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25 bunkers for small planes.

We looked to the sandbag slit trenches to protect personnel, and we tried to improve the camouflage of our dugout quarters so they wouldn't be so apparent.

The power house was protected by a wall of 8 to 10 feet of sand with a cribbing around it, and up to the top of the ridge of the roof. There was no protection overhead for a direct bomb hit.

We distributed in various dumps on the island, about 1200 barrels of gasoline in steel drums.

We increased the number of re-arming pits, in which we had machine gun ammunition and bombs of various classes for the various types of aircraft, from fighters to the SBD's and B-17's and depth bombs for anti-submarine patrols.

The water situation was not good. Rations were brought up to sufficient to last for ten days, from San Island, and emergency rations were distributed to centrally located points where people could get to them in small groups.

The Medical Department established dressing stations, first-aid stations, and distributed de-contaminating material, in case of a chemical attack. There was insufficient aboard to distribute it widely, so we put it at dressing stations so that the corpsmen could supervise the decontamination of personnel and their outer garments, and provide soap and water.

In addition to aviation which I have been talking about, there was on the island about half of the Sixth Defense Battalion. They had recently been reinforced with an extra three-inch gun battery, some 20 mm anti-aircraft, some 37 mm anti-aircraft. There was also stationed on the island one Marine raider company, the outfit that later raided Makin in the Gilberts.

The bombing attack on Eastern Island was comparatively light. There were fourteen bomb holes on the island. The one that did the most damage landed in the middle of the power house and made scrap-iron out of our water distillation plant. In that same building were the electric generators. The bomb set the building on fire, and the fuel inside of it. So we immediately were without power, electric current, and our source of water was gone. We had a number of auxiliary generators of various sizes

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