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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: The mission of the USS ESSEX (LHD 2) is to embark, deploy and land elements of a Marine landing force in an assault by aircraft, landing craft and amphibious vehicles. The USS ESSEX role is the primary flag ship of an amphibious task group. The USS ESSEX is the second ship of the Wasp (LHD 1) class multipurpose amphibious assault ships.

USS ESSEX is specifically designed to operate Landing Craft, Air Cushioned (LCAC) for a waterborne assault, carry Harrier II (AV-8B) Jump Jets for close in air support of the assault force and Helicopters for the deployment of troops and cargo. USS ESSEX operates with a full range of Navy and Marine Corps helicopters, conventional landing craft and amphibious vehicles. The USS ESSEX load out consists of troops, tanks, trucks, armored vehicles, artillery, ammunition and supplies necessary to fully support an amphibious assault.

USS ESSEX is 844 feet long, with a beam of 106 feet. Two steam propulsion plants, capable of developing a combined 70,000 shaft horsepower, to give the 40,500 ton ship the ability to sustain speeds in excess of 20 knots. USS ESSEX has more than 22,000 square feet of vehicle storage space and 100,000 cubic feet of cargo space. Living areas accommodate the 1099 crewmembers and 1961 embarked troops and air crews. For combat support, as well as humanitarian missions, ESSEX has six fully equipped operating rooms, four dental operating rooms and hospital facilities capable of caring for 600 patients. USS ESSEX is home ported in San Diego, California. In a moments notice she could easily become the largest hospital in San Diego county.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: COMPHIBRON FIVE
 COMPHIBGRU THREE

COMMANDING OFFICER: CAPT JOHN A. CASSIDY, USN

CHRONOLOGY 1994

JANUARY

- 1ST INPORT NAVSTA SAN DIEGO.
- 4TH COMMANDING OFFICER RETURNS FROM LEAVE.
- 5TH COMPHIBGRU 3, BROKE HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX.
- 7TH COMPHIBRON 3, BROKE HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX.
- 10TH-14TH CONDUCTED CART IIA.
- 12TH COMPHIBGRU 3, HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG.
COMPHIBRON 3, HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG.
- 13TH UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPS IN SOCIAL OPAREA AND UNDERWAY PORTION OF
CART IIA.
- 14TH RETURNED TO PORT, NAVSTA SAN DIEGO.
- 17TH-21ST CONDUCTED CART IIB
- 17TH COMPHIBRON 3, BROKE HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX.
- 18TH COMMENCED NEY INSPECTION.
- 21ST COMPHIBRON 3 HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG. COMPHIBRON 7 TOURED THE
SHIP.
- 23RD PCO, CAPT J. A. CASSIDY, USN, ARRIVED ONBOARD.
- 24TH UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPS IN SOCIAL OPAREA.
- 25TH LCAC 22 REPORTED AN ENGINE FIRE AND TWO CASUALTIES THAT WERE
OVERCOME BY HALON. BOTH CREWMEMBERS WERE FULLY RECOVERED
BEFORE DEPARTING FOR HOME BASE ON LCAC 22. ONLY MINOR DAMAGE
REPORTED. RADM QUAST ARRIVED TO TOUR THE SHIP.
- 26TH CONDUCTED AN UNREP WITH USS WABASH FOR FUEL.
- 27TH ENTERED SAN DIEGO HARBOR FOR DEBALLASTING AND ONLOAD INTO THE
WELL DECK OF ASDV-3 FOR TRANSPORT TO PEARL HARBOR. COMMENCED
TRANSIT TO PEARL HARBOR IN COMPANY WITH USS BRISTOL COUNTY.
- 29TH CONDUCTED BURIALS AT SEA.

FEBRUARY 1994

- 2ND CONDUCTED A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. CAPT J. A. CASSIDY, USN, RELIEVED CAPT R. V. BERG, USN.
- 3RD ENTERED PORT, NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII. COMMENCED INPORT PHASE TSTA I.
- 7TH COMMANDING GENERAL, TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, AND PACIFIC COMMAND SURGEON TOURED THE SHIP.
- 10TH UNDERWAY FROM PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, FOR UNDERWAY PORTION OF TSTA I IN HAWAIIN OPAREA.
- 11TH CONDUCTED A BURIAL AT SEA.
- 12TH-25TH CONDUCTED TSTA I
- 12TH ANCHORED KAILUA KONA, HAWAII.
- 13TH UNDERWAY FROM KAILUA KONA, HAWAII.
- 14TH TRANSITED TO PEARL HARBOR FOR ONLOAD OF 36 ATG PERSONNEL.
- 18TH RETURNED TO PORT, NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.
- 22ND UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, LOCAL OPS IN SUPPORT OF TSTA I.
- 24TH TSTA I DEBRIEF.
- 25TH RETURNED TO PORT NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.
- 27TH UNDERWAY TO SHIFT BERTHS FROM BRAVO 22 AND 23, TO DP3 FOR DEPERMING.

MARCH 1994

1ST CONDUCTED FLASH DEPERMING.

2ND COMMENCED HAULING BACK DEPERMING CABLES.

3RD UNDERWAY FROM DEPERMING STATION AND CONDUCTED DEGAUSING RUNS.

7TH UNDERWAY FROM NAVAL STATION PEARL HARBOR FOR SAN DIEGO.
CONDUCTED LARGEST OPPORTUNITY LIFT OF EQUIPMENT IN CINCPACFLT
HISTORY.

14TH ARRIVED SAN DIEGO.

22ND USS ESSEX RECEIVED COMNAVSURFPAC FOOD SERVICE AWARD FOR LARGE
SHIP CATAGORY.

29TH BLT 1/9 VISITED USS ESSEX.

APRIL 1994

1ST FROCKING CEREMONY

4TH-8TH TSTA II INPORT

4th THREE TUNISIAN OFFICERS EMBARK. ATG ARRIVES FOR TSTA II.
13TH MEU VISIT.

5TH ESSEX TO COMPETE WITH USS GUAM (LPH-9) FOR 1994 CAPTAIN EDWARD
F. NEY MEMORIAL AWARD.

6TH AWARDS CEREMONY

7TH MISSILE TRANSFER VIA SMALL BOAT

8TH FAST CRUISE

11TH-15TH UNDERWAY FOR TSTA II

11TH-29TH CONDUCTED TSTA II

16TH COMMENCED TSTA IV EMBARKATION

18TH-22ND UNDERWAY FOR TSTA IV (INCORPORATED INTO TSTA II)

18TH UNDERWAY TO SOCAL OPAREAS

19TH CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT AT CAMP PENDLETON

20TH EMBARK LCAC, CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT.

21ST CONDUCTED COMBINED SURFACE AND HELIBORNE ASSAULT.

22ND CONDUCTED COMBINED SURFACE AND HELO BORNE ASSAULT, AND TSTA IV
DEBRIEF. MOORED PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.

25TH-29TH UNDERWAY FOR TSTA II

25TH UNDERWAY FOR SOCAL OPAREAS.

27TH MOORED TO BUOY, SAN DIEGO, CA.

28TH CONDUCTED TOTAL SHIP SURVIVABILITY SCENARIO.

