THE GRANITES AREA
(THE GRANITES [S], HIGHLAND ROCKS, MOUNT SOLITAIRE [S AND E], MOUNT THEO) AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY, 1993 - OPERATIONS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation flew an airborne geophysical survey of 111 710 line km over the entire Highland Rocks and Mount Theo 1:250 000 map sheet areas and a portion of The Granites and Mount Solitaire 1:250 000 map sheet areas during July, August, September and October 1993.

The portion of the survey covering The Granites and Highland Rocks 1:250 000 map sheet areas form part of the Kimberley-Arunta Project Area of the National Geoscience Mapping Accord.

The survey was flown along north-south flight lines spaced 500m apart at an altitude of 90m above ground level.

The total magnetic intensity, gamma-ray spectrometric and digital elevation model data which were collected during the survey, have been processed and are available for purchase, in both digital (point located data and gridded) and map form, from the Australian Geological Survey Organisation. Colour and greyscale pixel image maps are also available.

1. SURVEY AREA AND PARAMETERS

(i) Area Description

The Granites airborne survey covers the The Granites (southern quarter), Higland Rocks, Mount Solitaire (southern quarter and eastern one-third) and Mount Theo 1:250 000 topographic map sheets. The exact survey area is shown in Appendix A.

(ii) Survey Parameters

Altitude	90 m nominal terrain clearance
Flight line direction	North-South
Tie line direction:	East-West
Survey Line spacing:	
Flight line spacing:	500 m
Tie line spacing:	5000 m
Survey distance flown:	
Lines:	101260 km
Ties:	10450 km
Total distance:	111710 km
Sampling interval	
Magnetics:	0.1 seconds (approx 7m)
Gamma-ray spectrometrics:	1.0 seconds (approx 67m)
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 The Granites Gold Mine in the Northern Territory for the duration of the survey from 23 July to 1 November 1993.

(b) Flying Dates

A compensation flight for the magnetic field of the aircraft was flown on 27 July. Production flying commenced on the same day and continued through to 31 October. 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 Leaders:	Mario Bacchin	(23 July to 27 September)
	Murray Richardson	(23 July to 26 July)
	Ross Brodie	(24 September to 1 November)
Manager:	Ken Horsfall	(23 July to 13 August)
Technicians:	Phillip Doolan	(23 July to 20 August)
	" "	(30 September to 1 November)
	Trevor Dalziell	(20 August to 27 September)
Operators:	Selwyn Wilcox	(23 July to 13 August)
	" "	(30 September to 1 November)
	Lars Rickardsson	(17 August to 15 October)
	Duncan Souter	(17 August to 17 September)
	Frank Simonis	(21 October to 1 November)
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 in the World Geodetic System 1984 (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 Ashtech '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 (NFM8), located at The Granites Gold Mine administration offices, as a fixed reference.

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

Longitude	:	130°19"01.62' E
Latitude	:	20°32"37.12' S
Ellipsoidal height	:	432.481 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 a 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 C.

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 D. Compensation procedures are described in Chapter 4.

The AADC low pass filters the total magnetic field intensity data using a second order 0.9 Hz recursive 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, incorporating 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. This reduced the system dead-time to 13.95 microseconds/pulse. 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 recorded VLF data are poor quality data and have not been processed.

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.

Prior to commencement of production flying the radar altimeter system was checked. This involved flying the aircraft at 30 metre height intervals, up to a height of 210 metres over The Granites airstrip using the aircraft’s barometric altimeter as the height reference. Radar altimeter and GPS height data were recorded for each height interval flown. A comparison of these data with the aircraft’s barometric altimeter verified that the system was operating satisfactorily.

(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 F. 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. 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 were 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 developed 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 G.

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 if it was judged to be necessary after analysing magnetic data recorded during aircraft test manoeuvres. They were flown at an altitude of 2930 m above sea level, approximately 25 kilometres north-northeast of The Granites Gold Mine over an area between 130°18' to 130°26'E and 20°15' to 20°24'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 H.

(ii) Gamma-ray Spectrometer Calibration

Crystal alignment checks were performed (using a small thorium source) on 27 July 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 150 seconds or approximately 10 kilometres. The location of the test line used for the survey is shown in Appendix I.

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 and compared with the preceding flights 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 only rarely varied by greater than 10% for the test line, well inside a 15% variation which would be considered acceptable.

5. DATA PROCESSING

Flight path recovery, data checking and editing, and preliminary gridding and imaging were performed at the survey base. Final magnetic, gamma-ray spectrometric and digital elevation model data processing were carried out in Canberra using the Geophysical Mapping Section's airborne data processing system, ARGUS.

The data processing was divided into the following three tasks:

(a) Data located on The Granites and Highland Rocks 1:250 000 sheet areas were processed as one block.

(b) Data located on the Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo 1:250 000 sheet areas were processed as one block.

(c) The gridded data for the Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block were adjusted via low order polynomial (degree three or less) warping such that they were levelled to the gridded data for The Granites and Highland Rocks block. The point-located data for the Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block were then adjusted via low order polynomial corrections such that they were consistent with the adjusted gridded data for these sheets. Thus the point-located data for both blocks were levelled.

(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 which were recorded internally every five seconds on both GPS receivers were post-processed daily in the field using "Ranger"-an Ashtech proprietary program. "Ranger" calculates the corrected flight path (longitude, latitude and height) relative to the WGS84 reference ellipsoid.

At the end of each flying day the corrected longitude and latitude data calculated at five second intervals by "Ranger" were used to correct the GPS data which were recorded every one second on the aircraft acquisition system. As well as the standard "Ranger" corrections, other acquisition system specific corrections were applied. Position data were converted from the WGS84 coordinate system to the Australian Geodetic Datum 1984 (AGD84) coordinate system which is defined in Appendix J. The full correction procedure is described in Appendix K and is outlined below.

