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AVAILABILITY OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Aerial photographs taken within the United States for various government agencies are again available to the public, except for certain areas in the immediate vicinity of military installations. Obtaining prints from the government is slow at best, and in order to expedite the process as much as possible, the Institute of Geographical Exploration is endeavoring to collect information as to what areas have been photographed by the different departments.

COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

(1) The A.A.A., Soil Conservation Service, and Forest Service among them have photographs covering more than two-thirds of the United States. The Institute has a small-scale map showing the areas covered up to November 30, 1944.

(2) The U.S. Army Air Forces have reversed their pre-war policy and now sell prints from their photographs. Inquiries should be addressed to AC/AS Intelligence, Air Information Division, Photographic Branch, Room 1E400, Pentagon Building, Washington 20, D.C., Attention: C.O., accompanied by a description of the general area, the latitude and longitude of the corners, and a map, if this is possible.

(3) Geological Survey photographs may be purchased from the Map Information Office, Federal Works Bldg., Washington, D.C.

(4) The Coast and Geodetic Survey has photographs of certain coastal areas, most pictures having been taken with their 9-lens camera. Inquiries and orders should be sent to the Director, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The entire state of Connecticut was photographed at a scale of 1:14,400 in 1934-'35-'36 by Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., 88-06 Van Wyck Boulevard, Jamaica, N.Y. Inquiries in regards to contact prints or enlargements should be addressed directly to Fairchild.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

The entire state of Rhode Island was photographed at a scale of 1:14,400 in 1939 by Standard Aerial Surveys, Inc., 418 Central Avenue, Newark, N.J., who will supply contact prints, enlargements, and controlled mosaics of 5 minute and 15 minute quadrangles. Complete information as to prices and scales is available at the Institute, but orders must be placed directly with Standard Aerial Surveys.

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STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

(1) The Institute has an index map showing the location of Coast Survey photographs in the vicinity of Boston, and a map showing the general areas in Massachusetts covered by Army photography.

(2) Photographic index maps showing the location of each individual photograph taken on Geological Survey projects in Massachusetts are on file at the Institute. These are at a scale of two miles to the inch, but the detail is sufficiently clear to permit identification of areas so that prints may be ordered by number.

(3) All of Hampden County, Hampshire County west of the Connecticut River, and a portion of Franklin County were photographed at a scale of 1:20,000 for the A.A.A. in 1940 and 1942. Photo index maps at a scale of two inches to the mile are on file at the Institute where they may be used to select the individual prints required.

(4) The Connecticut watershed was photographed in 1939 at a scale of 1:31,680 for the Soil Conservation Service. Photographic index maps of the portion of this project in Massachusetts are available for study at the Institute. These index maps extend about 6 miles into Connecticut and about 15 miles into New Hampshire and Vermont, so that Bellows Falls, Keene, and Mount Monadnock are included.

(5) The Institute's own photographs cover the Boston and Framingham Quadrangles, the south half of the Lowell Quadrangle, and portions of the Pocasset and Marlboro Quadrangles, as well as areas near Pepperell, north of Fitchburg, and along the Blue Hill Range and the Neponset River. These photographs may be examined at the Institute, and contact prints or enlargements are available.

MILITARY RESTRICTIONS

A few of the index maps of Massachusetts cover areas that are still Confidential. Therefore under the agreement entered into with the military authorities, all index maps must be kept at the Institute and may not be loaned.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FILES

The Department of Public Works at 100 Nashua Street, Boston, has one copy of each photo taken in Massachusetts for Federal Agencies in addition to prints of their own projects. These may be inspected by anyone who calls at the office of Mr. E. C. Houdlette at the above address.

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