29TH CONDUCTED PRECISION ANCHORAGE CORONADO ROADS AND TSTA II
DEBRIEF. RETURNED TO PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.
COMMANDER, AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE EMBARKED.

MAY 1994

2ND-6TH FIREFIGHTING TEAM EVALUATION

4TH AWARDS CEREMONY, CAPTAIN'S CALL

8TH-13TH DC "WET TRAINER"

9TH ALL HANDS PERSONNEL INSPECTION.

10TH COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCES PACIFIC VISITS SHIP. FINAL
EVALUATION FOR NEY COMPETITION.

11TH AWARDS CEREMONY, CAPTAIN'S CALL.

16TH-20TH UNDERWAY FOR COMPTUEX AND TSTA IV

16TH UNDERWAY FOR SOCIAL OPAREAS.

18TH RECOVER LCAC'S. CONDUCT NIGHT BOAT, AAV, AND LCAC OPERATIONS.

19TH LAUNCH LCAC'S TO RETURN TO ACU-5. CONDUCTED A HELIBORNE
ASSAULT.

20TH MOORED PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.

24TH EMBARK 43 MIDSHIPMEN FOR SUMMER CRUISE, AND MARINES FOR
RIMPAC.

25TH UNDERWAY FOR RIMPAC '94. CONDUCTED LCAC AND AAV EMBARKATION
AND HC-11/ACE FLY-ON.

26TH RENDEZVOUS WITH CTG 36.3 UNIT TO BEGIN TRANSIT TO MIDPAC
OPAREAS.

27TH-31ST CONTINUED DRILLS DURING TRANSIT.

JUNE 1994

- 2ND RENDEZVOUS WITH SAG B/COMMENCE RIMPAC PHASE 2C. CONDUCTED LCAC/AAV OPERATIONS VICINITY KANEOHE BAY, HI. FIRST EVER LHD LAUNCH OF LARGE SCALE AAV/LCAC ASSAULT ON STRICT H/L-HOUR TIMELINE.
- 3RD CONDUCTED LCAC AND AAV OPERATIONS, HELO INSERTION OPERATION.
- 4TH CONDUCTED LCAC AND AAV OPERATIONS.
REACHED 5,000 SAFE AIRCRAFT LANDING ONBOARD USS ESSEX.
- 5TH COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN SHIFTED HIS PENNANT FROM USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70)
- 8TH CONDUCTED COMBINED H/L HOUR REHEARSAL FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT (AAV/LCAC/HELO) AT BARKING SANDS AND PHASE 3 CRITIQUE.
- 11TH CONDUCTED FULL SCALE COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON BARKING SANDS. COMMENCED OPPOSED TRANSIT TO HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND.
- 12TH REPLENISHED AT SEA WITH HMCS PROVIDER. TRANSITED 45NM SWEPT MINEFIELD (AUAU CHANNEL).
- 13TH CONDUCTED FULL SCALE COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON BELLOWS BEACH/KANEOHE BAY.
- 14TH CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT ON KAHUKAS TRAINING AREA.
BACKLOADED AAVS FROM BELLOWS BEACH.
- 15TH BACKLOADED 13TH MEU WITH LCACS AND ACE.
- 16TH ARRIVED FORD ISLAND PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
- 17TH DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN SHIFTED HIS PENNANT TO USS
CONSTELLATION (CV-64)
- 20TH-22ND ONLOAD OPLIFT MATERIAL.
- 23RD-26TH CONDUCTED FEP
- 23RD UNDERWAY FROM PEARL HARBOR AS PART OF TG 30.5. COMMENCED ATG'S FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM.
- 24TH CONDUCT PHOTOEX WITH "CONNY" BATTLE GROUP.
- 26TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED FEP.
- 27TH DETACHED FROM TG 30.5 AND JOINED TG 36.3.
- 30TH OFFLOADED 13TH MEU AT CAMP PENDLETON USING LCACS/AAVS/HELOS.
ARRIVED 32ND ST PIER 2, NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO.

JULY 1994

- 1ST CONDUCTED INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY.
- 6TH CAPTAIN'S CALL. JAPANESE SAILORS VISIT.
- 7TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AVAILABILITY.
- 11TH CSRR/SESI/CSSRT, AVIATION ASSIST VISIT AND SCLISIS AUDIT BEGIN.
- 15TH SESI/CSSRT, AAV AND SCLISIS REVIEW COMPLETE.
- 20TH POSTAL ASSIST VISIT.
- 21ST CNO, ADM BOORDA, VISITS AND CONDUCTS ADMIRAL'S CALL FOR SAN DIEGO SHIPS ONBOARD.
- 22ND CSRR COMPLETE.
- 25TH LMA/3M INSPECTION BEGINS.
- 26TH NOTIFIED THAT THE USS ESSEX IS THE WINNER OF 1994 NEY AWARD COMPETITION, LARGE AFLOAT CATEGORY.
- 27TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY.
- 29TH FAST CRUISE IN PREPARATION FOR U/W. LMA/3-M OUTBRIEF HELD.

AUGUST 94

1ST UNDERWAY FOR DEPENDENTS CRUISE.

2ND AWARDS CEREMONY.

4TH VISIT SHIP FOR NAVY LEAGUE WITH STEEL BEACH PICNIC.

5TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY/CAPTAIN'S CALL.

8TH UNDERWAY FOR COMTUEX, TRANSIT TO CAMP PENDLETON.

9TH CONDUCTED LCU OPERATIONS, AND H-HOUR LANDING

10TH CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS, AND MASS CASUALTY DRILL.

12TH CONDUCTED SURFACE AND AIR OFFLOAD. SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED
COMTUEX, ARRIVED PIER TWO, NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO.

17TH ISIC ARRIVED TO CONDUCT COMMAND INSPECTION.

18TH AWARDS CEREMONY/CAPTAIN'S CALL.

19TH COMMAND INSPECTION OUTBRIEF.

22ND WOMEN AT SEA PROGRAM PERSONNEL AND SEA CADETS EMBARK.

23RD UNDERWAY FOR FLEETEX WITH BLT 3/1 AND CPR-5 EMBARKED.

24TH CONDUCTED ARTILLERY INSERTION TO RED BEACH, CAMP PENDLETON
VIA LCAC.

26TH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISITS SHIP.

28TH SACCEX BEGINS. CONDUCTED LCAC OVER THE HORIZON KSQ-1 OPTTEST.

29TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED SACCEX OPERATION.

30TH CONDUCTED FLY-OFF, AMPHIBIOUS LANDING, AND AMMO VERTREP.
ARRIVED SAN DIEGO HARBOR PIER 2, EMBARKED PERSONNEL DEPART.

