

ALLIES ATTACK PACIFIC ISLANDS.

Full speed ahead go the Warships of Uncle Sam with "Remember Pearl Harbour" as their battle cry. The United States Pacific fleet strikes with Sea and Air units against Japanese bases in the South Sea Islands. These are the first pictures to arrive of American forces in action and of Japanese territory under attack. On the flight deck of an aircraft carrier assemble planes for a mass assault on the Japanese naval bases on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

The carefully planned attack was a major success, and although victories for the Allies in the Pacific have been sadly lacking, this was a victory and don't let's forget it. The Aircraft Carrier prepares to discharge her fleet of fighter-bombers, sending them to raise hell in the Jap military installations on shore, hitting hard with bombs, torpedoes and gunfire at everything in the harbours.

From other warships, seaplanes are catapulted into space in this two-fisted surprise attack. The Japanese Marshall group of Islands lies 2000 miles from Pearl Harbour, and it was from there that Japanese aircraft were believed to have set off when Japan swooped down on Wake and Midway Islands. Now it's America's turn to take the offensive.

Lying off shore, the attacking warships let everything go after finding the range of the target. A terrific bombardment as shells explode on the shore - line and interior of the harbour. In the words of the song, "they're shooting the works for Uncle Sam"

As is to be expected, Jap war planes sally forth to try and break up the attack. But this time they're up against something. No sitting target this, but a fighting unit come out into the open sea to repay a debt.

There's trouble, After being hit the Jap pilot parallels the course of the carrier evidently trying to commit hari-kari on the deck. He finished up in a death dive into the sea close to the bow of the ship. Every gun in the battle fleet hammers away at the shore batteries and the now severely damaged ~~vessels~~ vessels in the harbour. British owned Makin Island now in Jap hands is also attacked.

A great pall of smoke goes up as oil tanks are hit and ignite. Ammunition dumps explode and add to the unhealthy atmosphere on the islands.

At the cost of eleven U.S. planes lost, the combined ~~xxxxxx~~ sea and air attack resulted in heavy Japanese losses. A light cruiser, a destroyer and two large submarines, a liner, three tankers, five cargo boats, two auxiliaries, two minesweepers, a number of small harbour craft, 38 planes shot down and many destroyed on the ground. There you have the sum of a first class American victory.