his camera all the action in this bomb and shell-shattered spot in the Pacific.

This feller's right on the target. Here it comes. Another sickening shudder which rattles your bones. See how concussion bounces that plane around like a toy and drapes it over the side.

These Pygmalion Japs are coming over in cork-loads.

That one scored a hit near the gun deck. Fire started. Thing's don't look too good. This is where the fire squads go to work.

The bombs are on their way down. Under cover. When these arrive there'll be hell to pay.

As the smoke clears a great gaping hole appears on the flight deck. It's a moment of frantic effort to save the ship.

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Surviving the stern CARRIER X passes the oily flames of her engine. The remainder of the Jap force is held off by gun crews who have stuck to their posts right through. The fire in the stern is still dangerous, and has to be fought every minute before it spreads and gets a serious hold. A burning aircraft Carrier is a thing of desperate peril. If petrol fumes are about, the whole ship may go up like a volcano.

A survey of the damage sustained in the bombing reveals a fantasy of twisted steel.

Along the entire length of the flight deck, there's much work to be done. Bomb holes have been patched to permit safe landing to returning planes; Fires extinguished, and battered planes sent into the repair docks. CARRIER X has given a good account of herself. "X" is no longer an unknown quantity.