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#### ABSTRACT

This paper gives a brief historical sketch of the development of the standard time system, a map showing the time zone boundaries in the United States, and a list of the official stations sending out radio time signals. The legal time in nearly every foreign country and in most of the more important islands is also given, compared with both Greenwich mean time and with noon, eastern standard time.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years there has been a great increase in the demand for information regarding time in the various cities and countries of the world. This is largely due to the development of international news services, world-wide telephony, transoceanic aviation, exploration, and the more precise timing of events.

This led to the compilation of Bureau of Standards Circular 280, published in 1925, of which this is a revised and enlarged edition. This revision contains the most up-to-date information available from reliable sources and supersedes the original circular of the same title. The rapid progress being made in world communication will doubtless necessitate further revision from time to time.

Some foreign countries and several States and cities of this country have adopted "summer" or "daylight saving" time for use during the summer months. This time is usually one hour faster than standard time. The subject is given no specific consideration in this circular

#### II. HISTORICAL SKETCH

From the earliest civilization man has reckoned time by the apparent motion of the heavenly bodies. The rotation of the earth on its axis from west to east causes these bodies to "rise" in the east

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prepared by Ralph E. Gould, chief time section.

and "set" in the west. Consequently points to the east of us have sunrise before we do, or, as we say, their time is faster than ours: while points to the west have time that is slower than ours. This rotation of the earth about its axis once in 24 hours gives a time change of one hour for every 15° of longitude. That is, if observations were made on the transit of the sun across the meridian at points separated by 15° of longitude, it would be found that the time of transit at two such points would differ by one hour. If the separation of the points of observation were decreased, the difference in time would be decreased in the same proportion. These times would all be true local times, using the transit of the sun across the meridian as a standard.

Since the distance around the earth is less at points not on the Equator than at the Equator the distance on the earth's surface corresponding to a time difference is also less in the same proportion. For example, at the Equator 15° corresponds to about 1,040 miles, while at the latitude of New York 15° corresponds to only about 784 miles. Or, at the Equator, a difference of about 17 miles makes a time difference of one minute, while in the latitude of New York a difference of only 13 miles makes a difference of one minute in true local time.

The need of a uniform time began to be felt in the United States about 1870, and the railroads gradually adopted a system for use on their roads specifying definite important centers or junction points at which changes of one hour should be made. As means of communication still further developed, it became apparent that some system of international time must be established.

In 1884 an international congress was called in Washington to consider the subject of a world standard of time. The world was divided into zones, each covering 15° of longitude, the time for each zone being that of the meridian passing through its approximate center and the time in adjacent zones differing by one hour. The meridian passing through the observatory at Greenwich, England, was chosen as the zero meridian from which all time should be reckoned. Although there was no definite agreement as to the adoption of this time by the different nations, the plan was gradually accepted. In 1886 Japan made the time of the one hundred and thirty-fifth

In 1886 Japan made the time of the one hundred and thirty-fifth meridian east, nine hours faster than Greenwich, its standard time. Belgium and the Netherlands adopted Greenwich time in 1893. although the Netherlands later reverted to Amsterdam time, which it now uses. Germany, Italy, Denmark, and Switzerland in 1893–94 each adopted central European time, which is one hour faster than Greenwich, and Bulgaria, Rumania,<sup>2</sup> and Turkey established the time for those countries as two hours faster than Greenwich. The Australian States followed in 1895.

The adoption of time differing from Greenwich by an odd number of half hours soon made its appearance. This slight departure from the original plan is of advantage in some places, since it more nearly agrees with true local time. In New Zealand the time is 11½ hours faster than Greenwich time, in Burma 6½ hours faster, while in India, excepting Calcutta, it is 5½ hours faster. Cape Colony formerly was 1½ hours faster than Greenwich, but in 1903 the legal time was made 2 hours faster than Greenwich.

<sup>2</sup> Rumania is now using one hour faster than Greenwich as its standard.

In 1914 Brazil was divided into time zones on the international basis, and in 1930 Mexico abandoned local time for the zone system. An important change was made in 1924 in the complete zoning of the Soviet Union, which comprises old Russia and Siberia, into 11 time A few countries still retain the time of some important city

as the legal time of the country.

The United States, although using the system since 1884, did not legalize it until March 19, 1918, when Congress directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish limits for the various time zones in this country. Changes in these boundaries have been made from time to time, in order that the time changes may occur at such points as to result in a minimum of inconvenience. The division lines are not straight, but largely follow the railroads and pass through important cities and junction points. A map (fig. 1) has been prepared, corrected to April 1, 1932, from data furnished by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

#### III. STANDARD TIME IN THE UNITED STATES

#### 1. TIME ZONES

The United States is divided into four standard time zones, each approximately 15° of longitude in width. All places in each zone use, instead of their own local time, the time counted from the transit of the "mean sun" across the meridian which passes through the approximate center of that zone.

These time zones are designated as eastern, central, mountain, and Pacific, and the time in these zones is reckoned from the seventyfifth, ninetieth, one hundred and fifth, and one hundred and twentieth meridians west of Greenwich, respectively. The time in the various zones is slower than Greenwich time by 5, 6, 7, and 8 hours,

respectively.

The question of changing from the time of one time zone to that of an adjacent zone arises in practice largely in the operation of railroads. Because of the inconvenience of changing the time by the necessary amount of one hour at every point where a railroad crosses one of these boundary lines, the more convenient practice has usually been followed of making the change at some terminal or division point on the road, at some junction point, or at the boundary line between the United States and Canada. The result is that practically the boundaries of the time zones are defined by the lines connecting these points of railroad time change. Because of the location of these railroad junctions or terminals the resulting lines are somewhat irregular.

