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(CONSTRUCTION SURVEY)

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INTRODUCTION

Keeping good notes is not only an art, it is a science as well. Notes must not only be legible, but also correct and meaningful. You must decide, before you go into the field, how you want to run your survey and how to record your observations. You must also decide which information you must record in order to make your notes meaningful. Keep in mind that extraneous entries in your notes can do just as much harm as omission of pertinent data. Before making any entry in your notebook, make certain that the entry, sketch, or remark is necessary and will contribute to the completeness of the notes. On the following pages are samples of notes which the construction surveyor may be required to keep. They are only samples of how they may be kept, not of how they must be kept. When assigned to a unit in the field, you will determine what to record and how to do it. Most of the time, the chief of the party will prescribe how notes on the project are to be kept. Above all, decide on your notekeeping procedures and format before you go out on your survey. Your headings, members of party, instrument identification, and weatherman all be entered before you leave for the field.

LABELING AND MAILING PROCEDURES

The surveyor normally fills out the mailing label in front of the notebook to the unit conducting the project(s) (figure B-1).

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Figure B-1. Mailing label

The front page is to be filled out as required by the unit (figure B-2).

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BOOK 2 OF 4

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Figure B-2. Front page of notebook

The error of closure (EC) is equal to the computed elevation minus the starting or fixed elevation. For total correction (TC), change the sign of the EC. The allowable error (AE) maybe given in the project specifications. The following formulas can be used when the BS and FS distances are balanced as near as possible.

For normal construction work — $AE = \pm 0.1$ ft miles or ± 24 mm kilometers

Third order (figure B-4) — $AE = \pm 0.05$ ft miles or ± 12 mm kilometers

Elevations for fixed points are adjusted by dividing the TC by the total distance and multiplying the result by the distance from the beginning station to the station being adjusted. This value is then algebraically added to the station's computed elevation.

DIFFERENTIAL LEVELING
15TH CSH MAINT BLDG
DESIGNATION _____ DATE 17 JAN 1984

STA	BS (+)	HI	FS (-)	ELEV	DIST BS/FS
Bm 1	4.71			100.00'	75
		104.71			
TP 1	6.03		0.79	103.92	110 70
		109.95			
TBM 2	12.06		3.68	106.27	94 110
		118.33			
TP 2	2.20		4.44	113.84	240 96
		116.04			
TP 3	1.43		7.12	108.92	163 242
		110.35			
TBM 3	5.05		10.37	99.98	93 166
		105.03			
TP 4	3.64		2.99	102.04	110 95
		105.68			
TBM 4	3.86		3.16	102.52	156 112
		106.38			
TP 5	3.75		5.49	100.89	203 152
		104.64			
Bm 1			4.61	100.03	204
	+42.73		-42.70		1244/1241
			TOTAL DISTANCE =	2491	

X BONE
MCGUINNESS
NELSON
INST. K+E DUMPY
NO. 5354

CORR +/-	ADJ ELEV	REMARKS	
0.00	100.00'		
		+42.73	100.03
		-42.70	-100.00
		+0.03	+0.03
0.00	106.27	↑ PC ↑	
		EC = +0.03	
		TC = -0.03	
-0.02	99.96	AE = ± 0.05 √ MILES	
		AE = 0.05 √ $\frac{2491}{5280}$	
-0.02	102.50	AE = ± 0.03	
-0.03	100.00		

Figure B-4. Differential leveling

This set of horizontal taping notes (figure B-5) shows the proper way to record distances between points. The lines are taped in both the forward (FWD) and backward (BKWD) direction. The difference between the forward and backward total distances equals the error of closure (EC). The allowable error (AE) is computed by dividing the mean distance (MEAN) by 5,000. Do not round the AE up. This AE will give an accuracy ratio of 1 in 5,000 or third order accuracy. The AE must equal or exceed the EC for the taping to be acceptable.

