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In the meantime the first supply of PB4Y spares arrived, and there was considerable difficulty in making certain that all items necessary for the operation of the CASU were transferred from ship to shore and back on board the ship scheduled to carry the first detachment of the unit to Tinian.

The stay on Oahu was particularly valuable to the Medical Department. Excellent instruction was given by higher-ranking Medical Officers assigned to units to be stationed on Tinian. Sanitation was stressed particularly. Much of the information obtained by the Medical Department was then passed to all personnel in the CASU by a series of lectures which again stressed sanitation. These lectures proved their value after the unit arrived on Tinian.

During the unit's stay at Oahu morale was at a high level. Beer parties and swimming parties were arranged through the cooperation of the Fleet Recreation Center at Nimitz Park. At Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, excellent athletic and recreation facilities were available, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all hands stationed there.

On 15 June 1944, orders were received from the Commanding Officer of ACORN-35 for the PB4Y detachment to embark for Tinian, and this detachment departed from Pearl Harbor on the S.S. METEOR on 24 June 1944. The trip to Tinian was made via Kwajalein at which point the METEOR remained for two weeks.

Here liberty parties were sent ashore every day and the pleasant climate and easy life were enjoyed by all hands. Swimming was delightful, and many of the men obtained extensive collections of sea shells along the beaches.

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1 See Appendix, Encl. 22 - Temporary additional duty orders from CO ACORN-35 to CO CASU-44 of 6-15-44; End-1 from CO of Troops, S.S. METEOR; End-2 of ComTaskForce 10.12 of 8-7-44; End-3 of CO ACORN-35 of 8-7-44.