SEPTEMBER 94

- 1ST MOTHER'S AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS / CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL BRIEF HELD.
- 6TH KUSI TELEVISION ONBOARD BECAUSE ESSEX RECEIVED NEY AWARD. AVIATION MAINTENANCE EVALUATION INSPECTORS ARRIVE.
- 8TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AVIATION MAINTAINENCE EVALUATION. HOSTED MEDICAL RECRUITING RECEPTION AND TOUR.
- 12TH U/W FOR FLEETEX 3-M-2 (SOCEX).
- 14TH TRANSIT TO PORT HUENEME AREA TO SIMULATE TAKING CONTROL OF A GAS/OIL PLATFORM.
- 15TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND ECC DRILLS.
- 16TH COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP THREE, RADM GUNN ARRIVES FOR AWARD CEREMONY AND VISIT.
- 17TH RADM GUNN DEPARTS.
- 19TH CONDUCTED LONG RANGE RAID EXERCISE INTO YUMA, AZ.
- 20TH RECOVERED LONG RANGE RAID FORCE. CONDUCTED VBSS EXERCISE.
- 21ST CONDUCTED GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL, NEO/AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
- 22ND OFF-LOADED EMBARKED MEU, ARRIVED INPORT SAN DIEGO.
- 23RD COMMENCE PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT STANDOWN AND RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY.
- 26TH CONDUCTED CSSRT PHASE II, AND PRE-DEPLOYMENT FAMILY NIGHT.
- 27TH CONDUCTED PIERSIDE LCPL BOAT OPS AND HULL CLEANING.
- 28TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY AND D-30 BRIEF FOR CPG-3.
- 30TH COMPLETED CSSRT PHASE II.

OCTOBER 1994

- 5TH CONDUCTED INPORT LCAC OPERATIONS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME LCAC'S TRANSITTED SAN DIEGO BAY.
- 6TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY.
- 12TH CNSP, VADM ROBINSON ARRIVES AND ADDRESSES OFFICERS AND CREW.
- 17TH CELEBRATED ESSEX BIRTHDAY WITH CAKE ON FLIGHT DECK. COMMENCED ONLOAD OF 13TH MEU CARGO AND VEHICLES.
- 19TH CONDUCTED FAST CRUISE AS POM ENDS.
- 20TH UNDERWAY FOR ONLOAD OF 13TH MEU IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT. RETURNED TO PORT AT COMPLETION.
- 21ST CONDUCTED POSTAL ASSIST VISIT.
- 25TH UNDERWAY FOR MAIDEN DEPLOYMENT WITH AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE, USS OGDEN (LPD-5), USS FORT FISHER (LSD-40), LCAC'S FROM ACU-5 AND 13TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT CONSISTING OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3RD BATTALION/1ST MARINES, MARINE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON 161 AND MEU SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP THIRTEEN. COMMODORE GARY W. STUBBS, COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE AND COLONEL JOHN C. GARRETT, COMMANDER 13TH MEU WERE BOTH EMBARKED.
- 26TH-30TH COMMENCED TRANSIT TO OKINAWA OPAREA.
- 31ST CONDUCTED MEDICAL EVACUATION OF IC2 RONAL HESSELBARTH FROM USS HONOLULU (SSN-718) VIA SMALL BOAT.

NOVEMBER 1994

1ST CONDUCTED SAFETY STANDOWN.

2ND DID NOT EXIST FOR USS ESSEX AS THE SHIP CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE.

3RD ENTERED INTO THE REALM OF THE "GOLDEN DRAGON".

4TH-5TH CONTINUED TRANSIT TO OKINAWA.

6TH CHOPPED TO 7TH FLEET, BECAME PART OF TG 76.3.

7TH CONDUCTED SAFETY STANDOWN.

10TH CELEBRATED THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY IN ESSEX STYLE.

11TH ARRIVED VICINITY OF OKINAWA TO CONDUCT LOCAL EXERCISE.

12TH RESCUED JAPANESE FISHING BOAT OFF OKINAWA THAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER.

13TH BACKLOAD OF MARINE GEAR AND PERSONNEL. DEPART OKINAWA OPAREA.

15TH OVERFLOWN BY TWO TAIWANESE F-5'S. NO AGGRESSIVE ACTION. CAPTAIN'S / COLONEL'S CALL HELD PRIOR TO ENTERING PORT.

16TH ARRIVED HONG KONG. ANCHORED IN OUTER ANCHORAGES.

17TH-20TH ANCHORED HONG KONG.

21ST DEPART HONG KONG FOR SINGAPORE.

24TH THANKSGIVING SERVICES, GOSPEL CONCERT AND SPECIAL DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY.

26TH ARRIVE SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE. SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE NAVIGATION CHECK RIDE INTO PORT. COMLOGWESTPAC, RADM LONG AND US AMBASSADOR, TIMOTHY CHORBA VISIT ESSEX.

27TH-3RD DEC INPORT SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE.

DECEMBER 1994

- 3RD DEPART SINGAPORE ENROUTE PERSIAN GULF, TRANSIT SINGAPORE STRAIT.
- 4TH TRANSIT STRAIT OF MALACCA.
- 5TH FIRST NIGHT UNREP OF DEPLOYMENT.
- 6TH-9TH CONTINUE TRANSIT TO PERSIAN GULF.
- 10TH CHOP TO CENTCOM. ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MAIL.
- 13TH TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ, CHALLENGED BY OMANI'S.
- 14TH COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND, ADMIRAL REDD VISITS WHILE OFF THE COAST OF BAHRAIN. CONDUCTED INBRIEFS.
- 15TH ANCHORED IN VICINITY OF ASH SHUWAIKH, OFF OF KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE EAGER MACE. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT, THE HONORABLE RYAN C. CROCKER, VISITS. CONDUCTED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING, LCAC AND FLIGHT OPS FOR GENERAL OFFLOAD.
- 16TH-23RD EXERCISE EAGER MACE.
- 19TH UNDERWAY FOR VERTREP WITH USNS MARS.
- 20TH ANCHORED OFF KUWAIT CITY AGAIN. RECEIVED SOUTHWEST ASIA MEDAL.
- 21ST COMMENCED BACKLOAD FROM EAGER MACE, LC-42 STRUCK BUOY 8.
- 22ND GENERAL IVANI VISITS FOR TOUR.
- 23RD COMPLETE BACKLOAD, RECOVER LC-42, UNDERWAY FOR JEBEL ALI.
- 24TH CAROLING AND EVENING SERVICES.
- 25TH DIVERTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PULLING INTO JEBEL ALI, UAE TO PERFORM TAKEDOWN OF SS AJMER, A SUSPECTED VIOLATOR OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FIRST OPERATIONAL LAUNCH OF HARRIERS AND CH-46'S.
- 26TH ARRIVE JEBEL ALI FOR AVAILABILITY WITH USS CAPE COD AND HOLIDAY STANDOWN.
- 28TH INPORT FLIGHT OPS.
- 29TH INPORT FLIGHT OPS.
- 30TH AWARDS CEREMONY AND INPORT FLIGHT OPS.
- 31ST SPORTS DAY.

