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SUMMARY

From 1869 to 1882 the high grade oxidized orebodies under Ruby Hill, near Eureka, Nevada, produced more than \$40,000,000 in silver, lead, and gold. About 1,300,000 tons of ore are said to have been mined. Later production has been comparatively small, and chiefly from low grade ore. Eureka Corporation, Ltd. now owns or holds under lease all of the portion of the Eureka District in or near Ruby Hill.

The Ruby Hill ore occurred in irregular bodies, the horizontal projection of which occupied about a quarter of an eres 2200 feet long from northwest to southeast by 1200 feet wide. On the southwest the orebearing dolomite came to the surface. On the northeast it was cut off at about the 900 Level by the large Ruby Hill Fault. The orebearing rocks northeast of this fault were dropped in two large fault blocks. Block I-B, northwest of the Bowman cross fault, was dropped about 700 feet. Save for one barren drillhole far to the north, no development has been done in the orebearing horizon in this block. Block I-A, southeast of the Bowman Fault, was dropped 1300 feet. Five diamond drillholes in an erea 400 feet long by 300 feet wide in this block indicated a possible 300,000 tons of heavy sulphide ore that averages 0.192 ounces gold, 5.93 ounces silver, 3.74%

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lead, and 9% zinc for 51.7 feet in thickness. The best hole averaged 0.388 ounces gold, 11.53 ounces silver, 5.9% lead, and 10.93% zinc for 65 feet in thickness. This indicated one occupies less than a tenth of the promising area northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault.

Preliminary metallurgical tests on samples from the drillholes indicate that the net payment at the mill from shipment of concentrates, with lead at 15 cents per pound and zinc at 10 cents, would be \$14.75 per ton of ore of the average grade, and double this amount per ton of ore of the grade cut by the best drillhole.

Eureka Corporation. Ltd. sunk the 2415 foot Fad Shaft to make this deep ore available. About 700 feet from the ore a crosscut on the 2250 Level encountered a great flow of water that flooded the shaft. Pumping up to 9000 gallons per minute failed to recover the 2250 Level. The principal reasons for the failure were:

- 1. The 2250 Level was 1250 feet below the original water table. The resultent rapid flow under great head enlarged the watercourses, bringing in mud and grit that made it impracticable to keep pumps running.
- 3. No drillholes were kept open, to permit measuring the drop in water table.
- 3. A water door on the 2250 Level was not strong enough to stand the great pressure.
- 4. No drillhole was run shead of the face, to permit gradual draining of large open fissures.
- 5. It is possible that part of the water pumped to the surface randown oravices and was recirculated.

from the pumping record and from experience in other mines, it seems likely that the 2250 Level ore can be made accessible by unwatering the mine are few hundred feet at a time, pumping a total of 4 to 5 billion gallons of water at the rate of 5,000 gallons per minute.

There are three excellent chances of finding large orebodies at much higher levels. This would permit bringing the mine to production at a fer lower cost than that required to unwater the 2250 Level. The three promising places are:

- 1. In Block I-B, northwest of the Bowman Fault, above the 1700 Level.
- 2. In higher beds 400 to 600 feet above the ore developed by drilling in Block I-A.
- 3. In a fault block of dolomite under the quartzite that underlies the old Ruby Hill orebodies, from the 1200 to the 1700 Level.

These three possibilities can be tested by churn and diamond drillholes at comperatively small expense.

The following program is recommended, with details of later stages modified to suit results of earlier stages:

- 1. Do 1800 to 5500 feet of churn drilling from surface and 1000 to 1800 feet of dismond drilling from the 800 Level, Fad Shaft, to test the three possibilities for finding ore on or above the 1700 Level. Time required, 8 months to 1 year. Estimated cost, \$40,000 to \$80,000.
- 2. Unwater the mine to the 1700 Level, and crosscut to the orebearing formations. Time required, not to exceed 18 months. Estimated maximum cost, including pumping, \$870,000. If there was recirculation of water in the earlier pumping, the cost will be much lower. If, as seems likely, large orebodies are found above the 1700 Level, about \$500,000 additional must be spent to provide a second exit and to prepare the mine for production.
- 3. Unwater the mine to the 2250 Level and crosscut to the orebody already developed by drilling. Time required, about one year. Estimated maximum cost, \$720,000. As in the second stage, the cost will be much less if there was recirculation of water pumped in 1948. If ore is found on or above the 1700 Level, Stage 3 can be carried out gradually, out of part of profits. If no ore is found above the 1700 Level, about \$1,000,000 additional must be spent for second exit, auxiliary levels, etc., before large scale production can start from the 2250 Level.
- 4. As soon as possible, ship high grade ore to a custom mill and smelter. The estimated net return at the mine from ore of the grade of the 65 feet cut by Drillhole E, with lead at 15 cents and zinc at 10 cents per pound, would be \$17 per ton. This would more than dover the cost of mining, pumping, and overhead while a treatment plant is being designed and built. The size, character, and position of orebodies must be known before such a plant is planned. After it is in operation, with production at the rate of 500 tons per day, all costs at Eureka should total \$10 to \$12 per ton. This will permit a fair profit on probable average grade ore. It is possible that the cost of power, and so the total cost, may be greatly reduced.

It is essential to secure a more reasonable lease from Richmond Euraka Mining Company before starting the program outlined above. When this is done, the preliminary development will be an exceedingly good speculation. If, as expected, it finds large orebodies on or above the 1700 Level, a total expenditure of less than \$1.450,000 plus the cost of a treatment plant, seems likely to result in one of the greatest mining districts in the country.

If no ore is found above the 1700 Level, the venture will be less attractive. Extensions of the deep ore already indicated by drilling may total several million tons. However, there is a remote chance that the flow of water may be so great that the cost of mining and development will be prohibitive. It is far more likely that large scale production from the deep

orebodies can be started at a total cost of \$2.650,000, plus the cost of a treatment plant. A possible profit of many times this amount fully justifies an attempt to unwater the 2250 Level even if no higher ore is found.

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The following report covers the theory of faulting and of probable ore occurrence in the property of Eureka Corporation, Ltd., at Eureka, Nevada; the results of operations to date; and suggestions as to the proper future policy.

THE PROBLEM AT EUREKA.

Prom 1869 to 1882 Eureka, Nevada was one of the greatest silver-lead districts in the West. Production to the end of 1882 was reported by J. S. Curtis, in U.S.G.S. Monograph VII, to have totalled about \$40,000,000 in silver, \$20,000,000 in gold, and 225,000 tons of lead. The high grade oxidized ore was for the most part smelted in several small furnaces in Eureka. After 1882, the great orebodies were exhausted, and there was limited production, chiefly by lesses.

The ore at Euroka oscurred in irregular bodies in limestone and dolomite. The sedimentary series, from the top down, is as follows:

Nevada Limestone (Devonian)
Eureka Quartzite (Ordovician)
Pogonip Limestone (Ord. & Camb.) over 1.000 ft.
Dunderberg Shale (Cambrian) 340 "
Hamburg Dolomite (") 900 "
Secret Canyon Shale ") 1.035 "
Geddes Limestone (") 335 "
Eldorado Dolomite (") 2.000 "
Prospect Mountain Quartzite (Camb.) 1.660 "

Thrust faults have in many places greatly reduced the above thicknesses.

Irregular, generally small intrusions of monzonite porphyry out the sediments.

By far the greater part of the output came from a fault-block of Eldorado Dolomite, under Ruby Hill. The Ruby Hill block was limited on the southwest by the irregular northeast-dipping Footwall Fault zone, below which was crushed Prospect Mountain quartzite. Due to faulting, only the top half of the normal thickness of the dolomite remains in this area. On the northeast the dolomite and the productive fault block were cut off by the large Ruby Hill Fault, that strikes northwest and dips about 70 degrees northeast. To the northwest the Albion cross fault cut off the orebearing dolomite, and to the southeast dolomite played out in a narrow band as the Ruby Hill Fault and the Footwall Fault gradually came together. As the dip of the Ruby Hill Fault is steeper than that of the Footwall Fault that brings in the quartzite, the Eldorado Dolomite under Ruby Hill wedges out about 900 feet below the surface.

The Prospect Mountain Quartzite that underlies the orebearing formation in Ruby Hill is cut off in depth by a large thrust fault, that dips northeasterly. Below this thrust is a block of the Hamburg Dolomite that normally lies 3,300 feet above the Quartzite. Due to later cross faults and to curves in the thrust fault, the thickness of Prospect Mountain Quartzite between the crebearing Eldorado Dolomite and the underlying, very slightly explored Hamburg Dolomite varies from a few feet of drag material up to several hundred feet. The thinnest part of the quartzite extends for about 200 feet northwest and 200 feet southeast of the Richmond Shaft.

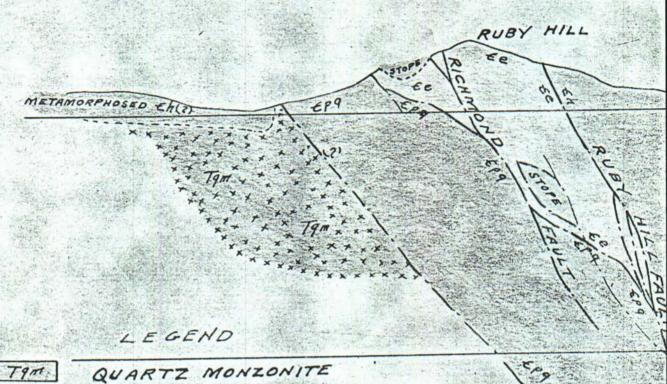
The accompanying map and cross sections show the structure.

It was known at the time of the Curtis U.S.C.S. report, published in 1884, that the rocks on the northeast side of the Ruby Hill Fault had been dropped many hundred feet. The diamond drilling carried on by Eureka Corporation, Ltd., and the United States Bureau of Mines between 1940 and 1944 proved that the maximum vertical displacement on the Fault is about 1,300 feet. The beds northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault, like those scuthwest of it, dip to the northeast at varying angles, averaging about 20 degrees. Many other faults, the most important of which are shown on the accompanying horizontal projection and on the vertical sections, cut the area northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault up into large fault blocks. In addition to the steeper faults, there are flat thrust faults that often greatly reduce the thickness of the formations.

An excellent geological map and sections that are now being made by Mr. Thomas B. Nolan for the United States Geological Survey, were most useful in the study of the Eureka geology. Discussions with Mr. Nolan were exceedingly helpful.

The age relation between the deposition of ore and the Ruby Hill
Fault has been the subject of much disagreement. Regardless of this relation,
it was early recognized that the downfaulted block of Eldorado Dolomite northeast of the Fault might contain large crebodies. The drilling by Eureka
Corporation, Ltd., and later by the Bureau of Mines was based on this assumption.
It was spectacularly successful. Hole A, far to the horthwest, failed to find
ore. The next five holes, opposite the most productive part of the Euby Hill
erse, all cut ore of fair to excellent grade. These holes are more or less
evenly spaced in an area extending 550 feet northeast from the projected
position of the Ruby Hill Fault at the ore horizon, by 425 feet from northwest to southeast, parallel with the fault. Ore in all five holes is apparently
at the same horizon, near the bottom of the Eldorado dolomite. Detailed
results of drilling are given later in this report.

The essential problem at Eureks is first, the possible location and size of orebodies in fault blocks adjacent to the productive Ruby Hill Block; and second, how these orebodies can best be opened up for mining.



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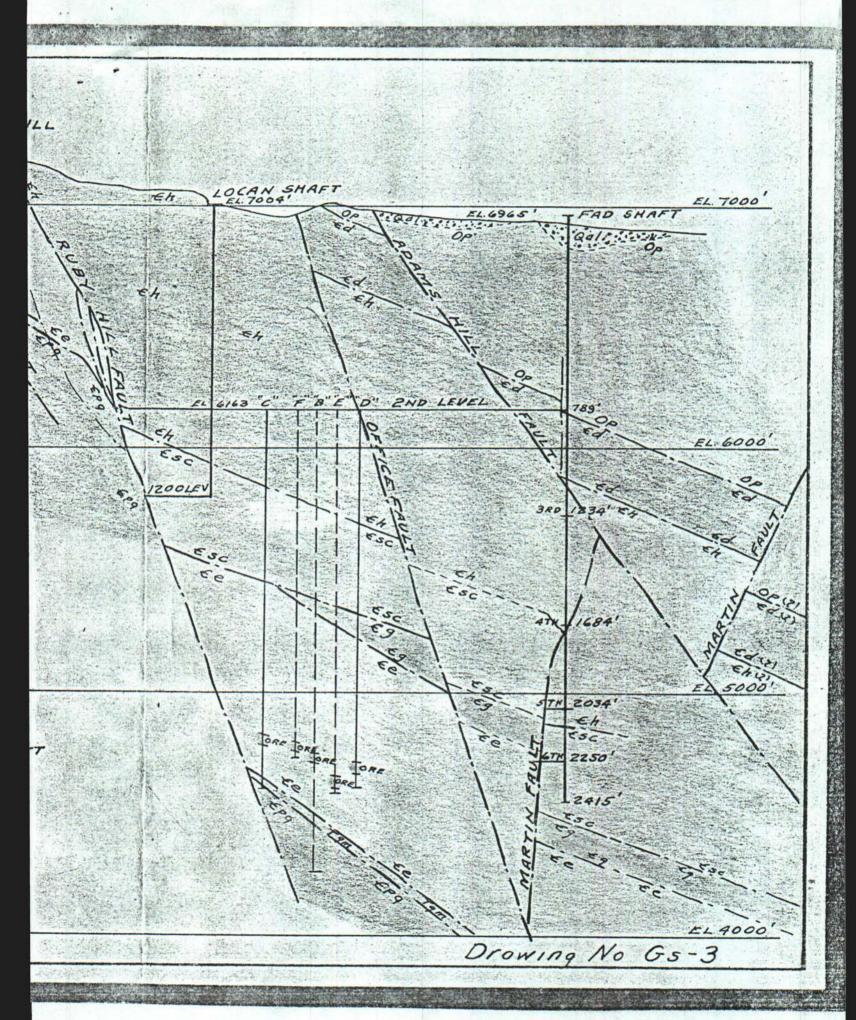
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OREBODIES SOUTHWEST OF RUBY HILL FAULT, AND RELATION TO FAULTS

The best index of the possible size of crebodies in the dropped block northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault is the size of the worked out bodies southwest of the Fault.

As shown in the horizontal projection and sections, the principal Ruby Hill orebodies occurred within an area 2,200 feet long from northwest to southeast, parallel with the Fault, by a maximum of 700 feet in horizontal width, at right angles to the strike of the Fault. Due to the northeast dip of the Fault, the area of greatest mineralization shown on the horizontal projection is 1,200 feet wide, instead of the 700 feet maximum horizontal width. In depth the width of orebearing formation rapidly decreases until 1,100 feet below the top of Ruby Fill, or 800 feet below the collar of the Locan Shaft, there is only a narrow drag-block of Eldorado Dolomite, with very small ore showings.

As all of the workings except those on the 900 Level of the Locan. Shaft and the corresponding 800 Level, Richmond Shaft, are inaccessible, information about the size and form of the Ruby Hill orebodies must be obtained from old maps and reports. The herizontal projection indicates that within the area 2,200 feet long from northwest to southeast by 1,200 feet wide, approximately 25% is underlain by ore. Maps and sections in the mine office at Euraka show that the vertical thickness of ore varies from a few feet to 300 or 400 feet. No exact tonnegs records are available, but it seems likely that 1,300,000 tons of dre were mined from under Ruby Hill, with recovered gold, silver, and lead totalling at least \$40,000,000.

