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essential that various groups of men be assigned to unloading supplies and transporting these supplies from Tinian Harbor to North Field. A group was ordered to report to the Island Ordnance Officer to work in the bomb storage areas, and demands on the unit for working parties of all sorts were continuous. These demands came at a time when the unit could least afford to spare the men, for it was also essential that maintenance gear and shops be put into operation at once to repair and service the planes already stationed on the field.

(7) Word was received that the operational plan for squadrons on Tinian had been changed. Instead of operating from two (2) fields on Tinian, both the PB4Y and PV planes would operate from North Field. ¹ This change of plans created a major problem, for the PV detachment of CASU-44 had not yet arrived and the two (2) PV squadrons were expected within a matter of days, and would begin operations before the arrival of the CASU PV detachment. In addition, no PV spares had arrived with which to maintain the PV squadrons.

As soon as these situations were known to exist all interested activities were notified by the Commanding Officer of CASU-44. All efforts were made to obtain additional personnel, ² to insure the earliest possible arrival of the PV detachment, ³ to unload ships in the area on which there was unit gear, to improve ⁴ the Avgas situation, ⁵ to recall working parties under the control of other units,

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- 1 See Appendix, Encl. 33 - Secret ltr. from CenPac to IsCom Tinian of 8-25-44.
 - 2 See Appendix, Encl. 39 - Secret ltr. from CO CASU-44 to Advon of 9-26-44.
44 - ltr from CO CASU-44 to ComMarGil Area of 10-8-44.
 - 3 See Appendix, Encl. 40 - Ltr from CO CASU-44 to CO ACORN-35 of 9-7-44.
41 - Ltr from Comdg. General to CO of Troops, S.S. PHILIP KEARNEY with End-1 of CO CASU-44 of 9-15-44.
 - 4 See Appendix, Encl. 42 - Ltr from CO CASU-44 to Chief of Staff, Iscom, of 9-6-44.
 - 5 See Appendix, Encl. 43 - Ltr from CO CASU-44 to CO ACORN-35 of 9-6-44.