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STATION CONSTANTS AND INSTRUMENTS

Latitude-40° 26.7' North.

Longitude-79° 57.2' West.

Lithological foundation—Birmingham Shale—Pennsylvania age.

Elevation—273 meters above sea level.

Instruments

Two Wenner horizontal seismographs (Orientation N 30° W and N 60° E)

One Benioff vertical seismograph (long-period recording only)

(The above instruments operate with photographic recording.)

Time Service and Control

Time marks are given by two Observatory master clocks. One is a special astronomical type (used as stand-by), while the other is a Frodsham astronomical clock (used for routine work).

Time signals are recorded automatically (or manually, depending on weather conditions) several times daily. These signals are transmitted from Washington, D. C. via Stations NSS and WWV.

The average clock drift is one-half second per day.

Instrument Constants

Magnification curves for the Wenner seismographs were given in No. 1, Vol. 1 of this Bulletin. The magnification curve for the Benioff is not yet completed. The "nominal" magnification for this instrument is approximately 24,000.

New Instrument Vault

A new instrument vault has been built in the Cathedral of Learning to house the mechanically recording pendula. Included in this vault will be an interferometer-type tiltmeter and a well-gage recorder.

Visual Recorder

A visual recorder, adapted to the Wenner seismometer, is being used currently on an experimental basis.

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MICROSEISMIC ACTIVITY

These data have been evaluated according to the following scale:

	HORIZONTAL AMPLITUDE	DESIGNATION
L	ess than 2 microns	Below normal
В	etween 2 and 3 microns	Normal
	Iore than 3 microns	Above normal
	DATE	EVALUATION
		The state of the s
January	1 - 2	Above normal
	2 - 5	Normal
	5 - 6	Above normal
	6 - 10	Considerably above normal
	10 - 12	Above normal
	12 - 14	Considerably above normal
	14 - 15	Slightly above normal
	15 - 16	Above normal
	16 - 17	Considerably above normal
	17 - 21	Above normal
	21 - 29	Slightly above normal
	29 - 31	Above normal
Eshmour	1 - 6	Above normal
February	6 - 7	Slightly above normal
	7 - 17	Above normal
		Slightly above normal
	17 - 18 18 - 28	Above normal
	10 - 20	2100ve norma
March	1 - 3	Slightly above normal
312,210,000	3 - 6	Above normal
	6 - 8	Slightly above normal
	8 - 10	Above normal
	10 - 15	Slightly above normal
	15 - 22	Above normal
	22 - 23	Slightly above normal
	23 - 25	Above normal
	25 - 30	Slightly above normal
	30 - 31	Above normal
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	DATE	EVALUATION
April	1 - 18	Recording apparatus over-
		hauled and adjusted
	18 - 23	Normal
	23 - 27	Slightly above normal
	27 - 28	Normal
	28 - 29	Slightly above normal
	29 - 30	Normal
May	1 - 7	Normal
	7 - 11	Slightly above normal
	11 - 15	Normal
	15 - 27	Below normal
	27 - 31	Normal
June	1 - 13	Slightly below normal
	13 - 17	Below normal
	17 - 20	Slightly below normal
	20 - 23	Below normal
	23 - 24	Normal
	24 - 27	Slightly above normal
	27 - 28	Normal
	28 - 30	Below normal
July	1 - 9	Below normal
	9 - 10	Normal
	10 - 12	Below normal
	12 - 16	Normal
	16 - 19	Below normal
	19 - 21	Normal
	21 - 31	Below normal
August	1 - 3	Slightly below normal
	3 - 4	Normal
	4 - 14	Below normal
	14 - 16	Normal
	16 - 18	Above normal
	18 - 20	Considerably above normal
	20 - 21	Above normal
	21 - 26	Normal
	26 - 31	Below normal

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MICROSEISMIC ACTIVITY

DATE	EVALUATION
September 1 – 3	Below normal
3 - 4	Normal
4 - 11	Above normal
11 - 14	Considerably above normal
14 - 16	Above normal
16 - 17	Normal
17 - 18	Above normal
18 - 19	Considerably above normal
19 - 21	Above normal
21 - 24	Normal
24 - 26	Above normal
26 - 30	Normal
October 1 – 3	Normal
3 - 5	Slightly above normal
5 - 18	Above normal
18 - 21	Slightly above normal
21 - 23	Above normal
23 - 26	Slightly above normal
26 - 28	Above normal
28 - 29	Considerably above normal
29 - 30	Above normal
30 - 31	Slightly above normal
November 1 – 9	Above normal
9 - 16	Slightly above normal
16 - 17	Normal
17 - 21	Slightly above normal
21 - 23	Above normal
23 - 24 $24 - 26$	Considerably above normal Above normal
24 - 26 $26 - 29$	Considerably above normal
29 - 30	Above normal
December $1 - 14$ 14 - 15	Above normal
	Slightly above normal
15 - 16 $16 - 17$	Above normal Considerably above normal
$\frac{16 - 17}{17 - 18}$	Above normal
$\frac{17 - 18}{18 - 23}$	Considerably above normal
23 - 28	Above Normal
28 - 29	Considerably above normal
29 - 31	Above normal

SECTION ON SEISMIC DATA

Earthquakes for which preliminary phases have been identified or for which preliminary epicenters have been worked out are numbered in the left-hand column as of No. 1, September 8, 1939. It was on this date that our new station was placed in operation.

