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CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT FORTY-FOUR

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24 Aug. 44

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Acorn 35

Subj: Aviation Gasoline, Water in.

1. The amount of water in the aviation gasoline being pumped into the gas trucks operated by this unit has reached such a high proportion that gasoline can no longer be accepted from the barge moored in Tinian Harbor.
2. At 1450 this date drivers of the trucks refused to accept gasoline, and an immediate investigation of the situation revealed that the average proportion of gasoline to water is two gallons to one and one half cups respectively. This condition was found to exist in all tanks on the barge.
3. It is the opinion of the undersigned that the water (which is salty to the taste) does not enter the fueling system through the hose which is laid from barge to shore, but that the water comes directly from the barge. It is felt that either there is a leak in the barge or that the tanks on the barge had salt water in them before the barge was filled with gasoline.
4. Until such time as suitable gasoline inbulk is provided, gasoline will be obtained from drums now stored in dumps near the field. This unit has sufficient personnel and equipment to handle gasoline in this fashion for the time being, but it is felt that the gasoline reserve in drums should not be used any longer than necessary.
5. It is therefore requested that suitable gasoline in bulk be available not later than Aug. 28.

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By Direction

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