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VICTORIOUS U.S. NAVY ACTION IN PHILIPPINES

A mighty carrier, part of the great U.S. Naval Fleet protecting the landings of MacArthur's men in the Philippines, prepares to loose its power on the attacking Japs.

Among the carriers are three thirsting for revenge, carrying proud names, the Lexington, the Wasp, and the Hornet - namesakes of those previously sunk by the Japs in Pacific action. Now, with their planes over the Philippines, they have a chance to settle old scores. U.S. forces at Leyte are threatened by Jap ships and planes.

The U.S.S. Princeton is bombed, but the attacker goes into a death spiral.

The Japs damaged the Princeton so badly she had to be sunk by her sister ships after her magazine blew up.

On another carrier, damaged Helldivers make spectacular landings. These are official U.S. Navy pictures.

Another lame duck lands on - watch the prop bite the deck.

While Navy planes strike from the air, Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet and Admiral Kinkaid's 7th, took care of the three-pronged enemy Naval attack, as shown in this Navy reconstruction.

This is part of the greatest air-sea battle ever joined in the Pacific. It cost the Japs 62 Naval vessels sunk or seriously damaged. A serious whittling down of Jap naval strength.