

NORTHWESTERN EXPLORATIONS  
LIMITED.

*Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation Ltd.  
WO claim*

AXEL SHOWING, N. W. T.

1955.

*(other CED)*

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NORTHWESTERN EXPLORATIONS LIMITED.

AXEL SHOWING.

INTRODUCTION.

The Axel Showing is one of several discoveries which were made by prospectors working for Northwestern Explorations Limited in the Flat River area during 1954<sup>1</sup>. Following a brief examination in the fall of 1954 recommendations were made to examine the prospect by detailed mapping and sampling. A program was later planned which provided for the examination of three of the discoveries by a geological party which would be transported and maintained by a helicopter, also supporting four prospecting parties in the area 2, 3, 4.

The following report describes the results of the examination of the Axel Showing during 1955:

SCOPE

The mineralized area discovered during 1954 was examined between August 11-27 by a geological party consisting of J. Greenaway, D. Fletcher, E. Freedman, J. Rutherford, and supervised by the author. Valuable guidance was given by J. S. Scott and J. C. Sullivan who visited the property during the early portion of July. Mr. Scott also visited the property during the latter part of August.

During the examination period, the surface showing was sampled in conjunction with detailed mapping on a scale of 50 ft. A belt, 7 miles long by 2 miles wide which contains the Axel claims was geologically mapped on a scale of 1,000 ft.

LOCATION

The Axel claim group is situated on an easterly flowing tributary to Flat River in the N. W. T. Specific location is at Lat. 61° 58' N., Long: 128° 15' W. Elevations within the claim group vary from 4200 to 6000 ft. above sea level.

The Axel claim group contains the following mineral claims:

<u>Claim:</u>	<u>Staker</u>	<u>Record No:</u>	<u>Located</u>	<u>Recorded</u>
Axel No.1	A. Berglund	84414	June 24/55	June 25/55
" 2	"	84415	July 22/55	July 23/55
" 3	"	84416	July 22/55	July 23/55
" 4	"	84417	July 22/55	July 23/55

ACCESS

The nearest lake which is accessible by float aircraft lies about 8 walking miles up Flat River from the Axel claims. This lake lies 4 miles S. E. of Flat Lake and approximately 130 airmiles northerly from Watson Lake situated at Mile 635 on the Alaska Highway. A tri-weekly air service from

Watson Lake air base is maintained by C.P.A. between Whitehorse and southern points. Charter service is available through B. C. & Yukon Air Services Ltd. at Watson Lake.

During 1954 a 2-man prospecting team was maintained in the area by a packer with an outfit of six horses. These were moved into the area from Watson Lake by Hyland River and Flat River valleys. Although there are no pack trails in the area numerous game trails provide an adequate substitute along the valleys.

Access during 1955 was provided by fixed wing aircraft to Flat Lake and thence by helicopter to a point near the property.

#### HISTORY & PREVIOUS WORK

During the past the Flat River area has been of interest primarily to trappers, mountaineers and prospectors seeking placer gold concentrations. Very little lode prospecting had been attempted before 1950 because of access problems.

During 1953 a reconnaissance of the area was undertaken by the Geological Survey of Canada who reported unofficially that favourable lead-zinc-copper mineralization had occurred. Although several companies have made short examinations of reported mineral occurrences, no attempt to prospect the area systematically was undertaken before 1954. Northwestern Explorations Ltd. carried out a prospecting program during 1954 and the two prospectors employed covered 600 sq. miles in the Upper Flat River area which resulted in the discovery of four pyrometamorphic deposits. The Axel showing was one of these discoveries.

In view of the lack of topographic and geologic information for the area the Company prepared a photo-grammetric regional base map showing drainage on a scale of 2 miles, and obtained a more detailed topographic sheet from the Photographic Surveys Corp. Ltd., on a scale of 1,000 ft. which covers the Axel claim group area.

#### REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Flat River valley has been entrenched along a zone of weakness in underlying rocks which is represented by folding and partly by faulting. The resulting syncline extends from Seaplane Lake northwesterly for a distance of 80 miles.

In the vicinity of the Axel showing, a metamorphic assemblage consisting of limestone, chert, and argillite which strikes N. W. are anticlinally folded over a central granitic core (cf. Plate No. 2) The axial plane of the anticline is inclined to the east and the underlying granitic rocks are well exposed on the east limb by a dip-slope lying on the S. W. side of Flat River. At the mineral deposit, a deviation in the trend of the axial plane to the S. W. from the south occurs with an approximate displacement in plan of about 1,000 ft. Fracturing in a similar direction, i. e. southwest, and the presence of several southwest-trending quartz veins suggest related stresses. Minor subsidiary drag-folding occurs on the anticlines.

## MINERAL DEPOSITS

The Axel Showing was discovered during the 1954 season by A. Berglund and W. Cannon.

The deposit occurs on the lip of a cirque basin at an elevation of about 4800 ft. Drainage from the basin flows northeasterly dropping 1400 ft into confluence with Flat River at a distance of approximately one mile (cf. Plate No. 3).

The most continuous sections of mineralization are well exposed on a resistant knoll which protrudes above surrounding talus on the lip of the basin, and on partly precipitous valley slopes which lie to the North and East of the knoll (cf. Photos 1 and 2). Topographic conditions are such as to produce good cross-sections over portions of the tabular deposit, which, as a result of its relatively flat dip, appears in plan as a discontinuous L-shaped body, under present erosional conditions.

Pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite occur in skarn zones as incomplete replacements associated with a relative flat-lying chert-crystalline limestone sequence. The average dip in the vicinity of the mineral deposit is westerly from flat to 20 degrees. Many variations to this attitude exist as a result of proximity to the axial plane of the containing anticline, the lens-like nature of included limestone remnants, and local drag-fold effects. The deposit thus appears to lie on a dome-like flexure on the east limb of an anticline near its apex, and at a point of deviation in regional axial trend.

The sulphide deposits lie at a favourable horizon within altered limestone immediately above a pale-grey ribbon-chert sequence. The pale-grey chert contains a lensy inclusion of garnetite and epidote which are the result of metamorphism or original limestone. The banded appearance of this horizon forms an excellent marker. A similar band which is about 50 ft. thick occurs stratigraphically about 300 ft. above. The lower ribbon-chert horizon probably attains a thickness in excess of 200 ft.

The mineralized sequence is discontinuously exposed as a result of overlying overburden and talus which obscure certain sections. In relating surface exposures to the probable dimensions of the deposit it will be noted that the two arms of the L-shaped plan view indicates the possibility of copper-bearing skarn occurring for lengths of 860 ft. from the "elbow" to the north, and 600 ft. to the east limit. Additional skarn extensions to the east for 600 ft. are very low grade. To the north, extensions are talus-covered.

Mapping indicates that a section of 240 ft. of barren to sparsely mineralized skarn could separate the most northerly mineralized zone from the main mass of the North ~~arm~~<sup>arm</sup>. Similarly the largest portion of the East arm is covered by 525 ft. of talus.

The greatest mineralized section currently exposed occurs on the knoll and constitutes 95 ft. containing a minimum of 12 ft. of mineralized skarn underlain by 25 ft. of crystalline limestone containing minor skarn, and an underlying section about 60 ft. thick consisting essentially of mineralized skarn with minor limestone. Calculations indicate that the mineralized portion constituting 66 ft. averages 0.37% Copper. Below this partly-replaced section a 60 ft. sequence of pale-grey chert overlies 7 ft. of mineralized skarn with the basal limit covered (cf. Section A-B, Plate No. 3).

The most consistently mineralized block consists of a section 300 ft. long on the North arm which averages about 35 ft. in exposed thickness. The upper limit is talus and grass-covered. Assaying indicates an average content of 0.61% Copper.

In general the lower grade mineralization is associated with skarn consisting of garnetite, epidote, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite and quartz. The more massive sulphide mineralization consists of pyrrhotite, quartz and chalcopyrite with copper content not exceeding 1.5% over sections sampled.

The following assay results were obtained from sampling of the Axel deposit during 1955. Sampling was by chip, and thicknesses sampled have been corrected to allow for topographic effects related to inclination of bedding. Testing for Nickel by dimethyl glyoxine is negative.

<u>Sample No:</u>	<u>Gold oz/ton</u>	<u>Copper %</u>	<u>Section sampled Ft.</u>	<u>True thickness ft.</u>
9650	0.02	0.30	12	12
1	0.01	0.67	4.4	4.4
2	0.01	0.65	2	2
3	0.02	0.58	-	12
4	0.01	0.30	42	30
5	0.03	0.50	8	8
6	0.02	0.45	6/5	4
7	0.02	0.30	Composite	3
8	0.005	0.60	35	12
9	0.03	0.35	43	21
9660	0.02	1.10	15	14
1	0.01	0.45	40	28
2	0.015	0.08		36
3	0.02	0.62	22	17
4	0.02	0.75	33	30
5	0.01	1.22	22	18
6	0.01	0.10	28	20
7	0.02	0.65	50	37
8	0.02	0.70	40	35
9	0.01	0.10	50	40

continued . . .

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Gold oz/ton</u>	<u>Copper %</u>	<u>Section sampled ft.</u>	<u>True thickness ft.</u>
9670	0.01	0.60	23	20
1	0.01	1.10	40	25
2	0.005	0.20	10	9
3	0.005	0.15	8	7
4	0.005	0.13	21	10
5	0.005	0.08	33	28
6	Tr	0.25	31	20
7	Tr	0.20	23	20
8	0.005	0.20	16	14
9	0.005	0.10	6	4
9680	Tr	0.08	23	18
1	1.73	0.80	45	40
2	0.04	0.15	39	15
3	0.02	0.45	14	10
4	0.02	0.30	36	20
5	0.02	0.18	16	10

A generalized stratigraphic section of the strata follows in overlying sequence:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Thickness (feet)</u>
Grey limestone	Crystalline-basal portion contains several weakly mineralized skarn zones with maximum dimension of 100 x 20'	
Calcareous chert	Light grey chert containing ribbonlike inclusions similar to lower chert band	50 <u>±</u>
Grey limestone	Crystalline containing irregular skarn deposits mineralized with pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite in basal portion. Some replacements are massive. Included are:  a) Sec. 52 ft. thick containing some mineralized skarn b) Sec. 95 ft. thick containing sparsely mineralized skarn and limestone inclusions (cf. Plate No. 3, Sec. A-B). c) Massive section 25 ft. thick assaying 1.1% Copper with basal limit covered	300 <u>±</u>
Calcareous chert	Chert with ribbonlike and lensy inclusions of ls. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ "-1"x6"-1.0') Pale grey in colour green grey with alteration of crystalline limestone to garnetite and epidote.	200 <u>±</u>

Calcareous argillite - Black to dark green

200 L

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The concentration of higher copper values, massive sulphides and greater mineralized thicknesses near and on the knoll suggest that the most favourable structural control for sulphide deposition is a combination of gentle doming (cf. Sect.C-D, Plate No. 3) and southwest stresses associated with the anticlinal flexure.

To the southwest of the deposit the entire area is covered with talus which lies in a cirque basin. It is difficult to determine with any accuracy the position of the surface trace of the axial plane of the anticline in this area. The reasons for this difficulty are (a) the apparent open type of spical folding which has resulted in flat dips on the fold crest, and (b) the distance through which interpretation of the nearest structural data must be carried. However, the southwest extension of the chert-limestone horizon for a distance of from 500 - 1000 ft. should represent a favourable depositional zone and any investigation of the deposit should be carried to the south-west limit of the anticline.

The exposed mineralization could either represent a generous portion of small, low-grade copper occurrence associated with a small trap and as such would warrant no further investigation. Conversely, a good possibility exists that the exposed showings are only fringes of a larger replacement occurring to the southwest. Such a possibility should be investigated and in this regard it has been recommended that a diamond drilling program be carried out during the 1956 season in conjunction with further prospecting in the Logan Mountain area.

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January 31, 1956.

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4900

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- 4886

- 402'

Skarn with pyrrhotite.

Skarn with pyrrhotite

Chert some pyrrhotite

Chert with pyrrhotite

Chert with pyrrhotite

Limestone containing gray chert fragments.