	GNWCH DATE	COMPNT.	PHASE	GMT	
Jan. 3 Seismic activity centering			activity cen	tering abou	t 03h 20m (GCT)
	Jan. 29	NW	i	00-14-34	U.S.C.G.S. gives H=00h56m 32s G.C.T. Lat. 54°S Long. 71°W
	Feb. 3	Seismic a	activity cen	t 01h10m (GCT)	
		Seismic a	ctivity cent	05h 55m (GCT)	
	Feb. 5	Seismic a	ectivity cent	ering about	03h 05m (GCT) U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 01h 23m 30s GCT Lat. 50° S Long. 164° E
	Feb. 17	NW	i	03-53-12	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 03h 47m21s GCT Lat. 13½° N Long. 91° W
326	Feb. 28	Z Z Z H	iP i i iS	10-33-03 10-34-21 10-35-36 10-42-56	Δ (S-P) =77.2° = 8580 Km H=10-21-08 (GCT) U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 10h20m 58s GCT Lat. 46° N Long. 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E
	Mar. 7	NW NW	e i	02-28-40 02-38-44	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 02h07m 46s GCT Lat. 10° N Long. 124° E
327	Mar. 14	Z H H	ip iS i	03-18-35 03-25-28 03-26-30	Δ (S-P) = 46.4° = 5155 Km H = 03-10-09 U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 03h 10 m 02S GCT Lat. 8° S Long. 74° W

GNWCH DATE	COMPNT	. PHASE	GМТ	
Mar. 27	Seismic :	activity	centering about	13h 40m GCT U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 13h 04.7m04S GCT Lat. 53½° N Long. 173° E
Apr. 1-18	Recordin	ng appar	atus overhauled	and adjusted
Apr. 26	Seismic a	activity	centering about	07h 40m (GCT)
Apr. 30				11h 02m (GCT) 00h 10m (GCT)
May 11	Seismic	activity	centering about	00h 47m (GCT)
May 16	Seismic	activity	centering about	19h 20m (GCT)
May 19	H H H Seismic	e e e activity	03-04-01 03-08-05	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 02-38-10 GCT Lat. 20½°S Long. 169° E 08h 36m GCT
May 25			centering about	
June 5			centering about	
June 7	Z NW NW NW	i i i i	17-00-39 17-06-03 17-07-08	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 16h 52m 34S GCT Lat. 4°S Long. 76½°W
June 8	NW NW	e i	16-25-55 16-32-16	
June 19	Z	i	12-56-35	
June 21	Seismic	activity	centering about	07h 50m GCT
June 25	NW NW	e i	22-45-41 22-57-06	
July 8	Seismic	activity	centering about	04h 40m GCT
July 12	H	е	11-27-01	
July 13	H H H	i i i	04-21-28 04-26-50 04-30-41	

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GNWCH DATE	COMPNT.	PHASE	GMT				
July 20	Seismic activity centering about 10h 05m GCT						
July 21	H H	i i	20-53-14 21-01-55				
July 25	Seismic ac	Seismic activity centering about 18h 40m GCT					
July 28		eR e e nreadable- t 18h 05m		trace) seismic activity center-			
July 29	Seismic ac H	ctivity cen i	tering abou 17-08-44	t 15h 05m GCT			
July 30	H	i	00-09-22				
Aug. 1	H H	i i	08-55-53 09-37-14	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 09h 11m 39s GCT Lat. 42½°N Long. 145° E			
Aug. 17	Seismic activity centering about 23h 05m GCT Records unreadable because of overlapping trace						
Aug. 5	Н Н Н	i i i	09-38-51 09-41-34 09-42-21	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 09h 16m 48s GCT Lat. 50°S Long. 164° E			
Aug. 7	H H	e? i	03-04-09 03-21-49	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 02h 44m GCT Lat. 6° N Long. 126° E			
Aug. 13	Н	i .	16-52-19	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 16h 43m 20s GCT Lat. 19½° N Long. 70½° W			

