



GEOLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL REPORT

ON THE
HENCH CLAIMS

WATSON LAKE MINING DISTRICT

NTS 105-J-3/SW

Lat. 62° 02'

Long. 131° 22'



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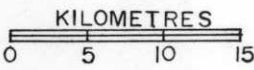
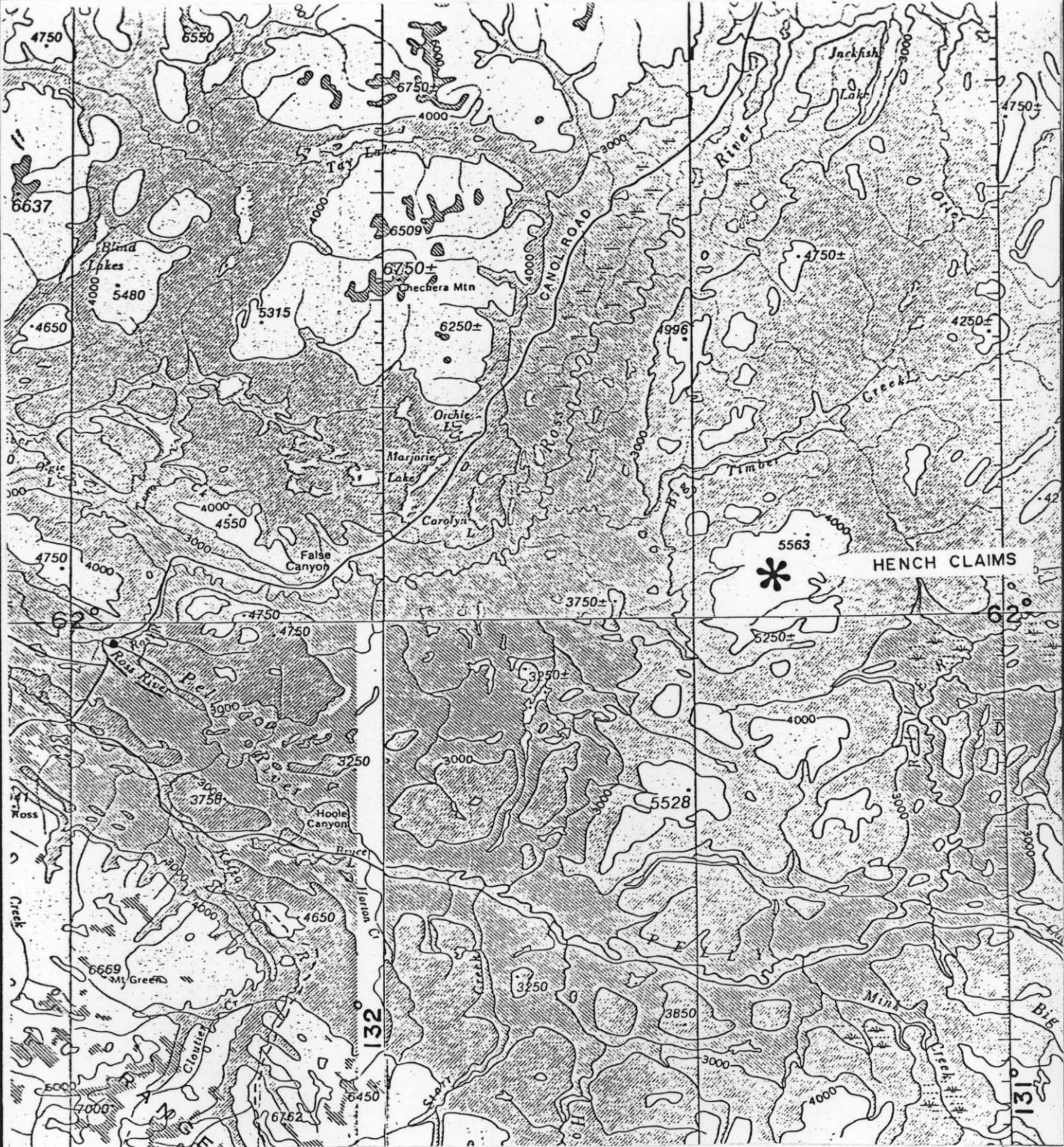
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APPROX. LAT. & LONG. OF
LOWER RT. COR. OF DWG.
61° 35' _____ LATITUDE
131° 00' _____ LONGITUDE

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LOCATION MAP
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Introduction and Summary

The forty-eight Hench Claims were staked July 11, 1978 to cover lead, zinc-silver vein mineralization and anomalous silt samples located 60 km east of Ross River (figure 1).

During August 15-19, 1978, geological and geochemical surveys were conducted on the Hench claims. Soil samples were collected at 50 m intervals along lines 400 m apart. All samples were analysed for copper, lead, zinc and iron. Later selected samples were analysed for silver. Geological mapping and prospecting was done in conjunction with geochemical sampling. Grid stations were chained or measured with topofil, ribboned and tied to a baseline, which was chained along the central claim line.

Geological units comprise Paleozoic sediments and metasediments of the Selwyn Basin, intruded by a large felsic pluton and mafic dykes and capped in the south by allochthonous, mafic, extrusive, klippen remnants.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Geochemical profiles over known mineralization have shown ambiguous results and swamps covering much of the property have made interpretations difficult. It is, however, concluded that anomalies in the south-central and southeast portion of the claims probably represent glacial overburden covered mineralization.

It is recommended that further profile geochem sampling and tighter grid sampling be undertaken to further delineate the present anomalies. It is also recommended that IP, Max-Min and Magnetometer geophysical surveys be conducted over the claims at reconnaissance scale with detailed

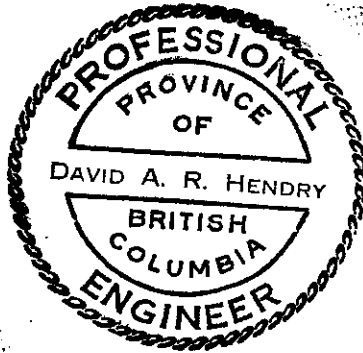
testing in the areas of geochemical anomalies.

Respectfully submitted,



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Location and Access

The Hench claims lie 60 km east of Ross River, Yukon. Access to the claims is gained most conveniently by helicopter from Ross River. Two large rivers, the Pelly and the Ross Rivers separate the claims from the Robert Campbell Highway and the Canol Road, to the south and west respectively. A lake suitable for float plane traffic is located 7 km south of the claims.

Physiography

The claims lie on the Pelly Plateau (Bostock, 1948) between the valleys of the Pelly and Ross Rivers and south of Big Timber Creek. Relief is gentle on the claims with elevations ranging between 1300 m and 1400 m. The plateau drops 350 m to the Ross and Pelly River valleys. Both south and northeast of the claims, isolated mountains rising 450 m above the plateau, dominate the landscape.

The entire plateau was covered by Pleistocene ice, moving generally westward. Drainage on the claims which are located in a broad, gentle saddle, is very poor with much of the claims underlain by wet "nigger-head" swamps. Glacial till where it is dissected appears to be less than 8 m thick, but may be thicker in paleo-depressions. A strong boulder train trends east-west across the northern portion of the claims.

The claims are located slightly below treeline which is at 1400 m. Between swampy areas stunted spruce, willow, alder and black birch vegetation is quite thick.

Outcrops occur only along one gentle creek valley and on the lower slopes of the two mountains. Soils on the property are primarily

developed from glacial till. A post glacial layer of volcanic ash appears intermittently in samples and is generally less than 3 cm thick.

Claims and Ownership

Grant numbers, names and due dates for the Hench claims are summarized below.

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
YA 34550-97	Hench 1-48	August 3, 1979

The 48 Hench claims form a contiguous block. They are owned and operated by St. Joseph Explorations Ltd.

History

The claims were staked on July 11, 1978 and there was no evidence of previous activity.

1978 Programme

During August 15-19, baseline preparation and geological and geochemical surveys were conducted. Soil samples were collected at 50 m intervals on lines 400 m apart. Grid stations were chained or measured with topfil, ribboned and tied to the baseline which was chained along the central claim line. Several grid locations were unsampled because of standing water. A total of 390 soil samples and 11 silt samples were collected. Additionally, 14 soil samples were taken over known mineralization in 4 profiles. All samples were analysed for copper, lead, zinc and iron. Later, selected samples were analysed for silver.

During follow-up traverses prior to staking, 63 soil samples and 32

silt samples were collected in the area of the claims. These were analysed for copper, lead and zinc and the results have been included with this report. The costs for these samples have not been included as they were incurred before staking the claims.

Geological mapping and prospecting of limited outcrops and boulder trains were done in conjunction with geochemical work.

All work was done by St. Joseph Explorations Ltd. personnel, from a base camp positioned on the property by a Hughes 500D helicopter chartered from Terr-Air Ltd. of Ross River, Yukon.

Geologic Setting

The claims lie within the Selwyn Basin tectonic province (Gabrielse 1967). Sediments ranging from Cambro-Ordovician to Devonian attest to two depositional cycles. Older sediments are fine grained, deeper water carbonates, mudstones and phyllite. Those deposited during and after uplift of the Sheldon Arch, in the Silurian, are higher energy, shallow water conglomerates, sandstones, quartzites, shales and limestones.

A large felsic intrusive, possibly of Cretaceous age, north of the property has altered nearby sediments to pelites, phyllites, calc-silicate schist and biotite schist. Diorite dykes also intrude these sediments and metasediments.

South of the claims a large extrusive dioritic and basaltic mass of Tertiary or Quaternary Age (Templeman-Kluit, 1977) has been thrust from the south onto Devonian sediments.

The less than one percent outcrop precludes a stratigraphic dis-

cussion. A table of formation from the property and regional geology follows.

TABLE I
TABLE OF FORMATIONS

PERIOD	GSC* MAP UNIT	PROPERTY** MAP UNIT	LITHOLOGY & MAP SYMBOL WHERE APPROPRIATE
Quaternary or Tertiary	QTvb	Allochthonous Mafic Rocks	diorite; porphyritic and columnar jointed hornblende, plagioclase porphyry.
?	?	Mafic Intrusive	2. diorite; fine grained, dark green. 2a. altered diorite; calcareous pale green diorite.
Cretaceous	Kqm	Felsic Intrusives	quartz monzonite; also porphyritic quartz monzonite & feldspar por- phyry. 1. quartz feldspar porphyry; very coarse grained, blocky green weathering.
Devonian & Silurian	uDMfcg	Conglomerate	chert pebble conglomerate; black & grey chert pebbles in arkosic matrix. Also arkose & mudstone & slate interbeds.
Devonian, Silurian & Ordovician	OSDqc	Phyllite	3. phyllite; calcareous light grey. Quartz and rusty carbon- ate veining.
		Schist	4. schist; pelitic and micaceous, muscovite, chlorite, chloritoid schist, dark and variably rusty weathering, strong structural grain.

* Templeman-Kluit, 1977, Geol. Surv. Can., Open File 486.

** Accompanying geology map, Map No. 2, pocket No. 2

Mineralization

Sphalerite and galena in quartz veins, sometimes containing chalcopryrite, have been found cutting calcareous phyllite, altered porphyritic diorite and calc-silicate schist. Only two occurrences are in outcrop and they have different orientations. At present all veins found are very thin, less than 15 cm., and of high grade (table below).

TABLE II
Table of Assays

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Cu %</u>	<u>Pb %</u>	<u>Zn %</u>	<u>Ag oz</u>	<u>Description</u>
R 2104	0.06	18.8	14.8	2.36	15 cm high grade sphalerite and galena vein.
R 2205	0.33	4.60	3.10	4.60	Sphalerite-galena veins in calc silicate chip sample of float.
HR 2220	1.001	0.22	1.18	Tr	13 cm high grade sphalerite and galena vein sampled across 1.2 m of outcrop.
HR 2221	0.12	0.44	2.13	4.71	Same vein as HR2220. Sampled across 30 cm of outcrop.

Structure

Structural interpretations from the limited outcrops on the property are not possible. The pelites and schists in the northeast corner of the claims and forming the boulder train across the north of the claims, show tight intra-layer folding and growth of chlorite, muscovite and biotite parallel with axial planes. Orientations in the calcareous phyllite are variable because of folding and again too few to permit interpretations. Contacts of the dioritic intrusions are not exposed

and it cannot be interpreted whether they are dykes or sills.

