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On the Hancock



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Hornet Survivor Back On Duty In Pacific Waters

Chief Commissary Steward Ernest Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adams, 1225 East Fourth Street, a survivor of the Hornet, one of Uncle Sam's flat-tops, is again serving his country as a member of the crew of the carrier Hancock.

He entered the service at the age of 16 years, following his graduation from Liberty High School, and during the past seven years saw lots of action.

A recent release from Guam showed that the Hancock sank nine Japanese warships, 32 merchant vessels and 241 planes in the ship's first 10 months of action. The carrier's record included strikes through 2,500 miles of Japanese waters from Tokyo to Indo-China.

In her first month of action last October, according to the release, fliers from the Hancock supported the Leyte Island invasion which brought General MacArthur back to the Philippines. They scored several hits on Japanese battleships in the battle for Leyte gulf.

The Hancock was commissioned in April, 1944. "Men of the Hancock know, and the Navy knows that the U. S. S. Hancock has made a spectacular record for continuous effective operation in her first 10 months of commissioned service," the release stated.

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