There were two principal types of crebodies in Ruby Hill. The largest ones replaced certain beds of the Eldorado Dolomite, dipping 20 to 30 degrees northeast. The most continuous bedded one was in the bottom 100 to 200 feet of dolomite, a short distance above the Footwall Fault. Large crebodies at this horizon came to the surface on the southwest slope of Ruby Hill, and were mined partly by open cut. A second favorable horizon, with somewhat smaller bedded orebodies, was 400 to 500 feet above the Footwall Fault. While most of the top of the Eldorado dolomite is eroded away in Ruby Hill, a small bedded orebody was mined in the Phoenix Mine, 1,000 feet southwest of the main productive area, just under the overlying Gedies Limestone. It seems likely that the entire thickness of Eldorado Dolomite is favorable for replacement by ore.

A second type of orebodies consists of steep, irregular chimneys and tabular deposits along steep faults, with bedded branches leading away from the steep ore. Most of the steep ore occurred on three faults; the Hichmond Hill, which branches away south from the Ruby Hill fault, with a steeper easterly which branches away south from the Ruby Hill fault, with a steeper easterly dip; the nearly north-south Lawton Fault; and one or more parallel fractures of the Ruby Hill Fault, in the footwall of the heavy gouge on which the principal displacement took place. The steep ore was found from high up in the dolomite, at 7,000 or 7,100 feet elevation, to the bottom of the Ruby Hill Fault block, at shout 6,180 ft. elevation, just below the 900 Lavel of the Locan shaft.

Reports by Waldemar Lindgren, for the U. S. Geological Survey, and others state that a little ore was found down to the bottom or 1,200 level of the Locan shaft, but that this ore was apparently dragged in along the Fault. It was too bunchy to mine at a profit.

It has not been possible to correlate faults northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault with the mineralized Lawton and Richmond Faults southwest of the Ruby Hill. Drillhole A, about 1,000 feet northeast of the Ruby Hill, was sunk to test the theory that the Bowman Fault is a continuation of the Lawton, with a lateral displacement by the Ruby Hill of 900 feet to the northwest. No mineralization was found in Hole A to substantiate this theory. It seems more likely that faults on both sides of the Ruby Hill formed blocks with the Ruby Hill, and were not offset by it.

The ore in the old mine was largely oxidized, with residual kernels of silver-bearing galens. The ore mined before 1882 was almost all from the high grade central portions of the orebodies. Leaner surrounding material was mined in later years, chiefly by lesses, and was shipped to smalters in the Salt Lake valley for flux.

It is reasonably cartain that most of the displacement on the huby Hill Fault is on the hanging wall strand, and that this part of the movement on the Fault is later than the ore formation. This indicates that the crezone as well as the bads were displaced by the Fault. However, the ore in drillholes northeast of the Fault is practically all sulphide, while that in the old mine was oxidized. Therefore, it seems likely that the principal faulting took place between the time of ore deposition and that or exidation by circulating surface waters.

POSSIBLE CREMEARING AREAS NORTHWAST OF RUST HILL FAULT

If the above fault theory is correct, there is an excellent chance that orabedies northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault may compare in size and in area with the orabedies that were mined southwest of the Fault. Ore may therefore be found through a length from northwest to southwest of about 3,200 feet. The deeper, most continuous orabedies southwest of the Ruby Fill Fault were mined to or close to the fault for a length of 800 feet, southwest of the Richmond Fault. This length is particularly promising for prospecting in the downthrown block. For the rest of the 2,200 ft. length of strongest mineralization in the old mine, most of the crebodies either played out before they reached the Ruby Hill Fault, or were out off by that Fault in the upper portion of the Eldorado Dolomite. It seems likely that similar scattered prebodies may be found northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault, both northwest and acutheast of the most productive 800 foot sentral section.

The distance northeast from the Ruby Hill Fault through which ore may extend in the downthrown blocks is uncertain. In the old mine, the large stones extend at most for 700 feet horizontally southwest of the Fault. They come to the surface at that point, and may have continued much further southwest before they were truncated by erosion. There is at least a fair chance

that ore may be found for 1,000 feet or more northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault, or for double the distance indicated by drilling thus far.

It seems possible, therefore, that important orebodies may be found through an area 2,200 feet long from northwest to southeast, extending 1,000 feet northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault. As in the old mine, a quarter of this area may be underlain by ore.

The promising area northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault is in two fault blocks. The limiting faults, projected to the probable orebearing horizons, are shown on the 100 scale map and the vertical sections. The block marked I-A on the map, in which ore has already been found by drilling, is bounded on the southwest by the Ruby Hill Fault. The northeast limit is the Martin Fault, nearly parallel with the Ruby Hill Fault in strike but with a steep southwest dip which drops the orebearing dolomite about 400 feet. The southeast border of the block is the large Jackson Fault, which strikes east of north and dips 70 degrees southeast. Beyond the Jackson Fault the beds are dropped many hundred feet. The Bowman Fault, nearly parallel with the Jackson in strike but steeper, limits Block I-A on the northwest. The North 10 degree West Office Fault, dipping 60 to 70 degrees northeast, cuts the northeest corner of the rhombic block. At the horizon of the lower part of the Eldorado Dolomite Block I-A is about 1,600 feet long from northwest to southeast by 1,400 feet wide.

The ore found by Drillholes B, C, D, E, and F is in the west corner of Block I-A, close to both the Huby Hill and the Bowman Faults. This ore is at 4,510 to 4,800 feet elevation, with the 2,250 Level, Fad Shaft, at about the middle of the ore horizon. In addition to this main ore bed, Holes B, C, and E cut notable mineralization from 200 to 350 feet above this bed. Thile the higher mineralization is not of commercial grade, it encourages the hope that lenses of ore may be found, as in Ruby Hill, in about the middle of the Eldoredo Dolomite. The intersection of this horizon with the Ruby Hill Fault, at about the 1,700 Level, Fad Shaft, seems particularly favorable. Drillhole 2 was started to prospect for such higher ore, but was not completed.

As both the Bowman and the Jackson Faults are normal faults with southeast dips, any post-ors motion on them has carried the portion of the ore-bearing area southeast of the Bowman Fault several hundred feet southeast of its original position. It seems likely that this block was originally opposite the southeast helf or two-thirds of the old stoped area, and of the gentral 500 feet of strongest mineralization in this area.

The possible faulted extension of the northwest third or half of the 2,200 fest in length through which the old orebodies occurred will be in Block I-B, northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault and northwest of the Bowman Fault. As the southeast side of the Bowman Fault dropped many hundred fest, the Eldorado Dolomite northwest of this fault will be at a higher elevation than that southeast of the Fault. The accompanying vertical sections indicate that the bottom of the orebearing Eldorado Dolomite in Block I-B should be at about 5,300

feet elevation next to the Ruby Hill Fault, dipping down to the northeast away from the Fault. This is 500 or 600 feet higher than the same horizon in Block I-A. This displacement agrees with the surface geology. The only evidence that conflicts with this interpretation is the fact that Brillhole A. which starts from surface 1,800 feet northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault, was reported to have cut Eldorado Bolomite from 5,660 to 3,600 feet elevation. This is more than double the thickness of this formation developed in adjoining blocks. It seems likely that, as shown in the vertical sections, the Prospect Mountain Quartzite has wedged out between thrust faults, and that the portion of Hole A below a crushad zone at 4,670 feet elevation is in Hamburg Bolomite. This agrees with the structure southwest of the Ruby Hill Fault.

Based on this interpretation of the geological structure, the most likely places in which additional one may be found northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault are first, in the part of Block I-A extending 1,000 or 1,200 feet southeast of the Bowman Fault, and an unknown distance northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault, with the ore developed by Drillholes B to F near the west corner of this area; and second, in the part of Block I-B extending 800 to 1,200 feet northwest of the Bowman Fault and an unknown distance northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault. One in this latter area should be at about the 4th or 1,700 foot lavel of the Fad Shaft. There may be higher ore in both blocks.

POSSIBLE DEEPER ON'S UNDER RUBY HILL BLOCK

of Hamburg Dolomite that underlies the Prospect Mountain Quartizite in the Ruby Hill Block, southwest of the Ruby Hill Fault. As shown in the northeast sections, the quartizite is thin in the vicinity of the Richmond Shaft. The Hamburg Dolomite below it is practically indistinguishable in character from the orebearing Eldorado Dolomite. The Richmond Fault and the footwall strands of the Ruby Hill Fault, which seem to have been the most important mineralizing channels, cut through the flatter thrust faults into the Hamburg Dolomite. Inclined diamond drillholes from the 800 Level, Fad Shaft, would cut the intersection of the mineralizing faults with the Hamburg Dolomite, at a depth of 200 to 400 feet below this level. They will be excellent prospecting.

RESULTS OF PRILLING

The five vertical dismond drillholes from the 900 Level of the Locan Shart all found ore of commercial grade and thickness. The holes and the oze horizon are shown on the accompanying 100 scale map and on vertical sections.

The better ore is in a fairly regular bed 150 to 200 feet above a monzonite sill at the bottom of the Eldorado Dolomite. In Roles B and C the ore is divided into two bands separated by barren dolomite. In addition to the commercial ore, Holes B, C, and E out notable mineralization at a horizon 200 to 350 feet higher.

The ore, consisting of galena, sphalerite, pyrite, and arsenopyrite in a gangue that is chiefly dolomite, was very friable. Only a few
small bits of core were recovered. Every attempt was made to get reliable
sludge samples, both from Holes B and C, run by Eureka Corporation, Ltd.,
and from Holes D, E, and F, run by the United States Bureau of Mines. The
weight of sludge is said to have agreed closely with the theoretical weight,
indicating that there was probably no very serious salting or dilution.
However, no crillhole in friable material cuts an absolutely even cylinder.
Sludge samples are therefore not accurate. It is likely that a little of
the richer material from the upper part of the ore section spalled off and
enriched the leaner material a few feet lower down. The average ore figured
from the sludge samples may therefore be a little thicker than the actual
ore. The grade of ore should be about as indicated by the samples.

Following is a summary of the results of drilling, as reported by Company engineers, with much of the data taken from U. S. Bureau of Mines reports:

- Hole A from surface 1400 ft. west of north from the orebody found by the later drilling. Reported to have cut Eldorado Dolomite from 1191 to 5223 ft., and the underlying monzonite sill from 3223 to 3243 ft. Showed very little lead, zine and iron sulphides at 2613 to 2633 ft., and in spots from 2997 to 5223 ft.

 As noted earlier in this report, it seems likely that the material from 2153 to 3223 ft. depth was a fault block of Hamburg Dolomite instead of Eldorado.
- Fole 3 from 900 Level, Locan (Elev. 8163 ft.), near center of indicated ore area. Out Eldorado Dolomite from 832 to 1678 ft. depth.

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Hole O from 900 Lavel, Locan. SW corner of indicated ore area.

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Hole E from 900 Level, Locan, in SE corner of indicated ore area. Cut

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Hole F from 900 Level, Locan, in Na corner of indicated ore area, cut

Thick. Oz. Au Oz. Ag & Pb & Za Av. Values 1375.6-1403 ft. 27.4° 0.153 3.49 2.22 5.35

Weighted Average of commercial ore cut in all five holes, including both bands in Holes B and C, but omitting low grade and spotty higher mineralization in Holes B, C, and E:

Thick.	Oz. Au	Oz.	Ag.	Pb	\$ 20
	0.192		92 2		9.0

Gross content per ton, 3 \$35 Au, \$0.91 Ag, 15¢ Po. 10¢ Zn

26.73 25.40 \$11.22 \$18.00

Total Gross Content

\$ 41.35 per ton of ore

Metallurgical losses and the cost of transporting and smalting concentrates will greatly reduce the amount received for metals at the mine, particularly for lead and zinc. The gross content is given simply to show the distribution of values between the matals.

An estimate of ore indicated by the five drillholes is hardly more than a guess. While all five holes cut ore at practically the same horizon, the horizontal projection of crebodies in the old mine shows that there may be barren areas within the orebody. Neglecting any barren areas and assuming that are will extend 50 feet from the outer four drillholes along the diagonals of the rhombic area, the possible orebody would cover 124,000 square feet. With an average thickness of 51.7 feet and a specific gravity factor of 8 oubic feet per ton for the heavy sulphide ore, the possible or indicated ors totals 800,000 tons.

while the above estimate is a very rough one, there is no question but that the drilling has indicated a great orebody.

Much additional ore will certainly be found. The partly developed area in Block I-A includes less than a tenth of this block. Hole E, which is

the furthest east of any of the holes, has the richest and thickest ore found by any of the drillholes. Development further east and south in Block I-A should add greatly to the tonnege. It seems likely that at least spotty ore will be found in this block 200 to 300 feet above the developed ore bed. Block I-B should contain orebodies comparable with those in Block I-A. The Hamburg Dolomite that underlies the footwall quartzite under Ruby Hill also has attractive possibilities.

While no estimate can be made of additional possible ore, it seems likely that several million tons of workable sulphide ore may be found in the area tributary to the Fad Shaft.

METALLURGICAL RECOVERY

Mill tests were made by the U. 3. Eureau of Mines and by Napheline Products. Ltd., on samples of sludge from the diamond drillholes. The samples were too small to permit conclusive tests. The tests suggest, nowever, that approximately the following recoveries and grades of concentrates can be made by selective flotation:

Market Brist	Grade of Con	centrates \$	Metals Recov.in	various cones.
	Au Ag Pb	Zn Au	Ag P	Za Za
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Heads	0.19 5.9 3.	75 9.0 10		00 100
Pb Cone.	.15 65.0 60.		7.0 70 1.0 6.0	32 2.5 1.5 67. 0
Zn " Pyr.*	.20 1.5 1.		20.0 5.0	2.5 12.0
Arsenopyr. Cono.	.25 1.5 1.	0 1.5	14.0 10.0	5.0 5.0

The above figures are approximate, being based on interpolation between the Bureau of Mines tests on ore of below average grade and the Nepheline Products tests on ore richer than the average. Data are not sufficient to permit computing a metallurgical balance.

Returns from smelters in the Salt Lake Valley and at Amarillo, Texas, for lead and zinc concentrates respectively, are equally uncertain, as metal prices and costs are changing rapidly. Based on the open contract schedule, net payments for the lead concentrate, FOB Eureka, would total about 73% of the gross value of the Au. Ag. and Fb contained. Net payments for zinc concentrate, after credit for cadmium, FOB Eureka, would total about 49% of the gross value of the Au. Ag. and Zn contained. Recovery from the pyrite and arseno-pyrite concentrates, by roasting and cyaniding, is indicated by preliminary tests made by Nephelene Products, Ltd., to be 70% of the gold and silver contained.

