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Item 36

Bureau of Mines Trip to Contact ect
June 17-30, 1942.

Vincent P. Gianella

June 17. At school getting information and materials together for the trip. Called on Mr. O. V. Wilcox who agreed to ride me out to Valmy. Called at his house and learned that he was up at Lake Tahoe and not expected back until June 18 or 19th. Left word for him to contact me so that I could see his property at Valmy on way back to Reno. Have not heard from him since. Took the S. P. train for Wells at 6 a.m. and arrived there at 2 p.m.

June 18

Met by Mr. M. M. Marshall and went to Contact and spent remainder of the day in looking over his properties.

June 19. With Mr. Marshall in looking over the Delano, Allen and other mines to the west of the town. This was the best producing part of the district in the past and small shipments are now being made. Visited the Gray tunnel, Queen of the Hills mine operated by Mr. Chris Neilson. Entered all of the principal workings in this as well as the Allen and Delano mines. Also visited the Palo Alto, to the east of the Delano, which is a continuation of the same mineralized belt. After supper visited a silver-lead-copper property in the quartzite about 5 miles northwest of Contact operated by Mr. Wm. Southard.

June 20.

To Blanchard mountain to see Blanchard copper prospect with Mr. Leo Bricker. Also out to Knoll Mountain to see silver-lead property of Lester Hice but condition of the roads prevented us from reaching it.

June 21.

Maurice Marshall took me to CCC Camp where discussed tungsten and copper properties with Mr. P. A. Delmue. He took me into Wells. Bus to Elko.

June 22.

Called on Free Press, Independent, Mayor Dota, and City Engineer Kinney. All out but at the Free Press. Discussed mines with Mr. Sauls. Also discussed manganese situation with County Engineer Wm. Settlemyer. Bus to Battle Mountain.

June 23.

Discussed manganese deposits with René and Louis Lemaire. Neither of them has a manganese property. Met Mr. G. G. Gentry who has charge of the manganese purchasing program there for the Metals Reserve. He took me to Valmy, Golconda, and Winnemucca. Discussed the manganese outlook with Mr. H. E. Chatwin who has been the principal producer there for the past several years and has visited most of the occurrences in northern Nevada.

June 24.

With Mr. Gentry to Valmy and out to mill and manganese property 16 miles to the south with Mr. Frank Deane of the Western Alloys Company

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which has been shipping from this property but not now operating. Visited Mr. John T. Reid's gold property. Returned to Winnemucca with Mr. Gentry. Visited D. B. Reed, Supt. of the tungsten plant at Golconda.

June 25.

To the extreme south end of Grass Valley about 50 miles south of Winnemucca with Mr. Wm. Polkinghorne and Ed. H. Knight. Looked over manganese property up on Pollard Creek. Back through Pumpernickel Valley and looked over the Black Diabole mine where Mr. Chatwin is shipping a large tonnage of manganese ore. Also went to Mrs. Clough property a mile to the north. Back to Winnemucca. After dinner contacted Mr. Gus Rogers about manganese property in Santa Rosa Range and Mr. Roy Beeson who has a property at Valmy. Discussed Mrs Mary Clough's property with her.

June 26.

Out to Denio and opal fields also small tungsten operation innorth end of the Pine Forest Range. Back to Winnemucca.

June 27.

Discussed manganese properties with Mrs. Mary Clough, and G. W. Brady. Failed to contact Mr. Paul J. Bellet who is still out of town. Bus to Reno.

June 28 (Sunday)

June 29th.

Worked on report. Gave 2 hours to Paul J. Bellet and Jule Roberson. discussing tungsten property 68 miles north of Winnemucca in Santa Rosa Range.

June 30.

Completed report and letters to people contacted on trip.

Vincent B. Gianella

Hotel

Gus Knezevich
Managing Owner



Humboldt

Winnemucca
Nevada

June 23, 1942

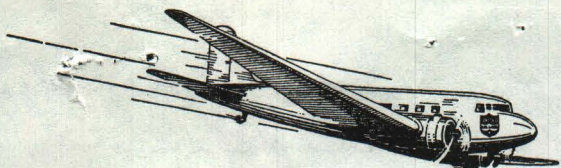
Dear Jay.

Nothing developed at Elko so
come on to Battle Mtn last night.
Nothing showed up there either. Rene Lemaire
has no run property, neither has Antonio
Lemaire. They thought that probably
August did but he is in Reno.

Only for contacting Gentry (U.S.
Mar. man for Battle Mtn Dept) would
have had lost a day and been
stuck by not having a car. Did
not get to Copper Canyon (some reason)
Tomorrow go back to Valley with Gentry
as he goes to B.M. and he will pick
me up tomorrow evening. During
the day will visit two properties of
Western Airways Co in Buffalo Valley
and Hortons about 5 mi. south
of Valley. Will take in several
around Winnemucca also.

Sincerely

Vincent P. Biarella



NEWTON H. CRUMLEY JR., MGR.

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June 21, 1942

Prof. J. A. Carpenter
Marshall School of Mines.

Dear Jay:

Thanks for note and men-
schedule mailed on the 18th.
Saw most important parts of
Contact district. One property (Marshall)
may produce ore from old mine
workings if properly operated.
New prospect of Rev. Bicker on
Blanchard Mountain at about 7,500'
(good road) looks like a sure producer
in a small way might develop
into good small mine. Mostly
silicate of copper but also sulfides.
Marshall's ore mostly silicate.
Some scheelite in the district may
develop some good prospects. One
promising Pb-Ag property to S.E.
near Marshall and others very
appreciative of visit. I think the
trip very profitable for Bureau
and quite helpful to local people.
Hope that our trip turn out



as well.

Will be at Battle Mtn. Monday
and will be governed by developments
when I arrive.

Please send mineral bulletin
to:

Leo Bicker, Contact
Maurice Marshall, "
Lester Hice "
Mrs. Clark Bugbee "

P. A. Delume
CCC camp
wells.

Delume has seen a New outcrop
north of wells but did not its precise
location so did not see it.

He recalled meeting you
at the school and enjoyed his
contact with you.

Will look up Chris Sherin and
Warren Moursel as soon as
possible.

Sincerely
Vincent P. Biawella