



COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE U. S. S. ESSEX

CAPTAIN DONALD B. DUNCAN, USN, of Washington, D. C., from 31 December 1942 to 6 November 1943.

CAPTAIN RALPH A. OFSTIE, USN, of Everett, Washington, from 6 November 1943 to 7 August 1944.

CAPTAIN CARLOS W. WIEBER, USN, of San Diego, California, from 7 August 1944 to 30 June 1945.

CAPTAIN ROSCOE L. BOWMAN, USN, of Manchester, Ohio, from 30 June 1945 to November 1945.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE O. MATHEWS, JR. of Ingram, Texas, from November 1945 to the Present.