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BOHLE AIRFIELD

The **BOHLE AIRFIELD** was used as a squadron camp and staging area throughout the war in the Pacific. Infrastructure was basic; semi-permanent structures for mess, ablution and latrine buildings and tents as accommodation for servicemen. When U.S. fighter units arrived at the field in April 1942, the airstrip was cleared and rolled with a covering layer of gravel. Throughout the period, numerous squadrons occupied the Bohle airfield for short periods of time, before moving closer to the areas of conflict in New Guinea and the Pacific. Late in the Pacific war R.A.A.F. 86 Fighter Squadron was based at the Bohle airfield. Kittyhawks and later Mustangs were dispersed through the bush over a wide area. While the R.A.A.F. retained the airfield until the 1950s, today it is used by drag car enthusiasts.

Acknowledgements:

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