Limestone

massive

Chert

Chert-Skarn

Phyllite

17'

73'

9'

7'

3'

9'

LEGEND ON PLATE NO. 4

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PROFILE OF D.D.H. NO. 4	
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	1 IN. = 50 FT.

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LEGEND ON PLATE NO 4

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PROFILE OF DD.H. NO 5		
27/11/56		PLATE NO 7
		1 IN = 50 FT.

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Limestone

Brecciated limestone

Skarn with pyrrhotite

Skarn with pyrrhotite

low sulphide Skarn

Chert minor skarn

low sulphide

Aplite - (accessory pyrrhotite)

sparse sulphides

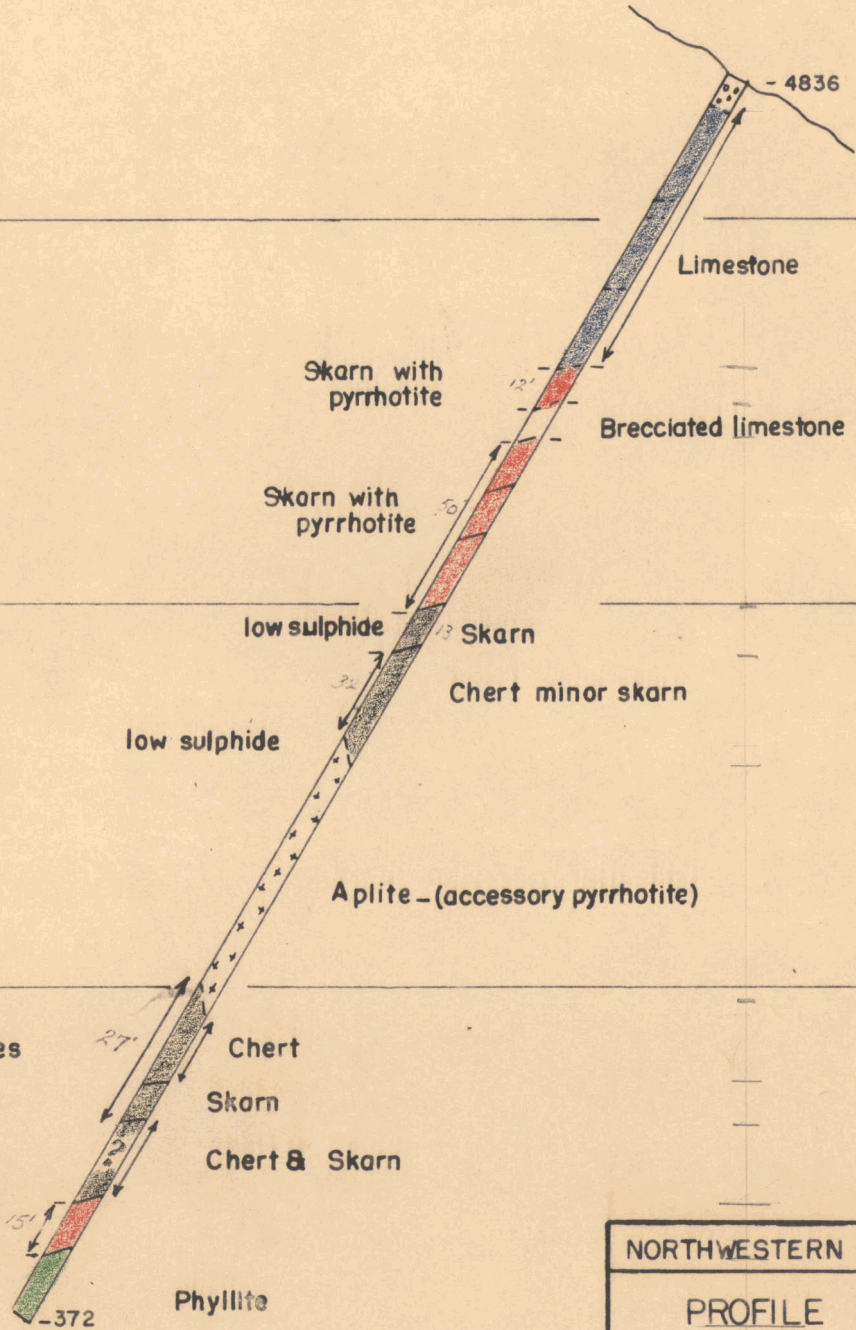
Chert

Skarn

Chert & Skarn

Skarn with pyrrhotite

Phyllite



LEGEND ON PLATE NO. 4

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PROFILE OF D.D.H. NO. 6

PLATE NO 8

1 IN = 50 FT.

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% Cu

0.38

0.15

0.28

0.23

0.28

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*M = massive sulphide*

*S = skarn*

*P = phyllite*

LEGEND ON PLATE NO. 4

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PROFILE OF D.D.H. NO. 4

AXEL GROUP

FLAT RIVER AREA, N.W.T.

DATE 27 11 56

PLATE NO. 6

SCALE:

1 IN. = 50 FT.

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LEGEND ON PLATE NO.4

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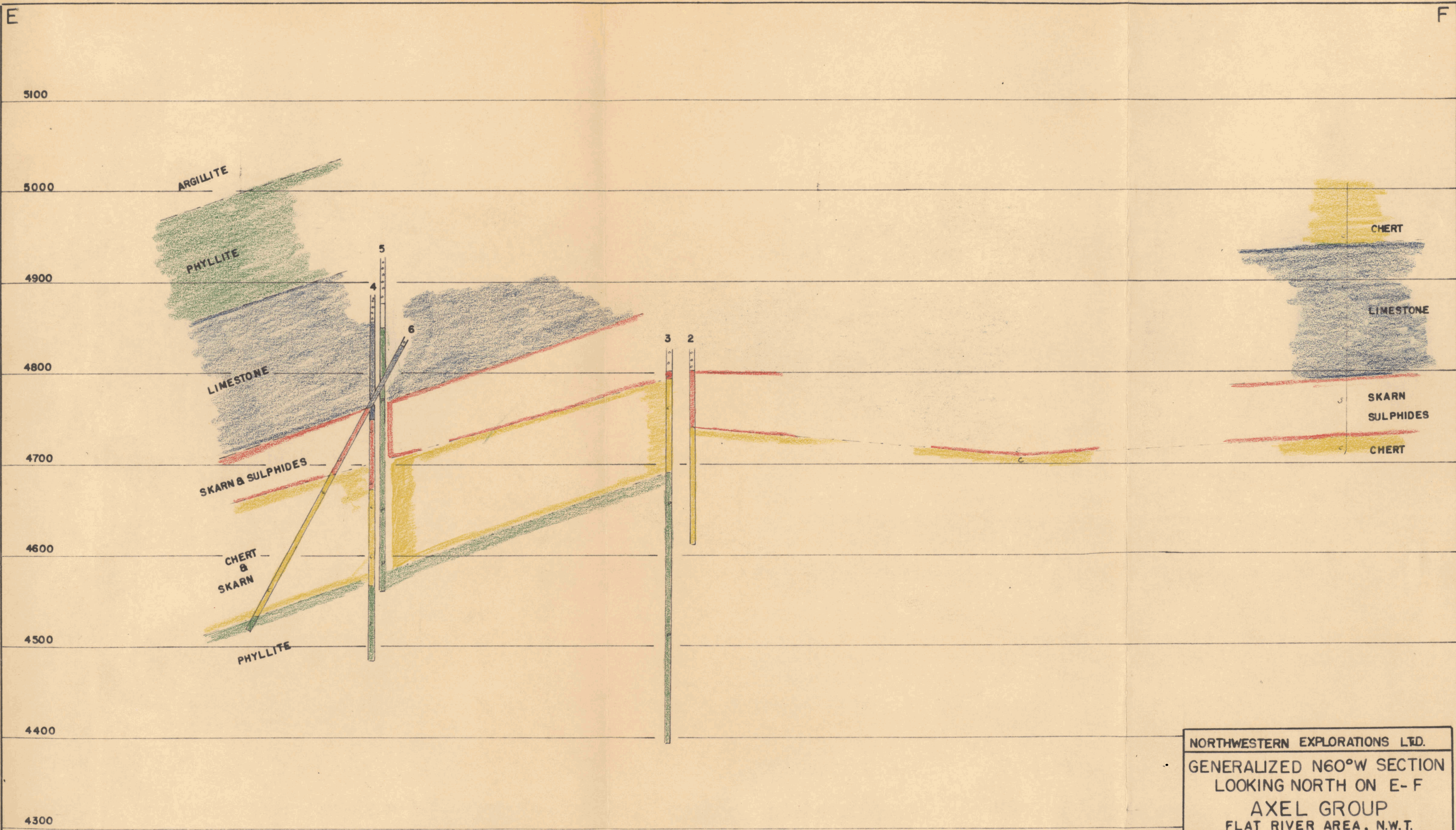
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DATE 27/11/56

