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of spray guns furnished, compared to a well-made spray gun such as that made by Bendix. There were no personnel problems in this shop and all work orders were handled without undue difficulty.

The principal difficulty encountered by the Machine Shop was the lack of bar stock. The personnel was adequate and the shops themselves were well equipped.

The Parachute Loft was non-existent at North Field for the first month. However during October space was set aside in a 40 x 100 Quonset hut for minor parachute overhaul. It was not possible to dry parachutes because of the high humidity and the lack of drying equipment.

The Safety Shop was well-equipped except for some high-pressure oxygen equipment which was furnished the unit instead of low-pressure equipment for the low-pressure systems in PB4Y's. Some of the planes based on this unit have been completely stripped of their oxygen systems, and these systems cannot be reinstalled because of the lack of equipment. The lack of trained oxygen personnel has hampered this shop, but has not seriously affected its operation.

The supply of flotation gear was excellent and repair facilities were adequate.

Fifty (50) parachutes were brought out to Tinian by CASU Supply, and of necessity were stored in the open. When brought to the Parachute Loft for inspection and packing all parachutes were wet, and nineteen (19) of them were beyond repair to the point where they were surveyed. It is felt, therefore, that parachutes sent to the forward area should be shipped in water-tight containers.

As mentioned previously, CASU Operations had barely enough gassing equipment to handle two or three squadrons, but were forced to supply Avgas and Avlube to six (6) squadrons including VMTB-242. It was difficult enough to meet flight schedules each day when all went smoothly, but the ordinary difficulties were greatly