Geochemistry

Soil samples on the Hench claims comprise three basic types, as follows:

1. Soils, from plateaux and gentle slopes where drainage is good, are most abundant. They are sandy, yellow-brown to orange-brown. Vegetation is thin; usually buck-brush and caribou moss with a very thin decomposed organic layer. Volcanic ash is very thin. This soil is derived from glacial overburden and often has abundant round glacial boulders.
2. Soils from low areas on the plateaux where drainage is poor, are usually wet, black, decomposed organics. Volcanic ash is seldom found in these samples. Deeper sampling would produce "B" horizon samples but would require augering to a depth of 0.5 m at least.
3. Soils from wide flat flood plains are really silt samples. These are grey clayey to silty samples usually beneath thick organics. Volcanic ash is absent due to stream action.

Sampling by St. Joseph personnel totalled 346 grid samples, 14 profile samples, 44 samples from traverses and 11 silt samples. During collection, samples were coded for the following properties: (1) Wet or dry, (2) sample depth, (3) organic presence in sample, (4) depth of "A" horizon, (5) presence of volcanic ash layer, (6) color, (7) texture, (8) horizon sampled, (9) vegetation types, (10) slope, (11) angularity of rock fragments, (12) presence of frost boils and (13) presence of iron precipitates.

Samples were packaged in standard kraft envelopes and shipped to Bondar Clegg Ltd., in Whitehorse, for drying, screening and analysis. Minus 80 mesh portions were digested in aqua regia and analysed for lead, zinc and copper by Atomic Absorption. In addition, 152 samples were later analysed for silver and 450 for iron.

Histograms and cumulative frequency curves were plotted for each element and values plotted on the accompanying maps 3 to 7.

In four small trenches near a vein assaying 0.06% Cu, 18.8% Pb, 14.8% Zn and 2.36 oz./ton Ag, fourteen profile soil samples were taken. Where possible A₁, B and C horizons were sampled; two C samples were taken where soil was thick. These samples revealed ambiguous results and are summarized below and also on maps 3 to 6.

TABLE III

Soil Geochemistry

(Profile Samples)

	#	A Horizon			B Horizon			C ₁ Horizon			C ₂ Horizon		
		Cu	Pb	Zn	Cu	Pb	Zn	Cu	Pb	Zn	Cu	Pb	Zn
Directly above min- eralization	1	40	(740)	(425)	43	18	105	(76)	((1700))	(430)	1	10	13
	2	6	6	14	30	26	140	30	18	90	38	19	97
Below min- eralization on slope	3	40	(38)	170	27	(78)	120	2	14	23	15	19	132
Below in swamp	4	(52)	(780)	((500))	3*	11*	28*	--	--	--	--	--	--

* Actually a clay-silt flood plain sample below thick organics; not a good "B" sample.

() possibly anomalous
(()) definitely anomalous

One of the two samples above mineralization was anomalous in the A and C₁ (30 cm) horizons, in Pb & Zn, and C₁ in Cu, but not in B (20 cm) horizon for any element. The sample on the slope below mineralization was possibly anomalous (weakly) in lead in the B & A horizons and background in everything else. In the flood plain at the base of the slope, A horizon was definitely anomalous in Pb and Zn and weakly in copper. The silt and clay below the organics was not anomalous.

The copper cumulative frequency curve (App. II) steepens at approximately 50 and 150 ppm. The projection of background population to 99.9% of the data also occurs at 150 ppm. Values between 50 and 150 ppm copper are considered possibly anomalous and those above 150 ppm definitely anomalous. Two of the four definitely anomalous samples suggest a poorly defined anomaly (Map 3) between 80+00 and 82+00 north on line 88. Silt samples greater than 200 ppm copper and 2 other isolated definitely anomalous copper soils suggest the area north of the base line east of line 88 is sporadically anomalous in copper.

The lead cumulative frequency curve steepens at 38 and 120 ppm and 99.9% of the background values appear to lie below 114 ppm. Samples containing between 38 and 114 ppm lead are considered possibly anomalous and those above 114 ppm, definitely anomalous. The four definitely anomalous samples are isolated single sample anomalies (Map 4). One is also definitely anomalous in zinc and this site will be considered below.

The zinc cumulative frequency curve (App. II) steepens at 210 ppm, 6% of the data lies above this value. The 99.9% projection of background data occurs at 460 ppm. Values between 210 and 460 ppm zinc are con-

sidered possibly anomalous and those above 460 ppm, definitely anomalous. A definite anomaly in zinc (3 samples) (Map 5) strikes roughly east-west through lines 80 & 84 at 76+00N. Sample L80-76N is also strongly anomalous in lead. Other definitely anomalous zinc samples are isolated. Sample L80-80.5N is anomalous in copper and zinc, but not lead. This is in an area of abundant standing water.

The cumulative frequency curve for iron (App. II) shows a multi-population data set, quite difficult to analyse. Possibly anomalous data is taken as those values above the break in slope at 6.5% iron, with definitely anomalous data taken as those values of 10% and higher. Values with less than 0.5% iron are considered to anomalously low, whereas from 2% to 0.5% is possibly anomalously low. The creek cutting across the south east corner (Map 6) has two values of 10% iron, definitely anomalous. The 10% value in the southwest corner does not have any anomalous base metal values nearby.

The break in slope on the silver cumulative frequency curve occurs at 0.32 ppm, with 39% of the data above this value. This may result from only analysing for silver in the portion of the claims thought to be anomalous, even though N=164. The projection of background data to 0.1% falls at 1.1 ppm. Values between 0.32 and 1.1 ppm are considered possibly anomalous and those above 1.1 ppm definitely anomalous. Definite anomalies occur at (Map 7) line 80-75.5 & 76, coincident with a lead and zinc anomaly, line 84-73.5 coincident with zinc, line 88-80.5 coincident with copper and zinc and line 92-94 coincident with possibly anomalous zinc. Single element silver anomalies occur at L80-84, L84-89, 89.5 and 91, and L92-84.

From the erratic geochem values in test profiles it is concluded that the lack of an anomaly does not completely rule out the potential for buried mineralization.

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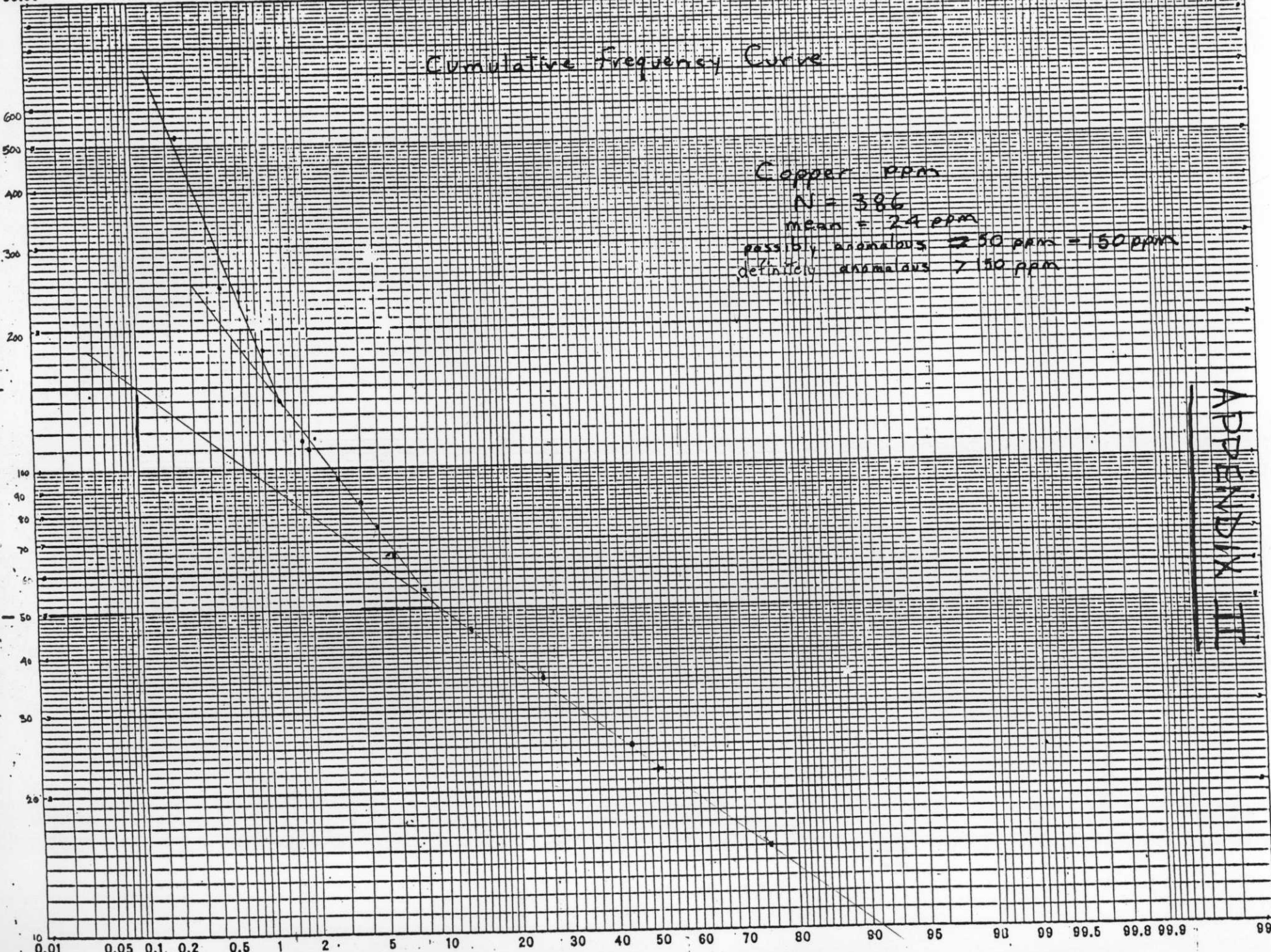
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Cumulative Frequency Curve

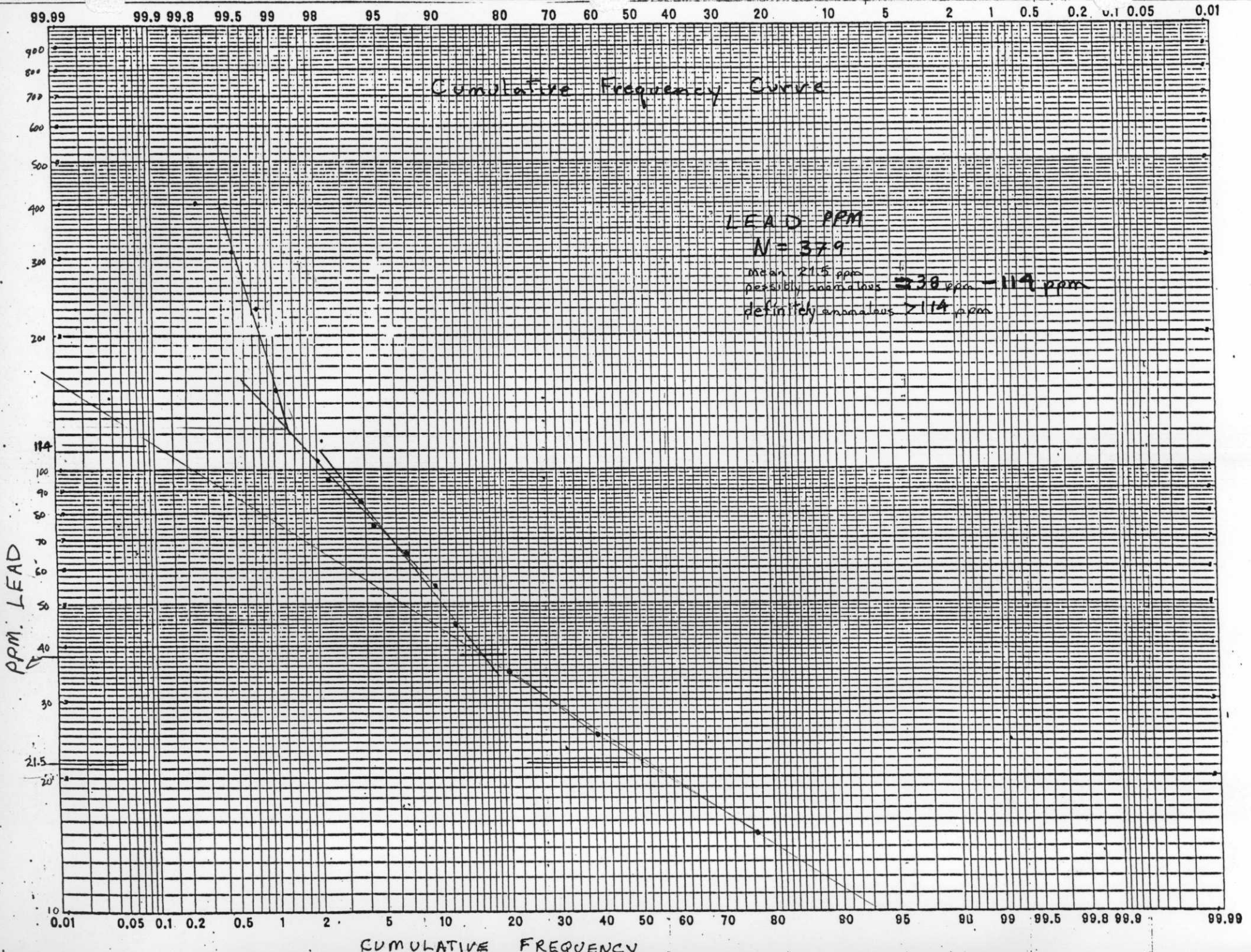
Copper ppm
N = 386
mean = 24 ppm
possibly anomalous > 50 ppm = 150 ppm
definitely anomalous > 50 ppm

