



COMMANDING

Captain
CHRISTIAN H.
DUBORG
U. S. Navy

11 March 1953—13 February 1954

Captain Christian H. DUBORG assumed command of the ESSEX on March 11, 1953, relieving Captain B. B. C. LOVETT, shortly after the big flattop arrived in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Captain DUBORG reported to the ESSEX from the 17th Naval District at Kodiak, Alaska, where he performed duties as District Operations Officer from July 1951, until his assignment to the "Mighty Nine".

A graduate of Reno, Nevada High School, the naval leader had one year at the University of Nevada before his appointment to the Naval Academy in 1923 where he was a member of the football and crew teams. He graduated from Annapolis in 1927.

Two years as a gunnery and engineering officer on the battleship USS IDAHO preceded the newly-commissioned Ensign's assignment to Pensacola, Fla., for flight training. ENS DUBORG won his wings in February of 1930, and three months later was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade). He made Lieutenant in June 1932.

His promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander became effective in 1941 and one year later he was elevated to full Commander. At the outbreak of World War II, CDR DUBORG had control of a patrol squadron in the South Pacific.

He reached his present rank in 1945. One year tours as skipper of the Samar Naval Air Base and the Sangley Point Naval Air Station, both on the Philippine Islands, preceded his assignment to the Air Warfare Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for Air in 1948.

Captain DUBORG attended the National War College in Washington, D. C. in 1950 prior to assuming his Alaskan duties.