(a) Position calculation delay correction.

(b) Fiducial synchronisation 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
500 m	100 m	greater than 5 km

When both the across track deviation and along line distance were exceeded that portion of the survey line was reflown. This occured on two survey lines.

(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 1993.75 and for an altitude of 560 m above sea level, which was estimated to be the mean survey altitude, was then subtracted from the data. The IGRF was calculated from the coefficients defined by the IAGA (1991). All magnetic 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 the tie line levelling were as follows.

The Granites and Highland Rocks block:

(a) Tie line 391 was chosen as a reference tie.

(b) All other ties were levelled to tie line 391 using degree six polynomial adjustments.

(c) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points, using degree four polynomial adjustments.

(d) Ties were then adjusted to minimise crossover differences, using degree six polynomial adjustments.

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

Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block:

(a) Tie line 430 was chosen as a reference tie.

(b) All other ties were levelled to tie line 430 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). Identical filter characteristics were used for both blocks and these are described below

(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 5000 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 1800 metres.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 1000 metres before being applied to the line data.

The micro-levelled data were gridded using the minimum curvature technique described by Briggs (1974), employing a 105 m (3.5") grid cell size.

(iv) Gamma-ray Spectrometer Data Processing.

The 1 second multichannel spectrometer data were first corrected for a system deadtime of 13.95 microseconds/pulse and then energy calibrated. The energy calibration technique used involves nominating a standard spectrum to which all other spectra are matched by iteratively adjusting the zero level and gain using a double quadratic minimisation technique (Minty and others, 1990).

Four-channel data were created by summing adjacent channels from the deadtime corrected and energy calibrated multichannel data over the conventional 4 windows (as given in Chapter 3 - Section (iv)). 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 90 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

$$N_{corrected} = N_{uncorrected}\, e^{-u(H-h)}$$

where

$N_{corrected}$ = corrected counts

$N_{uncorrected}$ = uncorrected counts

H = nominal flying height

h = measured flying height

u = attenuation coefficient

Attenuation coefficients for each channel are given below

$u_{total\ count}$ = 0.00656

$u_{potassium}$ = 0.00755

$u_{uranium}$ = 0.00557

$u_{thorium}$ = 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

$$N_{TH(corrected)} = N_{TH}$$

$$N_{U(corrected)} = N_U - A \times N_{TH(corrected)}$$

$$N_{K(corrected)} = N_K - B \times N_{TH} - C \times N_{U(corrected)}$$

where

N_{TH} = counts in the thorium channel

N_U = counts in the uranium

N_K = counts in the potassium channel

A = 0.502

B = 0.513

C = 0.893

Gamma-ray spectrometric data were levelled in much the same way as the magnetic data. However, prior to sampling the crossover points, a 15 point convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 1000 m was passed over the data. Note that these filtered data were only used for the crossover analysis and the final point located data have not been filtered.

The Granites and Highland Rocks block:

The Potassium, Uranium and Thorium channels were levelled in exactly the same way as the Total Count data, except that higher lower order polynomial adjustments were made to the Total Count data. The steps involved in tie line levelling were as follows.

(a) Tie line 391 was chosen as a reference tie.

(b) All other ties were levelled to tie line 391 using degree three (degree six for Total Count) polynomial adjustments.

(c) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points, using degree three (degree four for Total Count) polynomial adjustments.

(d) Ties were then adjusted to minimise crossover differences, using degree three (degree six for Total Count) polynomial adjustments.

(e) Finally the lines were adjusted individually to minimise crossover differences, using degree one (degree four for Total Count) polynomial adjustments.

Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block:

The Total Count, Potassium, and Thorium channels were levelled in exactly the same way as the Uranium data, except that degree zero polynomial adjustments were made to the Uranium data. Also a different reference tie was chosen for levelling of the Uranium data. The steps involved in tie line levelling were as follows.

(a) Tie line 430 (tie line 320 for Uranium) was chosen as a reference tie.

(b) All other ties were levelled to the reference tie line using degree three (degree zero for Uranium) polynomial adjustments.

(c) Lines were adjusted on a flight by flight basis to minimise the differences at line/tie crossover points, using degree three (degree zero for Uranium) polynomial adjustments.

(d) Ties were then adjusted to minimise crossover differences, using degree three (degree zero for Uranium) polynomial adjustments.

(e) Finally the lines were adjusted individually to minimise crossover differences, using first degree (degree zero for Uranium) polynomial adjustments.

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

The Granites and Highland Rocks block:

(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 7500 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 3000 metres for Total Count data and 4000 metres for Potassium, Uranium and Thorium data.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 1000 metres before being applied to the line data.

Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block:

(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 15000 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 6000 metres.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 2000 metres before being applied to the line data.

All channels were gridded to a 105 m (3.5") cell size using Brigg's minimum curvature technique. Prior to sampling data for gridding, the data were filtered with a five point low pass convolution filter with a cut-off wavelength of 300 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.

(v) Digital Elevation Model Data Processing.

As described in Chapter 5 - Section (ii), range data recorded internally every five seconds on both GPS receivers were post-processed on a daily basis using "Ranger"-an Ashtech proprietary program. "Ranger" calculates the position of aircraft GPS receiver's antenna, including longitude, latitude and height relative to the WGS84 reference ellipsoid for each set of range data (every five seconds).

As in the case of the longitude and latitude data, the following acquisition system specific corrections, which are described in Appendix K, are applied to the height data:

(a) Position calculation delay correction.

(b) Fiducial synchronisation correction.

(c) Coordinate system conversion.

The corrected height data, which are relative to the AGD84 reference ellipsoid, are then linearly interpolated to one second samples (70 metres) and are merged with the longitude and latitude data.

