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PB4Y-2's. The heroic work of Harold I. Illing, ARTlc of CASU(F)-44, assisted in saving the lives of the crew members of the B-29 for which he was recommended, and later received, the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. After viewing the wreckage, it was considered nothing short of miraculous that all of the crew of the B-29 escaped death. Four (4) enlisted men who were guarding the Privateers at the time of the crash received minor injuries.

On the 21st of May 1945, Rear Admiral Marshall R. GREER, Commander Fleet Air Wing Eighteen, established his headquarters at the NAVAL AIR BASE. The housing problem was complicated temporarily by the addition of his staff of officers and enlisted men to the already crowded facilities of the base. However, quarters and mess for the staff officers were soon constructed by the 110th Naval Construction Battalion and the NAVAL AIR BASE's CBMU 597 maintenance unit. The NAVAL AIR BASE, Tinian, had again been increased in size and responsibility.

Due to the duplicity of functions of the intelligence and communications offices of the Navy Search and Reconnaissance Group and the NAVAL AIR BASE, it was requested by the Air Base Commander, and approved by Commander MARIANAS (former Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific), that the base operations and field operations of the NAVAL AIR BASE be consolidated. It was decided to release the base Air Combat Intelligence Officer as all local squadron briefing had been conducted by the squadron and task unit ACI officers, and it was agreed that transient aircraft would be briefed by either the task unit ACI Officer or the base Air Navigation Officer as the case required. Communication and operation