HORIZONTAL TAPING
15TH CSH MAINT BLDG

DESIGNATION _____ DATE 17 JAN 1984

STA	FWD	BKWD	MEAN	
TBM 1	100.00	100.00		EC=0.04
	100.00	100.00		AE=0.07
	100.00	100.00		
	65.31	65.27		
TBM 2	365.31	365.27	365.290	
TBM 2	100.00	100.00		EC=0.14
	100.00	100.00		AE=0.19
	100.00	100.00		
	100.00	100.00		
	100.00	100.00		
	100.00	100.00		
	100.00	100.00		
	100.00	100.00		
	99.97	99.83		
	TBM 3	999.97	999.83	999.900
TBM 3	100.00	100.00		EC=0.05
	100.00	100.00		AE=0.08
	100.00	100.00		
	50.00	60.00		
	60.47	50.42		
TBM 4	410.47	410.42	410.945	

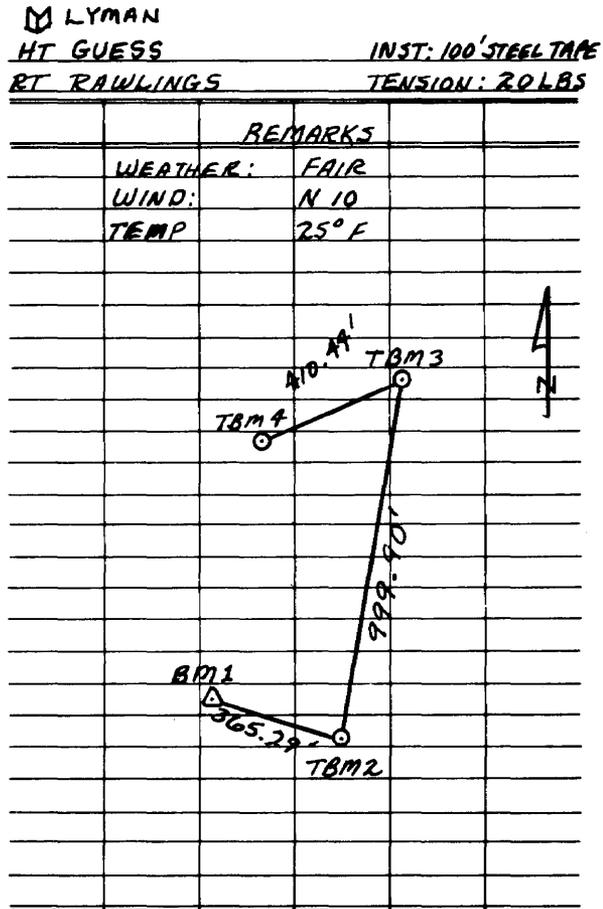


Figure B-5. Horizontal taping

The station angles in figure B-6 were first measured with the instrument's telescope in the direct (D) position. The angle is then doubled by measuring it again with the telescope in the reverse (R) position. The mean angle (MEAN) is found by dividing the R value by 2. The mean angle must be within ± 30 seconds of the D value. The total of the mean angles should equal $N-2(180 \text{ degrees})$; N is the number of station angles within the loop traverse. When using a one-minute instrument, an error of ± 30 seconds per station angle is acceptable. The distances recorded were obtained by a separate survey and copied here for completeness.

STATION ANGLE TRAVERSE
16TH CSH MAINT BLDG
 DESIGNATION _____ DATE 19 JAN 1984

STA	F	STA	A	MEAN	DIST
01	D	98° 03'			
	R			98° 02' 30"	365.29'
02	R	196° 05'			
01	D	80° 30'			
	R			80° 30' 00"	999.90'
03	R	161° 00'			
02	D	56° 58'			
	R			56° 58' 30"	410.44'
04	R	113° 57'			
03	D	129° 30'			
	R			129° 29' 30"	715.03'
01	R	248° 59'			
TOTAL				360° 00' 30"	

