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the same manner, living conditions improved also. Quonset huts had been erected into which all officers and men moved on 18 Nov. 1944. It was unfortunate that a typhoon in the vicinity occurred at the time of the move, for torrential rain occurred for three (3) days thereafter, and the areas surrounding Quonsets were liquid mud.

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The organization of CASU Maintenance is of interest. The Maintenance Department is in charge of the Radio, Structures, Engines, Shops, Ordnance and Operations Divisions. Maintenance, with Lieutenant Robert Lewis Rhodes, Jr., as Department Head, occupies a separate Quonset hut. At this hut discrepancies are turned in by the squadrons, and work orders are made out by Maintenance from the discrepancies and then sent to the Division concerned. Availability boards are kept up to the minute at Maintenance so that an immediate check on the condition of any plane may be obtained. As soon as work has been completed on a plane, the work order is returned to Maintenance by the Division concerned, and the availability board is then changed accordingly. In effect, the Maintenance Department serves as routing and coordinating unit between the CASU and the squadrons. In addition, Maintenance handles all airplane and engine log books for the squadrons. Under the Maintenance Officer there are two (2) Maintenance Duty Officers and a Chief, one of whom is on duty at all times during the day and night. In the four (4) months of operation, Maintenance Divisions have handled two hundred (200) engine changes, five hundred and sixty (560) plane checks, sixteen thousand (16,000) discrepancies, and delivered over five million gallons of gas. ~~per month.~~

1 See Appendix, Encl. 54 - CO's Memo in re. organization of 9-26-44.