

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander E. J. Drew was born in Plainview, Illinois, in 1902, and entered the Naval Academy from Illinois. Graduating with the Class of 1927, his first assignment was in connection with the fitting out of the U.S.S. LEXINGTON (CV-2). After commissioning, he served aboard that vessel in S¹ AA, E and M Divisions.

In 1931 Commander Drew was assigned duty on board the U.S.S. SIRIUS as Communication, Watch and Division Officer, and Assistant Navigator. In 1933 orders came to the U.S.S. SCHEMCK, where he served as Assistant Engineering, Commissary, Ship's Service and Senior Watch Officer. Then Pensacola in 1934 for flight training and designation.

His next duty was with VF-1B aboard the U.S.S. LANGLEY (CV-1), where, until 1936, he served as Assistant Material Officer and then as Material Officer. In 1936, still with VF-1B, Commander Drew was again ordered to the U.S.S. LEXINGTON.

During 1937-38, with VS-10S and VCS-5, he served on board the U.S.S. CHESTER as Senior Aviation Watch and Division Officer. Orders came in 1938 to NAS, Coco Solo, C. Z., where, until 1940, he served as Communication, Photographic, Transportation and Senior Watch Officer. In August, 1940, with VF-52 (later changed to VF-72) Commander Drew was successively Maintenance, Gunnery, Flight and Executive Officer, and Squadron Commander. Their field of operations included the Atlantic, Caribbean, North Atlantic, Pacific and South Pacific.

From January to August of '43 he was assigned to NAS, Lake City, Florida, as Training Officer of the Twin Engine Land Plane Training Unit.

From August '43 to November '44, when he was ordered to the U.S.S. LENNINGTON as Executive Officer, Commander Drew was Exec of the U.S.S. CARD, the well-known baby flat top.



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