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NARRATIVE

It may be seen from these figures that the Maintenance Department is a necessity in order that work can be completed as quickly as possible to meet the daily operating schedule consisting of twenty (20) to thirty (30) planes.

On 3 Nov. 1944, an Aerial Mines Unit (WIMU-157) was attached to CASU-44 in charge of Lieutenant (jg) Leon Charles Leoni, S(O6), USNR. This small unit moved to West Field with the CASU and is servicing VMTB-242. In addition, the WIMU Unit acts as an Advanced Base Supply Office for all similar units in this area, and Lieutenant (jg) Leoni has been designated by ComFwdArea as the Inspecting Officer for the area. The work performed by this unit and the type of equipment handled is not known to any officer in the CASU, and cannot be discussed.

A well organized Communications Department exists in CASU-44. This Department handles the logging, routing, distribution, filing and disposing of despatches and classified publications and letters. Also, this Department maintains an up-to-date technical library which is frequently used by all Maintenance Divisions.

Now that CASU-44 has arrived at what may be called its permanent location, progressive steps are being taken to provide a well-planned and adequate recreation program. Softball and hardball diamonds have been constructed, a small outdoor movie theater is in operation, but this will be replaced shortly by a larger one. Basketball courts are being built, two (2) boxing rings are available, four (4) handball courts will be in use shortly, two (2) recreation huts with ping pong tables, writing desks and other indoor facilities have been provided. In addition, there is a well stocked Naval Air Base Library. The CASU Welfare and Recreation Officer is working closely with Naval Air Base Officers in conjunction with a unified recreation program for the entire Base.

The work performed by the First Lieutenant's Division has been extensive. Innumerable items of furniture both for offices and living quarters have been con-