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## PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL OF MINERAL INDUSTRIES AND EXPERIMENT STATION

Dedicated to the exploration, development, and conservation  
of Pennsylvania's natural mineral resources, and their  
preparation, processing, and efficient utilization.

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### FIELD OF WORK

Geology, Mineralogy, Geography  
Petroleum and Natural Gas  
Mining and Geophysics  
Mineral Economics  
Fuel Technology  
Metallurgy  
Ceramics

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### DIVISIONS OF SERVICE

Resident Instruction  
Extension Instruction  
Correspondence Instruction  
Mineral Industries Research

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following publications and reports during January-June, 1937.

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Apia              | Oct.-Dec., 1936; Jan.-March, 1937                             |
| Bergen            | 1935, 1936  |
| Berkeley          | Jan.-June, 1936; Vol. VI, #1 and 2                            |
| de Bilt           | 1934  |
| Budapest          | 1932, 1936; Macroseism. Report 1932, 1936;<br>Publ. Ser. C #1 |
| Canada            | Dec., 1936; Jan.-Apr., 1937                                   |
| Cartuja           | June-August, 1936   |
| Florissant        | Aug.-Nov., 1936   |
| Hamburg           | Sept. 21, 1936-Feb. 17, 1937                                  |
| Helwan            | Dec., 1936; Jan.-April, 1937                                  |
| Ithaca            | 1936  |
| J. S. A.          | 1936, Bull. 29; 1937, Bulls. 1-9                              |
| Kobenhavn         | Oct.-Dec., 1934; Jan.-March, 1935                             |
| Ksara             | 1934  |
| La Plata          | Nov., Dec., 1936; Jan.-March, 1937                            |
| Little Rock       | June-Nov., 1936   |
| Manila            | Oct.-Dec., 1936; Jan.-March, 1937                             |
| Melbourne         | Oct.-Dec., 1936; Jan.-March, 1937                             |
| Oxford            | Internat. Seism. Summary Oct.-Dec., 1931;<br>Jan.-March, 1932 |
| Pasadena          | Jeffreys, Table for the Near Earthquake<br>Pulses             |
| Prague            | Oct.-Dec., 1936   |
| Reykjavik         | Oct.-Dec., 1936; Jan.-March, 1937                             |
| Riverview, N.S.W. | 1936  |
| Scoresby Sund     | Nov., Dec., 1936; Jan.-Apr., 1937                             |
| St. Louis         | July-Dec., 1934; Jan.-Dec., 1935                              |
| Switzerland       | Oct., 1936  |
| Uccle             | Nov., Dec., 1936; Jan.-May, 1937                              |
| U.S.C.G.S.        | July-Dec., 1936   |
| Wellington, N.Z.  | July-Sept., 1935  |
| —                 | Bulls. E 46-49; E 55-60; 106 II; 108;<br>111-114; 116         |
| Weston            | Jan., Febr., 1937   |
| Williamstown      | March, 1937   |
| Württemberg       | Erdbebendienst, 1935  |

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| Date    | Phase  | h  | G.   | C. | T. |                      |
|---------|--------|----|------|----|----|----------------------|
|         |        |    | m    | s  | T  | Remarks              |
| 1937    |        |    |      |    |    |                      |
| Jan. 7  | e      | 13 | 45   | 30 |    |                      |
|         | e      |    | 48   | 06 |    |                      |
|         | e      | 14 | 02   | 12 |    |                      |
|         | e      |    | 11.6 |    |    |                      |
|         | eL     |    | 19.5 |    |    |                      |
|         | M      |    | 28.3 |    | 18 |                      |
|         | C      |    |      |    |    | 16-20                |
|         | F      | 15 | 06   |    |    |                      |
| 19      | e      | 22 | 37   | 09 |    |                      |
|         | M      |    | 38.8 |    |    | 8                    |
|         | F      |    | 43   |    |    |                      |
| 25      | e      | 07 | 02   | 03 |    | $\Delta > 13000$ km  |
|         | e      |    | 10   | 31 |    |                      |
|         | eL     |    | 27   | 22 |    |                      |
|         | F      | 08 | 20   |    |    |                      |
| Febr. 7 | eL     | 04 | 59.1 |    |    |                      |
|         | M      | 05 | 02   |    |    |                      |
| 21      | eP     | 07 | 15   | 21 |    |                      |
|         | i      |    | 58   |    |    |                      |
|         | eScPcS |    | 25   | 49 |    |                      |
|         | eSSS   |    | 39   | 29 |    |                      |
|         | eL     |    | 43.2 |    |    |                      |
|         | e      |    | 50   | 15 |    |                      |
|         | M      |    | 59.2 |    | 20 |                      |
|         | C      |    |      |    |    | 16                   |
| Mar. 2  | iP     | 14 | 48   | 58 |    | epicenter in Ohio    |
|         | i      |    | 49   | 28 |    | $\Delta = 450$ km    |
|         | i      |    | 50   | 04 |    |                      |
|         | F      |    | 57   |    |    |                      |
| 9       | iP     | 00 | 45   | 56 |    | Same focus as        |
|         | i      |    | 46   | 20 |    | preceding            |
|         | i      |    |      | 54 |    | Later lines confused |
|         | F      |    | 58   |    |    |                      |
| 9       | e      | 15 | 47.9 |    |    | Record disturbed by  |
|         | e      |    | 52   |    |    | presence of person   |
|         | M      | 16 | 01.3 |    |    | in recording room    |
| 14      | i      | 12 | 06   | 30 |    |                      |
|         | i      |    | 07   | 01 |    |                      |
|         | e      |    | 15   | 21 |    | Surface waves not    |
|         |        |    |      |    |    | prominent            |
| 25      | i      | 17 | 05   | 26 | 2  |                      |
|         | i      |    | 06   | 09 | 12 |                      |
|         | C      |    |      |    | 6  |                      |
|         | F      |    | 18   |    |    |                      |

