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SURVEY OF AIR ROUTES - SOUTH PACIFIC "1926"

573 lines

Plus charts

SEAPLANE FLIGHT TO SOUTH PACIFIC  
ISLANDS.

Date.	Place.	Time.	Flying hours.
25. 9.26	Point Cook	Dep. 0550	
"	Paynesville	Arr. 0850	3.00
"		Dep. 1019	
29. 9.26	Sydney	Arr. 1540	5.21
		Dep. 1035	
	Nelson's Bay	Arr. 1140	1.5
		Dep. 1235	
5.10.26	Southport	Arr. 1800	5.25
		Dep. 0620	
	Bingham	Arr. 0920	3.00
		Dep. 1040	
6.10.26	Gladstone	Arr. 1320	2.40
		Dep. 0650	
	Mackay	Arr. 1010	3.20
		Dep. 1105	
8.10.26	Bowen	Arr. 1240	1.35
		Dep. 0935	
	Cardwell	Arr. 1150	2.15
		Dep. 1237	
9.10.26	Cooktown	Arr. 1450	2.13
		Dep. 1120	
	Flinders Is.	Arr. 1235	1.15
		Dep. 1328	
11.10.26	Thursday Is.	Arr. 1700	3.32
		Dep. 0817	
12.10.26	Daru	Arr. 1000	1.43
		Dep. 1134	
	Kiaruka	Arr. 1500	3.26
		Dep. 1720	
13.10.26	Pt. Moresby	Arr. 1810	.50
		Dep. 0959	
	Fyffe Bay	Arr. 1312	3.13
		Dep. 1515	
15.10.26	Samarai	Arr. 1610	.55
		Dep. 0933	

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	Baniara	Arr. 1050 Dep. 1224	1.17
17.10.26	Morobe	Arr. 1520 Dep. 1150	2.56
18.10.26	Lindenhafen	Arr. 1500 Dep. 1337	3.10
29.10.26	Rabaul	Arr. 1622 Dep. 1050	2.45
30.10.26	Nissan	Arr. 1300 Dep. 1137	2.10
31.10.26	Kieta	Arr. 1345 Dep. 1215	2. 8
3.11.26	Shortland	Arr. 1330 Dep. 0850	1.15
4.11.26	Gizo	Arr. 1020 Dep. 0930	1.30
	Lilihina (Maravo Lag.)	Arr. 1040 Dep. 1110	1.10
5.11.26	Betuna (Maravo Lag.)	Arr. 1125 Dep. 1125	1.15
	Tulagi	Arr. 1320	1.55
24.11.26	Tulagi	Dep. 0620	
	Gizo	Arr. 0840 Dep. 0940	2.20
	Kieta	Arr. 1130 Dep. 1205	1.50
	Soraken	Arr. 1310 Dep. 1510	1.05
25.11.26	Rabaul	Arr. 1750 Dep. 0650 Dep. 1330	2.40
	Palmalmal	Arr. 1530 Dep. 1600	2.00
26.11.26	Lindenhafen	Arr. 1710 Dep. 1253	1.10
27.11.26	Arawe	Arr. 1400 Dep. 0858	1. 7

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28.11.26	Finschhafen	Arr. 1010 Dep. 1110	1.12
	Salamoa	Arr. 1205 Dep. 1253	.55
	Buna Bay	Arr. 1445 Dep. 1145	1.52
	Baniara	Arr. 1315 Dep. 1355	1.30
29.11.26	Samarai	Arr. 1510 Dep. 1155	1.15
	Abau	Arr. 1325 Dep. 1357	1.30
30.11.26	Pt. Moresby	Arr. 1520 Dep. 0905	1.23
	Fule Is.	Arr. 0955 Dep. 1027	.50
1.12.26	Kerema	Arr. 1145 Dep. 0812	1.18
	Bamu R.	Arr. 1020 Dep. 1300	2.08
2.12.26	Daru	Arr. 1410 Dep. 1008	1.10
	Thursday Is.	Arr. 1135 Dep. 1250	1.27
3.12.26	Flinders Is.	Arr. 1645 Dep. 1705	3.55
	Cooktown	Arr. 1850 Dep. 0710	1.45
	Cardwell	Arr. 0940 Dep. 1000	2.30
	Bowen	Arr. 1220 Dep. 1340	2.20
	Mackay	Arr. 1505 Dep. 1529	1.25
	4.12.26	Port Alma	Arr. 1830 Dep. 0906

