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APPENDIX

The new engineering officer of CASU(F)-44, Lieut. CAHILL, John D., S(A), USNR, 193209, was born in Worcester, Mass., on 6 Sept 1912 and graduated from South High School in Worcester in 1931. He graduated in 1936 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. As a civilian Lt. CAHILL worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for a short time followed by three years with Pratt & Whitney in production testing of engines and engine trouble-shooter. In February 1939, he worked with Army Ordnance in Connecticut as assistant inspector of ordnance material until November, 1940, when he became associate aeronautical engineer at NAS, Norfolk, Va., until September, 1942, when he was commissioned and sent to the Naval Indoctration School at Dartmouth College. After completing his indoctrination he reported back to NAS, Norfolk, where for 2½ years he performed duty as a commissioned officer in the Engineering & Production Divisions of the A & R Dept.

In April 1945 he was detached to ComAirPac and was assigned duty at AROU-4 as Engine Overhaul Officer. He was then detached from this duty and reported to CASU(F)-44 on 1 August 1945, where he was assigned the duties of Maintenance and Engineering Officer.

Lieut CAHILL as head of the maintenance and engineering dept. of CASU(F)-44 holds down an important key position. He has a marked ability for administration and Engineering which will prove of great value in maintaining an efficient maintenance and engineering organization. He is ideally suited for his present position due to his wide experience in civilian and Naval Aviation, and it is certain that the CASU and the squadrons based thereon will benefit by having an officer with his experience attached to this unit.