150
Copper ppm
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APPENDIX III



Cumulative Frequency %



99.99 99.9 99.8 99.5 99 98 95 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 5 2 1 0.5 0.2 0.1 0.05 0.01

Cumulative Frequency Curve

Zinc ppm

N = 385

mean = 96 ppm

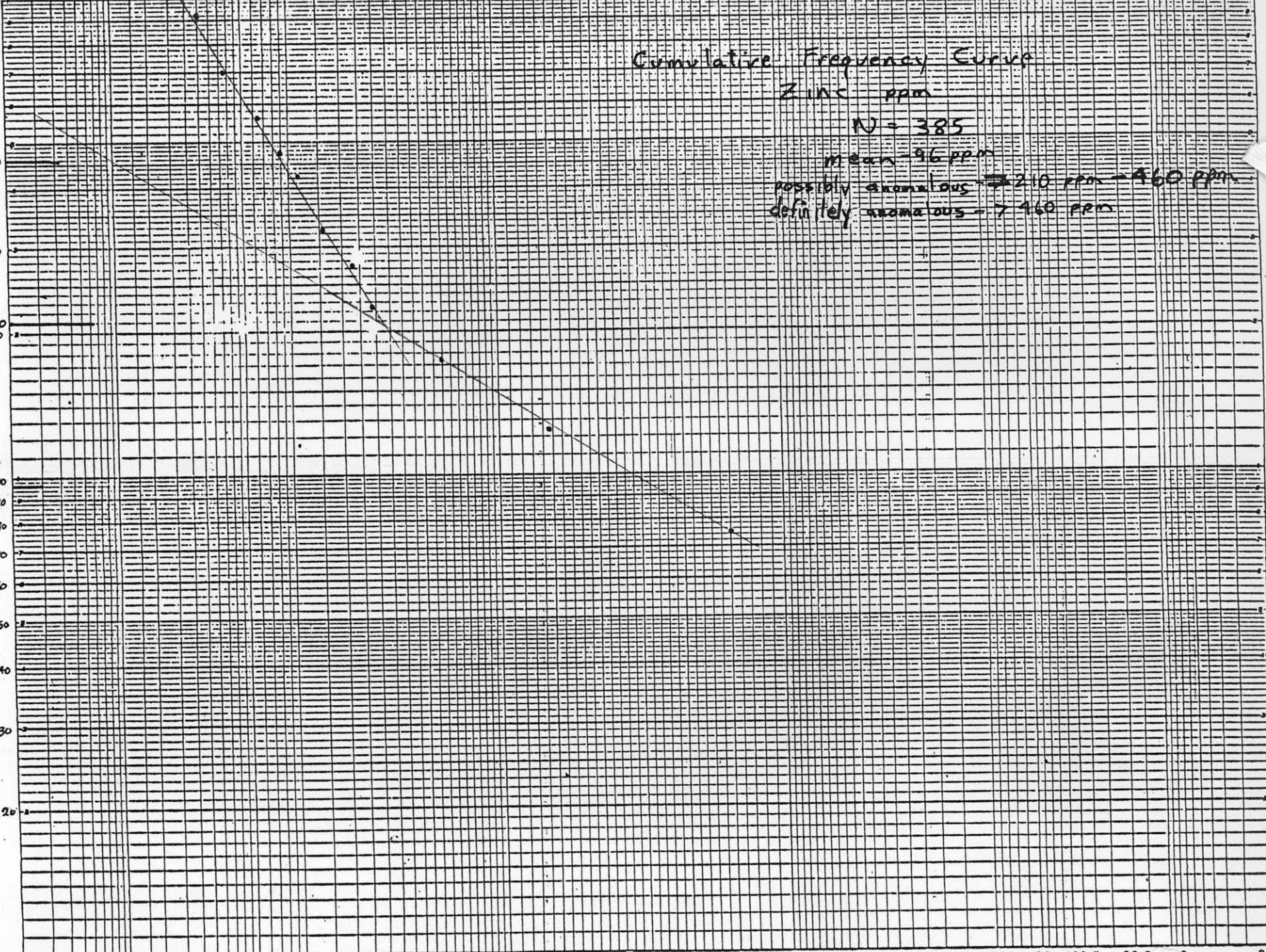
possibly anomalous = 210 ppm - 460 ppm

definitely anomalous = > 460 ppm

Thres
210
200

96

Zinc PPM



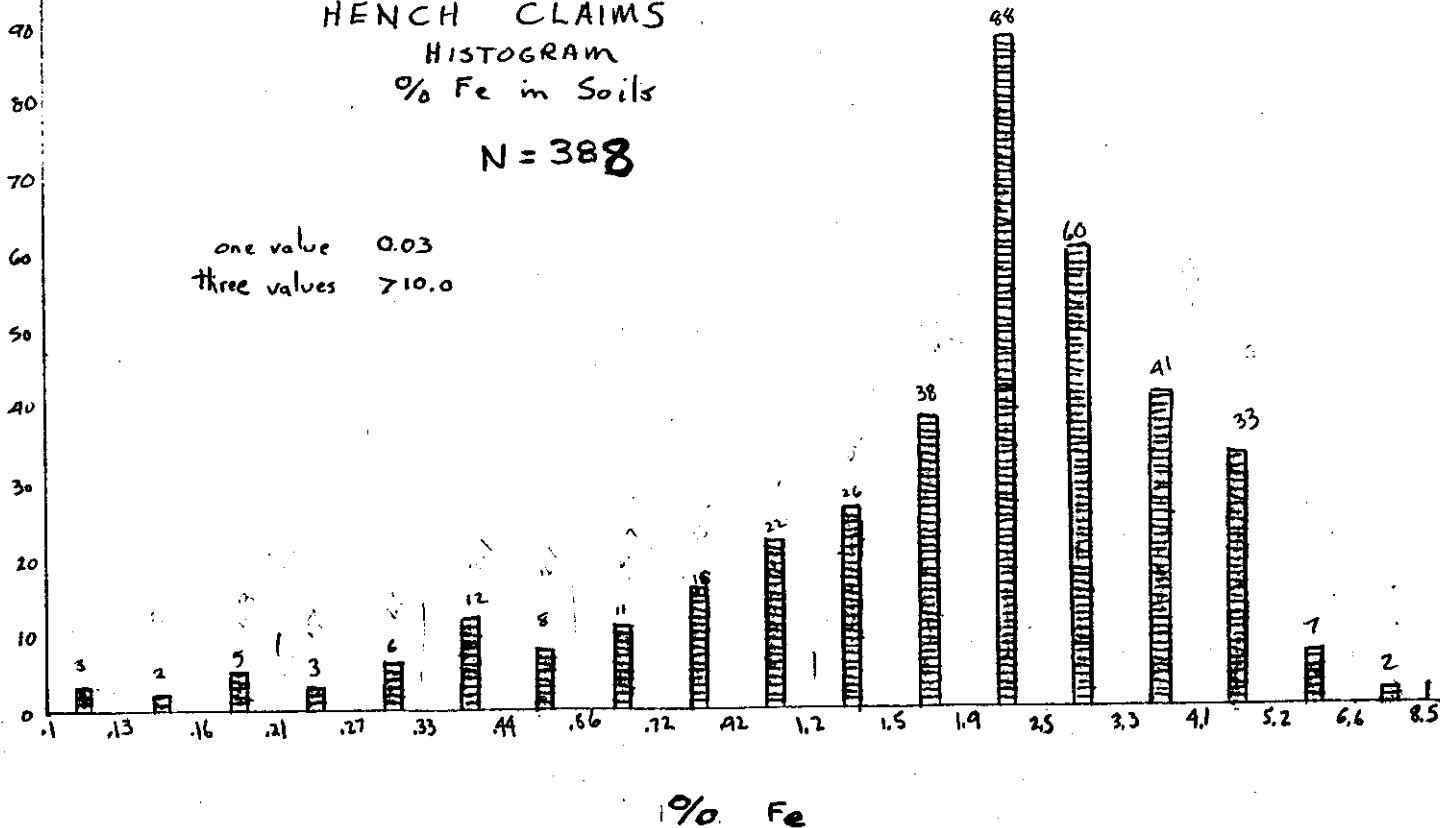
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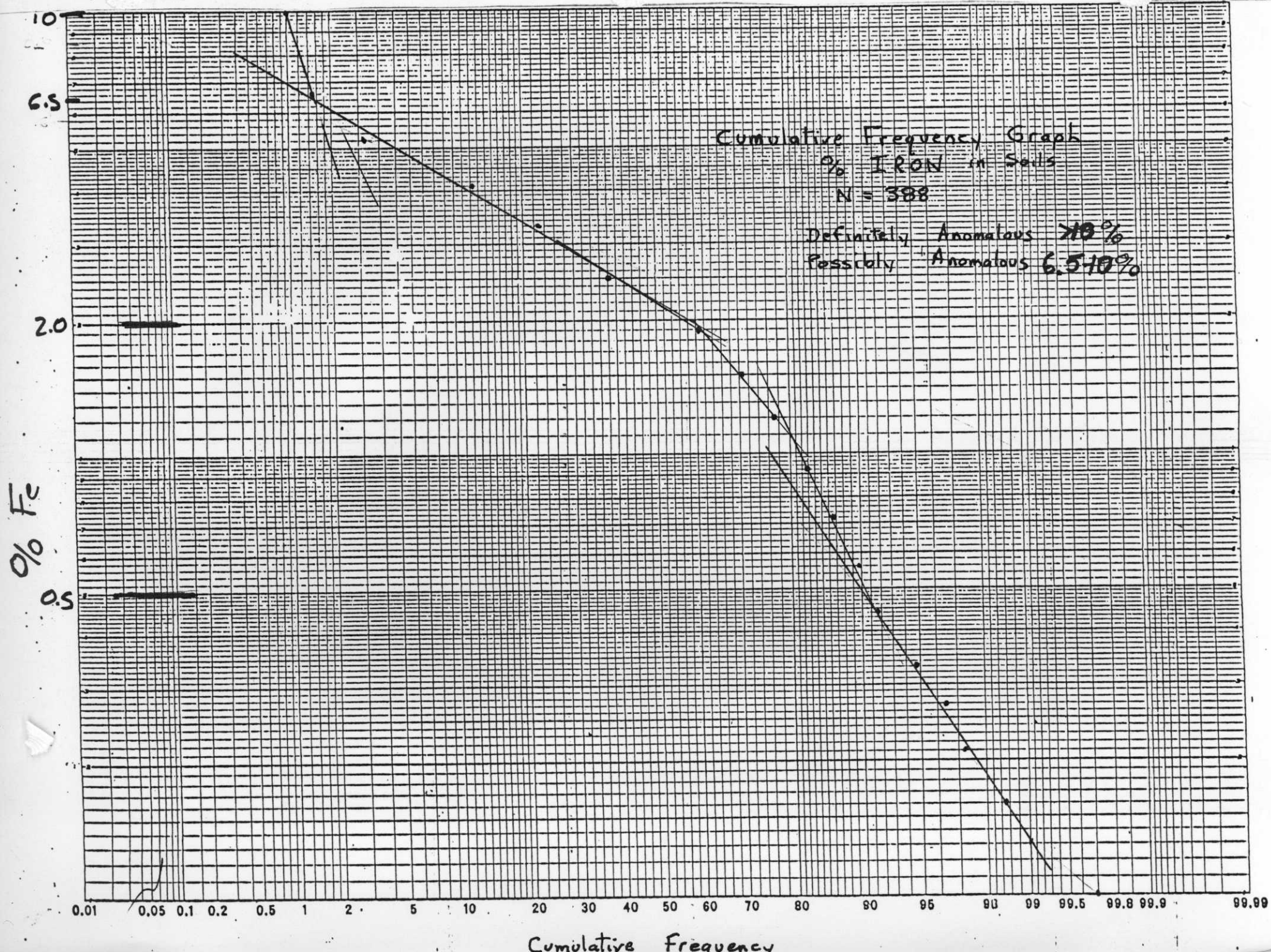
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HISTOGRAM
% Fe in Soils

