

ESSEX DAILY NEWS

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WELCOME ESSEX

Great joy to all the ships at sea
And fear to all our enemy.
This awful war you'll terminate
The seed of peace you'll germinate.

We know 'twas tough to leave the coast
Where many months you were the toast.
But all good things you know must end,
Your place is here not there dear friend.

We hope you had a merry stay
While basking out Hawaii's way,
Cause sister now you're gonna sweat
The roughest schedule you've ever met.

From dawn to dusk the planes you'll launch
Until the crew has lost that paunch,
And maybe in a month or so
For ten short days to port you'll go.

You'll need the rest we'll all avow
For you'll have worked damned hard and how,
And soon you'll find that actually
Recuperation's best at sea,

We're sure that your conditioned air
Will prove a boon and serve you fair.
The "Bonny Dick" has naught so fancy,
Not even one MacDonald Banshee.

We scramble still from deck to deck
By power of sturdy legs by heck,
You see we haven't reached the state
Where-We're required to escalate.

**We envy not your dandy frills,
Oh! welcome to Korean hills,
We're sure the commies cringe in fear
For they heard at last you're here.**

From USS BON HOMME RICHARD