

C O N F I D E N T I A L .

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AERODROME DEVELOPMENT - PACIFIC ISLANDS.

Briefly Squadron Leader Gibson proposes to cover inspection of aerodrome development at Western Samoa, Fiji and Tonga.

At Western Samoa he will examine the aerodrome site proposals put forward by the Survey Staff attached to the Administration and advise them on the technical aspects of the suitability of the sites and the method of construction to be adopted if they are proceeded with.

At Suva, Fiji, there is at present an aerodrome engineer's assistant, who has been carrying out initial survey work in connection with proposed aerodrome sites in the Colony. Squadron Leader Gibson intends to examine the present position with regard to implementing survey and construction proposals.

The major work of the present party under Squadron Leader Gibson is to be carried out at Tonga. A party will be landed there to carry out a land survey of proposed land aerodrome sites and a hydrographic survey of suitable areas for seaplane alighting areas. Squadron Leader Gibson intends to give the initial instructions to this party whilst actually on the Island, after he has inspected the proposed sites.

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