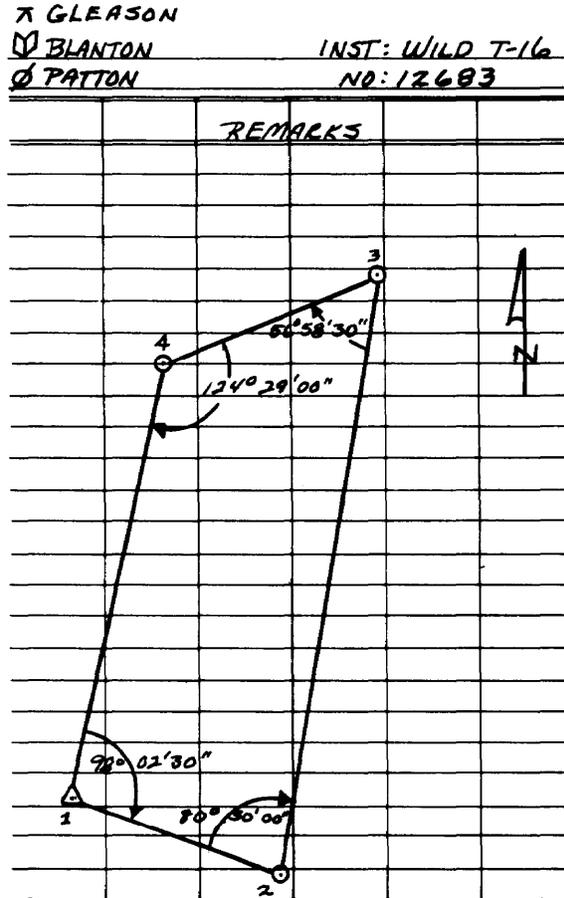


Figure B-6. Station angle traverse

The station angle in figure B-7 was measured as described on the preceding page. The explement angle is similarly measured and meaned, thus closing the horizon.

Note: When the explement angle was measured in direct (D), its value exceeded 180 degrees. To compute the MEAN first, add 360 degrees to the reverse (R) value and divide the result by 2.

Any mean angle must be within ± 30 seconds of its D value. The total of both MEAN angles for a station must be within ± 30 seconds of 360 degrees to be acceptable.

STATION ANGLE WITH HORIZON CLOSURE

DESIGNATION TRAV #2 DATE 19 JAN 1924

STA	TEL	HORIZ \angle	MEAN \angle
$\odot A \leftarrow \odot B$	D	78° 05'	
$\odot C$	R	156° 10'	78° 05' 00"
$\odot C \leftarrow \odot B$	D	281° 55'	
$\odot A$	R	203° 49'	281° 54' 30"
		TOTAL	359° 59' 30"

JONES
BERNARD

INST: WILD T-16
NO: 451206

REMARKS	WEATHER	FAIR
	FAIR	
	WIND	56
	TEMP	50°
SURVEYOR RD		N

Figure B-7. Station angle with horizon closure

Figure B-8 shows deflection angles. When the direct (D) value for direction exceeds 180 degrees—

- The deflection angle is computed by subtracting the D value from 360 degrees. The difference is a left deflection angle and is preceded by the letter L.
- The mean deflection angle is computed by subtracting the reverse (R) value from 360 degrees and dividing the difference by 2. The mean deflection angle is also preceded by the letter L.

When the direct (D) value for direction is less than 180 degrees—

- The deflection angle is the same as the D value and is preceded by the R for right deflection angle.
- The mean deflection angle is computed by dividing the reverse (R) value by 2. The mean deflection angle is also preceded by the letter R. Deflection angles never exceed 180 degrees. Any mean deflection angle must be with ± 30 seconds of its D value. The distances (DIST) were obtained from a separate survey.

DEFLECTION ANGLE TRAVERSE				
DESIGNATION		DATE		
TRAV #12-A		23 JAN 1984		
STA	DIRECTION	DEFL		DIST
OA ← OAD	280° 30'	L	79° 30'	
OB	R			
	200° 59'			
MEAN		L	79° 30' 30"	125.05'
OB ← OBD	65° 32'	R	65° 32'	
OC	R			
	131° 03'			
MEAN		R	65° 31' 30"	145.69'
OC ← OCD	272° 31'	L	86° 29'	
OD	R			
	185° 02'			
MEAN		L	87° 29' 00"	225.05'
OD ← ODD	269° 57'	L	90° 03'	
OE	R			
	179° 54'			
MEAN		L	90° 03' 00"	375.10'
OE ← OED	287° 37'	L	72° 23'	
OF	R			
	215° 13'			
MEAN		L	72° 23' 30"	380.42'
OF ← OFD	263° 54'	L	96° 06'	
OA	R			
	167° 49'			
MEAN		L	96° 05' 30"	175.96'