A radar altimeter provided the aircraft's ground clearance, the altimeter data being sampled every one second.

The raw ground elevation data were then calculated as the difference between the height of the aircraft above the ellipsoid and the height of the aircraft above the ground. These raw elevation data calculated every one second (70 metres) are relative to the AGD84 reference ellipsoid - the ellipsoid being a horizontal datum.

The next step is to convert the heights relative to the AGD84 ellipsoid to heights relative to the geoid. The geoid, which is defined as "the equipotential surface of the gravity field which best approximates mean sea level", is usually chosen as the datum to which heights plotted on maps are referred. The height of the geoid above the AGD84 ellipsoid is called the geoid-ellipsoid separation or N value.

Geoid-ellipsoid separation information for the area covered by The Granites Airborne Survey were supplied by the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group (AUSLIG) in February 1994. The set of N values were supplied as a 10 minute of arc (approximately 18 km) grid. AUSLIG also provides a program "DINTER" which uses bilinear interpolation to calculate N values on a one second of arc (approximately 1800 metres) grid. These values were then regridded using the GIPSI software package to a cell size of 3.5 seconds of arc (approximately 105 metres). This grid of N values was then used to calculate correction strings to be subtracted from the elevation data. The correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 1000 metres before being applied to the point-located elevation data.

The elevation data were then corrected to account for the vertical separation between the antenna of the aircraft's GPS receiver, on the roof of the aircraft, and radar altimeter on the belly of the aircraft. This antenna separation distance of 1.675 metres was also subtracted from the elevation data.

Elevation data were levelled in much the same way as the magnetic data. Identical levelling techniques, except for the choice of reference tie, were adopted for both blocks and these are described below.

(a) Tie line 391 was chosen as a reference tie for The Granites and Highland Rocks block. Tie line 320 was chosen as a reference tie for the Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo.

(b) All other ties were levelled to the reference tie line 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 first degree polynomial adjustments.

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

The Granites and Highland Rocks block:

(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 12000 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 5500 metres.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 1000 metres before being applied to the line data.

Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo block:

Two passes of the micro-levelling technique were applied to elevation data in this block.

Pass 1:
(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 15000 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 6000 metres.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 2000 metres before being applied to the line data.

Pass 2:
(a) Low pass filter in the flight line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 5000 metres.

(b) High pass filter in the tie line direction with a cut-off wavelength of 3000 metres.

(c) Correction strings were low pass filtered with a cut-off wavelength of 5000 metres before being applied to the line data.

The micro-levelled data were gridded using Brigg's minimum curvature technique, employing a 105 m (3.5") grid cell size.

(vi) Final Products

(a) Standard AGSO geophysical maps

An AGSO standard 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 L.

(b) Digital Data

Final processed point-located data and grids were archived in the standard AGSO ARGUS format, on exabyte magnetic tape cartridges and magneto-optical discs, in ASCII format (Appendix M).

(c) Pixel Image Maps

Additional to the standard AGSO geophysical maps listed in Appendix L, pixel image maps have been compiled using the method described by Milligan and others (1992). The Northern Territory Geological Survey (NTGS) has provided AGSO with airborne geophysical data covering the Tanami (eastern two-thirds), Highland Rocks (northern three-quarters) and Mount Solitaire (western two-thirds and northern three-quarters) 1:250 000 map sheets. Gridded magnetic data from these areas have been merged with the AGSO data described in this report. The following pixel image maps have been released.

(1) Greyscale 1:500 000 scale north-south gradient image of total magnetic intensity covering the Tanami (eastern two-thirds), Highland Rocks, The Granites, Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo 1:250 000 map sheets.

(2) Colour 1:500 000 scale image of total magnetic intensity with illumination from the north covering the Tanami (eastern two-thirds), Highland Rocks, The Granites, Mount Solitaire and Mount Theo 1:250 000 map sheets.

(3) Colour 1:250 000 scale image of the digital elevation model with illumination from the north covering the Mount Theo 1:250 000 map sheet.

It is anticipated that 1:250 000 scale images will also be released for each 1:250 000 map sheet area covered by this survey.

