

TRAPPING OF AIR-BORNE INSECTS IN THE PACIFIC- ANTARCTIC AREA, 1

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Abstract: Trapping reported upon was done during 1961-62 on a U. S. Navy weather ship, a military transport ship and from a trap operated in Navy Super-Constellation airplanes, primarily over the Pacific and Antarctic oceans. Insects trapped numbered 2,160, of which 2,124 were taken in the temperate and subtropical western Pacific, 6 in sub-Antarctic seas, all from ships, and 30 in the Super-Constellation airplane trap in the Antarctic and Pacific and over continental United States.

Introduction: This report^{1,2} concerns results of the air-borne insect trapping program during 1961-1962. The following are reported in this installment, including results of work during the Antarctic 1961-62 season, airplane trapping from September 1961 to August 1962, and ship trapping in the Pacific in early 1962. In addition to the listed authors, trapping was also done by D. Wohlschlag and Ronald Yamamoto.

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Other current trapping, including that in the Atlantic, Pacific and Antarctic oceans by W. A. Steffan on the USNS Eltanin, research vessel of the U. S. Antarctic Research Program (USARP); by E. Holzapfel in the Pacific on the Scripps Institution of Oceano-

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 - "Trapping of air-borne insects on ships on the Pacific (part 4)", by C. M. Yoshimoto and J. L. Gressitt. 1961, Pacific Ins. 3: 556-58.
 - "A high speed airplane trap for air-borne organisms", by J. L. Gressitt, J. Sedlacek, K. A. J. Wise and C. M. Yoshimoto. 1961, Pacific Ins. 3: 549-55, 3 figs.
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graphy's ship "Spencer F. Baird"; by K. A. J. Wise on USS Vance south of New Zealand; and by G. A. Samuelson on the USS Durant between Hawaii, Society Islands and Kermadec Islands, will be reported upon later.

Methods: Trapping methods aboard the ship were previously reported in part (Yoshimoto & Gressitt, 1960, *Pacific Ins.* 2: 239, 245). Extensive use was made of the nylon nets on steel rings of 1 m and 75 cm in diameter. These were strung in series on steel cables or lines from mast arms to deck railings of the ships (Gressitt, 1961, *Pacific Ins.*

Monograph 2: fig. 20, a). In 1962, electric power suction traps were used aboard ship for the first time on our program. The first two suction traps produced were operated concurrently at sea by Yoshimoto on the "Barrett" in 1962. The smaller one is 2 m high, with a cylinder 25 cm in diameter with a square base of 75 cm on each side, and is powered by a 1/20 horse power roof ventilator motor with a 24.4 cm fan. This trap did not prove to be very efficient, and was far less productive than the larger suction trap.

The large suction trap (fig. 1) is 2.5 m high, and the large aluminum cylinder is 90 cm in diameter housing a conical nitex (#308) net. The net tapers into a vial placed in the solid sliding plastic receptacle. This pushes the replaceable vial into contact with the cylinder fastened to the lower end of the net cone. The air passes through the vial opening where a nitex screen is fastened to fit its circumference. Below this trap cylinder is the tubeaxial fan with an 1-horse power, 1-phase, 115-230 volts, 9.9-4.9 amps., 60 cycle electric motor mounted in the fan-motor housing unit. This is bolted to the aluminum cylinder and the metal frame base air dispenser. The large suction trap draws approximately 6,800 cubic meters of free air per hour through the net, and all the insects and other particles in this are funnelled into the replaceable vial of the receptacle. At air speed above 22 knots it was found that