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State College, Pennsylvania, N-S Component  $T_0 = 6$  sec.

| Date    | Phase | h  | G.   | C. | T. | T  | Remarks             |
|---------|-------|----|------|----|----|----|---------------------|
| April 5 | e     | 07 | 19.0 |    |    |    | One wave group only |
| 16      | eP    | 03 | 25   | 43 |    | 2  | = 12000 km          |
|         | epP   |    | 27   | 32 |    | 8  | d = 300 km          |
|         | ePPP  |    | 30   | 05 |    |    |                     |
|         | eS    |    | 35   | 22 |    |    |                     |
|         | eSS   |    | 39   | 20 |    |    |                     |
|         | eL    |    | 51.2 |    |    |    | Large surface waves |
|         | F     | 04 | 11   |    |    |    | missing             |
| 29      | iP    | 19 | 02   | 24 |    |    |                     |
|         | i     |    |      | 31 |    |    |                     |
|         | e     |    | 09.7 |    |    |    |                     |
|         | eL    |    | 22   |    |    |    |                     |
|         | F     |    | 36   |    |    |    |                     |
| May 4   | eL    | 05 | 35.0 |    | 12 |    |                     |
| 21      | e     | 13 | 18.8 |    |    |    |                     |
| June 8  | i     | 22 | 38   | 59 |    |    |                     |
|         | e     |    | 40   | 48 |    |    |                     |
|         | i     |    | 42   | 21 |    |    |                     |
| 21      | iP    | 15 | 21   | 56 |    |    | Seconds not certain |
|         | i     |    | 22   | 38 |    |    | $\Delta = 5300$ km  |
|         | eS    |    | 28   | 44 |    | 4  | Felt in Peru        |
|         | e     |    | 32   | 54 |    |    |                     |
|         | M     |    | 43.1 |    |    | 18 |                     |

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| Apia              | April-Sept. 1937                            |
| Berkeley and aux. | July-Sept. 1936                             |
| Cartuja           | Oct.-Dec. 1936                              |
| Denver            | Met. Resumen 1936                           |
| Florissant        | 1936  |
| Hamburg           | Dec. 1936; Jan.-May 1937                    |
| Harvard           | Feb. 21-Aug. 24, 1937                       |
| Helwan            | July-Dec. 1935; Jan.-Dec. 1936              |
| Hukuoka           | May-Oct. 1937                               |
| J. S. A.          | 1936  |
| La Plata          | Prel. Bull. 10-22, 1937                     |
| Little Rock       | Apr.-Oct. 1937                              |
| Manila            | Contrib. Geophys. Vol. V No. 1-3            |
| Melbourne         | Dec. 1936; Jan.-Apr. 1937                   |
| Ottawa and aux.   | Apr.-Sept. 1937                             |
| Pasadena and aux. | Apr.-Sept. 1937                             |
| Praha             | May-Nov. 1937                               |
| Riverview         | Jan.-March 1937                             |
| St. Louis         | Apr.-Sept. 1937                             |
| Switzerland       | May-Oct. 1937                               |
| Tananarive        | Nov., Dec. 1936; Jan.-May 1937              |
| Ucele             | June-Sept. 1937                             |
| U.S.C.G.S.        | Oct.-Dec. 1936; Jan.-May 1937               |
| Upsala            | Jan.-June 1937                              |
| Wellington        | Oct.-Dec. 1935; Jan.-May 1936               |
| Weston            | Jan. 1934-June 1937                         |
| Württemberg       | Bull. E61, 62, 64-67; 119, 123,<br>124, 126 |
|                   | March-May 1937                              |
|                   | Jan.-Dec. 1936                              |