Based on these assumptions, the net recovered. FOB Euraka, from ore of the estimated grade would be approximately as follows:

From Pb Conc. Au 73% of 7% of .15 oz. 0 335.00 or \$0.27 p/t of ore Ag - 73% of 70% of 5.9 " 2 " 2.84 .91 Pb 73% of 82% of 3.75% 2 . 6.73 .15 Total Net from Pb Cone. \$9.84 Au 49% of 1% of .15 oz. 0 \$35.00 " \$0.03 From Zn Conc. Ag 49% of 6% of 5.9 " @ .91 .16 " Zn 49% of 67% " 9.0% 0 -10 2.94 33.13 Total net from Zn Cone. From Pyrite & Arsenopyrite Conc. An 70% of 84% of 0.19 oz. 3 \$35.00 " \$3.92 " Ag 70% " 15% " 5.9 " 2 .91 " 0.56 " Total recovery from Py and Arsenopy 34.48 " Less approx. cost of roasting and cyaniding. \$4.00 per ton cones. " \$2.70 Net from Py and Arsenopy. Conc. 31.78

With 15¢ Pb and 10¢ Zn, the total net, FOB Eureka, after deducting cost of rossting and cyaniding gold concentrates, would therefore be approximately \$14.75 per ton, compared with gross values of \$41.35 per ton.

Improved metallurgy and more favorable smelter contracts on large and regular shipments may increase the net return materially. Selective mining of the richer ore should greatly increase the return per ton. For example, the returns from ore of the grade of that cut by Hole E would be more than double the returns from ore of average grade. The actual grade of ore mined will depend on economic conditions.

Although there were many uncertainties, the large tonnage of ore of good grade indicated by drilling, and the still greater additional possibilities, justified the decision to sink the new Fad Sheft in order to open up the downthrown fault block for mining.

WATER PROBLEM

The possibility that a large flow of water might be encountered in the dropped block northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault has long been recognized. Only a limited flow, estimated at 600 to 1,000 gallons per minute, was pumped from the 1200 Level of the Locan Shaft. This level was only about 240 feet below the water level in the Locan Shaft, and 200 feet below the water level in walls in the large Diamond Valley, 3 to 5 miles northwest of the mine. Several engineers have thought that as workings became deeper, and the effective head increased, the flow might become prohibitive.

The shattered and faulted dolomite beds are sure to contain large watercourses. The reported presence of fair sized caverns in the Eldorado Polomite under Ruby Hill makes the migration of underground water on a large scale much more likely. The fractured Prospect Mountain Quartzite is also a

good water carrier. The shale beds are relatively impervious, except perhaps where traversed by large fault zones. Where faults are great enough so that one limestone or dolomite formation is brought against a similar formation, there would be a relatively free circulation of surface water down the dip of the beds. As shown in the accompanying vertical sections, the Ruby Hill Fault and probably the Adams Hill and Martin Faults present opportunities for water to go from the surface to a depth of 3000 feet in the area northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault without passing through any horizon where both walls of the faults are shale.

A more favorable condition is the fact that in the area northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault there is no great mass of leached and porous material like that in the oxidized zone at Bisbee, Globe, and other copper districts that have encountered heavy flows of water. The migrating water in Euraka must be largely in water courses and other cavities, which occupy a comparatively small portion of the entire rock mass.

The mine at Eureka is in fairly steep hills, where most of the precipitation should run off, often under the surface talus, into the large Diamond Valley and its southerly feeder, Spring Valley. Mr. Aiken, of the Water Resources division of the U. S. Geological Survey at Ely, Nevada, estimates that with an annual rainfall of 12 to 15 inches, as in the Eureka hills, not more than 7% of the total precipitation gets into the ground water table. The greater part even of this limited amount probably runs into the larger valleys rather than down watercourses into the directly underlying rock. The flow of surface water from the portion of the area that is in the hills should not be excessive.

The great danger lay in the possibility that water in the deep gravel in Spring Valley, one mile west of the mine, might run down a hypothetical fault under Spring Valley and then along the intersecting Ruby Hill, Albion and other faults into the deep block northeast of the Ruby Hill Fault. This danger delayed the development of the downthrown block for many years.

Recent study of surface geology by Mr. Thomas B. Nolan, of the U.S. Geological Survey, has shown that the Spring Valley Fault outcrops along the base of the hills, on the east slope of the valley, and that it dips west, under the valley. The west side of the Fault has dropped, possibly 1000 or 2000 feet. If, as seems likely, there is a heavy gouge on this fault, it would divert any seepage from Spring Valley to the west, away from the possible orebearing area.

On the whole, it seemed likely to engineers of Eureka Corporation, Limited, that while the water problem would be serious, it would not involve prohibitive expense.

UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT - Water Record

The flow of water encountered in the Fad Shaft and in short crosscuts from it proved to be exceedingly great. The attached chart shows the gallons of water pumped per minute and the level of water in the Fad Shaft and, where available, in diamond drillholes in the ore area during the pariod from July 1, 1946, to March 18, 1949. In addition, the geological formations cut in the Fad Shaft and the water level in the Holly Shaft and in the Windmill Well in Diamond Valley are shown on the chart.

The Fed Shaft was started in February, 1942. Little sinking was done before the latter part of 1945. The difficulty and expense of obtaining equipment, labor and supplies during and after the war, together with occasional stretches of heavy ground, greatly delayed the sinking. Down to 1350 feet depth, which was reached late in October, 1945, only a small flow of water was encountered in the shaft. As the depth became greater, the flow of water increased to slightly more than 1,000 gallons per minute. There was a further delay and expense in obtaining Diesel generator sets and pumps to handle this water. At 2,100 ft. depth the shaft passed from Hamburg Dolomite into the impervious Secret Canyon Shale. No additional water was encountered in the shale, but 1000 to 1200 gallons per minute continued to flow into the shaft from the higher formation. The shaft finally reached the objective of 2415 feet depth, 165 ft. below the proposed main 2250 level, at the end of November, 1947. On the way down, stations had been out at the 1200, 1700, and 2000 foot levels. Sinking was discontinued and the sheft was allowed to fill with water to just below the 2250 level while the station was being cut on that level.

The station was nearly completed in March, 1947, with the flow of water gradually increasing to 1500 gallons per minute. A crosscut was started toward the orebody developed by drilling, from 800 to 1200 feet southwest of the shaft. A water door was installed, designed to withstand 250 pounds per square inch, equivalent to 550 ft. of head. The crosscut passed through the 400 foot Martin Fault, going from Secret Canyon Shale into Eldorado Dolomita. Little additional water was encountered on this fault, which also crossed a wing of the station. On March 25, 1948, about 30 feet beyond the Fault, or 170 feet from the shaft, one drillhole of a round in the face encountered high pressure water. The pressure was estimated by the management to be 450 lbs. per sq. in., equivalent to 1000 ft. head. The round was of course not shot. As new Diesel generators and pumps that were on order had not arrived, the flow, estimated by Mr. G. W. Mitchell at about 3000 gallons per minute, exceeded the capacity of the installed pumps. The water door was closed, but the cap on one of the three large pipes set in the door blew off. It was repaired, but blew off again. The pumps were drowned, and in about a day the water rose to 5,770 feet elevation, 1,055 feet above the 2,250 level. At one time the water was rising at the rate of 100 ft. per hour. Then it rose more slowly until by the middle of May, 1948, it was at 5,920 feet elevation, about 70 feet below the original water level.

The time from May 15, 1948, to December 16, 1948, was occupied in extremely costly and unsuccessful attempts to unwater the shaft. Additional Diesel generators and pumps were installed, but the flow of water increased as fast as the larger pumps could handle it. In the middle of November, when pumping increased to 9000 gallons per minute, the shaft was unwatered to 30 feet above the 2250 Level, but it soon rose again to 400 feet above the Evel. After August, 1948, the water became very muddy, and thick sediment settled in the shaft below the 2250 station. On December 16, 1948, after the fairly

solid mud had risen 70 feet above the bottom, and the very gritty water was endangering the pumps, the attempt to unwater the shaft was abandoned. In about a day the water in the shaft rose 600 feet, to 5680 ft. elevation, and then rose more slowly, with a flattening curve, until on March 15, 1949, it stood at 5920 ft. elevation. Since that it has been rising very slowly.

The level of water in drillholes is misleading, because the holes had all become plugged near the points where they passed from Hamburg Dolomite into Secret Canyon Shale, at 5710 to 5750 feet elevation. In the latter part of October, 1948, Drillhole E was reopened through the shale and cased to just above the ore horizon. The water level in the drillhole quickly dropped to 5607 feet elevation, but then rose to 5620 feet. It stayed at this level until the pumps were stopped on December 16, 1948. Then it rose in a curve very close to that representing water in the Fad Shaft.

It may be a coincidence that the level at which the water level stopped going down in Hole E is practically the elevation of the intersection of the bottom of the Hamburg Dolomite with the Office Fault.

Drillhole D was not reopened until just after the pumps were stopped. Thereafter, as shown on the chart, it rose much more slowly than the water in the Shaft and in Hole E, but finally reached almost the same level. At one time the water level in Hole D was 130 feet below that in Hole E. This shows that the Hamburg Dolomite is only moderately porous. It casts doubt as to whether or not the lowest water level reached in Hole E was the actual level of the ground water table at that time.

It is worthy of note that the water level in the old Holly Shaft, 6500 feet north of the Fed Shaft, has risen only 4 feet, from 584 to 580 feet below the collar, since pumping stopped at the Fed. In the same period the water in the "Windmill" well in Diamond Valley, about 7 miles northwest of the Fed Shaft, rose only one foot. These changes were no greater than the usual seasonal changes. The water level in both places is 60 to 60 feet below the original water level in the Locan Shaft. There is nothing to indicate that pumping in the Fed Shaft had any effect on the water level in the Holly Shaft or in Diamond Valley.

The following table shows the principal changes in water level in the shaft and drillholes, with approximate amounts pumped:

Period	Days	Elevatio in Drillholes	Marie W. Charles and Marie and Assessment	at End change in Drillholes	Gel. per minute pumped	Total gallons pumped	STATE OF STREET
7/1/46-10/25/46	120	- 6,000	5625	0	100	× 17,300,000	
10/29/46-12/10/48	43	5,990	5560	-10	670	41,500,000	1
12/11/46-2/10/47	63	5,740	5490	-250	880	80,000,000	1
8/11/47-3/25/48	408	5,705?	4710	-35?	1120	657,000,000	
3/26/48-5/15/48	51	5,885	5920	•180	0	0 4	100
5/16/43-6/15/48	30	5.750	5545	4134	2470	106,600,000	
6/16/48-11/22/48	150	5,607	5140	-143	5820 1	,341,000,000	
11/23/48-12/16/48	23.5	5.620	5618	+13	8680	292,000,000	-

12/16/48-12/28/	48 12.5	5,865	5850 -24	5 % 0
12/29/48-2/28/4	A CHARLEST CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P	The state of the s	5915 + 55	0

Total 2,535,400,000

The most startling thing about this table, as well as the chart, is the fact that after November 22, 1948, while the average gallons pumped increased from 5820 to 8680 gallons per minute, the level of water in the Fad Shaft rose 478 feet. The high pumping rate evidently started a greatly increased flow of water.

In the last 16 days of pumping, from December 1st to 16, 1948, fairly steady pumping at the rate of nearly 9000 gallons per minute brought the water in the Shaft down from 5150 to 5088 feet. At this rate of drop, the 2250 Level might have been unwatered in 4 to 6 months. The mud and grit in the water made this impossible.

DISPOSAL OF WATER

The water pumped from the Fad Shaft was piped to a point on the dump a few hundred feet north of the shaft; was run over a good weir for measurement; and then ran down the steep hillside to a north-running gulch down which it flowed into Diamond Valley, about five miles away. It divided in several channels in the valley, and finally spread out in a shallow pond about seven miles from the mine. The pond covered a maximum area of less than a square mile, with a depth of less than a foot except in an old gravel pit where it was six feet or more deep. The water apparently sank into the valley fill of gravel and clay or evaporated very slowly from the pond. On April 15, 1949, 4 months after pumping stopped, the ground was still muddy where the pond had been, and the gravel pit was filled to within 2 or 3 feet of the top. On April 28th the water in the pit had gone down only one or two additional feet. As water in the Windmill well about a mile north of this pit stands 80 feet below the surface, the clay and gravel of the valley floor are evidently resistant to percolation of water.

In order to find whether or not water was sinking into the ground near the shaft and so was being repumped, readings were taken by Company engineers at culverts where the water passed under roads. The first recorded reading, undated, and readings on November 18, 1948, gave the following results:

	1st Reading Reeding Nov. 16, 1948
	- April 10 miles of the College of t
Weir at shaft	5,000 gal. per min. 8,930 gal. per min.
Wood culvert 3/4 mi. North	4,893 " " " "
Concrate culvert, H'way 50,	
about 3.5 miles North	5,775 " " " 9,350 " " "
Corrugated pipe culvert, H'way 20,	
about 5 miles North	4,884 " " " 8,681 " " "

These readings seemed to indicate that practically no water was getting back into the mine. However, measurements had been computed by surface velocities, measured by timing chips that floated through the culverts. The surface velocity was of course much greater than the average velocity. The quantities of water flowing through the two lower culverts (the wooden culvert having been washed out) were therefore recomputed according to accepted formulae, based on length and slope of culverts, the depth of water shown by the highest marks, and the character of the culvert. This computation gave the following results:

Maximum amount pumped - 9,000 gal. per min.

Max. flow through concrete culvert

under H'way 50 - 4,570 gal. per min.

Max. flow through corrugated culvert

under H'way 20 - 6,900 gal. per min.

At Highway 20 the stream made sharp turns at both ends of the culvert, and there is a reef of bedrock a faw feet below the culvert, at practically the same level as that of the bottom of the pipe. These conditions probably slowed down the current and quantity to far below the 6,900 gallons per minute indicated by the formula.

As the stream is now dry, the maximum depth of water in the culverts is uncertain. The actual flow cannot be accurately checked. It seems possible that nearly half of the water pumped sank into the ground within three miles of the Shaft. The point where the water sank cannot be determined. A few hundred feet from the shaft the stream cut a channel through loose surface material to bedrock, which consists of thin bedded Pogonip limestone, dipping 20 degrees northeast toward the large Jackson Fault, which is hidden by soil. There are good sized solution pot-holes and openings between beds in the limestone. It is at least possible that much water sank into the ground within a few hundred feet of the Shaft, and found its way down the Jackson and the intersecting Martin Faults into underground channels leading to the fissure that brought in the heavy flow on the 2250 Level.

The 9000 gallons per minute pumped in the last month before the mine was allowed to flood may therefore include a large but uncertain amount of resirculated water.

DEDUCTIONS FROM WATER DATA

The data on water pumped and changes in water level were analyzed and compared with the pumping history at Bisbee, Globe, and Tombstone, Arizona; Ely and Jurbridge, Nevada; and Los Lamentos and other districts in Chihushua, Maxico, that encountered great flows of water.

In nearly all of these mines it proved that the problem consisted of pumping out an underground "lake" in the cavities and porous areas in limestone, and at the same time pumping the inflow from surface water and other sources. The fault block that carries the water at Bisbee is many times as great as the downthrown orabearing block at Eureka. About 17 billion gallons were pumped

in 27 years in Bisbee to unwater the Junction-Briggs-Campbell area from the 770 to the 2200 level. Sinking was carried on 300 to 400 feet at a time, and the successive levels were fairly well opened up before sinking was resumed. It seemed likely that about half the water pumped was from the water table, and the rest was new inflow. The total water pumped never exceeded 5000 gallons per minute while this plan was followed. Later on the shaft was sunk to the 2800 Level, with no intermediate work. With the 600 foot head a crosscut encountered a flow that exceeded the capacity of the pumps, and development of the bottom level had to be discontinued until the water table had gradually been lowered.

