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NARRATIVE

Physical examinations for the squadrons as well as for the CASU are performed by the CASU Medical Officers, but since there is no Dentist and no laboratory, urine examinations and teeth charting are done by the ACORN.

Welfare and Recreation of any type was impossible at North Field for the first two (2) months. However as soon as possible two (2) 16 x 50 recreation tents were set up for the men containing reading and writing tables, radio, phonograph and ping pong tables. From these tents a limited amount of athletic equipment was issued. The development of athletic fields, delayed by rain, mud and higher work priorities, finally produced a number of softball fields and a regular ball game schedule was put into effect.

Personnel problems resulted from three (3) conditions:

- (1) Shortage of men and how to correct this condition.
- (2) Men working out of rate.
- (3) Inability to advance men in rate because of BuPers and ComAirPac directives.

As soon as it was realized a severe shortage of personnel existed, ComWarGil-¹ Advon and representatives from ComAirPac in this area were contacted for help.

Reasonable cooperation was obtained and additional men from units in the Marshalls and Gilberts were received. However, little regard was given as to types of rates ordered to report to the unit with the result that there was an over abundance of certain rates and a shortage of others. Regardless of the unbalanced picture, the additional men proved to be a valuable asset.

The necessity for working a number of men out of rate has been, in a sense, unfortunate. For example, ^{some} ~~our~~ second class ordnancemen who have gone as long as

1 See Appendix, Encl. 39 - Secret ltr. from OO CASU-44 to Advon of 9-26-44.
40 - Ltr. from OO CASU-44 to OO ACORN-35 of 9-7-44.