WOODY POINT AMATEUR STISMOLOGICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL STATION

Caroline Street, Woody Point, Queensland, Australia

June 20th, 1953

International Seismological Centre

Dear Sir,

This is the first quarterly bulletin of what is believed to be the only privately owned and operated seismological station in Australia, and is distributed on the owners behalf by courtesy of Professor W.H. Bryan, the head of the Department of Geology and Dr. O.A. Jones, Director of the University of Queensland Seismological Station, to whom very great thanks must be given for their very keen and unfailing interest in the project.

Sincere thanks are due also to Mr. E.W. Pollard B.Sc. who, as owner of an amateur station at Dorking, Surrey, England, gave the undersigned great encouragement before he left England, and whose criticisms and advice since the project was begun here have been most helpful.

The instrument is entirely homemade, from the simplest of materials and has been under general operating test for nearly 12 months before routine recording began on 11th Jan., 1953. It is hoped at a later date to install a second horizontal and a vertical instrument.

One of the main purposes of the project is to create an interest in amateur seismology, and it has every chance of success in that direction. One instrument at Dimbulah, near Cairns, North Queensland is nearly ready for operation, another at Warwick, Queensland is well advanced, while many people in different parts of Queensland have shown a keen interest and several have begun construction of an instrument.

The Woody Point station is situated on a small peninsula in Moreton Bay, the sea being only about \(\frac{1}{4} \) mile distant in each of three directions. The tidal range is 5 to 7 feet, and the lack of drift on the records proves beyond doubt the usefulness of the McComb-Romberg tilt compensation magnifier when working under adverse conditions.

It is hoped that the projected amateur stations will not only be of use to seismology in general, but also to the notinconsiderable research in Microseismic Meteorology, which is being conducted in Queensland at the present time.

Since the station was started, Mr. D. Beckley of Woody Point, has given great assistance in the operating of the station and preparation of the Bulletins, which will all be issued under the joint names.

It is hoped that the station will be placed on your mailing list for future publications.

Yours faithfully,

A. Crawfoot

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STATION

Caroline Street, Woody Point, Queensland, Australia Centre

Lat. 270-15'-37"S.

Long 1530-15'-20.6"E.

Height above M.S.L. 9.7 metres Foundation: Heavy Red Clay

Seismograph

Home Constructed Milne type with McComb-Romberg Tilt compensation magnifier. Mass. 20 ozs. To=6 sec. V= 390 Oil damping 15-1. Photographic registration. Paper Speed 10 mm. per min. Recording N-S component.

Time Control

Sangamo Contactor unit. BC-608-A rated twice daily against A.B.C. time signals. Times can be taken to the nearest second.

Meteorological Instruments

- Thermograph. 7 day record. Short and Mason, London
- Hydrograph (Hair Type) 7 day record. Flavelle Roberts & Sankey.
- 1 Dry bulb thermometer. Negritti and Zambra, London
- 1 Wet bulb Thermometer. Negritti and Zambra, London.
- 1 8" diam. Rain Gauge.

Tables used

Jeffreys and Bullen, 1940 Stonely Longwave tables

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Double amplitudes

0 - 1.5 = 1 Periods to nearest second following

1.5-2.5 = 2 Amplitude figure

2.5 and over=3 Example. 1-4 = up to 1.5 mm.

4 sec. per.

3-6 = over 2.5 mm.

6 sec. per.

Special notes will be made of cyclonic or other unusual conditions.

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January, 1953

Quake No.	DATE	PHASE	TIME	REMARKS Internation Seismologic Centre
1	19th	iP iS iLQ	14-52-08 52-34 56-08 56-32 56-47 15-05-45	S-P = 4.00 = 23° Timing doubtful to within 15 sec.
2	20th	iP	02-41-12 44-21	S-P = 3'9"=17°. Timing doubtful to within 15 s.
3		iPiS	17-40-46 46-35	S-P = 5'49"=399 U.S.C.G.S reports Molucca Passage. H=17.33.06
4	27th	iP iPP iS	03-30-55 31-17 34-56	Timing doubtful
5	28th	iP i(S)	12-30-26	
6	30th	iP ipP iS isS	21-51-20 51-34 54-51 55-26	h = 0.01
		Febru	ary 1953	
7	2nd	iP i iS	03-32-35 32-40 36-55	$S-P = 25^{\circ}$
8		i	08-40-48	
9	7th	iP	13-25-07 31-09	$S-P = 40^{\circ}$
10	loth	iP	14-02-15	U.S.C.G.S. reports Loyalty Islands.
11	14th	iPiS	21-56-34 22-03-22	U.S.C.G.S. reports. 18 10 N, 146°E. Marianes Islands
12	19th	i i(S)	13-12-33	
	No records		th & 28th inc.	usive due to flooding
13	2nd	i(S)	h 1953 02-17-23	U.S.C.G.S. reports. Solomon Islands h=60km.
14	3rd	iP iPP iS iSS	11-30-48 31-07 33-58 34-07	U.S.C.G.S. reports. 20°S, 169°E. Loyalty Is.
15		iP	13-45-06	
16		е	16-22-34	

Quake	DATE	PHASE	TIME	REMARKS
17	5th	iPiS	21-13-21 23-14	h=60 km. U.S.C.G.S. reports. 510N, 1580E. Internation Seismology
18	6th	eS	04-30-28	Centre
19		1	07-18-14	Possibly mechanical
20	9th	iP iPP iPP iS iSS i	10-08-42 09-15 09-25 12-46 13-35 14-45	S-P = 23° U.S.C.G.S. reports New Britain Region
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22	12th	eP e	11-50-10 56-50	
23	14th	eP eS	17-08-39 14-49	
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25	16th	iP	08-26-20 29-31	
26	19th	iP	08-47-16	
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