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TRUST TERRITORY AIR PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT COMPLETES STAGE 1 OF THE PROGRAM

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Aug. 4 . . . The Trust Territory Department of Resources and Development has recently completed the first phase of the Trust Territory Air Photography Project, according to High Commissioner W. R. Norwood.

Truk

The area covered was the southeastermost perimeter of the Majuro Atoll from Ejit Island to Dalap Island. This aerial photography covered the entire district center and environs and the photographs clearly showed the land use patterns and buildings.

Ponape

A specially fitted DC-4 aircraft, made available by Colonel Frank C. Healy, Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Kwajalein Test Site, in conjunction with their own program in the area, made several runs and photographs were taken at altitudes of 1000 and 1500 feet. Sixty four photographs covered the area at 1000 feet and 23 photographs covered the same area at 1500 feet. All the photographs overlapped which is an essential requirement for compiling high order mapping from aerial photographs using the stereoscopic principle.

Marshalls

Yap

Ground surveys, to provide horizontal and vertical control, were carried out by Majuro District Land Management staff co-ordinated by Chief Surveyor Fred A. Robinson, who spent several weeks in Majuro. Acting District Surveyor Gister de Brum and Peace Corps Surveyor Mike

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