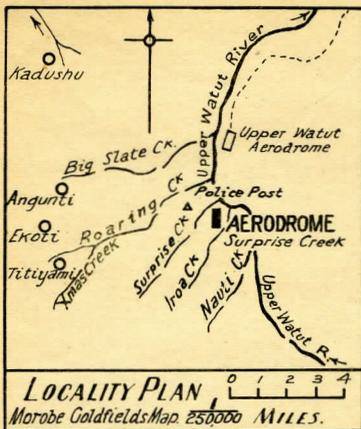


NOTICE TO AIRMEN

NO. 30/1935.

SURPRISE CREEK, N.G.



CLASS OF GROUND: Aerodrome suitable for light types of land-planes only.

PROPRIETORS: Administration, Territory of New Guinea.

POSITION: 1 mile from Otibanda Police Post. About 650 yards S.E. from the junction of Surprise Creek and the Watut River.
Lat. $7^{\circ} 15\frac{1}{2}'$ S. Long. $146^{\circ} 04'$ E.

MAGNETIC VARIATION: $5\frac{1}{2}'$ E. approx.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: Watut River to north. Otibanda (Surprise) Creek to west. Cutting through embankment at north end for approach. Platform cut into bank at south end for turning.

MARKINGS: Nil.

DESCRIPTION: A one-way ground falling 1 in 10 from south to north.

DIMENSIONS: 310 yards (along the slope) from approach cutting to turning platform. Width 100 yards.

HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL: 3,000 ft. approx.

APPROACHES: From north only - over Watut River.

SURROUNDING COUNTRY: 'Kunai' (tall tussock grass) covered hills and timbered hills to the east.

PETROL AND OIL: Nil. Nearest supply at Bulola Mining Camp.

WATER SUPPLY: Surprise Creek and Watut River.

WORKSHOPS: Nil. Private workshops are at Lae and Bulolo.

HANGAR ACCOMMODATION: Nil.

TELEPHONE: Bulolo, approx. 10 miles.

TELEGRAPH: Radio at Bulolo.

NEAREST TOWN: Wau, 15 miles by air line.

NEAREST RAILWAY STATION: Nil.

CHARGES: Nil.

REMARKS: Should only be used by experienced "B" licensed pilots. Approach from north only. Take-off to north only.

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