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22 October 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.

To : Commander Navy Search and Bombardment Group, Tinian.

Subj: Drummed Aviation Gasoline Reserve Supply - Shortage in.

Encl: (A) CASU-44 C.O. ltr to Chief of Staff, Island Command,  
dated 6 September 1944.

1. The following report of the aviation gasoline situation is submitted at the request of Commander Navy Search and Bombardment Group, Tinian.

2. As of 0600, 22 October 1944, there were 6,600 drums of aviation gasoline on Tinian. This activity has been informed by G-4 Section, Island Command, that no further supply of drummed aviation gasoline is available. Constant trouble has been experienced with the bulk supply of aviation gasoline furnished from the gasoline barge at Tinian Harbor. At present this barge is again out of commission, and it is expected that the supply of drummed aviation gasoline will diminish to about 2,500 drums before aviation gasoline in bulk is available. Unless an immediate, additional supply of drummed aviation gasoline is made available, or unless greater care is taken to protect the quality and availability of the bulk gasoline normally furnished, it is reasonable to expect that the squadrons at this field will shortly be without a supply of aviation gasoline.

3. Since 20 August 1944, this unit has used 11,550 drums (577,500 gallons) of aviation gasoline in supplying gasoline to squadrons, and 1,601,367 gallons of bulk aviation gasoline. The excessive use of the drummed reserve was due to the following conditions:

- (a) One hundred sixty drums were used for VTMB 242 before bulk aviation gasoline was available.
- (b) Seven hundred forty three drums were used during the time that it took to replace YOGL #8 with YOGL #11. YOGL #8 was returned to Saipan because of excessive water in the gasoline. In this connection no settling tanks or segregators were provided at the fill-stand, and therefore there was no method of separating water from the gasoline before the gasoline trucks were filled.
- (c) Six hundred seventy one drums were used while the gasoline line from YOGL #11 to the shore was being repaired. A small boat ran across the line and broke it.

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