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A9-8/RLR:b1 c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 5 November 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander Marshalls-Gilberts Area.

Subj: Availability of Aircraft during October - Report on.

Ref : ComMarGilArea Spdltr. 00927 of 2 Nov. 1944.

1. In compliance with reference, the following report is submitted.
2. This unit classifies all aircraft under repair, regardless of how minor or insignificant the repair may be, as "grounded". Actually in many cases the discrepancy is of such a nature that it would not interfere with the safe operation of the aircraft.
3. During the month in question the following schedule indicates the amount of work completed on the 81 aircraft based on this unit:

		<u>Oct 1st - 15th</u>	<u>Oct 16th - 31st</u>	<u>Total</u>
Engines changes	-	12	37	49
Checks (60 & 120 hr.)	- PB4Y - 41		PB4Y - 48	
	- PV - 21	62	PV - 24	134
Discrepancies	-	1681	2175	3856

Total plane days lost through lack of parts was 59, this figure being predominantly represented by two planes. Operating during this period with an average of 83% of the personnel requested by this unit for servicing 5 squadrons, it is apparent that the completion of daily work schedules would be delayed.

4. Due to the poor condition of the landing strip, together with the number of aircraft being serviced by this unit and considering the method of arriving at "aircraft availability", it is felt that the record for October, while no doubt subject to improvement, is in no way a reflection on the efficiency of this unit. During the month all operating schedules were met, including a sufficient number of standby aircraft for all emergencies.

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