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constructed West Field No. 3.

The mission of the NAVAL AIR BASE with its attached CASU and CBMU Units was to maintain, operate and administer the completed air base. This entailed servicing, rearming, and repairing the patrol planes and transient aircraft, and providing housing, transportation, medical facilities, mess facilities, and an air raid warning system for the units based thereon. The primary functions of airplanes based at the NAVAL AIR BASE has been as follows:

- (a) Marine TBF's conduct A/S patrols.
- (b) Medium and heavy bombers (Navy) patrol area between Marianas and the Japanese mainland, attacking small surface craft and reporting movements noted.
- (c) Patrol bombers work in conjunction with fleet movements, coordinating their scouting and patrolling with ship's movements as required.
- (d) By-passed islands in the Marianas and Carolines, still occupied by the enemy, are regularly scouted and occasionally bombed.

APPENDIX I shows the units on board and under the administrative command of the Air Base Commander at the time of commissioning together with subsequent arrivals and departures during the period covered by this report. APPENDIX II shows the units based on board but not under the administrative control of the Air Base Commander, at the time of commissioning, together with subsequent arrivals and departures during subject period.

On commissioning date, the landing strip was in usable condition for its prescribed six thousand (6,000) feet, although much construction work was needed for completion of the shoulders,