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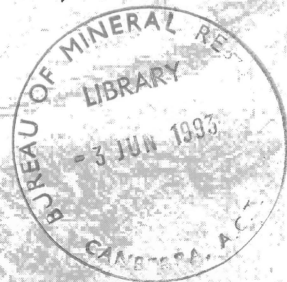
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SUMMARY

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation (formerly the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics) flew an airborne geophysical survey of 63 600 line km over the Dubbo 1:250 000 Map Sheet area from March to May, 1991.

This survey, which formed part of the National Geoscience Mapping Accord, was flown along east-west flight lines 400m apart at an altitude of 100m above ground level. A large portion of the western one-half of the survey area was infilled with additional lines to reduce the line separation to 200m. The NSW Department of Mineral Resources funded the additional flying.

Total magnetic intensity and gamma-ray spectrometric data were collected during the survey. These data have been processed and are available for purchase, in both digital (position located data and grids) and map form, from the Australian Geological Survey Organisation.

1. SURVEY AREA AND PARAMETERS

(i) Area Description

The Dubbo airborne survey covers the entire Dubbo 1:250 000 topographic map sheet. The exact survey area is shown in Appendix A.

(ii) Survey Parameters

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Altitude: | 100 m nominal terrain clearance |
| Flight line direction: | East - West |
| Tie line direction: | North - South |
| Flight line spacing: | 200 m and 400 m |
| Tie line spacing: | 2000 m and 4000 m |
| | See Appendix A for full details |
| Survey distance | |
| 400 m survey | Lines: 43134 km. |
| | Ties: 4480 km. |
| 200 m infill | Lines: 14542 km. |
| | Ties: 1480 km. |
| Total distance: | 63636 km. |
| Sampling interval | |
| Magnetics: | 0.1 seconds (approx 7m) |
| Gamma-ray spectrometrics: | 1.0 seconds (approx 67m) |
| Syledis/Doppler/Altimeter: | 1.0 seconds (approx 67m) |
| Barometric pressure/Temperature: | 10.0 seconds (approx 670m) |

2. LOGISTICS

(i) Operating Base and Dates of Flying

(a) Operating Base

Aircraft and crew were based at Dubbo in NSW for the duration of the survey from 25 February to 4 June 1991.

(b) Flying Dates

Compensation flights for the magnetic field of the aircraft were flown between the 6 and 7 March. Production flying commenced on the 9 March and continued through to the 27 May. Appendix B summarises flying days and distance flown.

(ii) Survey Aircraft and Field Crew

(a) Aircraft

Aero Commander 500 S "Shrike", VH-BGE

(b) Field Crew

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Party Leader: | Murray Richardson |
| Technicians: | Trevor Stone, Trevor Dalziell, Phillip Doolan |
| Operators: | Lars Rickardsson |
| | "Curly" Wilcox |
| Pilots: | Capt. Howard Quick (Skywest Aviation) |
| | Capt. Robert Courtenay (" ") |

3. SURVEY EQUIPMENT

(i) Major Equipment

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Magnetometer: | Geometrics G833 helium magnetometer |
| Compensator: | RMS Instruments Automatic Aeromagnetic Digital Compensator |
| Gamma-ray spectrometer: | Geometrics gamma-ray spectrometer consisting of GR900 interface, two DET1024 spectrometer crystal detectors (33.56 l total) and Norland IT-5410 Analog-To-Digital converter |
| Altimeter: | Collins ALT-50 radar altimeter |
| Barometer: | AGSO digital - Setra sensor |
| Thermometer: | AGSO digital - RS sensor |
| Navigation: | Syledis STR4 and 8 SB5 beacons |
| Doppler: | Racal (Decca) doppler antenna (80561 CAD) Sperry C 14 D compass |
| Video: | National colour video camera (WV CL 302E) National VCR (NV 180) National LCD TV (TCL 3A) National Time Date Generator (WJ 810) |
| Acquisition hardware: | HP-A400 computer, HP9122 720 Kb 3.5 inch dual floppy disc drive and HP Thinkjet printer |
| Acquisition software: | AGSO-developed HP assembler language program |

(ii) Navigation

(a) Syledis Navigation System

Aircraft navigation was carried out by Sercel Syledis electronic navigation equipment. A receiver in the aircraft measured range data between the aircraft and three or more electronic beacons placed at trig. stations. The accurate locations of the beacons together with the range information enables the Syledis receiver to calculate the position of the aircraft four times per second. The Syledis system calculates position in latitude - longitude co-ordinates in the AGD-66 geodetic system.

The calculated position of the aircraft was recorded on the aircraft acquisition system every second and was used to provide the pilot with aircraft guidance information on an LCD display. The error in position of the final flight path data is approximately 1 - 2 metres.

(b) Doppler Navigation System

Doppler navigation data were used as a secondary navigation system for the aircraft. The doppler data were used as a back-up for the main navigation system (Syledis) and to infill gaps (<10 km) in the Syledis data.

(c) Video Flight Path Recording

The aircraft's flight path was recorded on a VHS video system consisting of a National colour video camera with wide angle lens, a National VCR and a National LCD TV. This system was also used for locating start and end positions for the gamma-ray spectrometer test lines.

(iii) Magnetometer

A Geometrics G833 helium magnetometer, with the sensor mounted in a boom attached to the rear of the aircraft, was used for the survey. The specifications of the magnetometer are summarised in Appendix D.

The recorded total magnetic field data were compensated in real time using an RMS Instruments automatic aeromagnetic digital compensator (AADC). The AADC compensates for the effects of aircraft motion and heading. The specifications of the AADC are summarised in Appendix K. Compensation procedures are described in Chapter 4.

Filtered compensated total magnetic field intensity data were recorded on the aircraft acquisition system.

(iv) Gamma-ray Spectrometer

A Geometrics gamma-ray spectrometer, comprising two DET1024 crystal detectors with a total volume of 33.56 litres, was used. The crystal gains and temperatures were controlled by a Geometrics GR900 Detector Interface console. Analog to digital conversion was achieved through a Norland IT-5410 Analog-To-Digital converter. Appendix E summarises the specifications of the gamma-ray spectrometer components.

Five channels of data were recorded once a second using the following window limits:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Total Count | 0.40 - 3.00 MeV |
| Potassium | 1.35 - 1.57 MeV |
| Uranium | 1.63 - 1.89 MeV |
| Thorium | 2.42 - 2.82 MeV |
| Cosmic | 3.00 - 6.00 MeV |

A cumulative 256 channel spectrum between 0.0 MeV and 3.0 MeV was recorded every 100 seconds. Total system dead-time was reduced by electronically suppressing counts in the 0.0 MeV - 0.3 MeV energy range before these signals reached the analogue to digital converter. Gamma-rays in this energy range are not very diagnostic in airborne geophysical surveying.

(v) Altimeter

A Collins ALT-50 radar altimeter was used to measure ground clearance. The radar altimeter display indicates ground clearance from 0-2000 feet. The manufacturer's specifications claim a +/-2% accuracy for the ALT-50 system.

(vi) Barometer and Thermometer

Atmospheric temperature and pressure were measured using a digital barometer (Setra sensor) and digital thermometer (RS sensor). Whilst both of these units were

built by the AGSO, the sensors were factory calibrated and no AGSO calibrations were performed.

(vii) Base Station Magnetometer

Daily variations of the Earth's magnetic field were monitored using a Geometrics G866 proton precession base station magnetometer, the specifications of which are given in Appendix L. Data from the base station were telemetered back to the AGSO's field office caravan for display and recording on an Amstrad PC512 lap-top computer. The telemetry system used AGSO-built modems incorporating Phillips 828 UHF mobile radiotelephone transmit boards at a frequency of 471.8 Mhz.

The base station was set up in an area of shallow magnetic gradient area, away from cultural influences and within telemetry range of AGSO's office caravan at the Dubbo airport. Throughout the survey, base station data were recorded every twenty seconds during production flights.

(viii) Data Acquisition

The acquisition program and system are run using a HP-A400 computer with data recorded on a HP9122 720 Kb disc drive using 3.5 inch floppy discs. The acquisition program was written in-house at AGSO. The data are displayed in real time in the aircraft in analogue form on a HP Thinkjet printer. A schematic diagram of the aircraft's acquisition system is shown in Appendix F.

4. CALIBRATION

(i) Compensation for the Magnetic Field of the Aircraft

Compensation flights were flown prior to the start of the survey and after each aircraft service. The compensation flights were flown approximately 60 kilometres ESE of Dubbo over the township of Goolma.

On these flights the aircraft flew at an altitude of 3200 m above sea level and the magnetic field was monitored to find an area of low magnetic gradient suitable for the compensation. The compensation procedure comprises a series of rolls($\pm 10^\circ$), pitches($\pm 5^\circ$) and yaws($\pm 5^\circ$) performed in the four cardinal headings to enable the AADC to calculate correction coefficients needed to remove aircraft manoeuvre noise. Each manoeuvre component was of 20 seconds duration.

The compensation manoeuvres were repeated after calculation of the coefficients to check the compensation quality. Peak-to-peak noise during repeat manoeuvres and after the final compensation was at worst 0.30 nT. On normal survey flights, noise levels from all sources were generally less than 0.2 nT peak-to-peak.

The AADC calculates basic statistics which reflect the degree of merit of the compensation. These include the standard deviation of the recorded data without corrections applied, the standard deviation with the corrections applied, the improvement ratio (the ratio of the standard deviation of the recorded data without and with the corrections applied) and the vector norm (the degree of difficulty in calculating the corrections). These statistics are given for all compensations in Appendix G.

(ii) Gamma-ray Spectrometer Calibration

Crystal alignment checks were performed using a small thorium source on 26 February and after each aircraft service. The resolution of the gamma-ray spectrometer system was measured using the full width at half maximum method (IAEA, 1991). Adjustments were made such that the resolution of the thorium (2.62 MeV) photopeak was 6% or better. Gamma-ray spectrometer channels were positioned such that the thorium photopeak was centred within one channel (± 12 keV) of channel 223.