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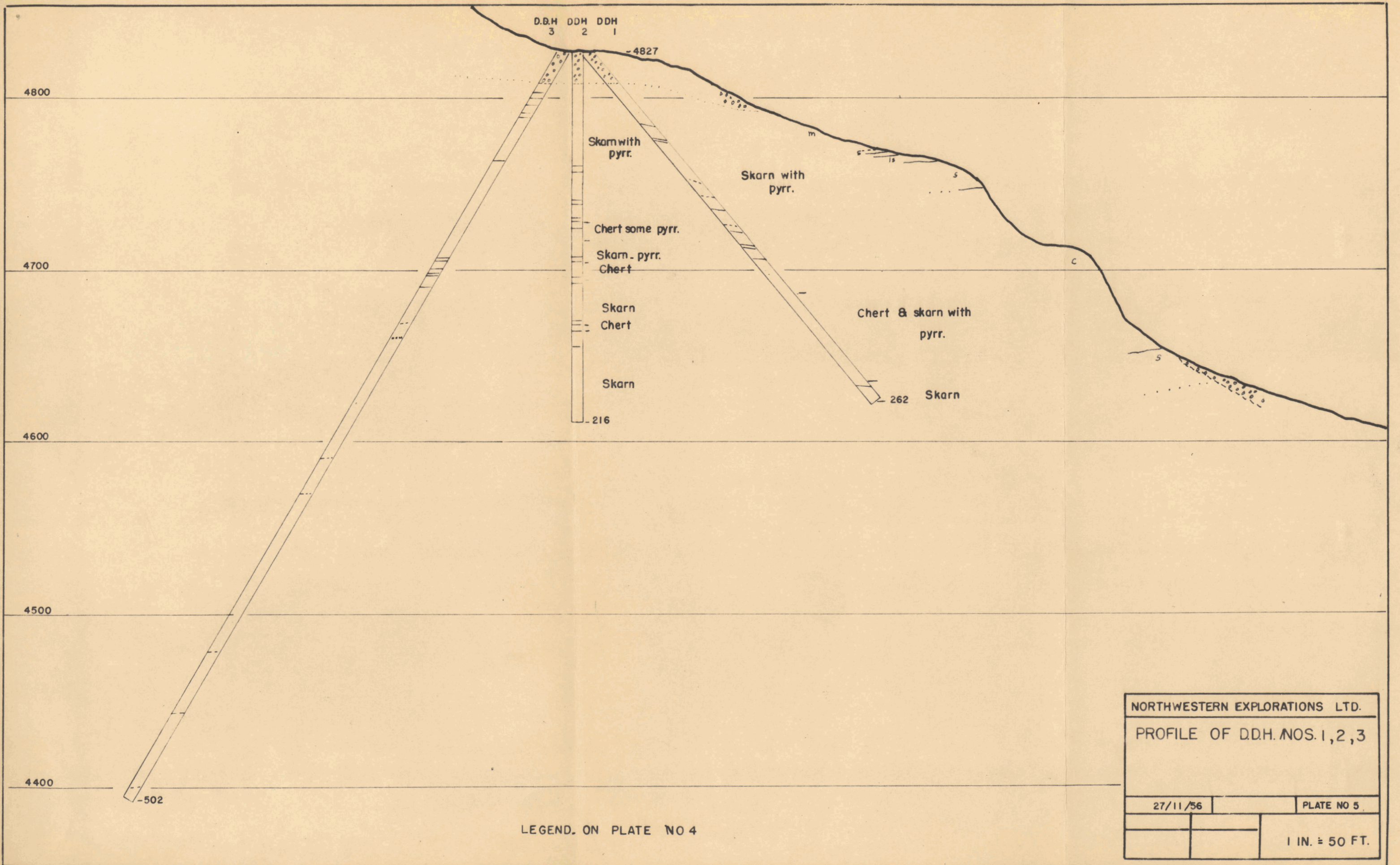
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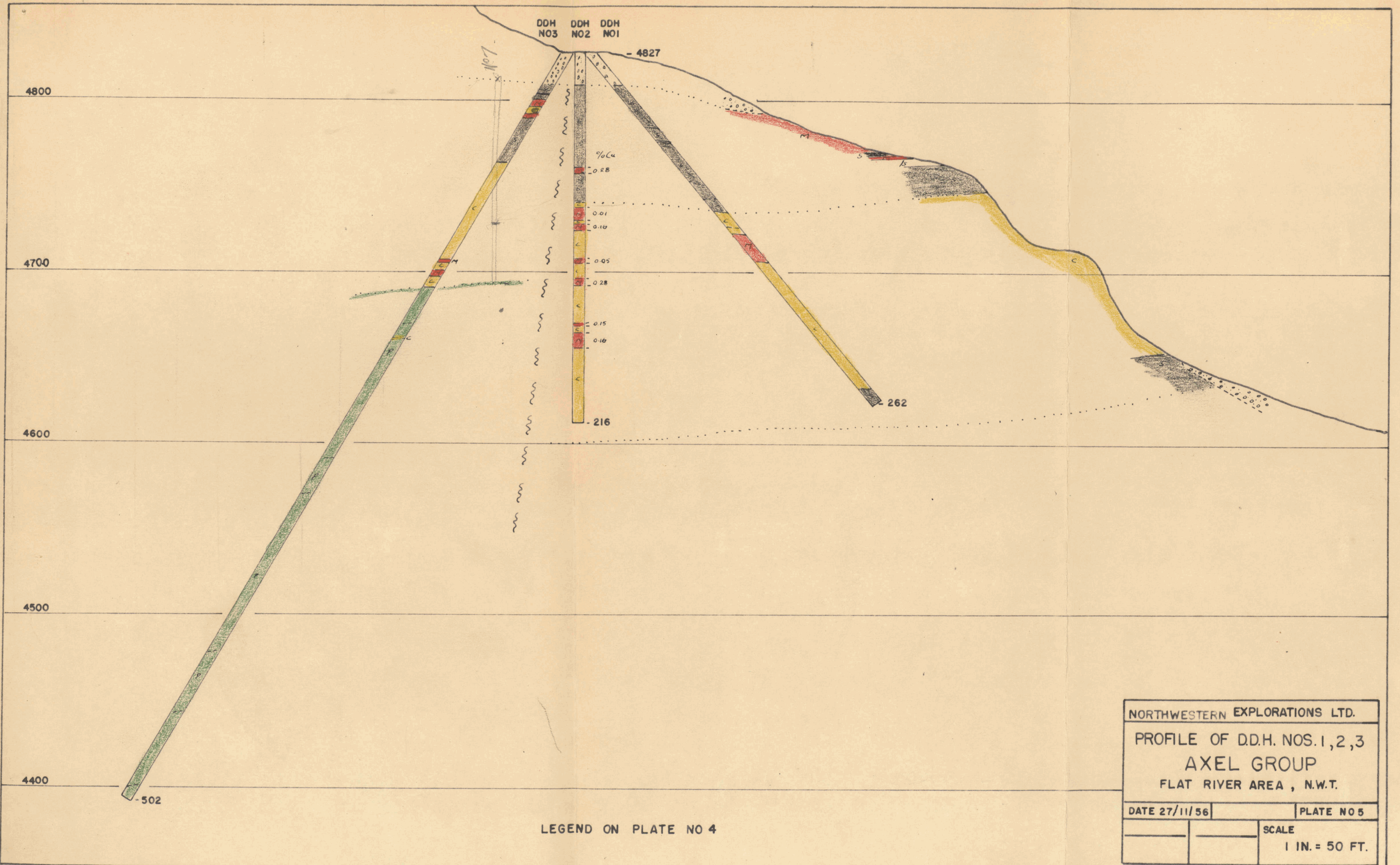
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NORTHWESTERN EXPLORATIONS LTD.		
GENERALIZED N60°W SECTION LOOKING NORTH ON E-F		
AXEL GROUP		
FLAT RIVER AREA, N.W.T.		
DATE 29/11/56		PLATE NO 9
		1 IN. = 100 FT.



LEGEND. ON PLATE NO 4

NORTHWESTERN EXPLORATIONS LTD.	
PROFILE OF D.D.H. NOS. 1, 2, 3	
27/11/56	PLATE NO 5
1 IN. = 50 FT.	



NORTHWESTERN EXPLORATIONS LTD.		
PROFILE OF D.D.H. NOS. 1, 2, 3		
AXEL GROUP		
FLAT RIVER AREA, N.W.T.		
DATE 27/11/56		PLATE NO 5
		SCALE
		1 IN. = 50 FT.

LEGEND ON PLATE NO 4



PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

DRILL HOLE NO. 1.

SHEET \_\_\_\_\_

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

LAT. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMMENCED \_\_\_\_\_

DIP AT COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_

DEP. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
	24-37 gradual increase of dissem. pyrr. 42.0 1/2" repl. of fairly massive pyrr. w. spse. Cp. 60° to core.							
	43.3 1/2" repl. of pyrr. & cp. @ 0°							
	45.0-45.5 1/4" sect. containing pyrr. & cp. in qtz. veinlet.							
	46.0-47.0 Fair dissem. pyrr.							
47 - 52	Skarn becomes out. 30-50% garnetite with qtz. assoc.							
	49.0 minor blebs pyrr. 1/2" dia.							
	54.0 1/8" qtz. stringer with pyrr. & Cp.							
	54.4 1/2" qtz. stringer with pyrr. & Cp. @ 50°							
	56.0-56.6 50% pyrr. & minor Cp.							
	57.6 1/2" stringer with pyrr. & Cp.							
	59.6-60.0 1/2" band pyrr. & Cp.							
	60.2-60.5 1/2" qtz. vein with Cp.							
	60.7-61.0 silicified							
	63.0-63.6 3 - 1/2" bands pyrr.							
	66.0-67.0 50% pyrr. with Cp.							



PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_ DRILL HOLE NO. 1 SHEET \_\_\_\_\_

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_ LAT. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMMENCED \_\_\_\_\_

DIP AT COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_ ELEV. \_\_\_\_\_ REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
166 - 183	Green & green banded chert								
	172.0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " stringer pyrr.								
183 - 252	175.0 3" section skarn with minor sulphide								
	Richer in lime silicates with patches of chert.								
	In detail highly folded even within the width of core. Rock is green.								
	Narrow strips of sulphides as follows:								
	186.5-191.5 12 layers of sulphide, mainly pyrr.								
	none of which exceeds 1", mostly less than $\frac{1}{2}$ ".								
	There is little if any cp.								
	193.3-194.3 4 - $\frac{1}{4}$ " layers of pyrr.								
	197.0 1" layer pyrr.								
	197.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " layer pyrr.								
	199 $\frac{1}{2}$ " layer pyrr								
	200.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " layer pyrr.								
	204.7 - 205 3 - $\frac{1}{2}$ " layers pyrr.								
	205.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " layer pyrr.								
	209 - 211 3 - 1" layers pyrr.								
	212 $\frac{1}{2}$ " layer pyrr.								
	217.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " layer pyrr.								
	237.6 - 239 6 - $\frac{1}{4}$ " layers pyrr.								
	244 $\frac{1}{8}$ " stringer cp.								
	246.5 - 248.5 Spec dissem cp & a few layers pyrr.								
252 - 262	Light grey lime-silicate rock with grey chert and layers rich in garnetite. Barren								
262	END OF HOLE								

**Note.** The layering of the rock cuts the core at angles varying from 30-45 deg. in general. In detail the layering is complexly folded. Sulphide occurs in layers parallel to the rock layering and also follows fractures. There appears to be nothing in sect. from 186-262 worth assaying.



PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

DRILL HOLE NO. 2

SHEET 2

READING \_\_\_\_\_

LAT. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMMENCED \_\_\_\_\_

DIP AT COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_

DEP. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY Cu-%	ASSAY Au/oz	ASSAY Ag/oz	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
132 - 135.5	Fine green lime sil. rock with heavy dissem. pyrr. and some cp. (Assay K7653) 3.5'			0.28	0.01	Nil			
135.5 - 145	Light silicate rock (v.f.g. and green) with some cherty layers. Sparse pyrr.								
145 - 156.8	Fine lime silicate (green) rock containing at intervals 2"-3" zones of heavy pyrr. otherwise very sparse. No apparent Cp.								
156.8 - 159	Sheared schistose zone containing mod. heavy pyrr. dissem. (Assay K7655) 2.2'			0.15					
159 - 163.2	Essentially barren cherty lime-sil. rock								
163.2 - 172.2	Light-sil. rock with cherty layers containing intermittent heavy pyrr. dissem. and some obvious Cp. (Assay K7656) 9'			0.16					
172.2 - 216	Fine lime-sil. rock becoming increasingly cherty with scattered, narrow pyrr. zones. No obvious Cp.								
216	BOTTOM OF HOLE								
<b>NOTE:</b>	Layering in the rocks varies considerably in inclination to the hole, but in general, is perpendicular. Only zones of heavy sulphides were sampled.								

PROPERTY

AXEL CLAIM, N. W. T.

DRILL HOLE NO. 2

SHEET 1

BEARING

LAT. 982

DATE COMMENCED July 5, 1956

DIP AT COLLAR -60°

DEP. 996

DATE COMPLETED July 11, 1956

DEPTH OF HOLE

ELEV. 4827

REMARKS

PURPOSE OF HOLE

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	RECOVER	ASSAY	ASSAY
0 - 23	Overburden			Cu. %	Au/oz	Ag/oz.	Recovery		
23 - 28	23.0-24.5 Siliceous phase composed of rounded and sub-rounded qtz. grains to 2" in dia. Probably pseudo-qtz. breccia. Cemented by massive pyrr. with minor Cp. Cp. also in minute fractures cutting qtz.						60%		
	25.0-27.0 Skarn with pyrr. & Cp. in massive sections.								
	27.0-28.0 Skarn with minor pyrr. & Cp.								
	28.0-29.0 Green lime silicate								
	29.0-38.0 Green lime silicate, coarse phase containing pyrr. with minor Cp.								
	29.0-30.0 10-20% sulphide								
	30-33 Less than 5% sulphides								
	33.0-38 Massive sulphides - 10 - 20%								
38 - 39.5	Skarn containing contorted cherty frags. and massive blebs pyrr. with spec. Cp.								
39.5 - 42.5	Cherty or siliceous w. spec sulphides.								
42.5 - 45.5	Dissem. to massive pyrr. with Cp. in skarn								
45.5 - 50.0	Skarn								
	52.0 1/4" qtz. veinlet w. pyrr.								
50 - 57	Garnetite-diopside skarn w. minor sulphides								
57.0 - 72.0	Diopside skarn with streaks pyrr. & Cp.								
72.0 - 75.0	Garnetite-diopside skarn								
75.0 - 77.0	Banded white-grey chert								
77 - 83	Light green-grey chert								
83 - 87	Brown chert with 2" sect. pyrr @ 86.5'								
87 - 90	Green skarn								
	88.0-90 Severely dragged phase containing grey chert frags. & replaced pyrr. & Cp.								