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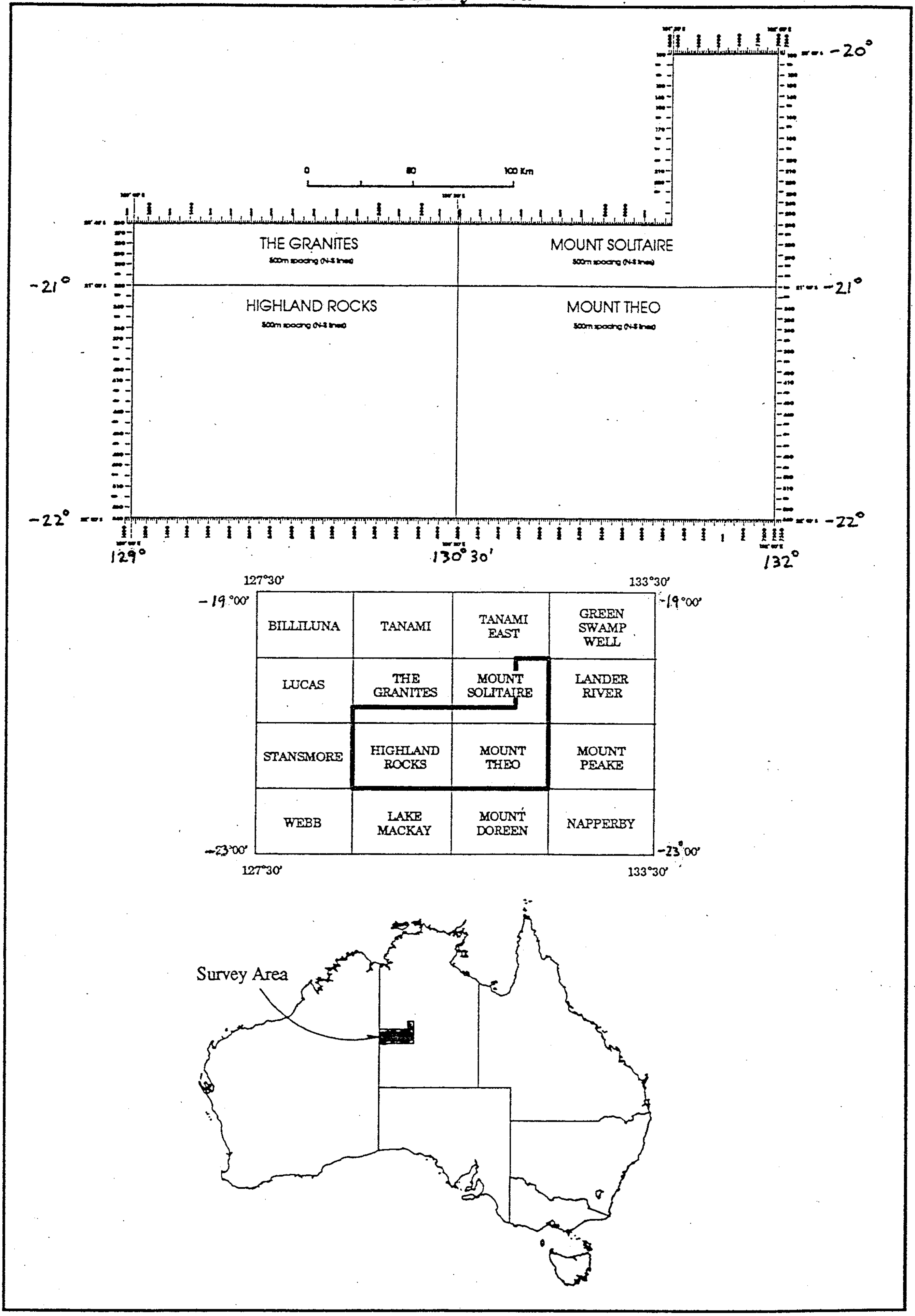
APPENDIX A

Survey Area



APPENDIX B-1

Flying Dates and Line Kilometres Flown

DATE	FLIGHT NUMBER	COMMENTS	LINE / TIE KILOMETRES
23/7/93		Ferry from Perth to Leonora en route to The Granites	0
24/7/93		Ferry to The Granites	0
25/7/93	487	Attempted compensation - alternator failure	0
25/7/93		Ferry to Broome to repair alternator	0
26/7/93		Return ferry from Broome	0
27/7/93	488	Compensation and test lines	0
27/7/93	489	First production flight	578
28/7/93	490	Operations normal	800
28/7/93	491	Operations normal	800
29/7/93	492	Operations normal	765
30/7/93		Ferry to Alice Springs for air conditioner repairs	0
31/7/93		Return ferry from Alice Springs	0
1/8/93	493	Test flight for radar altimeter, GPS and magnetometer	0
1/8/93	494	Operations normal	1000
1/8/93	495	Operations normal	646
2/8/93	496	Operations normal	785
3/8/93	497	Operations normal	870
3/8/93	498/9	Compensation for airconditioner turned off and survey lines	638
		Chart recorder jammed twice	
		Data acquisition system restarted with new flight number	
4/8/93	500	Flight abandoned rear door or came open	452
4/8/93	501	Chart recorder jammed	800
5/8/93	502	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	452
6/8/93	503	Base station GPS failed during last five lines flight	389
6/8/93	504	Chart recorder jammed	794
7/8/93	505	Operations normal	800
7/8/93	506	Operations normal	910
8/8/93	507	Operations normal	794
8/8/93	508	Operations normal	1022
9/8/93	509	Operations normal	908
10/8/93	510	Operations normal	908
10/8/93	511	Operations normal	908
11/8/93	512	Operations normal	908
11/8/93	513	Operations normal	1135
12/8/93	514	Operations normal	908
13/8/93	515	Operations normal	908
14/8/93	516	Operations normal	908
14/8/93	517	Operations normal	940
15/8/93		Ferry to Broome for Check 1 service	0
18/8/93		Return ferry from Broome	0
19/8/93	518	Compensation followed by survey lines	360
19/8/93	519	Operations normal	900
20/8/93	520	Operations normal	965
20/8/93	521	Operations normal	1035
21/8/93	522	Operations normal	965
21/8/93	524	Operations normal	650
22/8/93	525	Operations normal	1000