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| Date                | Phase          | h  | G.   | C. | T. |                      |
|---------------------|----------------|----|------|----|----|----------------------|
|                     |                |    | m    | s  | T  | Remarks              |
| 1937                |                |    |      |    |    |                      |
| July 9              | e              | 13 | 27   | 38 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 31   | 17 |    |                      |
| July 11-<br>Aug. 16 |                |    |      |    |    | No records taken     |
| August 21           | eL             | 13 | 11.9 |    |    | Begin lost during    |
|                     | M              | 13 | 21.3 |    | 16 | change of sheets     |
| Sept. 4             | eP             | 18 | 58   | 37 |    | $\Delta = 7100$ km   |
|                     | i              |    | 59   | 01 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    |      | 23 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    |      | 43 |    |                      |
|                     | e              | 19 | 07   | 05 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    | 08   | 35 |    |                      |
|                     | eL             |    | 19.5 |    | 4  |                      |
|                     | M              |    | 25.0 |    |    | Rather inconspicuous |
|                     | F              |    | 54   |    |    |                      |
| 15                  | eP             | 23 | 54   | 51 |    | $\Delta = 3300$ km   |
| 16                  | e              | 00 | 00   | 11 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 01   | 40 |    |                      |
|                     | eL             |    | 06.8 |    |    |                      |
|                     | M              |    | 08.9 |    | 14 |                      |
| 23                  | eP'            | 13 | 26   | 33 |    | $\Delta = 13600$ km  |
|                     | ePP            |    | 31   | 42 |    |                      |
|                     | ePKP           |    | 39   | 11 |    |                      |
|                     | ePPP           |    | 43   | 12 |    |                      |
|                     | eL             | 14 | 00.1 |    |    |                      |
|                     | M <sub>1</sub> | 14 | 08.1 |    | 15 |                      |
|                     | F              | 15 | 07   |    |    |                      |
| 27                  | e              | 09 | 14   | 53 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    |      | 59 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 15.2 |    |    | Begin in minute mark |
|                     | i              |    | 15   | 16 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    |      | 20 |    |                      |
|                     | i              |    |      | 30 |    |                      |
|                     | F              |    | 20   |    |    |                      |
| 28                  | eP             | 06 | 26   | 55 |    | $\Delta = 3900$ km   |
|                     | i              |    | 27   | 20 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 32   | 29 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 36.2 |    |    |                      |
|                     | M              |    | 40.3 |    | 12 |                      |
| 29                  | e?             | 11 | 43   | 26 |    | $\Delta = 2800$ km   |
|                     | e              |    | 48   | 19 |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 50.2 |    |    |                      |
|                     | e              |    | 50   | 56 |    |                      |
|                     | M              |    | 52.7 |    | 10 |                      |
|                     | F              |    | 59   |    |    |                      |

