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patrol planes. CASU personnel killed five (5) of the attacking group but none of our personnel was injured.

During the period covered by this supplement there was a great increase in the number of planes both serviced and parked at West Field No. 3 on Tinian. More patrol squadrons were sent to this area from Fleet Air Wing TWO, and a total of twelve (12) squadrons was either stationed at this field or returned to this field from Okinawa and Iwo Jima for checks and engine changes as well as other work which could not be performed by maintenance units on those two islands. The period covered by this supplement also saw a change in the type of aircraft serviced by the unit. At the beginning of the period, PV-1's and PB4Y-1's comprised 99% of the planes serviced. However, by August 1945, all but two (2) squadrons were made up of PV-2's or PB4Y-2's.

The following squadrons arrived at West Field, Tinian between 1 March and 31 Aug 45:

VPB 108 4 Apr 45  
VPB 133 5 Mar 45  
VPB 123 26 May 45  
VPB 142 4 Jun 45  
VPB 124 2 Jun 45  
VPB 109 7 May 45  
VPB 128 23 Jun 45  
VPB 117 15 Aug 45

Not all of the above squadrons were at Tinian constantly after their arrivals. Approximately two (2) squadrons were stationed at Iwo Jima while others were at Okinawa and the Philippines. However, approximately five (5) planes from each of the squadrons stationed at Iwo and Okinawa were on Tinian at all times for maintenance and repairs. Two permanent departures of squadrons took place during the same period; VPB 150 departed for the United States on 6 March 45 and VPB 151 departed for the United States on 6 June 45.