

Off the East Coast of America: The U.S. Aircraft-carrier "Bennington" limps towards Quonset, Rhode Island - the victim of two ravaging ~~explosions~~ explosions and a fire - while on a training cruise.

The explosions occurred between decks, in the fore part of the ship, just after dawn. And as the news was radioed to shore, that casualties were heavy, every available ambulance ~~sixty~~ was mustered at Quonset Point - to await the stricken carrier's return. ~~down~~.

On board the "Bennington" the fire raged for four hours - ~~until~~ but the heroic work of fire-fighting teams brought it under control - before the vessel docked.

The casualties were quickly ^{brought} ~~carried~~ ashore - most of them being badly-burned by the inferno that raged between decks.

~~Rescue helicopters were called in to take off the more critical cases.~~

~~The ship's hospital was also damaged, and many of the wounded are~~

~~stored in the hospital.~~ A mystery outbreak that cost the lives of over ninety seamen - with two hundred injured.