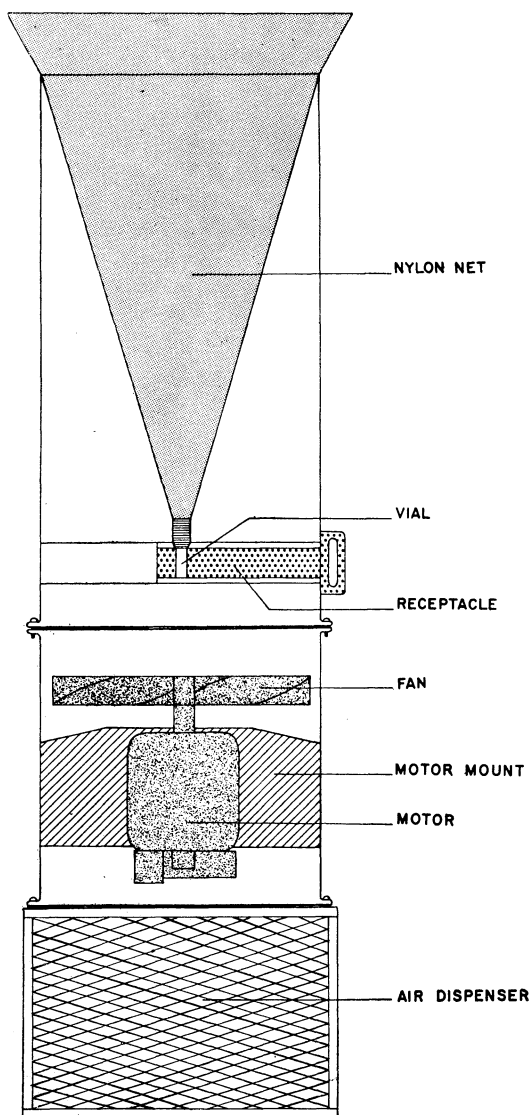


Fig. 1. Suction trap.

the fan tended to reverse its motion. This was caused by an upward draft of air from the air dispensing unit beneath, rendering the trap non-functional. During the voyage, a heavy canvas cloth was wrapped around the dispensing unit. This helped neutralize the wind disturbance. It is expected that modification of the air dispenser will eliminate this problem.

In the sub-Antarctic ship trapping, only the nylon nets on steel rings were used. In the main, nets of 75 cm in diameter were used, generally 8–12 nets at one time.

The trap in the Super-Constellation airplane has already been described (Pacific Ins. 3: 549–55). During this second year, the trap was flown about 122,577 statute miles on the U. S. Antarctic Research Program and 12,000 statute miles along the Hawaiian Chain by the Early Warning Barrier Squadron Pacific. Thus the trap has now been operated for a total of 250,241 statute miles during its first two years of use.

Results: Pollen, mineral and plant samples were taken by using glycerin-jelly slides exposed in the airplane trap. Dr. Lucy Cranwell, University of Arizona, is presently analyzing the pollen samples. Mineral contents were sent to Dr. Francis W. Wright, Harvard University and plant debris is awaiting analysis.

On the Antarctic Continent, land-based nets were flown as before (see Pacific Ins. 2: 245) in the McMurdo Sound area, but with no positive results.

As is to be expected, trapping in temperate and tropic areas near Asia was far more productive of specimens than that in Antarctic areas and at high altitudes on the Super-Constellation plane. The trapping results are enumerated in the tables. Table 1 presents results of trapping on the U. S. S. Vance, south of New Zealand with 6 specimens.

Table 2 presents results of net and suction trap collections on the U. S. N. S. Barrett in the western Pacific. A total of 2,124 specimens were trapped during the 30 day voyage, 1,979 in the nylon nets and 145 in the suction traps. A large number of insects caught near Japan, Korea, China and Okinawa represent insect families of Aphididae (probably 2 spp.), Agromyzidae (*Phytomyza atricornis* Meigen), Drosophilidae (*Scaptomyza disticha* Duda, *Chymomyza* sp.) and Chironomidae. In the Philippines area, a hymenopterous family, Agaontidae, was most conspicuous while other diversified families of insects were represented by fewer specimens in the collection.

Table 3 presents results of the airplane trap on the Antarctic Program. Between Canton and the Hawaiian Islands, a lygaeid bug was taken at an altitude of 4,960 m at which the nearest land was Johnston Island approximately 248 km away. Another interesting catch was a wing of a lygaeid bug, probably of *Nysius huttoni* caught near the Antarctic Continent (66°–59° S. Lat.) at 4,000 m. Table 4 presents results of the same trap along the Hawaiian Chain.

Volume of air screened in the ship trapping operations here reported is about 0.6 cubic kilometers.

An interesting catch not earlier reported was that of an adult spider on the Antarctic Continent at Marble Point, Victoria Land coast 77° 13' S. Lat. 163° 45' E. Long. on 23 December 1959 by C. W. O'Brien. This was taken in land-based aerial nets near the shore. The specimen was misplaced earlier and has not yet been identified, but presumably might have been blown from New Zealand or Australia.

Table 1. Trapping aboard U. S. S. Vance (Gressitt).

1961	Wind direction, velocity (knots)	Starting S. Lat. E. Long.	Ending S. Lat. E. Long.	No. Specimens	Order	Family
Nov. 20	230°/15	48°00'S 170°40'E	51°00'S 170°00'E	4	Diptera	Sphaeroceridae (<i>Leptocera</i> sp.?)
Dec. 23	270°/10	50°00'S 170°00'E	48°00'S 170°40'E	1	Diptera	Scaptopsidae
				1	Homoptera	Aphididae

Table 2. Preliminary determination of insects, USNS Barrett.