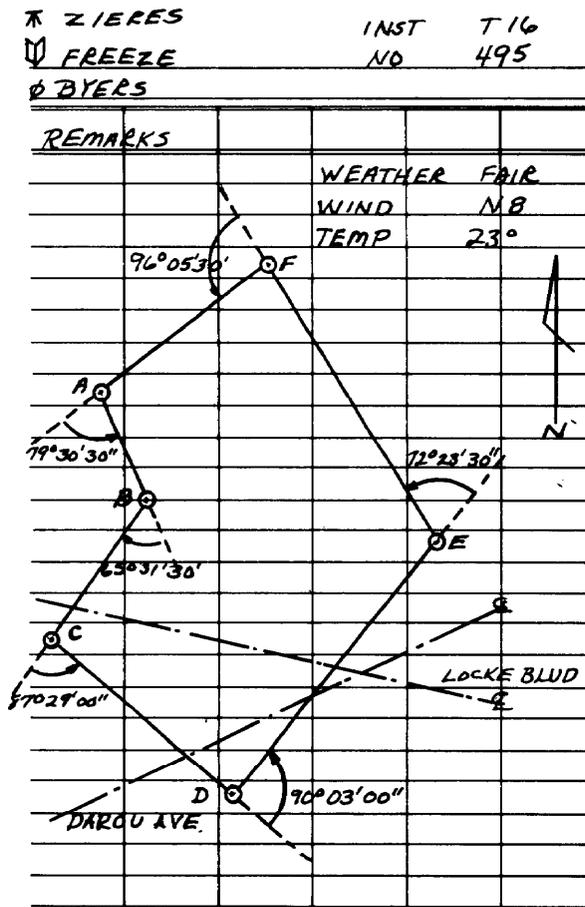


Figure B-8. Deflection angle traverse

The rod intercept (RI) is the difference between the top and bottom stadia crosshairs. The rod correction (RC) is the value of the center crosshair rod reading. Figure B-9 shows notes for RI and RC.

Product (PROD) is determined by multiplying the RI by the difference in elevation value extracted from table A-2 using the vertical angle as the argument. For level shots, the PROD is zero. The PROD can also be computed using the formula: $PROD = (RI \times 100) \frac{1}{2} \sin 2 \text{ Vertical Angle}$. The PROD has the opposite sign of the vertical angle when backighting and the same sign when foresighting. Difference in elevation (DE) is determined by algebraically adding the RC to the PROD. Height of instrument is determined by making a level backsight to a point and adding the RC to the point's known elevation or by determining the vertical angle and the RC, computing the PROD and the DE, then algebraically adding the DE to the known elevation. Zenith distance (ZD) is the angular value between zenith and the RC. Vertical angle (VERT ANGLE) is the angular value between a level line of sight and the RC. Its value and sign are determined by subtracting 270 degrees from the ZD. Horizontal angle (HORIZ ANGLE) is the angle from a beginning reference point to the observed point. Horizontal distance (DIST) is determined for level shots by multiplying the RI by 100. For inclined shots, multiply the RI times the horizontal distance value from table A-2 using the vertical angle as the argument. The DIST can also be computed using the formula: $Horizontal\ Distance = (RI \times 100) \cos^2 \text{ Vertical Angle}$. ELEV is the elevation of the station. When not given, it is determined by algebraically adding the DE to the HI. Remarks (RMKS) is used to give a brief description of the occupied or observed station.

