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SUMMARY

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation flew an airborne geophysical survey of 47 000 line km over the entire Sir Samuel 1:250 000 Map Sheet area during May, June and July 1993.

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.

The total magnetic intensity and gamma-ray spectrometric data which were collected during the survey, 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.

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1. SURVEY AREA AND PARAMETERS

(i) Area Description

The Sir Samuel airborne survey covers the entire Sir Samuel 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

Survey Line spacing:

Flight line spacing:

400 m 4000 m

Tie line spacing: Survey distance

400 m survey Lines:

42583 km.

Ties:

4492 km.

Total distance:

47075 km.

Sampling interval

Magnetics:

0.1 seconds (approx 7m) 1.0 seconds (approx 67m)

Gamma-ray spectrometrics: GPS/Doppler/Altimeter/VLF:

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 Leinster in Western Australia for the duration of the survey from 17 May to 13 July 1993.

(b) Flying Dates

A Compensation flight for the magnetic field of the aircraft was flown on 20 May. Production flying commenced on the same day and continued through to 11 July. Appendix B summarises flying days and distances flown.

(ii) Survey Aircraft and Field Crew

(a) Aircraft
Aero Commander 500 S "Shrike", VH-BGE

(b) Field Crew

Party Leader:

Murray Richardson

Technician: Operators:

Trevor Dalziell, Phillip Doolan Lars Rickardsson, "Curly" Wilcox

Pilots:

Capt. John Biffin

(Skywest Aviation)

Capt. Murray Terwey

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

VLF:

Totem 1A VLF receiver

Altimeter:

Collins ALT-50 radar altimeter

Barometer:

AGSO digital - Setra sensor

Thermometer:

AGSO digital - RS sensor

Navigation:

Ashtech XII "Ranger" GPS receivers and Ashtech "Ranger" differential processing

software

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 Compaq Notebook and 120 Mb portable hard

disc drive

Acquisition software:

AGSO-developed HP assembler language

program

(ii) Navigation

(a) GPS Navigation System

Aircraft navigation was carried out by an Ashtech XII global positioning system (GPS). A receiver in the aircraft received range data from satellites every second and calculated the current latitude and longitude coordinates (WGS84) of the aircraft. The range data were recorded internally in the GPS receiver every five seconds.

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.

To enable differential GPS post flight processing, a second GPS receiver was set up in AGSO's field office caravan as a GPS base station and internally recorded range data

every five seconds. The data were post processed using Ashtec 'Ranger' software at the end of each flying day. The error in position of the post processed flight path data is approximately 5 - 10 metres.

The position of the base station GPS receiver was accurately determined by differential GPS surveying using a permanent survey marker (SM4), one kilometre north of the airport, as a fixed reference.

The determined base station GPS coordinates (WGS 84) were:

Longitude : 120°42"12.79' E Latitude : 27°50"20.00' S Ellipsoidal height : 462.584 m

(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 (GPS) and to infill gaps (<10 km) in the GPS 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.

The AADC filters the total magnetic field intensity data using a second order Butterworth filter. The 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. The system dead-time is 13.95 microseconds/pulse. 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.

In addition to the above data, a 256 channel spectrum between 0.0 MeV and 3.0 Mev was also recorded every second. These data were recorded on a portable hard disk via a communications link between the HP-A400 computer acquisition system and a Compaq Notebook computer.

(v) VLF

A Totem 1A electromagnetometer measured the total field and vertical quadrature components of VLF transmissions from the North West Cape (NWC) submarine communication facility. The NWC transmitter transmits at a frequency of 22.3 kHz. Transmissions were intermittent over the period of the survey.

The recording interval was one second. Output from the receiver is +/- 1 Volt DC for +/- 100% signal change, with one channel each for total field and quadrature.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Barometer and Thermometer

Atmospheric temperature and pressure were measured using a digital barometer (Setra sensor) and digital thermometer (RS sensor). Although both of these units were built by the AGSO, the sensors were factory calibrated and no AGSO calibrations were performed.

