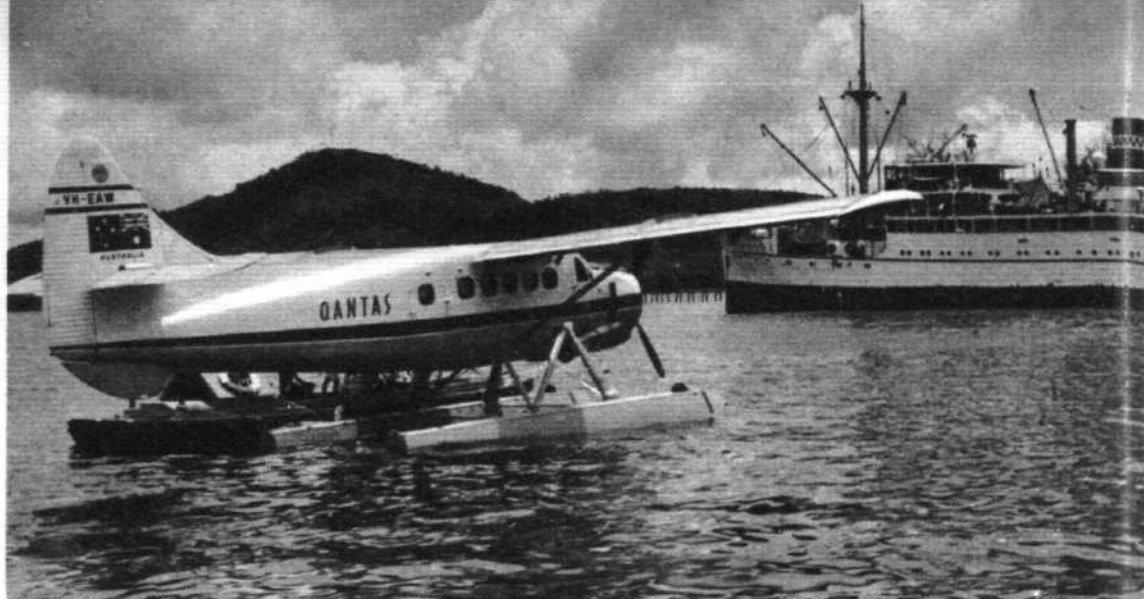


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Sea and airborne supplies arrive at Samarai, which serves as a distribution centre for the Louisiade Archipelago which stretches south-east for about 250 miles. The Otter calls five times a fortnight



End of the line: this Pacific paradise is Esa'Ala, on Normanby Island. I was busy during the few minutes we were there, but I think the catamaran was bringing out our load of freight



Jim Conway, the Otter pilot just visible, dumped me on the catamaran which serves as a pontoon and did a "few runs kicking up foam for pictures . . ."



then took-off and left me in splendid isolation. Never mind, it's a beautiful spot. The water's clear blue, the sun blazes, and the Otter won't call again until Saturday week