N = 388

one value 0.03
three values > 10.0

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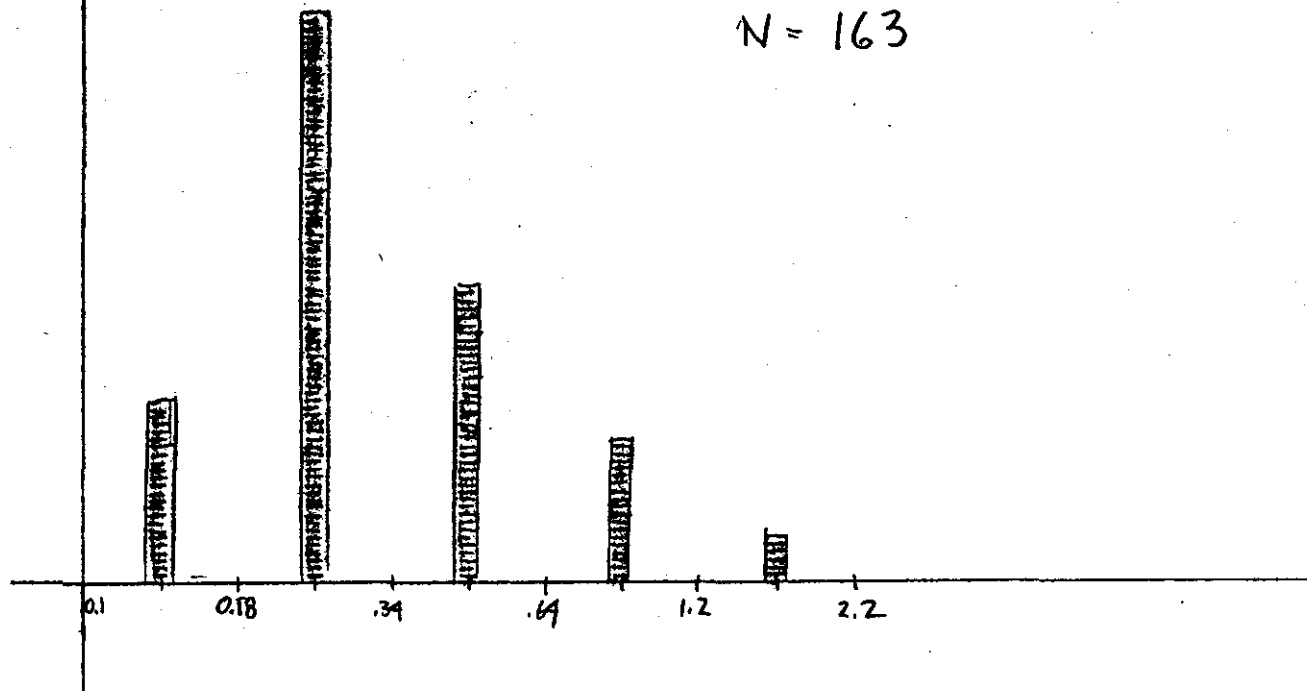




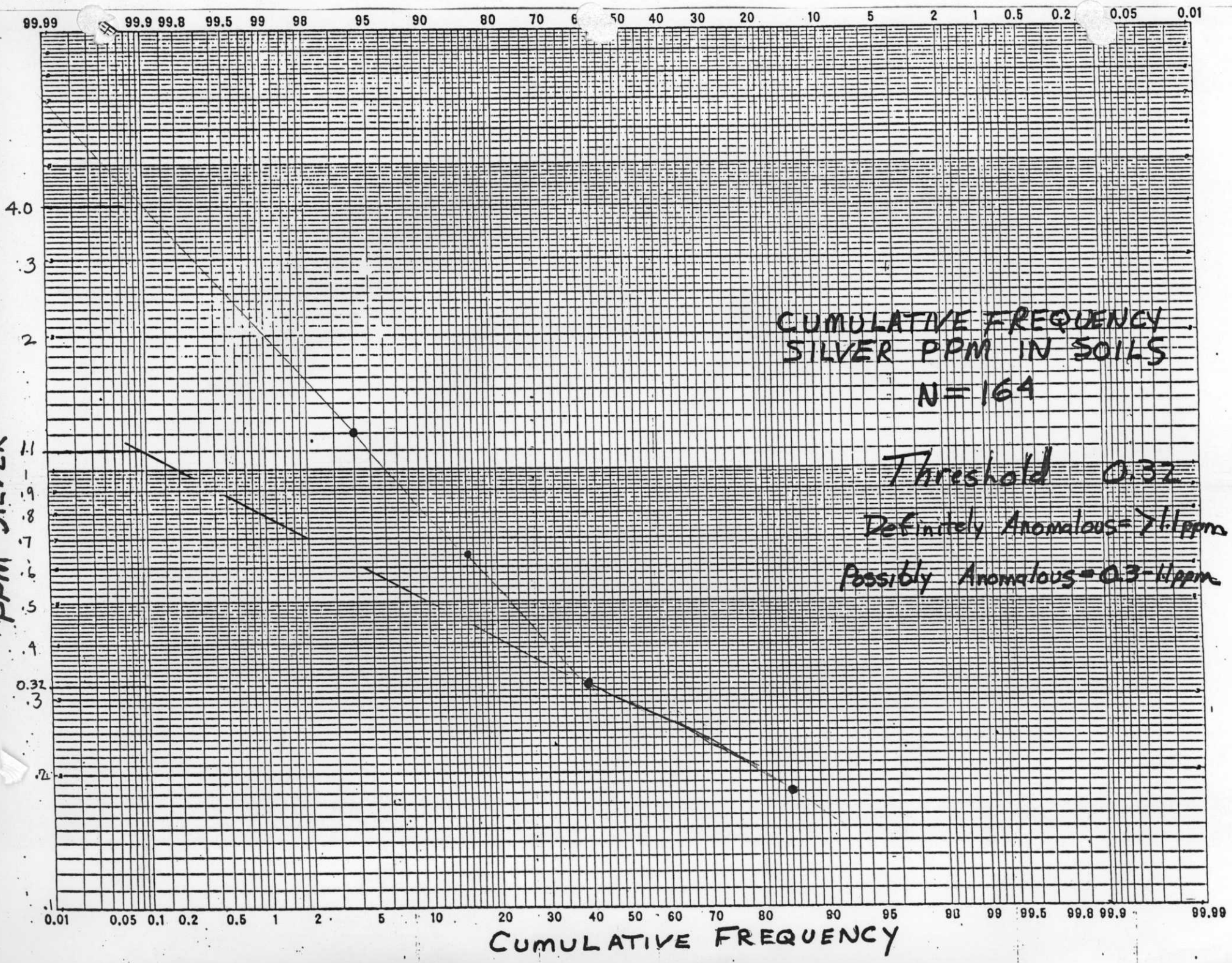
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PPM Silver in Soils

(logarithmic cell sizes)