NARRATIVE 1994

JANUARY

- 1ST INPORT NAVSTA SAN DIEGO, MOORED TO PIER 2 BERTH 25N.
- 3RD ESSEX CREWMEMBERS BROUGHT CHRISTMAS TO THE ORPHANS AT RANCHO NAZARETH, IN TECATE, MEXICO.
- 4TH COMMANDING OFFICER RETURNS FROM LEAVE.
- 5TH RADM J. B. PERKINS, III, COMPHIBGRU 3, BROKE HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX.
- 6TH HELD A BREAKFAST MEETING ONBOARD FOR: COMPHIBGRU 3, COMTRAPAC, COMCRUDESGRU 1, COMCRUDESGRU 3, COMCRUDESGRU 5, REAR ADMIRAL, NAVBASE SAN DIEGO, COMNAVSURFPAC.
- 7TH COMPHIBRON 3 BREAKS HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX.
- 10TH COMMENCED CART IIA.
- 12TH RADM J.B. PERKINS, III, COMPHIBGRU 3, HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG. COMPHIBRON 3 HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG.
- 13TH UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA SAN DIEGO LOCAL OPS IN SOCIAL OPAREA AND UNDERWAY PORTION OF CART IIA. CONCLUDED VARIOUS NAVIGATION DRILLS, I.E., LOW VIZ, LOSS OF GYRO. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS FOR RECOVERY OF CH-46. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR VARIOUS DC DRILLS. CONDUCTED VARIOUS ENGINEERING DRILLS AND BOILER FLEXES.
- 14TH UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR VARIOUS DC DRILLS. RETURNED TO PORT, NAVSTA SAN DIEGO, PIER TWO BERTH 25N. COMPLETED CART IIA.
- 17TH COMPHIBRON 3 BROKE HIS FLAG ONBOARD ESSEX. COMMENCED CART IIB.
- 18TH COMMENCED NEY INSPECTION.
- 21ST COMPHIBRON 3 HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG. COMPHIBRON 7 TOURED THE SHIP. COMPLETED CART IIB.
- 23RD PCO, CAPT J. A. CASSIDY, USN, ARRIVED ONBOARD.
- 24TH UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA SAN DIEGO FOR LOCAL OPS IN SOCIAL OPAREA SET FLIGHT QUARTERS, CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH AV-8'S AND CH-46'S.

- 25TH SET FLIGHT QUARTERS, CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46'S, AH-1'S, AND AV-8'S. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS WITH LCAC 22, THEY REPORTED AN ENGINE FIRE AND TWO CASUALTIES THAT WERE OVERCOME BY HALON. BOTH CREWMEMBERS WERE FULLY RECOVERED BEFORE DEPARTING FOR HOME BASE ON LCAC 22. ONLY MINOR DAMAGE REPORTED. RADM QUAST ARRIVED VIA HELO TO WATCH DLQ'S, AND TO TOUR THE SHIP.
- 26TH CONDUCTED AN UNREP WITH USS WABASH FOR FUEL. WABASH DELIVERD 400,000 GALLONS. CONDUCTED THREE APPROACHES FOR PRACTICE ON WABASH. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46'S, AND AV-8'S.
- 27TH SET NAVIGATION AND SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. ENTERED SAN DIEGO HARBOR FOR DEBALLASTING AND ONLOAD INTO THE WELL DECK OF ASDV-3 FOR TRANSPORT TO PEARL HARBOR. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S FOR CH-46'S. COMMENCED TRANSIT TO NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR IN COMPANY WITH USS BRISTOL COUNTY.
- 28TH SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR VARIOUS DC DRILLS AND CIWS PACFIRE. PACFIRE WAS SUCCESSFULL.
- 29TH CONDUCTED LEAP FROGS WITH USS BRISTOL COUNTY. CONDUCTED BURIALS AT SEA LAID TO REST THE REMAINS ON JOHN SPEEDY, USN; ROBERT E. FREEMAN, QMCM, USN,RET.; JOHN HRENO, BMCM, USN, RET.; CECILIA L. BALVIN, SP2C, USN; AND JAMES T. FITZPATRICK, MCPO, USN, RET. AT 29-57.7N, 132-43.8W.
- 30TH LAUNCHED CHAFF FROM STATIONS 3, 5, AND 6. ALL THREE STATIONS SUCCESSFULLY FIRED.
- 31ST SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR CBR TRAINING. CONDUCTED A 50 CAL GUN SHOOT OFF PORT SIDE, 1600 ROUNDS EXPENDED

FEBRUARY 1994

- 2ND CONDUCTED A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. CAPT J. A. CASSIDY, USN, RELIEVED CAPT R. V. BERG, USN, AS COMMANDING OFFICER USS ESSEX. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS FOR THREE CH-46 HELOS. RECEIVED 21 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FOR TRANSIT INTO PEARL HARBOR. CAPT R. V. BERG, USN, DEPARTED.
- 3RD ENTERED PORT, NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, MOORED PIERS BRAVO 22 AND 23. COMMENCED INPORT PHASE TSTA I.
- 7TH COMMANDING GENERAL, TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, AND PACIFIC COMMAND SURGEON TOURED THE SHIP.
- 10TH UNDERWAY FROM PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, FOR UNDERWAY PORTION OF TSTA I IN HAWAIIAN OPAREA. CONDUCTED VARIOUS NAVIGATION, ENGINEERING, COMBAT SYSTEMS, AND OPERATIONS DRILLS. SET GENERAL QUARTERS AND CONDUCTED AN ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
- 11TH CONDUCTED A BURIAL AT SEA. THE REMAINS OF RUDY E. PHILLIPS, DCC, USN, RET, WERE LAID TO REST AT 20-29.3N, 158-47.8W. CONDUCTED FAS WITH USS CIMARRON, SET FLIGHT QUARTERS, AND CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46. CONDUCTED A HELO CRASH DRILL AND QUICK DRAW WITH 50 CAL MT 53. 50 ROUNDS EXPENDED. TRANSIT TO KAILUA KONA, HAWAII.
- 12TH ANCHORED KAILUA KONA, HAWAII. CREW ENJOYED LIBERTY AND WERE HOSTED BY A VARIETY OF BUSINESSES.
- 13TH UNDERWAY FROM KAILUA KONA, HAWAII.
- 14TH TRANSITED TO PEARL HARBOR FOR ONLOAD OF 36 ATG PERSONNEL VIA TUGS. COMMENCED UNDERWAY PORTION OF TSTA I. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR DC DRILLS. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS AND CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46 HELOS.
- 16TH SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46'S.
- 17TH SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING. CONDUCTED A CIWS PACFIRE ON MTS 21 AND 23. FIRED 150 ROUNDS. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-46'S.
- 18TH SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING. RETURNED TO PORT, NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, MOORED TO PIER BRAVO 22 AND 23.
- 22ND UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, LOCAL OPS IN SUPPORT OF TSTA I. CONDUCTED VARIOUS NAVIGATION, DC, AND COMBAT SYSTEMS DRILLS. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S AND NIGHT LANDINGS WITH NIGHT VISION DEVICES.

23RD TSTA I CONTINUES. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING. CONDUCTED A LIVE FIRE WITH MTS 52, 53, AND 54. 265 ROUNDS EXPENDED. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS. CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-53, CH-46, AND SH-60. CONDUCTED DLQ'S AND NIGHT LANDINGS WITH NIGHT VISION DEVICES.

24TH TSTA I DEBRIEF. CONDUCTED JO SHIPHANDLING DRILLS. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS FOR HELO CRASH DRILL. SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR HELO CRASH DRILL. CONDUCTED DLQ'S WITH CH-53'S, AND CH-46'S. CONDUCTED NIGHT LANDINGS WITH NIGHT VISION DEVICES.