(viii) 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. The base station was set up in an area of shallow magnetic gradient, away from cultural influences and within telemetry range of AGSO's office caravan at the Leinster airport. Data from the base station were telemetered back to the AGSO's field office caravan for display and recording on a Toshiba T1600 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.

Throughout the survey, base station data were recorded every twenty seconds during production flights.

(ix) Data Acquisition

The acquisition program and system are run using a HP-A400 computer with data recorded on 3.5 inch floppy discs using a HP9122 720 Kb disc drive. The 1 second multichannel spectra were recorded on a portable hard disk linked to the acquisition system through a Compaq Notebook computer.

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 in an area of low magnetic gradient prior to the start of the survey and after each aircraft service. They were flown at an altitude of 2930 m above sea level approximately 25 kilometres north-northeast of Leinster airport over an area between 120°40' to 120°50'E and 27°45' to 27°35'S.

The compensation comprises a series of rolls(+/-10°), pitches(+/-5°) and yaws(+/-5°) 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 0.30 nT or less. On normal survey flights, noise levels from all sources were generally less than 0.15 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 19 May 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. The location of the test line used for the Sir Samuel survey is shown in Appendix H. This line was used for the duration of the survey.

Although background corrections for gamma-ray spectrometrics are calculated using a full spectrum method (Minty, 1992) at AGSO, Canberra, 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 from 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 then 10% for the test line, well inside a 15% variation which would be considered acceptable.

5. DATA PROCESSING

Flight path recovery, and data checking and editing were performed 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 SLT386s/20 laptop computer. This computer was networked to a Sun Sparcstation IPX and all aircraft data were transferred to the Sun hard drive to be 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 Recovery

Range data recorded internally on both GPS receivers were post-processed daily using "Ranger" - an Ashtech propriety program.

The correction data calculated by "Ranger" were applied to the GPS data recorded on the aircraft acquisition system at the end of each flying day. As well as the standard "Ranger" corrections, other acquisition system specific corrections were applied. The full correction procedure is described in Appendix I and is outlined below.

- (a) Position calculation delay correction.
- (b) Fiducial synchronisataion correction.
- (c) "Ranger" corrections.
- (d) Low pass filter.
- (e) Coordinate system conversion.
- (f) Reference navigation data to position of magnetometer sensor.
- (g) Doppler infill of gaps.

The fully corrected 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 |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 400 m | 80 m | greater than 5 km |

When both the across track deviation and along line distance were exceeded the survey line was reflown. This criteria was met on seven survey lines in the north-west corner of the Sir Samuel map sheet. The areas that needed reflying were flown in one flight at the end of the survey.

(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 1993.5 and for an altitude of 650 m above sea level (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 290 was chosen as a reference tie.
- (b) A low pass 11 point convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 60 m was passed over the data prior to sampling crossover points (flight line tie line intersections). Note that these filtered data were only used for the crossover analysis and the final data have not been filtered.
- (c) All other ties were levelled to tie line 290 using degree six polynomial adjustments.
- (d) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points, using degree three polynomial adjustments.
- (e) Ties were then adjusted to minimise crossover differences, using degree three polynomial adjustments.
- (f) Finally the lines were adjusted individually to minimise crossover differences, using degree three polynomial adjustments.

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

(iv) Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data Processing.

The 1 second multichannel specrometer data were first corrected for a system deadtime of 13.95 microseconds/pulse and then energy calibrated, before summing adjacent channels over the conventional 4 windows and merging these 4 channel data 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. The total count and potassium window
 backgrounds were estimated directly from the uranium
 background since they are linearly dependent (Grasty, 1975). The thorium
 window was considered to be unaffected by atmospheric radon, so total
 thorium background was estimated from the aircraft and cosmic
 backgrounds.

The data were corrected for height attenuation and reduced to a 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

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

where

NC = corrected counts
N = uncorrected counts
H = nominal flying height
h = measured flying height
u = attenuation coefficient
for total count u = 0.00656
for potassium u = 0.00755
for uranium u = 0.00557
for thorium u = 0.00557

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

NTH(corrected) = NTH NU(corrected) = NU - A x NTH NK(corrected) = NK - B x NTH - C x NU(corrected)

where

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

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

The Potassium, Uranium and Thorium channels were levelled in exactly the same way as the Total Count data. The steps involved in tie line levelling were as follows.