Figure 1 shows the time zones and boundary lines as defined and corrected to April 1, 1932, by the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The interval between successive passages of the sun across the meridian is somewhat variable, and for this reason apparent solar days are unequal. Therefore, mean time has been adopted, which is kept by a fictitious or "mean sun" moving uniformly in the Equator at the same average speed as that of the real sun, thus making days of equal length. It is "mean noon" when this "mean sun" crosses the meridian.

#### 2. CITIES ON TIME ZONE BOUNDARIES

There are listed below some of the more important cities on the boundaries of the time zones.

(a) The following municipalities located on the boundary between the eastern and the central time zones use eastern standard time:

Detroit, Mich.
Toledo, Ohio, and all other cities in Ohio situated on this boundary.
Williamson, W. Va.
Dungannon, Va.
Bristol, Va.

Asheville, N. C.
Franklin, N. C.
McDonough, Ga.
Macon, Ga., and points
on Southern Railway
between McDonough
and Macon.

Perry, Ga. Thomasville, Ga. Apalachicola, Fla.

All other places on this boundary use central standard time.

(b) The following municipalities located on the boundary between the central and the mountain time zones use central standard time:

Murdo, S. Dak. Mackenzie, S. Dak. Phillipsburg, Kans. Stockton, Kans. Plainville, Kans. Ellis, Kans. Liberal, Kans.

All other places on this boundary use mountain standard time.

(c) All municipalities on the boundary between the mountain and the Pacific time zones use mountain standard time except Huntington, Oreg., which uses Pacific standard time.

#### 3. TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

Standard time is also used in the Territories outside of the continental United States. The places and the time used are given below:

Alaska (see Table 2)	10 hours slower than Greenwich.
Guam	9½ hours faster than Greenwich.
Hawaii	10½ hours slower than Greenwich.
Panama	5 hours slower than Greenwich.
Philippines	8 hours faster than Greenwich.
Puerto Rico	4 hours slower than Greenwich.

# 4. TIME IN SEVERAL LARGE CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AT 12 NOON. EASTERN STANDARD TIME

12 NOON, EASIER	N STANDARD TIME
Atlanta, Ga       11. 00 a. m.         Baltimore, Md       12. 00 noon         Birmingham, Ala       11. 00 a. m.         Boston, Mass       12. 00 noon         Charleston, S. C       12. 00 noon	Minneapolis, Minn
Chicago, Ill	Norfolk, Va
Denver, Colo       10.00 a. m.         Des Moines, Iowa       11.00 a. m.         Detroit, Mich       12.00 noon         Hartford, Conn       12.00 noon         Houston, Tex       11.00 a. m.	Providence, R. I
Indianapolis, Ind       11. 00 a. m         Kansas City, Mo       11. 00 a. m         Los Angeles, Calif       9. 00 a. m         Louisville, Ky       11. 00 a. m         Memphis, Tenn       11. 00 a. m	Seattle, Wash       9.00 a. m.         St. Louis, Mo       11.00 a. m.         St. Paul, Minn       11.00 a. m.

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#### IV. TIME SIGNALS IN UNITED STATES

The best generally available source of accurate time is the time signal as transmitted by telegraph from the United States Naval Observatory and broadcast by radio from Arlington, Va., and certain other naval stations as listed in the table below.

All naval time signals are made in a standard manner, which is as

follows:

The signals begin five minutes before the hour and consist of a dash on each second, except that no dashes are sent on the seconds listed below:

55 minutes; 29, 51, and 56 to 59 seconds. 56 minutes; 29, 52, and 56 to 59 seconds. 57 minutes; 29, 53, and 56 to 59 seconds. 58 minutes; 29, 54, and 56 to 59 seconds. 59 minutes; 29, and 51 to 59 seconds.

Beginning exactly on the hour a much longer dash is sent. In all cases the exact second is denoted by the beginning of the dash, the end being without significance. It will be noted that the number of seconds sounded immediately following the single second omission and preceding the long omission at the end of each minute indicates the number of minutes of the signal yet to be sent. For instance, the signal for 56 minutes and 52 seconds is omitted and then 3 seconds are sounded, indicating that 3 minutes of the signal remain to be transmitted.

These time signals, if received directly and automatically are seldom in error by as much as 0.20 second. The average error is generally less than 0.03 second.

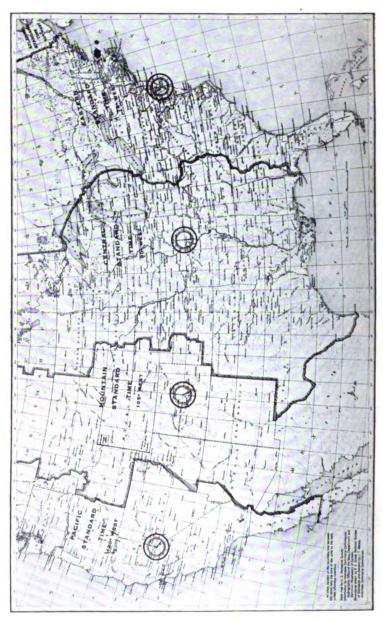
Of the stations listed, the first two automatically transmit the signal as received from the Naval Observatory at Washington, with errors averaging only 0.02 to 0.06 second. Most of the other stations automatically reradiate, and the error is somewhat larger. The signal, however, is sufficiently exact for commercial use.