Gamma-ray spectrometric test lines were flown at the beginning and end of each production flight. These lines were flown at survey altitude along a dirt road and lasted 100 seconds or approximately 6.5 kilometres. Several test lines were used during the Dubbo survey. The first line was along the Newell Highway heading towards Parkes. This line was performing satisfactorily until flight 113 when variations of greater than twenty percent began to occur. A new test line was used along a fence running parallel to the Newell Highway. This line was discarded after one flight as finding easily identifiable features at either end of the line proved difficult. Another test line running north-south was found south of Narromine along a dirt road. This line was used for the remainder of the survey. On several days variations of fifteen to twenty percent were obtained from the test line. These variations could not be attributed to any defects in the spectrometer. The final test line used for Dubbo is shown in Appendix H.

Although background corrections for gamma-ray spectrometrics are calculated using full spectrum analysis (Minty, 1992) at AGSO, background estimation lines were flown as a means of data checking. Background lines, of 300 seconds duration, were flown at 915 metres above ground level at the start and end of each flight.

After each flight, statistics were calculated for data recorded between fixed reference points, observed on video, along the test line and for background lines. These statistics were recorded in spreadsheet form. Statistics for each flight were compared with the preceding flight in order to detect any irregularities. In particular, the difference between the average in the total count channel for the test line and the background line was analysed. This value never varied by greater than 10% for the test line, well inside a 15% variation which would be considered acceptable.

5. SYLEDIS BEACON DEPLOYMENT AND MAINTENANCE

(i) Deployment

Nine beacon sites were used during this survey. Each one was situated at a permanent survey mark on the highest ground in the required area of the beacon. The location of each beacon appears in Appendix I. Beacons 02 to 08 were deployed initially, giving coverage over the northern half of the survey area. Beacon 09 was deployed about one month after the initial seven beacons. All beacons except 03 and 07 remained in these positions for the duration of the survey. Beacons 03 (17/4/91) and 07 (3/5/91) were re-located to give satisfactory coverage of the south-eastern corner of the survey area.

(ii) Maintenance

Return visits were made to beacons 06, 07 and 08 to turn the beacons off in order to fly the survey lines situated directly over the beacons. This was done as a precautionary measure to ensure that the power generated between the beacon and the transceiver did not overload either instrument. When the survey lines became greater than three kilometers away from each beacon they were turned back on. A summary of beacon maintenance appears in Appendix I.

6. DATA PROCESSING

Flight path recovery, and data checking and editing were conducted at the survey base. Merging of geophysical and navigation data, and magnetic and gamma-ray spectrometric data processing were carried out in Canberra using Geophysical Mapping Section's airborne data processing system, ARGUS.

(i) Data Checking and Editing

Data recorded on the aircraft acquisition system were transferred on a flight by flight basis to a hard disk in a Compaq 386 personal computer, and edited using AGSO-developed software for missing values, noise, spikes or steps. All the recorded data were displayed for each survey line and any errors were interactively corrected. Anomalies arising from cultural influences, such as sheds, houses and fences, were usually not edited out. They were only edited out if they caused severe noise or caused the magnetometer to lose lock.

(ii) Flight Path Checking

The recorded flight path was plotted each day to check the position of survey lines and their spacing. Navigation reflies were determined by the following criteria:

| Line Spacing | Across Track Deviation | Distance along line |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 200 m | 40 m | greater than 3 km |
| 400 m | 80 m | greater than 5 km |

When both the across track deviation and along line distance were exceeded the survey line was reflight.

(iii) Magnetic Data Processing

Raw magnetic data were merged with the navigation data, and diurnal variation corrections were removed. The IGRF 1990 geomagnetic reference field, updated to 1991.40 and for an altitude of 800 m above sea level, which was estimated to be the mean on-shore survey altitude, was then subtracted from the data. The IGRF was calculated from the coefficients defined by the IAGA (1991). All values were adjusted by a constant so that the average residual magnetic field value was approximately 5000 nT.

The data were levelled using standard tie line levelling procedures. The steps involved in tie line levelling were as follows.

- (a) Tie line 460 was chosen as a reference tie.
- (b) All other ties were levelled to tie line 460 using degree three polynomial adjustments.
- (c) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points (flight line - tie line intersections) using degree three polynomial adjustments
- (d) Ties were then adjusted to minimise crossover differences, using degree three polynomial adjustments.

- (e) Finally the lines were adjusted individually to minimise crossover differences, using degree three polynomial adjustments.

The data were micro-levelled using the technique described by Minty (1991). Filter characteristics were

- (a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 10 km
- (b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 1.6 km.
- (c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 1 km before being applied to the line data.

The micro-levelled data were gridded using Brigg's minimum curvature technique, employing a 80 m (3') grid cell size.

(iv) Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data Processing.

Raw gamma-ray spectrometric and altimeter data were merged with the navigation data. Background estimates for each of the four recording windows were removed. These estimates were determined as follows

- (a) **Aircraft and Cosmic Background**
Minty and Richardson (1989) derived aircraft and cosmic spectra for the AGSO aircraft from high altitude calibration flights.
- (b) **Atmospheric Radon Background**
Full spectrum analysis (Minty, 1992) was used to calculate the radon contribution to the background in the uranium window.
- (c) **Total Background**
The total background in the uranium window is the sum of the aircraft, cosmic and radon background. In the total count and potassium windows the total background was estimated directly from the total uranium background since they are linearly dependent (Grasty, 1975). The thorium window was considered to be not affected by atmospheric radon, so total thorium background was estimated from the aircraft and cosmic backgrounds.

Data were corrected for height attenuation to the nominal flying height of 100 m. Where the aircraft attained a height of 300 m or higher above the ground, gamma-ray spectrometric data have been set to undefined. Height attenuation corrections were made using the following formula

$$\text{NC} = \text{N} \exp(-u(\text{H}-h))$$

where

NC = corrected counts
N = uncorrected counts
H = nominal flying height
h = measured flying height
u = attenuation coefficient

for total count $u = 0.00779$
for potassium $u = 0.00945$
for uranium $u = 0.00672$
for thorium $u = 0.00710$

Channel interaction corrections (stripping) were then applied to the data. Stripping ratios for the AGSO system were determined by Minty and others (1990) using portable calibration sources. The Compton Scattering equations were as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NTH}(\text{corrected}) &= \text{NTH} \\ \text{NU}(\text{corrected}) &= \text{NU} - A \times \text{NTH} \\ \text{NK}(\text{corrected}) &= \text{NK} - B \times \text{NTH} - C \times \text{NU}(\text{corrected}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NTH} &= \text{counts in thorium channel} \\ \text{NU} &= \text{counts in uranium channel} \\ \text{NK} &= \text{counts in potassium channel} \\ A &= 0.506 \\ B &= 0.521 \\ C &= 0.902 \end{aligned}$$

Total count data were levelled in exactly the same way as the magnetic data. However prior to sampling crossover points a 11 point convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 600 m was passed over the data.

The potassium and thorium channels were levelled in the same way as the total count data.

The uranium channel was levelled using a technique utilising cross channel correlation information between the uranium channel and the potassium and thorium channels (Green, 1987). This technique determines a constant correction for each line.

All channels were gridded to a 80 m (3') cell size using Brigg's minimum curvature technique. Prior to sampling total count data for gridding, the data were filtered with a seven point low pass convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 400 m. As in the case of filtering prior to crossover sampling, the data were only filtered for the purpose of gridding and the final data were not filtered. Potassium, thorium and uranium data were also filtered prior to gridding.

(v) Final Products

(a) Standard AGSO geophysical products

A standard AGSO set of geophysical maps have been produced at scales of 1:250 000, 1:100 000 and 1:50 000 for the entire survey area. Flight paths, profiles and contour maps were produced using ARGUS programs. The standard set of maps produced are shown in Appendix K.

Final processed line data and grids were archived in the normal AGSO ARGUS format - 6250 bpi on nine track magnetic tape in ASCII format (Appendix J). Both micro-levelled and non micro-levelled versions of the magnetic line data have been archived.

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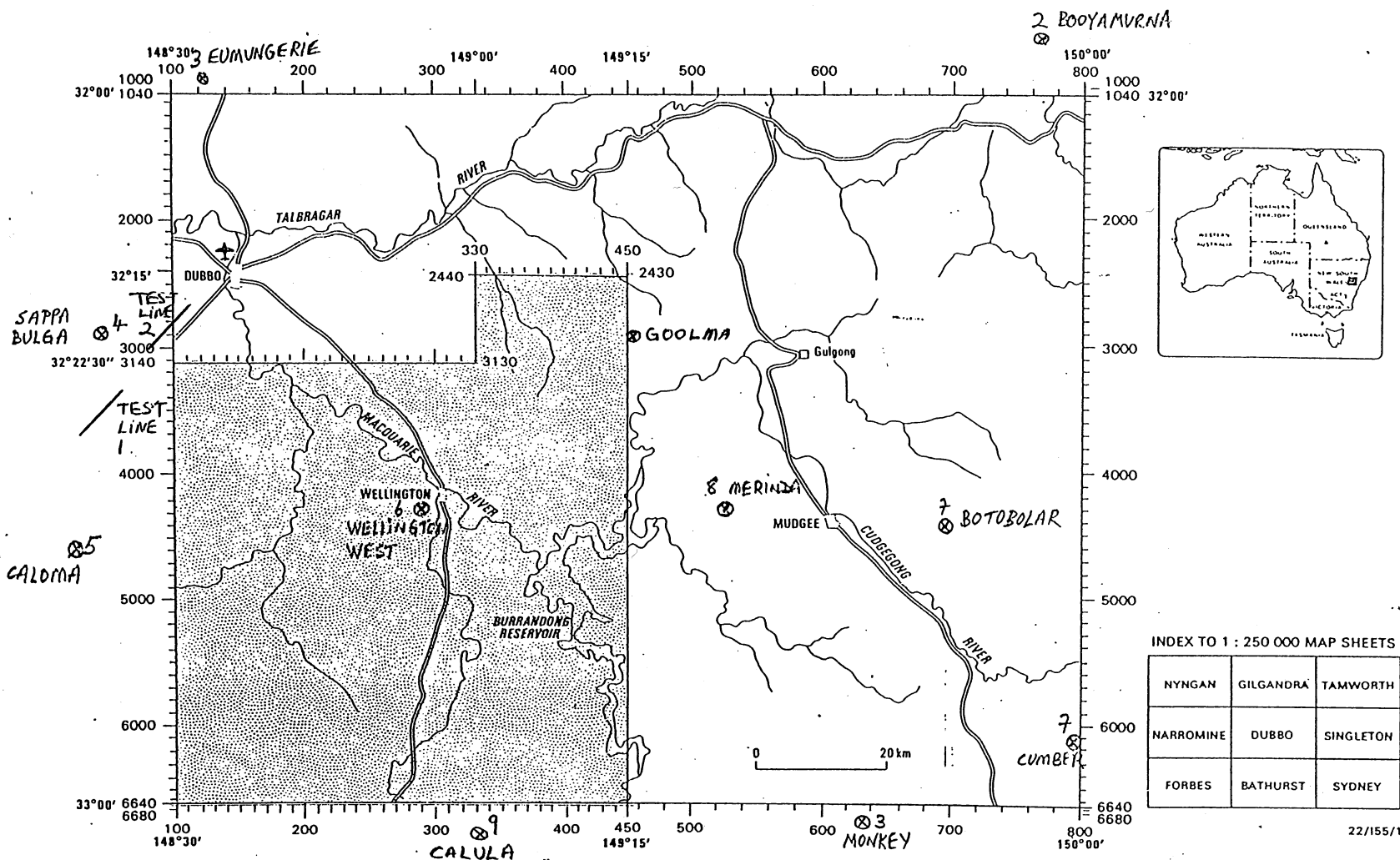
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