25TH RETURNED TO PORT NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, MOORED TO PIER BRAVO 22 AND 23.

27TH UNDERWAY TO SHIFT BERTHS FROM BRAVO 22 AND 23, TO DP3 FOR DEPERMING. COMMENCED WRAPPING THE SHIP WITH DEPERMING CABLES.

28TH CONTINUED WRAPPING THE SHIP WITH DEPERMING CABLES.

MARCH 1994

- 1ST CONDUCTED FLASH DEPERMING.
- 2ND COMMENCED HAULING BACK DEPERMING CABLES.
- 3RD UNDERWAY FROM DEPERMING STATION AND CONDUCTED DEGAUSING RUNS. RECOVERED LCU 1617, 4 AAVS, AND MOORED NAVAL STATION PEARL HARBOR BERTH 23/24. OFFLOADED DEPERMING CABLES.
- 6TH EMBARKED 11 SCIENTIST AT SEA PARTICIPANTS FROM NAVSURFWARCENDIV.
- 7TH UNDERWAY FROM NAVAL STATION PEARL HARBOR FOR SAN DIEGO. 63 TIGERS EMBARKED. CONDUCTED LARGEST OPPORTUNITY LIFT OF EQUIPMENT IN CINCPACFLT HISTORY. OVER 4.1 MILLION LBS OF MILITARY CARGO AND 432 THOUSAND LBS OF POVS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRANSPORTED TO STATES.
- 9TH CONDUCTED 50 CAL LIVEFIRE SHOOT.
- 14TH ARRIVED SAN DIEGO. CONDUCTED WELL DECK OPS VICINITY NORTH ISLAND NAVAL AIR STATION TO OFFLOAD OPLIFT EQUIPMENT, LCU 1617 AND 4 AAVS. MOORED 32ND ST PIER 2, NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO.
- 15TH NOTIFIED THAT ESSEX WON THE MARITIME WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARD, ENGINEERING AND SURVIVABILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD, AND COMMAND AND CONTROL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 1993 COMPETITIVE CYCLE.
- 22ND USS ESSEX RECEIVED COMNAVSURFPAC FOOD SERVICE AWARD FOR LARGE SHIP CATAGORY.
- 29TH BLT 1/9 VISITED USS ESSEX.

APRIL 1994

1ST FROCKING CEREMONY

4TH-8TH TSTA II INPORT

4th THREE TUNISIAN OFFICERS EMBARK. ATG ARRIVES FOR TSTA II.
13TH MEU VISIT.

5TH ESSEX TO COMPETE WITH USS GUAM (LPH-9) FOR 1994 CAPTAIN EDWARD
F. NEY MEMORIAL AWARD.

6TH AWARDS CEREMONY

7TH MISSILE TRANSFER VIA SMALL BOAT

8TH FAST CRUISE

11TH-15TH UNDERWAY FOR TSTA II

11TH-29TH TSTA II

11TH UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA SAN DIEGO, CA. CONDUCTED AIRCRAFT CRASH
ON DECK AND FLYING SQUAD DRILL, BOILER FLEXES AND SUMMARY
COURT MARSHALL.

12TH CONDUCTED GENERAL QUARTERS WITH BATTLE MESSING,
CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL/RADIATION DRILLS, AND CONDITION 1A
TRAINING. LOADED FORWARD SEA SPARROW LAUNCHER.

13TH LOADED CIWS AND AFT SEA SPARROW LAUNCHER. CONDUCTED CIWS PAC
FIRE AND 50 CAL LIVEFIRE.

14TH CONDUCTED MULTI-CASUALTY GQ AND SEA SPARROW LIVE FIRE AT
TARGET.

15TH CONDUCTED UNDERWAY RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE DRILL. MOORED PIER
TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.

16TH COMMENCED TSTA IV EMBARKATION

18TH-22ND UNDERWAY FOR TSTA IV, PARTICIPATED IN NAVY LEADERS TO SEA
PROGRAM. EMBARKED UNITS INCLUDE: HMH-361 (CH-53), HMM-161
(CH-46), HMLA-267 (AH-1), VMA-211 (AV-8B), ACU FIVE (LCAC) AND
ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES.

18TH UNDERWAY TO SOCAL OPAREAS

19TH CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT AT CAMP PENDLETON

20TH EMBARK LCAC, CONDUCTED WELL DECK OPERATIONS, AV-8 DLQ'S, AND HELIBORNE ASSAULT.

21ST CONDUCTED COMBINED SURFACE AND HELIBORNE ASSAULT, ECC DRILLS AND BOILER FLEXES. HOSTED CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS.

22ND CONDUCTED COMBINED SURFACE AND HELO BORNE ASSAULT, AND TSTA IV DEBRIEF. MOORED PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.

25TH-29TH UNDERWAY FOR TSTA II

25TH UNDERWAY FOR SOCAL OPAREAS. CONDUCTED BOILER FLEXES.

26TH CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS AND GQ FOR MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL.

27TH MOORED TO BUOY, SAN DIEGO, CA TO EMBARK OBSERVERS, RETURNED TO SEA. CONDUCTED UNREP WITH USS KANSAS CITY.

28TH CONDUCTED TOTAL SHIP SURVIVABILITY SCENARIO AND NIGHT UNREP WITH USS KANSAS CITY.

29TH CONDUCTED PRECISION ANCHORAGE AT CORONADO ROADS AND TSTA II DEBRIEF. RETURNED TO PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA. COMMANDER, AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE EMBARKED. PARTICIPATED IN NAVY LEADERS TO SEA PROGRAM.

MAY 1994

2ND-6TH FIREFIGHTING TEAM EVALUATION

4TH AWARDS CEREMONY, CAPTAIN'S CALL

8TH-13TH DC "WET TRAINER"

9TH ALL HANDS PERSONNEL INSPECTION, FIELD DAY. CONDUCTED CRRC OPERATIONS.

10TH VADM ROBINSON, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCES PACIFIC VISITS SHIP. FINAL EVALUATION FOR NEY COMPETITION. CONDUCTED CRRC OPERATIONS.

11TH AWARDS CEREMONY, CAPTAIN'S CALL. RIMPAC FINAL PLANNING CONFERENCE CONDUCTED ONBOARD.

16TH-20TH UNDERWAY FOR COMPTUEX AND TSTA IV

16TH UNDERWAY FOR SOCAL OPAREAS. CONDUCTED Q-ROUTE TRANSIT, SEA SPARROW LIVE FIRE AND CIWS PACFIRE.

17TH CONDUCTED UNREP WITH USNS GUADALUPE.

18TH RECOVER LCAC'S. CONDUCT NIGHT BOAT, AAV, AND LCAC OPERATIONS.

19TH LAUNCH LCAC'S TO RETURN TO ACU-5. CONDUCTED WELL DECK OPERATIONS WITH LCU'S AND AAV'S, A HELIOBORNE ASSAULT, AND LEAP FROGS/DIVTACS.

20TH CONDUCTED LEAP FROGS/DIVTACS AND DEFENSE OF AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE EXERCISE WITH LEAR JET. MOORED PIER TWO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA.