- (a) Tie line 290 was chosen as a reference tie.
- (b) All other ties were levelled to tie line 290 using degree three polynomial adjustments.
- (c) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points, 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 5.0 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.

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 maps

A standard AGSO set of geophysical maps have been produced at scales of 1:250 000 and 1:100 000 for the entire survey area. Profiles and flight path maps were produced using ARGUS programs. Contour maps were produced using the GIPSI processing system. The standard set of maps produced are shown in Appendix M.

(b) Digital Data

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). Only the non micro-levelled version of the magnetic line data has been archived as the processed magnetic data did not require micro-levelling.

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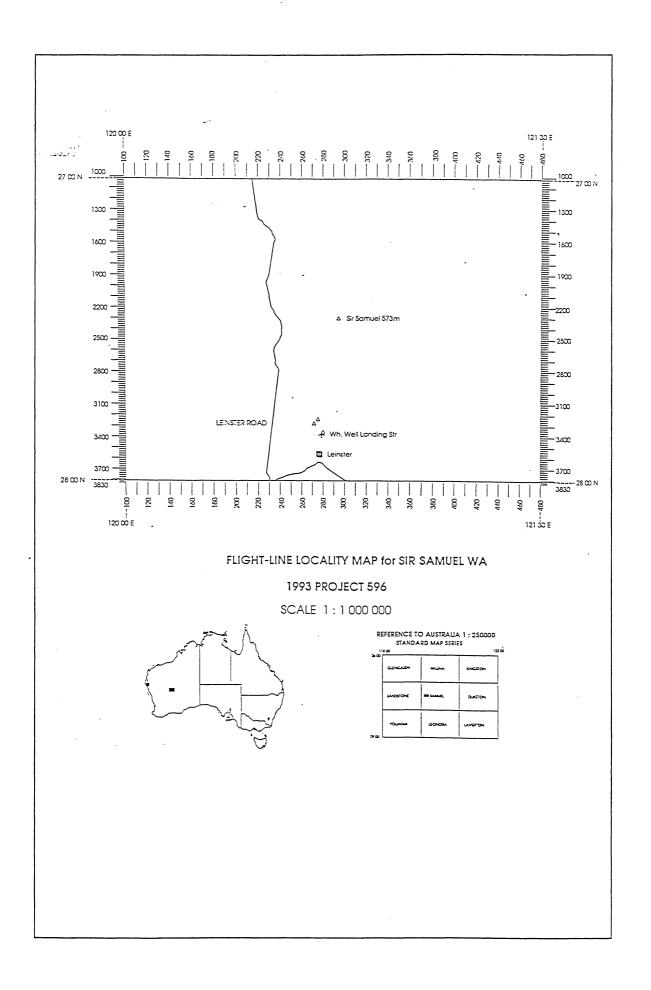
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APPENDIX A