APPENDIX B-2

Flying Dates and Line Kilometres Flown

DATE	FLIGHT NUMBER	COMMENTS	LINE / TIE KILOMETRES
22/8/93	526	Operations normal	825
23/8/93	527	Operations normal	1045
23/8/93	528	Operations normal	820
24/8/93	529	Operations normal	1000
25/8/93	530	Operations normal	1010
26/8/93	531	Flight abandoned - computer malfunction	0
26/8/93	532	Operations normal	615
27/8/93	533	Operations normal	975
27/8/93	534	Operations normal	850
28/8/93	535	Operations normal	870
28/8/93	536	Operations normal	1160
29/8/93	537	Operations normal	1160
29/8/93	538	Operations normal	1160
30/8/93	539	Operations normal	1160
30/8/93	540	No post-flight test line	1236
31/8/93	541	Operations normal	1135
1/9/93	542	Operations normal	990
1/9/93	543	Operations normal	1095
2/9/93	544	Operations normal	1015
3/9/93	545	Operations normal	1015
3/9/93	546/7	Chart recorder jammed	1060
		Data acquisition system restarted with new flight number	
4/9/93	548	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	217
5/9/93		Ferry to Broome for Check 2 service	0
8/9/93		Test flight after service	0
9/9/93		Return ferry from Broome	0
9/9/93	549	Compensation followed by survey lines	725
10/9/93	550	Operations normal	1088
10/9/93	551	Operations normal	1160
11/9/93	552	Operations normal	1160
11/9/93	553	No post-flight background test line	1305
12/9/93	554	Operations normal	1160
12/9/93	555	No post-flight background test line	1305
13/9/93	556	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	580
13/9/93	557	Magnetometer test flight	0
14/9/93	558	Operations normal	1160
15/9/93	559	Temperature gauge showing errors	1160
15/9/93	560	Temperature gauge showing errors	1015
16/9/93	561	Operations normal	1160
16/9/93	562	Operations normal	1160
17/9/93	563	Operations normal	1015
18/9/93	564	Operations normal	1160
18/9/93	565	Flight abandoned - magnetometer would not lock on	0
18/9/93	566	Operations normal	290
19/9/93	567	Operations normal	1000
19/9/93	568	Operations normal	1015
20/9/93	569	Operations normal	1035

APPENDIX B-3

Flying Dates and Line Kilometres Flown

DATE	FLIGHT NUMBER	COMMENTS	LINE / TIE KILOMETRES
20/9/93	570	Operations normal	930
21/9/93	571	Flight abandoned - too windy	580
22/9/93	572	Operations normal	870
23/9/93	573	Operations normal	1015
23/9/93	574	Operations normal	1030
24/9/93	575	Operations normal	1015
24/9/93	576	Operations normal	1015
25/9/93		Ferry to Broome for Check 3 service	0
30/9/93		Test flight after service	0
1/10/93		Return ferry from Broome	0
1/10/93	577	Compensation flight	0
2/10/93	578	Operations normal	1015
2/10/93	579	Operations normal	1015
3/10/93	580	Flight abandoned - too windy	435
4/10/93	581	Operations normal	870
4/10/93	582	Operations normal	1035
5/10/93	583	Operations normal	1015
5/10/93	584	Operations normal	1035
6/10/93	585	Operations normal	1015
7/10/93	586	Operations normal	870
8/10/93	587	Operations normal	870
8/10/93	588	Operations normal	1175
9/10/93	589	No post-flight test line	1015
9/10/93	590	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	230
11/10/93	591	Operations normal	1150
11/10/93	592	Operations normal	1150
12/10/93	593	Operations normal	1150
12/10/93	594	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	230
13/10/93	595	Operations normal	1150
13/10/93	596	Operations normal	1150
14/10/93	597	First two lines lost - base station GPS not recording	840
14/10/93	598	Operations normal	1070
15/10/93	599	Operations normal	1150
15/10/93	600	Operations normal	1150
16/10/93	601	145 kilometres of navigation reflies	690
16/10/93	602	Operations normal	1035
17/10/93	603	Operations normal	1035
18/10/93		Ferry to Broome for Check 4 service	0
20/10/93		Test flight after service	0
21/10/93		Return ferry from Broome	0
21/10/93	604	Compensation test flight	0
22/10/93	605	Operations normal	920
22/10/93	606	One line accidentally reflown	805
23/10/93	607	Operations normal	920
23/10/93	608	Training flight for Frank Simonis - three persons on board	690
25/10/93	609	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	230
26/10/93	610	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	115

APPENDIX B-4

Flying Dates and Line Kilometres Flown

DATE	FLIGHT NUMBER	COMMENTS	LINE / TIE KILOMETRES
26/10/93	611	Operations normal	920
27/10/93	612	Training flight for Frank Simonis - three persons on board	575
27/10/93	613	Operations normal	1075
28/10/93	614	Operations normal	920
28/10/93	615	Flight abandoned - active diurnal	230
29/10/93	616	Operations normal	920
29/10/93	617	Operations normal	1080
30/10/93	618	Operations normal	920
30/10/93	619	Operations normal	962
31/10/93	620	Operations normal	920
31/10/93	621	Post - flight test line flown in rain over wet ground	848

Total line/tie kilometres flown 111710

Total flights in survey	138
Productive survey flights	113
Unproductive survey flights	25

Abandoned flights 11

Unproductive survey flights consisted of:

Aircraft ferries	14
Compensation flights	2
Test flights 6	
In flight equipment malfunction	3

Abandoned survey flights consisted of:

In flight bad weather	2
Active diurnal	8
Other	1

APPENDIX C

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

APPENDIX D-1

Specifications - RMS Instruments
Automatic Aeromagnetic Digital Compensator

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 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 communication port: RS232C - max. rate 19.2 K Baud parallel output port: 16 bit with full handshaking (DRV11-J) (optional)

APPENDIX D-2

Specifications - RMS Instruments
Automatic Aeromagnetic Digital Compensator

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 console weight: 12.5 kg power supply dimensions: 225 x 180 x 220 mm power supply weight: 5.5 kg

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 accomodated.
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 +/- 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 +/- 0.01%.
Operating Temperature:	0° C to +50° C ambient.
Mixer Amplifiers:	Input capability up to 12 PMT's, or 50.4 l downward-looking and 3 PMT's or 12.6 l upward-looking.
Mixer Gain:	Input equals output (gain = 1). With a 95 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°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:	8.9 cm x 48.3 cm x 38 cm deep 7.9 kg

APPENDIX E-2

SPECIFICATIONS - DET1024 SPECTROMETER CRYSTAL DETECTOR

Crystal Type:	NaI - slab form - 10.1 cm thick, 40.6 cm wide and 40.6 cm long
Volume:	16,780 cu cm
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 +/- 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 +/- 1% over 24 hours of continuous operation. (Supplied by GR-900)
Temperature:	Operating: Internal 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 - 18.1 cm x 53.7 cm x 64.1 cm 77.3 kg

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 microseconds
Fall time:	0.1 to 10 microseconds
Impedance:	1000 ohms
Duration:	0.5 microseconds 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 microseconds + Logic + (Y x 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 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.