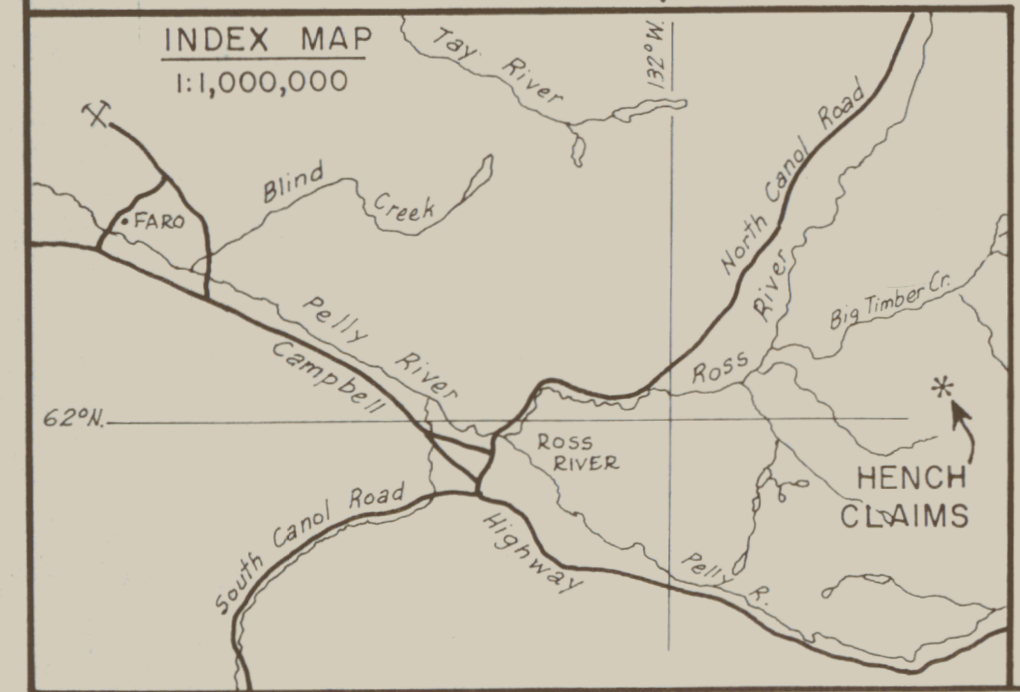
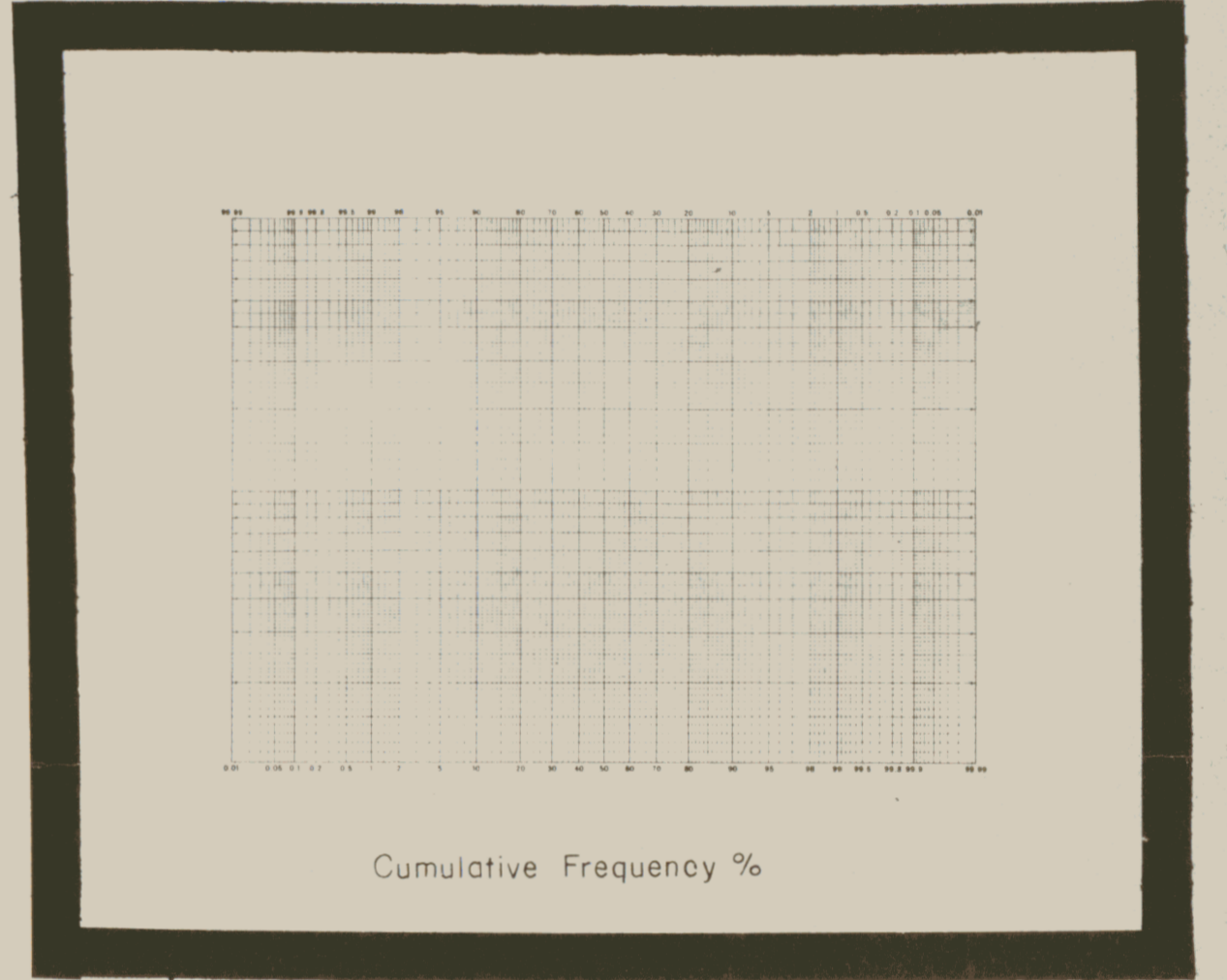
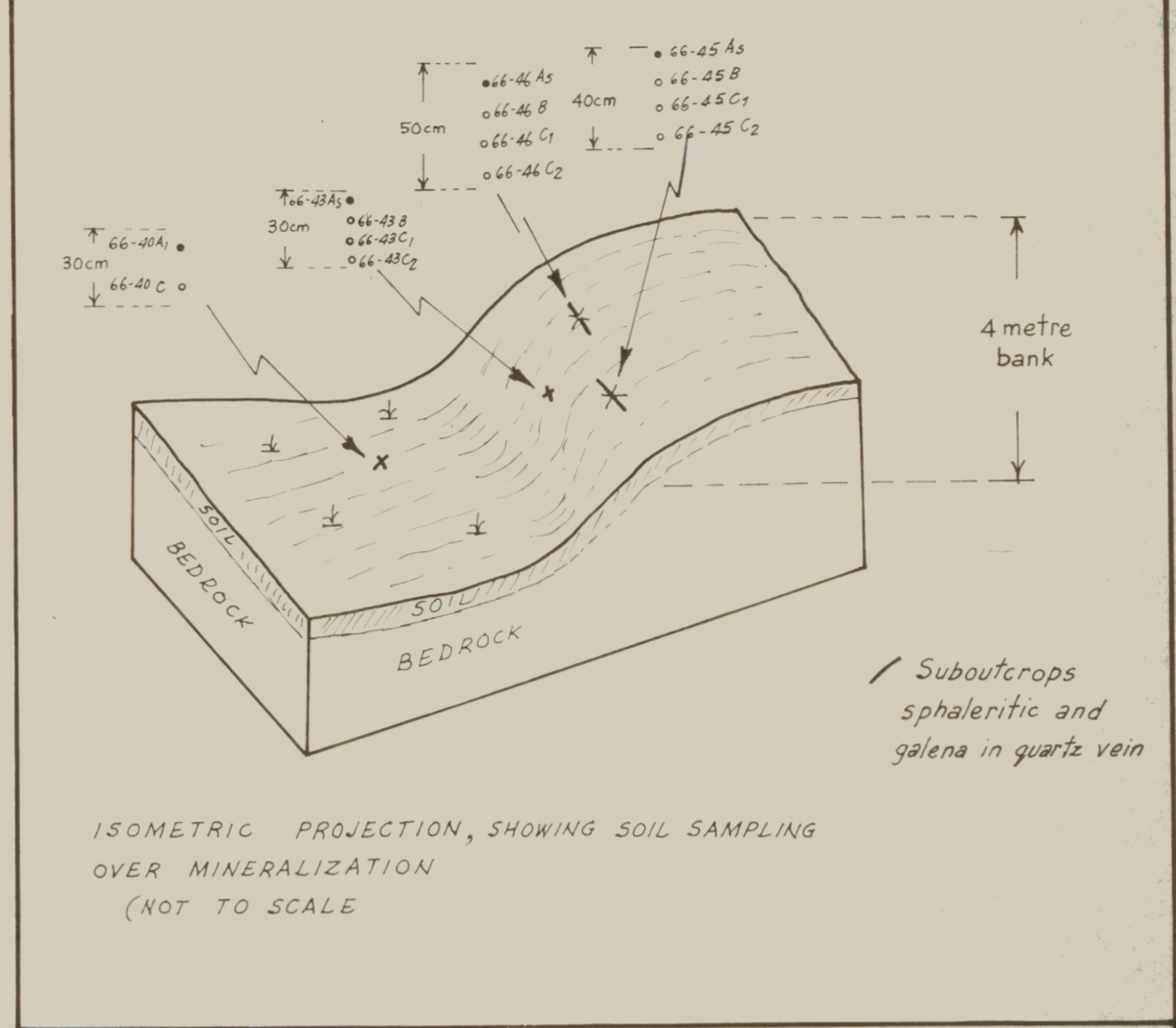
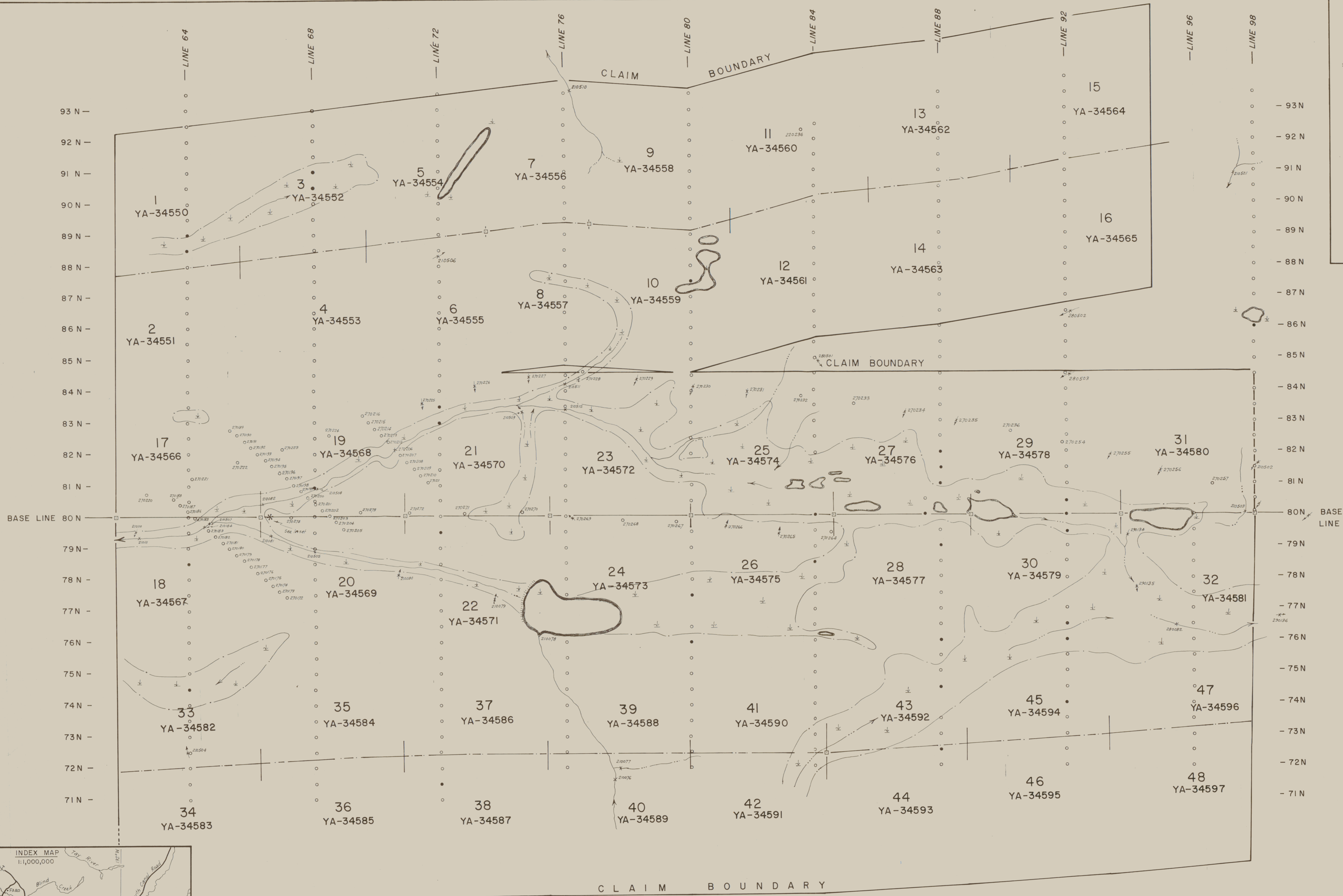
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PPM SILVER



CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY



- 17 Claim number
- YA-34581 Tag number
- x Silt sample
- o Soil sample; 'A' horizon; 'B' horizon
- Base line
- ⊕ Claim post
- + Projected claim post location
- - - Claim line
- ~ Creek
- ⊖ Intermittent drainage
- Lake, swamp
- ⊕ Beaver dam

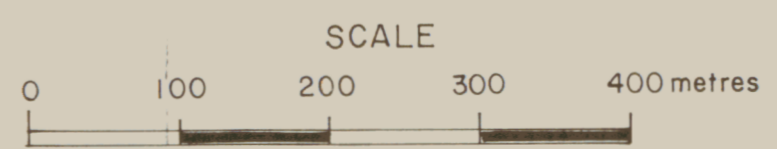


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**HENCH CLAIM, Yukon Territory
CLAIM & SAMPLE
LOCATION MAP**

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APPROX. LAT & LONG. OF LOWER RT. COR. OF DWG. 62° 02' 12" N LATITUDE 131° 21' 24" W LONGITUDE	MAP NO. 1	N.T.S. 105J-3





LEGEND

- 4 Schist — pelitic and micaceous, muscovite, chlorite, chloritoid schist dark and variably rusty weathering tightly folded with attendant strong axial plane cleavage
- 3 Phyllite — variously limy phyllite and phyllitic limestone grey weathering, thinly bedded
- 2 Diorite — dark green, finely porphyritic in feldspar
2a altered diorite
- 1 Quartz Feldspar Porphyry — coarse grained, blocky, olive green weathering, apparently unmineralized
- Quartz vein (only veins larger than one meter thick)

- Outcrop
- Float (only areas of monolithic float reported)
- Sphalerite and galena quartz vein
- Mineralized float
- Compositional layering
- Axial plane or phyllitic cleavage
- Minor fold axis
- Vein orientation