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-  NSW Department of Minerals & Energy contribution to Mapping Accord survey (Infill — Spacings: lines 200 m & ties 2000 m)
-  BMR contribution to Mapping Accord survey (Spacings: lines 400 m & ties 4000 m)

Appendix B-1-

FLYING DATES AND LINE KILOMETRES FLOWN

| DATE | FLIGHT No. | COMMENTS | LINE KM |
|-----------|------------|---|---------|
| 1/3 | Ferry | Canberra - Dubbo | |
| 6/3 | 100 | Syledis test flight Compensation Cloverleaf | |
| 7/3 | 100 | Syledis test flight | |
| 9/3 | 101 | Operations normal | 592 |
| 11/3 | 102 | " " | 592 |
| 11/3 | 103 | " " | 296 |
| 11/3 | 104 | Doppler test flight | |
| 12/3 | 104 | " " | |
| 12/3 | 105 | Operations normal | 592 |
| 12/3 | 106 | " " | 296 |
| 13/3 | 107 | " " | 592 |
| 13/3 | 108 | " " | 440 |
| | | Diurnal noisy | |
| 14/3 | 109 | Operations normal | 960 |
| 14/3 | 110 | Flight aborted Thunderstorms in area | |
| 15/3 | 111 | " " | |
| 16/3 | 112 | Operations normal | 880 |
| 16/3 | 113 | " " | 672 |
| 17/3 | 114 | " " | 768 |
| 18/3 | 115 | " " | 880 |
| 18/3 | 116 | Flight aborted STR4 range errors | |
| 19/3 | 117 | Operations normal | 880 |
| 19/3 | 118 | " " | 295 |
| 20/3 | 119 | " " | 800 |
| 20/3 | 120 | " " | 600 |
| 21/3 | 121 | " " | 800 |
| 21/3 | 122 | " " | 725 |
| 22/3 | 123 | " " | 690 |
| 22/3 | 124 | " " | 450 |
| 23/3 | 125 | " " | 460 |
| 23/3 | 126 | " " | 450 |
| 24/3 | 127 | " " | 900 |
| 24/3 | 128 | " " | 590 |
| | | Diurnal noisy | |
| 25/3-28/3 | | Aircraft to Sydney for service | |
| 29/3 | 129 | Operations normal | 600 |
| 29/3 | 130 | " " | 890 |
| 30/3 | 131 | Flight aborted - rain | |
| 30/3 | 132 | Operations normal | 350 |
| 31/3 | 133 | " " | 540 |
| 31/3 | 134 | " " | 590 |
| 1/4 | 135 | " " | 880 |
| 1/4 | 136 | Operations normal | 645 |
| 2/4 | 137 | " " | 1030 |
| 2/4 | 138 | " " | 610 |

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| | | | |
|-----------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|
| 3/4 | 139 | " " | 880 |
| 4/4 | 140 | " " | 880 |
| | | Diurnal noisy | |
| 5/4 | 141 | Operations normal | 880 |
| 5/4 | 142 | " " | 740 |
| 6/4 | 143 | " " | 920 |
| 6/4 | 144 | " " | 575 |
| 7/4 | 145 | " " | 500 |
| 8/4 | 146 | " " | 910 |
| 8/4 | 147 | " " | 540 |
| 9/4 | 148 | " " | 920 |
| 9/4 | 149 | " " | 460 |
| 10/4 | 150 | Flight aborted | |
| | | AADC CMOS memory lost | |
| 10/4 | 151 | Operations normal | 230 |
| 10/4 | 152 | " " | 800 |
| 11/4 | 153 | " " | 470 |
| 12/4 | 154 | " " | 890 |
| 12/4 | 155 | Flight aborted | |
| | | STR4 antenna problems | |
| 13/4 | 156 | Operations normal | 880 |
| 13/4 | 157 | " " | 675 |
| 14/4 | 158 | " " | 770 |
| 14/4 | 159 | " " | 750 |
| 15/4 | 160 | " " | 750 |
| 15/4 | 161 | " " | 750 |
| 16/4 | 162 | " " | 825 |
| 16/4 | 163 | " " | 600 |
| 16/4-19/4 | | Aircraft to Sydney for service. | |
| 20/4 | 164 | Operations normal | 740 |
| 20/4 | 165 | " " | 240 |
| 22/4 | 166 | " " | 520 |
| 22/4 | 167 | " " | 810 |
| 23/4 | 168 | " " | 660 |
| 23/4 | 169 | " " | 440 |
| | | All reflies for navigation | |
| 24/4 | 170 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Data acquisition computer crashed | |
| 24/4 | 171 | Operations normal | 740 |
| 24/4 | 172 | " " | 740 |
| 25/4 | 173 | " " | 740 |
| 25/4 | 174 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Data acquisition computer crashed | |
| 26/4 | 175 | Operations normal | 740 |
| 26/4 | 176 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Data acquisition computer crashed | |
| 27/4 | 177 | Operations normal | 740 |
| 27/4 | 178 | " " | 740 |
| 29/4 | 179 | " " | 740 |
| 29/4 | 180 | " " | 900 |
| 30/4 | 181 | Operations normal | 740 |
| 30/4 | 182 | " " | 740 |
| 1/5 | 183 | " " | 740 |
| 1/5 | 184 | " " | 600 |
| 2/5 | 185 | " " | 740 |
| 2/5 | 186 | " " | 740 |
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| 4/5 | 188 | " " | 740 |
| 4/5 | 189 | " " | 740 |

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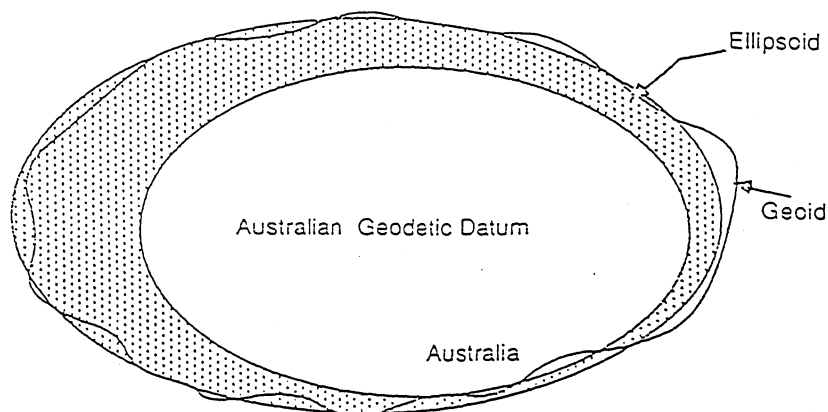
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|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 6/5 | 190 | " " | 740 |
| 6/5 | 191 | " " | 880 |
| 7/5 | 192 | " " | 740 |
| 7/5 | 193 | " " | 740 |
| 8/5 | 194 | " " | 740 |
| 9/5 | 195 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Magnetometer lost lock | |
| 9/5 | 196 | Test flight magnetometer | |
| 10/5 | 197 | Operations normal | 450 |
| 10/5 | 198 | " " | 900 |
| 11/5 | 199 | " " | 740 |
| 11/5 | 200 | " " | 740 |
| 13/5 | 201 | " " | 770 |
| 13/5 | 202 | " " | 750 |
| 14/5 | 203 | " " | 750 |
| 14/5 | 204 | " " | 610 |
| 14/5-17/5 | | Aircraft to Sydney for service | |
| 18/5 | 205 | Flight aborted | 300 |
| | | Magnetometer lost lock | |
| 18/5 | 206 | Operations normal | 590 |
| 20/5 | 207 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Rain in survey area | |
| 21/5 | 208 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Low cloud in survey area | |
| 22/5 | 209 | Operations normal | 310 |
| 23/5 | 210 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Magnetometer lost lock | |
| 23/5 | 211 | Operations normal | 400 |
| 23/5 | 212 | " " | 450 |
| 24/5 | 213 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Magnetometer lost lock | |
| 24/5 | 214 | Operations normal | 420 |
| 25/5 | 215 | Flight aborted | |
| | | Magnetometer would not lock on | |
| 26/5 | 216 | Operations normal | 480 |
| | | All reflies for navigation | |
| 27/5 | 217 | Operations normal | 60 |
| | | diurnal noisy | |
| | | TOTAL LINE KM FLOWN | 67030 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Total flights in survey | :117 | 67030 line km. |
| Trouble free flights | :93 | 64152 line km. |
| Aborted flights | :20 | 2878 line km. |
| - Reason flight aborted | Computer/ | 6 flights |
| | Graphics printer | |
| | Magnetometer | 5 |
| | Weather | 5 |
| | Diurnal | 2 |
| | Syledis STR4 | 1 |
| | Other | 1 |

APPENDIX C

THE AUSTRALIAN GEODETIC DATUM

For geophysical surveys the real shape of the earth has to be considered. An ellipsoid of revolution around the earth's north-south axis approximates the earth's shape. This figure is called the spheroid. The mean sea level equipotential surface describing the shape of the earth is known as the geoid.



