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watches were being duplicated by the base and the task unit and as the majority of all communications traffic concerned the Navy Search and Reconnaissance Unit, it was felt that the field operations officers and the base communication officers could readily handle all traffic concerning the NAVAL AIR BASE. This consolidation made four (4) experienced officers available for transfer where their training and experience could best be used. The incoming Fleet Air Wing Eighteen needed operations watch officers at the time and absorbed three (3) of these officers, while the fourth was ordered to the states on rotation.

The Korean, Okinawan, and Japanese mixed civilian internees under the supervision of base personnel have done considerable landscaping of the grounds of the administration and living area of the NAVAL AIR BASE. Their labor has also been useful in cleaning up and policing the grounds, building coral walks and parking areas, and constructing sanitary facilities. There have been no instance when these laborers have gotten out of line or caused any particular trouble, and their labor has made it possible to divert enlisted men to more useful and responsible work.

The rapid growth of the NAVAL AIR BASE has been accurately reflected in the improvement in laundry facilities. Until February, 1945, helmets, buckets, or whatever facilities were available constituted the base laundry. In February, a laundry consisting of twelve (12) 25 pound washing machines, manned by fifteen (15) men, were installed in a combination quonset hut 104' x 20'. Much experimenting was necessary in adjusting the equipment and developing a washing formulae suitable to existing water conditions.