Appendix B-1-

FLYING DATES AND LINE KILOMETRES FLOWN

| DATE | FLIGHT No. | COMMENTS | LINE KM |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 20/5/93 | 414 | Compensation flight | 0 |
| 20/5/93 | 415 | First survey flight | 300 |
| 21/5/93 | 416 | Operations normal | 600 |
| 21/5/93 | 417 | Operations normal | 570 |
| 22/5/93 | 418 | Operations normal | 600 |
| 22/5/93 | 419 | Operations normal | 630 |
| 24/5/93 | 420 | Operations normal | 600 |
| 24/5/93 | 421 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 25/5/93 | $4\overline{22}$ | Operations normal | 600 |
| 25/5/93 | 423 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 26/5/93 | 424 | Operations normal | 600 |
| 27/5/93 | 425 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 29/5/93 | 426 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 29/5/93 | 427 | Operations normal | 525 |
| 30/5/93 | $4\overline{28}$ | Operations normal | 750 |
| 30/5/93 | 429 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 31/5/93 | 430 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 31/5/93 | 431 | Operations normal | 700 |
| 1/6/93 | 432 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 1/6/93 | 433 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 2/6/93 | 434 | Flight aborted right hand | 150 |
| , ., . | | alternator died | 100 |
| 3/6/93 | 435 | Compensation flight | 0 |
| 3/6/93 | 436 | Operations normal | 900 |
| 4/6/93 | 437 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 4/6/93 | 438 | Flight called back | 0 |
| | | Active diurnal | U |
| 6/6/93 | 439 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 6/6/93 | 440 | Operations normal | 825 |
| 7/6/93 | 441 | Operations normal | $7\overline{50}$ |
| 7/6/93 | $\overline{442}$ | Operations normal | 675 |
| 11/6/93 | 443 | Operations normal | 900 |
| 12/6/93 | 444 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 12/6/93 | 445 | Operations normal | 825 |
| 13/6/93 | 446 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 13/6/93 | 447 | Operations normal | 675 |
| 14/6/93 | 448 | Operations normal | 750 |
| 14/6/93 | | Aircraft to Jandakot | |
| | | for service | |
| 18/6/93 | | Aircaft returned to | |
| | | Leinster from service | |
| 19/6/93 | 449 | Compensation flight | 0 |
| | | Flight aborted after | |
| | | compensation. Intermittent | |
| | | fault with the power supply | |
| | | to the HP computer | |
| 19/6/93 | 450 | Operations normal | 440 |
| 20/6/93 | 451 | Operations normal | 660 |
| 20/6/93 | 452 | Operations normal | 770 |
| 21/6/93 | 453 | Operations normal | 770 |
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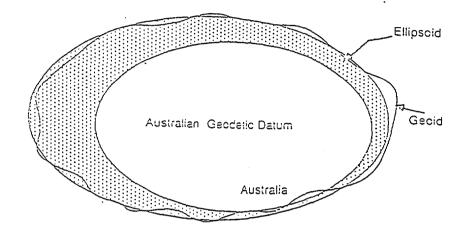
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| 21/6/93 | 454/455 | Operation | ns normal | 640 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 22/6/93 | 456 | | ns normal | 660 |
| 22/6/93 | 457 | | ns normal | 510 |
| 26/6/93 | 458 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 26/6/93 | 459 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 27/6/93 | 460 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 27/6/93 | 461 | | ns normal | 900 |
| 28/6/93 | 462 | | ns normal | 675 |
| 28/6/93 | 463 | | ns normal | 900 |
| 29/6/93 | 464 | | ns normal | 810 |
| 30/6/93 | 465 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 30/6/93 | 466 | | ns normal | 900 |
| 1/7/93 | 467 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 1/7/93 | 468 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 2/7/93 | 469 | | ns normal | 900 |
| 3/7/93 | 470 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 3/7/93 | 471 | | ns normal | 675 |
| 4/7/93 | $\frac{472}{472}$ | | ns normal | 750 |
| 4/7/93 | 473 | | ns normal | 900 |
| 6/7/93 | 474 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 6/7/93 | 475 | | ns normal | 600 |
| 7/7/93 | 476 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 7/7/93 | 477 | | ns normal | 870 |
| 8/7/93 | 478 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 8/7/93 | 479 | | ns normal | 930 |
| 9/7/93 | 480 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 9/7/93 | 481 | | orted spectrometer | 0 |
| 0/1/00 | 401 | | with a blown fuse | U |
| 9/7/93 | 482 | | ns normal | 575 |
| 10/7/93 | 483 | | ns normal | 750 |
| 10/7/93 | 484 | | | 900 |
| 11/7/93 | 485 | | ns normal | 855 |
| | | | ns normal | 120 |
| 11/7/93 | 486 | Operation | ns normal | 120 |
| Matal diabta in | | 73 | | 47185 line km. |
| Total flights in | | 3 | | 0 line km |
| Compensation Problem free f | | 67 | | 47035 line km. |
| | | 1 | | 150 line km. |
| Problem flight Aborted flight | | $\overset{1}{2}$ | | 100 IIIIe AIII. |
| | s Reason flight a | | diurnal | 1 flight |
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| | | | spectrometer | 1 flight |