Calculated positions from the GPS are in the WGS84 geodetic system. During processing these positions are converted to the local reference datum, AGD66 or Australian Geodetic Datum 1966.

This non-geocentric datum comprises the Australian National Spheroid (ANS) oriented and located in such a manner as to "best-fit" the geoid over the Australian continent.

The Australian geodetic datum is defined by a semi-major axis (a) and flattening (f) of the selected ellipsoid and the geodetic coordinates of the origin or fundamental station. The origin is referred to as the Johnston Origin. For AGD66:

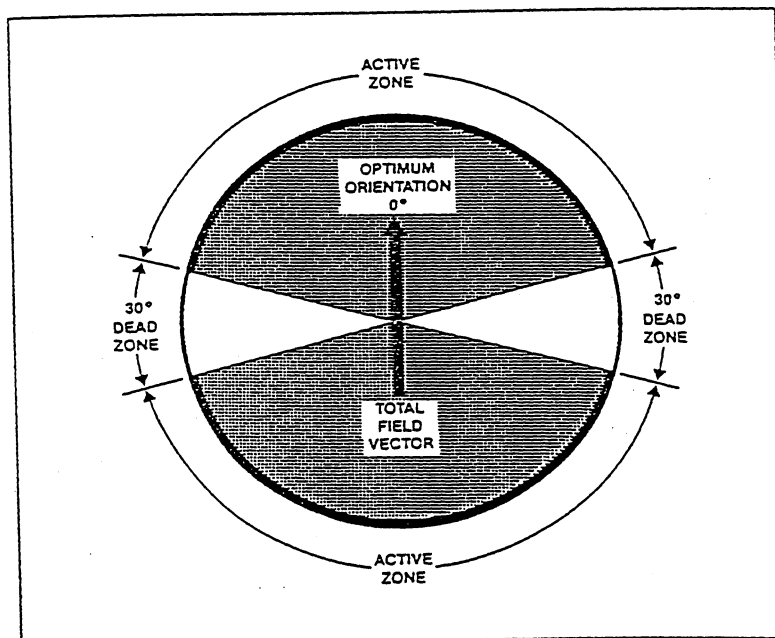
| | |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| a | = 6378160 m |
| f | = 1/298.25 |
| latitude | = 25°56'54.5515" S |
| longitude | = 133°12'30.0771" E |
| Height | = 571.2 m above ellipsoid |

For an ideal local datum the geoid-spheroid separation over a region should be small and uniform. At the time of the AGD66 adjustment it was assumed that the geoid and the spheroid coincided at Johnston.

APPENDIX D

SPECIFICATIONS - G833 HELIUM MAGNETOMETER

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Operating range: | 20,000 to 95,000 nT |
| Temperature: | -20 to +50 °C |
| Sensitivity: | 0.0032 nT/root Hz RMS |
| Bandwidth: | 350 Hz (-3dB point) |
| Loop scan rate: | 1000 cycles/second |
| Input power: | 28 V dc, 6 A max |
| Output signal: | At He gyromagnetic frequency, approximately 28.02468 Hz/nT 3 V peak to peak |
| Dimensions: | Sensor cell - 80 mm diameter x 145 mm length Scan processor - 270 x 120 x 85 mm Control panel - 19 inch rack mount |
| Weight: | approximately 6 kg |



Helium Magnetometer Active Zones.

APPENDIX E-1

SPECIFICATIONS - GR900 DETECTOR INTERFACE CONSOLE

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| PMT Capacity: | A maximum of 12 downward-looking and 3 upward-looking photomultiplier tubes (PMT) may be accommodated. |
| H. V. Power Supply: | Common supply of 1400 V for all PMT anodes with an individual PMT cathode adjustment range from 0 to ± 400 volts. |
| Gain Range: | Adjustable over 16/1 range by varying PMT cathode voltage. |
| Resolution: | The PMT gain can be adjusted and reset to within $\pm 0.2\%$, i.e. the resolution of the gain control is ± 0.2 volts. |
| Output Current: | 250 μ amps @ 1400 volts max. available for each PMT. |
| PMT Regulation: | Each PMT voltage is stable to $\pm 0.01\%$. |
| Operating Temperature: | 0° C to $\pm 50^{\circ}$ C ambient. |
| Mixer Amplifiers: | Input capability up to 12 PMT's, or 3,072 cu. in. (50.4 l) downward-looking and 3 PMT's or 768 cu. in. (12.6 l) upward-looking. |
| Mixer Gain: | Input equals output (gain = 1). With a 95 Ω load. 0.5 volt = 1 MeV. 5.0 volt max. output into 95 Ω load. |
| Temperature Control: | $\pm 20^{\circ}$ C to $\pm 60^{\circ}$ C internal DET package temperature in 10° C steps. |
| Temperature Regulation: | $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C for ambient temperature range from -20° C to $\pm 45^{\circ}$ C. |
| Power Requirements: | Console: ± 15 V, 100 ma Xtal Heater: 28 V, 0.75 amp/Xtal Note: Additional ± 20 ma required for each PMT |
| Console Size and Weight: | 3.5" high x 19" wide x 15" deep (8.9 x 48.3 x 38 cm) 17.5 lbs. (7.9 kg) |

APPENDIX E-2

SPECIFICATIONS - DET1024 SPECTROMETER CRYSTAL DETECTOR

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Crystal Type: | NaI - slab form - 4" thick x 16" wide x 16" long |
| Volume: | 1024 cu. in. (16,780 cm ³) |
| System Resolution: | Equal to or less than 10% FWHM at 662 KeV. Held within 0.5% of starting value over 12 hours of continuous operation. |
| Peak Shift: | Held within $\pm 1\%$ over 12 hours of continuous operation. Split window peak setting by front panel meter. |
| Gain Controls: | Individual controls for each PMT on Detector Interface (see GR-900 Detector Interface specification) |
| High Voltage Power Supply: | 1200V DC held within $\pm 1V$ over 24 hours of continuous operation. (Supplied by GR-900) |
| Temperature: | Operating: Internal temperature automatically regulated to $\pm 1^{\circ}C$ over the range $\pm 10^{\circ}C$ to $+50^{\circ}C$ by the GR-900. Storage: $-20^{\circ}C$ to $+65^{\circ}C$. |
| Power: | 22 to 32V DC. 20 watts average, 150 watts peak (Supplied by GR-900) Provision for separate standby overnight power supply. |
| Dimensions and Weight: | Crystal Detector package - 7-1/8 x 21-1/8 x 25 1/2 inches - 170 lbs. |

APPENDIX E-3

SPECIFICATIONS - NORLAND IT-5410 ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER

A. ADC INPUT

Polarity: 0-10V unipolar or positive first bipolar
Full scale input: 8 volts
Rise time: 0.1 to 10 μ Sec
Fall time: 0.1 to 10 μ Sec
Impedance: 1 K ohm
Duration: .5 μ Sec minimum
Coupling: DC (BLR OFF) or AC (BLR ON)

B. PERFORMANCE

Conversion Clock Rate:

50 MHz (IT-5410/50), 8192 channel resolution
100 MHz (IT-5410/100), 8192 channel resolution
200 MHz (IT-5410/200), 8192 channel resolution

Conversion Time per event

Signal rise time + 1.2 μ Sec + Logic + (Y * N) nSec
where Y = 20 for 50 MHz
10 for 100 MHz
5 for 200 MHz
and N = Channel Number

ADC Linearity

1. Integral: $\pm .075$ over upper 99% of full scale range
2. Differential: $\pm .75\%$ over upper 99% of full scale range

ADC Stability

Long Term: Less than .01% zero level and conversion gain shift for 24-hour period at constant temperature and line voltage

