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RESEARCH COMMITTEE*

THE 1949 Research Committee prepared a letter to fifty photogrammetric or related organizations requesting a brief outline of photogrammetric research conducted during the past year that may be of general interest to the readers of PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING. The Committee expresses its appreciation for the excellent cooperation received.

This report, in effect, supplements the "Symposium: New Developments in Photogrammetric Equipment" compiled by Messrs. Lorenz, Pennington, and Roth in the September 1949 issue of PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING.

Mr. Everett L. Merritt, U. S. Naval Photographic Interpretation Center, and Mr. John V. Sharp, Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, were requested to prepare a paper on research. Inasmuch as PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING has published many fine technical papers, it was believed appropriate for an organization or individual to define his position in photogrammetric research. To stimulate thinking along the line of basic research, papers on "Research" by Mr. Merritt and "Comments on Instrument Research" by Mr. Sharp are included in this report. Although these two points of view may not be concurred with completely by all readers, they are nevertheless presented as a sincere endeavor to initiate a basic concept of photogrammetric research. Comments on these papers are invited by the Research Committee.

The 1949 Research Committee Report is hereby submitted in three parts:

Part I—1949 Research Projects

Part II—"Research" by E. L. Merritt

Part III—"Comments on Instrument Research" by J. V. Sharp

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