TABLE 1.—Radio transmission of time signals 1

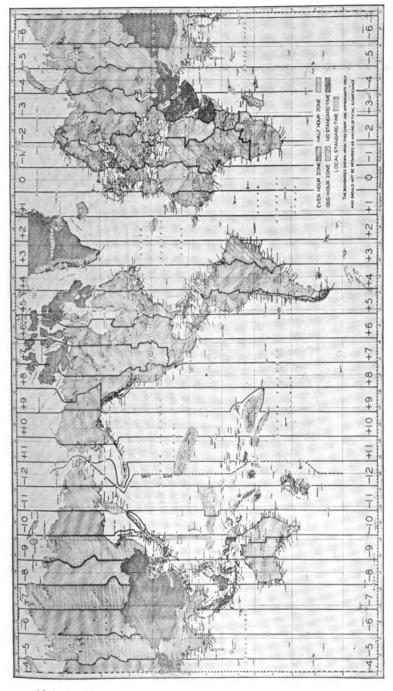
Station	Call letters	Frequency	Wave length	Signal sent
Arlington, Va	NAA	Kilocycles  113 690 4,015 8,870 12,045 16,060	Meters 2, 653 434. 5 74. 7 33. 8 24. 9 18. 7	3 a. m., 12 noon, and 10 p. m., eastern standard time.
Annapolis, Md	NSS NPE NBA	17. 8 102 46	16, 844 2, 939. 4 6, 517. 8	Same as Arlington.  9 a. m., Pacific standard time.  1 p. m. and 11 p. m., eastern standard time.
	NPO	56 108 8, 872 13, 308	5, 353. 9 2, 776. 1 33. 8 22. 5	11 a. m. and 10 p. m., Philippine standard time.
Colon, Canal Zone Eureka, Calif Great Lakes, III Key West, Fla New Orleans, La Honolulu, T. H. (Pearl Har-	NAX NPW NAJ NAR NAT NPM	132 108 122 106 104 26. 1	2, 771. 4 2, 776. 1 2, 457. 5 2, 828. 5 2, 882. 9 11, 487	Same as Balboa.  9 a. m. Pacific standard time.  12 noon, eastern standard time.  Do.  1.30 p. m., Hawaiian standard time.
bor). San Diego, Calif. (Chollas Heights). San Francisco, Calif. (Mare Island).	NPL NPG	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 102 \\ 42.8 \\ 66 \\ 108 \end{array}\right.$	2, 939. 4 7, 005. 1 4, 542. 7 2, 776. 1	9 a. m., Pacific standard time.  Do.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The values given in this table are subject to change by the Navy Department.

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NOTE. Since the preparation of this map, the time zones of Meylco have been changed by presidential decree. Effective April 1, 1602, all of Meylco, excepting the northern territory of Lower California, takes the time of the nincidian west, a hours slower than throunded. FIGURE 1.-Standard Time Zones of the United States, with parts of Canada and Mexico, as of April 1, 1932

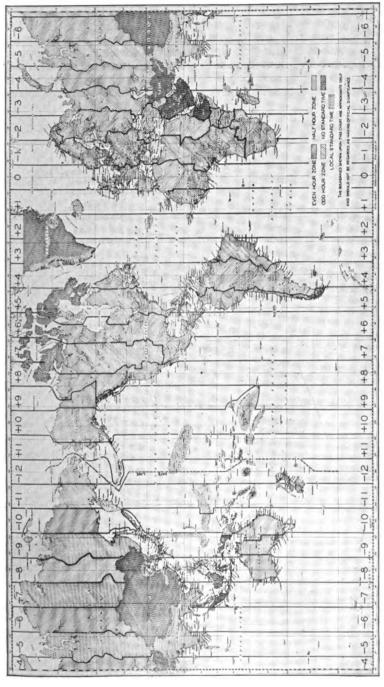


This map shows the approximate boundaries of the time zones as used under the International Standard Time Zone System, with the Greenwich meridian as zero. FIGURE 2.—Standard Time Zones of the World

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Note. -Since the preparation of this map, the time zones of Mexico have been changed by presidential decree. Effective April 1, 1832, all of Mexico, excepting the northern territory of Lower California, takes the time of the ametican meritian west, a hours slower than Greenwich. FIGURE 1 .-- Standard Time Zones of the United States, with parts of Canada and Mexico, as of April 1, 1932



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#### V. TIME IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Nearly every country of the world has established a legal time upon which to operate, and also a legal time for islands and dependencies under its control. (See fig. 2.) The following table shows the authorized time and compares this time with both Greenwich, England, and Washington, D. C. Where the legal time conforms to the International Standard Time System the standard-time meridian is indicated.