Temperature: Less than .005% of full scale/ $^{\circ}$ C

Peak Shift: Less than 0.04% of full scale for count rates up to 20 KHz

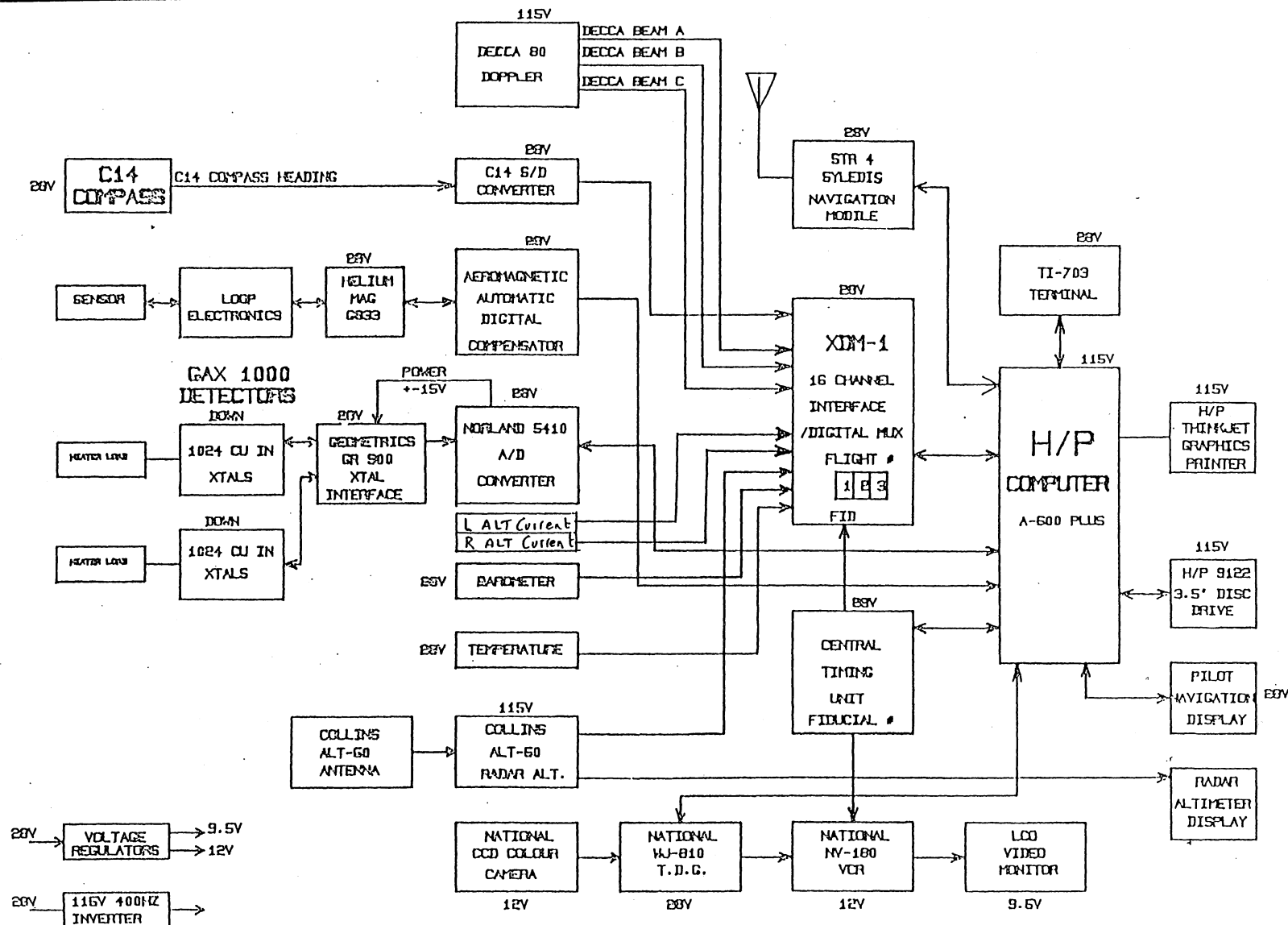
Channel Profile: Typically better than 90%

C. CONTROLS

Baseline Restorer (BLR): Switchable AC passive
Coincidence (COINC): Prompt (delayed jumper selectable)
ZERO: 0-100% range control
For selecting zero energy intercept level by 22-turn potentiometer
Lower Level Discriminator (LLD): 10-turn potentiometer control for 0-100% discrimination of lower level input signal
Upper Level Discriminator (ULD): 22-turn potentiometer control for 5-125% discrimination of upper level input signal
GAIN: Miniature LED indicators activated by momentary toggle switch selects conversion gain setting. Ranges available for 8-volt input signal are: 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192 channels.
OFFSET: Function: Offsets spectrum digitally by value indicated on miniature LED. Offsets are toggle selectable in 256 channel increments throughout the 8192 channel range.
Dead Time Meter: Indicates % of dead time of ADC for converting an input pulse. Range is 0-100%.
SCA: Single channel analyzer output available on ADC rear panel. 50-pin connector and BNC connector and BNC connector on rear panel of IT-5400 mainframe.

D. MECHANICAL

- 1) Single width NIM—standard configuration.
- 2) 50-pin connector on rear panel provides all significant I/O signals.
- 3) Compatible with all NIM standard bins and power supplies per TID-20693 (Rev. 3) which provide ± 5 V DC output.



DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM
VH-BGE 1990

APPENDIX G

COMPENSATION RESULTS

COMPENSATION 1. DATE FLOWN: 6 March 1991
DATES USED: 6 March - 24 March 1991

SDU = 0.4096
SDC = 0.04937
IR = 8.3
VN = 7.9

COMPENSATION 2. DATE FLOWN: 29 March 1991
DATES USED: 29 March - 16 April 1991

SDU = 0.4124
SDC = 0.0555
IR = 7.4
VN = 5.9

COMPENSATION 3. DATE FLOWN: 20 April 1991
DATES USED: 20 April - 14 May 1991

SDU = 0.3880
SDC = 0.03291
IR = 11.8
VN = 7.2

COMPENSATION 4. DATE FLOWN: 18 May 1991
DATES USED: 18 May - 27 May 1991

SDU = 0.4352
SDC = 0.0504
IR = 8.6
VN = 8.1

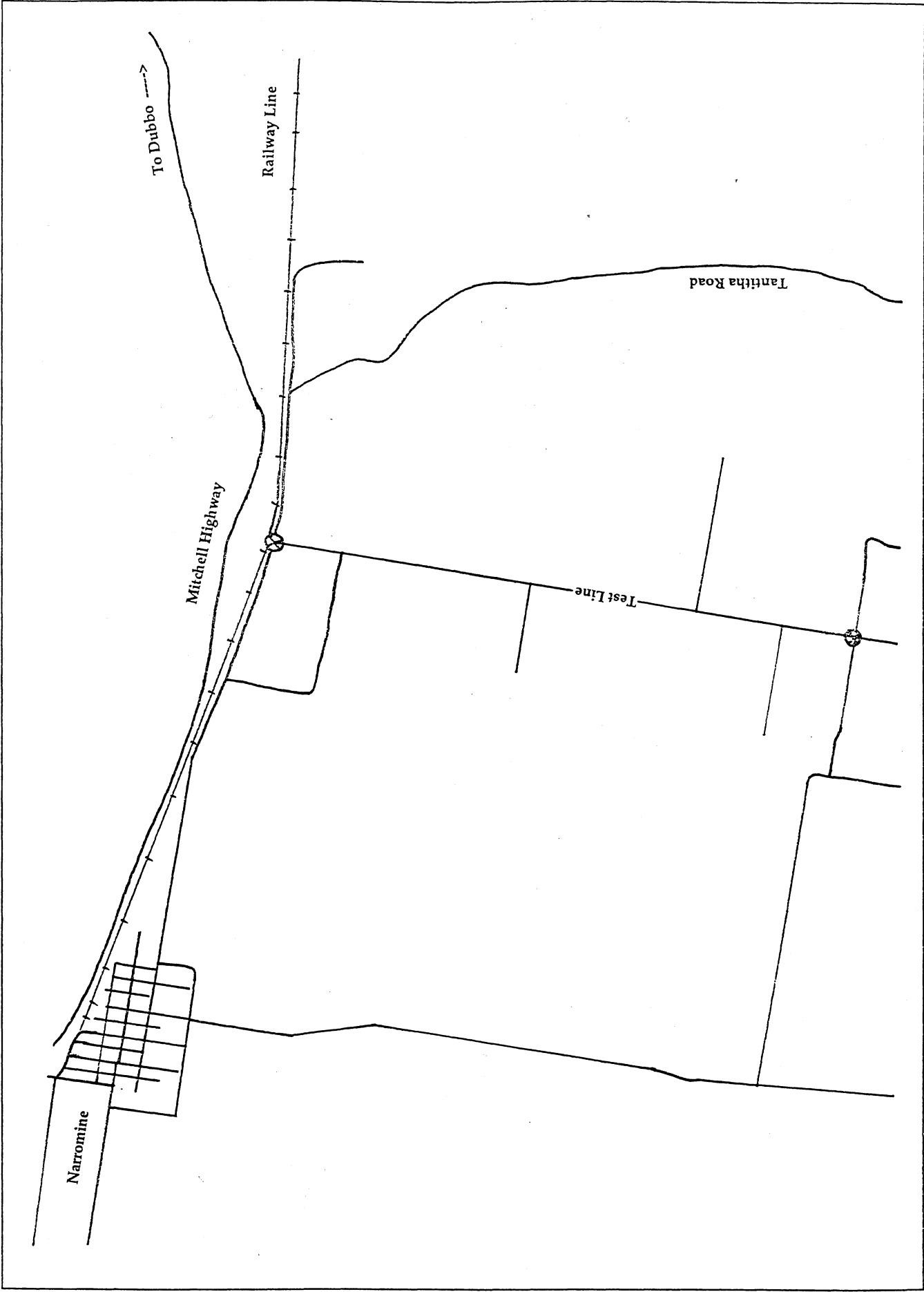
SDU = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres.

SDC = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres after compensation corrections have been applied.

IR = Improvement ratio = SDU/SDC

VN = Vector Norm, a measure of the degree of difficulty in calculating the coefficients.

APPENDIX H.
Gamma-ray Spectrometer Test Line Location



APPENDIX I

SYLEDIS BEACON LOCATIONS

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Beacon No. | 02 | 03 | 03 |
| Station Name | Booyamurna | Eumungerie | Monkey |
| Latitude | 31 49 11.29 S | 31 57 57.72 S | 33 1 51.60 S |
| Longitude | 149 48 45.55 E | 148 32 15.78 E | 149 34 37.43 E |
| Elevation | 968.6 m | 357.0 m | 1091.4 m |
| Erected | 28/2/91 | 2/3/91 | 17/4/91 |
| Dismantled | 28/5/91 | 17/4/91 | 31/5/91 |
| Beacon No. | 04 | 05 | |
| Station Name | Sappa Bulga | Caloma | |
| Latitude | 32 20 47.56 S | 32 40 53.94 S | |
| Longitude | 148 22 49.71 E | 148 19 57.05 E | |
| Elevation | 560.4 m | 787.1 m | |
| Erected | 2/3/91 | 1/3/91 | |
| Dismantled | 30/5/91 | 29/5/91 | |
| Beacon No. | 06 | 07 | 07 |
| Station Name | Wellington West | Botobolar | Cumber |
| Latitude | 32 33 54.60 S | 32 32 4.72 S | 32 52 24.76 S |
| Longitude | 148 54 5.85 E | 149 52 31.48 E | 149 59 19.72 E |
| Elevation | 565.5 m | 889.6 m | 1086.1 m |
| Erected | 1/3/91 | 27/2/91 | 3/5/91 |
| Dismantled | 29/5/91 | 3/5/91 | 31/5/91 |
| Beacon No. | 08 | 09 | |
| Station Name | Merinda | Calula | |
| Latitude | 32 34 17.03 S | 33 4 19.03 S | |
| Longitude | 148 24 29.30 E | 149 2 16.33 E | |
| Elevation | 837.7 m | 894.9 m | |
| Erected | 10/3/91 | 26/3/91 | |
| Dismantled | 28/5/91 | 30/5/91 | |

