

WORLD NEWS

ESSEX MAKES ENVIABLE RECORD

When this issue first went to press, we had a news summary on this page. Since then some news has been released which we all ought to know about -- the story of the Essex.

Since August, 1942, the Essex, first of our class, has covered 150,000 miles and taken part in every major engagement in the Pacific. She now has the leading Air Group, the leading individual ace, the greatest number of planes shot down in a day and the greatest over-all destruction of enemy planes and shipping. She has never lost a bomber nor a torpedo-plane in combat; never been scratched by enemy action, nor lost a man in 16,322 landings.

In 15 months, the Essex has been out of combat waters only once. Her planes have destroyed 1,028 enemy planes, of which 441 were shot down, and have sunk or damaged more than 1,000,000 tons of Japanese shipping, including an escort carrier, two destroyers, two tankers and 26 freighters. Her pilots also have part credit for one large and one small carrier.

On June 19, in the first engagement in the Philippine Sea, her Air Group 15, led by Commander David McCampbell, knocked down 68 planes and shared one other. Commander McCampbell, alone got nine on one flight in the second engagement on Oct. 24, and at last reports his total stood at 34, which tied him with Major Richard L. Bong, USMC.

The Essex has made strikes against Marcus and Wake Islands twice, Truk, Rabaul, Salpan, the Bonins, the Philippines, Formosa, Kavieng, the Ryukus and the Pescadores. Her planes supported the landings on the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Marianas, the Palaus and the Philippines.

During the invasion of Guam, her planes were directed from shore by Army radio. In answer to one request, her dive-bombers knocked out a mortar battery in less than five minutes.

In a single raid on a Jap convoy in the Marianas, Essex pilots sank a destroyer, five cargo ships and two escort vessels and probably sank six other cargo ships and an escort, a total of about 60,000 tons.

The Essex has been attacked many times, and there have been some near-misses. After one battle, scores of her planes came back shot up in one way or another; yet every one was landed without injury to a pilot or an aircrewman.

Those boys are really on the ball.

Nevertheless, the war in the Pacific is far from over. Prime Minister Winston Churchill has said it will require another 18 months to whip the Nips AFTER the surrender of Germany. The Office of War Information, using the best available dope, sets it at 18 months to two years, minimum.

The job yet to be done, according to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, is "the most formidable any Navy has ever been called upon to do."

1944 COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

ARMY		NAVY	
46--North Carolina . . .	.0	14--N.C. Pre-Fl. . .	.21
59--Brown . . . . .	.7	55--Penn State . . .	.14
69--Pittsburgh . . . .	.7	7--Duke . . . . .	.0
76--Coast Guard Ac. . .	.0	15--Georgia Tech. . .	.17
27--Duke . . . . .	.7	26--Pennsylvania. . .	.0
83--Villanova . . . . .	.0	32--Notre Dame. . . .	.13
59--Notre Dame. . . . .	.0	48--Cornell . . . . .	.0
62--Pennsylvania. . . .	.7	32--Purdue. . . . .	.0
23--Navy. . . . .	.7	7--Army. . . . .	.23
OHIO STATE		MICHIGAN	
54--Missouri. . . . .	.0	12--Iowa Pre-Fl. . .	.7
34--Iowa. . . . .	.0	14--Marquette. . . .	.0
20--Wisconsin . . . . .	.7	0--Indiana. . . . .	.20
26--Great Lakes . . . .	.6	28--Minnesota. . . .	.13
34--Minnesota . . . . .	.14	27--Northwestern. . .	.0
21--Indiana . . . . .	.7	40--Purdue. . . . .	.14
54--Pittsburgh. . . . .	.19	41--Pennsylvania. . .	.19
26--Illinois . . . . .	.12	14--Illinois. . . . .	.0
18--Michigan. . . . .	.14	14--Wisconsin . . . .	.0
NOTRE DAME		TEXAS CHRISTIAN	
58--Pittsburgh. . . . .	.0	7--Kansas. . . . .	.0
26--Tulane. . . . .	.0	34--So. Plains AAF. . .	.0
64--Dartmouth. . . . .	.0	6--Arkansas. . . . .	.6
28--Wisconsin . . . . .	.13	13--Texas A & M. . .	.7
13--Illinois. . . . .	.7	19--Oklahoma. . . . .	.34
13--Navy. . . . .	.32	19--Chatham Field. . .	.7
0--Army. . . . .	.59	14--Texas Tech. . . .	.0
21--Northwestern. . . .	.0	7--Texas . . . . .	.6
21--Georgia Tech. . . .	.0	9--Rice. . . . .	.6
28--Great Lakes . . . .	.7	6--So. Methodist . . .	.9
GEORGIA TECH		DUKE	
51--Clemson. . . . .	.0	61--Richmond. . . . .	.7
28--North Carolina. . .	.0	7--Pennsylvania. . . .	.18
27--Auburn . . . . .	.0	6--N. Car. Pre-Fl. . .	.13
17--Navy. . . . .	.15	0--Navy. . . . .	.7
13--Georgia Pre-Fl. . . .	.7	7--Army. . . . .	.27
13--Duke. . . . .	.19	7--Georgia Tech. . . .	.13
34--Tulane. . . . .	.7	34--Wake Forest . . . .	.0
14--Louisiana State. . .	.6	34--S. Carolina. . . .	.7
0--Notre Dame. . . . .	.21	33--N. Carolina. . . .	.0
44--Georgia. . . . .	.0	TENNESSEE	
26--Kentucky . . . . .	.13	13--U.C.L.A. . . . .	.13
20--Mississippi . . . . .	.7	18--Coll-Pacif. . . . .	.6
40--Florida. . . . .	.0	6--California. . . . .	.6
0--Alabama. . . . .	.0	6--St. Mary's Pre-Fl . .	.0
26--Clemson. . . . .	.7	38--Washington. . . .	.7
13--Louisiana State . . .	.0	34--St. Mary's. . . . .	.7
27--Temple . . . . .	.14	28--San Diego NTS. . .	.21
21--Kentucky. . . . .	.7	32--California. . . . .	.0
OKLAHOMA		40--U.C.L.A. . . . .	.13
14--Norman Naval. . . .	.28	HOLY CROSS	
21--Texas A & M. . . . .	.14	6--Dartmouth . . . . .	.6
0--Texas. . . . .	.20	30--Temple. . . . .	.0
68--Kansas State. . . .	.0	26--Villanova . . . . .	.0
34--Texas Christian 19	.0	24--Brown. . . . .	.24
12--Iowa State. . . . .	.7	26--Coast Gd. Ac. . . .	.14
21--Missouri. . . . .	.21	0--Grono S.B. . . . .	.6
20--Kansas. . . . .	.0	19--Colgate. . . . .	.13
6--Okla. A & M. . . . .	.28	12--Navy PT School. . .	.13

EXECUTIVE OFFICER CHANGED

After plans were complete for this first issue of the ship's paper, word came that Commander R. M. Signer, Executive Officer, was to go to a Naval hospital for extended treatment. It was decided to continue our original make-up and introduce the new Executive Officer, Commander E. J. Drew, in the next issue.