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lent outdoor movie theater which was able to show a different picture every night. About this time it was possible to establish a plan whereby each man was able to have one day in eight (8) for liberty. In general, life was far from unpleasant, and continual efforts were made to improve conditions even more.

Summarizing the experiences of the CASU at North Field, the following facts are outstanding:

- (1) Shortage of personnel and all kinds of equipment.
- (2) Unsanitary and unpleasant living conditions at first but improving to the point of complete sanitation and comparative comfort within two (2) months.
- (3) Unexpected early arrival of the squadrons, and longer searches than had been anticipated.
- (4) Lack of cooperation of various units on which the CASU is dependent - which condition improved slowly with time.
- (5) Remarkable cooperation from the Army Air Force on Saipan in regard to loaning or giving urgently needed parts and equipment.
- (6) The fact that in spite of all factors involved, the planes based upon this CASU were kept flying in accordance with the requirements of the squadrons and the operational plan, as ordered.

It is worthy of note in passing to mention a few of the unusual events which occurred at North Field. First, and probably of greatest interest, were the infrequent bombing and strafing attacks by Japanese planes. These attacks oc-

1 See Appendix, Encl. 49 - Ltr. from CASU-44 to ComMarGilArea of 11-5-44.