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hands. A portable boxing ring is being constructed for use on the stage. Other recreational facilities, including weight-lifting devices, badminton courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and baseball diamonds have been made available to all hands and are used practically every minute the weather permits. Each squadron has been assigned a hut to be used for an officers' ready room and recreation. The squadrons have taken a great personal interest in these huts.

During the entire period covered by this history, a prodigious amount of work has been done by various Seabee Units in the construction of the two (2) VLR Army strips and their taxiways, service aprons, hardstands, etc. adjacent to the NAVAL AIR BASE strip.

According to the Base Development Plans, a VMFB, two (2) PB4Y, and two (2) PV squadrons were to be based at the NAVAL AIR BASE, but on 20 November 1944 one (1) additional PB4Y squadron was assigned to the base and another PB4Y squadron arrived on 13 February 1945, bringing to six (6) the total of multi-engined squadrons in addition to the one (1) Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron. No change to compensate for these additional squadrons was made in the Base Development Plan and no additional supplies or equipment was made available in advance, making it necessary to take care of the increased requirements with the materials available in this area.

Aviation supplies were not adequate to properly service the two additional squadrons that had not been anticipated and a further problem in spare parts was presented when two of the PB4Y-1