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thousand (20,000) feet on the CASU service apron and area. There was no anti-aircraft fire directed at the plane during its bombing run for reasons unknown by the NAVAL AIR BASE. The bombing destroyed two (2) PB4Y-1's and one (1) PV plane. A total of seven (7) PB4Y-1's and two (2) PV's suffered minor damage. The CASU Paint Shop was totally destroyed and several other quonset huts in the vicinity received fragmentation hits. Quick action on the part of the men from CASU(F)-44 and the NAVAL AIR BASE brought the resultant fires under control and prevented damage to other aircraft. For this prompt and efficient action, one (1) officer and five (5) enlisted men of CASU(F)-44 later received letters of commendation from the Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific. Presentation was made by Brigadier General Frederick V. H. KIMBLE, USA, local Island Commander. As a result of this bombing, a plane guard and a sentry on duty received shrapnel wounds. One (1) officer and two (2) others received slight concussions. Flash WHITE was received at 2330.

On 5 January 1945, the Officers' Mess was completed and on 20 January 1945, the Officers' Club was completed and an opening party was held. During January, four (4) frame Supply Warehouses, a nose-hanger, a CASU warehouse, and dirt athletic fields for basketball, volleyball, softball, etc. were completed.

A movie area with seats for two thousand five hundred (2,500) men and a covered stage with dressing rooms to accommodate traveling U.S.O. shows was completed in the early weeks of this base's operations. These facilities are considered to be the number one item in importance for the morale and recreation of all