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	GNWCH			2000					
	Aug. 15		r. PHASE	GMT	24h 40m CCT				
	Aug. 10								
		Seismic	Seismic activity centering about 14h 24m 11S						
		(Record		ole - overlap-	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 14h 09m 30s GCT Lat. 28 ½° N Long. 97° E				
	Aug. 17	Seismic	Seismic activity centering about 16h 50m GCT						
	Sept. 9	Seismic	activity ce	entering about	t 10h 50m GCT				
	Sept. 10	NW	i	15-35-58	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 15h 15m 57S GCT				
		NW	i	15-38-25	Lat. 14°S Long. 167° E				
	Sept. 16	NW	i	01-12-09	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 00h 55m 36S GCT Lat. 4° S Long. 104½° W				
	Sept. 20	Phases unreadable - microseismic activity.							
	Sept. 23	NW	е	00-17-13	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 23h 53m 29S GCT				
		NW	е	00-18-03	Lat. 18° S				
		NW	i	00-18-38	Long. 177° W				
		NW	i	00-26-11					
		NW	i	00-28-42					
	Sept. 27	Seismic	activity co	entering abou	t 04h 10m GCT				
3	Sept. 29	Z	eP	06-38-44	Δ (S-P) = 30.4° = 3380 Km				
		H	iPP	06-40-13	H = 06-32-28				
-		H	iS	06-43-52	U.S.C.G.S. gives				
					H = 06h 32m 14S GCT				
					Lat. 19° N				
					Long. 107° W				
		Aftersh	ock-beginni	ing about 08h	02m GCT				
	Oct. 3	Seismic activity centering about 13h 04m GCT							

	GNWCH DATE	COMPNT.	PHASE	GMT			
	Oct. 5	H eP 16-15-44 U.S.C.G.S. gives H iP 16-15-46 H = 16h 09m 34S GCT Overlapping trace - other phases Lat. $10\frac{1}{2}$ ° N Undiscernible Long. 85 ° W Aftershock centering about 17h 15m GCT					
	Oct. 8	H H	i i	03-42-58? 03-46-15?			
	Oct. 20	Z H	e e	07-50-53 07-55-11			
329	Oct. 21	H H	ep iS	09-49-03 09-54-11	Δ (S-P) = 30.3° = 3380 Km H = 09-42-58		
	Oct. 23	Z Z H	eP i iS	16-19-27 16-19-40 16-24-26	Δ (S-P) = 29.1° = 3235 Km H = 16-13-23 U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 16h 13m 24S GCT Lat. 14½° N Long. 92° W		
		Z H	iP i	17-53-56 23-51-17	(aftershock)		
	Oct. 24	H	i	01-03-34			
	Nov. 5				17h 02m GCT 18h 40m GCT		
	Nov. 6	Seismic a	ctivity ce	entering about	03h 30m GCT		
	Nov. 11	Seismic a	ctivity ce	ntering about	09h 55m GCT		
330	Nov. 17	H H H	iP i iS iSS	19-34-26 19-35-28 19-39-18 19-40-36	Δ (S-P) = 28.1° = 3120 Km H = 19-28-31		
	Dec. 1	Z Z	i i	14-58-21 14-59-49	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 14h 51m 00S GCT Lat. 14° N Long. 47° W		

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	GNWCH DATE	COMPNT.	PHASE	GMT	
	Dec. 2	Z H	i i	15-27-14 15-33-51	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 15h 19m 20s GCT Lat. 8° S Long. 71½° W
		Z H H H	e i i	20-10-36 20-17-36 20-18-53 20-21-54	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 19h 51m 45s GCT Lat. 18° S Long. 167° E
	Dec. 4	H	i	16-48-18	
331	Dec. 9	$egin{array}{llll} H & i & 21-50-11 & H = 21m \\ H & i S & 21-57-54 & U.S.C.G.S \\ H = 21h \\ Lat. 24^{\circ} S \\ \end{array}$	Δ (S-P) = 62.6° = 6955Km H = 21m 39S U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 21h 38m 56S GCT Lat. 24° S Long. 67½°W		
	Dec. 10	Z H H	i i i	03-00-08 03-07-43 03-09-42	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 02h 50m 30S GCT Lat. 14½° S Long. 76½° W
		Z H H	i i i	13-41-21 13-47-42 13-48-50	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 13h 23m 10S GCT Lat. 28½° S Long. 179° W
	Dec. 14	Н Н Н	i i i	02-07-43 02-11-12 02-17-05	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 01h 52m 47S GCT Lat. 19½° S Long. 176° W
		Seismic a	ctivity ce	ntering abou	t 13h 50m GCT
	Dec. 18	Z H	iP i	08-10-18 08-14-47	U.S.C.G.S. gives H = 08h 04m 46S GCT Lat. 15° N Long. 90° W

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