24TH EMBARK 43 MIDSHIPMEN FOR SUMMER CRUISE, AND MARINES FOR RIMPAC.

25TH UNDERWAY FOR RIMPAC '94. CONDUCTED Q-ROUTE TRANSIT, LCAC AND AAV EMBARKATION AND HC-11/ACE FLY-ON.

26TH CONDUCTED CIWS PACFIRE AND LIVE FIRE, BOILER FLEXES AND ON LINE VERIFICATIONS. RENDEZVOUS WITH CTG 336.3 UNIT TO BEGIN TRANSIT TO MIDPAC OPAREAS.

27TH CONDUCTED LEAP FROGS, GQ DRILL, AND ABANDON SHIP DRILL.

28TH CONDUCTED TACTICAL MANUEVERING DRILLS, ITT SCENARIO, ECC AND DRILLS.

29TH CONDUCTED GQ DRILL, .50 CAL QUICK DRAW EXERCISE AND ECC DRILLS.

30TH CONDUCTED OPPOSED RAS WITH USS WABASH, AND ITT SCENARIO WITH
MASS CASUALTY DRILL.

31ST CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, AND GQ DRILL.

JUNE 1994

- 1ST CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, INTER-BATTLE GROUP UNREP (REFUELING THE USS KINKAID), AND ITT SCENARIO.
- 2ND RENDEZVOUS WITH SAG B/COMMENCE RIMPAC PHASE 2C. CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LCAC/AAV OPERATIONS VICINITY KANEOHE BAY, HI. ANCHORED IN KANEOHE BAY THEN RETURNED TO SEA. EMBARKED AIR COMBAT ELEMENT (HMM-265). CONDUCTED COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON BELLOWS BEACH/KANEOHE BAY. FIRST EVER LHD LAUNCH OF LARGE SCALE AAV/LCAC ASSAULT ON STRICT H/L-HOUR TIMELINE.
- 3RD CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LCAC AND AAV OPERATIONS, HELO INSERTION OPERATION, ITT SCENARIO, AND MASS CASUALTY DRILL. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND NIGHT DLQS. CONDUCTED DECK FAMILIARIZATION AND DLQ WITH US ARMY HELOS.
- 4TH CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LCAC AND AAV OPERATIONS, ITT SCENARIO WITH MASS CASUALTY DRILL, AND NIGHT LCAC OPERATIONS. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND NIGHT DLQS. RECOVERED 5,000TH AIRCRAFT ONBOARD USS ESSEX.
- 5TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS, DIVTACS AND WELL DECK OPERATIONS. BACKLOADED TROOPS FROM KAHUKAS TRAINING AREA AND SCHOFIELD BARRACKS. COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN SHIFTED HIS PENNANT FROM USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70). FIRST WOMAN, ENS DEBORAH A. HART (SC) REPORTS ABOARD.
- 6TH COMMENCED TRANSIT TO BARKING SANDS, KAUAI. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS. REPLENISHED AT SEA WITH USS WABASH (AOR-5) CONDUCTED .50 CAL GUN SHOOT
- 7TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS, LCAC OPERATIONS AND ECC DRILLS.
- 8TH CONDUCTED COMBINED H/L HOUR REHEARSAL FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT (AAV/LCAC/HELO) AT BARKING SANDS, PHASE 3 CRITIQUE AND ECC DRILLS.
- 9TH CONDUCTED LCAC AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS.
- 11TH CONDUCTED FULL SCALE COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON BARKING SANDS. COMMENCED OPPOSED TRANSIT TO HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND.
- 12TH REPLENISHED AT SEA WITH HMCS PROVIDER. TRANSITED 45NM SWEEP MINEFIELD (AUAU CHANNEL).
- 13TH CONDUCTED FULL SCALE COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON BELLOWS BEACH/KANEOHE BAY AND GQ DRILL. CONDUCTED NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATION FROM KANEOHE BAY. FLEW ABOARD ARMY HELO DETACHMENT IN SUPPORT OF RIMPAC '94
- 14TH CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT ON KAHUKAS TRAINING AREA. BACKLOADED AAVS FROM BELLOWS BEACH.

15TH REPLENISHED AT SEA WITH HMCS PROVIDER. BACKLOADED 13TH MEU WITH LCACS AND ACE. CONDUCTED BOILER FLEXES AND ON LINE VERIFICATIONS.

16TH ARRIVED FORD ISLAND PIER F-5, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

17TH DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN SHIFTED HIS PENNANT TO USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)

20TH-22ND ONLOAD OPLIFT MATERIAL.

23RD UNDERWAY FROM PEARL HARBOR AS PART OF TG 30.5. COMMENCED ATG'S FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM. CONDUCTED TACAN CERTIFICATION.

24TH CONDUCT UNREP WITH USS WABASH AND PHOTOEX WITH "CONNY" BATTLE GROUP.

26TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED FEP.

27TH DETACHED FROM TG 30.5 AND JOINED TG 36.3.

28TH CONDUCTED CIWS PACFIRE.

30TH OFFLOADED 13TH MEU AT CAMP PENDLETON USING LCACS/AAVS/HELOS. ARRIVED 32ND ST PIER 2, NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO.

JULY 94

- 1ST ESSEX IN PORT CONDUCTING INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY. CONDUCTED FROCKING/AWARDS CEREMONY. 3-M ASSIST VISIT BEGINS.
- 6TH CAPTAIN'S CALL. JAPANESE SAILORS VISIT.
- 7TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AVAILABILITY. HOSTED CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DELEGATION VISIT.
- 9TH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TOUR, SHIP'S PICNIC.
- 11TH CSRR/SESI/CSSRT, AVIATION ASSIST VISIT AND SCLISIS AUDIT BEGIN.
- 15TH SESI/CSSRT, AAV AND SCLISIS REVIEW COMPLETE.
- 20TH POSTAL ASSIST VISIT.
- 21ST CNO VISITS AND CONDUCTS ADMIRAL'S CALL FOR SAN DIEGO SHIPS ONBOARD.
- 22ND CSRR COMPLETE.
- 25TH LMA/3M INSPECTION BEGINS.
- 26TH NOTIFIED THAT THE USS ESSEX IS THE WINNER OF 1994 NEY AWARD COMPETITION, LARGE AFLOAT CATEGORY.
- 27TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY.
- 29TH FAST CRUISE IN PREPARATION FOR U/W. LMA/3-M OUTBRIEF HELD.

