

II. AREA OF OPERATIONS

The program area covered a portion of the Bass Strait from southeast of Flinders Island to northeast of Deal Island.

ONI's base of operation was located in Devonport, Tasmania. From this office the activities of the field crew were directed and radiotelephone communications maintained.

III. FIELD OPERATIONS RECAP

On 27 November 1968, preparation for the survey commenced by shipping a Shoran base station from Port Albert, Victoria, to Deal Island. At the same time a base station was being flown from Melbourne to Flinders Island. Both stations were erected on 28 November 1968. The third base station was flown from Tasmania to Melbourne on 6 December and then trucked to Mt. Nowa Nowa and erected on 6 December.

Actual seismic operations commenced on 6 December 1968 when the M/V WESTERN SPRUCE, with Shoran indicating equipment installed and operational, entered the work area. Operations continued through 19 December 1968. During this time a total of 5,236 shotpoints were recorded.

The base of operation in Devonport remained open, and the Shoran base stations were left in position for the next prospect under WESTERN's control.