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. Three volts peak to peak

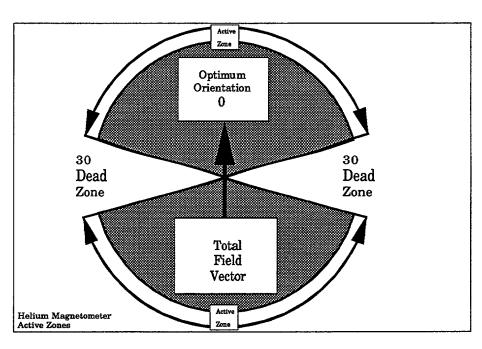
Dimensions:

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.



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SPECIFICATIONS - GR900 DETECTOR INTERFACE CONSOLE

PMT Capacity: A maximum of 12 downward-looking and

3 upward-looking photomultiplier tubes

(PMT) may be accommodated.

Common supply of 1400 V for all PMT H. V. Power Supply

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 microamps @ 1400 volts max.

available for each PMT.

PMT Regulation: Each PMT voltage is stable to \pm 0.01%.

Operating Temperature: 0°C to +50°C ambient.

Mixer Amplifiers: Input capability up to 12 PMT's, or 3072

cu. in. (50.4 l) downward-looking and 3 PMT's or 768 cu. in. (12.61) upward-

looking.

Input equals output (gain = 1). With a 95 Mixer Gain:

ohm load. 0.5 volt = 1 MeV. 5.0 volt max.

output into 95 ohm load.

Temperature Control: +20°C to +60°C internal DET package

temperature in 10°C steps.

Temperature Regulation: +/- 1°C for ambient temperature range

from -20° C to $+45^{\circ}$ C.

Power Requirements: Console: +/- 15 V, 100 mA

Xtal Heater: 28 V, 0.75 amp/Xtal

Note: Additional +/- 20 mA required

for each PMT

3.5" high x 19" wide x 15" deep (8.9 x 48.3 x 38 cm) Console Size and Weight:

17.5 lbs. (7.9 kg)

SPECIFICATIONS - DET1024 SPECTROMETER CRYSTAL DETECTOR

NaI - slab form - 4" thick x 16" wide Crystal Type:

x 16" long

Volume: 1024 cu. in. (16,780 cu. cm.)

Equal to or less than 10% FWHM at System Resolution:

622 KeV. Held within 0.5% of starting

value over 12 hours of continuous

operation.

Peak Shift: Held within +/- 1% over 12 hours of

continuous operation. Split window peak

setting by front panel meter.

Individual controls for each PMT on Gain Controls:

Detector Interface (see GR-900 Detector

Interface specification)

High Voltage Power Supply 1200V DC held within +/- 1% over 24

hours of continuous operation. (Supplied

by GR-900)

Operating: Internal temperature Temperature:

automatically regulated to +/- 1°C over the range +10°C to +50°C by the

GR-900.

Storage: -20°C to +65°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 -

 $7-1/8 \times 21-1/8 \times 25 \times 1/4$ inches - 170 lbs.

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 microseconds 0.1 to 10 microseconds

Fall time: Impedance:

0.1 W 10 HHC108C

Duration:

1 K ohm

Duration: Coupling: 0.5 microseconds minimum 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 microseconds + Logic + $(Y \times N)$ nSec

where Y =

20 for 50 MHz 10 for 100 MHz

5 for 200 MHz

and N = channel number

ACD Linearity

1. Integral: +/- .075 over upper 99% of full scale range

2. Differential: +/- .075 over upper 99% of full scale range

ACD 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 /°C

Peak Shift: Less than 0.04% of full scale for count rates up to $20~\mathrm{KHz}$

Channel Profile: Typically better than 90%

C. CONTROLS

Baseline Restorer (BLR): Coincidence (COINC):

Switchable AC passive Prompt (delayed jumper

selectable)

ZERO:

0-100% range control

For selecting zero energy intercept level by 22 turn

potentiometer

Lower Level:

10 turn potentiometer control for 0-100%

Discriminator (LLD)

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

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.

