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CLAYTON																																				
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DOVER	5.25	.01	.03	.15																																
GEORGETOWN	5.81																																			
LEWES	5.67																																			
MILFORD	5.58																																			
WILLSBORO	4.74																																			
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	5.31	.10	.50	.12																																
WILMINGTON N CASTLE WB AP	5.09	.04	.50	.05																																
WILMINGTON CITY HALL	5.00	.46	.12	.05																																
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SALISBURY U.S.G.S.	EVAP WIND	.03 45	.02 24	.08 89	.05 46	.00 63	*	.13 264	.10 110	.08 74	.03 47	.02 170	.10 52	.01 25	.04 57	.06 25	.06 67	.07 84	.12 78	*	.20 159	.13 133	.05 53	.02 107	*	.14 59	.02 54	.02 96	.02 137	.05 42	- 119	- 108	- 51	B1.81 2438

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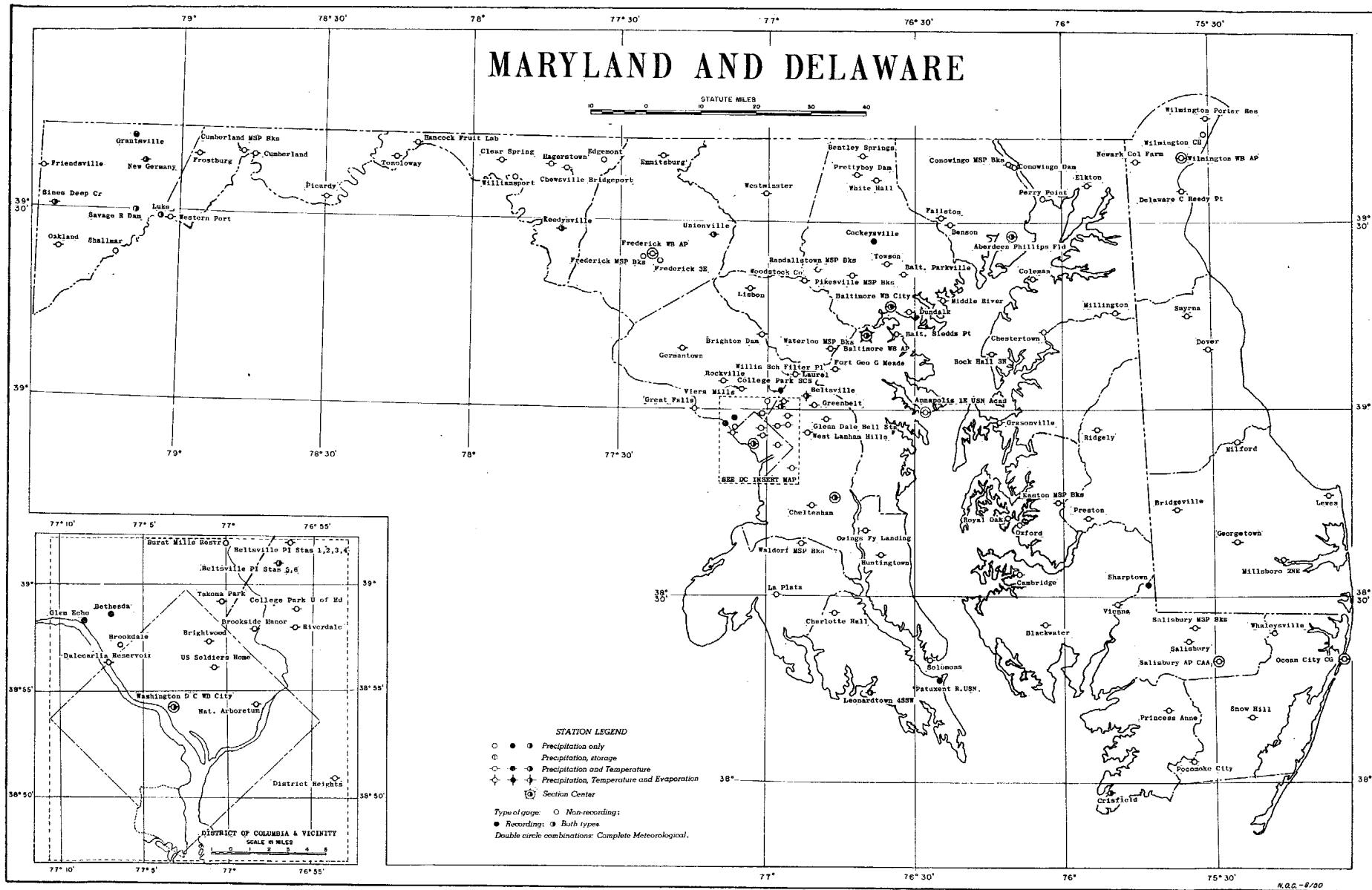
Table 7 - Continued

SNOWFALL AND SNOW ON GROUND

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Station		Day of month																																	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
ROCKVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.0																													
ROYAL OAK	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.0			T		T												T					T	T	T					
SALISBURY	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.4				T		T											T					T	T						
SNOW HILL 1 NE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						T			T		T																	T	T					
SOLOMONS	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						T																						T	T					
TAKOMA PARK MISS AVE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					.8	.2	T																					T	T					
TOWSON	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						-	T																					-	T					
UNIONVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.0	T		T	T	T												T	T	T			.3	T	T	T	T			
VIENNA	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					T	T																						T						
WESTERN PORT	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
WESTMINSTER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	T			2.0	T	1	1	1	T	T	1.0	T	T															1.0	T	T	T	T		
WOODSTOCK COLLEGE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					T	T	1.0	1	T	T	T	T	T	T													T	T						
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA																																			
WASHINGTON WB CITY, D. C.	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.0	1																					.2			.2				
DELAWARE																																			
BRIDGEVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							2.0																						T	T	T	T		
DOVER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							5.0	2	1	T	T	T	T															T	T	1	1	T		
LEWES	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					.9																									T	T			
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						3.0	2	2	1	1	T	T	T																T	T	T	T		
WILMINGTON N CASTLE WB AP	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						3.5	T	T	T	T	T	T	T																	.5	T	T	T	T
WILMINGTON PORTER RES	SNOWFALL SN ON GND						3.0	3	1	1	1	T	T	T																.5	T	T	T	T	

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