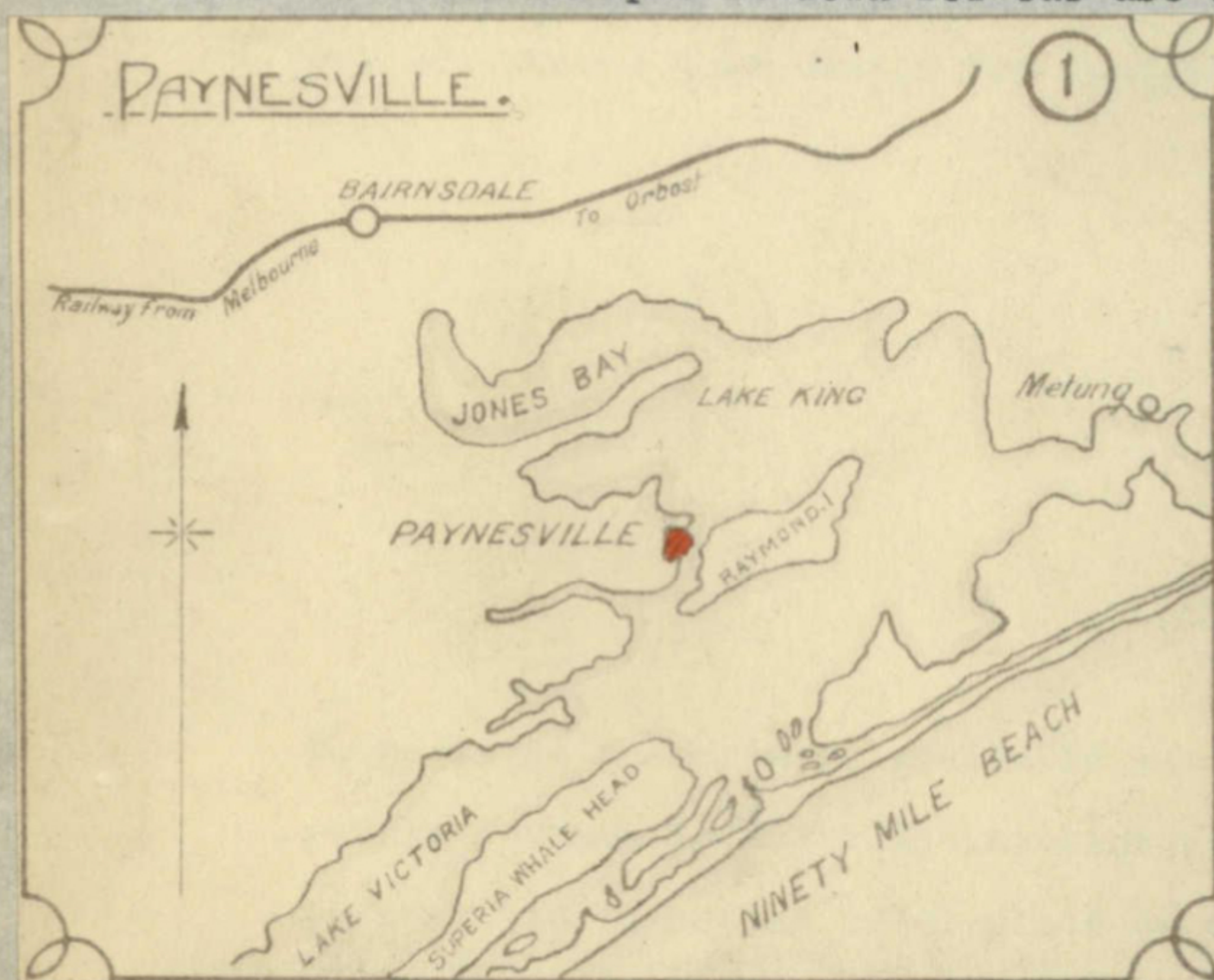
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5.12.26	Gladstone	Arr. 0930 Dep. 1027	.24
	Mary River	Arr. 1230 Dep. 1331	2.03
	Southport	Arr. 1547 Dep. 0743	2.16
	Pt. Stephens	Arr. 1105 Dep. 1242	3.22
7.12.26	Eden	Arr. 1622 Dep. 0835	3.40
	Paynesville	Arr. 1045 Dep. 1133	2.10
	Point Cook	Arr. 1445	3.12