No.	May 1962	Wind direc- tion, velo- city	Starting Lat. Long.	Ending Lat. Long.	Approx. dist., nearest land, in km	No. Speci- mens	Order	Family	Species
On bridge	2	120°/11	21°42'N 160°00'W	23°22'N 163°00'W	315°/12.4 Nihoa I.	2*	Homopt.	Delphacidae	<i>Perkinsiella sacca- ricida</i> Kirkaldy
Net-11	9	80-120°/ 10-22	34°20'N 144°56' E	34°03'N 142°01' E	275°/124 Honshu I.	2	Dipt.	Agromyzidae	♂, ♀, <i>Phytomyza atricornis</i> Meigen
Suction A21						1*		Aphididae	
Nets-12	10	9°/8	34°03'N 142°01' E	34°50'N 139°52' E	Outside of Tokyo Bay	*			
Suction B24	12	185°/18			332°/24.8 Shikoku I.	1 4* 1 1	Coleopt. Homopt. Dipt.	Coccinellidae Aphididae Chironomidae	
Nets-13						1	Hymenopt.	Cecidomyiidae Cynipoidea	♀ <i>Kleidotoma japonica</i> Huzimatu ?
						4 2 2 1		Braconidae Eulophidae	
						1 530+*	Dipt. Homopt.	Tettigellidae Aphididae	
						2	Dipt.	Ceratopogonidae	
						2*	Dipt.	Agromyzidae	♀ <i>Phytomyza populi</i> Kalt.
						*			♀ <i>Liriomyza</i> sp.
Suction A24						1 2*		Ephydriidae Aphididae	
Nets-14	13	310°/7	34°37'N 139°06' E 31°08'N 131°05' E	32°43'N 134°39' E 32°13'N 127°43' E	135°/21.7 Kyushu	4 1 9 8 88*	Dipt.	Culicidae Anthomyiidae Sphaeroceridae Ephydriidae Agromyzidae	30♂, 58♀, <i>Phyto- myza atricornis</i>

Nets-15	320°/4	32°13'N 127°43' E 33°23'N 126°00' E	270°/4.7 Cheju Do	784*	Drosophilidae	342♂, 442♀, <i>Scaptomyza disticha</i> Duda 4♂, 12♀, <i>Chymomyza</i> sp.
				12*	Aphididae	
				12*	Blastobasidae	
				512*	Dipt.	209♂, 300♀, <i>Scaptomyza disticha</i> ♂, 2♀ <i>Scaptomyza graminum</i> Fallen
Nets-16	150°/11	33°23'N 126°00' E 34°31'N 125°37' E	270°/7.4 S. Korea	7*	Aphididae	
				3*	Blastobasidae	
Suction A25	320°/4	32°13'N 127°43' E 33°23'N 126°00' E	270°/4.7 Cheju do	1	Homopt.	
				1	Dipt.	head and wing
Suction B25	150°/11	33°23'N 126°00' E 34°31'N 125°37' E	270°/7.4 S. Korea	6*	Dipt.	Agromyzidae
				1*	Drosophilidae	4♂, 2♀, <i>Scaptomyza disticha</i> ♀, <i>Phytomyza atricornis</i>
Suction B26	150°/11	33°23'N 126°00' E 34°31'N 125°37' E	270°/7.4 S. Korea	1*	Agromyzidae	
				1*	Spaeroceridae	
Nets-17	330°/12	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	1*	Aphididae	
				1*	Hymenopt.	
Nets-18	330°/10	37°05'N 126°18' E 33°16'N 125°52' E	80°/8.7 Cheju Do	5*	Dipt.	Drosophilidae
				3*	Dipt.	Agromyzidae
Suction A-27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	1*	Noctuidae	
				14	Dipt.	Drosophilidae
Suction B27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	19	Dipt.	Agromyzidae
				5	Ephydriidae	
Nets-18	15	37°05'N 126°18' E 33°16'N 125°52' E	80°/8.7 Cheju Do	1	Cecidomyiidae	
				2	Chironomidae	<i>Chironomus</i> sp.
Suction A-27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	1	Ceratopogonidae	
				1*	Noctuidae	spiderling
Suction B27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	1	Drosophilidae	2♂, 2♀, <i>Scaptomyza disticha</i>
				4	Dipt.	Agromyzidae
Nets-18	15	37°05'N 126°18' E 33°16'N 125°52' E	80°/8.7 Cheju Do	43	Dipt.	29♂, 14♀, <i>Phytomyza atricornis</i>
				1	Chironomidae	<i>Chironomus</i> sp.
Suction A-27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	5	Chironomidae	
				1	Mycetophilidae	
Suction B27	14	34°31'N 125°37' E 37°05'N 126°18' E	3.1 Entrance to Incheon	1	Culicidae	<i>Exechia</i> sp.
				1	Culicidae	