TRANSIT-STADIA SURVEY

DESIGNATION TANK ROAD DATE 24 JAN 1984

STA	RI	RC	PROD	DE	HI
01+02	2.87	+5.12	—	—	87.19'
1	0.56	-5.8	0	-5.8	
2	0.71	-6.3	-0.6	-6.9	
3	0.94	-1.2	+7.2	+6.0	
4	0.58	-4.3	+9.0	+4.7	
5	0.32	-5.7	-7.3	-13.0	
6	0.62	-4.3	+10.0	+5.7	
SP1	1.91	-5.96	-1.78	-7.74	

X HAYWARD
 CUMMINGS

INST: T-16 #66236
 WEATHER: CLOUDY
 WIND: NW 10

Ø PARMELE

TEMP: 38°F

ZD	VERT ANGLE	HORIZ ANGLE	DIST	ELEV	RMKS
270° 00'	0° 00'	0° 00'	287'	82.07'	ELEV 02
270° 00'	0° 00'	256° 39'	56	81.4	2' RED OAK
269° 30'	-0° 30'	399° 05'	71	80.3	STPOT ELEV (SPE)
279° 32'	+9° 32'	277° 50'	43	93.2	(SPE)
279° 04'	+9° 04'	329° 31'	57	91.9	(SPE)
256° 27'	-13° 33'	311° 25'	30	74.2	RAVINE
279° 27'	+9° 27'	291° 19'	60	92.9	(SPE)
269° 28'	-0° 32'	252° 29'	191	79.45	2ND HUB

Figure B-9. Transit-stadia survey

Slope stake notes (figure B-12) are best recorded from the bottom of the page up. This method aligns the direction of the survey with the notes. Grade elevations are normally given in the construction drawings. The grade rod values are determined by subtracting the grade elevation from the HI. The three-part entries on the right page show the amount of cut (C) or fill (F), the ground rod reading, and the distance of the slope stake from the road centerline. A detailed method of setting slope stakes can be found in chapter 2.

SLOPE STAKES

DESIGNATION MISCOY AVE EXTENDED DATE 25 JAN 1984

STA	BS	HI	FS	ELEV	GRADE ELEV
TP #1			3.10	133.10	
2+50					132.1
2+00					132.6
1+50					133.1
1+00					133.6
0+50					134.1
BM #4	1.04	136.20		135.16	

T CUMMINGS

BYERS

INST: DUMPHY LEVEL

DRAWLINGS

NO: 1453

GRADE ROD	LEFT	±	RIGHT
		WEATHER	CAUDY
		WIND	S 10
		TEMP	40°
	TOP OF HUB STA 3+00		
	C 0.3	GRADE	F 0.8
4.1	$\frac{3.8}{23.0}$	$\frac{4.1}{0}$	$\frac{4.9}{12.7}$
	C 2.0	F 1.1	F 3.0
3.6	$\frac{1.6}{25.5}$	$\frac{4.7}{0}$	$\frac{6.6}{20.0}$
	C 2.6	F 2.9	F 4.1
3.1	$\frac{0.5}{26.7}$	$\frac{6.0}{0}$	$\frac{7.7}{21.6}$
	C 1.0	F 0.5	F 1.5
2.6	$\frac{1.8}{24.0}$	$\frac{3.4}{0}$	$\frac{4.1}{17.8}$
	F 1.0	F 1.6	F 2.1
2.1	$\frac{3.1}{14.0}$	$\frac{3.7}{0}$	$\frac{4.7}{18.7}$
	NAIL IN TREE 60' LEFT OF ± AT STA 0+50		

Figure B-12. Slope stakes

The right deflection angles (R DEFL) (figure B-13) were extracted from the curve computations (chapter 3). When a road curves to the left, the left deflection angles (L DEFL) are determined by subtracting the R DEFL from 360 degrees. The R DEFL are used to “back-in” a left curve from the point of tangency (PT). When a curve is to the right, the L DEFL need not be computed.

