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base would then only have one installation to make, would have adequate and dependable power, and would not need the numerous small generators that are usually expended in a comparably short period of continuous operation.

During the last few months covered by this history, the NAVAL AIR BASE has become the staging base for all PBY and PV squadrons moving to the Philippines, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima. The base CASU(F)-44 unit has been required to do most of the major repair work and engine changes on the VPB aircraft based on Iwo Jima and Okinawa as well as to maintain the Tinian based planes. According to reports received from squadrons and Fleet Air Wing personnel, this CASU unit has done a commendable job. The fluctuation in personnel requiring the services expected of a NAVAL AIR BASE has offered many problems to the transportation, housing, messing and maintenance departments of this base, but it is felt that these problems have been met satisfactorily due to the resourcefulness of the departments concerned.

Relations with squadrons and other units based here have been uniformly excellent. There has been a fine spirit of cooperation and of camaraderie among the officers of the different units as well as among the men. This has been principally due to the cooperative attitude of the commanding officers of the various units based here, which has served as an example to their personnel. The recreation and athletic programs arranged by the base Chaplain and Athletic Officers are also greatly responsible for this. Relations with the Commanding General, Island Command, and other units on the island have also been excellent.

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