This example was more or less typical, with exceptions such as the following:

In the old Dominion Mine in Globe the workings at the west end of the mine had been carried to a large cross fault under Pinal Creek, and under a deep deposit of gravel and conglomerate. After a particularly heavy cloudburst a water channel was opened from Pinal Creek to the 1200 Level, and the west end of the level was lost. It required pumping 9000 gallons per minute, compared with the normal 4000 to 5000 gallons, to recover the level. Thereafter deeper levels were stopped before they reached the Fault.

In Los Lamentos and one or two other Chihuahua lead districts, water was encountered below the level of the main rivers, 20 miles or more away. It could be pumped down 100 feet or more in small areas, but longer crosscuts brought in great flows that were never controlled. The limestone at Los Lamentos contained caves that were continuous for thousands of feat.

In Jarbridge crosscuts through a large fault on the 800 and 1000 Levels encountered heavy flows of water, below the valley level. The total water pumped increased to 12,245 gallons per minute, and operations were abandoned after a few months.

The deduction from these and many other examples is that in nearly all cases the water table can be successfully pumped down if shafts are not sunk too far at one time. In a very few places the flow has been so great that the orebodies did not justify the pumping expense.

At Eureka, an attempt was made to lower the water table in one lift from the original level, at 5965 feet elevation, to below the 2250 Level, at 4715 feet elevation. Both the Hamburg Dolomite and the Secret Canyon Shale were tight enough so that a relatively small flow was encountered in them. The general water table, as shown by the diamond drillholes, was lowered only 300 or 400 feet by sinking the shaft. Therefore, when the water course was encountered by the drillhole in the face of the 2250 Level crosscut, the effective head was 900 feet or more. The water did not come in on the Martin Fault, but may have come in on the Office Fault, which was directly connected with the orebearing Block I-A of Eldorado Dolomite. After pumping was resumed and the water had been lowered to below the 1700 Level, the high velocity resulting from greater pump capacity greatly enlarged the watercourse.

so that the water level in the shaft came up from a low of 4770 to above 5100 feet. Pumping at the rate of 9000 gallons per minute was gradually lowering the water again when the mud and gravel stopped the pumping.

This condition resembles that at Bisbee much more closely than that at Los Lementos and similar districts where pumping made practically no impression on the water table. It seems likely that if levels had been opened up at 300 to 400 feet intervals, instead of going more than 1250 feet below water level all at once, no serious difficulty would have been met with. At the worst, it might have required 3 or 4 years pumping at the rate of 5000 the gallons per minute to unwater the ore area on the 2250 Level.

If, as seems possible, a considerable part of the flow in the last few months pumping at Eureka was recirculated water that ran down the Jackson Fault or other fractures, the problem may be much simpler. When pumping is resumed, this can readily be proved by introducing radioactive isotopes into the discharge stream, and testing the underground water with a Geiger counter.

An attempt was made to determine the source of the underground water by analysis of the mud and gravel remaining in the 2nd or 800 Level sump. Following are the analyses, made by Abbot A. Hanks, Inc.:

	Sample I Gravel	Sample 2 Mud in Bottom	Sample 3 Mud Adhering to Side of Sump
		of Sump	. 5168 01 Sump
		4.7	or end
CeO.	31.55%	31.96%	21.67%
MgO	10.415	10.0%	10.44%
S102*	12.01%	23.3 %	24.7 %
Al ₂ 03	4.06%	8.34%	
PeO	5.19%	5.80%	7. 7. 7. 154 A 447
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theoretical CO2)		29.34%	
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A spectrographic analysis of iron atsined bits of rock picked out of the gravel of Sample 1 indicated 5 to 10% Pb. 1 to 5% Zn. and 5 to 10 oz.

Ag. with much line and iron and small amounts of other elements. This suggests that the watercourse passed through an orebody.

A "differential thermal analysis" of the sludge, made by Professor Joseph A. Pask of the University of California, indicated the following distribution of minerals:

Want DQ-131 contate olay	35-40%
MontHSrillonitic clay Chloritic material	10-15
Dolomite	20-25%
Calcita	25-30%
Goethite app	rox. 3%
Carbonaceous matter	" Ls

As montmorillonite is often a surface clay material, this distribution suggests that part of the sludge may have been washed down from surface, possibly by circulated water.

Water analyses from various places gave the following results, in parts per million:

	HC03	01	NaCl	804	Na2304	310 2	Ca	*8			Alka- limity
	*			111.50		A Long 1		The wife of		4.3.7	Total Control
Mine Water Oct.8/48	222.7	17.7	29.2	22.5	33.2	4.0	44.7	26.4	280.4	211.4	182
" Mer.5/49	253.2	16.5	27.2	44.9	66.4	4.0	48.8	24.0	356.4	221.5	208
Fad Shaft May 149	250.1	28.4	46.8	35.6	52.7	5.6	45.7	25.1	328.4	218.8	205
D.DH E	79.3	24.8	40.9	51.9	76.8	7.6	14.6	6.3	192.4	62.8	65
Dft.to D.DH E" "	225.7	17.7	29.2	33.7	49.8	5.6	56.3	14.4	280.0	200.8	185
(Small flow) Well #1		100 ju		in all			Sec.				
Diamond Valley	247.1	24.8	40.9	15.5	23.1	25.8	36.8	13.7	293.6	148.6	203
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Devils Gate 5/49	707.6	574.5	947.1	491.4	726.3	6.0	23.7	62.6	2465.5	320.00	655
Holly Shaft " "	247.1	28.4	46.8	21.8	32.2	6.4	53.2	19.7	296.8	215.1	203

The water analyses show that the large flow of water through Devils Cate is completely different from either the Diamond Valley water or the underground water. There cannot have been any drainage into the mine from this source.

The water in Well No. I, in Diamond Valley, is more like the mine water. However, the much lower sulphate content in the well water, and the much higher silice, make it seem unlikely that there was any serious flow of water from the valley into the mine.

Fith a view to trying to determine the portion of water that came from lowering the water table and the portion that came from outside sources, comparisons were made in periods when the water table, both in drillholes and in the sheft, went down, and in succeeding periods when the pumps were stopped and water rose through similar vertical intervals. The water pumped while the water table was going down evidently came partly from the local water table and partly from a flow through watercourses from more distant areas. In the periods when the pumps were stopped the flow from outside equalled the amount that had been drained from the local water table. Following are the three most useful comparisons:

1. Unwatering drillhole area from 5884 to 5620 ft., or 264 ft. in 190 days, 5/15 to 11/22/48.
Pumping Av. 5300 g/p/m or 1,447,000,000 gal. total.
Refilled in 21g days.
Pumped from water table 540 g/p/m or 147,000,000 gal. total.
Fumped from outside source, 4760 g/p/m or 1,300,000,000 gal. total.
total.

- 2. Unwatering Fad Sheft from 5920 to 5088 ft., or 832 ft., in 213.5 days from 5/16 to 12/16/48.
 Pumping Av. 5670 g/p/m or 1.740,000,000 gal. total.
 Refilled in 52 days.
 Pumped from water table 1270 g/p/m or 390,000,000 gal. total.
 Pumped from outside sources 4400 g/p/m or 1.350,000,000 gal. total.
- 3. Unwatering to 5515 ft. level (1430 lev.) or 405 ft. in 33 days, from 5/15 to 5/13/48.

 Pumping Av. 2530 g/p/m or 120,000,000 gal. total.

 Refilled in 61 days.

 Pumped from water table 1645 g/p/m or 78,000,000 gal. total.

 Pumped from outside sources 885 g/p/m or 42,000,000 gal. total.

These computations are, of course, approximate, but they show that as rate of pumping increased, a much greater proportion of total water came from outside sources, and a smaller proportion came from the water table, either in drillholes or in the shaft. This may have been due either to opening up the underground channel so that more water flowed in from a distant source, or to recirculating water that ran down cracks from the surface, or both.

An attempt was also made to compute the possible ennual amount of water added to the water table from the proportion of rain and anowfall that gets into the underground table. Mr. Aiken, of the Nater Resources Division, U. S. Geological Survey, stationed in Ely, has estimated that about 7% of the annual precipitation of 12 to 15 inches at Eureka may get into the Water table, and the rest is evaporated or carried away by the surface drainage. The area that might be tributary to the Fad workings is most unsertein. It does not extend as far as the Holly Mine, 6500 feet north. In the Phoenix Incline the water table is reported in U. S. G. S. Monograph VII to have been 650 feet higher than in the Richmond Shaft, half a mile further north. Evidently in the mountain range in which the mines are situated, faults control the water table to a large degree, and surface water from only a comparatively small area would reach the mine workings.

The amount of water that might come in along fault zones from the deep gravel in Spring Valley and Diamond Valley is still more uncertain.

A difference in water level of more than 1200 feet between the 2250 level, Fad Shift, and the well in Diamond Valley, 7 or 8 miles away, did not affect the water in the well. The very slow seepage of water from the gravel pit into which the mine water eventually ran proves that there is no rapid or free circulation through the clay and gravel of the valley bottom. At the very worst, there might be a slow drainage of water that came into the part of Spring Valley south of, or above the mine, along faults and into the Fad Shaft area. The total drainage area of this part of Spring Valley is at most 8 or 10 square miles. If 7% of a 12 inch annual precipitation in this

area goes into ground water, the total added to the water table would be only 125,000,000 to 150,000,000 gallons per year.

Shaft workings is doubled, which is most unlikely, the amount of water that seeps into the workings from annual precipitation would be less than 1000 gallons per minute. The great flow of water evidently came from pumping down water that was already stored in cavities in the limestone and dolomite, and not from current additions to the water.

It is impossible to say how much water is stored in the area that must be drained. Mr. W. E. Romig is making a study of this problem. If the drop in water in the drillholes from May 15th to November 22, 1948.

amounting to 284 ft., in 190 days, is representative, it might be necessary to pump 4.4 times 1.447,000,000 gallons, or 8.350,000,000 gallons to unwater the 2250 Lavel. The actual amount would probably be much smaller. As indicated by Case I of the computations on Page 25, most of the water pumped came from outside of the drained area. Part of this outside water may have come from recirculation of water already pumped, and part of it certainly drained watercourses to far below the lowest point reached by water in the drillholes. At the rate at which water was going down in the last 20 days of pumping, an additional 2 billion to 2g billion gallons would have drained the 2250 Lavel.

It seems probable that with proper procedure, Block I-A on the 2250 Level can be opened up by pumping not to exceed 4 to 6 billion gallons of water, or less than double the amount of water already pumped. This would mean 5000 gallons per minute for 2 or 3 years.

This seems to be the worst condition that is likely to be encountered. If ore is found at a higher elevation, in any of the 3 places where indications are favorable, the water problem will be far less serious.

PAST EXPENSES.

The terrific expenditures in the past should not indicate comparable expenses in the future. The work from 1945 to 1948 was carried on at a time when labor was searce, inefficient and costly, and when supplies and equipment were exceedingly expensive and almost impossible to obtain. It was often necessary to buy any Diesels, pumps or other machines that could be obtained quickly, rather than the ones best suited to the job. The multiplicity of small units, added as the flow of water increased, made it necessary to build up a large mechanical department and shops. The cost of fuel oil was at a peak, costing 15.5% per gallon delivered. As a result, electric power cost 1.72% per kwh, and pumping from between the 1700 and the 2000 level cost from 23 to 35% per thousand gallons, including overhead.

Sinking the Fed Shaft cost approximately \$640 per foot, including the cost of pumping up to 1600 gallons of water per minute. This also included nearly all of the heavy overhead expense at the mine; the cost of steel sets that were used for a large part of the depth, partly because good shaft

timbers were not available; and the cost of concreting the shaft in sections where the ground was bad. The cost of stations and other expenses were correspondingly high.

The total expenditure of about \$6,000,000 at Eureka is more than double the amount that would have been necessary in more favorable times.

A detailed analysis of past expenses can serve no useful purpose. If future expenses would be on the same scale, it is doubtful if any additional work would be justified. Fortunately, it seems reasonably certain that future costs will be much more moderate. The shaft is down and in good shape, ample machinery is on hand for future requirements, the cost of fuel oil and other supplies is decreasing, and ample mins labor is now available. The cost of unwatering the mine and of opening up deeper levels should not be excessive, compared with the possible size and grade of orebodies.

LESSONS FROM PAST OPERATIONS

Analysis of the attempts to unwater the mine shows five principal reasons for the past failure.

- 1. The shaft was sunk to below the 2250 Level in one lift, without making sure the water table was falling as the shaft was sunk. The resulting high pressure, when the water bearing structure was finally tapped, was so great that this rapid current eroded the sides of the watercourse, making the flow prohibitive. It is probable that if the ground had been drained a few hundred feet at a time, the total quantity of water would have been smaller.
- 2. The drillholes in the ore area were not reopened until near the end of the pumping campaign. As a result, there was no way to tell how rapidly the water table in the ore area was going down, and so how much hydraulic head would be encountered.
- Then the water door was put in, it was designed to stand the pressure that seemed likely, and not the maximum pressure that could conceivably be encountered. It would have been safer to design doors with a big factor of safety above the greatest possible pressure.

 A door that fails is worse than no door, as it causes the water to come with a rush that enlarges the watercourses.
 - 4. No horizontal diamond drillhole was run shead of the face of the 2250 Level crosscut. It seems to be better practice to carry such holes 50 feet or more shead of the face where the water table may be far above the crosscut or other heading. While it is not certain that one drillhole would have hit the watercourse from which the large flow occurred, there would probably have been sufficient warning so that the crosscut could have been stopped until the position of the water table was measured. If the large, high-pressure flow had been encountered by a 50 ft. drillhole, it could have been controlled by a valve so that the water would never have exceeded the capacity of the pumps. The water could then have been pumped down gradually, and the position of the table would have been known at all times by measuring the pressure at the drillhole.

Another advantage of carrying a drillhole shead of the face is the saving of head against the pumps. By connecting the casing to the pump suction, the effective head is reduced to that from the level of the water table to the surface.

5. The possibility that some of the water that had been pumped was flowing back into the shaft was not eliminated. The use of radioactive isotopes will make it easy to prove whether or not there is circulation and repumping.

By taking advantage of past experience, at Eureka and elsewhere, the cost and hazard of future unwatering can be greatly reduced.

FUTURE PROGRAM

There is a remote chance that no higher ore will be found, and that the cost of unwatering the 2250 Level will prove excessive. It is far more probable that valuable orebodies will be found on or above the 1700 Level. The cost of unwatering this level will be comparatively small, and the profit from the higher are should more than pay for opening up the 2250 Level. The following program is therefore recommended, with the provision that results of the earlier stages may modify succeeding stages of the operation.

1. Preliminary Drilling

(a) Drill at least one vertical churn drillhole from the surface to determine the position of the Eldorado Dolomite in Block I-B northwest of the Bowman Fault. The first hole should be started 530 feet N 45 degrees N from the Locan Shaft. Sections indicate that this hole will cross the Bowman Fault into the Eldorado Dolomite at 1100 or 1200 ft. depth, and will reach the bottom of the dolomite at 1500 feet depth. There is a good chance that it may find strong mineralization or ore. If drilling is not too expensive, the hole should be continued through the Ruby Hill Fault to about 1800 feet depth, to see if the Hamburg Dolomite under this fault is mineralized.