TABLE 2.—Time compared with Greenwich mean time and Washington, D. C., noon

Country	General location	Standa meridia		1	are	e com- d with enwich	i	ngto aste	at W n, D. rn sta time	C. nd-	Remarks
!				Н.	М.	8.	Н.	М.	8.		
Admiralty Islands	South Pacific Asia (70° E.)		Ε.	10		fast	3		1 a	. m.	No standard
Alaska		120°	w.	8		slow	9		a	m.	time.
Cordova Sitka Southern portion	}	135°	w.	9		slow	8		8	. m.	
Central portion	l	11500 1	- 1	10 11		slow slow	7 6			. m.	
West coast	Europe		E.	1		fast	6		p	. m.	Central Eu-
Algeria	Africa			0	00		5		-	. m.	A dopted Mar. 9, 1911.
Andaman Island	Indian Ocean Africa West Indies	15° 1	E. E. W.	6 1 4	30	fast fast slow		30	p	. m. . m. . m.	
Antigua Island	do		w.	4		slow		<b>-</b>	p	. m.	No standard
AdenArgentina	South America	60°	w.	2 4	59	54 fast slow	7	59	54 p	. m. . m.	Adopted May 1, 1920.
Aru Islands	East Indies (135° E.).		· •			<b>-</b>		- <b>-</b>		<b></b> .	No standard time.
Ascension Island	South Atlantic South Pacific (165° E.).		w.	1		slow	4		p	. m.	Do.
Austral Islands	South Pacific			10	<b></b>	slow	7	<del>.</del>		. m.	
Australia Western Australia Central Australia Northern Torritory	\	120° ]	E.	8	30	fast fast	1	30		. m. . m.	
South Australia New South Wales	)	112 30 1	- 1		30		-	30			
Victoria	( · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Е. Е.	10		fast fast	6			. m.	Central Eu-
Austria	North Atlantic	30°	w.	2		slow	3			. m.	ropean time.
Bahama Islands	Antarctic Ocean	i	W.	5		slow				oon	A dopted Feb. 1, 1912 No standard
Balleny Islands	(162° E.). West Indies	1	w.		• • • •	slow	1	· • •	r	. m.	time,
Bear Island	Arctic Ocean (20° E.).	- • <del>- • -</del> -	 Е.	2							Do.
BechuanalandBelgium			F2.	0		fast	7 3			. m.	Western Eu- ropean time.
Bennett Island	Arctic Ocean North Atlantic	60°		10 4 1		fast slow	3 1 6		p	. m.	Central Eu-
Bessarabia	Europe	i		-		fast slow			-	. m.	ropean time.

<sup>1</sup> The time noted is in the morning of the following day.

Table 2.—Time compared with Greenwich mean time and Washington, D. C., noon—Continued

Country	General location	Standard meridian		Time com- pared with Greenwich			Noon at Wash- ington, D. C. (eastern stand- ard time)				Remarks
				н. м. s.		н. м. s.					
Borneo	East Indies	120°	Ĕ.	8		fast	1		1 8	. m.	
Balik Papan		112° 30′	E.	8 7 7 7	17	fast fast fast	12	20 17 30	1 8	. m. . m.	No standard
Brazil	South America.										time. A dopted Jan.
Fernando Noronha Is-	)										1, 1914.
land Isle da Trinidade Bahia Ceara Esperito Santo Goyaz Maranhao Minas-Geraes Para	}	30°	W.	2		slow	3		I	), m.	
Parana Parahyba Pernambuco Piauhy Rio de Janeiro. Rio Grande do Norte. Rio Grande do Sul Santa Catherina. Sao Paulo. Amazonas.	}	45°	W.	3		slow			I	o. m.	
Matto Grosso	}	100	W.	4		slow				). m.	
Acre Territory Bulgaria	Europe	75° 30°	W. E.	5 2		slow fast	7			100n	Eastern Eu- ropean time
BurmaCameroon	AsiaAfrica	97° 30′	E.	6 :	30	fast	1	30		o. m.	Topean time
British	Allica	15° 15°	E. E.	1		fast fast	6		I	o. m.	Adopted Jan.
Campbell Island	Antarctic Ocean (170° W.).	117									1, 1912. No standard time.
Canada and Newfound-	North America										
Belle Isle Labrador (coast) Newfoundland Anticosti Island Cape Breton Island	}			3 :	31	slow	1	29	I	). m.	St. Johns time.
Labrador (interior) Magdalen Island New Brunswick Nova Scotia Quebec (east of 68° W.) Sable Island	}	60°	w.	4		slow	1		1	o. m.	Atlantic standard time.
Melville Peninsula Ontario (east of 90° W.) Quebec (west of 68° W.) Southampton Island Manitoba.	( 	75°	W.	5		slow	12		1	ioon.	Eastern standard time.
Northwest Territories (eastern). Ontario (west of 90° W.) Alberta.	}	90°	W.	6		slow	11		8	. m.	Central standard time.
Northwest Territories (middle). Saskatchewan	}	105°	W.	7		slow	10		8	. m.	Mountain standard time.
British Columbia Northwest Territories (western).		120°	w.	8		slow	9		8	. m.	
Yukon		135°	W.	9		slow	8			. m.	Yukon stand-