8+50	50.00	9° 38'	350° 22'	PI = 7+45.00
				T = 135.78'
8+00	50.00	7° 38'	352° 22'	PC = 6+09.22
				L = 268.33'
7+50	50.00	5° 38'	354° 22'	PT = 8+77.55
				R = 716.25'
7+00	50.00	3° 38'	356° 22'	E = 12.75'
				M = 12.52'
6+50	48.78	1° 38'	358° 22'	C ₁ = 40.78'
				C ₂ = 27.55'
6+09.22	0.00	0° 00'	360° 00'	C _{STD} = 50.00'
				D ₁ = 1° 38'
				D ₂ = 1° 06'
				D _{STD} = 2° 00'

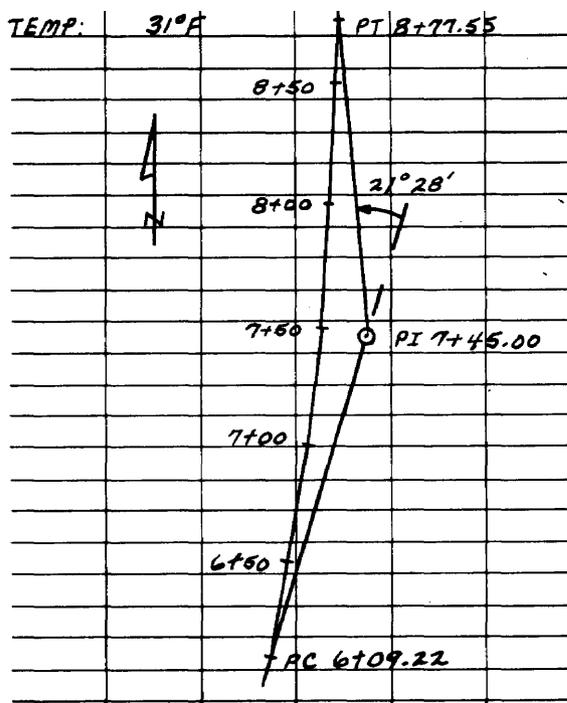


Figure B-13. Horizontal curve layout

The building corner numbers in the sketch must agree with the corner numbers on the left page. In this example, (figure B-14) the building foundation is required to be 1.5 feet above the ground at the highest corner. The batter board elevation (BATTER ELEV) is determined by adding 1.5 feet to the ground elevation (ELEV) of the highest corner. The difference between the BATTER ELEV and the HI equals the grade rod. When a batter board elevation is given, the ground shots are not necessary. The grade rod equals the HI minus the given batter board elevation.

BUILDING LAYOUT

DESIGNATION BLDG T-2855 DATE 27 JAN 1984

STA	BS	HI	FS	ELEV	GRADE ROD
Bm 18	5.22	35.22		30.00	
1			4.26	30.96	
2			4.14	31.08	
3			4.68	30.54	
4			4.52	30.70	
					2.64
					2.64
					2.64
					2.64

TGLEASON
 MRAWLINGS INST: WILD T-16 #7331
 STACEY K&E DUMPY LEVEL #846

BATTER ELEV	REMARKS
	WEATHER FAIR
	WIND SB
	TEMP 52°
	COLE RD 90°
	20.00'
32.58	
32.58	
32.58	
32.58	
	150.00'
	75.00'
	T-2855
	50.00'
	ROBEAVE

NOTE: BATTER BOARD ELEVATION 1.5 FT ABOVE HIGHEST CORNER
 BATTER BOARD ELEVATION IS TOP OF FOUNDATION.

Figure B-14. Building layout

HEIGHT OF AN ACCESSIBLE POINT

DESIGNATION HEIGHT OF FLAG POLE DATE 31 JAN 1984

STA	TEL	ZD	VERT ANGLE	DIST
EP ← OI	D	70° 36'	+19° 30'	100.000
	R	289° 29'	+19° 29'	100.010
MEAN			+19° 27' 30"	100.005 METERS
EP ← OI	D	91° 25'	-01° 25'	
	R	268° 35'	-01° 25'	
MEAN			-01° 25' 00"	
TAN 19° 27' 30" × 100.005 =				35.397
TAN 1° 25' × 100.005 =				2.473
TOTAL =				37.870 METERS