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PROPERTY AUEL CLAIMS, N. V. T. DRILL HOLE NO. 4 SHEET 1

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_ LAT. 1115 DATE COMMENCED July 15, 1956

DIP AT COLLAR -90° DEP. 669 DATE COMPLETED July 19, 1956

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_ ELEV. 4886 REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
0 - 31	Casing through O. B.								
31 - 56	Limestone-grey banded crystalline containing fragments of grey chert. Selvage rimming of occasional frags. by pyrr. eg. 31'-36'. No dolomitization seen.								
56 - 62	Grey limestone as above.								
62 - 63	6" band of silicified skarn composed of diopside and 1/6" grain-like blebs garnetite containing pyrr. blebs assoc. with qtz. No CuFeS <sub>4</sub> . Band rimmed by 3" white cryst. ls.								
63 - 64	Cherty frags. in ls. 1/2"-1" wide carrying finely dissem. pyrr.								
64 - 77	"								
77 - 79	Skarn (epidote) with minor ls. sparse pyrr. contact 45°.								
79 - 87	Cryst. ls. poorly banded								
87 - 87.5	2" ● 45° massive pyrr. containing unreplaced cherty frags. 1/2" in dia.								
87.5 - 91.0	Banded grey-white cryst. ls.								
91.0	2" band of pyrr. (possibly original qtzite). Specimen taken complete.								
91 - 105	Banded grey-white cryst. ls.								
105 - 130	Grey-white-banded ls. ● 109 arenaceous ls. containing grey ls. frags. Spec. ● 109.								
130 - 139	Continues ● 138 minute specks chalcocopyrite in ls. Small patch skarn (1") ● 138 1/2								
139 - 160	Skarn composed essentially of green line <del>K298</del> silicate minor garnetite, occ. ls. patches. eg. 152 1/2-153 (spec. taken ● 139) pyrr. blebs and massive patches throughout. 141-147 fair chalcocopyrite.	K8298 99	139 149	149 154	10" 5"	0.38 0.15			











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PROPERTY AMEL CLAIM, N.M.T.

DRILL HOLE NO. 6

SHEET 1

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

LAT. 1953

DATE COMMENCED August 7, 1936

DIP AT COLLAR 45

DEP. 854

DATE COMPLETED August 11, 1936

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. 4896

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
0 - 10 10 - 87.3	<p>Casing</p> <p>Lt. gray, med. grained crystalline ls. containing dark gray inclusions of ls. which are occasionally finer grained and generally banded. Included frags. are ribboned and contained in plane of bedding. Ls. pyritized weakly. 10' banding @ 45°</p> <p>10-15 Minute fractures at rt. angles to bedding. Displacement of 0.1 inch noted at 13'.</p> <p>23-24 Ls. &amp; skarn containing pyrr. &amp; v. spec. Cp. (0.3%) banding at 45°</p> <p>38 Banding at 30°</p> <p>43 " " 25°</p> <p>63 " " 30°</p> <p>70 Ls. frags. slightly dragged @ 45°</p> <p>87.3 - 98 Mostly diopside skarn containing con. sections massive sulphides, one section ls., some garnetized sections.</p> <p>87.3-90.2 Diopside skarn, garnetized 88.5-90.2 v. spec. pyrr &amp; cp. Cp. 0.3%</p> <p>90.2-93.0 Gray white banded ls.</p> <p>93.0-96.0 Massive sections pyrr. v. cp. in skarn.</p> <p>93.5-94.2, 94.8-95.0, 95.2-96.0 Massive 50% sulf.</p> <p>98-99 Probably 1'.0 lost core.</p> <p>96-98 Ls. skarn lt. gray containing con. bands sulph. o.g. 96.5, 97.0 1' bands @ 45°</p> <p>Mostly brcc. cryst. ls.</p> <p>100-100.6 Lt. gray green sil. diopside skarn with centrally loc. 1' sections of diopside &amp; white ls. vein type repl. containing cp. &amp; pyrr. (Section 100-101 removed)</p>						
98 - 100							





PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

DRILL HOLE NO. 6SHEET 4

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

LAT. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMMENCED \_\_\_\_\_

DIP AT COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_

DEP. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
199.8-203	Green grey banded chert becoming altered at 202 to fine grained felspathic and silicic white phase of granite dyke. Flecked with pyrr. specs.							
203 - 276	Fine grained aplitic phase composed of qtz.feldspar (some lath-like frags) sericitized biotite flecks accessory pyrr. v. spse. pyrite							
278 - 280	Contact with cherty phase @ 60°							
280 - 302	Green-cream mottled chert breccia Green-grey banded chert with interbands of garnetite-epidote carrying spse. sulphides 291.0 1" partly replaced with pyrr. 292.0-293.5 4 sections of approx. 1" partly repl. with S.							
302 - 305.5	296 Occ.pyrr. in 2" of garnetite-epidote skarn.							
305.5 - 312	Dark green diopside skarn with v. spse. sulphide Lt. grey chert & dark green diopside garnetite banded skarn. Unmineralized.							
312 - 336	Green-grey with occ.light pink coloured chert - well banded. avg. 45°. Barren of min.							
336 - 351	Grey-green chert & diopside skarn contained banded repl. of pyrr. generally about 10% S.	9812	336	351	15	.15	.005	
351 - 359	351-352 Phyllitic interbedded phase. Same as above but phases of phyllitic material occurring as interbands							
359 - 368	Essentially banded phyllite & qtz. Qtz.phyllite schist with very sparse sulphide diss. in siliceous portions - mostly pyrite							
368 - 372	Phyllite schist banded at 50°							

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PROPERTY AXEL CLAIMS, N. W. T.

DRILL HOLE NO. 7

SHEET 1

BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

LAT. 939

DATE COMMENCED August 4, 1956

DIP AT COLLAR 90°

DEP. 538

DATE COMPLETED August 6, 1956

DEPTH OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. 4910

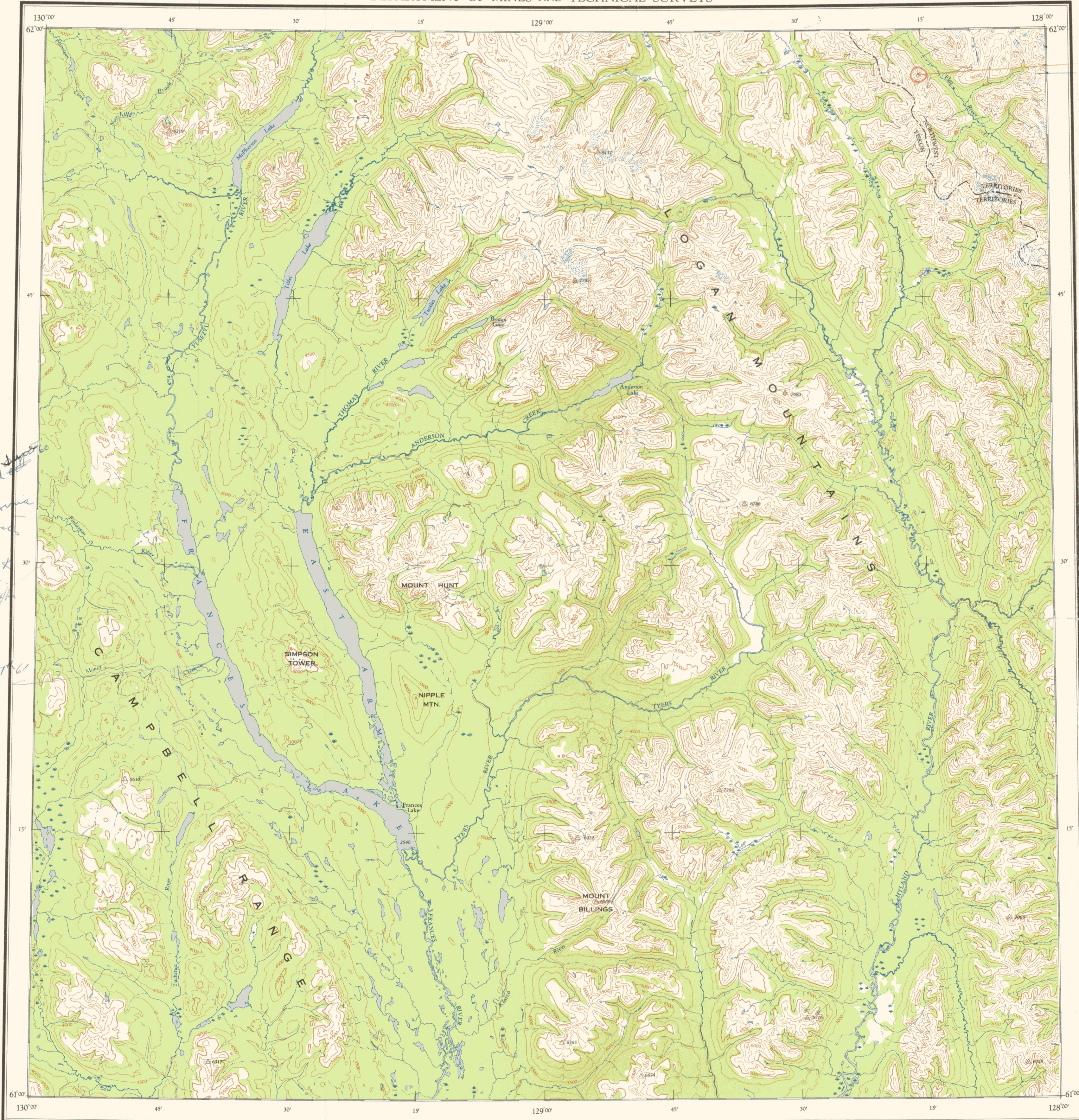
REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF HOLE \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	WIDTH IN FEET	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY	ASSAY
0 - 70	Overburden containing 2' 3' boulders. Hole abandoned at 70' with 14' lost AX casing							

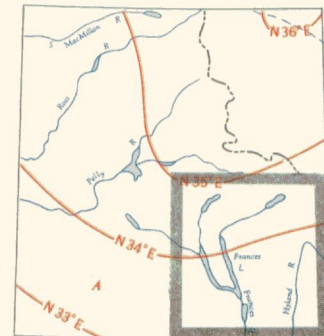
128° 15'

61° 57 1/2' CANADA TUNGSTEN  
FLAT RIVER PROPERTY  
< 1 1/2 miles from Y.T. - NWT Bdy  
1.32 Million Tons 2.51% WO<sub>3</sub>



9 place claims stated  
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Pyrcel Co.  
Report on Sulphur  
1945 M. K. Leach  
  