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Country	General location	Standard meridian	Time compared with Greenwich	Noon at Washington, D. C. (eastern standard time)	Remarks
			н. м. s.	н. м. s.	
Canada and Newfound- land—Continued. Arctic Islands: Baffin Island. Banks Island. Boothnia Peninsula Ellesmore Island Melville Island. North Devon Island. North Somerset Island. Prince of Wales land Victoria Island.	}			***	No standard time.
Canary Islands	North Atlantic	15° W.	1 slow		
Cape Verde Islands Caroline Islands	South Pacific	30° W.	2 slow		
Western Eastern		150° E. 165° E.	0 fast 1 fast	3 1 a. m. 4 1 a. m.	
Celebes Islands	East Indies (120° E.).				Do.
Macassar			7 57 37 fast	12 57 37 1 a. m.	_
Ceram Island	East Indies (120° E.).				Do.
Amboina	Africa	150 F	8 33 fast 1 fast	1 33 <sup>1</sup> a. m. 6 p. m.	
Chagos Archipelago	Indian Ocean	15° E. 75° E.	5 fast	10 p. m.	
Chatham Island Chile	South Pacific	172° 30′ E. 75° W.		4 30 <sup>1</sup> a. m. 12 noon	Adopted Sept. 1, 1918.
China Interior	Asia				No standard
East coast Hoihau Hong Kong Luichow Pakhoi Cocos Islands (Keeling) Colombia Comoro Islands Congo		120° E. 105° E. 120° E. 105° E. 105° E. 97° 30' E. 75° W. 45° E.	8 fast 7 fast 8 fast 7 fast 7 fast 6 30 fast 5 slow 3 fast	1 1 a.m. 12 midnight 1 1a.m. 12 midnight 12 midnight 12 midnight 11 30 p.m. 12 noon 12 p.m.	time.
Belgian	Ame	15° E. 15° E.	1 fast 1 fast	6 p. m. 6 p. m.	Adopted
Cook Islands	South Pacific	10 11.			Jan. 1, 1912.
	(160° W.).	********	10 38 slow		
Corsica Island	Mediterranean Sea.	00	0	5 p. m.	
Costa Rica	Central Amer- ica.	90° W.	6 slow	11 a. m.	Adopted Jan. 15, 1921.
Crete Island	Mediterranean Sea.	30° E.	2 fast	7 p. m.	
Cuba Curacao Island	West Indies Carribean Sea	75° W.	5 slow 4 36 slow	12 noon 12 24 p. m.	
Cyprus Island	(69° W.). Mediterranean	30° E.	2 fast	7 p. m.	
Czechoslovakia	Sea. Europe	15° E.	1 fast	6 p. m.	Central Eu-
Dahomey	Africa	0°	0	5 p. m.	ropean time. A dopted
Danzig	Europe	15° E.	1 fast	6 p. m.	Jan. 1, 1912. Central Eu-
Denmark Dominica Island Dominican Republic	do West Indies	15° E. 60° W.	1 fast 4 slow	6 p. m. 1 p. m. 12 20 p. m.	ropean time. Do.
EcuadorGuayaquil	South America		5 19 24 slow	11 40 36 a. m.	
Quito Egypt El Salvador	Africa Central Amer-	30° E. 90° W.	5 14 6.7 slow 2 fast	11 45 53.3 a. m. 7 p. m. 11 a. m.	
England	ica. British Isles	0°	0	5 p. m.	Western Eu-
					ropean time.

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Country	General location	Standard meridian		vith	Noon at V ington, D (eastern st ard tim	C. C.	Remarks
			н. м. s		H. M. S.		
Eritres Estonia	Africa Europe	45° E 30° E	3 2	fast fast		p. m. p. m.	Eastern Eu-
Tallinn Ethiopia	Africa (40° E.)		1 38 57	fast	6 38 57	p. m.	No standard
Falkland Islands Faroe Islands	South Atlantic British Isles		. 4	slow		p. m. p. m.	time. Western Eu-
Fernando Po Island Fiji Islands Finland (Soumi)	South Pacific			fast fast	5 1	p. m. a. m. p. m.	ropean time. Eastern Eu-
Flores Island	East Indies	30 1				p. m.	ropean time. No standard time.
Formosa Island (Taiwan). France			8 0	fast		a.m. p.m.	Western European time.
Gabon	South Pacific	15° E	1	fast	6	p. m.	Mar. 9, 1911. No standard
Gambia Germany	(90° W.). Africa Europe	15° E	1 06	slow fast		р. m. р. m.	time.
Gibraltar			0			p. m.	western Eu- ropean time.
Gold Coast Great Lyakhov Island Greece	Arctic Ocean	135° E.		fast fast	2 1	p. m. a. m. p. m.	Eastern European time. Adopted July 28, 1916.
Greenland	Arctic Ocean			· · · · · · ·			No standard
Angmagssalik Disko Island Scoresby Sound Western coast Grenada Island Guadeloupe Island		45° W	3 2 3 4	slow slow slow slow slow slow	2 3 2 1	p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m.	Adopted
Guadalupe Island	(120° W.).						June 8, 1911. No standard time.
Guam Island	North Pacific	I	10	fast		a. m.	Guam stan i- ard time. No standard
Guiana British Dutch French	ica. South America.		3 45 3 40 35	slow slow slow	1 15 1 19 25	p. m. p. m. p. m.	time.
Guinea French	Africa	15° W	. 1	slow	4	p. m.	Jan. I, 1911. Adopted
Portugu:se Hainau Island Haiti, Republic of Halmahera Island	China Sea		$\frac{1}{7}$	slow fast slow	4 12 mid	p. m. night noon	Jan. Î, 1912. No standard
Ternate Hawaiian Islands	(170° E.). North Pacific.	127° 30′ E 157° 30′ W	. 8 30 10 30	fast slow		a. m. a. m.	lime. Hawaiian standard
Hebrides Islands Honduras	British Isles Central Amer-	80° M	. 6	slow		p. m. a. m.	time.
British Honduras Hungary	ica. t Europe	90° W 15° E.		slow fast		a. m. p. m.	Central Eu-
Iceland	North Atlantic	15° W	. 1	slow	4	p. m.	ropean time.