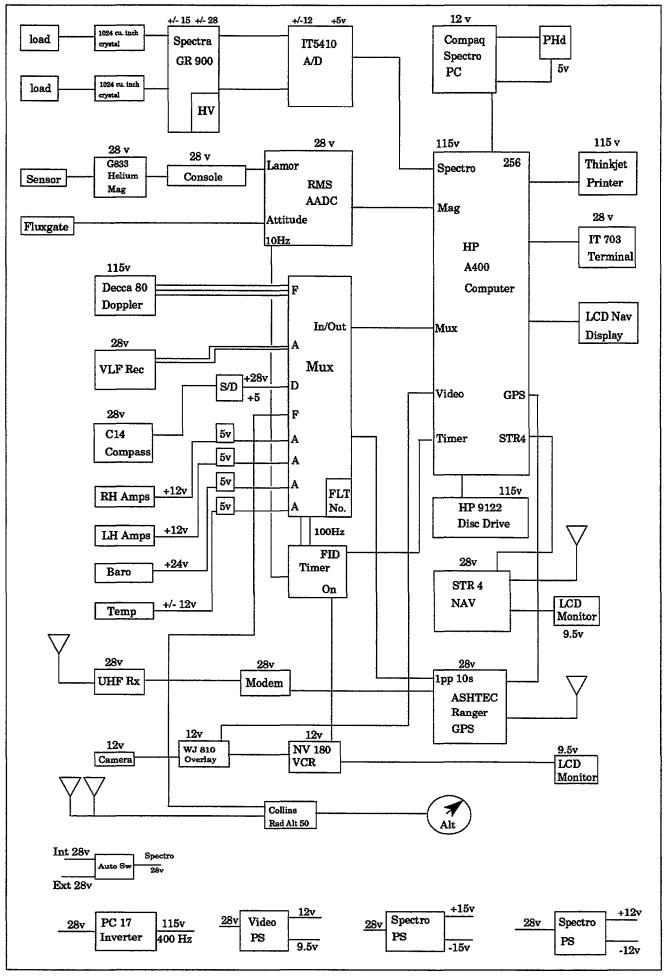
D. MECHANICAL

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-20893 (Rev. 3) which provide = 6V

APPENDIX F - AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION SYSTEM



APPENDIX G

COMPENSATION RESULTS

COMPENSATION 1. DATE FLOWN: 20 May 1993

DATES USED: 20 May - 3 June 1993

Air Conditioner off SDU = 0.5337

SDC = 0.04818

IR = 11.1 VN = 16.9

Air Conditioner on SDU = 0.6065

SDC = 0.04359

 $\begin{array}{rcl}
IR & = & 13.9 \\
VN & = & 23.1
\end{array}$

COMPENSATION 2. DATE FLOWN: 3 June 1993

DATES USED: 3 June - 19 June 1993

Air Conditioner off SDU = 0.5089

SDC = 0.03743

 $\begin{array}{rcl} IR & = & 13.6 \\ VN & = & 16.0 \end{array}$

COMPENSATION 3. DATE FLOWN: 19 June 1993

DATES USED: 19 June - 13 July 1993

Air Conditioner off SDU = 0.4068

SDC = 0.05067

IR = 8.0

VN = 14.7

Air Conditioner on SDU = 0.5363

SDC = 0.04360

 $\begin{array}{rcl}
IR & = & 12.3 \\
VN & = & 19.3
\end{array}$

SDU = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres.

