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of having seen one of their torpedoes hit and explode.

Q. How about the runways, what were you going to do to destroy them?

A. We had no means of destroying the runways. We had a bunch of barrels of asphalt that had been left over from the contractor, that we were going to roll out on the runways, and we had people detailed to all the motor transportation that we had to run it out and park it in the runways.

Q. Is the Naval Air Station a going concern there from the point of operations, or not?

A. It is becoming more and more so. They are organizing a small service unit, and they are going to install a few shops for minor repairs, hydraulics, propellers and such things as that. They don't contemplate any major overhaul.

Q. How about supplies?

A. There is a supply officer there. As yet there has not been an adequate reserve supply built up, but they are building it up as fast as possible. In a few months they'll have a pretty good supply.

Q. Does Pearl Harbor support the place?

A. Yes, It gives it quite active support. A great many more vessels come in, supply vessels, than prior to the Battle of Midway. In that connection, they have some CB's, construction battalions, out there working now, and I suppose you know, incidentally, that it is now designated as a Naval Operating Base.

Q. When the torpedo pilots got back to Midway did they say they had used the director?

A. One pilot in a TBF was able to use the director but I would say that from his description of it it was a rather hasty solution of the problem. Probably a good deal of it was by rule of thumb because the Zeros were giving him hell, and they were throwing everything they had at him from the ships. I think that holds for the Army too. I don't know exactly how much schooling the Army had in the use of the director, but I know they attempted to solve the problem. They really swarmed on those boys. They said they had three levels of Zeros there to meet them, one at the water, and one a little higher up and one on top of that. The Jap fighters were set for them. I suppose that was because they found out what torpedoes could do to them in the Coral Sea, and they decided they would pour it on the next time torpedo planes came at them.

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