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CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT FORTY-FOUR  
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The following engine changes are now underway: VB-150 - 1  
VB-151 -2  
VB-102 - 4  
VB -116 - 0

The engine change program for PV's is based on 450 hours per engine and for PB4Y's 550 hours.

5. There are sufficient PV engines on hand and ordered to cover the estimated need. There are likewise sufficient PB4Y engines on hand for immediate needs but it is essential that the 16 ordered from ASD, Roi, on 15 Sept., be at this Base prior 26 Oct. 1944.
6. In order to meet the anticipated engine change schedule, it is requested that the following rates be transferred to this unit immediately:
  - (a) 2 - AMM1c. 2 - AMM2c. 4 - AMM3c. These men will serve as two supercharger set-up crews. Experienced personnel is needed.
  - (b) 4 - AMM1c. 4 - AMM2c. 8 - AMM3c. These men will form four engine setup change crews.
  - (c) 12 - Seaman.
7. It is requested that the personnel listed in reference (b) be furnished this unit as soon as possible. This is in addition to the needs outlined in paragraph 6 above.
8. Should reference (c) result in Squadron 117's being permanently based on this unit, additional personnel will be required and will be requested.

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