

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 - 8VF  
27VB
- 0800 Land Strike "A".
- 0850 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  
2VB  
2VT  
Launch A/S P. #3 (CV) - 6VT.  
Launch Strike #3 - 8VF  
21VB
- 1300 Land C.A.P. #2 (CV).  
Land A/S P. #2 (CV).
- 1345 Launch Strike #4 - 8VF  
9VT
- 1400 Launch C.A.P. #5 (Target) - 12VF.
- 1445 Land Strike #3.
- 1515 Land Photo Strike.
- 1530 Land A/S P. #3 (CV).
- 1630 Land C.A.P. #5 (Target).  
Land Strike #4.

When

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

Arriving: In accordance with plan.

Casings: (1) All planes to capacity.  
(2) All scheduled VF will have full belly tanks.  
(OVER)

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 hangar deck may use the forward and after portions of compartment E-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.

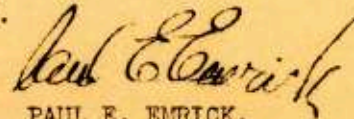
(3) Anyone knowing the whereabouts of life-jacket, blue helmet, and flash-proof clothing stenciled V-4-32 notify Lt. Ferrell in the Air Department.

Duty Police P.O.: Lonastro, J. P., AOM3c, B-319-L, #30.

Duty Gasoline P.O.: Hoyer, J., AC1E, CPO Quarters.

Duty Elevator Operators: Milovic, J., S2c, B-201-4EL, #16.  
Kenyon, R. E., S2c, B-201-4EL, #6.

Duty Ordnancemen: Fiore, J., AOM2c.  
VanNess, R. E., AOM2c.



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