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were thoroughly briefed in embarkation and shipboard procedure. This movement of the unit was complicated by the fact that it was to embark on three (3) different ships in three (3) separate detachments. The first detachment sailed on 21 April 1944, the second detachment on 23 April 1944, and the third on 25 April 1944.

The Commanding Officer left on 21 April 1944, for San Francisco, from which point he was to fly to Pearl Harbor. After his departure, the third detachment was left in command of Lieutenant Charles H. Sewall, (S), USNR.

The morale of the unit up to this point may best be described by stating that all men assigned to the unit were present on the dates of embarkation.

The first two (2) detachments arrived at Pearl Harbor on 30 April 1944 and the third detachment on 1 May 1944.

The Commanding Officer, however, had reported to ComAirPac on 25 April 1944, and had on that day been advised by the Advance Base Section of ComAirPac that the function of the unit had been changed. Instead of servicing carrier aircraft as previously planned, ComAirPac had determined that the unit would service PB4Y and PV aircraft at Tinian Island in the Marianas Group. The personnel of the unit were not experienced in patrol type planes, and therefore it was necessary to make a number of changes in the personnel of the unit in order that qualified men would be available.

All personnel upon debarkation were stationed at Iroquois Point just west of Pearl Harbor. Physical conditions there were much the same as they had been at Point Mugu except that Quonset huts were provided for living quarters instead of tents. There was a considerable amount of dust and mud, and few opportunities for recreation.

1 See Appendix, Encl. 13 - Movement orders to Lt. Williams from ATD of 4-20-44.  
14 - Movement orders to Lt. Rhodes from ATD of 4-21-44.  
15 - Movement orders to Lt. Sewall from ATD of 4-24-44.