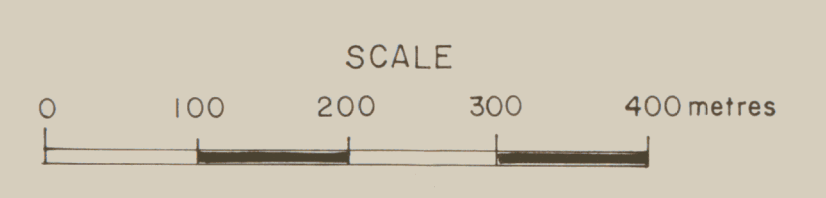
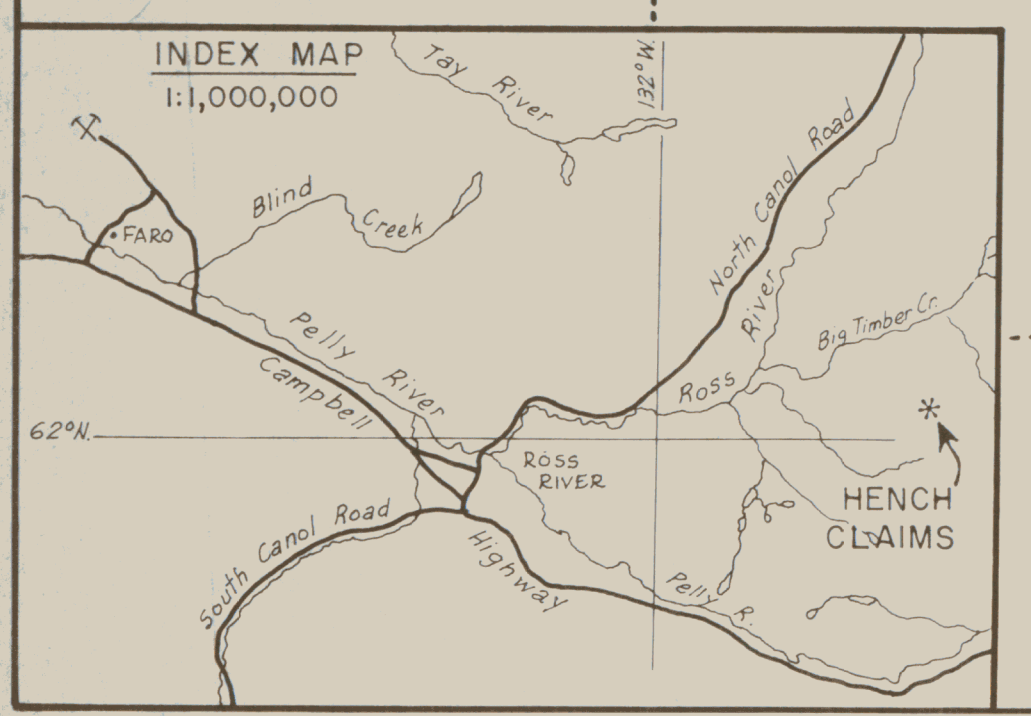
BASE LINE

2.5/30/2.6/7.1 — %Au Ag / %Cu / %Pb / %Zn

- Base line
- Claim post
- Projected claim post location
- Claim line
- Creek
- Intermittent drainage
- Lake, swamp
- Beave dam



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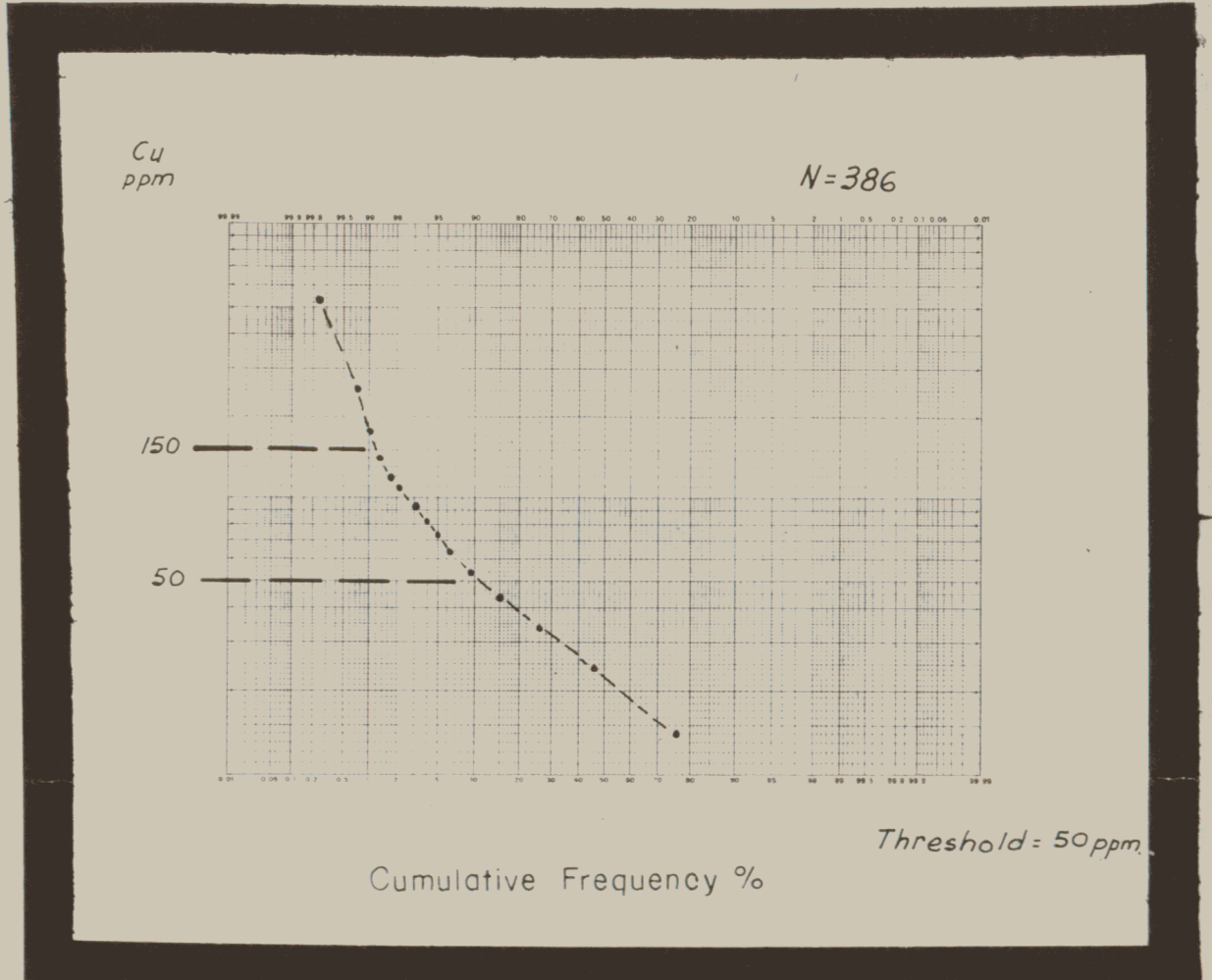
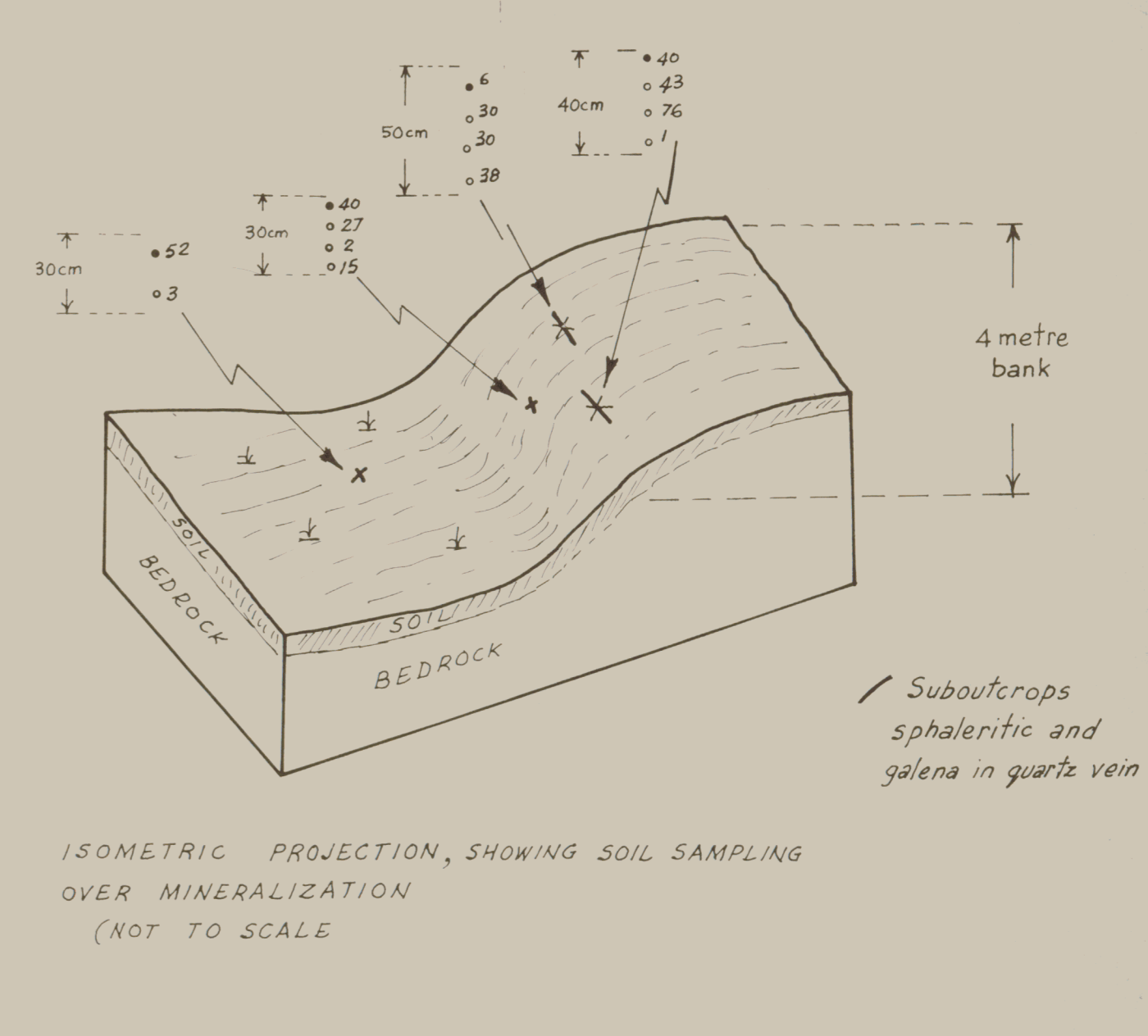


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GEOLOGY

SCALE 1:5,000

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Possibly anomalous 50-150 ppm.
Definitely anomalous > 150 ppm.

- x 41 Silt sample
- 19 / 20 Soil sample; 'A' horizon; 'B' horizon
- Base line
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- + Projected claim post location
- - - Claim line
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- - - Intermittent drainage
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- ⌘ Beaver dam



