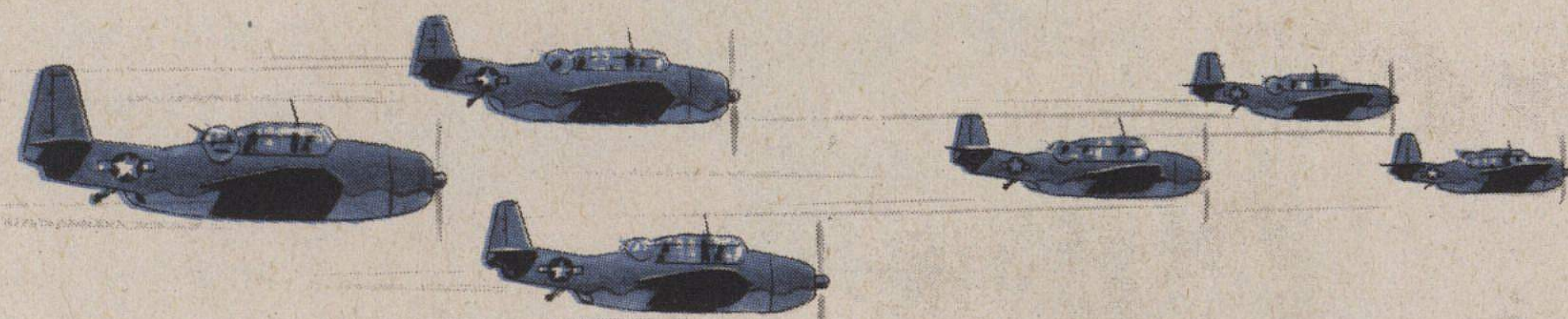


AMAZINGLY HEAVY TOLL OF JAPANESE SHIPS. THEY TORPEDOED WAR-SHIPS AND AUXILIARY CRAFT AND WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES INTERFERED WITH THIS—THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITY—THEY TURNED THEIR AVENGERS INTO BOMBERS AND ASSAULTED SHIPS, SHORE INSTALLATIONS AND JAP TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. DURING THIS PERIOD THEY EXECUTED 40 ATTACK MISSIONS, 17 AGAINST GROUND TARGETS. FOURTEEN SHIPS WERE HIT WITH TORPEDOES, INCLUDING 2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, A BAT-TLESHIP, 5 HEAVY CRUISERS, 4 LIGHT CRUISERS, 1 DESTROYER AND 1 CARGO SHIP. THEY ALSO BOMBED A HEAVY CRUISER AND A LIGHT CRUISER. VENGEANCE HAS BEEN EXACTED BUT WE CANNOT REST ON OUR MACHINES OR ON OUR WEAPONS. WE MUST CONTINUE TO MEET OUR SCHEDULES: WORKING AND FIGHTING 'TILL THE ENEMY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CRUSHED.

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