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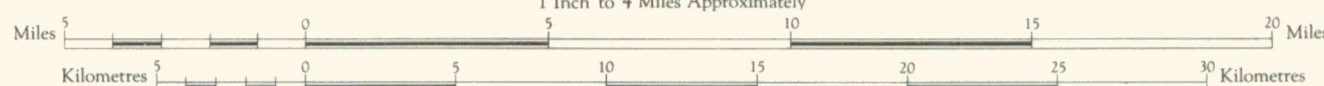
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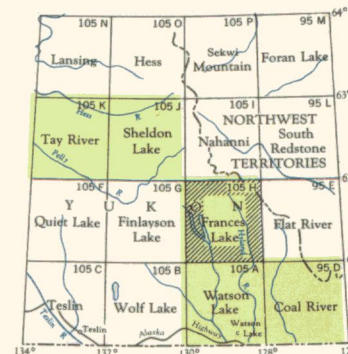
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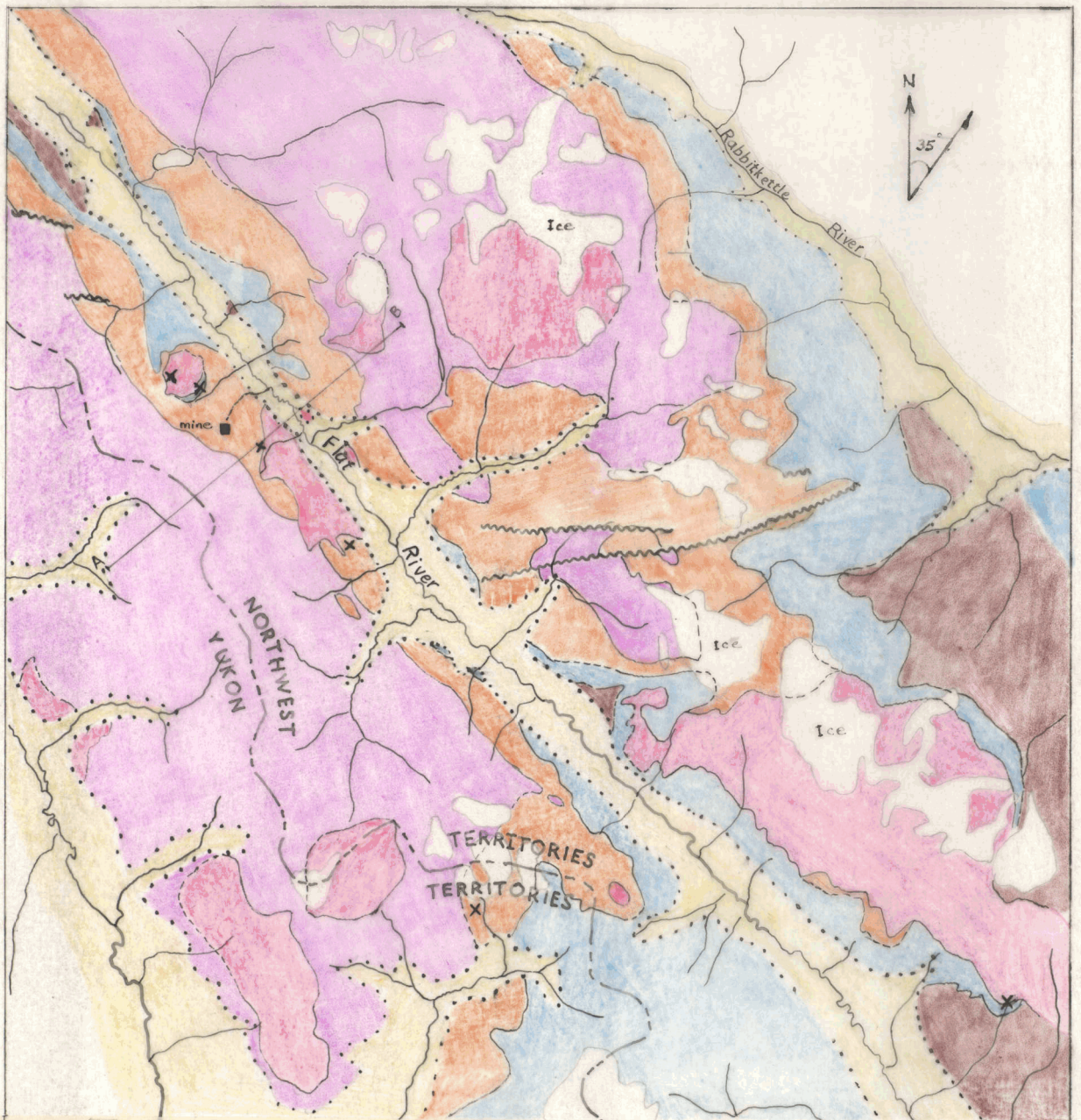
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LEGEND

- Quaternary
  - Drift
- Cretaceous (?)
  - Quartz monzonite
- Ordovician
  - Black shale and chert
- M-U Cambrian
  - Platy limestone, siltstone
- L Cambrian
  - Dolomite, sandstone, argillite, limestone
- Proterozoic
  - Phyllite, siltstone, quartzite

- Geological boundary (defined, assumed)
- Limit of geological mapping
- Fault (defined, assumed)
- Tungsten prospect or occurrence X








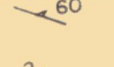

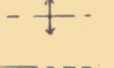

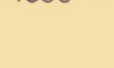


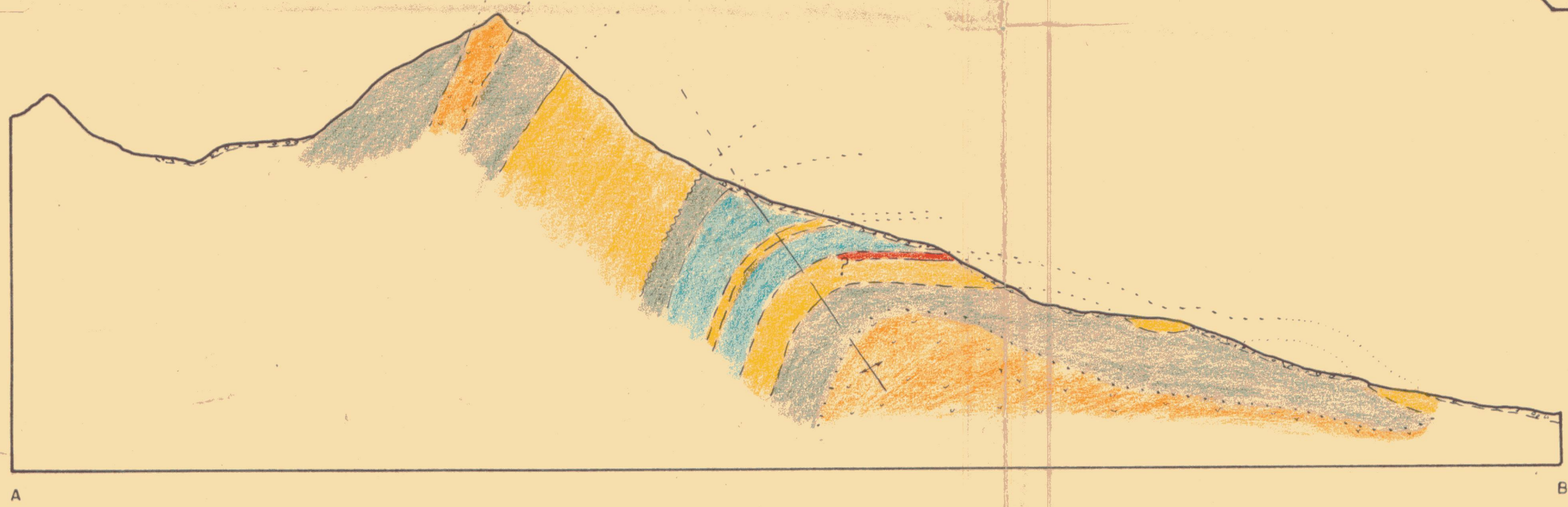
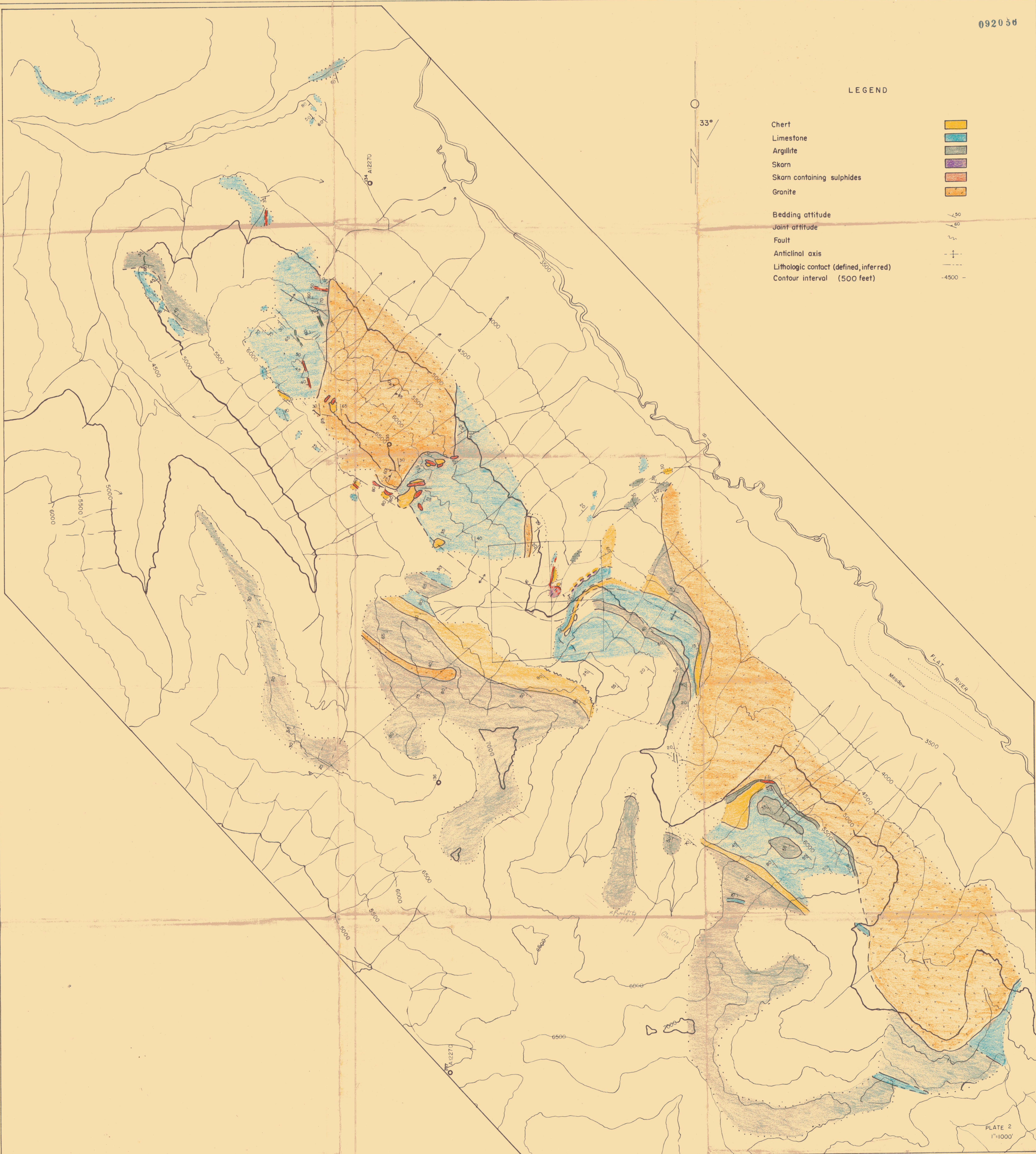
Representative structure section



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LEGEND

- Chert 
- Limestone 
- Argillite 
- Skarn 
- Skarn containing sulphides 
- Granite 
- Bedding attitude  30
- Joint attitude  60
- Fault  2
- Anticlinal axis  +
- Lithologic contact (defined, inferred)  -
- Contour interval (500 feet)  -4500-



PROFILE AND STRUCTURE SECTIONS

PLATE 2  
1"=1000'