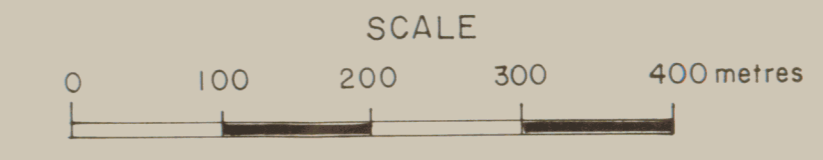
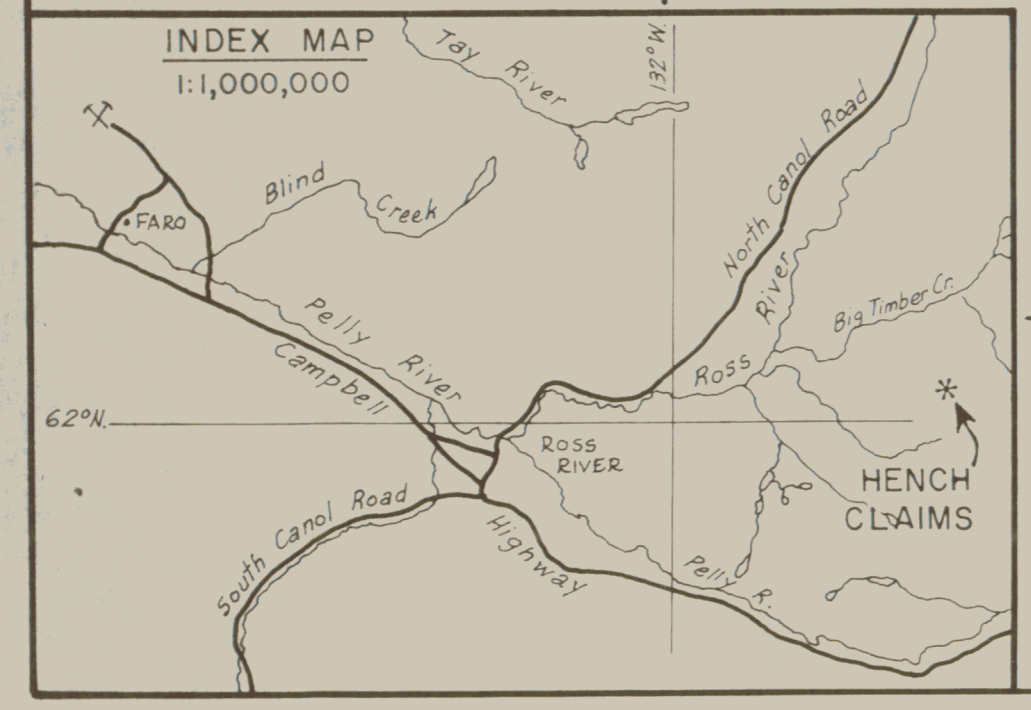
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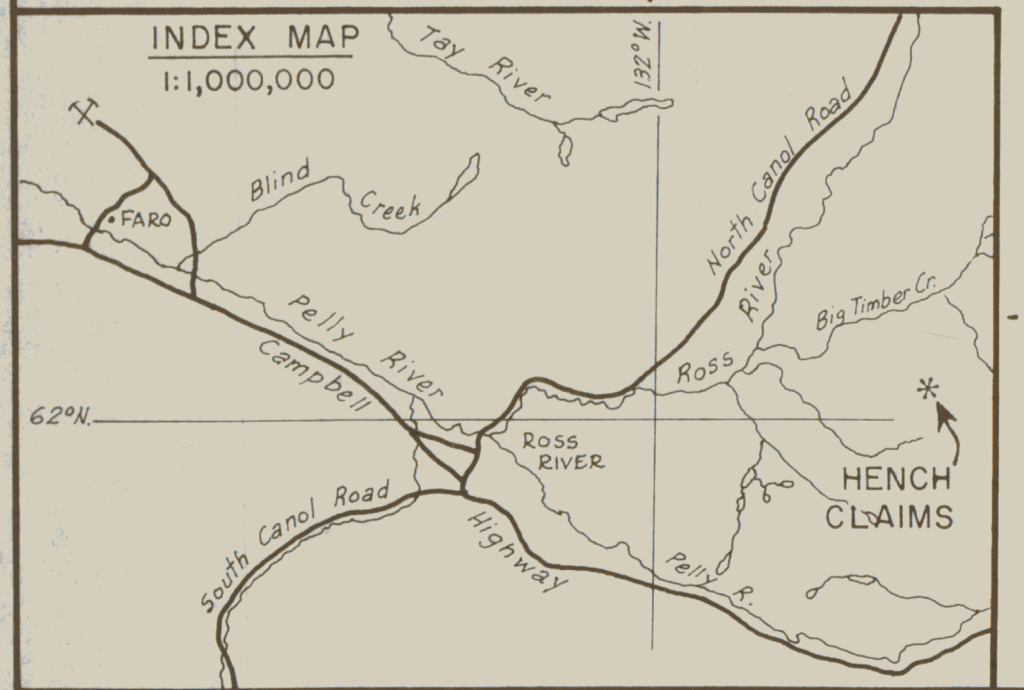
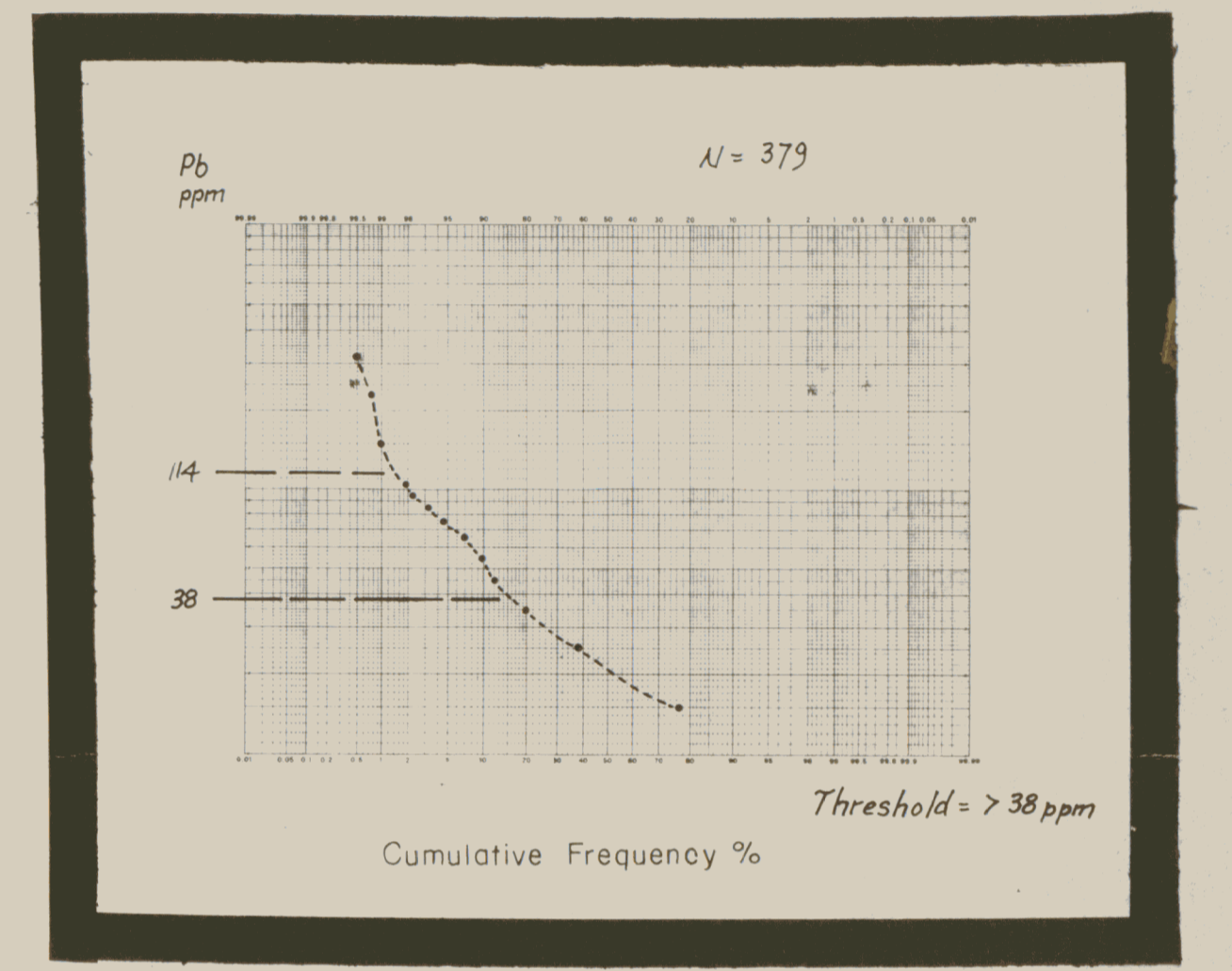
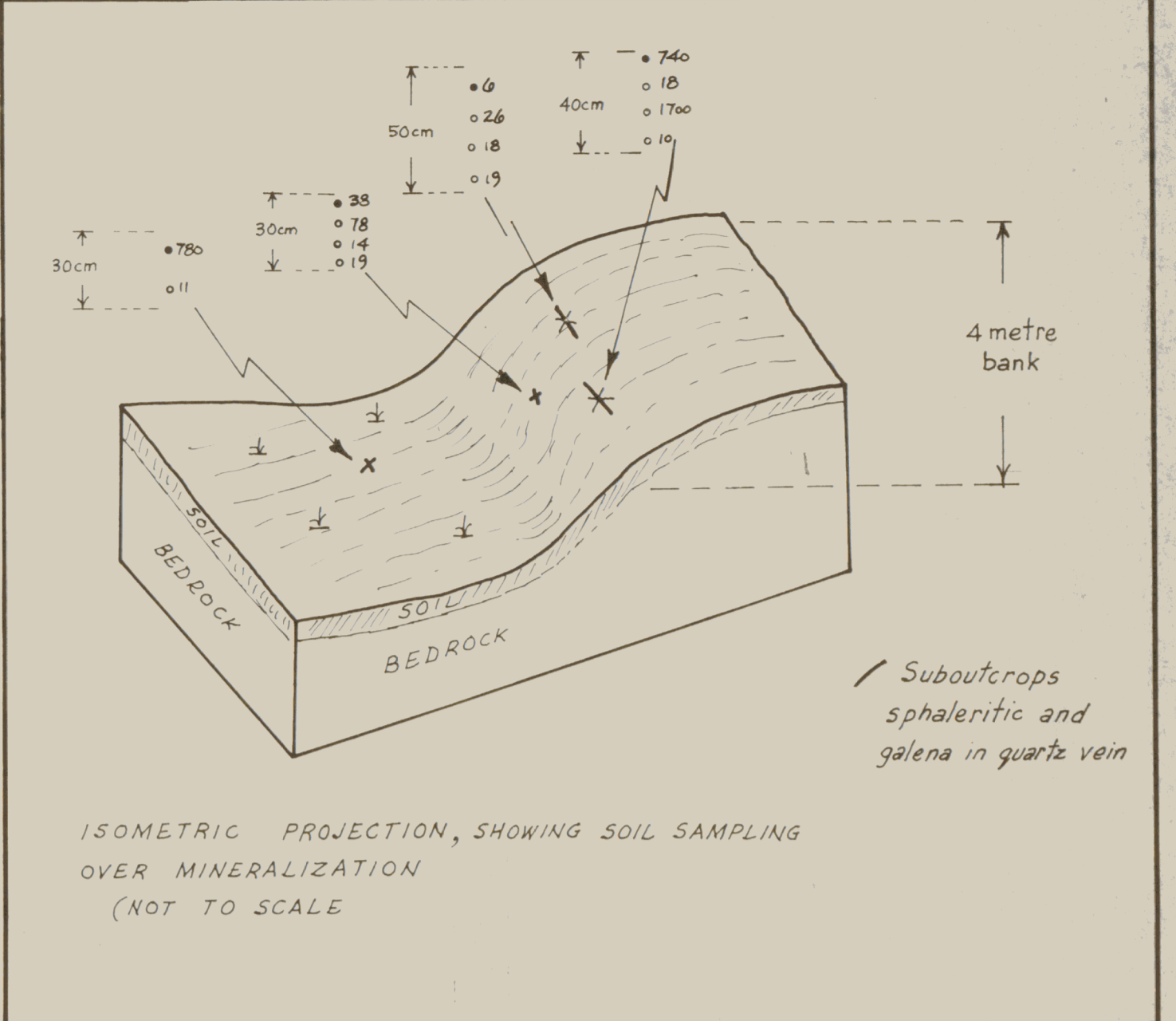
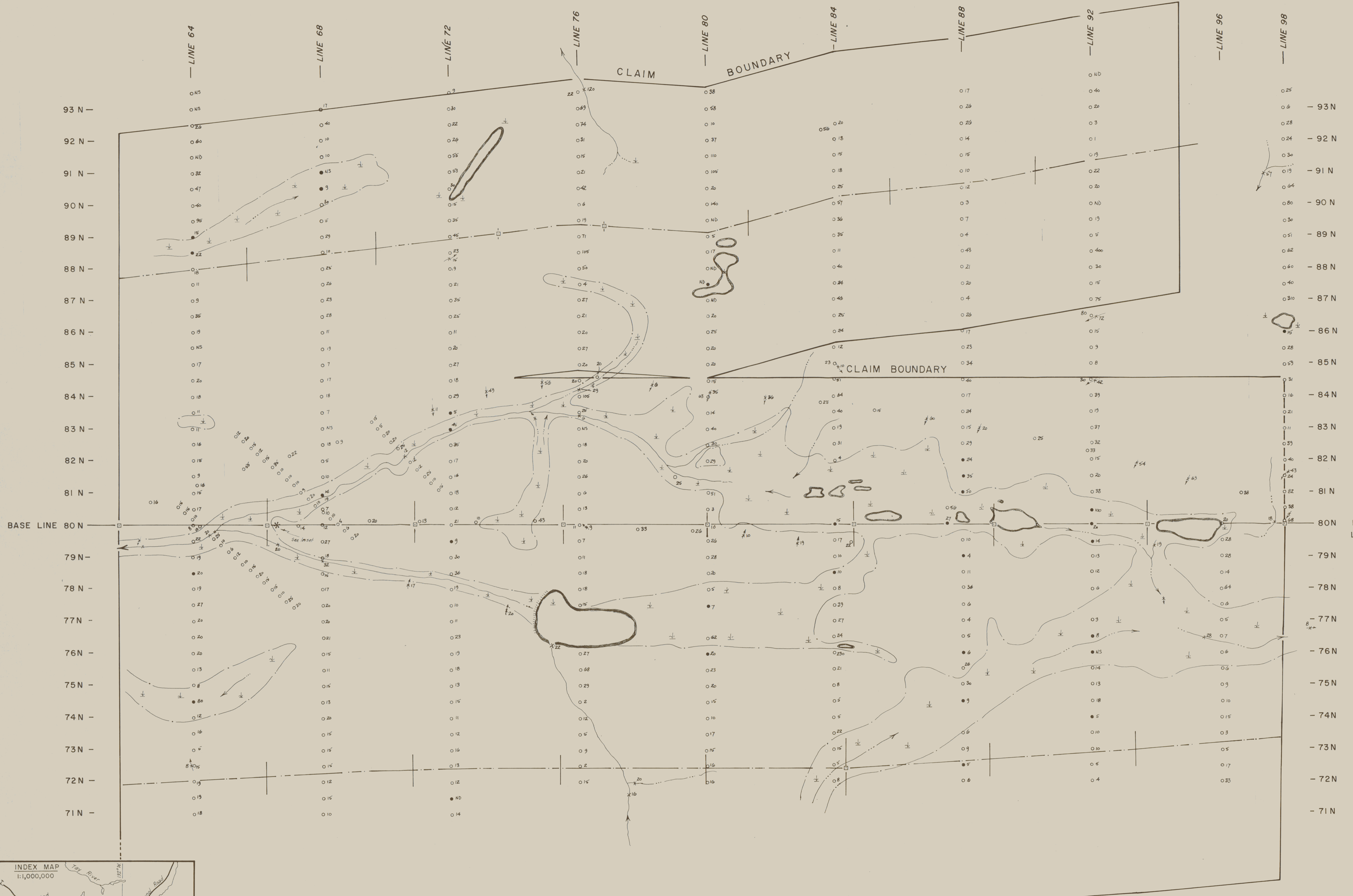
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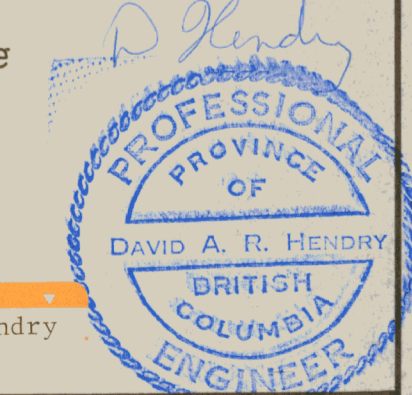
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APPROX LAT & LONG OF LOWER RT. COR. OF DWG. 62° 02' 12" LATITUDE	MAP NO. 3	OF
131° 21' 24" LONGITUDE		NTS 105J-3