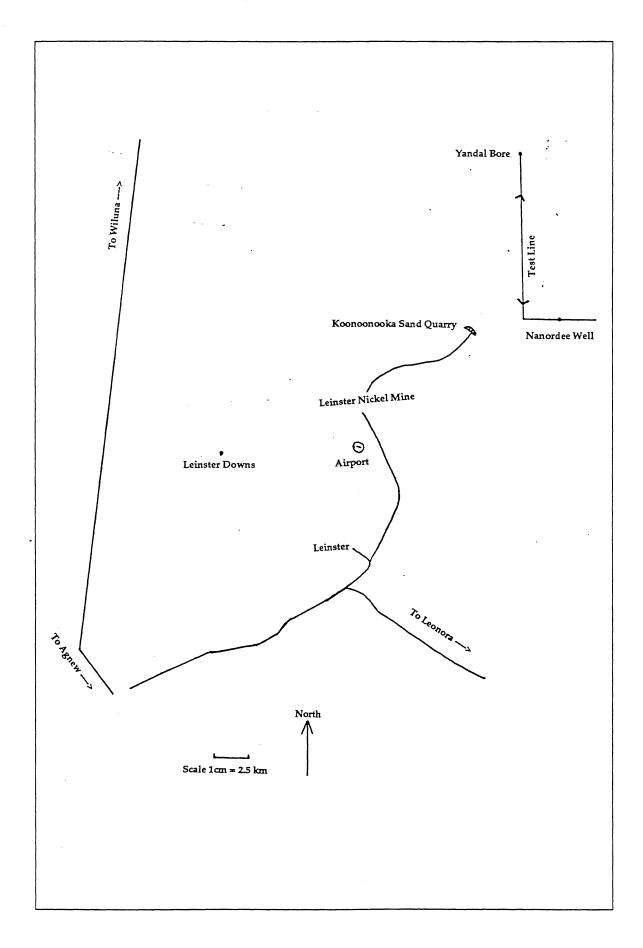
SDC = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres after compensation corrections have been applied.

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

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APPENDIX I Corrections to Differential GPS Navigation Data

(a) Position calculation delay correction

A correction due to the finite time taken for the GPS system to calculate a position and transfer the information to the acquisition system. A delay of 0.6 seconds has been determined for calculations using up to eight satellites by flying clover leaf patterns over a reference point. This value is considered to be representative and was used for all delay corrections.

(b) Fiducial synchronisation correction

A correction due to the time lag between when a GPS position is available to the acquisition system and when the next fiducial is available to pair the position with.

(c) "Ranger" corrections

GPS base station data are used to calculate "Ranger" position corrections at five second intervals. These corrections are applied to the aircraft raw position data which are recorded every second.

Discontinuities (steps) sometimes occur in raw GPS data. These are also manifested as steps in the correction set.

When such steps in the raw GPS data occur between successive correction values, the corrections are linearly interpolated to the step boundary using corrections from the appropriate side of the step.

If multiple steps in the raw GPS data occur between successive correction values it is impossible to interpolate corrections over this interval, in which case the intervening GPS data are set to undefined.

(d) Low pass filter

The problem described in (c) can lead to small steps in the data where the original steps were too small to detect so were not corrected. A low pass 11 point convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 300 m was passed over the data.

(e) Coordinate system conversion

GPS data were converted from the WGS 84 geodetic coordinate system to the AGD 66 geodetic coordinate system.

(f). Reference navigation data to position of magnetometer sensor

The calculated GPS positions refer to the position of the GPS receiver's antenna. Since the magnetometer is the most position sensitive instrument, all position data is shifted 11.4 meters toward the rear of the aircraft to correspond with the position of the magnetometer's sensor.

(g) Doppler infill of gaps

Whenever gaps (<10 km) in the GPS data occurred they were infilled with data generated from the doppler navigation system. Gaps in the GPS data greater than ten kilometres were reflown.

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:

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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 16 edition 1 (raw navigation)
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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.

