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A tank with a large load of water and foam-compound was on the tarmac at Waddington. They call it the Sudsmobile. Nothing to do with wash day, but a new idea to spray the runway with foam and so lessen the risk of fire if an aircraft has to make a 'belly-landing'. The water and the compound are pumped out of the tank together, and a 30-yard spreader lays the foam on the concrete.

A pilot who finds that his landing-gear has jammed and that he can't put the wheels down, radios the aerodrome, and while he steeges around, the Sudsmobile lays the carpet of foam. 1,000 yards in 17 minutes. Officials pronounced the demonstration a complete success. It won't wash whiter, but it does cut the fire-risk.