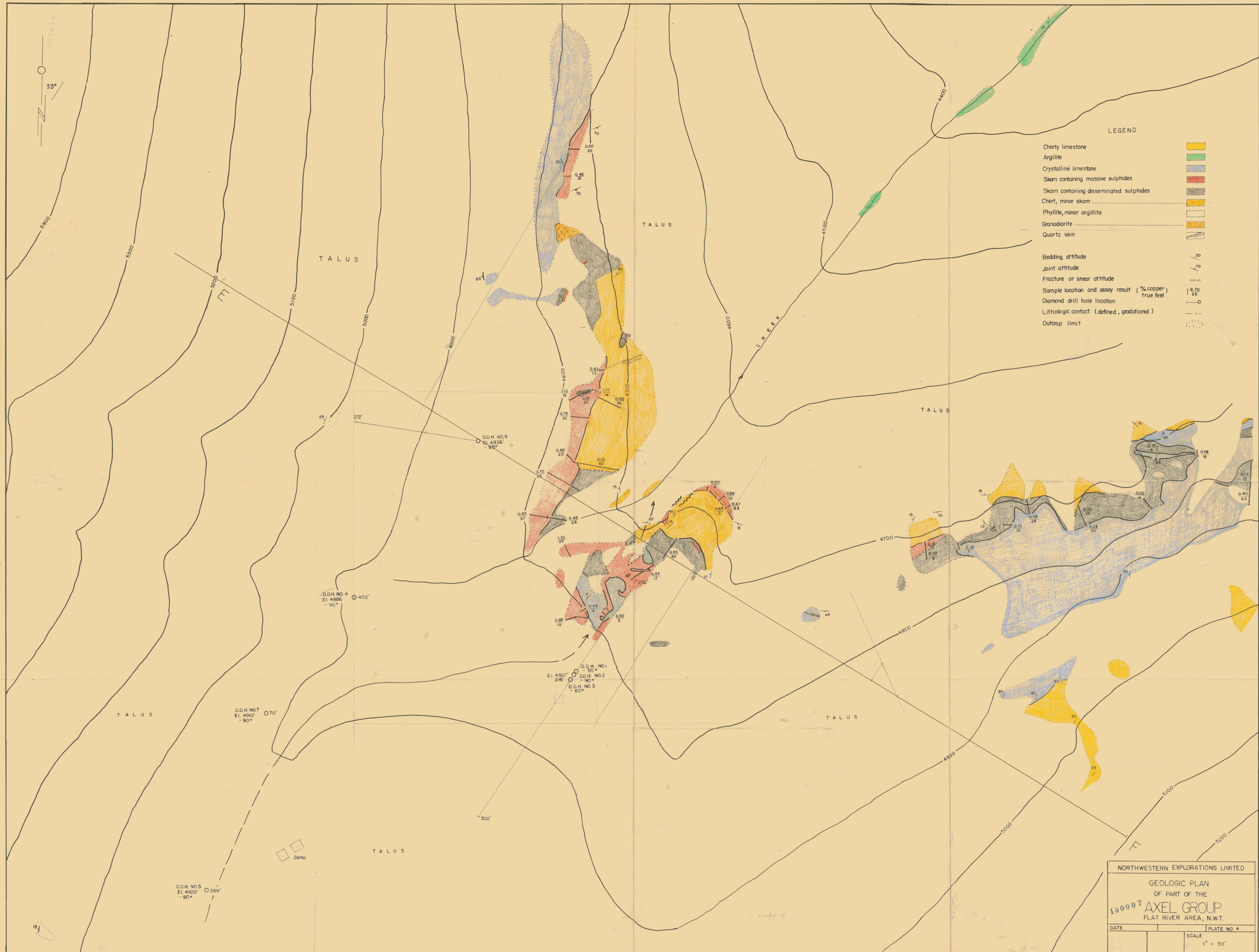
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 COPPER TUNGSTEN PROPERTY  
 FLAT RIVER AREA N.W.T.  
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LEGEND

- Cherty limestone
- Argillite
- Crystalline limestone
- Skarn containing massive sulphides
- Skarn containing disseminated sulphides
- Chert, minor skarn
- Phyllite, minor argillite
- Granodiorite
- Quartz vein
- Bedding attitude
- Joint attitude
- Fracture or shear attitude
- Sample location and assay result (% copper) true feet
- Diamond drill hole location
- Lithologic contact (defined, gradational)
- Outcrop limit



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GEOLOGIC PLAN  
OF PART OF THE  
130007 AXEL GROUP  
FLAT RIVER AREA, N.W.T.


DATE	SCALE
	1" = 50'

PLATE NO 4

THE CANADA TUNGSTEN PROPERTY  
FLAT RIVER AREA  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Vancouver, B.C.  
September, 1960

L.G. White  
Mine Manager




ABSTRACT

by L.G. White

*Logan (part of Selwyn)*  
Prospecting parties working for the Mackenzie Syndicate in the Flat River area of the ~~Mackenzie~~ Mackenzie Mountains, Northwest Territories during 1958 identified tungsten mineralization and located the property now being developed by the Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation Ltd.

Scheelite mineralization associated with pyrrhotite and minor chalcopyrite occurs in lime silicate skarn replacement zones within a limestone, chert, argillite series intruded by granitic dykes originating from the main batholithic mass underlying the sedimentary beds.

Combined results from surface outcrop sampling, and 15,000 feet of grid pattern diamond drilling has outlined an orebody estimated to contain 1.32 million tons grading 2.51%  $WO_3$  after applying a 10% dilution factor for mining purposes.


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## INTRODUCTION

The property of Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation Ltd., is located in the upper Flat River area of the Mackenzie Mountains, Northwest Territories. Skarn type replacement deposits containing scheelite mineralization are situated between elevations 4500 and 5500 feet above sea level along the east flank of the mountain range forming the boundary between the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. The nearest supply centre for the area is Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, located at Milepost 635 on the Alaska Highway. Airline distance from the Watson Lake airbase to the tungsten property is 135 miles. There are no roads into the area so servicing has been exclusively by aircraft. Early access was made by using float and ski-equipped planes to Flat Lakes, thence by helicopter southeast along the Flat River valley for 12½ miles to the property. More recently, the Company has completed a 3,000 foot airstrip adjacent to the main camp in the Flat River valley for servicing by wheel-equipped planes.

The chronological sequence of exploration and development of the property has been as follows:

Scheelite mineralization identified by lamping and panning the outcrop	August 1958.
Preliminary geological mapping completed and samples taken. Initial claims staked.	September 1958.
Fill-in staking completed.	November 1958.
Detailed sampling of surface outcrop and exploration diamond drilling completed.	June to September 1959.
Winter air-freighting of equipment and supplies to the property.	January to April 1960.
Semi-permanent camp, mine road, and temporary airstrip constructed.	April to June 1960.
12,000 feet of diamond drilling, geological mapping covering approximately 6,000 acres and permanent airstrip constructed.	June to October 1960.



The Mackenzie mountains in which the tungsten claims are located form the northerly extension of the eastern section of the Cordilleran region. The general elevations of mountain peaks in the immediate area of the property range from 6500 to 7500 feet above sea level. The main rivers form NW - SE trending <sup>valleys</sup> at elevations of 3000 to 3500 feet above seal level. Vegetation is typical sub-arctic. Sparsely scattered clumps of black spruce and hemlock cover the valleys with timberline on the mountains at about the 4000 foot elevation. Arctic birch (commonly known as "buckbrush") together with caribou moss forms the undergrowth in the valleys and low mountain plateaux. Climatic conditions are not severe. Average temperatures during the winter period from November to March range from +20° to -40°F. Blizzard conditions during January and February are frequent but of short duration. Maximum snow depth in the valleys during the winter averages about 50 inches. The snow-free season extends from mid-May to about October 1st. The months of June and July are relatively dry, but precipitation during August and September is normally quite heavy. Although the property is located at 62° North Latitude, the general working conditions are not dissimilar to those experienced in Central or Eastern British Columbia.

#### HISTORY OF THE REGION

Other than providing a natural overland route for early traders and Indians to travel from the Pelly River to the junction of the South Nahanni and Liard Rivers, the Flat River valley was not thoroughly investigated by early prospectors. There have been no detailed regional geological surveys completed in the area. Dr. Roots of the Geological Survey of Canada, made a reconnaissance traverse through the Flat River valley during 1953 followed by prospecting, and a three-year helicopter-supported exploration programme by Northwestern Explorations from 1954 to 1956.

#### EARLY EXPLORATION OF THE TUNGSTEN PROPERTY

The general area to be prospected was selected by K.J. Springer who formed the Mackenzie Syndicate and arranged financing for a helicopter-supported programme during 1958. Late in the summer of the same year, Syndicate prospectors identified scheelite mineralization associated with massive pyrrhotite and minor chalcopyrite in skarn zones along chert limestone contacts on the west side of the Flat River valley about 12½ miles southeast of Flat Lakes. The discovery was


made by panning and lamping samples from the mineralized outcrops. In the limited time available before freeze-up the main mineralized showing was spot-sampled and mapped and further prospecting showed the existence of several other tungsten-bearing sulphide-skarn zones along the granite sediment contact for about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of the main showing. Sample returns gave exceptionally high and uniform values ranging from 1.5 to 5%  $WO_3$  with the result a winter staking programme was organized immediately after freeze-up and the total claim block rounded out to 57 claims. This was subsequently increased to 115 claims during the summer of 1959 as information was compiled from geological mapping.

Plans were made during the winter of 1958 and '59 to establish a tent camp on the main showing early in June and systematically sample the zone which had been designated as the W0 orebody. By July 20th, a total of 144 samples had been cut from 21 samples lines spaced at approximately 40 foot centres along the outcrop. Assay returns fully substantiated early appraisals by lamping that the tungsten values were evenly distributed across average widths of up to 60 feet along the outcrop for at least 650 feet. The present Company was then formed to provide funds for an exploration drilling programme. A drill contract was let to Boyles Bros. during the last week in July and a complete drill outfit flown to Flat Lakes for transfer by helicopter to the property. Drilling commenced on August 1, 1959 and terminated on September 11th. Over a period of 42 days, by working three shifts, it was possible to complete 11 holes and recover 3,085 feet of AX core. The holes were spotted in a fairly wide-spaced pattern to gain as much information as possible on the approximate size and grade of the orebody plus additional structural data to tie in with the detailed geological mapping which had been completed in the vicinity of the main outcrops. By the fall of 1959 it was evident that a major tungsten-bearing occurrence had been outlined estimated at 1.2 million tons containing approximately 2.5 million units\*of tungsten trioxide in one deposit.

#### REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The valley of the Flat River resulted from glaciation along a line of structural weakness caused by folding and faulting of the sedimentary strata forming the main rock types in the area. These consist of chert, limestone, and argillites of Cambrian Age overlain by argillites, slates, grits, and limestone considered to be of Ordovician Age.

\* 1 short ton unit = 20 pounds.



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Silicate biotite granite occurs as a major intrusion related to the Nahanni-Coal River batholith. The intrusions have caused recrystallization of the limestone beds with sections close to the granite altered to a number of skarn zones containing the scheelite deposits. In the region of the WO orebody, the main structural feature is an anticlinal fold trending in a general S.50°E. direction. North of the orebody the folding is upright, while to the South it becomes progressively more overturned. The intense folding has caused pronounced flowage among all of the sedimentary rock types. It appears as if deformation has been by folding rather than by faulting, with the exception of minor faults within the area of the main orebody. To the


#### DESCRIPTION OF THE WO OREBODY

The main ore-bearing zone on the property is roughly tabular in shape having approximate dimensions as outlined by diamond drilling of 650 feet long, 300 feet wide, and 65 feet thick. It is a pyrometamorphic skarn type deposit formed by replacement of a favourable limestone bed. Mineralogical studies have shown the scheelite to be the oldest mineral in the ore with more recent partial replacement and contamination by silicate minerals, chiefly diopside, garnet and quartz. The silicates in turn have been replaced by sulphide minerals consisting of pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite with minor amounts of sphalerite and cubanite.

Structural controls of the WO orebody have been assumed to consist of the following:

- (1) A fault trending N.50°E. with a dip of 65° to the South East.
- (2) A broad anticlinal flexure and related synclinal trough with the axial planes striking Northerly.
- (3) A favourable chert limestone contact contained within the flexure.

The fault zone has both pre and post-mineral movement and is assumed to have provided the main entry for mineral solutions. The fault has an apparent displacement of 30 feet vertically and shows a zone width of up to 25 feet. The main zone of mineralization favours the West limb of the anticlinal flexure



for a horizontal distance of approximately 350 feet with the better grade of mineralization confined to this section and within 350 feet of the fault. The higher grade of mineralization appears also to be localized by the favourable lime-chert contact. The basal sections of the limestone, altered to skarn, tend to be more argillaceous and grades into chert. The chert being the more competent member has been highly fractured and broken during folding to provide small solution ways for mineralizing solutions with sections containing limy argillaceous lenses which have been altered to skarn material containing appreciable tungsten values. The footwall argillite has also been noted to contain mineralized sections which are limy in character. Limited exploration of other tungsten-bearing zones on the property along the main contacts has shown similar structural characteristics to exist for the formation of scheelite-bearing sulphide skarn deposits.


#### DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - 1960

Following the favourable results obtained from the exploration drilling completed during 1959, it was decided to lay plans for a detailed grid pattern drilling programme to substantiate quantity and grade of the main orebody, provide equipment to establish a semi-permanent camp on the property in the Flat River valley, and construct an airstrip to allow access into the area within a reasonable distance of the property. In addition, it was planned to continue detailed regional geological mapping of the entire property and test some of the outlying showings. Estimates were prepared and finances arranged to initiate the above programme starting in January 1960.