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| Date   | Phase |    | G.   | C. | T. |                        |
|--------|-------|----|------|----|----|------------------------|
|        |       | h  | m    | s  | T  | Remarks                |
| 1937   |       |    |      |    |    |                        |
| Oct. 5 | e     | 06 | 37   | 46 |    | $\Delta = 3600$ km     |
|        | e     |    | 38   | 16 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 40   | 08 |    |                        |
|        | M     |    |      |    |    | Not prominent          |
|        | F     | 07 | 00   |    |    |                        |
| 6      | e     | 09 | 53   | 10 | 2  | $\Delta = 3200$ km     |
|        | e     |    | 54   | 07 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    | 57   | 56 | 3  |                        |
|        | e     | 10 | 00   | 48 |    |                        |
|        | M     |    |      |    |    | Not prominent          |
|        | F     |    | 20   |    |    |                        |
| 24     | e     | 11 | 44   | 34 |    | $\Delta = 5300$ km     |
|        | e     |    |      | 49 |    | Felt in Alaska         |
|        | e     |    | 55.1 |    |    |                        |
|        | eL    |    | 59.8 |    |    |                        |
|        | M     |    |      |    |    | Not prominent          |
|        | F     | 12 | 12   |    |    |                        |
| 27     | e     | 09 | 52   | 46 |    | $\Delta = 50-55^\circ$ |
|        | e     |    | 53   | 55 |    | Focal depth below      |
|        | e     |    | 55   | 20 |    | normal                 |
|        | i     | 10 | 00   | 15 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 00   | 46 |    |                        |
|        | M     |    |      |    |    | Not prominent          |
|        | F     |    | 08   |    |    |                        |
| Nov. 3 | iP    | 15 | 19   | 19 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    |      | 48 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    | 20   | 17 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    | 21   | 56 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 40   | 41 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 41   | 42 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 43   | 53 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 46   | 08 |    |                        |
| 5      | e     | 08 | 49   | 44 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 50   | 08 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    |      | 59 |    |                        |
| 6      | e     | 06 | 19   | 45 |    | $\Delta = 7200$ km     |
|        | e     |    | 21   | 35 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 27   | 05 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    | 27   | 48 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 41   | 36 |    |                        |
|        | M     |    | 48.0 |    | 20 |                        |
| 14     | e?    | 11 | 14   | 46 |    | Deep focus earth-      |
|        | i     |    | 15   | 26 |    | quake, destructive     |
|        | i     |    | 16   | 16 | 3  | in northern India      |
|        | e     |    |      | 43 |    |                        |
|        | i     |    | 18   | 44 | 5  |                        |
|        | e     |    | 21   | 40 |    |                        |
|        | e     |    | 23   | 25 |    |                        |
|        | M     |    | 25.1 |    |    |                        |
|        | F     | 12 | 00   |    |    |                        |

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| Date    | Phase | h  | G.   | C. | T. |  | Remarks            |
|---------|-------|----|------|----|----|--|--------------------|
| 1937    |       |    |      |    |    |  |                    |
| Nov. 28 | e     | 05 | 46   | 15 |    |  |                    |
|         |       |    | 47   | 20 |    |  |                    |
| 29      | e     | 04 | 38   | 22 |    |  |                    |
|         | e     |    |      | 43 |    |  |                    |
|         | e     |    | 44   | 37 |    |  |                    |
| 30      | e     | 07 | 34   | 08 |    |  |                    |
|         | e     |    | 35   | 05 |    |  |                    |
| Dec. 23 | iP    | 13 | 24   | 07 |    |  | $\Delta = 3500$ km |
|         | i     |    | 25   | 13 |    |  |                    |
|         | eS    |    | 29   | 15 |    |  |                    |
|         | eL    |    | 34   | 25 |    |  |                    |
|         | M     |    | 38.5 |    | 20 |  |                    |
|         | F     | 15 |      |    |    |  |                    |
| 23      | e     | 23 | 41   | 16 |    |  | $\Delta = 3500$ km |
|         | e     |    | 44   | 29 |    |  |                    |
|         | M     |    | 47.6 |    | 8  |  |                    |
| 27      |       |    |      |    | 6  |  | Strong microseisms |
| 31      | iP    | 17 | 47   | 37 |    |  | $\Delta = 3500$ km |
|         | e     |    | 52   | 39 |    |  |                    |
|         | e     |    | 54   | 35 |    |  |                    |
|         | e     | 18 | 00   | 55 |    |  |                    |
|         | M     |    | 07.6 |    | 6  |  |                    |
|         | F     |    | 24   |    |    |  |                    |

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# The Earthquake Station of The Pennsylvania State College

**Locality:** The Station is located in an unused elevator shaft in the School of Mineral Industries Building. The instrument is mounted on a concrete pillar separated from the foundations and anchored to bedrock (Dolomite). The geographic coordinates are:

$$\Phi = 40^\circ 48' \text{N.} \quad \Lambda = 77^\circ 52' \text{W.} \quad H = 390 \text{ m}$$

Geocentric coordinates (according to Gutenberg and Richter) :

$$A = 40^\circ 36' \text{N.} \quad \Lambda = 77^\circ 52' \text{W.} \quad H = +3 \text{ km.}$$

**Instrumental Equipment:** The Station has one horizontal seismograph of the Bosch-Omori type with 5 kg mass which was designed and constructed at the School. The pendulum is orientated NS and records photographically, the distance from mirror to recording drum being 1 m and the recording speed 1.5cm/min. The instrument constants are

$$T_o = 6 \text{ sec.} \quad E : 1 = 4 : 1 \quad V = 120$$

**Time Service:** The time is controlled by a Spindler and Hoyer clock, which is compared twice daily with the NAA-Time signals from the U. S. Naval Observatory, Arlington. The clock movement is satisfactory enough to warrant an accuracy of time within one second.

**Communications:** Please address all communications to the

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