

OUT WITH THE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

In recent engagements between carrier-based American Aircraft and Japanese Mitsubishi bombers, Uncle Sam's Pilots have gained conspicuous successes. The whereabouts of opponent Naval forces in the Pacific, results in much aerial activity on both sides. And when clashes occur sea-borne planes leave their parent ships in droves to fight ~~off~~ it out in the clouds.

With flaps down to act as brakes, and arrester hook trailing to shorten the landing run, a machine deck-lands after an encounter. The presence of an attacking force of Jap bombers is known and the ships go into action. Batteries of anti-aircraft guns are swung into position, and our cameraman aboard records the moment when a hail of fire greets the raiders.

The United States Navy has been fortunate in always having had complete control of its aircraft and personnel. There is no independent Air Force. The Navy and Army each operates its own planes as an integral part of the organization.

Two types of aircraft based on American carriers are the DEVASTATOR and the VINDICATOR, the latter being a dive-bomber. General MacArthur's policy of "attack" has acted like a tonic to the United Nations and DEVASTATOR and VINDICATOR are good names in this respect.

In the vast arena of the Pacific, the all important struggle for air and sea supremacy is in the balance.

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