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

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

APPENDIX F-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 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.

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 push-button.

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 F-2

SPECIFICATIONS - G866 BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER

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

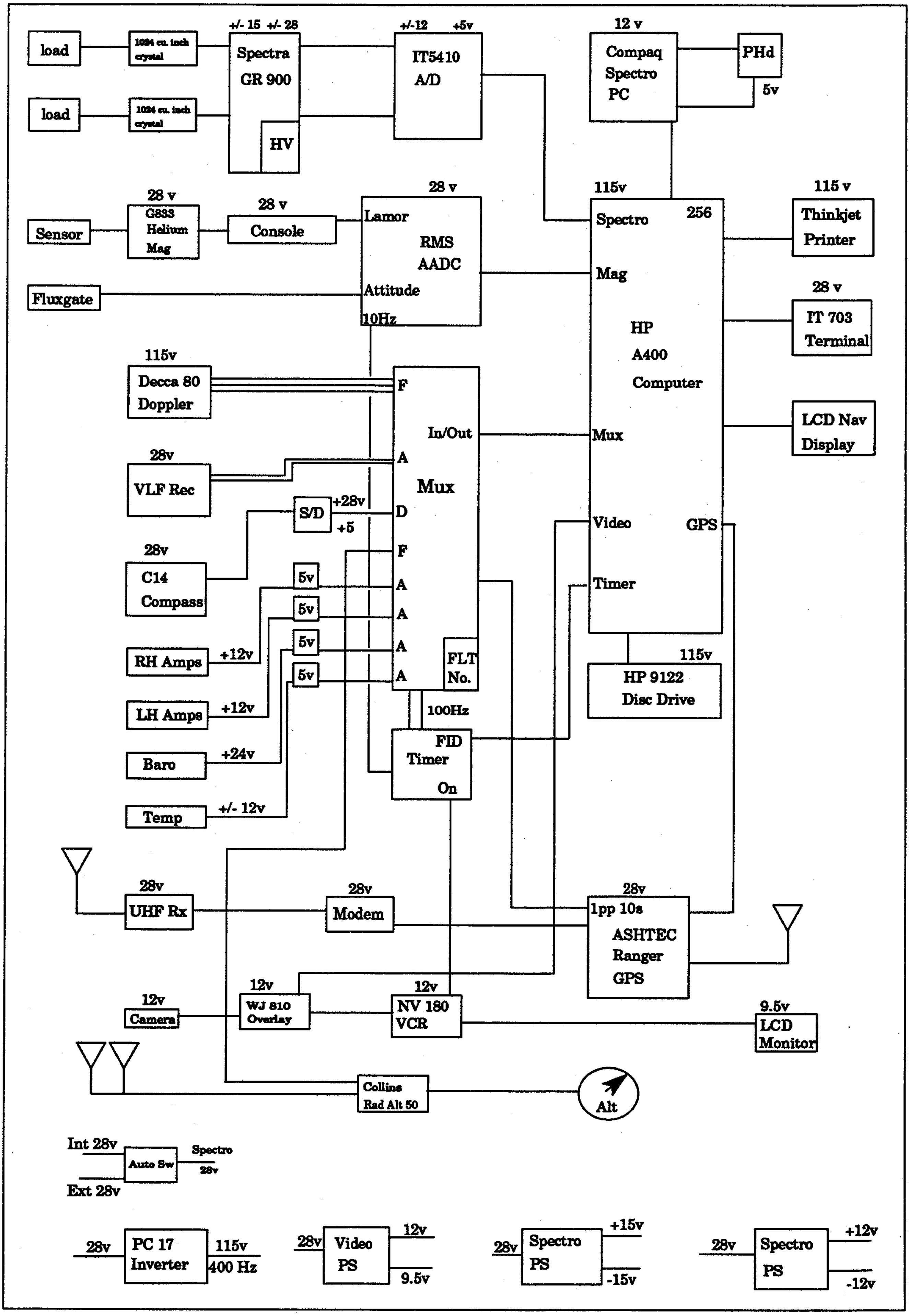
Paper Feed: Advances paper rapidly for loading and unloading paper. Also causes the printer to annotate the record with sensitivity, scale factors, sample interval and date.

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 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 G - AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION SYSTEM



APPENDIX H-1

Compensation Results

COMPENSATION 1. Date flown: 27 July 1993
Dates used: 27 July - 18 August 1993

Air conditioner on

SDU	=	0.4709
SDC	=	0.04242
IR	=	11.1
VN	=	15.0

COMPENSATION 2. Date flown: 3 August 1993
Dates used: 3 August - 18 August 1993

Air conditioner off

SDU	=	0.4213
SDC	=	0.03716
IR	=	11.3
VN	=	10.6

COMPENSATION 3. Date flown: 19 August 1993
Dates used: 19 August - 8 September 1993

Air conditioner on

SDU	=	0.4211
SDC	=	0.04732
IR	=	8.9
VN	=	14.4

Air conditioner off

SDU	=	0.4276
SDC	=	0.05120
IR	=	8.4
VN	=	10.8

COMPENSATION 4. Date flown: 9 September 1993
Dates used: 9 September - 30 September 1993

Air conditioner on

SDU	=	0.4964
SDC	=	0.04452
IR	=	11.1
VN	=	14.3

Air conditioner off

SDU	=	0.4744
SDC	=	0.04567
IR	=	10.4
VN	=	10.1

APPENDIX H-2

Compensation Results

COMPENSATION 5. Date flown: 1 October 1993
Dates used: 1 October - 31 October 1993

Air conditioner on	SDU	=	0.5320
	SDC	=	0.04060
	IR	=	13.1
	VN	=	15.1
Air conditioner off	SDU	=	0.4680
	SDC	=	0.03975
	IR	=	11.8
	VN	=	10.6

SDU = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres.

