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MIGHTY FORMOSA RAID BLASTS JAPS

Toll Of 221 Jap Planes, 35 Ships Counted

16 Vessels Sunk And 19 Damaged In Powerful Carrier Plane Assault

By CHARLES H. McMURTRY

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR —(AP)— Powerful American carrier forces destroyed 221 Japanese planes, sank sixteen ships and damaged nineteen at Formosa in the fourth successive powerhouse blow at Japan's inner defense line, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

This was the first confirmation of Tokyo radio reports that a thousand planes had raided the island blockading the approach to the China coast.

The mighty strike Wednesday, if Tokyo and US units south of Japan proper climaxed a series of attacks on the Philippines, Formosa, the Ryukyus and Marianas four days.

Tokyo radio reported the warplane blows were carried into the fifth day when raider planes returned to Formosa Thursday (C. R. Tuner).

THE SCORE

Without identifying the harbors where Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes discovered Japanese

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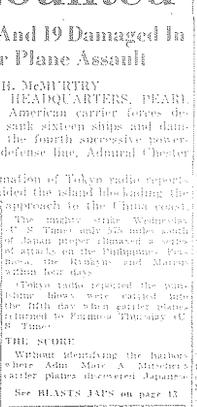
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