If results of this hole are not conclusive, one or more additional holes should be drilled.

The churn drillhols should be cased, with casing perforated so that the water level in Block I-B can be measured when pumping is started.

(b) Continue Diamond Drillhole G. which was started from the 800 Level, to cut the bottom of the Secret Canyon Shale at about 580 feet depth and the Ruby Hill Fault at about 800 feet. The latter intersection will be at the horizon of the low grade, higher mineralization found in Holes B. C. and B. A second hole may be required to prove whather development of these beds near the center of the Eldorsdo Dolomite is likely to find ore. One of the holes should be continued into the footwall of the Ruby Hill Fault, to look for the dolomite that should underlie the quartite.

(c) From the foot of the raise that leads from the Locan 900 Level (2nd Level Fad) to the Richmond 800, drill a 400 foot hole down 60 degrees southwest to develop the intersection of the Richmond Fault with the Hamburg Dolomite that underlies the quartzite. If the quartzite proves to be unexpectedly thick at this point, a second hole may be necessary, starting 100 feet further northwest and at a 70 degree inclination.

The drilling program will involve from 1800 to 3500 feet of churn drilling and 1000 to 1800 feet of dismond drilling. It will not be necessary to operate the Fad Sheft while the churn drilling is in progress. The drilling should be completed in eight months to a year. The total cost, including necessary overhead, is estimated as from \$40,000 to \$80,000.

2. Development on 1700 Lavel

It seems likely that the above drilling will find one or promising mineralization on or above the 1700 Level of the Fad Sheft. The next step in the recommended development will be to pump the water down to this level, and to crosscut to the indicated orebodies.

The unwatering can best be done by the two submersible Byron Jackson pumps now on surface. These pumps have a capacity of about 2500 gallons per minute each. Diesel generators now installed should be more than adequate. Present station pumps can be used after pumps now under water are recovered and reconditioned. Suctions should be kept just below the 1700 Lavel, in order to prevent another mud flow that might be caused by excessive stirring up of water by suctions at the 2250 Level. Changes in water table should be measured regularly in the new churn and diamond drillholes. If radioactive tracers show that part of the water is being recirculated, the discharge water on surface should be piped or flumed well out into Spring Valley.

In order to avoid a large flow of high pressure water on the 1700 Level, it easems best to cut a small station on about the 1450 Level, and to do a little development on this level. If drillholes have found encouraging minerelization at this horizon, a crosscut should be run to the ore. Otherwise it will be sufficient to run horizontal diamond drillholes 1000 feet west and 700 feet southwest from the Shaft, to cut through the Bowman and Office Faults into Fault Blocks I-B and I-A. Nater flowing from the holes can be controlled by valves so that the capacity of pumps is not exceeded. If the water does not exceed 5000 gallons per minute, unwatering the shaft to the 1700 Level can proceed while 1450 Level drilling is in progress.

As soon as the 1700 Level station pumps have been recovered and reconditioned, a crosscut should be started west or southwest on this level, directed toward the best showing found by drilling. For the first 500 feat or more, this crosscut will be in Secret Canyon Shale, and there will be no danger of a great flow of water. Thereafter a flat diamond drillhole should be kept at least 50 feet nhead of the face. If a large flow of water is encountered in the drillhole, the crosscut should be stopped until the flow decreases.

The time required for this second step in the development will depend on the amount that must be pumped to lower the water table to the 1700 Level. In May to July, 1948, the 1700 Level was recovered by pumping 2200 to 4600 gallons per minute for 2 months, or a total of 265,000,000 gallons. This would require only 37 days at 5000 gallons per minute. The inconclusive evidence of Hole E indicates that in the 2 months the water table in Fault Block I-A was lowered only to about 5700 feet elevation, 420 feet above the 1700 Level. While most of the remaining 420 feet will be in impervious Secret Canyon Shale in Block I-A, this horizon will be in Eldorado Dolomite in Block I-B, where the ore is likely to occur. It is possible that before Block I-B can be developed on the 1700 Level, it will be necessary to drain 2,000,000 square feet of dolomite for 400 feet depth. This might contain 5 or 10% of water filled cavities, or up to 600,000,000 additional gallons. Enlargement of the 2250 Level watercourses by the large flow in the last months of 1948 may have greatly increased the area that must be drained and the amount that must be pumped in future operations. The total amount of water that must be pumped before a crosscut can reach the possible ore area on the 1700 Level may therefore be from one billion to two billion gallons. This might require up to 10 months of pumping at 5,000 gellons per minute.

As there are almost sure to be unexpected delays, it is safer to assume that it will take 18 months from the time pumping starts until the promising areas are developed on the 1700 Level. A rough estimate of the cost of this development follows:

Pumping 5,000 gal. per min. for 18 mos., \$0.17 per thousand gal., or \$35,000	
per month	\$ 630,000
1450 Level Station and 1700 ft. of horizontal drillholes	25,000
Crosseutting and Drifting, 1700 Level, 2,000 ft. @ \$30.00	60,000
Short Drillholes, 1700 Level, 1,000 ft.	5,000
Overhead, Insur., etc., \$8,300 per month	150,000
Total	\$ 870,000

The above estimate takes into account the reduced cost of fuel oil, and the reduction in overtime and other expenses that should be made in the future.

If, as seems possible, part of the water pumped in 1948 was recirculated, the time and expense of the second step in proposed operations will be greatly reduced.

As nothing is known of the shape, size or character of possible orebodies above the 1700 Level, it is impossible to make an accurate estimate of the added cost of bringing the mine to production after a crosscut has reached the ore. This would include raising the Locan Shaft from the 1700 to the 1200 Level for a second exit, opening of service levels, and pumping and overhead expenses. Exclusive of a mill or other treatment plant, the added expense should not exceed \$500.000.

3. Development of 2250 Lavel

If, as expected, ore is found above the 1700 Level, unwatering to the 2250 Level can proceed gradually, with intermediate levels planned as needed to mine the orebodies. In this case the cost of deeper development would be met by part of current profits.

If no ore is found above the 1700 Level, most of the development on the 1700 Level suggested above will still be necessary, in order to lower the water table gradually.

The next step will be to pump the water down to the 2000 Level station, at 5000 gallons per minute. This unwatering could probably start several months before the 1700 Level work is completed. Flat diamond drill-holes should then be run 800 feet west and 500 feet southwest from the 2000 Level Station, through the Bowmen and Office Faults, to make sure the water table in the ore area has been lowered to this elevation.

As soon as the volume pumped from the 2000 Level fells below 5000 gallons per minute, the shaft can be unwatered to the 2250 Level. A water door strong enough to withstand 1200 ft. head should then be constructed. The crosscut should then be driven to the ore, with a diemond drillhole at least 50 feet sheed of the face. This procedure will avoid any danger of losing the shaft through a sudden flow of water.

The amount of additional water that must be pumped in this third stage of development is uncertain. The total pumped in the 18 months of the second stage would be nearly 4 billion gallons, which should bring the water in the shaft nearly down to the 2000 Level. The total quantity estimated as necessary to lower the water table to the 2250 Level is most unlikely to exceed 6 billion gallons. This leaves slightly more than 2 billion gallons to be pumped in the third stage. The additional time required for this stage in the development would be about a year.

On this assumption, the estimated added cost of stage three would be as follows:

Pumping 5,000 gal. per min. for 12 months, \$0.22 per thousand gal., or \$45,000 per month	\$540,000
2000 Level, 1300 ft. of drilling	10,000
2250 Level, Cleaning up and Water Door	15,000
2250 Level, 1500 ft. crosscuts and drifts	45,000

2350 Level, Short drillholes, 2,000 feet

\$ 10,000

Overhead, 12 mos. 9 \$8,300

100,000

Total

\$ 720,000

As in the second stage, if there was recirculation of water in 1948, the time and cost of Stage 3 will be greatly reduced.

The additional cost of bringing the property to production cannot be definitely estimated until the orebodies have been opened up. It will be necessary to raise to the bottom of the Locan Shaft, and to repair either the Locan or the Richmond Shaft to surface for a second exit. At least one service level must be run. Pumping and overhead will continue while the preparatory work is in progress. Assuming that none of this work is done on the 1700 Level, it will not be safe to figure on less than \$1,000,000 for the extra mine expense before large scale production from 2250 Level ore can start.

4. Production

Because of the expense of pumping and overhead, it is essential to start production just as soon as possible.

If the five drillholes in Block I-A are representative of future ore that will be found, either above the 1700 or on the 2250 Level, the best plan will probably be to begin by shipping the richer ore to a sustem mill and smelter in the Salt Lake Valley. The gross value of metals in ore of the grade of the 65 feet cut by Hole E, with lead at 15 cents and zinc at 10 cents per pound, is \$67.95 per ton. As the ore is a heavy sulphide, the extra expense through milling in Salt Lake instead of near the mine would be comparatively small. The net return from such an ore, at the smelter, would be about \$25.00 per ton. The cost of hauling 70 miles over a paved highway to Kimberly, and of railway freight to the custom mill, should not exceed \$3.00 per ton, leaving a net of \$17 per ton at the mine. This should more than cover the cost of mining, pumping; and overhead during the period while a treatment plant is being designed and built.

After a local plant is built, with operations at a fixed depth for several years, the quantity of water pumped will decrease. With production at the rate of 500 tons of ore per day, the pumping expense per ton will not be excessive. Based on experience of other mines where conditions are similar, the total cost of mining, milling, and overhead will be about \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton of ore. This would give a fair profit above the possible return of nearly \$15.00 per ton of average grade ore.

Until more is known about the size, grade, and position of the orebodies, no more accurate estimate can be made. If large orebodies are found, particularly on upper levels, it may be worthwhile to bring in electric power from Boulder Dam or natural gas from a pipe line that will pass through Elko. If exploration for oil or gas now underway 30 to 40 miles east of the mine is successful, the power cost will be enormously decreased. The approximate estimate of costs given above should be a maximum, which may be greatly reduced by any of several possible developments.

CONCLUSION

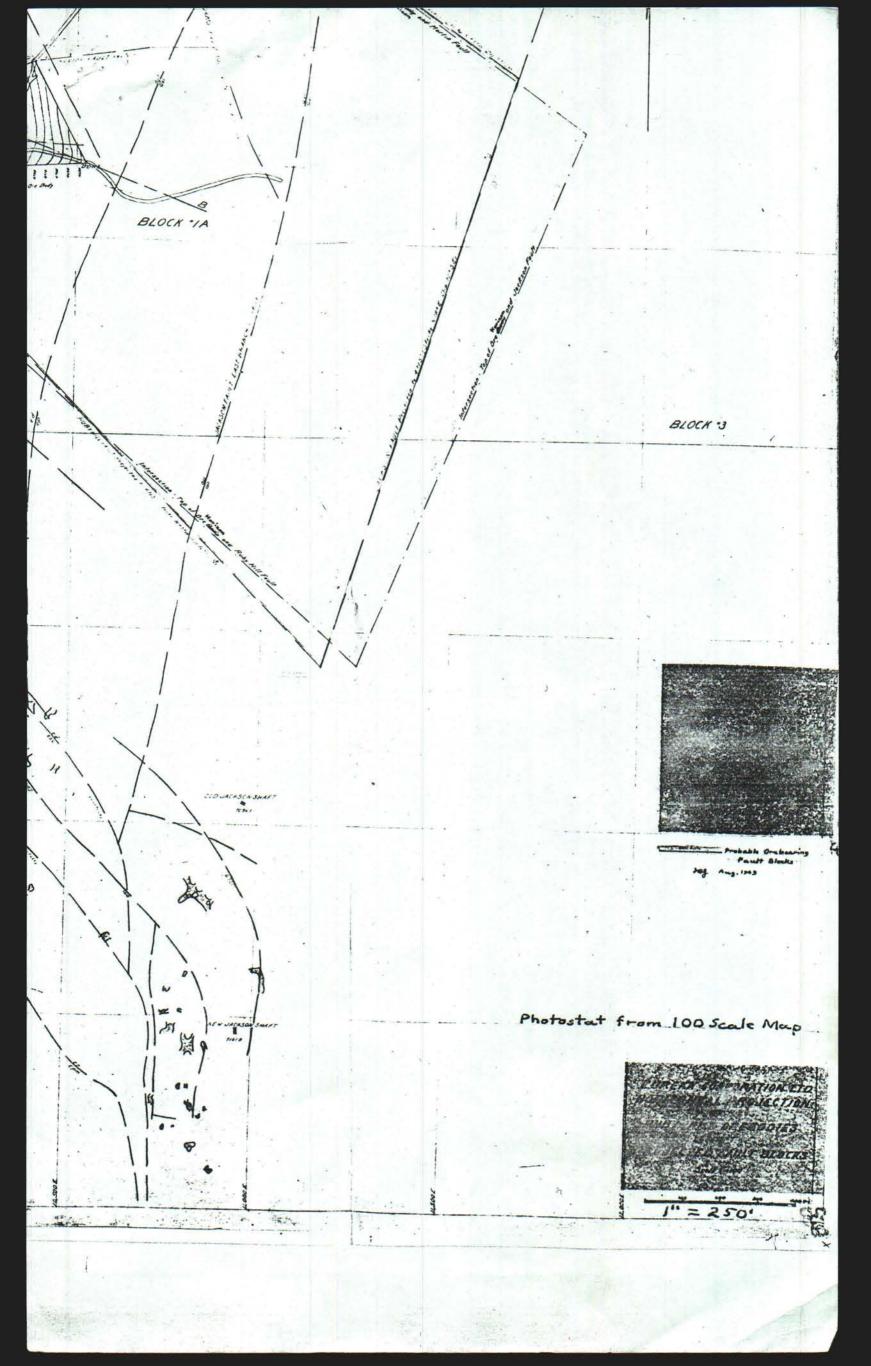
The great expenditure and the fact that success is not certain makes it essential to secure favorable medifications in the underlying lease at Eureka. The time schedule in that lease cannot possibly be met. The royalty of 15% of net smelter returns is excessive, and should be medified to provide either for a much smaller royalty on smelter returns or a royalty on the net profit. Because present tax laws make it impossible to recoup a heavy investment unless the profitable operation is long-lived, future investment should be in return for notes that are payable out of first profits.