SYLEDIS BEACON MAINTENANCE

| Beacon | Date | Reason |
|--------|------|-----------------------------|
| 08 | 13/3 | Incorrectly fitting fuse |
| 05 | 3/4 | Replace stolen batteries |
| 06 | 11/4 | Turn off to fly over beacon |
| 06 | 15/4 | Turn on |
| 07 | 17/4 | Turn off to fly over beacon |
| 09 | 18/4 | Beacon not transmitting |
| 07 | 20/4 | Turn on |
| 08 | 20/4 | Turn off to fly over beacon |
| 08 | 22/4 | Turn on |
| 09 | 23/4 | Flat Batteries |
| 08 | 21/5 | Flat Batteries |
| 08 | 25/5 | Replace flat batteries |

APPENDIX J-1

AGSO ARCHIVE DATA, GRID AND MAGNETIC TAPE FORMAT FOR AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL DATA

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1. THE AGSO SEQUENTIAL FILE STRUCTURE

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This appendix describes the general sequential file structure used by AGSO to store airborne geophysical data. For the purpose of this survey nine data chains are involved for each line and tie. They are:

- channel 4 edition 1 (processed navigation - same as C15 E1)
- channel 4 edition 2 (processed magnetics)
- channel 4 edition 3 (processed spectrometrics)
- channel 5 edition 1 (doppler)
- channel 6 edition 1 (raw spectrometrics)
- channel 8 edition 1 (raw magnetics)
- channel 10 edition 1 (multi-channel spectra)
- channel 14 edition 1 (pressure,temperature,cosmic data)
- channel 15 edition 1 (raw navigation - same as C4 E1)

1.2 GENERAL FILE STRUCTURE

The information pertaining to each traverse (line or tie) is held on the file as a separate entity called a segment. Segments are separated from each other by industry standard EOF records. The end of the file is indicated by two or more consecutive EOF records. Each segment consists of two types of records. Both types are 5120 characters long.

1. Segment Directory Record (SDR) : the first record on each segment. It defines the data content of the segment.
2. Data Records (DAR's) : hold the measured data values.

The general structure is shown in Figure 1.

1.3 CHANNELS AND SAMPLES

Data are recorded at regular intervals in time along a traverse. The data recorded at one instant of time are held as any ordered set or sub-set. Each set is held logically distinct and referred to as a channel. The data records in a segment hold all the information for one channel in the form of a data chain, then all the data for the next channel and so on for as many channels as the segment holds.

Each channel is uniquely defined by a channel number and an edition number. The measurement(s) taken for a channel at a given time is called a sample. Samples are held within each channel in increasing order of fiducial (time).

In defining channels the channel number can be used to define the sample format and the edition type of the data. For example, within AGSO, samples with format (longitude, latitude, value, value....) have a channel number of 4 with edition 2 for magnetics and edition 3 for radiometrics.

APPENDIX J-3

1.4 SEGMENT DIRECTORY RECORD (SDR)

Lines and ties are uniquely identified as follows :

1. Project number: a unique number to identify the survey.
2. Group number : a unique number within a survey for each flight made. That is, several lines may be recorded on one flight (group). AGSO convention is for group numbers to lie between 001 and 999 inclusive.
3. Segment numbers : a unique number within a survey for a line or tie. AGSO convention is for ordinary line numbers to lie between 1000 and 9999 inclusive and tie line numbers between 100 and 999 inclusive.

The segment directory record identifies the data segment at Project, Group and Segment level and defines the data channels, their structure and the location of their data chains in the segment. Each SDR consists of one or more 10 word blocks. The first, the Segment Identification Block (SIB), identifies the segment and gives the number of data channels held in the segment.

For this survey the number of data channels is nine as mentioned in the introduction. Subsequent blocks, one for each data channel, define the data channels and their location within the segment. These are called Channel Identification Blocks (CIB's). A typical SDR is shown in Figure 1 and its exact format given in Table 1. All unused words in the SDR are set to zero.

The last word in the record in the past has been used as check sum and represents the sum of all the other words in the record. The check sum word is no longer used and is set to zero.

The overall record format is 2I9, 509I10, I12.

1.5 DATA RECORD (DAR)

These each contain 512 values. The first two are fiducials giving the fiducial range of the samples contained in the record. The next 508 represent data values, the second last is always zero (to maintain compatibility with our random access file format) and the last is a record check sum representing the sum of all other values in the record.

If a record is the last one in a data chain for a given channel all unused values are set to zero, with the next channel commencing at the start of the next data record. The N data records in a segment are numbered from 2 to N+1, the SDR being regarded as record one in a segment, with records for a given channel following each other sequentially. The data record addresses in the channel identification block of the SDR refer to this sequential numbering of the data records. A typical segment is shown in Figure 1 and the exact format of a data record given in Table 2.

The overall format of each data record is : 2I9, 509I10, I12.

1.6 NO DATA VALUE

For a variety of reasons it is sometimes necessary to flag a data value to indicate it is to be ignored. This is achieved by replacing the data word in question by the value 536870912. If a gap exists in a data chain each word of every sample involved must be replaced by 536870912, the so-called missing value. Thus a 1:1 correspondence is maintained between the fiducials encompassed by a data chain and its samples.

1.7 STANDARD DATA CHANNELS

The standard AGSO data channels are :

channel 4 edition 1 (processed navigation)
channel 4 edition 2 (processed magnetics)
channel 4 edition 3 (processed spectrometrics)
channel 5 edition 1 (doppler)
channel 6 edition 1 (raw spectrometrics)
channel 8 edition 1 (raw magnetics)
channel 10 edition 1 (multi-channel spectra)
channel 14 edition 1 (pressure,temperature,cosmic data)
channel 15 edition 1 (raw navigation)

C4 E1 - Navigation

Channel number = 4

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 2 words

word 1 = Longitude in degrees * 1 000 000

word 2 = Latitude in degrees * 1 000 000

C4 E2 - Total Magnetic Intensity

Channel number = 4

Edition number = 2

Sample size = 4 words

word 1 and word 2 as for C4 E1

word 3 = final (not micro-levelled) TMI (nT) * 1000

word 4 = final micro-levelled TMI (nT) *1000

C4 E3 - Corrected spectrometer data

Channel number = 4

Edition number = 3

Sample size = 7 words

word 1 and word 2 as for C4 E1

word 3 = final Total Count (counts/sec) * 1000

word 4 = final Potassium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 5 = final Uranium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 6 = final Thorium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 7 = Altitude in metres above ground level

C5 E1 - Doppler navigation data

Channel number = 5

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 2 words

word 1 = doppler along track (km)

word 2 = doppler across track (m)

C6 E1 - Raw spectrometer data

Channel number = 6

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 7 words

word 1 = Total count (counts/sec) * 1000

word 2 = Potassium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 3 = Uranium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 4 = Thorium (counts/sec) * 1000

word 5 = Altitude in metres above ground level

APPENDIX J-5

C8 E1 - Raw Magnetics

Channel number = 8

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 1 word

word 1 = TMI * 1000

C10 E1 - Multi-channel spectra

Channel number = 10

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 290 words

word 1 = start fiducial for spectra

word 2 = integration time for spectra (seconds)

word 3 - 34 = define energy range of spectra, fiducials etc.

Some control words yet to be defined.

word 35 = counts in channel 0 (* 1000)

word 36 = counts in channel 1 (* 1000)

word 290 = counts in channel 255 (* 1000)

C14 E1 - Pressure and Temperature

Channel number = 14

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 7 words

word 1 = pressure in millibars * 10

word 2 = temperature in degrees celsius * 10

word 3 - 6 = no longer used

word 7 = cosmic channel (counts) * 1000

C15 E1 - Raw Syledis data

Channel number = 15

Edition number = 1

Sample size = 2 words

word 1 = Longitude in degrees * 1 000 000

word 2 = Latitude in degrees * 1 000 000

APPENDIX J-6

2. PHYSICAL FORMAT FOR MAGNETIC TAPES

2.1 GENERAL

Each magnetic tape (MT) consists of a sequence of segments each segment consisting of one or more physical records. Segments are to be separated by one EOF markers. The end of all information on a tape must be flagged by two or more consecutive EOF markers. Industry standard EOF records apply. Records are to be fixed length and each block is to contain one record.

2.2 PHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF TAPES

- a. Tapes are 12.7 mm (0.5 inch) wide, 9 track industry standard magnetic tapes.
- b. Each tape has an external label identifying the airborne survey, character code, recording density, date tape written and the reel number in the set.

2.3 TAPE STRUCTURE

- a. 9 track
- b. Written in ASCII
- c. Recording density of 6250 bpi
- d. International Standards Organisation end-of-block markers (EOB)
- e. International Standards Organisation end-of-file markers (EOF)
- f. No multi-tape files
- g. Multi-file tapes can be expected. Files will not span tapes.
- h. Last file on each tape shall end with at least two EOF's.

2.4 PHYSICAL RECORDS AND BLOCKS

- a. Fixed length records of 5120 characters
- b. One record per block

APPENDIX J-7

3. GRID FILE FORMAT

3.1 HEADER RECORD

The first record on the file defines the content of the grid, including:

- a. Origin in latitude and longitude.
- b. Grid cell size.
- c. Number of rows and columns in the grid.
- d. Storage mode, i.e. whether the data is stored row by row or column by column. In general the data is stored by row.
- e. The exact header record format is shown in Table 3.

3.2 DATA RECORDS

Each data record contains 320 values in E16.10 format. No location data is held in the data records - the location of a grid point is determined by its sequence within the file. The data for the grid may be sequenced in row or column order (i.e. row by row or column by column respectively). Each row or column is written on consecutive records and begins at the start of a new record. If the rows/columns do not contain a multiple of 320 values the last record for each row/column is padded with zeros. Any point in the grid which is undefined is set to -9999.0.

In ROW mode , rows are sequenced from north to south and within each row values are ordered from west to east.

