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We are repeatedly being given dark hints that the shipping losses of the United Nations are very serious, though we are not given figures of sinkings. But nobody doubts that the sea war is grim; and so this is a welcome indication that United States convoys are getting organized to defeat the menace off the eastern American seaboard. Surface craft, planes and blimps have been called in to fight the danger that surrounds each ship that sails.

And here's a story of the sea war that has a brighter side to offset disaster: these seven brothers are survivors from the United States aircraft carrier Lexington, hit by the Japanese in the battle of the Coral Sea. Seven brothers Patten <sup>welcome</sup> ~~by their sailor father~~ as they land safely at Portland, Oregon on survival leave.

And here are pictures of the sinking of the Lexington after attack by Japanese dive-bombers.

One of the most famous ships in Uncle Sam's Navy, she came through the bombing attack, but succumbed to internal explosions after fire broke out.

So they lost the Lexington: but the Japanese paid for it by losing one aircraft carrier, four cruisers, two destroyers, four gun boats, eight transports and more than 100 aircraft.