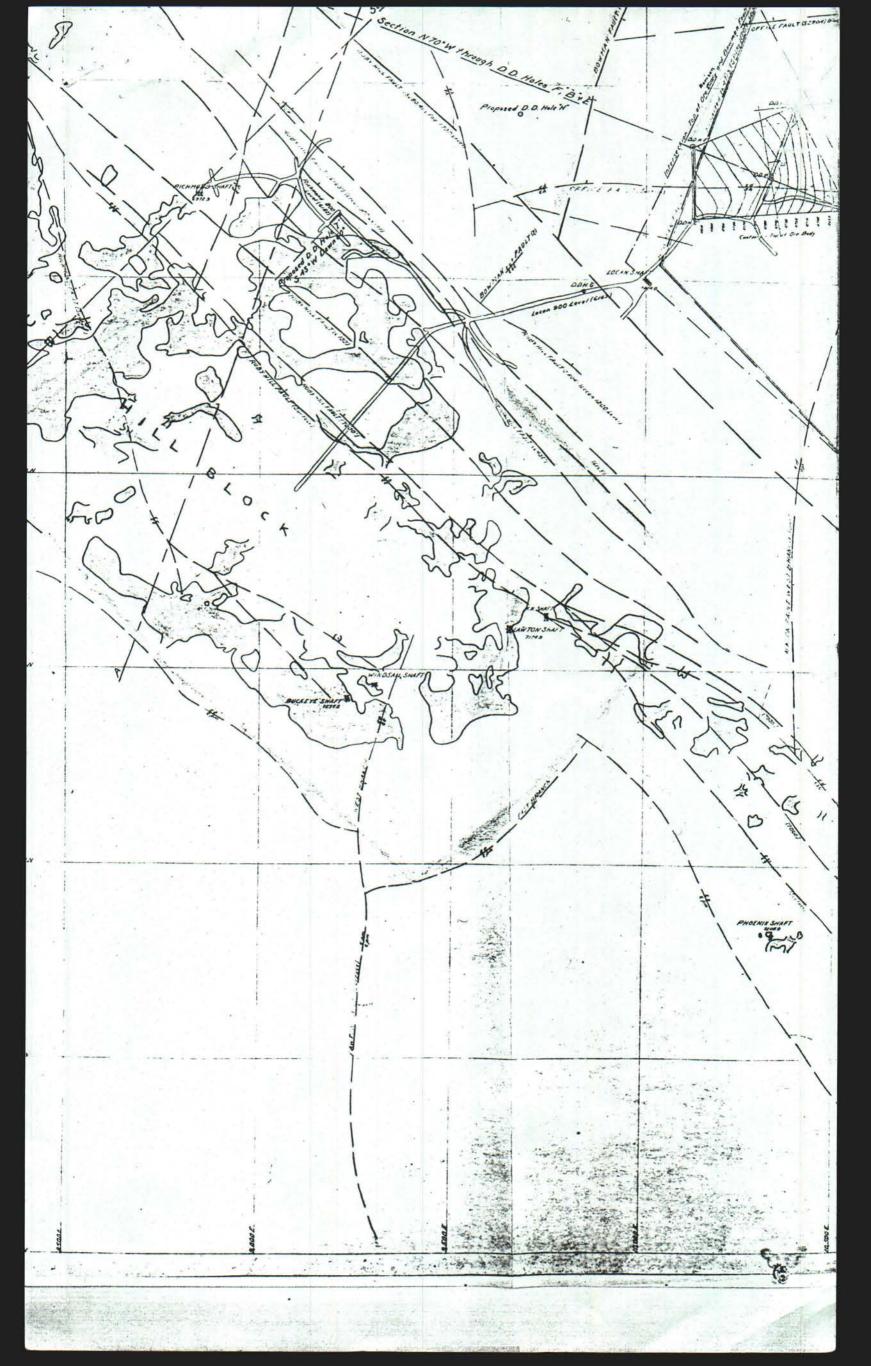
If a satisfactory lease is obtained, the preliminary drilling, at an estimated cost of \$40,000 to \$80,000, will be a remarkably promising speculation. There is a good chance that this work will find large and valuable prebodies on and above the 1700 Lovel. Such prebodies can be developed underground for an estimated cost of \$870,000. The added cost of preparing a second exit and service levels, which would not be done until success is essured, might total \$500,000. The total estimated expense before production starts would then be from \$1,410,000 to \$1,450,000. A treatment plant would be added later. This expenditure is likely to result in one of the greatest mining districts in the country.

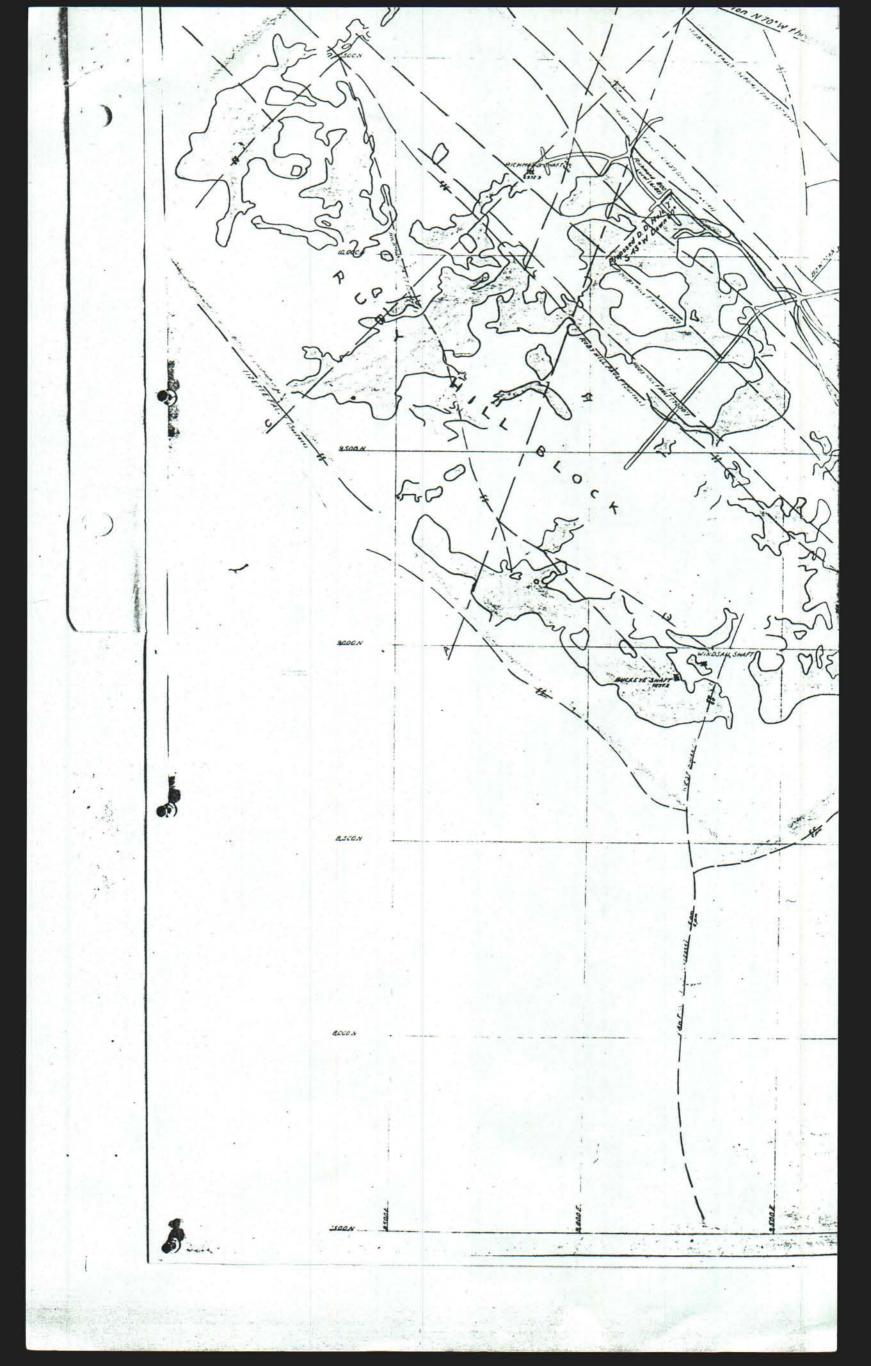
If no ore is found above the 1700 Level, the venture will be less attractive. The future of the mine will then depend on the 300,000 tons of ore indicated by drilling on or near the 2250 Level, and on extensions of this deep ore that may add greatly to the tonnage. There is a remote chance that the flow of water on the 2250 Level may be so great that the cost of mining and development will be prohibitive. In this case the investment would be lost. It is far more likely that a total expenditure of \$2,650,000, plus the cost of a treatment plant, will be adequate to prepare the deep ore for production. The possible profit would then be many times the investment. This possible profit fully justifies an attempt to unwater the 2250 Level even if no higher ore is found.

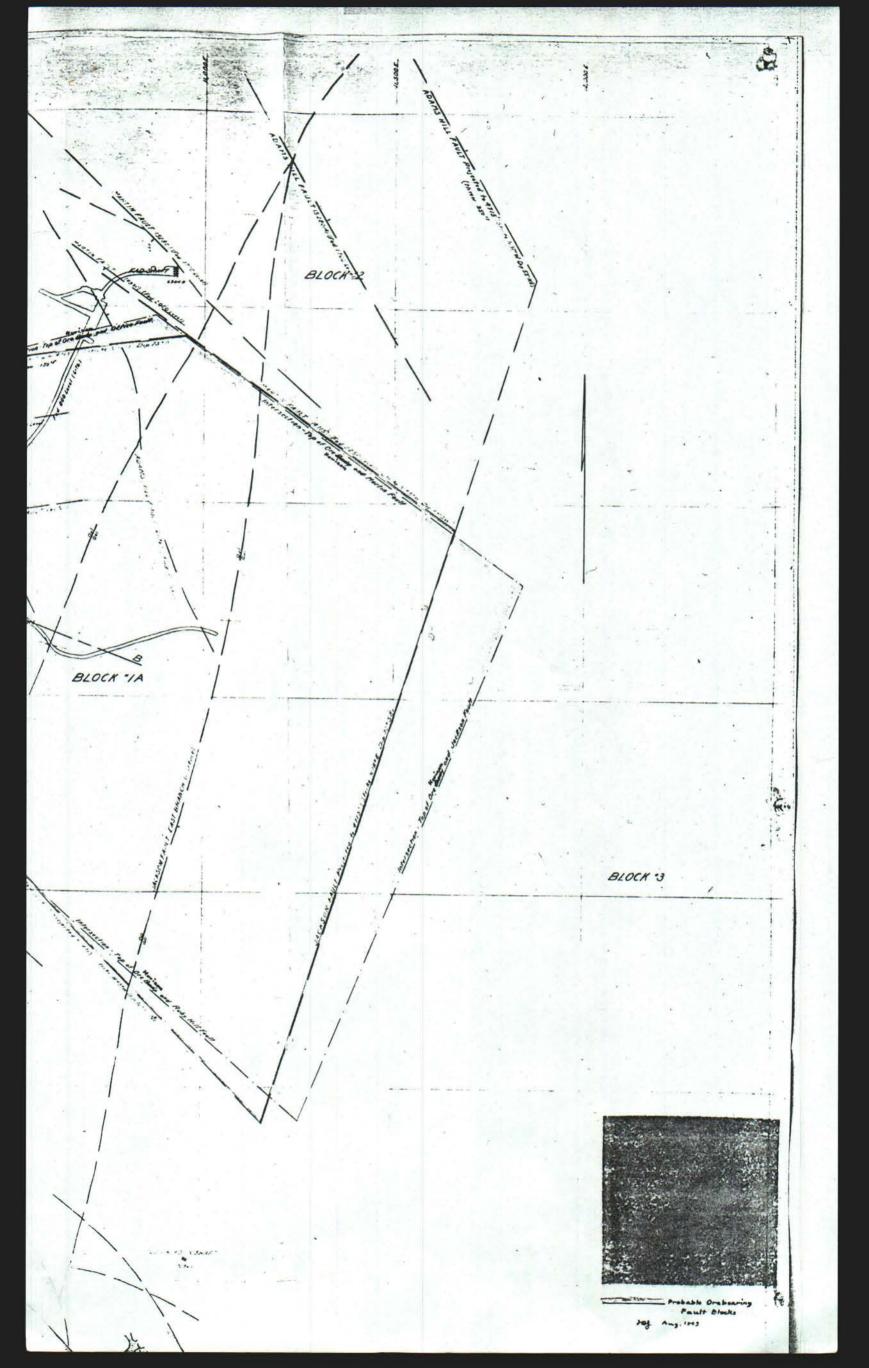
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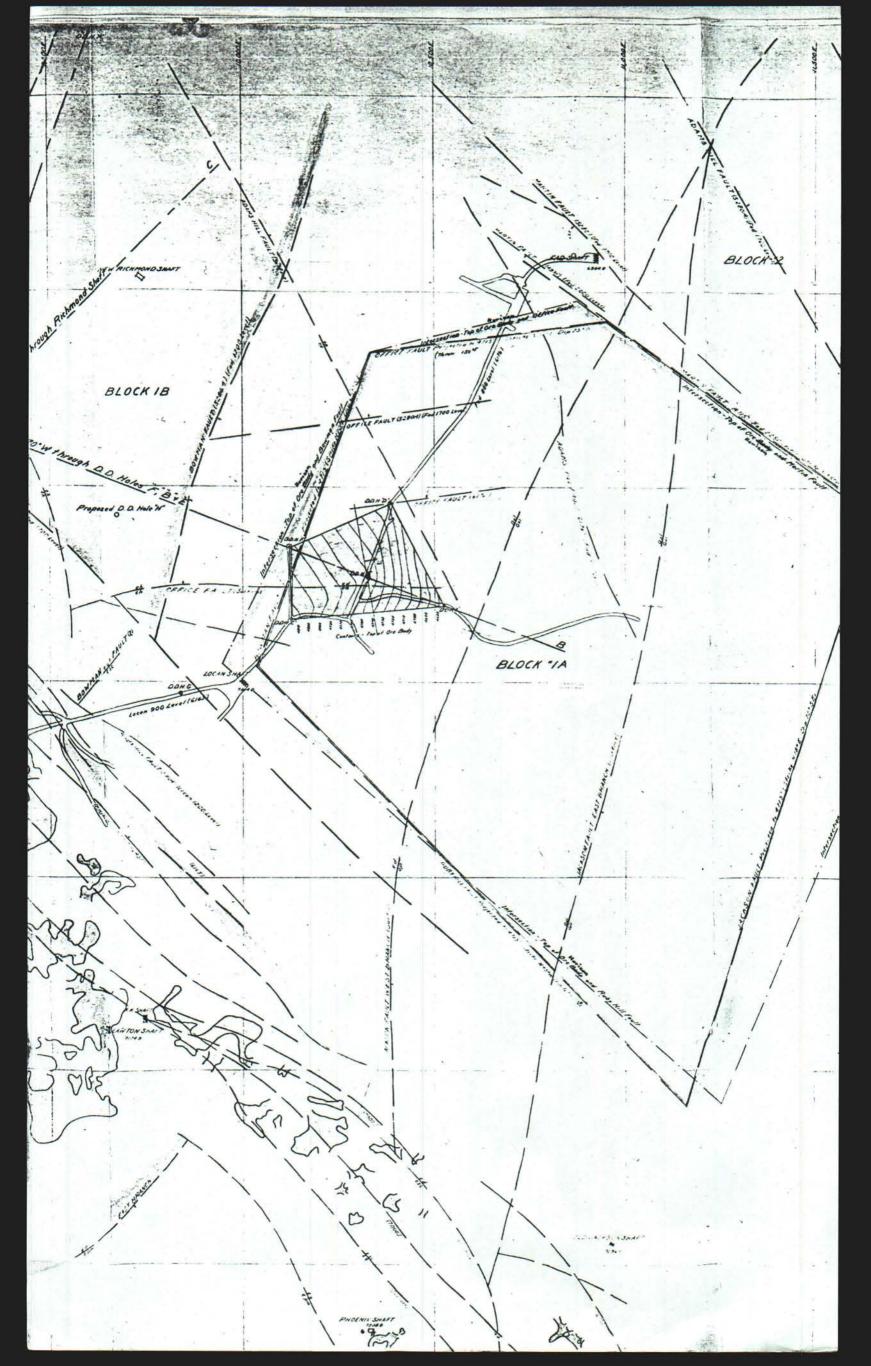
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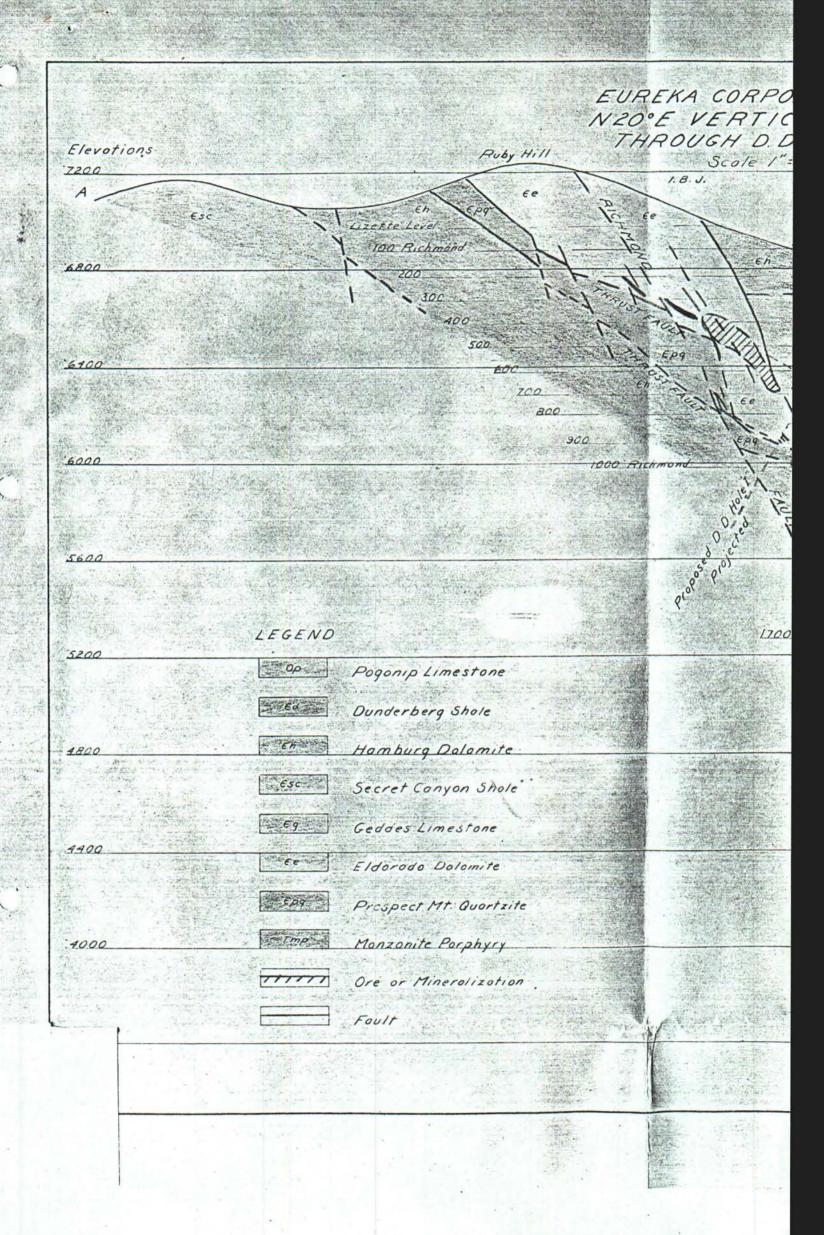










