

TIRPITZ OUT OF WAR

~~From~~ ^{to Fleet Air Arm} from the icy decks of the biggest carrier force ever concentrated against one ship, ~~Barracuda~~ ^{Arctic} ~~took off~~ in the ~~late~~ dawn to bomb Germany's last great battleship, the Tirpitz.

Plans overtake
(8.) The ^{45,000 ton} ~~gunnery~~ man-o'-war was anchored in Alten ~~Fiord~~ ^{Fiord}, on the Norwegian North Coast, under repair after the battering ~~it~~ by midget submarines six months ago. *Corsairs,* Seafires, Hellcats and Wildcats escorted the Barracudas. The Navy had ^{to} guard against the possibility ~~was~~ that the Tirpitz might soon be ^{patched up and} ~~sent~~ to sneak down to German dockyards. ^{She is now} Twenty-four direct hits put the Tirpitz right out of the war.

Dive-bombers and fighters returned to the Carriers from a job well done. Eight tons of bombs thoroughly disabled the German battleship. This brilliant action is another feather in the cap of the Fleet Air Arm.

Meanwhile Pearl Harbour is wiping out the stain of defeat.. The U.S. Battleship Oklahoma is refloated, a triumph of Naval salvage. Scores of steel cables pulled the man-o'-war onto an even keel. When she was bombed and torpedoed Oklahoma turned over, a symbol of the shattering blow to U.S. Naval power struck by the Japanese. Fought again the battleship now symbolises the turning of the tables. ^{The} ~~The greatly strengthened~~ American Navy ^{hopelessly} now ~~gunnery~~ outnumbered the Japanese. Witness this typical action in the Pacific. A U.S. task force was heavily attacked by Jap planes when assailing enemy bases in the Mariana Islands. The U.S. gunners quickly repulsed the attack. On the horizon, see a crippled Japanese plane as it skims the water and at last crashes. ~~and explodes.~~

~~The dose was repeated.~~ Allied sea power, all the *world* ~~was~~ over, has the Axis on the run!