In COLUMN mode, columns are sequenced from west to east and within each column values are ordered from north to south.

APPENDIX J-8

TABLE 1

SEGMENT DIRECTORY RECORD FORMAT

1. SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION BLOCK

| WORD | CONTENT AND USE | FORMAT |
|------|---|--------|
| 1 | PROJECT IDENTIFICATION | I9 |
| 2 | GROUP IDENTIFICTION | I9 |
| 3 | SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION | I10 |
| 4 | NUMBER OF CHANNELS ON SEGMENT | I10 |
| 5 | DATE CODE - YYMMDD | I10 |
| 6 | FIDUCIAL FACTOR - (fiducial size in seconds) | I10 |
| 7 | TIME OF DAY AT FIDUCIAL ZERO IN SECONDS | I10 |
| 8 | BEARING IN DEGREES (0-359) MEASURED EAST OF NORTH | I10 |
| 9 | ALTITUDE IN METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL | I10 |
| 10 | GROUND CLEARANCE IN METRES | I10 |

2. CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (for the Nth channel)

| WORD | CONTENT AND USE | FORMAT |
|------|--|--------|
| 1 | CHANNEL CODE | I10 |
| 2 | EDITION NUMBERS | I10 |
| 3 | FIDUCIAL INTERVAL BETWEEN SAMPLES | I10 |
| 4 | NUMBER OF DATA VALUES (WORDS) PER SAMPLE | I10 |
| 5 | ADDRESS OF FIRST DATA RECORD FOR CHANNEL | I10 |
| 6 | ADDRESS OF LAST SAMPLE IN DATA CHAIN | I10 |
| 7 | FIDUCIAL OF FIRST SAMPLE IN DATA CHAIN | I10 |
| 8 | FIDUCIAL OF LAST SAMPLE IN DATA CHAIN | I10 |
| 9 | UNUSED - SET TO ZERO | I10 |
| 10 | UNUSED - SET TO ZERO | I10 |

APPENDIX J-9

TABLE 2

DATA RECORD FORMAT

| WORD | CONTENT AND USE | FORMAT |
|------|---|--------|
| 1 | FIDUCIAL AT FIRST DATA SAMPLE IN RECORD | I9 |
| 2 | FIDUCIAL AT LAST DATA SAMPLE IN RECORD | I9 |
| 3 | FIRST WORD OF FIRST SAMPLE | I10 |
| 4 | SECOND WORD OF FIRST SAMPLE | I10 |
| . | | |
| . | | |
| . | | |
| . | | |
| . | FIRST WORD OF SECOND SAMPLE | I10 |
| . | SECOND WORD OF SECOND SAMPLE | I10 |
| . | | |
| ETC | | |
| 511 | ALWAYS UNUSED - SET TO ZERO | I10 |
| 512 | ALWAYS UNUSED - SET TO ZERO | I12 |

NOTE:

1. A data sample can be of any length greater than zero.
2. Each record contains an integral number of samples. This may lead to several unused words at the end of the record which are set to zero.

i.e. If a sample is 7 words long 72 samples will fit in a data record and words 507-510 will be set to zero.

APPENDIX J-10

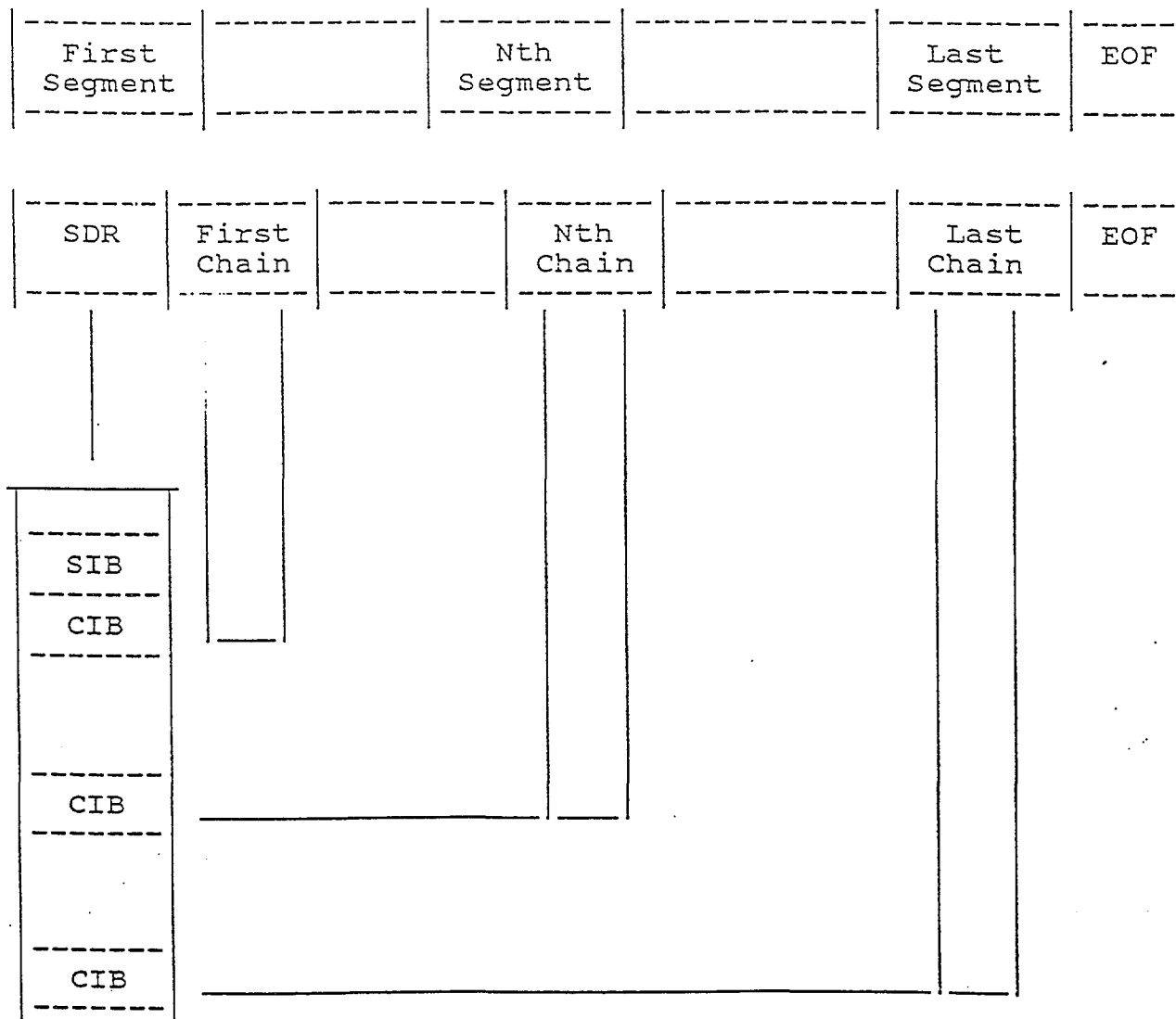
TABLE 3

GRID HEADER RECORD FORMAT

| CHARACTER POSITION | FIELD LENGTH | FORTRAN FORMAT | CONTENT |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1-60 | 60 | 6A10 | Grid Identification |
| 61-70 | 10 | 11A10 | Facts defining data acquisition/processing |
| 171-180 | 10 | A10 | x,y units defining grid . Usually degrees. |
| 181-192 | 12 | E12.6 | x origin of surface. Bottom left hand corner. |
| 193-204 | 12 | E12.6 | y origin of surface. Bottom left hand corner. |
| 205-214 | 10 | A10 | Type of z data in grid (e.g. TMI). |
| 215-216 | 2 | A2 | Blanks. |
| 217-228 | 12 | I12 | Number of data records per column or row. |
| 229-240 | 12 | E12.6 | Grid increment in the x direction |
| 241-252 | 12 | E12.6 | Grid increment in the y direction |
| 253-262 | 10 | A10 | Time when original surface created (hh.mm.ss). |
| 263-286 | 24 | 2A10,A4 | Filter used on original z data. |
| 287-310 | 12 | 2E12.6 | x,y co-ordinate of the bottom left hand corner of the grid. Same as x,y origin. |
| 311-320 | 10 | A10 | Date of creation of surface (dd/mm/yy). |
| 321-344 | 24 | 2A10,A4 | Blanks. |
| 345-368 | 12 | 2E12.6 | x,y co-ordinate of top right hand corner of grid. NOTE: these values are too large by one grid increment for tapes created prior to 01/06/85. |
| 369-373 | 4 | I5 | Number of rows in the grid. |
| 374-378 | 5 | I5 | Number of columns in the grid. |
| 379-382 | 4 | A4 | Blanks. |
| 383-388 | 6 | A6 | Defines if the grid is stored in column mode (COLUMN) or row mode (ROW). |
| 389-5120 | | | Blank filled. |

FIGURE 1

SEQUENTIAL DATA FILE STRUCTURE



APPENDIX K-1

SPECIFICATIONS - RMS INSTRUMENTS AADC

| | |
|---|---|
| INPUTS: | one or two high sensitivity magnetometers of optical absorption type |
| INPUT FREQUENCY RANGE: | 70 KHz - 350 KHz - Cs sensor 140 KHz - 700 KHz - K sensor 560 KHz - 2800 KHz - He sensor 850 Hz - 4260 Hz - Overhauser |
| MAGNETIC FIELD RANGE: | 20,000 - 100,000 nT (gamma) |
| RESOLUTION: | 1 pT (picotesla) |
| COMPENSATION PERFORMANCE: | improvement ratio 10 - 20 typical for total field improvement ratio 20 - 100 typical for gradient |
| ACCURACY OF COMPENSATION: | 0.035 nT (gamma) standard deviation for the entire aircraft flight envelope in the bandwidth 0 - 1 Hz typical |
| DATA OUTPUT RATE: | 10 Hz |
| SYSTEM FREQUENCY RESPONSE: | 0 - 0.9 Hz |
| INTERNAL SYSTEM NOISE: | less than 2 pT (standard deviation in the bandwidth 0 - 1 Hz) |
| DURATION OF CALIBRATION: FLIGHT MANOEUVRES | 5 - 8 minutes typical |
| VECTOR MAGNETOMETER: | Develco Model 9202-02 (3-axis Fluxgate) |
| MICROCOMPUTER: | SBC-11/21 Plus (DEC) Front End LSI-11/73 (DEC) Main CPU |

