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relaxation for the men in spite of the adverse conditions which existed. The Welfare Officer was successful in procuring games, books, magazines, musical instruments, athletic equipment and fishing gear through Civic, Naval and Charitable Organizations. A beer and coke bar was established for the men which proved to be of great value due to difficult transportation problems when liberty was granted. The athletic field, built by the unit at Point Mugu, was used almost constantly.

At the time of commissioning, it was impractical to hold any sort of ceremony. However, on 28 March 1944, a ceremony was held at which Captain Gurney, USN, Commanding Officer of Acorn Training Detachment, gave an address and inspected ¹ personnel and the camp.

Division Officers, while at Mugu, did considerable planning relative to the future operations of the CASU. Each Division Officer had a fair idea of the way in which he would operate his division upon reaching the combat zone. However, it was impossible to be specific or to form definite plans, due to the fact that it was not known how many aircraft would be based on the unit, whether night work would be possible and, most important, how capable the aviation rates were. However, in most cases the tentative organization as planned at Mugu, went into effect upon reaching Tinian.

On 17 April 1944, the unit was secured by order of Acorn Training Detachment ² prior to embarkation within the near future. Immediately all unit gear was packed and placed aboard ship at Port Hueneme, California, and all unit personnel

1 See Appendix, Encl. 29 - CO MEMO (Commissioning Ceremony) of 3-28-44.
See Appendix, Encl. 57 - Picture No. 4.

2 See Appendix, Encl. 31 - CO ORDER #3 (Securing Unit Personnel) of 4-17-44.