AUGUST 1994

- 1ST UNDERWAY FOR DEPENDENTS CRUISE. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS AND DLQ'S.
- 2ND AWARDS CEREMONY FOR INDIVIDUALS IN SHIP'S CREW.
- 3RD CONDUCTED GQ DRILL.
- 4TH VISIT SHIP FOR NAVY LEAGUE WITH STEEL BEACH PICNIC.
- 5TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY/CAPTAIN'S CALL AND GQ DRILL.
- 8TH UNDERWAY FOR COMTUEX, TRANSIT TO CAMP PENDLETON. CONDUCTED DLQ'S AND LCAC OPERATIONS.
- 9TH CONDUCTED LCU OPERATIONS, H-HOUR LANDING, AND GQ DRILL. TRANSIT TO POINT MUGU.
- 10TH CONDUCTED BOILER FLEXES, ON LINE VERIFICATIONS, LCAC OPERATIONS, MASS CASUALTY DRILL AND DLQ'S.
- 11TH CONDUCTED CIWS LIVE FIRE, 25MM FAMFIRE, GQ DRILL, DLQ'S, TRANSIT TO CAMP PENDLETON.
- 12TH CONDUCTED SURFACE AND AIR OFFLOAD. SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED COMTUEX, ARRIVED PIER TWO, NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO.
- 17TH ISIC ARRIVED TO CONDUCT COMMAND INSPECTION.
- 18TH AWARDS CEREMONY/CAPTAIN'S CALL.
- 19TH COMMAND INSPECTION OUTBRIEF.
- 22ND WOMEN AT SEA PROGRAM PERSONNEL AND SEA CADETS EMBARK.
- 23RD UNDERWAY FOR FLEETEX WITH BLT 3/1 AND CPR-5 EMBARKED. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS, ACE FLY-ON AND DLQ'S.
- 24TH CONDUCTED BOILER FLEXES, ON LINE VERIFICATIONS, GQ DRILL, LCAC OPERATIONS AND ARTILLERY INSERTION TO RED BEACH, CAMP PENDLETON VIA LCAC.
- 26TH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISITS SHIP. UNREP WITH USS CIMMARON. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS, ECC DRILLS AND DLQ'S.
- 27TH CONDUCTED TOTAL SHIP SURVIVABILITY DRILL, ECC DRILLS, DLQ'S FLIGHT DECK AND WELL DECK OPERATIONS.
- 28TH SACCEX BEGINS. CONDUCTED LCAC OVER THE HORIZON KSQ-1 OPTTEST.

29TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED SACCEX OPERATION. CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS, DLQ'S, AND MARINE INSERTION.

30TH CONDUCTED FLY-OFF, AMPHIBIOUS LANDING, AND AMMO VERTREP. ARRIVED SAN DIEGO HARBOR PIER 2, EMBARKED PERSONNEL DEPART.

SEPTEMBER 1994

- 1ST MOTHER'S AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS / CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL BRIEF HELD.
- 6TH KUSI TELEVISION ONBOARD BECAUSE ESSEX RECEIVED NEY AWARD. AVIATION MAINTENANCE EVALUATION INSPECTORS ARRIVE.
- 8TH SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AME INSPECTION. HOSTED MEDICAL RECRUITING RECEPTION AND TOUR.
- 12TH U/W FOR FLEETEX 3-M-2 (SOCEX). AMMO ONLOAD VIA VERTREP. BLOW TUBES.
- 13TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS, GQ FOR REPAIR LOCKER TRAINING, ECC DRILLS AND DIESEL TREND ANALYSIS..
- 14TH TRANSIT TO PORT HUENEME AREA TO SIMULATE TAKING CONTROL OF A GAS/OIL PLATFORM. CONDUCTED GQ FOR MAIN SPACE FIRE, AND ECC DRILLS.
- 15TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND ECC DRILLS.
- 16TH CONDUCTED SAFETY STAND-DOWN, ECC DRILLS, GQ FOR MAIN SPACE FIRE AND TRANSITED A SIMULATED STRAITS OF HORMUZ EASTBOUND BETWEEN SAN CLEMENTE AND SAN CATALINA. CPG-3, RADM GUNN ARRIVES FOR AWARD CEREMONY AND VISIT.
- 17TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND ECC DRILLS. RADM GUNN DEPARTS.
- 19TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS, ECC DRILLS, FLYING SQUAD DRILL AND LONG RANGE RAID EXERCISE INTO YUMA, AZ.
- 20TH RECOVERED LONG RANGE RAID FORCE. CONDUCTED VBSS EXERCISE.
- 21ST CONDUCTED GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL, NEO/AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
- 22ND OFF-LOADED EMBARKED MEU, CONDUCTED LCAC OPERATIONS, ARRIVED INPORT SAN DIEGO.
- 23RD COMMENCE PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT STANDOWN, RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY. HELD ARRIVAL CONFERENCE FOR AVAILABILITY.
- 26TH CONDUCTED CSSRT PHASE II, HULL CLEANING, PRE-DEPLOYMENT FAMILY NIGHT.
- 27TH CONDUCTED PIERSIDE LCPL BOAT OPS AND HULL CLEANING.
- 28TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY, LCPL BOAT OPS, LUBE OIL ONLOAD AND D-30 BRIEF FOR CPG-3.

30TH COMPLETED HULL CLEANING, BOAT OPS AND CSSRT PHASE II.

October 1994

- 5TH CONDUCTED INPORT LCAC OPERATIONS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME LCAC'S TRANSITTED SAN DIEGO BAY.
- 6TH CONDUCTED AWARDS CEREMONY.
- 11TH LIT FIRES, SET SAFETIES AND SECURED 1 AND 2 BOILERS.
- 12TH CNSP, VADM ROBINSON ARRIVES AND ADDRESSES OFFICERS AND CREW.
- 17TH CELEBRATED ESSEX BIRTHDAY WITH CAKE ON FLIGHT DECK. COMMENCED ONLOAD OF 13TH MEU CARGO AND VEHICLES.
- 18TH ONLOAD CONTINUES.
- 19TH CONDUCTED FAST CRUISE, AWARDS CEREMONY, SMALL BOAT AMMO ONLOAD, AND LIT FIRES IN #1 AND 2 BOILERS. POM ENDS.
- 20TH UNDERWAY FOR ONLOAD OF 13TH MEU IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT. RETURNED TO PORT AT COMPLETION.
- 21ST CONDUCTED POSTAL ASSIST VISIT.
- 24TH LIT FIRES IN BOTH BOILERS.
- 25TH UNDERWAY FOR MAIDEN DEPLOYMENT WITH AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE, USS OGDEN (LPD-5), USS FORT FISHER (LSD-40), LCAC'S FROM ACU-5 AND 13TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT CONSISTING OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3RD BATTALION/1ST MARINES, MARINE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON 161 AND MEU SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP THIRTEEN. COMMODORE GARY W. STUBBS, COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE AND COLONEL JOHN C. GARRETT, COMMANDER 13TH MEU WERE BOTH EMBARKED. CONDUCTED GQ, ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
- 26TH CONDUCTED BOILER FLEXES, OLV'S, FLIGHT OPS, DIESEL TREND ANALYSIS, AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 27TH CONDUCTED CIWS PACFIRE, GQ DRILL, FLIGHT OPS, EW EXERCISE, AND DIESEL TREND ANALYSIS.
- 28TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS, ECC DRILLS. STREAMED NIXIE AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 29TH CONDUCTED FAM FIRE, FLIGHT OPS, ECC DRILLS AND HALLOWEEN PARTY.
- 30TH CONDUCTED NATO MISSILE UPLOAD.
- 31TH CONDUCTED MEDICAL EVACUATION OF IC2 RONAL HESSELBARTH FROM USS HONOLULU (SSN-718), FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO TRIPLER ARMY HOSPITAL VIA LILY PAD FLIGHT WITH USS DAVID R. RAY (DD-971). FLIGHT OPS AND LIVE FIRE.

