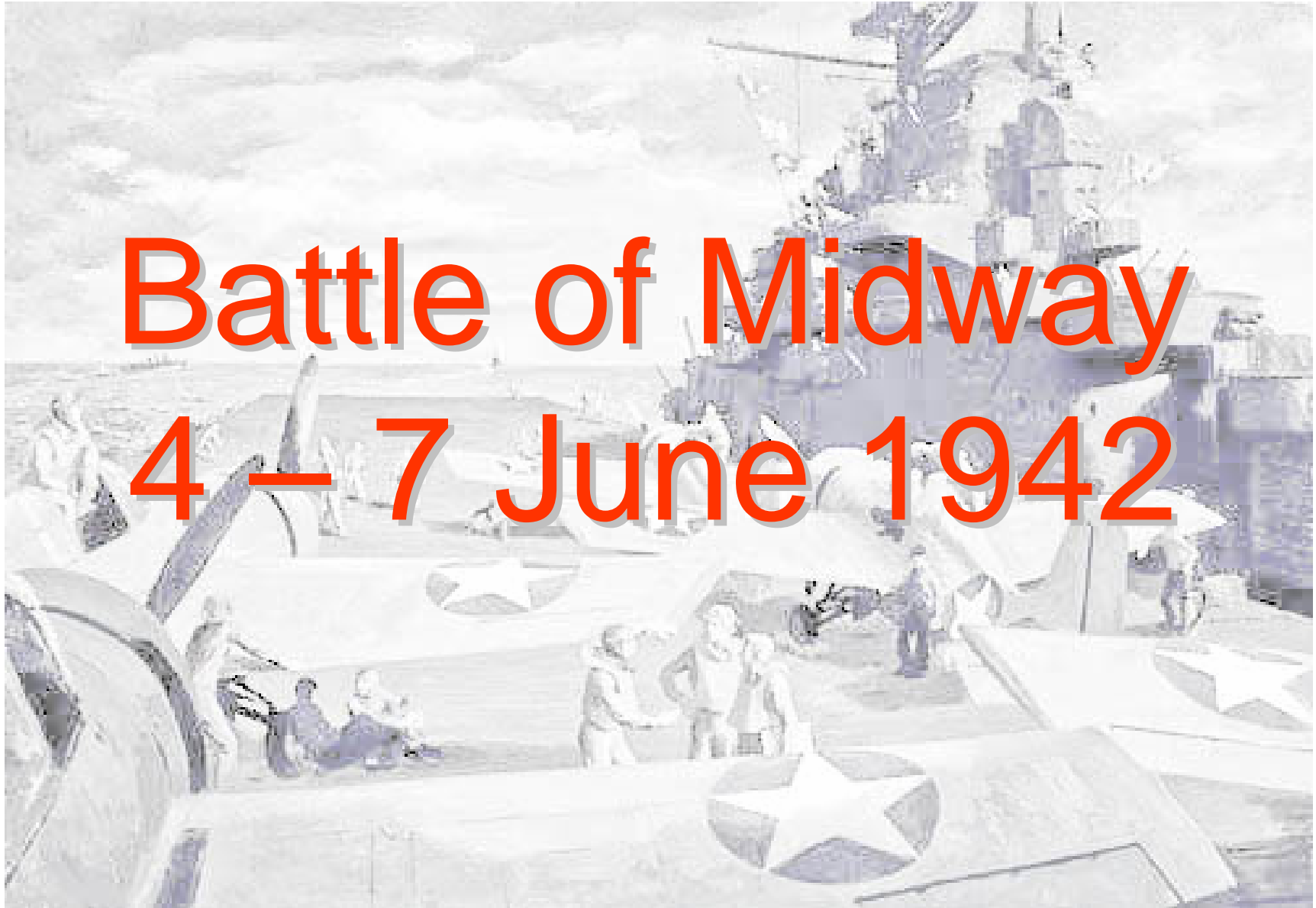


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## 4 – 7 June 1942



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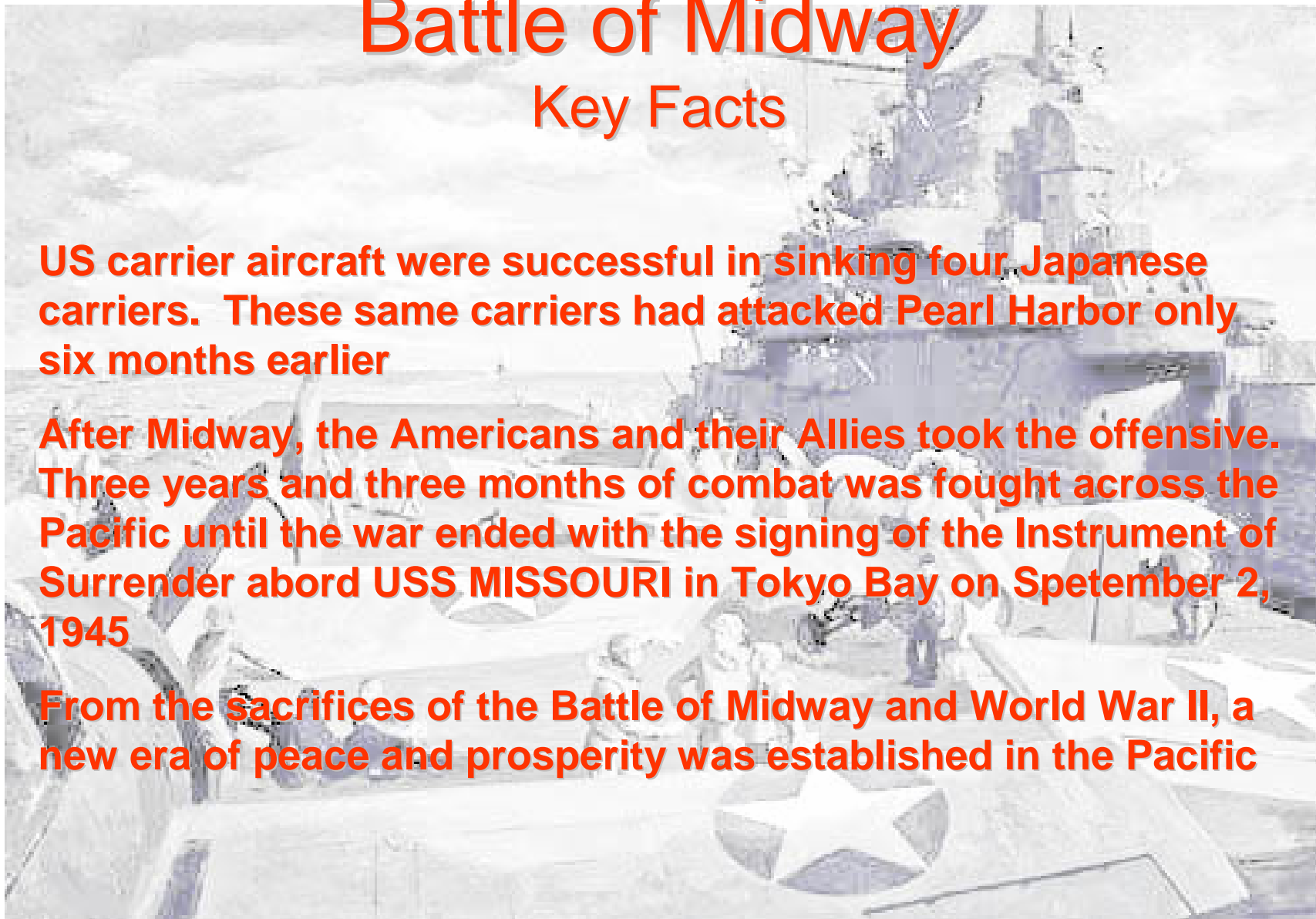
## Key Facts

- **Battle of Midway is considered the turning point of the war in the Pacific as it tipped the balance of naval power in favor of the United States and its Allies**
- **The Japanese had planned to capture Midway Island to use as an advance base and to entrap and destroy the US Pacific Fleet**
- **The US Pacific Fleet had broken the Japanese Navy's "JN-25" message code and discovered the plan to attack Midway Island. Admiral Nimitz dispatched three aircraft carriers including USS YORKTOWN, which had been quickly repaired at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard following the Battle of the Coral Sea, 7-8 May 1942**

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## Key Facts

- **US carrier aircraft were successful in sinking four Japanese carriers. These same carriers had attacked Pearl Harbor only six months earlier**
- **After Midway, the Americans and their Allies took the offensive. Three years and three months of combat was fought across the Pacific until the war ended with the signing of the Instrument of Surrender aboard USS MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945**