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 bewteen 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 extact 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 compatability 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 maintaind 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 16 edition 1 (raw navigation)
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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

C8 E1 - Raw Magnetics Channel number = 8Edition number = 1Sample size = 1 word word 1 = TMI * 1000C10 E1 - Multi-channel spectra Channel number = 10Edition number = 1Sample 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 = 14Edition number = 1Sample size = 7 words word 1 = pressure in millibars * 10word 2 = temperature in degrees celsius * 10 word 3 - 6 = no longer usedword 7 = cosmic channel (counts) * 1000C16 E1 - Raw GPS data Channel number = 16Edition number = 1Sample size = 4 words word 1 = Longitude in degrees * 1 000 000word 2 = Latitude in degrees * 1 000 000 word 3 = GPS time in seconds * 1000. GPS time is recorded in

seconds from midnight the previous Sunday word 4 = Lag time. Time difference between time when a position is calculated and time until the next fiducial is

of a second)

generated by the data acquisition system. (hundredths

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

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 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.

TABLE 1

SEGMENT DIRECTORY RECORD FORMAT

1. SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION BLOCK

| <u>WOR</u> | D CONTENT AND USE | FORMAT |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | PROJECT IDENTIFICATION | 19 |
| 2 | GROUP IDENTIFIACTION | 19 |
| 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 NORT | H I10 |
| 9 | ALTITUDE IN METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL | I10 |
| 10 | GROUND CLEARANCE IN METRES | I10 |
| 2. CH WOR | IANNEL IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (for the Nth channel) D CONTENT AND USE | FORMAT |
| <u>wor.</u> 1 | CHANNEL CODE | FORMAT 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 |

TABLE 2

DATA RECORD FORMAT

| MOF | RD CONTENT AND USE | <u>FORMAT</u> |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | FIDUCIAL AT FIRST DATA SAMPLE IN RECORD | 19 |
| 2 | FIDUCIAL AT LAST DATA SAMPLE IN RECORD | 19 |
| 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 |
| • | | |
| E | rc | |
| 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.

TABLE 3

GRID HEADER RECORD FORMAT

| CHARACTER POSITION | | | 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 |
| 005.014 | 40 | 4.40 | 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 |
| 000 040 | 40 | T10.0 | 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 |
| 011 000 | 10 | 410 | as x,y origin. |
| 311-320 | 10 | A10 | Date of creation of surface |
| 001.044 | 2.4 | 044044 | (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 5 | <u> 15</u> | 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 |
| | | | \mathbf{mode} (ROW). |
| 389-5120 | | | Blank filled. |

FIGURE 1

SEQUENTIAL DATA FILE STRUCTURE

| | _ | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| First Segment | | Vth Jment | \ \ | Last Segment | EOF |
| SDR | First Chain | Nth Chain | | Last Chain | EOF |
| SIB | | | ı | | , |
| CIB | ·] | | | | |
| CIB | | | | | |

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 PROCEDURE:

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:

 $10~\mathrm{Hz}$

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 MANOUEVRES

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

KEYBOARD:

limited alphanumeric

DISPLAY:

green fluorescent, 80 character

self scan panel

OUTPUTS:

serial data comunication port: RS232C - max. rate 19.2 KBaud

parallel output port: 16 bit with full handshaking (DRV11-J)

(optional)

POWER:

28 +/- 4 VDC, 5A, 150 W (for single

magnetometer)

7A, 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

 $(8.9 \times 7.25 \times 8.7 \text{ in})$

power supply weight:

5.5 KG (12 lbs)

SPECIFICATIONS - G866 BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER

<u>Display</u>: 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.

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

<u>Clock</u>: 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.

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

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

<u>Sample Interval</u>: 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 push-button.

External Cycling: Can be initiated by external cycling device.

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

<u>Narrow</u>: 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.

<u>Wide Analog</u>: 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).

<u>Variable "Chart Speed"</u>: Simulates changes in chart speed by varying timeaxis 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.

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

<u>Paper Feed</u>: 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 two 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

| NAME | TYPE | CONTOUR INTERVAL /VERTICAL SCALE | REFERENCE NUMBER |
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| 1:250 000 | | | |
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| | TMI Profiles TC Profiles | 250 nT/cm 3000 cps/cm | 22-2/G51-13/4A-6 22-2/G51-13/6-6 |