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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET AIR FORCE
COMBAT AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT (CASI) FORTY-FOUR
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NARRATIVE

being received for skin difficulties with the PV-2's.

Lieut. Robert L. RHODES, Jr., S(A), USNR, 138731, a capable Engineering Officer and Executive Officer of the CASU, was detached in June to the staff of ComAirPac-SubComFwd. His detachment resulted in a definite loss to the CASU of a man with unusual executive and administrative ability as well as a thorough knowledge of Navy patrol plane maintenance. However, Lieut. RHODES has been ably replaced as Engineering Officer by Lieut. CAHILL, John D., (A), USNR, 193209.

A major development in the CASU's history occurred with the organization and establishment of the Flight Division. The CASU Pool at the present time contains eighteen (18) PB4Y-2's and eight (8) PV's. In addition there are seven (7) utility aircraft operated by the unit. The Flight Division is composed of three (3) Naval Aviators and eighteen (18) men whose duty it is to keep pool planes in operating condition for transfer to squadrons.

On 11 May 1945 the WIMU unit attached to CASU(F)-44 received a new Officer-in-Charge, namely Lt(jg) Robt. E. MILLER, S(O6), USNR, 279973, who relieved Lt(jg) Leon C. LEONI, S(O6), USNR, 143393.

The MAIRU unit also attached to CASU(F)-44, also had a change in Officers-in-Charge, when on 4 July 1945, Lt(jg) Raymond C. SWANSON, S(A), USNR, 286986, relieved Lt(jg) James R. O'CONNOR, S(A), USNR, 207534.

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1. See Appendix, Encl. 23 - Orders to Lieut. RHODES from ComAirPacSubComFwd.
 2. See Appendix, Encl. 24 - Biography of Lieut. CAHILL.
 3. See Appendix, Encl. 25 - Commanding Officer's Order No. 14-45.
 4. See Appendix, Encl. 26-27 - Orders to Lt(jg) MILLER and Lt(jg) SWANSON.