NOVEMBER 1994

- 1ST CONDUCTED SAFETY STANDOWN AND NIGHT LEAP FROGS. RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 2ND DID NOT EXIST FOR USS ESSEX AS THE SHIP CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE.
- 3RD ENTERED INTO THE REALM OF THE "GOLDEN DRAGON". CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LEAP FROGS/DIVTACS, FLIGHT OPS, GQ DRILL, FLYING SQUAD DRILL AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 4TH CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LIVE FIRE FOR MARINES, AIC TRAINING/EDATF AND FLIGHT OPS.
- 5TH FLIGHT OPS AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 6TH CHOPPED TO 7TH FLEET, BECAME PART OF TG 76.3. ATTEMPTED UNREP WITH USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS, EXCESSIVE SEA STATE PROHIBITED COMPLETION. CPR-5 TOOK TACON OF HIGGINS UNTIL WEATHER CLEARED.
- 7TH COMPLETED UNREP WITH USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS. CPR-5 DETACHED HIGGINS. CONDUCTED SAFETY STANDOWN.
- 8TH VERTREP/CONREP WITH USS WHITE PLAINS. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS.
- 9TH CONDUCTED LIVE FIRE, FLIGHT OPS, LCAC OPERATIONS, MASS CASUALTY DRILL, ECC TASKS, AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 10TH CELEBRATED THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY IN ESSEX STYLE. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS.
- 11TH ARRIVED VICINITY OF OKINAWA TO CONDUCT LOCAL EXERCISE. CONDUCTED GQ AND FLIGHT OPS.
- 12TH RESCUED JAPANESE FISHING BOAT OFF OKINAWA THAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS AND LCAC OPS FOR ASSAULT EXERCISE.
- 13TH BACKLOAD OF MARINE GEAR AND PERSONNEL. DEPART OKINAWA OPAREA.
- 14TH CONDUCTED GQ DRILL, FLIGHT OPS, ECC DRILLS AND AIC TRAINING.
- 15TH OVERFLOWN BY TWO TAIWANESE F-5'S. NO AGGRESSIVE ACTION. CAPTAIN'S / COLONEL'S CALL HELD PRIOR TO ENTERING PORT. CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
- 16TH ARRIVED HONG KONG. ANCHORED IN OUTER ANCHORAGES.
- 17TH-20TH ANCHORED HONG KONG.
- 21ST DEPART HONG KONG FOR SINGAPORE. CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS, LCAC AND FLIGHT OPS.

22ND CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS.

23RD CONDUCTED LIVE FIRE, GQ FOR TSS SCENARIO, FLIGHT OPS AND MIO EXERCISE WITH FORT FISHER.

24TH THANKSGIVING SERVICES, GOSPEL CONCERT AND SPECIAL DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY.

26TH CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS. ARRIVED SEMBAWANG SINGAPORE. COMPLETED NAVIGATION CHECK RIDE INTO PORT. COMLOGWESTPAC, RADM LONG AND US AMBASSADOR, TIMOTHY CHORBA VISIT ESSEX.

29TH LIT FIRES #1, SECURE FIRES #2 BOILER. SPORTS DAY.

30TH SPORTS DAY CONTINUES.

DECEMBER 1994

- 2ND LIT FIRES #2 BOILER.
- 3RD DEPART SINGAPORE, TRANSIT SINGAPORE STRAIT. CONDUCT FLYING SQUAD AND MAN OVERBOARD DRILL.
- 4TH TRANSIT STRAIT OF MALACCA. RETARD CLOCKS. CONDUCT ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
- 5TH CIWS UPLOAD. CONDUCTED LIVE FIRE, GQ FOR TSS, FLIGHT OPS, ECC DRILLS, FIRST NIGHT UNREP OF DEPLOYMENT. FAS WITH USNS ERICSSON.
- 6TH CONDUCTED FLIGHT OPS, VBSS EXERCISE AGAINST USNS ERICSSON, AIC TRAINING.
- 7TH CONDUCTED FLYING SQUAD DRILLS, ECC DRILLS, LCAC OPS, FLIGHT OPS AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 8TH CONDUCTED LIVE FIRE, GQ FOR TSS, FLIGHT OPS AND NIGHT LIVE FIRE.
- 9TH AWARD AND FROCKING CEREMONY ON FLIGHT DECK. CONDUCTED CIWS UPLOAD, ECC DRILLS, FLIGHT OPS AND VBSS EXERCISE WITH FORT FISHER AS TARGET.
- 10TH CHOP TO CENTCOM. CONREP AND VERTREP WITH USNS MARS. FLIGHT OPS AND RETARDED CLOCKS. ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MAIL.
- 11TH UNREP AND VERTREP WITH USNS WALTER S. DIEHL. FLIGHT OPS, STREAM NIXIE, VBSS EXERCISE WITH USNS DIEHL AS TARGET.
- 12TH LIVE FIRE, GQ FOR TSS, FLIGHT OPS.
- 13TH TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ, CHALLENGED BY OMANI'S. FLIGHT OPS AND RETARDED CLOCKS.
- 14TH COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND, ADMIRAL REDD VISITS WHILE OFF THE COAST OF BAHRAIN. ECC DRILLS, FLIGHT OPS AND INBRIEFS.
- 15TH ANCHORED IN VICINITY OF ASH SHUWAIKH, OFF OF KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE EAGER MACE. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT, THE HONORABLE RYAN C. CROCKER, VISITS. CONDUCTED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING, LCAC AND FLIGHT OPS, GENERAL OFFLOAD AND FLYING SQUAD DRILL.
- 16TH-23RD EXERCISE EAGER MACE, LCAC AND FLIGHT OPS, REFUELING AT ANCHORING, STORES ONLOAD.
- 19TH UNDERWAY FOR VERTREP WITH USNS MARS.

20TH ANCHORED OFF KUWAIT CITY AGAIN. RECEIVED SOUTHWEST ASIA MEDAL.

21ST COMMENCED BACKLOAD FROM EAGER MACE, LC-42 STRUCK BUOY 8.

22ND ECC DRILLS, GENERAL IVANI VISITS FOR TOUR.

23RD COMPLETE BACKLOAD, RECOVER LC-42, UNDERWAY FOR JEBEL ALI.

24TH UNREP WITH USNS WALTER S. DIEHL. BLOW TUBES, CAROLING, AND EVENING SERVICES.

25TH DIVERTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PULLING INTO JEBEL ALI, UAE TO PERFORM TAKEDOWN OF SS AJMER, A SUSPECTED VIOLATOR OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FIRST OPERATIONAL LAUNCH OF HARRIERS AND CH-46'S FROM THE DECK OF ESSEX.

26TH ARRIVE JEBEL ALI FOR AVAILABILITY WITH USS CAPE COD AND HOLIDAY STANDOWN.

28TH INPORT FLIGHT OPS.

29TH INPORT FLIGHT OPS.

30TH AWARDS CEREMONY AND INPORT FLIGHT OPS.

31ST SPORTS DAY.