

## TORNADO AND FIRE HAVOC AMERICA

• More than two hundred people were killed, fifteen hundred injured by the tornado that ravaged the Texas-Oklahoma border country. The town of Woodward was hardest hit of all. Seven-tenths of the buildings were destroyed or damaged. Everywhere in this Pan-handle region the tornado left death and destruction in its wake.

To the overcrowded hospitals doctors, nurses and medical supplies<sup>e</sup> rushed from hundreds of miles around in response to the S.O.S.

Many of the dead were still buried beneath the wreckage when these pictures were made. It was one of the worst tornados in American history.

Near San Francisco, destruction by fire. The famous Treasure Island Naval Base was a roaring inferno. Three large barracks and buildings which were once part of the 'Frisco World Fair were destroyed. Defective electric wiring is the suspected cause. Five thousand men, waged a losing battle against the blaze for three hours.

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- 1. TITLE: NAVAL BASE BURNS - SAN FRANCISCO - \$500,000 FIRE SWEEPS  
TREASURE ISLAND!
- 2. San Francisco's Golden Gate sees a spectacular blaze! On the  
Treasure Island Naval base three giant barracks are a roaring  
inferno! Buildings that once were part of San Francisco's World's  
Fair are fiercely burning in a five-alarm fire!
- 8. Thought to have been started by defective wiring in an unused  
barracks galley, the flames quickly fanned out along a quarter-  
mile front.
- 12. Five thousand men, including sailors and professional firemen,  
fight the blaze for three hours. Wall after wall collapses!
- 15. Damage - a half million dollars as Treasure Island landmarks,  
known to thousands of visitors and Navy veterans, crash into  
smoking rains!

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LOCAL FOR OKLAHOMA CITY AND DALLAS

1. Title: TORNADO RAVAGES TEXAS-OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE
2. Higgins, Texas completely wrecked, thirty-nine of her people dead in the wake of a frightful tornado.
6. In Glazier, Texas more destruction, fourteen dead.
8. This is Woodward, Oklahoma, hardest hit of all. Here 84 persons lost their lives. Five hundred houses are uninhabitable. 70 % of the city's homes destroyed or damaged. All the tragic aftermath of a tornado, the fierce, twisting storm that swept across the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle region, leaving death and mass destruction behind it. From here, the nation slowly learned the appalling statistics: One hundred and forty dead, over thirteen hundred people injured, property damage in the millions of dollars.
22. Local hospitals were filled with the victims. Doctors and nurses came from miles around to help.. Medical supplies and personnel were rushed in by the Red Cross and other organizations of mercy.
29. Some could be helped, others could only be found!
33. Yet, even as the stricken communities were mourning their dead, their citizens were bravely looking forward to rebuilding..to cleaning up after one of the worst tornadoes in U.S. history!