

Preface

The glaciological research group of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition, JARE, has since 1969 been engaged in glaciological observations in the Mizuho Plateau-West Enderby Land with the ultimate aim of estimation of a local mass balance of the ice sheet in this area. The observational results for the former term prior to 1971 by JARE - 10 (1969 - 1970) and JARE-11 (1970-1971) were published in JARE Data Reports, No.17 (Glaciological Research Program in Mizuho Plateau-West Enderby Land, Part 1, 1969-1971).

The second in a series of reports issued as regards this program, this volume contains the data obtained from observations mainly for the intermediate term ending in 1973 by JARE-12 (1971-1972) and JARE-13 (1972-1973), which is being followed by the latter term of the program currently carried out as a final resurvey in anticipation of a considerable flow of the ice sheet.

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