Typical Ship's Schedule

for day in combat zone

Legend:

VF = Fighter Planes
VT = Torpedo Bombers
VB = Dive Bombers

C.A.P. = Combat Air Patrol
A/S P. = Anti-Submarine Patrol

Bat Team = Radar Equipped Planes for Night Flying
U.S.S. ESSEX
AIR DEPARTMENT PLAN OF THE DAY
Saturday 29 January

Air Department Duty Officer: Lt. Comdr. F. L. Winston.

0340 Early Bird reveille on bugle for Air Department.
0400 Early breakfast for Air Department (Approx. 160 officers, 700 men
0445 Reveille all hands.
0445 Flight Quarters One Blast.
0505 Regular breakfast for crew.
0520 Pilots of Strike "A" man planes.
0530 Regular breakfast in Wardroom.
0545 Launch Strike "A" - 20VF
       6VT
0615 General Quarters.
0630 Launch Strike #1 - 8VF
       12VT
0715 Launch Strike #2 - 6VF
       27VT
0800 Land Strike "A".
0830 Launch C.A.P. #2 (CV) - 12VF.
       Launch A/S P. #2 (CV) - 6VT.
0930 Land Strike #1.
1015 Land Strike #2.
1200 Launch Photo Flight - 8VF
       2VF
       2VB
       2VT
       Launch #/S P. #3 (CV) - 6VT.
       Launch Strike #3 - 8VF
       21VB
1200 Land C.A.P. #2 (CV).
       Land #/S P. #2 (CV).
1345 Launch Strike #4 - 8VF
       2VT
1400 Launch C.A.P. #5 (Target) - 12VF.
1445 Land Strike #3.
1515 Land Photo Strike.
1530 Land A/S P. #3 (CV).
1530 Land C.A.P. #5 (Target).
       Land Strike #4.

When Ordered Alert 1 "Bat Team" - Condition One - 1VF

Arguing: In accordance with plan.

Caging: (1) All planes to capacity.
       (2) All scheduled "A" will have full belly tanks.
Notes: (1) Here we go again! This is the day to hit 'em and hit 'em so hard they won't be able to even think of hitting back. Let every man do his duty confident in the knowledge that the days of the Jap are numbered and few.

(2) Air Department personnel who work on the hanger deck may use the forward and after portions of compartment B-127-L as a smoking room. Men who avail themselves of this privilege will not throw trash upon the deck or lounge upon the bunks in this compartment. At taps, all loitering and smoking in this space will cease.

(3) Anyone knowing the whereabouts of life-jacket, blue helmet, and flesh-proof clothing stenciled V-4-32 notify Lt. Ferrell in the Air Department.


Duty Gasoline P.O.: Noye, J., AC1c, OPO Quarters.

Duty Elevator Operators: Milovic, J., S2c, B-201-4EL, /16.
Kenyon, R. Z., S2c, 3-201-4EL, /6.

Duty Ordnancemen: Fiore, J., AOC2c.
VanNess, R. Z., AOC2c.

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