X HAYWARD
 O PARMELE
 HT CARL
 RT CUMMING'S

INST: T16

NO: 2391

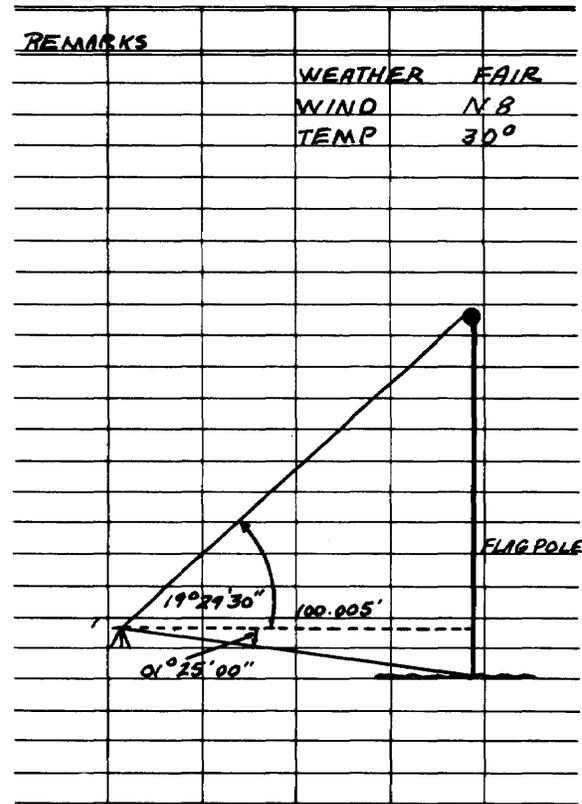


Figure B-16. Height of an accessible point

ELEVATION/DISTANCE TO AN INACCESSIBLE POINT

DESIGNATION WATER TOWER DATE 31 JAN 19 84

STA	TEL	HORIZ X	ZD	VERT X	DIST
WT ← O1	D	90° 00'			300.00'
O2					300.01'
MEAN					300.005'
O1 ← O2	D	84° 10'	86° 42'	+03° 18'	
WT	R	169° 19'	273° 18'	+03° 18'	
MEAN		84° 09' 30"		+03° 18' 00"	
O2 → TBMC	R	EL=100.00			
		BS=4.75			
		HI=104.75			
$300.005 \div \cos 84^\circ 09' 30'' = 2947.59'$ DISTANCE					
$\tan 3^\circ 18' \times 2947.59 = 169.96 + 104.75 =$ 274.71 ELEVATION					

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O HT NELSON NO 2439
RT BONE

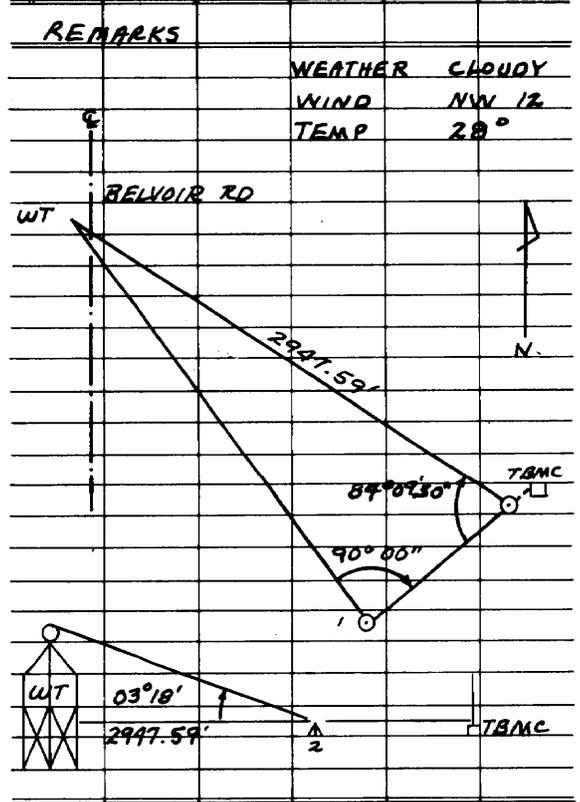


Figure B-17. Elevation/distance to an inaccessible point