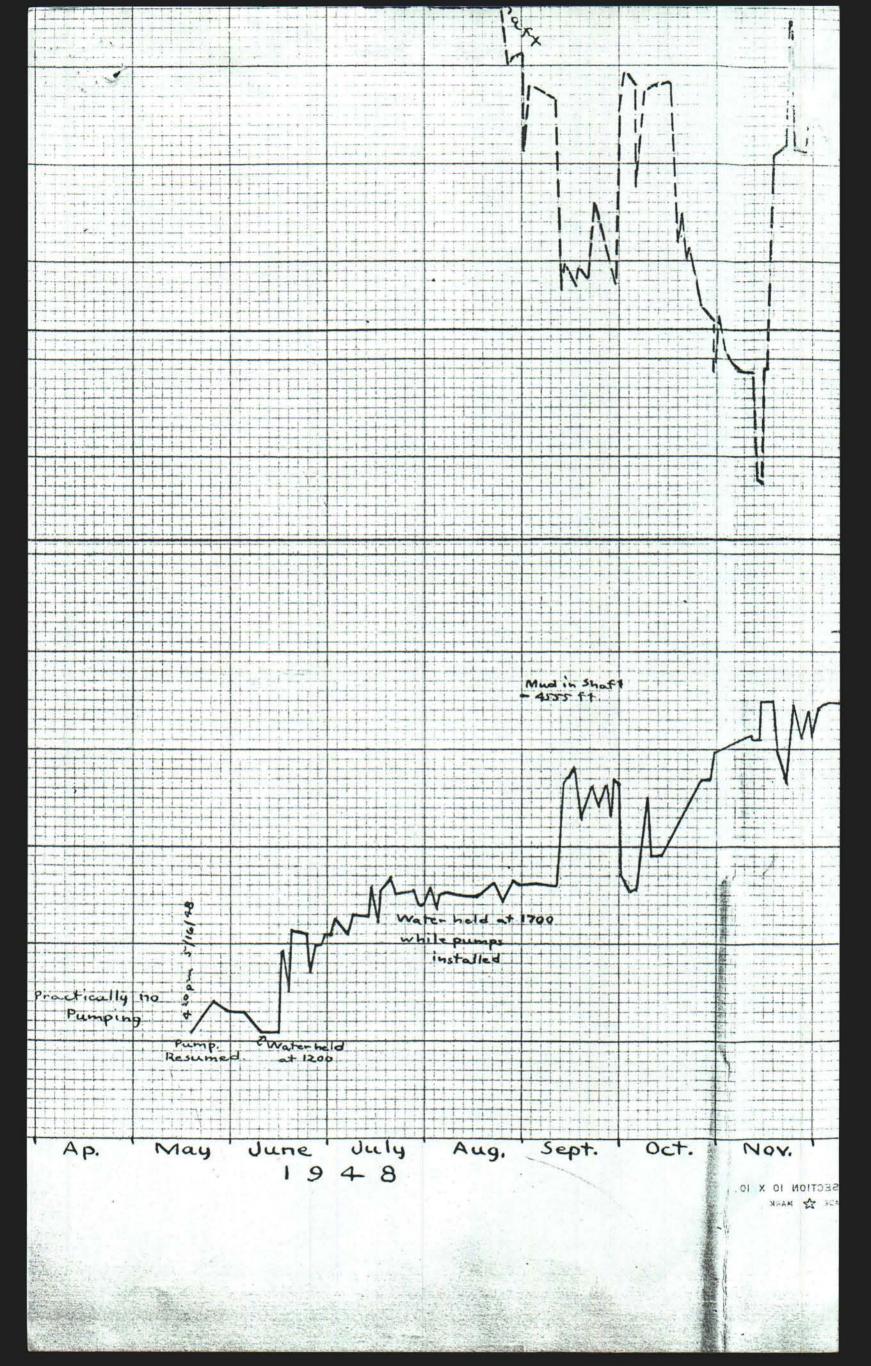


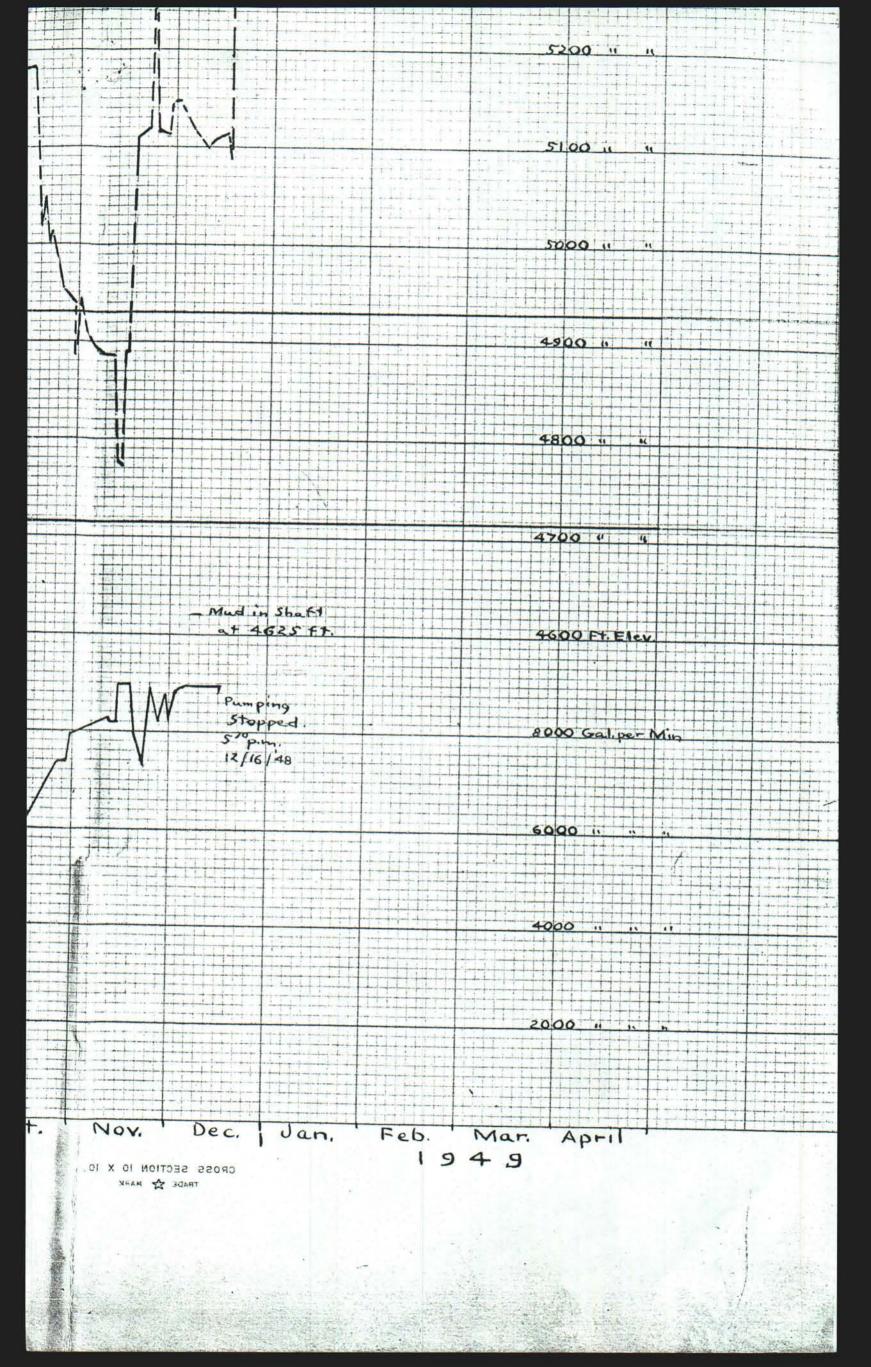
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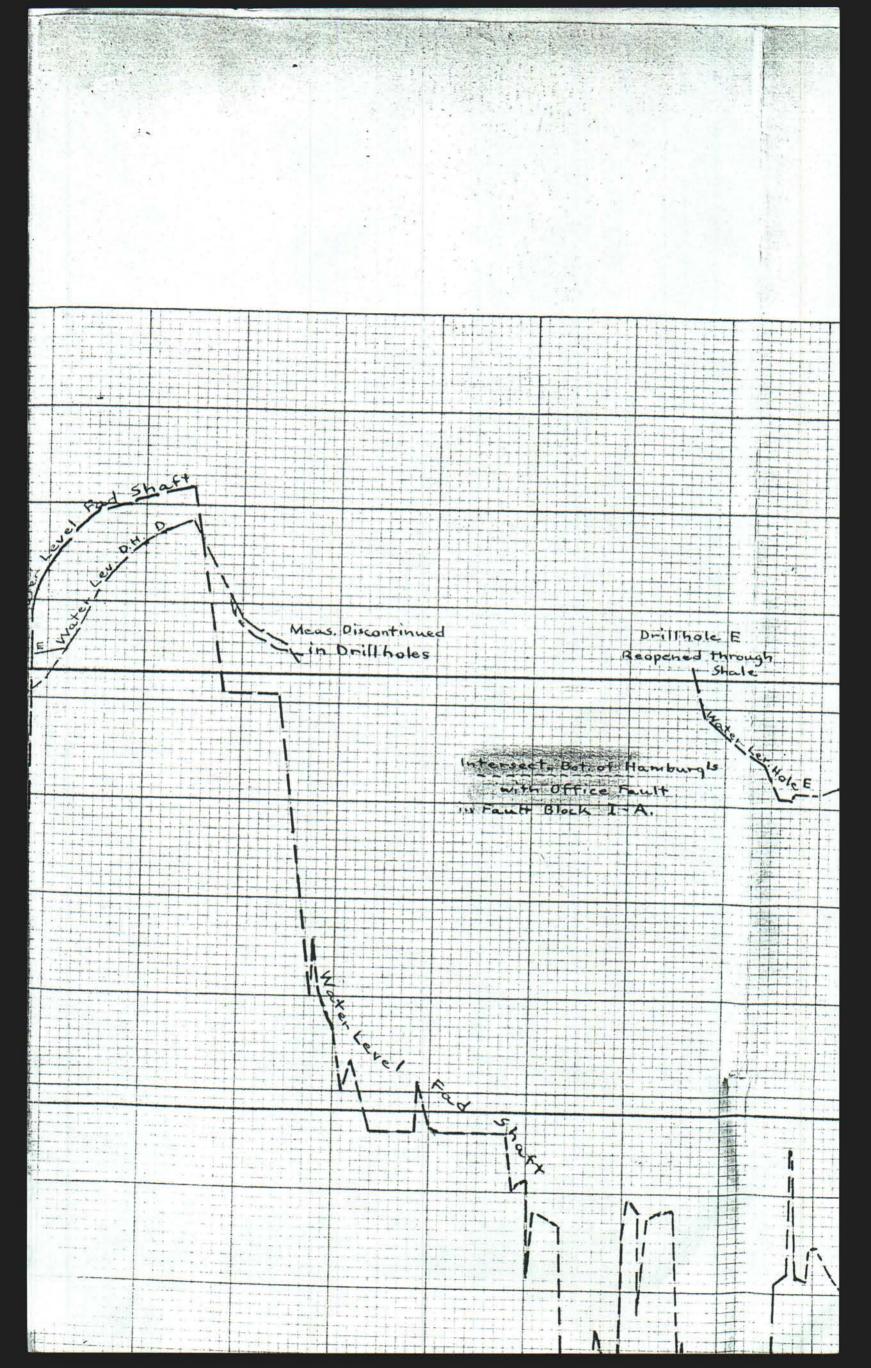
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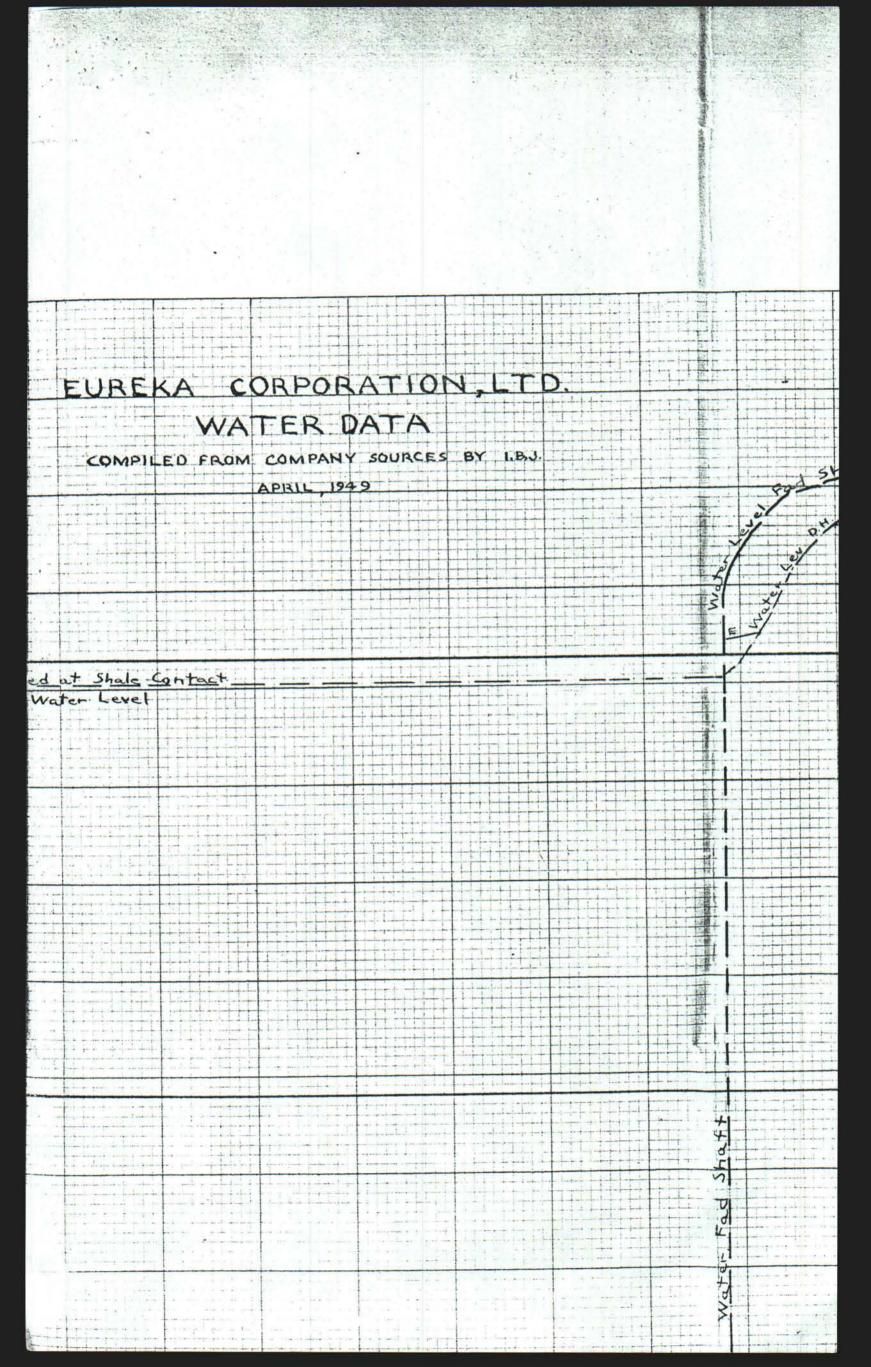