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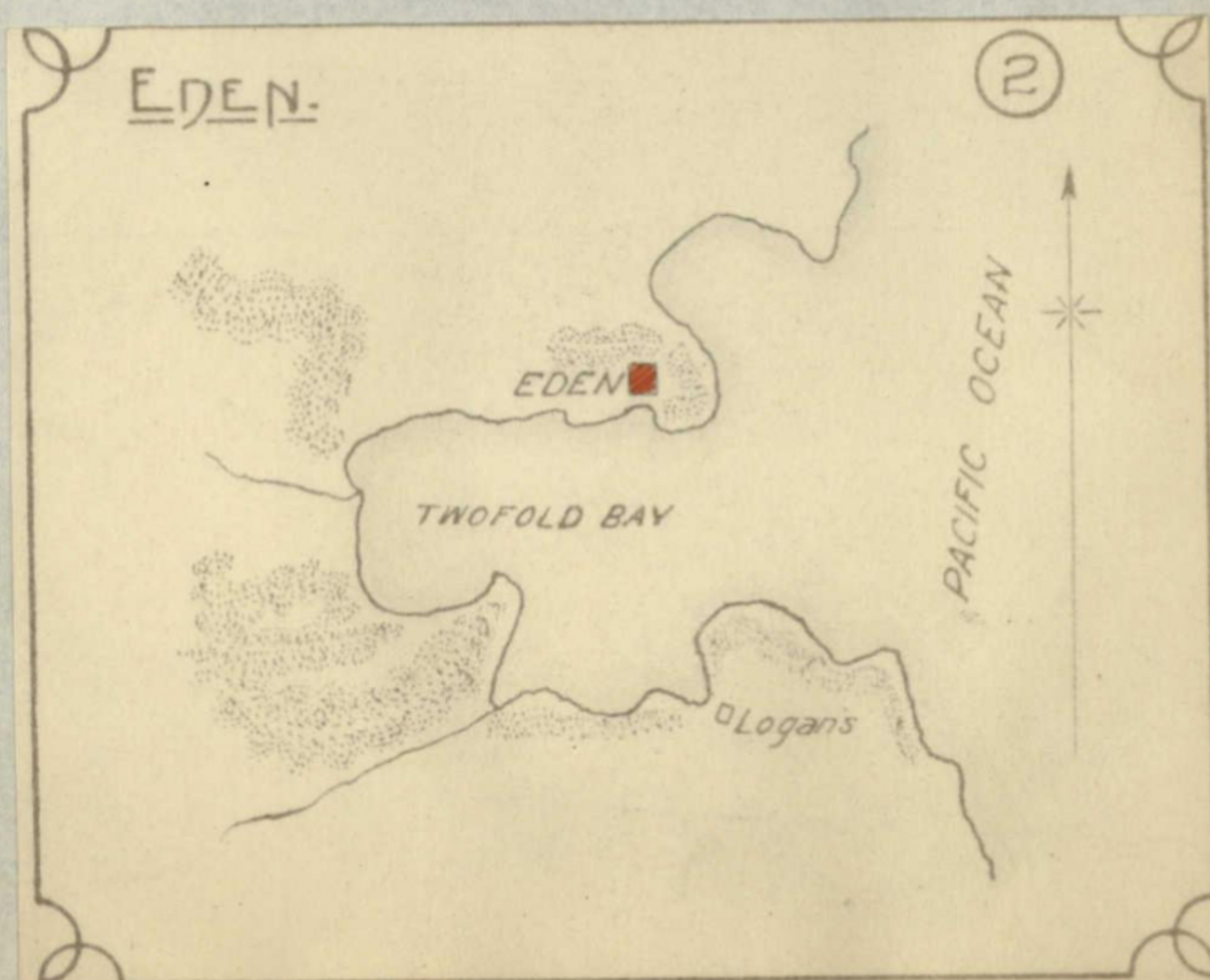
No boats at anchor were available either on the outward or return journey to which the machine could be tied up. Paynesville is not an ideal place as a refuelling point for seaplanes and, judging from aerial observation it would appear that a more suitable place is to be found between Paynesville and Lakes Entrance, with communication by road with Bairnsdale. This will be inspected with this object in view.