Rather than attempt overland delivery of the essential equipment and supplies, it was decided to set up an airlift operation and freight by use of large aircraft.

#### Diamond Drilling Results:

Grid pattern diamond drilling on approximate 100 foot centres involving a total of 11,737 feet in 41 holes has substantiated previous values and tonnage indicated by the 11 exploratory holes drilled during 1959. In fact, final calculations show a 26% increase in grade on the main W0 orebody which is now estimated to contain a reserve of 1.32 million tons grading 2.51 units to the ton, or approximately 3.3 million short ton units of tungsten trioxide, after allowance for a 10% dilution factor.



The above reserve makes allowances only for the enriched skarn-sulphide zone. The underlying chert band contains sizable lenses of lime-silicate material averaging between 0.75% and 1%  $WO_3$  considered uneconomic at the present price of tungsten and the remote location of the property.

Winter Freighting:

To be able to deliver the required quantity of freight, it was first necessary to provide a base of operations at Watson Lake and one at Flat Lakes. No problems existed at the modern airbase facilities available at Watson Lake, but to provide a satisfactory strip on Flat Lakes for landing large wheel-equipped aircraft, such as the Douglas C-46 and the Bristol Flying Boxcar, presented questionable possibilities.

During January and February, a ski-equipped Otter and a Beaver were used to deliver a D-4 caterpillar tractor and enough fuel oil, building materials (pre-cut), insulation, and basic supplies for providing shelters to house an 11 man crew to be used in preparation of a 4,000 foot by 200 foot ice-strip on the Lake. Needless to add, conditions at the time of setting up the first tent shelters prior to getting cookhouse and bunkhouse cabooses constructed were rather arduous with temperatures in the  $-10^{\circ}$  to  $-40^{\circ}$  F. range; however, a satisfactory strip was prepared, and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  miles of winter road constructed for transferring the freight by tractor train to the property.

Freighting with two Pacific Western Airlines C-46's and the Wardair Bristol, approximately 400 tons of equipment and supplies were delivered during the period March 11th to April 11th. Enough building supplies for a 35 man camp, fuel oil tanks for 40,000 gallons of storage, a portable sawmill, two D-7 caterpillar tractors complete with hydraulic dozers, a Bombadier, an International 4 x 4 pickup, and 10 sets of winter freighting sleighs comprised the major freight items.

Plant and Camp Facilities:

Comfortable camp facilities were provided for a staff and working force totalling 35 men. The buildings were partially prefabricated at Watson Lake and erected on the cleared site at the property by a six-man contract crew employed by Sentinel Construction Company of West Vancouver. The entire job, including all services such as water supply, heating, and sewage disposal for three buildings totalling approximately 3500 square feet of space, cost \$34,500., or a landed figure by adding air freighting charges of \$11.40 per square foot.

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200000



Power and light for the shop and camp were supplied by a small 10 K.W. diesel electric plant. Enough tools and welding equipment were provided for general mechanical maintenance of the tractors and other mobile equipment.

A small portable sawmill was set up near the camp and operated intermittently throughout the summer for provision of rough timber and lumber required to construct a 20' x 40' storage warehouse and other auxiliary buildings. Clearing for the airport provided sufficient sawlog timber to cut approximately 60,000 f.b.m.

#### Mine Road Construction:

Three and one-half miles of road were constructed in switchback style to connect the camp and the mine site. No unusual problems were encountered other than surface frost during the early clearing in May. The lower two miles of the road were maintained at a grade ranging from 4 to 6 percent; however, seven switchbacks were necessary at 12 percent grade to reach the drilling site.

#### Airport Construction:

Fortunately, an area immediately adjacent to the camp was available for relatively easy clearing and grading early in April and May to provide a strip on which steady landings have been made all summer with Cessna and Beaver aircraft.

Recent surveying and layout by Department of Transport engineers has extended the original strip centre line whereby construction can be completed to specifications for provision of a regulation airstrip 5400 feet long. With equipment available on the property 3,000 feet has now been graded and completed to required specifications.

#### CONCLUSION

No insurmountable problems can be foreseen for mining and treating the ore. Fortunately, the high grade section of the deposit provides a good margin in economic calculations at the present world price per unit for tungsten notwithstanding the remote location of the property and the resultant high cost of transportation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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*Part of Ab Oliver  
Talk at ME Dundee  
May 62*

IN 1961 UNDERGROUND DRIFTING AND DIAMOND DRILLING FURTHER EXTENDED THE OREBODY. PUBLISHED ORE RESERVES ARE 1,176/400 TONS OF 2.47 PERCENT TUNGSTEN TRIOXIDE (WO<sub>3</sub>).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS OREBODY WAS A CHALLENGE TO MODERN METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION. ALL SUPPLIES UP TO APRIL OF 1960 HAD TO BE FLOWN IN BY FLOAT AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER. IN APRIL OF 1960 A BRISTOL AND TWO C-46 AIRCRAFT BROUGHT IN 400 TONS OF SUPPLIES FROM WATSON LAKE, LANDING ON THE ICE AT FLAT LAKE. THE SUPPLIES CONSISTED OF FUEL OIL, CAMP SUPPLIES, DOZER AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT. THESE SUPPLIES WERE THEN MOVED TWELVE MILES SOUTH OF THE LAKE BY TRACTOR TRAIN TO THE PROPERTY. DURING THE SUMMER OF 1960 TWO AIRSTRIPS WERE STARTED AND COMPLETED, ONE 2,000 FEET LONG AND THE OTHER 3,300 FEET LONG. EVENTUALLY THESE TWO RUNWAYS WERE CONNECTED TO MAKE ONE LARGE AIRSTRIP. THE OPERATION CONTINUED TO BE SUPPLIED AND SERVICED BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT. IN 1961 CANADA TUNGSTEN PURCHASED AN ANSON AIRCRAFT; THIS ANSON AND A CESSNA 185 SERVICED AND SUPPLIED THIS ENTIRE CAMP, EXCEPT FOR 550 TONS OF MINING AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN BY A BRISTOL AIRCRAFT DURING JULY OF LAST YEAR. THIS COMING YEAR A DC-3 WILL BE USED IN SUPPLYING THE MINING AND CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS.

FOR PERMANENT ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY A ROAD IS BEING CONSTRUCTED FROM MILE 67 ON THE ROSS RIVER-WATSON LAKE DEVELOPMENT

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ROAD. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANY HAVE AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS THE WHOLE COST OF THE ACCESS ROAD FOR THE FIRST 80 MILES AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE COST OF THE REMAINING MILEAGE TO THE MINE.

CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD STARTED IN 1961 AND 62 MILES WERE FINISHED, 37 MILES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT ROAD AND 25 MILES FROM THE MINE. DURING THE WINTER A WINTER TRAIL WAS MADE AND 4000 - 5000 TONS OF MINING, MILL AND BUILDING SUPPLIES WERE TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK TO THE MINE SITE. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR JUMPED TO MILE 65 OF THE ROAD USING THE WINTER TRAIL FOR TRANSPORT AND CONSTRUCTED 12 MILES OF FINISHED ROAD. THE COMPANY ON THEIR PORTION OF THE ROAD ROUGH/GRADED 7 MILES IN AN AREA WHERE WET CONDITIONS WOULD IMPAIR CONSTRUCTION IN THE SUMMER.

STEEL FOR THE HYLAND RIVER CROSSING AND SMALLER STREAM CROSSINGS WAS BROUGHT IN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SITES BY MEANS OF THE WINTER ROAD.

AT THE MINE, EXCAVATING FOR THE CRUSHING PLANT AND MILL SITE IS BEING CARRIED ON. THE CREWS ARE BEING ORGANIZED FOR THE BUILDING OF WORKSHOPS AND DWELLINGS, OFFICE BUILDING, SCHOOL AND

CURLING RINK. CONSTRUCTION OF A BUNKHOUSE AND WAREHOUSE IS ALMOST COMPLETED. EXCEPT FOR PLYWOOD, ALL THE LUMBER HAS BEEN CUT WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE MINE. THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT SAVING OF TIME AND MONEY.

MINING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND ORE WILL BE STOCKPILED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO KEEP THE MILL RUNNING ALL YEAR. ISBEL CONSTRUCTION, AN AMERICAN FIRM FROM THE STATE OF IDAHO, HAVE CONTRACTED THE OPEN PIT WORK. DEVELOPMENT OF THE OPEN PIT WILL BEGIN THIS SPRING AND PRODUCTION WILL START IN JULY OR AUGUST.

THE MILL WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 300 TONS OF ORE A DAY PRODUCING TEN TONS OF TUNGSTEN CONCENTRATE. IT IS REPORTED THAT MINING WILL START IN A HIGHER GRADE SECTION OF THE OPEN PIT AND INITIAL ORE WILL AVERAGE ABOUT 2.75 PERCENT  $WO_3$ .

FINANCES ARE PROVIDED BY NORTHWEST AMAX (A SUBSIDIARY OF AMERICAN METAL CLIMAX) DOME MINES AND VENTURES LTD. WORLD SALES OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED BY AMERICAN METAL CLIMAX.

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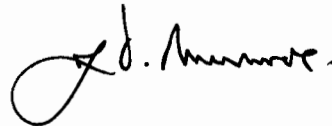
Dear Dr. Skinner:

We sincerely appreciated having you visit our property early this past week for an official examination.

To confirm our discussions at that time, we do not wish any of the information given to you to be released to anyone but your principals of the G. S. C. in Ottawa. Our Company has not reported any of the results to anyone beyond participants in our Syndicate and until a complete compilation and appraisal of the drill results have been assembled there will be none issued.

Yours very truly,

CANADA TUNGSTEN MINING CORPORATION LTD.



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for "L. G. White, P. Eng." (signed)

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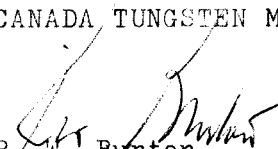
Mr. Ralph Skinner,  
Resident Geologist,  
Dept. of Mines & Technical Surveys,  
P.O. Box 1029,  
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Mr. Skinner:

When you called at the Canada Tungsten camp at Flat River, N.W.T., in September 1960, you requested us to forward to your office a summary of activities for 1960. We hope the attached notes will meet your requirements, but if some additional information is desired, please get in touch with us at this address.

Yours very truly,

CANADA TUNGSTEN MINING CORP. LTD.,

  
R. W. Burton,  
Assistant Manager.

RWB:pk  
Att.



NOTES FOR MR. R. SKINNER - Whitehorse, Y.T.

1. CAMP CONSTRUCTION:

Before February 1960, a temporary camp was erected at Flat Lakes, N.W.T., to receive freight transported by aircraft. By the end of March 1960, about 480 tons of freight was flown from Watson Lake, Y.T. to Flat Lakes, N.W.T., then freighted by tractor to the present site of the Flat River Camp (Lat.  $61^{\circ} 58' N$  - Long  $128^{\circ} 12' W$ ). The air freight included an entire camp for 35 men, three tractors with bulldozer equipment, two surface diamond drill rigs, a small portable sawmill, small motor vehicles and an ample supply of fuel for all equipment. The camp was ready for occupancy during April 1960.

2. AIRSTRIPS:

While the camp at Flat River was under construction, a temporary airstrip with runway  $150' X 2,000'$  was cleared, adjacent to the camp. Throughout the working season of 1960, this airstrip was used for a Cessna 180 and other light aircraft. In the latter part of June, clearing was started for a larger airstrip, and by the end of September, the total cleared area was  $400' X 6,500'$  with a second runway of  $155' X 3,300'$ . Eventually, the first and second airstrips will be joined to give a runway suitable for any commercial aircraft likely to be employed on freighting.

