

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNICIANS 77-1



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If someone asked us how things went on our course, we could look them straight in the eye and truthfully say, "Nothing went wrong, went wrong, went wrong, . . .". Actually, in spite of a cranky computer, good progress was made by the students.

The two week course, put on by the Coordination and Development Section of Technical Training Division, was designed to introduce staff of Network Standards Division of Central Services Directorate to Statistical and Computer manipulation of Meteorological Data. The students became very familiar with the operation of the HP 2100 series mini computer, and all the things that can go wrong with it.

Although the background of the students was quite varied (from non-technical to university), the course appeared to stimulate them universally. Perhaps this was because they were too busy to think about anything else. (In Technical Training, we don't like to see anyone with nothing to do.)

This was the first time the CAT course was given using the Training Branch computer, and as such, could be considered as a pilot for future courses. The students offered some valid suggestions for improvements in the future, and these will be implemented. We hope that our future courses will be even more successful than this one.