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2. EDEN. (N.S.W.)

Eden is on the N. shore of the main entrance to Twofold Bay and is suitable for the operation of seaplanes so far as the area of water is concerned. It has the disadvantage, however, that it is open to the swell of the ocean and, if the wind is from the sea, a heavy sea runs inside the bay and the swell is considerable - so much so that probably nothing but large flying boats could, on many occasions, operate, and at times not even these. The S. side of the bay, opposite Eden, does, in certain conditions of the weather, and often when the wind is from the sea, offer better shelter than the N. side and a buoy or anchor is usually found there, the owner being Mr. J.R. Logan, whose residence is nearby. This gentleman has always in the past done everything possible to assist the crew of seaplanes alighting there in the way of providing anchors, buoys, etc., if necessary.

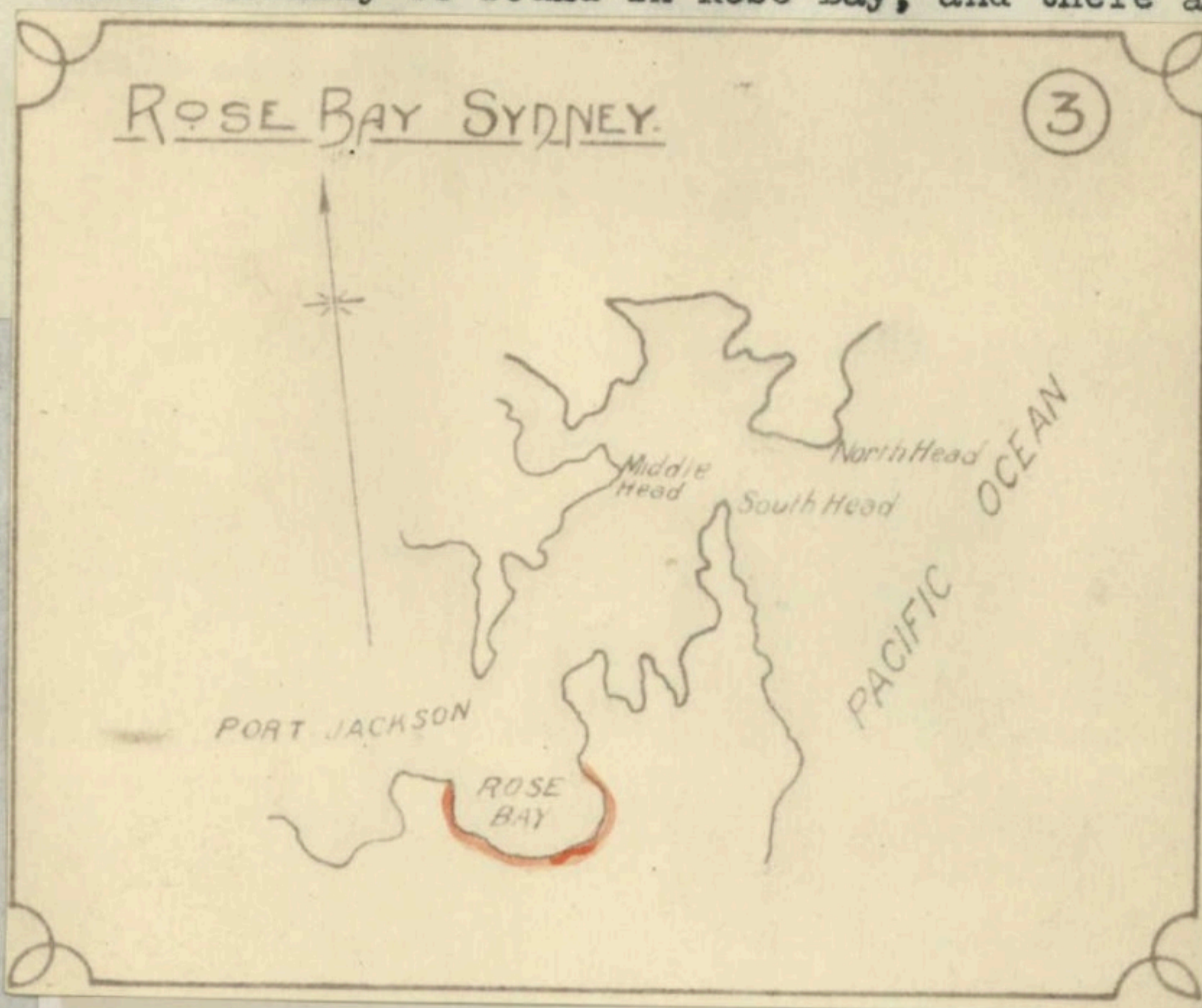
Twofold Bay cannot, however, be said to be <sup>particularly suitable</sup> ideal for the operation of seaplanes, except in special conditions of weather. There is a suitable beach for beaching on either side of the pier at Eden, as well as near Logan's on the S. side of the bay.