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Table 2.—Time compared with Greenwich mean time and Washington, D. C., noon—Continued

Country	General location	Standard meridian		Time compared with Greenwich			ingt (east	n at Wash- on, D. C. ern stand- d time)	Remarks	
					н. м. s.			r. s.		
India	Asia	82° 30′	E.	5 30		fast	10 30	p. m.	Indian stand ard time.	
Calcutta		82° 30′	E.	5 53 6 07 5 30	20.8	fast fast fast	10 53 11 07 10 30	20.8 p. m. p. m. p. m.	Indianstand	
French Establishments.		82° 30′	E.	5 30		fast	10 30	p. m.	ard time. Adopted July 18	
Portuguese Goa		82° 30′	E.	5 30		fast	10 30	p. m.	1911. Indian standard	
Indo-China			E.	7		fast	12	midnight	Adopted May 1, 1931	
Iraq Ireland	British Isles	45° 0°	E.	3		fast	5	p. m. p. m.	Western European	
Italy	Europe	15°	E.	1		fast	6	p. m.	central Eu	
Ivory Coast	Africa	0°		0			5	p. m.	Adopted	
Jamaica	West Indies	75°	w.	5		slow	12	noon	Jan.1, 1911. A d o p t e c Feb. 1, 1912.	
Jan Mayen Island	Arctic Ocean (10° W.).								No standard	
Japanese Empire	Asia	135°	E.	9		fast	2	<sup>1</sup> a. m.	Japanese standard time.	
Korea (Chosen) Java Juan Fernandez Island Karaginski Island Kenya. Kodiak Island Komandorski Islands. Kotelni Island Kuril Islands. Laccadive Islands. Laccadive Islands.	East Indies South Pacific Bering Sea Africa Gulf of Alaska Bering Sea Arctic Ocean Japan	75° 165° 37° 30′ 150° 165° 135° 135° 82° 30′	W. E. E.	9 7 20 5 11 2 30 10 11 9 9 5 30 2		fast fast slow fast fast slow fast fast fast fast fast	2 12 20 12 4 7 30 7 4 2 2 10 30 7	1 a. m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 2 m. 2 m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 2 m. 1 a. m. 2 m. 3 m. 4 m. 4 m. 5 m. 6 m. 6 m.	Eastern Eu	
Liberia Libia Liechtenstein	AfricadoEurope	15° 15°	E. E.	0 44 1 1		slow fast fast	4 16 6 6	p. m. p. m. p. m.	ropean time	
Lithuania Lombok Island	East Indies (115° E.).	15°	Ε,	1		fast	6	p. m.	No standard	
Lord Howe IslandLoyalty IslandsLuxemberg	South Pacific	150° 165° 15°	E. E. E.	10 11 1		fast fast fast	3 4 6	1 a. m. 1 a. m. p. m.	time.	
Macao Macquarie Island	China Sea Antarctic Ocean	120°	Ε.	8		fast	1	1 a. m.	No standard	
Madagascar Island	(160° E,). Indian Ocean	45°	E.	3		fast	8	p. m.	A dopted July I, 1911.	
Madeira Island Mahon Island	North Atlantic Mediterranean	15° 0°	W.	1 0		slow	4 5	p. m. p. m.	July 1, 1911.	
Malay States, Confeder-	Sea. Asia	105°	E.	7		fast	12	midnight		
ated. Maldive Islands Malta Island	Mediterranean	150	Ε.	4 54 1		fast fast	9 54 6	p. m. p. m.		
Marianas Islands Marquesas Islands Marshall Islands Martinique Island	Sea. South Pacific do North Pacific West Indies	150° 165°	E. W. E. W.	10 10 11 4		fast slow fast slow	3 7 4 1	1 a. m. a. m. 1 a. m. p. m.	A dopted May 1, 1911.	
Mauritania	Africa	15°	w.	1		slow	4	p. m.	A dopted Jan. 1, 1912.	
Mauritius Island	Indian Ocean	60°	E.	4		fast	9	p.m.	Jan. 1, 1912,	

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Table 2.— Time compared with Greenwich mean time and Washington, D. C., noon—Continued

Country	General location	Standard meridian		parec	com- i with nwich	Noon at ington, (eastern ard ti	D. C. stand-	Remarks	
				н. м.	8.	н. м. s			
Mexico (except Lower California north of 28°), Lower California (north	Central America.		w. w.	6	slow	11	a. m. a. m.	A d o p t e d Apr. 1, 1932.	
of 28° N.). Miquelon Island	Gulf of St. Law- rence.	60°	w.	4	slow	1	p. m.	Adopted May 15, 1911. At- lanticstand-	
Monaco	Europe	o°		0		5	p. m.	ard time. Western European	
Mono Island	East Indies (155° E.)							time. No Standard time.	
Morocco Mozambique Nauru Island Netherlands	AfricadoSouth PacificEurope	165°	E. E.	0 2 11 0 19 32	fast fast 2.1 fast	5 7 4 5 19 32.	p. m. p. m. 1 a. m. 1 p. m.	Amsterdam	
New Britain Island New Caledonia Island	East Indies South Pacific	165		10 11	fast fast	3 4	1 a. m. 1 a. m.	Adopted Jan. 13, 1912.	
New Guinea Island Western part	East Indies (140° E.).	<b>-</b>		 	. <b></b>		••••••• •••••	No standard	
Eastern part: New Guinea	,							time.	
Papua New Hebrides Islands	South Pacific		E. E.	10 11	fast fast	3	1 a. m. 1 a. m.	Adopted	
New Ireland New Siberia Island New Zealand N:caragua	East Indies Arctic Ocean South Pacific Central Amer-	150° 172° 30′	E. E. E.	10 10 11 30 5 45 10	fast fast fast slow	3 3 4 30 11 14 50	1 a. m. 1 a. m. 1 a. m. 2 a. m. 3 a. m.	Jan. 13, 1912. Managua	
Nicobar Islands Nigeria	ica. Indian Ocean Africa	97° 30′		6 30	fast fast	11 30 6	p. m. p. m.	Adopted Sept. 1,	
Niger Territory Western	do	0°		0		5	p. m.	1919. Adopted Jan.	
Eastern Norfolk Island Norway		15°	E.	1 11 12 1	fast fast fast	6 4 12 6	p. m. 1 a. m. p. m.	1, 1912. Central Eu-	
Nova Zembla Island Nunivak Island Nyasaland Oceania, French	Arctic Ocean Bering Sea Africa South Pacific	165°	E. W. E. W.	4 11 2 10	fast slow fast slow	7	p. m. a. m. p. m. a. m.	ropeantime.	
Ogasawara Island Orkney Islands Palau Island Palestine Palma Island	Japan British Isles East Indies Asia	135° 30°	E. E.	9 0 9	fast fast	2 5 2 7	1 a. m. p. m. 1 a. m. p. m.	Oct. 1, 1912.	
Panama	Mediterranean Sea. Central Amer-	00	w.	5	slow	5	p. m.		
Canal Zone	ica.		w.	5	slow		noon	Eastern	
Paraguay	South America.			3 37 1	2 slow	1 22 48	p. m.	standard time. A suncion	
Persia	Asia (55° E.)							time. No standard	
Peru Philippine Islands	South America China Sea	75° 120°	W. E.	5 8	slow fast	12 1	noon 1 a. m.	Philippine standard	