- **From the sacrifices of the Battle of Midway and World War II, a new era of peace and prosperity was established in the Pacific**





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## U.S. Pacific Fleet Leaders

**ADM Chester Nimitz, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet**

**RADM Raymond Spruance, Task Force 16  
(USS Hornet and USS Enterprise)**

**RADM Frank Fletcher, Task Force 17  
(USS Yorktown)**

**RADM Thomas Kinkaid, Cruiser Group 16**

**RADM William Smith, Cruiser Group 17**

**RADM Robert English, Submarine Forces**

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## Japanese Navy Leaders

**ADM Isoroku Yamamoto, Commander in Chief**

**RADM Nobutake Kono, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet**

**RADM Teruhisa Komatsu, 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet**

**RADM Chuichi Nagumo, Carrier Division 1**

**RADM Shiro Takasu, Battleship Division 2**

**RADM Takeo Takagi, Cruiser Division 5**



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## Order of Battle

### U.S.

3 Carriers

- Yorktown (sunk)
- Hornet
- Enterprise

24 Cruisers/Destroyers

(1 destroyer (Hamman) sunk)

348 Planes (145 lost)

19 Submarines

307 Personnel Lost

### Japanese

4 Carriers

- Akagi (sunk)
- Kaga (sunk)
- Hiryu (sunk)
- Soryu (sunk)

2 Light Cruisers

11 Battleships

333 Planes (291 lost)

16 Submarines

4800 Personnel Lost