Nets-25	90°/12	19°39'N 120°56' E	18°35'N 120°27' E	315°/7.4 Luzon I.	1 4 2 1 1 1 1 1 28 1 1 4 2 2 1 2	Thysanopt. Homopt. Hemipt. Dipt. Hymenopt. Hymenopt. Araneida Dipt. Hymenopt.	Thripidae Aphididae Psyllidae exuviae Anthocoridae Miridae Cecidomyiidae Phoridae Agaontidae Pteromalidae Encyrtidae		
Suction A33					2 2 1 2			spiderlings	
Nets-26	light air	18°35'N 120°27' E	14°23'N 120°31' E	Passing through north channel, Manila Bay	2 4 37 8 2 1 1 1 1 4 1 1	Homopt. Dipt. Hymenopt.	Tettigellidae Fulgoridae Chironomidae Ceratopogonidae Cecidomyiidae Ephydriidae Eulophidae Ceraphronidae Scelionidae	(most of the following families of insects were caught alive)	
Suction B34					1 1	Araneida Dipt.		spiderlings	
Nets-27	21	Calm	Subic Bay, Philippines	12°45'N 124°19' E	270°/64.8 Samar I.	2 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 3 3 1 2 3 4 3 1 1 14 1 1 1 2	Thysanopt. Coleopt. Homopt. Hemipt. Dipt. Hymenopt.	Thripidae Carabidae Staphylinidae Nitidulidae Aphididae Tettigellidae Fulgoridae Psyllidae Lygaeidae Miridae Tingidae Chironomidae Ceratopogonidae Cecidomyiidae Psychodidae Phoridae Sphaeroceridae Agaontidae Eulophidae Ceraphronidae Scelionidae	(most of the following families of insects were caught alive)

Nets-28	Calm	12°45'N 124°19' E	13°30'N 126°25' E	270°/64.8 Samar I.	11		Formicidae	(3 spp.)
					5	Lepidopt.	Opostegidae	
					2		Oecophoridae	(2 spp.)
					1		Pyralidae	
					1		Noctuidae	
					5	Araneida		spiderlings
					2		exuviae	spiderlings
					2	Thysanopt.	Thripidae	
					3	Coleopt.	Coccinellidae	
					1	Homopt.	Aphididae	
					4		Psyllidae	<i>Trioxa</i> sp. ?
On deck Stateroom					3		Fulgoridae	
					1	Dipt.	Ceratopogonidae	
					2		Phoridae	
					3		Chironomidae	
					5	Hymenopt.	Agaontidae	
					1		Encyrtidae	
					1		Scelionidae	
					5		Formicidae	
					6	Araneida		spiderlings
					1*	Orthopt.	Mantidae	
					1*	Coleopt.	Cleridae	
Nets-29	22	210°/3	13°30'N 126°25' E	15°00'N 130°15' E	270°/202 Samar I.	1*	Hymenopt.	Formicidae
						1	Homopt.	Tettigellidae
						1		Aphididae
						1	Hemipt.	Miridae (thorax, abdomen)
						1	Dipt.	Trypetidae (wings)
						1		Chironomidae
Suction A38		210°/15	15°00'N 130°15' E	15°43'N 132°12' E	270°/279 Samar I.			
Nets-32	23	120°/16	16°06'N 133°15' E	17°26'N 137°27' E	135°/298 Yap I.	1	Dipt.	Thorax
						1	Hymenopt.	Agaontidae
Nets-35	24	80°/15	18°25'N 140°36' E	19°39'N 144°40' E	90°/248 Asuncion I.	4	Dipt.	4 legs
						1	Lepidopt.	(wings and thorax)
Nets-49	30	100°/10	23°46'N 163°24'W	22°45'N 160°13'W	172°/28 Niihau I.	1	Homopt.	Fulgoridae (partly crushed)
						1	Lepidopt.	Arctiidae ? (crushed)

Legend: A - Large suction trap, B - Small suction trap, * - Alive when caught.