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 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm Table} \; 2.-Time \; compared \; with \; Greenwich \; mean \; time \; and \; Washington, \; D. \; C., noon-\\ {\rm Continued} \end{array}$ 

Country	General location	Standard meridian	Time compared with Greenwich	Noon at Wash- ington, D. C. (eastern stand- ard time)	Remarks
			н. м. s.	н. м. s.	
Poland	Europe	15° E.	1 fast	6 p. m.	Central European time Adopted Sept. 16,
Portugal	Europe	0°	0	5 p. m.	Western European time. A dop ted Jan. 1, 1912.
Pribilof Islands	Bering Sea South Atlantic West Indies	165° W. 0° W. 60° W.	11 slow 0 4 slow	5 p. m.	Puerto Ricar
Queen Charlotte Islands_ Raratonga Island Reunion Island	Gulf of Alaska South Pacific Indian Ocean	120° W.	8 slow 10 38 slow 4 fast	6 22 a. m.	Adopted June 1, 1911
Rhodes Island	Mediterranean Sea. Africa	30° E.	2 fast 2 fast	7 p. m. 7 p. m.	Eastern European time
Rio de Oro Rio Muni Rumania Sakhalin Island	dodoEuropeSea of Japan	15° W. 0° 15° E.	1 slow 0° 1 fast 9 fast		Japanese
Samoa Islands Eastern Western Sandalwood Island	South Pacific East Indies (120°	165° W. 172° 30′ W.	11 slow 11 30 slow	5 30 a. m.	No standard
Sandwich Islands	E.). South Atlantic (25° W.).				time. Do.
Sardinia Island	Mediterranean Sea. South Pacific	15° E.	1 fast 11 20 slow	6 p. m.	
Scotland	British Isles	0° 15° W.	1 slow	5 p. m.	Western European time
Seychelles Islands Shetland Islands	Indian Ocean British Isles	60° E.	4 fast	9 p. m. 5 p. m.	A dopted Jan. 1, 1912. Western Eu-
Siam	Asia	105° E.	7 fast		ropean time.
Sicily Island	Mediterranean Sea.	15° E.	1 fast	6 p. m.	Apr. 1, 1920. Central Eu- ropean time.
Sierra Leone	Africa Arabian Sea South Pacific (160° E.).	15° W. 45° E.	1 slow 3 fast	8 p. m.	No standard
Somaliland	Africa	45° E.	2 59 54 fast 3 fast		Aden time. A dopted July 1, 1911.
Italian South Georgia Islands South Orkney Islands	South Atlantic South Atlantic (45° W.).	45° E.	3 fast 2 07 slow	8 p. m. 2 53 p. m.	No standard
Sonth Shetland Islands	(45° W.). South Atlantic (60° W.).				time. Do.
Southwest Africa Soviet Union (U. S. S. R.) Central Black Soil Area (western) Crimean S. S. R.	Africa Europe and Asia	30° E.	2 fast	7 p. m.	
Ivanovo Industrial Area (western) Karelian S. S. R. Kola Peninsula Leningrad Area Moldavian S. S. R. Moscow Industrial Area	}	30° E.	2 fast	7 p. m.	

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Country	General location	Standard meridian		Time compared with Greenwich		ing (eas	on at Wash- tton, D. C. stern stand- ard time)	Remarks
						н. м. s.		
Soviet Union—Contd. Northern Area (western). Ukrainian S. S. R	î I	30°	E.	2	fast	7	p. m.	
Western Area White Russian S. S. R. Abkhasian S. S. R. Adzharsk S. S. R. Armenian S. S. R. Azerbaidjan S. S. R. Bashkirian S. S. R. (western).			25.				<b>.</b>	
Central Black Soil Area (eastern). Chuvash S. S. R. Daghestan S. S. R. Georgian S. S. R. German Volga S. S. R. Ivanovo Industria l'Area (eastern).								
Kalmyk Area Kazak S. S. R. (western) Lower Volga Area Mari Area Middle Volga Area Nakhichevan S. S. R. Nizhni-Novgorod Area North Caucasian Area		45°	Е.	3	fast	8	p. m.	
Northern Area (central). Tatar S. S. R. T va n o v o Industrial Area (eastern). Ural Area (western). Votiak Area. Zyryan Area (western).								
Badakhshansk Area Bashkir S. S. R. (east- ern). Kara Kalpak Area Kazak S. S. R. (central). Middle Volga Area (southeastern).		60°	E.	4	fast	9	p. m.	
Northern Area (north- eastern), Tadzhik S. S. R. Turkmen S. S. R. Ural Area (central), Uzbek S. S. R. Zyryan Area (eastern), Kazak S. S. R. (eastern)			2.		16.70		,	
Kirghiz S. S. R Siberian Area (western). Ural Area (eastern) Yamal Peninsula	}	75°	E.	5	fast	10	р. т.	
Oyrat Area Siberian Area (central). Mongolo-Buryat S. S. R.	<b> </b>	90°	E.	6	fast	111	p. m.	
Siberian Area (eastern). Yakutsk S. S. R. (western). Far Eastern Area (west-		. 105°	E.	7	fast	12	midnight	
ern). Siberian Area (south-eastern). Yakutsk S. S. R. (we.t central).	1	120°	E.	8	fast	1	¹ a. m.	
Far Eastern Area (west central). Sakhalin Island Yakutsk S. S. R. (cen-	. }	135°	E.	9	fast	2	¹ a. m.	

