THE FAR EAST AND THE PACIFIC, 1942
AMERICAN CARRIER OPERATIONS
7 December 1941 - 18 April 1942

OPERATIONAL AMERICAN CARRIERS
CV-2 LEXINGTON (Vice Admiral Brown)
CV-3 SARATOGA (Torpedoed 11 Jan. 1942)
CV-4 ENTERPRISE (Vice Admiral Halsey)
CV-4 HORNET (Capt. Mitscher)

American Carriers operated initially to protect and supply the islands which formed the air and sea routes of communication from the United States, Hawaii, and Panama Canal to Australia and New Zealand.

From the west coast and Panama Canal

One American Carrier Group operated at all times in the vicinity of the Hawaii-Midway-Johnston Triangle to protect that vital area - particularly Hawaii.

The American Carrier Group operated in all areas to the Canal of the United States, Hawaii, and Panama Canal to Australia and New Zealand.