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FROM THE PACIFIC FRONT.

It takes a lot of material and equipment to build an airfield. And when the site is an island way out in the Pacific it makes the task doubly difficult. This is Bougainville in the Solomons having a strip of its tropical soil turned into a runway for Allied aircraft.

Acres of steel matting are laid down to make for easy take offs and landings.

Jap bombers hit an oil dump close by. Even before it's ready, the landing ground becomes a target for attack. Precious oil and petrol goes west. One of the set-backs which made the occupation of Bougainville no rest cure.