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structed, as well as many items essential to the repair of aircraft. It has proven practical to loan all Motor Machinist's Mates to the CBMU attached to Naval Air Base in order that one central repair group may be maintained for all vehicles.

The work of CASU Operations has been eased at West Field by the availability of a well-equipped tank farm system, and gasoline problems no longer arise daily. Adequate fire-fighting equipment has been provided, and an excellent system is in use for the disposal of water and foreign material in the gasoline before it reaches the gassing trucks. CASU Operations performs the following functions:

(1) Oiling and gassing of all planes.

(2) Leading of planes from strip to parking areas and from parking areas to strip.

(3) Towing of all planes.

(4) Handling of all crashes so far as removal from the strip or taxiways is concerned.

(5) Operating the gasoline and oil fill stands.

(6) Location of planes throughout the various parking areas.

By performing the above functions CASU Operations has assumed some of the work normally performed by Field Operations.

To all personnel of CASU-44, the history of the unit has particular interest. The unit has learned much, and it is certain that it knows as much about long range Navy search planes and searches as any other ground service unit. However, in a sense, the history of CASU-44 lacks interest. The unit's function was to go into a forward area and to maintain a number of aircraft to the extent that the daily operating schedule was fulfilled. This, the CASU has done, and it