

FIRST PICTURES: The USS Saratoga Aflame



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Firefighting crews battling the furious inferno on the flight deck of the U. S. carrier Saratoga after seven Jap projectiles found their mark off Iwo Jima on Feb. 21. The gallant ship, her flames extinguished and gaping wounds patched, limped back to Puget Sound for repairs.



A plane burning furiously on the Saratoga's port foredeck. Like the carrier Franklin, the Sara-

Close-up of the crewmen in action—each man doing his part in the searing, blast-furnace heat. Ack-ack gun in left background points flush with the deck, indicating possible fear of Jap torpedo plane attack. Severely damaged in six different deck areas, the Saratoga now has been repaired and is ready for action.

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toga was caught with planes clustered on the flight deck, some with wings folded. None could take off.