3. ROAD BUILDING:

A tote road was built from the Flat River camp to the outcrop of the principal showing. The road rises from  $3,700'$  elevation at the Flat River Camp to  $5,100'$ , and traverses some very rough terrain. Several switchbacks were incorporated in the road to ease the grade. Total length of this road is  $16,000'$ , with a  $10'$  wide surface and several turn-outs to allow two or more vehicles to pass. Workmen travelling to and from the camp were carried in a muskeg Bombardier or a light International truck.

4. DIAMOND DRILLING:

Forty holes were drilled from surface sites, for a total of  $11,728'$  of diamond drilling, all of which was at or larger than AX core. In addition, about  $150'$  of diamond drilling was done with a Packsack drill. All of this work was to outline the orebody, and to determine its tonnage and grade.

5. PROSPECTING, MAPPING, ETC.:

An area of 14 square miles was mapped and prospected, the completed maps being on 400 scale. Several mineralized showings were found in the course of this work and on one of the outcrops stripping and trenching resulted in the movement of between 50 and 75 cubic yards of talus and rock-in-place, exposing a skarn deposit containing some scheelite.

6. SAWMILL:

A portable sawmill, cutting timber won from the clearing of the airstrip, produced about 45,000 bfm of rough lumber, of which about 30,000 bfm is now on hand at the camp.

Aug 1960

STRATAGRAPHIC SECTION

CANADA TUNGSTEN FLAT RIVER N.W.T.

Argillite		5000' †	Greyish phillitic argillite. Contains some <u>gritty</u> phases
Boudinage Beds		100' †	Well Bedded 50% cherty argillite and 50% Lime. Contortions very common on minor scale. Boudins common. A good marker horizon.
Grey Limestone		100' †	At times grade into each other. Grey is thin bedded and <u>grit</u> in part.
Buff Limestone			Buff phase is dolomitic, has mottled weathered appearance and lacks bedding
Black Argillite		100'	Thin bedded black argillite with narrow black limestone interbeds.
Grey Limestone and Chert		100' †	Grey limestone, fair to poor bedding. At times quartzite and chert at base.
Buff Limestone		500' †	Buff to pink weathering dolomitic limestone No bedding. Tends to form talus slopes. Subject to flowage.
Hangingwall Argillite	Arg	40'	Dark grey thin bedded
	Quartzite	50'	White. Round quartz grains in a partially calcareous matrix.
	Arg	150'	Dark grey, thin bedded. Minor crossbedding. Includes chert beds above base and under quartzite.
Ore Limestone		100'	Blue grey crystalline limestone. Argillite intraformational breccia common at base.
Chert		120-150'	Interbedded chert, argillite and limestone. White to grey-green. Commonly distorted. Boudins common. Often line sections become skarn.
Footwall Argillite		500 +	Brownish purple, massive, poor bedding. Cleavage.


Flat River valley parallels the structural trend of the region and is eroded in a complex syncline formed of Cambrian to Ordovician strata, flanked to the NE and SW by strongly deformed Proterozoic sedimentary rocks. Between the Flat and Rabbitkettle rivers the Proterozoic rocks occupy the core of a gently S.E. plunging anticlinorium.

Large areas of the deformed ~~sedimentary~~<sup>strata</sup> rocks have subsequently been intruded by crosscutting granitic stocks, that have in places deflected the northwest trending structures and caused local doming.

Tungsten deposits are associated with the intrusive and have two principle modes of occurrence:

1. Replacement of a dark green pyroxene skarn within the pure "ore-limestone" member, with associated quartz scheelite veins. The ore body under development and other principal prospects are of this type.
2. Scheelite disseminations in light colored, calc-silicate hornfels at the contact of <sup>Middle and Upper</sup> Cambrian impure platy limestone and granitic intrusives. Deposits of this type are restricted, low grade and not likely to be of commercial value.


The "ore-limestone" member consists of light grey weath-  
ing blue-grey fine-grained limestone, which in the vicinity  
of the intrusive rocks and mineral deposits, has altered  
to coarse grained marble. This unit varies rapidly in  
thickness and is not continuous throughout the map area.



With few exceptions it is known only from the SW side of Flat River valley generally within 5 miles NW and SE of the mine.

A very distinctive unit the "Swiss-cheese" limestone (Green and Roddick 1961), underlies the ore limestone and is traceable throughout the area. It consists of irregularly interbanded calcareous siltstone and impure limestone. The limestone bands generally form pods and lenses several inches long enclosed in siltstone. This unit varies little in thickness and is easily recognized by its characteristic weathering appearance. In all instances, where well exposed, its lower contact is found to be transitional, over several feet, with siltstones of the underlying Proterozoic rocks. (The base of Cambrian has arbitrarily been set at this contact, for the lowest occurrences of the index fossil Olenellus are in the basal beds of the "Swiss-cheese" limestone.)

The lower Cambrian strata above the ore limestone includes a wide variety of rocks for the most part composed of a mixture of dolomite, silt and coarse-grained quartz sand in various proportions. Local facies and minor unconformities appear to be numerous. SW of Flat River the basal member of this varied succession consists of interbedded dark argillite, calcareous argillite and minor dark limestone. This unit locally known as the "hangingwall" argillite (Brown 1961), varies markedly in thickness <sup>exceeding</sup> ~~to over~~ 1000' in the extreme south central part of the map-area.




A bright yellow and orange weathering silty dolomite member provides a useful marker horizon in the upper part of this varied sequence.

The middle and upper Cambrian strata consists mainly of thinly banded argillaceous limestone and siltstone and occasionally pure limestone beds several feet thick. An unconformity separates this unit from the underlying lower Cambrian sequence and accounts for the omission of much of the latter in some parts of the area.

Graptolitic strata of Ordovician and possibly Silurian age are the youngest consolidated sedimentary rocks in the region. These rocks being especially incompetent, are strongly deformed and in general poorly exposed. Their thickness is not known with any certainty and may greatly exceed 2000 feet.

Intrusive rocks are chiefly biotite quartz monzonite and show little variation in composition and texture. However, the granitic rocks in the mine vicinity generally have rusty weathering surfaces, a feature less pronounced or lacking in other intrusives of the region.



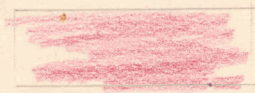
### Local Geology of Mine Vicinity.

In the vicinity of the mine the Lower <sup>Cambrian</sup> ~~un~~ sedimentary rocks form an overturned syncline with axial plane dipping moderately to the SW (fig. 1). This structure is complicated by minor folds on the limbs and sharply truncated by quartz monzonite stocks. The ore body is localized in the lower part of the ore limestone member on the flat lying limb of this structure.

Table of Stratigraphic Units

Era	Period or epoch	Unit and thickness (feet)	Lithology	
Mesozoic	Cretaceous(?)	Intrusions	Quartz monzonite, granodiorite; minor granite	
Intrusive contact				
Paleozoic	Ordovician and Silurian(?)	2000 +	Black shale, slate; minor chert, siltstone and dark limestone	
	Unconformity			
	Middle and Upper Cambrian	4000 +	Intercalated platy impure limestone, siltstone and limestone	
	Unconformity			
	Lower and/or middle Cambrian	1000 ±	Dolomite, silty and sandy dolomite; minor sandstone and shale	
		150 ±	Bright yellow and orange weathering silty and sandy dolomite	
	Lower Cambrian	2000 ±	Sandstone, sandy and silty dolomite, dolomite, argillite; minor quartzite and impure limestone	
		'Ova-limestone' 200 ±	Blue grey fine grained limestone and coarse grained marble	
		'Swiss cheese limestone' 200 ±	Irregularly interbanded calcareous siltstone and impure limestone; pods and lenses of limestone	
Proterozoic	Probably late Proterozoic	4000 +	Phyllite, slate, siltstone, fine grained quartzite	

ORE MORE THAN 1%  $WO_3$



LESS THAN 1%  $WO_3$



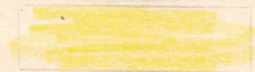
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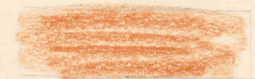
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TUNGSTEN ORE RESERVE ESTIMATE AS OF SEPT 3, 1959

The outlines of the ore reserve area are enclosed within an area 600 ft long by 300 ft wide. The northern limit is arbitrarily cut off 50 ft north-east of D.D.H. #4 which is the most northerly drill hole completed to date although mineralization of ore grade is known to extend 150 ft northeast of drill hole No 4. The east boundary is defined by the erosional scarp which contains the prominent gossan ore, assays of which have been taken into account in the estimate. The south boundary is along a probable fault (Talus Fault), the strike and attitude having been determined from drill hole intersections. It is a steeply dipping normal fault, the vertical displacement of which may be as much as 200 feet. The west boundary is based on reasonable projection beyond successful drill holes, but is nevertheless indefinite. Further diamond drilling will be required along the west boundary to determine ore limits in relation to the granitic dikes.

Basic assumptions have been made as to ore grade & width of ore zone in each cross-section. This is essential since the diamond drilling is fairly widely spaced for an ore-body of the nature. Further, complete assay data is not available and no information is available regarding tungsten assays in the drill holes completed by Northwest Exploration Co.

The tonnage estimate presented at this date, Sept 3, 1959 is 1,500,000 tons at 170% WO<sub>3</sub>. Complete copper assays are not available and no attempt has been made to estimate copper content.

Acknowledgments and thanks are given to Messrs Lyle Dunn, L. Adie, & T.M. Allen for their cooperation and help in compiling this preliminary estimate of ore reserves for Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation.

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that line 100 East 5, 1959

Chas W. Ball

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TONNAGE ESTIMATE AS OF SEPT. 5, 1959

SECT 369 N assumed width = 40' at 1.70% WO<sub>3</sub> Area = 8,480' at 1.70% WO<sub>3</sub>  
 L = 212'

At SECT 319 N

D.H. # 4 52.3', 1.91% WO<sub>3</sub> L = 228 Av. W. = 43' Area = 9,804' at 2.57%  
 Scarp 35.0' 3.56% " Av. grade " at 2.57%

SECT 215 N

D.H. # 6 NW 60.0' 1.50% WO<sub>3</sub> L = 240' Av. W. = 62' Area = 14,880' at 1.74% WO<sub>3</sub>  
 Scarp 60.0' 2.00% " " " " " " " "

SECT 123 N

D.H. # 1 169.0' 1.55% WO<sub>3</sub> L = 367' Av. W. 109' Area = 49,003' at 1.89% WO<sub>3</sub>  
 Scarp 49.5' 2.98% WO<sub>3</sub> " " " " " " " "

SECT 17 N

D.H. # 2 197.2' 1.41% WO<sub>3</sub> L = 487' Av. W. = 135' Area = 65,745' at 1.50% WO<sub>3</sub>  
 NW # 1 73.0' 1.75% WO<sub>3</sub> " " " " " " " "

SECT 62 S

D.H. # 4 NW Upper horiz 53.0' 1.0% WO<sub>3</sub> Area = 28,500'  
 D.H. # 6 44.8' 0.75% L = 375' Av. W. 76' at 1.59%  
 # 7 132.5' 2.12%

SECT 169 S

D.H. # 8 54.3' 2.46% WO<sub>3</sub> L = 190' Av. W. = 54' Area = 10,260' at 2.46%

TONNAGE

From 369 N - 319 N	Tons	$\frac{50}{2} \left( \frac{8,480 + 9,804}{10} \right) = 45,710$	2.16%
" 319 N - 215 N	"	$\frac{104}{2} \left( \frac{9,804 + 14,880}{10} \right) = 128,357$	2.07%
From 215 N - 123 N	"	$\frac{92}{2} \left( \frac{14,880 + 49,003}{10} \right) = 252,462$	1.85%
" 123 N - 17 N	"	$\frac{106}{2} \left( \frac{49,003 + 65,745}{10} \right) = 560,464$	1.65%
" 17 N - 62 S	"	$\frac{79}{2} \left( \frac{65,745 + 28,500}{10} \right) = 372,267$	1.53%
" 62 S - 169 S	"	$\frac{107}{2} \left( \frac{28,500 + 10,260}{10} \right) = 207,366$	1.82%

Total 1,566,626 Tons at 1.72% WO<sub>3</sub>

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C. W. Ball  
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