APPENDIX K-2

SPECIFICATIONS - RMS INSTRUMENTS AADC (CONTINUED)

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| KEYBOARD: | limited alphanumeric |
| DISPLAY: | green fluorescent, 80 character self scan panel |
| OUTPUTS: | serial data communication port: RS232C - max. rate 19.2 KBaud parallel output port: 16 bit with full handshaking (DRV11-J) (optional) 4 analog outputs of 12 bit resolution, 10V full scale (optional) |
| POWER: | 28 \pm 4 VDC, 5 A, 150 W (for single magnetometer) 7 A, 196 W (for gradiometer system) |
| ENVIRONMENTAL: | |
| OPERATING TEMPERATURE: | 0 to 50 degrees C |
| STORAGE TEMPERATURE: | -20 to 55 degrees C |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY: | 0 - 99%, non-condensing |
| ALTITUDE: | 0 - 6000 m (0 - 20,000 ft) |
| PHYSICAL DATA: | console dimensions: 483 x 178 x 440 mm (19 x 7 x 17.3 in) console weight: 12.5 kg (28 lbs) power supply dimensions: 225 x 180 x 220 mm (8.9x7.25x8.7 in) power supply weight: 5.5 kg (12 lbs) |

APPENDIX L-1

SPECIFICATIONS - G866 BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER

Display: Six-digit, seven-segment, numeric display of magnetic field with 0.1 gamma resolution. Same display used to set or view time-of-day and date, signal strength, battery voltage, and variables.

Resolution: Varies from 0.1 to 1 gamma depending on sample interval. 1 gamma for 0.5 to 0.9 second, 0.5 gamma for 1.0 to 1.7 seconds, 0.2 gamma for 1.4 to 2.9 seconds, and 0.1 gamma for 3.0 or more seconds.

Accuracy: One-half gamma.

Controls: Pressure-sensitive keyboard to control operation and to select variables. All control clock settings are stored in non-volatile memory, powered by a lithium battery.

Clock: Julian clock with stability of 5 seconds per month at room temperature and 5 seconds per day over a temperature range of -20 to +50 degrees Celsius.

Tuning: Push-button tuning from keyboard. Current tuning value displayed on request. Tuning range is 20 to 90 kilogammas.

Gradient Tolerance: Tolerates gradients to 5000 gammas/meter. When high gradients reduce signal quality, a partial reading is maintained at a resolution consistent with implied accuracy.

APPENDIX L-2

SPECIFICATIONS - G866 BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER (CONTINUED)

Sample Interval: Push-button selection of sample interval from 0.5 to 999.9 seconds. Resolution of 0.1 seconds.

Manual Read: Readings may be initiated by a front panel pushbutton.

External Cycling: Can be initiated by external cycling device.

Recorder: Electrosensitive recorder producing permanent records insensitive to heat, cold, sunlight or age. Chart width approximately 10 cm with the following formats available.

Narrow: Approximately one half of chart is an analog representation of every reading formed from closely connected dots in two overlapping scales. Remainder of chart is a numerical listing of periodic reading (e.g., every ninth reading) and time.

Wide Analog: The printed table may be deleted and the analog scale expanded when a high resolution analog chart is the preferred format (e.g., in magnetic search).

Variable 'Chart Speed': Simulates changes in chart speed by varying time-axis spaces between plotted readings.

Recorder Scale: Four, push-button selected scales of 10/100, 20/200, 50/500 or 100/1000 gammas full scale. The analog records are dual range, as though there were two overlapping pens recording at different scale factors. The scales overlap by 20% with hysteresis so that there is no jitter at the scale edges.

APPENDIX L-3

SPECIFICATIONS - G866 BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER (CONTINUED)

Event Mark: A front panel push button or external input will cause an extra mark to be added for identification of special events.

Paper Feed: Advances paper rapidly for loading and unloading paper. Also causes the printer to annotate the record with sensitivity, scale factors, sample interval, and date.

Special Functions: Internal switch, accessible by hinging up the front panel, allows selection of variations in operation:

- a) Vary 'chart speed' (see recorder).
- b) Narrow chart (see recorder).
- c) Wide analog chart (see recorder).
- d) Power conservation. Display will automatically shut off 7 seconds after a reading has been taken, or 2 minutes after a key has been depressed.
- e) 3-point running average (smooths data by taking running average).*
- f) 5-point running average (smooths data by taking running average).*
- g) 7-point running average (smooths data by taking running average).*
- h) Control disable (disable all front panel controls which might be used to modify the stored parameters, prevents operator errors), saves power.

Outputs: (1) BCD character serial output of time, day and field readings for use with external digital recorder. (Also outputs suitable handshaking signals for interfacing.) and (2) RS-232-C-compatible ASCII output of time, day, and field reading; followed by a carriage return and line feed at three selectable baud rates (110, 300, 9600). This output is for an external printer or computer-based acquisition system.

APPENDIX M-1

| NAME | TYPE | CONTOUR INTERVAL /VERTICAL SCALE | REFERENCE NUMBER |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1:250 000 | | | |
| Dubbo | TMI Contours | 20 nT | 22-1/I55-4/1 |
| " | TC Contours | 200 cps | 22-1/I55-4/2 |
| 1:100 000 | | | |
| Dubbo | TMI Contours | 10 nT | 22-2/I55-4/1-1 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/I55-4/2-1 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/I55-4/3-1 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/I55-4/4-1 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/I55-4/5-1 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/6-1 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/7-1 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/8-1 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/9-1 |
| Cobbora | TMI Contours | 10 nT | 22-2/I55-4/1-2 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/I55-4/2-2 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/I55-4/3-2 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/I55-4/4-2 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/I55-4/5-2 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/6-2 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/7-2 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/8-2 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/9-2 |
| Gulgong | TMI Contours | 10 nT | 22-2/I55-4/1-3 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/I55-4/2-3 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/I55-4/3-3 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/I55-4/4-3 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/I55-4/5-3 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/6-3 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/7-3 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/8-3 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/9-3 |
| Wellington | TMI Contours | 10 nT | 22-2/I55-4/1-4 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/I55-4/2-4 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/I55-4/3-4 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/I55-4/4-4 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/I55-4/5-4 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/6-4 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/7-4 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/8-4 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/9-4 |
| Euchareena | TMI Contours | 2 nT | 22-2/I55-4/1-5 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/I55-4/2-5 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/I55-4/3-5 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/I55-4/4-5 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/I55-4/5-5 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/6-5 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/7-5 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/8-5 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/I55-4/9-5 |

APPENDIX M-2

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| Mudgee | TMI Contours | 2 nT | 22-2/155-4/1-6 |
| " | TC Contours | 100 cps | 22-2/155-4/2-6 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-2/155-4/3-6 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 750 nT/cm | 22-2/155-4/4-6 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 400 m/cm | 22-2/155-4/5-6 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/155-4/6-6 |
| " | K Profiles | 400 cps/cm | 22-2/155-4/7-6 |
| " | U Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-2/155-4/8-6 |
| " | TH Profiles | 200 cps/cm | 22-2/155-4/9-6 |
| 1:50 000 | | | |
| Geurie II | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-1/2 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-1/2 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-1/2 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/155-4/4-1/2 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/155-4/5-1/2 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2000 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/6-1/2 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/7-1/2 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/8-1/2 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/9-1/2 |
| Geurie III | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-1/3 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-1/3 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-1/3 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/155-4/4-1/3 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/155-4/5-1/3 |
| " | TC Profiles | 3000 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/6-1/3 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/7-1/3 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/8-1/3 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/9-1/3 |
| Goolma III | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-2/3 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-2/3 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-2/3 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/155-4/4-2/3 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/155-4/5-2/3 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2500 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/6-2/3 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/7-2/3 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/8-2/3 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/9-2/3 |
| Wellington I | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-4/1 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-4/1 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-4/1 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/155-4/4-4/1 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/155-4/5-4/1 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2000 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/6-4/1 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/7-4/1 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/8-4/1 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/9-4/1 |
| Cumnock II | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-4/2 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-4/2 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-4/2 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/155-4/4-4/2 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/155-4/5-4/2 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2000 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/6-4/2 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/7-4/2 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/8-4/2 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/155-4/9-4/2 |
| Cumnock III | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/155-4/1-4/3 |
| " | TC Contours | 40 cps | 22-3/155-4/2-4/3 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/155-4/3-4/3 |

APPENDIX M-3

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/I55-4/4-4/3 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/I55-4/5-4/3 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2000 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/6-4/3 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/7-4/3 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/8-4/3 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/9-4/3 |
| Wellington IV | TMI Contours | 5 nT | 22-3/I55-4/1-4/4 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/I55-4/2-4/4 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/I55-4/3-4/4 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/I55-4/4-4/4 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/I55-4/5-4/4 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2000 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/6-4/4 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/7-4/4 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/8-4/4 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/9-4/4 |
| Euchareena III | TMI Contours | 2 nT | 22-3/I55-4/1-5/3 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/I55-4/2-5/3 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/I55-4/3-5/3 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/I55-4/4-5/3 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/I55-4/5-5/3 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2500 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/6-5/3 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/7-5/3 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/8-5/3 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/9-5/3 |
| Burrendong IV | TMI Contours | 2 nT | 22-3/I55-4/1-5/4 |
| " | TC Contours | 50 cps | 22-3/I55-4/2-5/4 |
| " | Flight Path | | 22-3/I55-4/3-5/4 |
| " | TMI Profiles | 500 nT/cm | 22-3/I55-4/4-5/4 |
| " | ALT Profiles | 300 m/cm | 22-3/I55-4/5-5/4 |
| " | TC Profiles | 2500 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/6-5/4 |
| " | K Profiles | 300 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/7-5/4 |
| " | U Profiles | 100 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/8-5/4 |
| " | TH Profiles | 150 cps/cm | 22-3/I55-4/9-5/4 |