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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography has been prepared at the request of the sub-committee on flight strips under the direction of the Highway Engineering Committee.

The purpose of the study was to search available technical literature for references to information concerning the design and construction of flight strips and to compile this information for distribution to those members of the department responsible for the development of a flight strip program.

Soon after the start of this project, it was realized that published information on the subject of flight strips was very limited. Due to the paucity of data available, the scope of the bibliography was enlarged to include any information on the planning and construction of airports in general. This was not done with any thought of making the bibliography long and impressive, but rather with the realization that many of the principles of airport planning and construction apply equally well to the subject of flight strips.

More than 250 references were found relating to the subject. This total was finally narrowed down to 132 references which were abstracted and a very brief description of the contents were included following each reference.

A large number of sources were used in compiling the bibliography. Some of the more common periodicals and publications are included in a list herewith. The majority of the references are available at the Michigan State College Library and it is believed that the remainder may be found at the University of Michigan Library in Ann Arbor. Although only articles having specific reference to the various sub-titles have been

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included in the bibliography, it is recommended that some of the publications dealing entirely with aeronautics, such as, the Civil Aeronautics Journal, and Aero Digest should be scanned for items of general interest. 13

SUBJECT INDEX

Because of the many minor subdivisions in the field of airport construction which are embraced in the different publications, it has been found desirable to classify the major divisions in order to simplify the use of this bibliography. The capital letters in this list correspond with those following the references in the bibliography.

A. General

Publications, books and reports which deal with the subject of airports in a more or less broad sense, not having specific detailed treatment of the headings listed below. Such topics as the relation, influence and importance of airports to aircraft development, the effect and relation of centers of population and manufacturing, changes in these factors on airports, the treatment of systems of airports in the larger subject of airways and trends in the development of fighting and transportation.

B. Planning and selection of sites

Economic and defense considerations, topographic and soil surveys, location in relation to civilian and war use, consideration of various types of airfields such as airdromes, landing fields and flight strips, future expansion, master plans, standard plans, meteorological data, zoning ordinances, land requirements and acquisition, accessibility to communities and military establishments.

C. Earthwork

The design and movement of earth to produce the relatively flat surfaces required. This includes selection of borrow material on the

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airport site and in adjacent areas, methods and equipment for handling, hydraulic land fills, laboratory and field tests, to produce stable foundations of runways and buildings.

D. Drainage

Design and construction of surface and subterranean drainage systems and structures, ground water studies and hydrologic data.

E. Runway surfacing.

The design and construction of runway surfaces, aprons, taxi strips and hangar floors. This includes different types of surfaces such as concrete, asphalt and soil-cement construction, consideration of thickness and cross-section for various types of aircraft and loads, construction equipment and methods.

F. Buildings

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Consideration of the design and construction of hangars, service buildings and utilities in relation to the airport layout.

G. Lighting

This includes all boundary lights, runway marking lights, flood lights, lighting of wind direction indicator, beacons, radio beams and other electrical safety devices.

H. Camouflaging

Relation of natural camouflaging to airport location, arrangement of aircraft storage and utilities for maximum protection from air and ground attack, provisions against sabotage, underground structures, treatment of existing, as well as contemplated construction including such items as dazzle painting, use of plant material, dummy airports and structures, aerial photography to aid in construction and to check the efficiency of camouflage practices. 16

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Snow and ice removal and control, repair under enemy action, fire fighting, utilities required for maintenance of aircraft and supply of fuel.

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