Table 3. Insects taken in high speed trap on Antarctic program (Mitchell).

Date	Wind direction, velocity (knots)	Plane speed (knots)	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (meters)	No. Specimen	Order	Family
30.VIII.61			Take off from Quonset Point, R. I.		0-620	1	Dipt.	Muscoid fly
30.VIII.61			40°50'N	72°55'W	3,100	1	Lepidopt.	leg
30.VIII.61			39°50'N	74°25'W				
30.VIII.61			Landing approach Andrews Field, Wash., D. C.		465-0	1	Lepidopt.	leg
8.IX.61			38°05'N	121°55'W	930-	1	Hymenopt.	Agaontidae
			38°25'N	121°40'W	2,170			
25.X.61	330°/20	185	43°30'S	172°10'E	3,860	1	Hemipt.	Lygaeidae ?
			42°30'S	172°00'E				
25.X.61	220°/13	190	29°15'S	177°15'E	3,810-	1	Coleopt.	Curculionidae
			27°25'S	177°55'E	5,270			
25.X.61	115°/12	185	04°55'N	168°05'W	4,960	1	Hemipt.	Lygaeidae ?
			14°10'N	160°40'W				
29.XI.61	80°/20	200	66°00'S	171°00' E	4,000	1	Hemipt.	Lygaeidae: <i>Nysius huttoni</i> ?
			59°37'S	170°20' E				
11.XII.61	110°/25	220	Take off Christchurch, N. Z.		0-620	2*	Thysanopt.	Thripidae
11.XII.61	110°/25	185	44°40'S	171°30'E	2,144-	1	Thysanopt.	Thripidae
					2,480			
15.XII.61			Take off Hickam AFB		0-620	1	Dipt.	Ceratopogonidae: (<i>Forcipomyia ingrani</i> Carter ♂)
24.I.62			Harewood Vicinity, Christchurch, N. Z.		930-	1	Homopt.	Aphididae
					2,697			
28.I.62			Take off Christchurch, N. Z.		0-620	1*	Hymenopt.	Eulophidae
28.I.62	120°/40	170	44°00'S	172°00'E	3,215-	1*	Coleopt.	
			44°30'S	171°45'E	3,100			
2.II.62			Take off pattern, Chch.,		620-	1*	Hymenopt.	Braconidae
			43°23'S	172°11'E	2,170			
2.II.62	80°/10		43°55'S	172°11'E	2,325-	1*	Psocopt.	Mesopsocidae
			44°23'S	171°49'E	3,255			
19.II.62	140°/15	195	19°55'S	177°00'E	3,286-0	1	Dipt.	Ephydriidae
			Touchdown Fiji					
20.II.62	100°/8	177	Take off pattern, Fiji		2,697-	1	Coleopt.	elytron
			18°50'S	177°15'E	4,650	1	Lepidopt.	leg
20.II.62	140°/12	185	24°40'S	176°30'E	4,650	1	Dipt.	Ceratopogonidae
			29°00'S	175°45'E				

Table 4. Insects taken in high speed trap between Hawaii and Midway Atoll (Yamamoto).

1962	Wing direc- tion velocity (knots)	Plane Speed (knots)	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)	Altitude (meters)	No. Speci- men	Order	Family
30.IV	240°/20	220	26°54' 27°40'	173°47' 175°57'	1,860	1	Dipt.	Acalyptrate leg
5.V	45°/7		touchdown	Oahu	0-2,480	1	Dipt.	Nematocera leg
26.VI	45°/16		10 minutes from Oahu	takeoff	1,550	1	Dipt.	Calyptrate abdominal segments
26.VI	180°/10	250	24°02' 25°10'	165°40' 168°40'	3,100	1	Coleopt.	Ciidae? thorax and abdomen
27.VI	30°/30	255	22°50' 22°10'	162°00' 160°20'	5,270	1	Dipt.	Acalyptrate thorax, leg
26.VI	95°/14	250	22°03' 22°10'	159°00' 160°38'	1,000	1	Dipt.	Acalyptrate tarsal segments
27.VI	300°/30	260	25°15' 24°00'	169°00' 166°45'	5,270	1	Dipt.	Wing fragment
27.VI	180°/30	245	26°40' 26°10'	173°20' 171°10'	5,270	1	Anoplura	Hoplopluridae <i>Hoploplura pacifica</i> ♀
31.VII	110°/20	240	25°00' 25°20'	168°45' 166°15'	5,270	1	Homopt.	exuviae of 1st instar nymph

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