3. ROSE BAY, Sydney (N.S.W.).

Rose Bay is inside Sydney Harbour and is well protected being open to a certain extent only to a N.E. wind. Seaplanes could except in exceptionally bad weather be operated from here.

Rose Bay is a harbour for a good many yachts and these have to be watched when the bay is being used for seaplane purposes. A suitable beach for beaching seaplanes will be found on the N. side of the pier. A vacant buoy could usually be found in Rose Bay, and there are always



Seaplane beached at Rose Bay, Sydney.

FLIGHT TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

DAILY RUNS.

<u>OUTWARD JOURNEY.</u>		<u>Miles.</u>	<u>RETURN JOURNEY.</u>		<u>Miles.</u>
To	SYDNEY	600	To	RABAU	772
"	SOUTHPORT	455	"	LINDENHAFEN	225
"	GLADSTONE	340	"	ARAWA	120
"	BOWEN	342	"	BUNA BAY	292
"	COOKTOWN	398	"	SAMARAI	320
"	THURSDAY ISLAND	400	"	PT. MORESBY	275
"	DARU	130	"	KEREMA	142
"	PT. MORESBY	377	"	DARU	235
"	SAMARAI	275	"	COOKTOWN	530
"	MOROBE	362	"	PORT ALMA	710
"	LINDENHAFEN	278	"	SOUTHPORT	370
"	RABAU	225	"	EDEN	690
"	NISSAN	170	"	MELBOURNE	365
"	KIETA	170			
"	SHORTLAND	74			<u>5046</u>
"	GIZO	96			
"	MARAVO LAGOON	112			
"	TULAGI	150			
		<u>4954</u>			

TOTAL : - 10,000 miles.