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 $\begin{array}{c} {\bf TABLE} \; 2. - Time \; compared \; with \; Greenwich \; mean \; time \; and \; Washington, \; D. \; C., \; noon-\\ {\bf Continued} \end{array}$ 

Country	General location	Standard meridian		Time com- pared with Greenwich			Noon at Washington, D. C. (eastern standard time)		Remarks
				н. м. s.		H. M. 8.			
Soviet Union—Contd. Far Eastern Area (central). Yakutsk S. S. R. (east central).	}	150° E		10		fast	3	¹ a. m.	
Far Eastern Area (east central). Kamchatka	<u></u>	165° E		11		fast	4	¹ a. m.	
ern). Far Eastern Area (east-	<u> </u>	180° E	١.	12		fast	5	¹ a. m.	
ern). Spain	-			0			5	p. m.	Western European time. Adopted Jan. 1, 1901.
Spitzbergen	(15° E.).		- <b>-</b>						No standard time.
Santa Cruz Islands Staten Island St. Croix Island St. Helena Island	West Indies	60° W		11 4 4 0	23	fast slow slow slow	1 1	1 a. m. p. m. p. m. p. m. 37 p. m.	
St. Lawrence Island St. Lucia Island St. Matthew Island	Bering Sea West Indies	165° W	٧.	11 4	~	slow slow	6	a. m. p. m.	
St. Matthew Island St. Miguel Island St. Thomas Island (Sao Thome).	Bering Sea North Atlantic South Atlantic	30° W	V . V .	11 2 0		slow slow	6 3 5	a. m. p. m. p. m.	
St. Thomas Island St. Vincent Island Straits Settlements	do	60° W 60° W 105° E	٧.	4 7		slow slow fast	1	p. m. p. m.	
SudanAnglo-Egyptian	Africa			2		fast	12	midnight p. m.	
French: Eastern		0° 15° W	V.	0		slow	5	p. m. p. m.	
Western Sumatra	E.).				<b></b>				Do.
Benkalis	l .	í		6 7 6	20 42	fast fast fast	11 12 11	20 <sup>1</sup> a. m. 42 p. m.	
PadangSweden	Europe	15° E	 :.	7 : 6 : 1		fast fast fast	12 11 6		Central Eu-
Switzerland Syria Tanganyika	Asia	15° E 30° E 45° E		1 2 3		fast fast fast	6 7 8	p. m. p. m. p. m.	
TasmaniaThaddaeus IslandTimor Island	Arctic Ocean East Indies	150° E 150° E 120° E		10 10 8		fast fast fast	3 1	<sup>1</sup> a. m. <sup>1</sup> a. m. <sup>1</sup> a. m.	
Kupang Timor Laut	East Indies (135° E.).					fast		15 <sup>1</sup> a. m.	No standard time.
TogolandTonga IslandsTrinidad, BritishTripolitania	West Indies	60° V	v.	0 12 4 1	20	fast slow fast	16	p. m. a. m. p. m. p. m.	
Tuamotu Archipelago Tunisia			V .	10 1		slow fast	7 6	a. m. p. m.	.
Turkey	1	}		2		fast	7	p. m.	Eastern Eu- ropean time.
Ubangi Shari Uganda Union of South Africa Cape Colony	do	37° 30' E		1 2	30 	fast fast	7	p. m. 30 p. m.	•
Natal Orange Free State Transvaal	}	30° E	Ξ.	2		fast	7	p. m.	

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Country	General location	Standard meridian	Time compared with Greenwich	Noon at Washington, D. C. (eastern standard time)	Remarks
			н. м. s.	H. M. S.	
United States of America. Eastern		67° 30′ W. 60° W. 135° E. 0°	5 slow 6 slow 7 slow 8 slow 3 30 slow 4 slow 9 fast 0	11 a. m. 10 a. m. 1 9 a. m. 1 30 p. m. 1 2 30 p. m. 2 1 a. m. 5 p. m.	Western European time.
Yap IslandYugoslavia	Japanese Sea Europe	135° E. 15° E.	9 fast 1 fast	2 1 s. m. 6 p. m.	Central Eu- ropean time.
Zanzibar Island	Indian Ocean	45° E.	3 fast	8 p. m.	ropean time.

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#### VI. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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# VII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS ON STANDARD TIME

The following Government publications are available at the prices quoted.

Bureau of Standards Miscellaneous 84, Standard Time Conversion Chart. 10 cents.

Bureau of Standards Miscellaneous 111, Time Zone Map of the United States. 10 cents.

These may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

The following map may be purchased from the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., for 50 cents.

Time Zone Chart of The World. No. 5192.