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facilities on the island. As a result of his tour of inspection of the bases and ships in the Pacific, it was decided to increase certain Ship's Store supplies and recreational facilities, including ice cream, candy, magazine and motion picture equipment.

Mobile Training Unit #3, in the charge of Lieutenant Donald C. KIRKPATRICK, USNR, was assigned to this command for administrative control in May, 1945. It was felt by Fleet Air Wing One and Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet that combat air crewman had a definite need for periodic refresher training in aerial gunnery and recognition in the Forward Area and this unit was ordered to the NAVAL AIR BASE to fill that need. A towed sleeve range for turret firing, a skeet range, a pistol range, and a malfunction range were constructed on Lalo Point, the southern tip of Tinian, for the unit's program. Three quonset huts, one at Lalo Point, and two in the squadron area were erected for their purposes.

On 13 April 1945 a PB4Y-2, piloted by Lieutenant Commander FARWELL of VPB 118, was forced to ditch two miles west of the NAVAL AIR BASE strip. Lieutenant Commander FARWELL was returning from a routine search patrol when he ran into bad weather and was forced to remain in the air longer than could have been anticipated. His fuel was exhausted just two miles west of this field and he was forced to make a water landing. As a result of alert NAVAL AIR BASE Operation's personnel and the efficient work of the Naval Base picket boat crew, Lieutenant Commander FARWELL and his crew were rescued twenty (20) minutes after the plane hit the water.

The B-29's of the 58th Bomb Wing arrived during April