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Today the laundry is a veritable factory housed in a building 104 feet by 52 feet and rivals small commercial laundries. An interesting feature of the present laundry has been the employment of Japanese women from the local civilian internment camp. Their indoctrination has entailed considerable training in English and sign language, as well as in washing and ironing. However, most of the women have proven themselves to be able and conscientious workers as long as constant supervision is provided. The only real absentee problem has been caused by pregnancy (Japanese!). The laundry has at times handled emergency work for squadron personnel temporarily based on faraway bases at Leyte and Iwo Jima as well as the normal needs of the thirty five hundred (3500) men based on the NAVAL AIR BASE, Tinian.

The island was sprayed with DDT by aircraft early in the fall of 1944. As a result of this and careful attention to routine sanitation measures, there have been less men on the sick list here than similar activities have experienced in the states. Dengue and other expected illnesses have never been a problem.

In the early days of operation at the NAVAL AIR BASE, a problem was encountered which is worth consideration for future air base installations. The numerous 15 KW generators being used for light and power were found to require an excessive amount of labor and spare parts in order to keep them in continuous use. However, 50 KW and 75 KW generators were ordered and arrived to replace this temporary type of power. A considerable saving of equipment and labor could be made if these heavier type generators could be included in the original shipment of base equipment. The