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use, new construction, tall trees, or other intervening obstructions can make sight lines to proposed or existing stations impossible. Visibility must be checked thoroughly, since any error can cause time-consuming delays when observations begin, possibly disrupting the entire triangulation scheme.

The ability to get materials and equipment to a station location for setting monuments and occupying stations is another important factor. Many triangulation stations require some walking to reach the mark, but this should be kept to a minimum. A station requiring excessive hiking or climbing not only adds an element of danger for surveyors, but also makes the station useless to all but those few willing to assume the extra effort and risk. It is not always possible to avoid inaccessible stations, but the main idea is to make them usable.

The property owner is a principal factor in determining accessibility. If contacted beforehand, the owner will probably permit the vehicular entry of his or her property and explain or show the easiest way to a specific location, in addition to providing keys or combinations to any locked gates.

Permanence of marks is never assured, but many factors should be considered to make their location more reliable. Things to look for include (1) soil condition, (2) possibility of construction or development, (3) farming activities, and (4) changing ownership of private or public land.

Ground condition where a station is placed should be stable. Sand hills, large gravel deposits, and unstable rock outcroppings should be avoided, as well as areas subject to continuous frost action or erosion. Reliability of monuments set in these conditions is greatly diminished owing to the high probability of movement.

Any area subject to proposed development or construction is an unfavorable site for a station, and although it is impossible to guarantee this will not happen, the odds can be greatly increased with a little research. By checking master plans and zoning from the planning agency with jurisdiction over the area, the likelihood of future development can be determined. The topography of an area will also indicate possible future development. In addition, always contact property owners to find out their future plans for the land.

In farming areas, station locations are favorable along a fence line between property owners, near farm buildings, and along groves maintained for shade or wind breaks. Cultivated fields are dangerous since crops may be destroyed every time the station is used, and a surface monument cannot be maintained because of repeated cultivation.

Lands owned by public entities are generally ideal station locations. Locating a monument along the right-of-way fence of established roadways or railroads and within a public park usually ensures its permanence. It is always necessary for property owners to be satisfied with station sites; otherwise, their permanence and availability may be in jeopardy. This policy holds true with a public entity for stations on public land, as well as for private owners.

11-8. SETTING STATION MARKS

After the triangulation net has been established and approved, station monuments are set. Each station should consist of a station mark, at least two reference marks, and one azimuth mark. The azimuth mark may be eliminated if another station is readily visible from the ground.

Station marks, the main monuments from which observations are made, have disks placed both underground and on the surface whenever possible. Both of the bronze disks have the station name and year established stamped on them before being set. The station mark can be set in a concrete monument, boulder, or rock outcropping, or brazed to the end of a pipe positioned in the ground.

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Figure 11-9. Observation of marks and intersection stations.

—should be described completely, including the structure's local name and description of the part observed, approximate distance from the occupied station, and bearing (E, NE, etc.) from the occupied station. Beginning and ending times for each position are entered under the time head in the third column, using military time from 0000 (midnight) to 2359.

The fourth column describes the telescope position-D for direct or R for reverse-followed by the direction observed with two micrometer readings taken for each position (see Section 11-11-3). The sum of the micrometer readings is entered under the sum heading while the mathematical mean, to the nearest 0.1 sec, is noted in the following column, under mean. When using the Wild T-3 theodolite, the sum of the two direct micrometer readings and that of the two reverse micrometer readings are meaned. On the Wild T-2 and other comparable directional theodolites, the entry is the mean of all four micrometer readings. Seconds of direction observed from the initial station to each object are entered under "direction" (subtract the mean of initial from the mean of observed).

All pertinent information discussed earlier is entered under remarks. Degrees and minutes of direction observed from the initial station are also listed under this column for each direction observed.

After observations of marks and intersecting stations are completed, observations of the main and supplemental scheme begin (Figure 11-9). Recording main and supplementary observations is done in the same manner as for mark and intersecting station observations. Reobservations are entered after the original set. When the theodolite is checked for level, it should be recorded under remarks and any adjustment noted.

After each page or set of observations is recorded, it must be completely reviewed, all items checkmarked, and each page initialed, and corrections also checked and initialed. Entries must be in ink, and no erasures are permitted. Errors are deleted by a single line through the incorrect entry and the correction placed above the deletion. When filled, an alphabetized index is recorded in the front of the book.

11-10-3. Observations of Double Zenith Distances

Typical recordings for vertical angles or double zenith distances observed as given in Figure 11-11 are self-explanatory.

11-10-4. Abstracts

After each set of horizontal distances and zenith distances has been observed and the field book checked, an abstract is recorded to make certain all observations are within required tolerances. Abstracts should be completed in ink, without erasures.

The "abstract of directions" (Figure 11-12) lists all observations taken directly from the "horizontal directions" book, except those taken on a wrong object or any resulting from a kicked tripod, which are rejected immediately in the book. Any observation so far from the apparent mean as to be considered a blunder may be rejected before calculating the initial mean. Once all observations have been entered on the abstract, the columns are summed and a mean angle is derived. Any observation outside the required tolerance is rejected. That position is then reobserved and the new observation entered on the abstract. The mean of the observations is recalculated using the new observation. If, when we use the new mean, the rejected observation and new observation both fall within the required tolerance, they are meaned and used as the observed seconds for that position. A rejected observation still outside required tolerance is enclosed in parentheses and an R written behind, meaning that it is rejected and not used to calculate the mean direction.