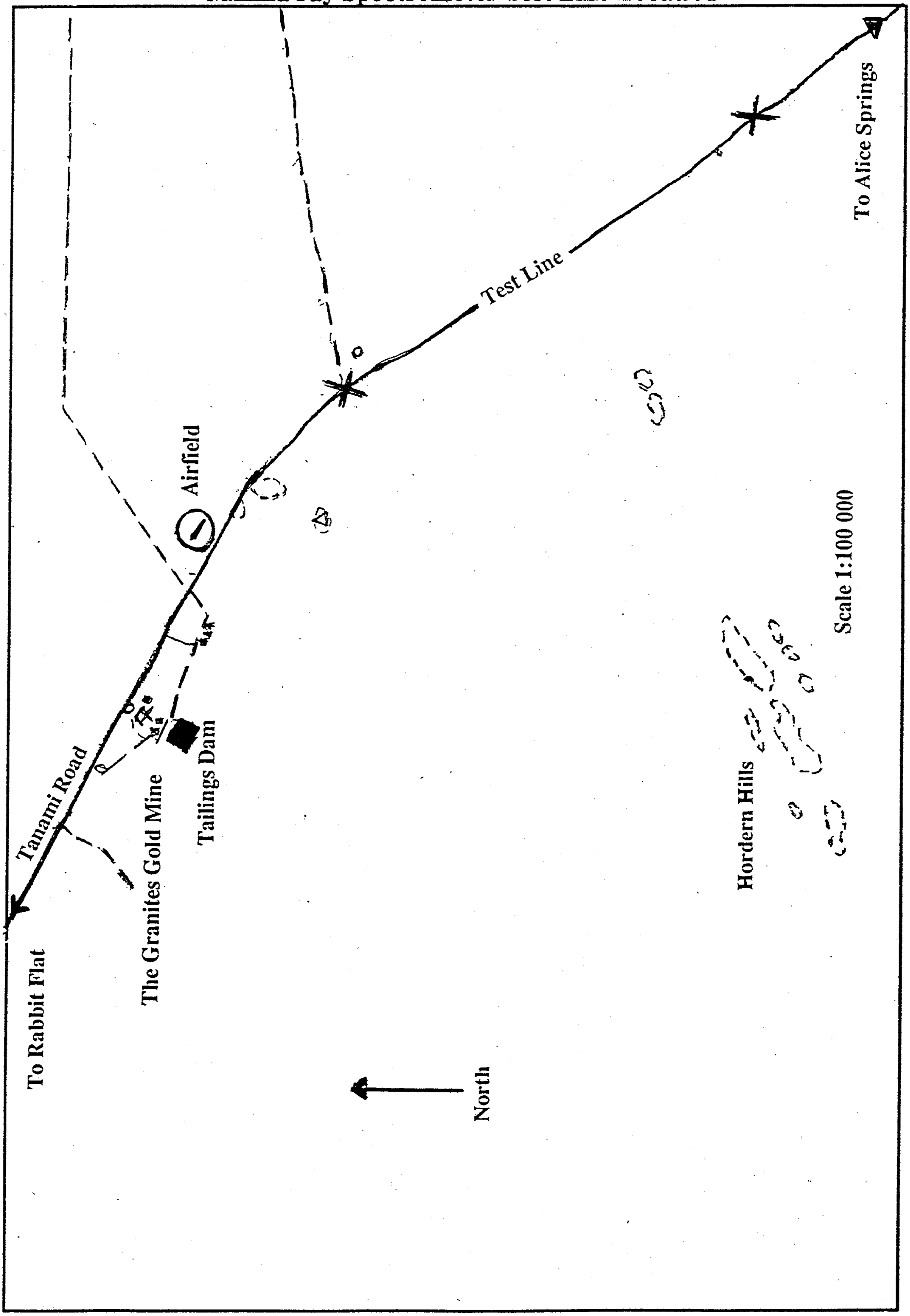
SDC = Standard deviation of the data recorded during manoeuvres after compensation corrections have been applied.

IR = Improvement ratio = SDU / SDC

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

APPENDIX I

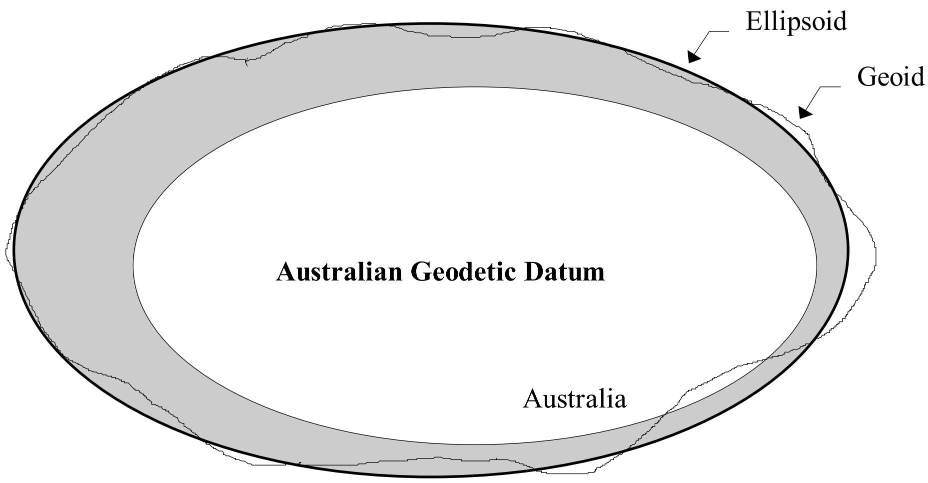
Gamma-ray Spectrometer Test Line Location



APPENDIX J

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 World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84). During processing these positions are converted to the local reference datum, AGD84 or Australian Geodetic Datum 1984.

