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"PROCEED WITHOUT HORNET"---These terse words flashed by signboard to the U. S. Navy pilot of a torpedo plane just getting ready to take off from the USS ENTERPRISE were all that were necessary to tell him the grim news that the aircraft carrier, USS HORNET, had been put out of action. The Navy disclosed today that the HORNET was the carrier announced last October 31, as sunk in the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands. Another signboard tells the pilot the last known speed and position of the Japanese "flat top" he was to attack.

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