- x Silt sample
- o Soil sample; 'A' horizon; 'B' horizon
- Base line
- ⊕ Claim post
- ⊕ Projected claim post location
- Claim line
- ~ Creek
- ~ Intermittent drainage
- Lake, swamp
- Beaver dam

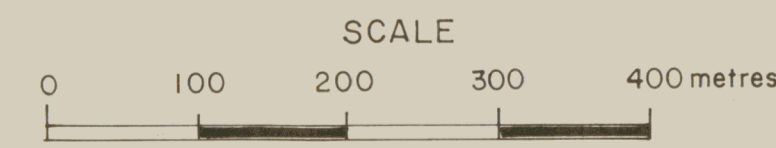


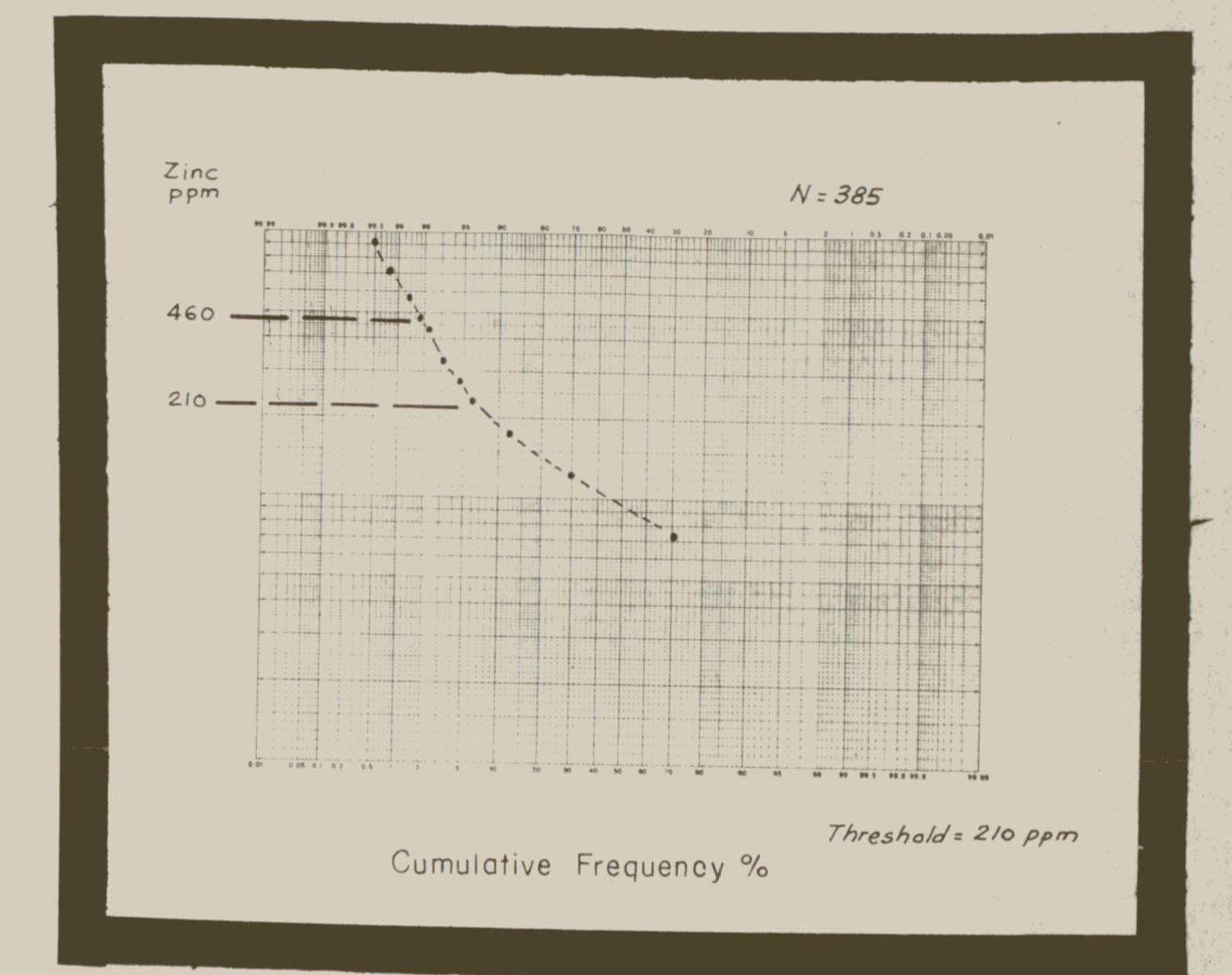
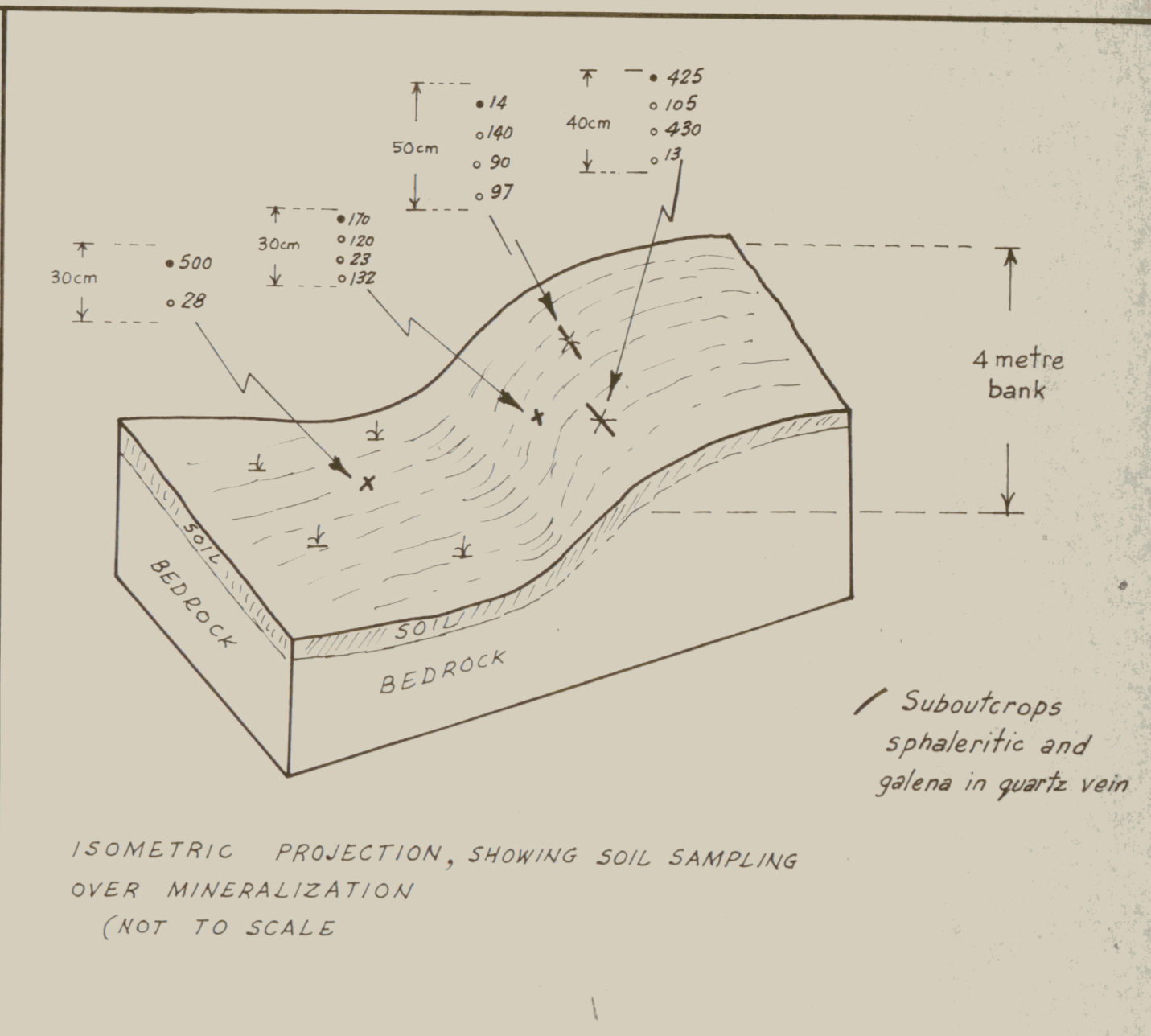
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SCALE 1:5,000	PROJECT NO. 6261-2	SHEET NO. _____
APPROX LAT & LONG OF LOWER RT COR OF DWG 62° 02' 12" N	MAP NO. 4	OF _____
131° 21' 24" W		NTS 105J-3





Possibly anomalous: 210 - 460 ppm
Definitely anomalous: > 460 ppm.

- 800 x Silt sample
- 0.2 0.42 Soil sample; 'A' horizon; 'B' horizon
- Base line
- ⊕ Claim post
- ⊕ Projected claim post location
- Claim line
- ~ Creek
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APPROX LAT & LONG OF LOWER RT COR OF DWG. 62° 02' 12" N 131° 21' 24" W	PROJECT NO. 6261-2	SHEET NO. OF
M.A.P. NO. 5	N.T.S. 105J-3	