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 AGD84:

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 AGD84 adjustment it was assumed that the geoid and the spheroid coincided at Johnston.

APPENDIX K

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

Using the range data which are recorded internally on both GPS receivers every five seconds, "Ranger" calculates the correct positions at five second intervals along the flight path. These corrected positions are utilised when correcting 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 84 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.

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Geophysical Maps

Name	Type	Contour Interval / Vertical Scale	Reference Number
1:250 000 scale			
The Granites	TMI Contours	20 nT	22-1/F52-03/1
"	TC Contours	100 cps	22-1/F52-03/2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-03/3
"	DEM Contours	5 m	22-1/F52-03/19
Highland Rocks	TMI Contours	20 nT	22-1/F52-07/1
"	TC Contours	100 cps	22-1/F52-07/2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3
"	DEM Contours	5 m	22-1/F52-07/19
Mount Solitaire	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-04/1
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-04/2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-04/3
"	DEM Contours	5 m	22-1/F52-04/19
Mount Theo	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-08/1
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-08/2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3
"	DEM Contours	5 m	22-1/F52-04/3
1:100 000 scale			
Pedestal Hills	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-03/1-4
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-03/2-4
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-03/3-4
"	TMI Profiles	100 nT/cm	22-1/F52-03/4-4
Inningarra	TMI Contours	10 nT	22-1/F52-03/1-5
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-03/2-5
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-03/3-5
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-03/4-5
Granites	TMI Contours	10 nT	22-1/F52-03/1-6
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-03/2-6
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-03/3-6
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-03/4-6
Sydney Margaret	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-1
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-1
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-1
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-1
"	TMI Profiles	25 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4a-1
Wickham	TMI Contours	10 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-2
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-2
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-2

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Geophysical Maps

Name	Type	Contour Interval / Vertical Scale	Reference Number
1:100 000 scale			
Highland	TMI Contours	10 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-3
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-3
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-3
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-3
Nardudi	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-4
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-4
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-4
"	TMI Profiles	100 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-4
McEwin	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-5
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-5
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-5
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-5
Mount Farewell	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-07/1-6
"	TC Contours	50 cps	22-1/F52-07/2-6
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-07/3-6
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4-6
"	TMI Profiles	50 nT/cm	22-1/F52-07/4a-6
Lake Surprise	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-04/1-3
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-04/2-3
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-04/3-3
"	TMI Profiles	100 nT/cm	22-1/F52-04/4-3
Gibbesmurray	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-04/1-4
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-04/2-4
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-04/3-4
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-04/4-4
Solitaire	TMI Contours	5 nT	22-1/F52-04/1-5
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-04/2-5
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-04/3-5
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-04/4-5
Walkeley	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-04/1-6
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-04/2-6
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-04/3-6
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-04/4-6
McDiarmid	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-1
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-1
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-1
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-1
Theo	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-2
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-2
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-2

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Geophysical Maps

Name	Type	Contour Interval / Vertical Scale	Reference Number
1:100 000 scale			
Patricia	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-3
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-3
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-3
"	TMI Profiles	250 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-3
Chilla	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-1
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-1
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-1
"	TMI Profiles	200 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-1
Yaloogarrie	TMI Contours	1 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-2
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-2
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-2
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-2
Turners Dome	TMI Contours	2 nT	22-1/F52-08/1-3
"	TC Contours	25 cps	22-1/F52-08/2-3
"	Flight Path		22-1/F52-08/3-3
"	TMI Profiles	150 nT/cm	22-1/F52-08/4-3

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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)
channel 4 edition 2 (processed magnetics)
channel 4 edition 3 (processed spectrometrics)
channel 4 edition 4 (processed digital elevation model)
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)

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.

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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 wihtin 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.

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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 4 edition 4 (processed digital elevation model)
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)

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

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C4 E2 - Corrected 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 (non micro-levelled) TMI (nT) * 1000
word 4 = final micro-levelled TMI (nT) *1000

C4 E3 - Corrected Gamma-ray 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

C4 E4 - Corrected Digital Elevation Model Data
Channel number = 4
Edition number = 2
Sample size = 4 words
word 1 and word 2 as for C4 E1
word 3 = final Aircraft Elevation (metres above sea level) * 1000
= final Terrain Elevation (metres above sea level) * 1000
for P599 - The Granites Airborne survey
word 4 = final Terrain Elevation (metres above sea level) * 1000
= does not exist
for P599 - The Granites Airborne survey

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)

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C6 E1 - Raw spectrometer data, Raw VLF 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
word 6 = VLF Total Field (% of primary field)
word 7 = VLF Vertical Quadrature (% of primary field)

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

C16 E1 - Raw GPS data
Channel number = 16
Edition number = 1
Sample size = 4 words
word 1 = Longitude in degrees * 1 000 000
word 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 berween time when a position is calculated and time until the next fiducial is generated by the data acquisition system. (hundredths of a second)

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.

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TABLE 1

SEGMENT DIRECTORY RECORD FORMAT

1. SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION BLOCK

WORD	CONTENT AND USE	FORMAT
1	PROJECT IDENTIFICATION	I9
2	GROUP IDENTIFIACTION	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

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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.

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TABLE 3

GRID HEADER RECORD FORMAT

CHARACTER POSITION	FIELD LENGTH	FORTRAN FORMAT	CONTENT
1-60	60	6A10	Grid Identification
61-170	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.