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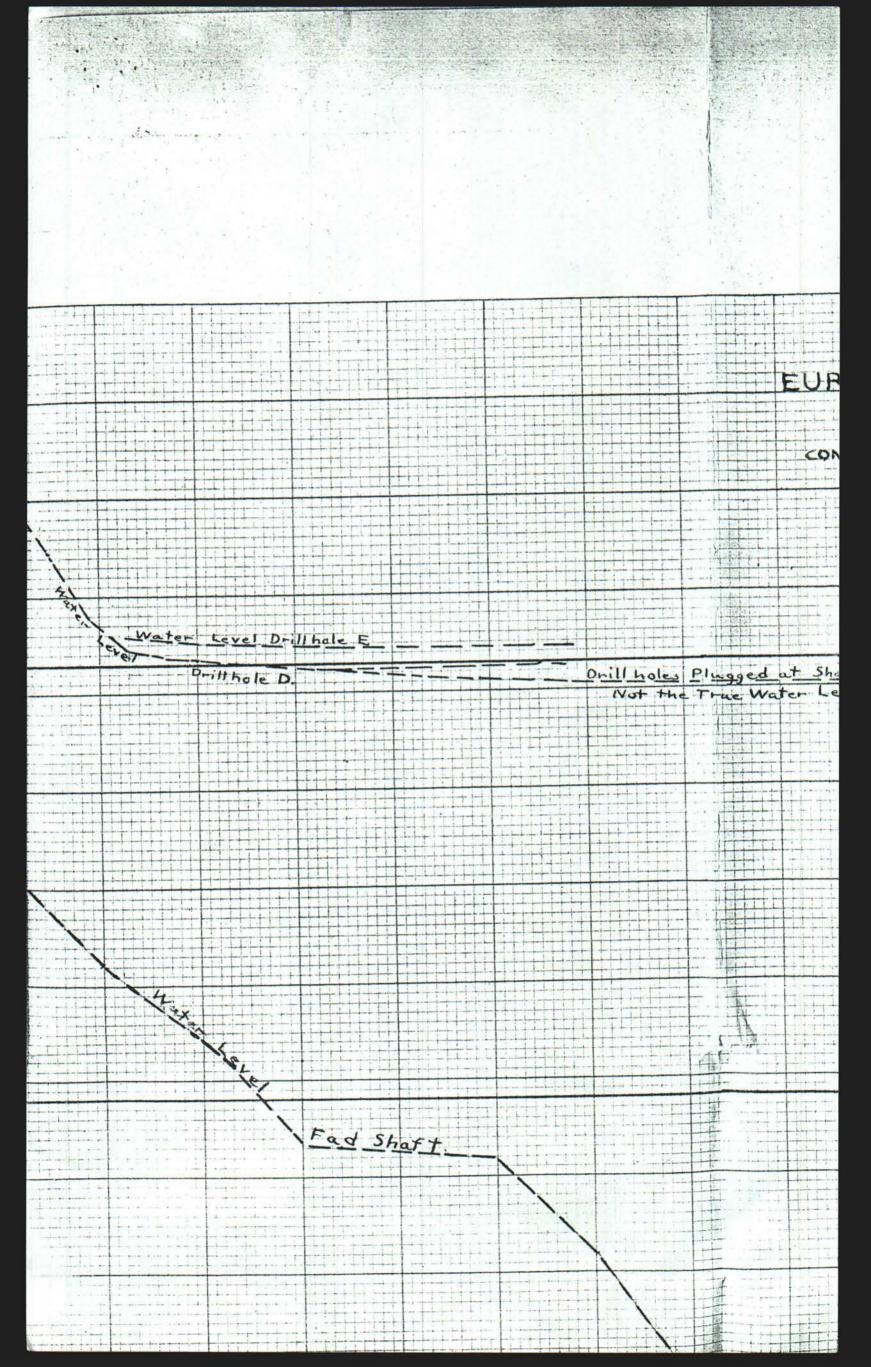
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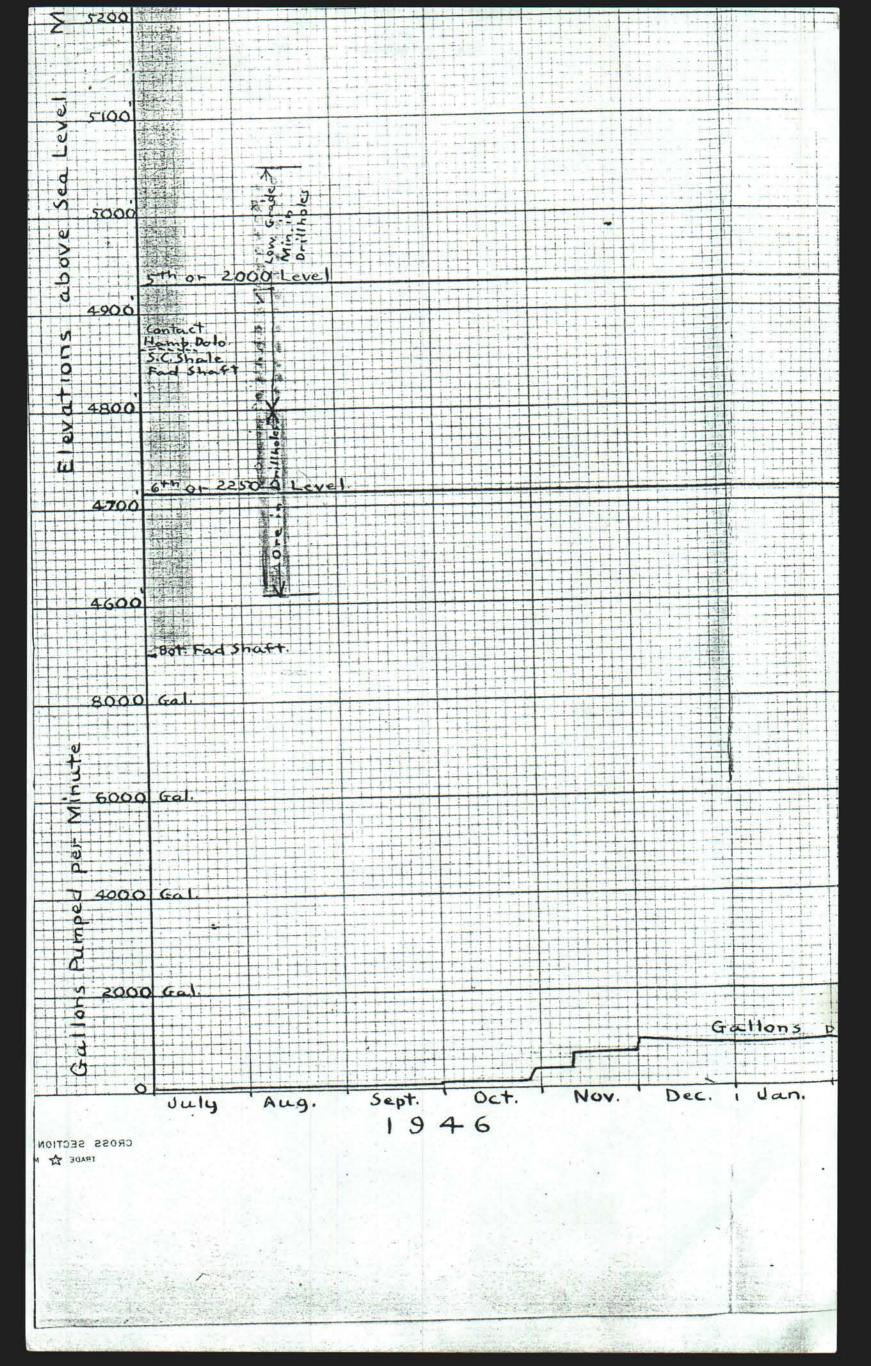


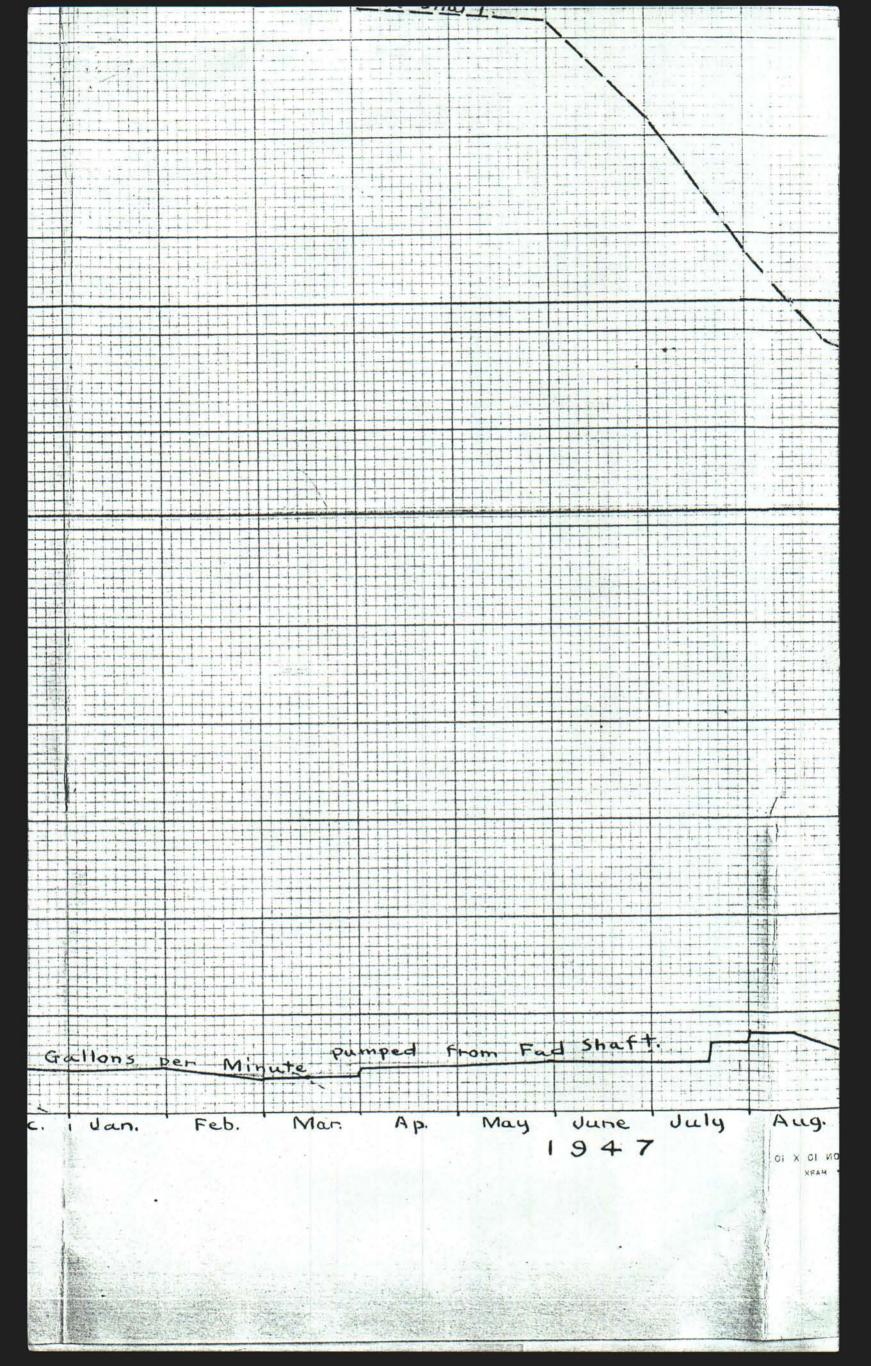


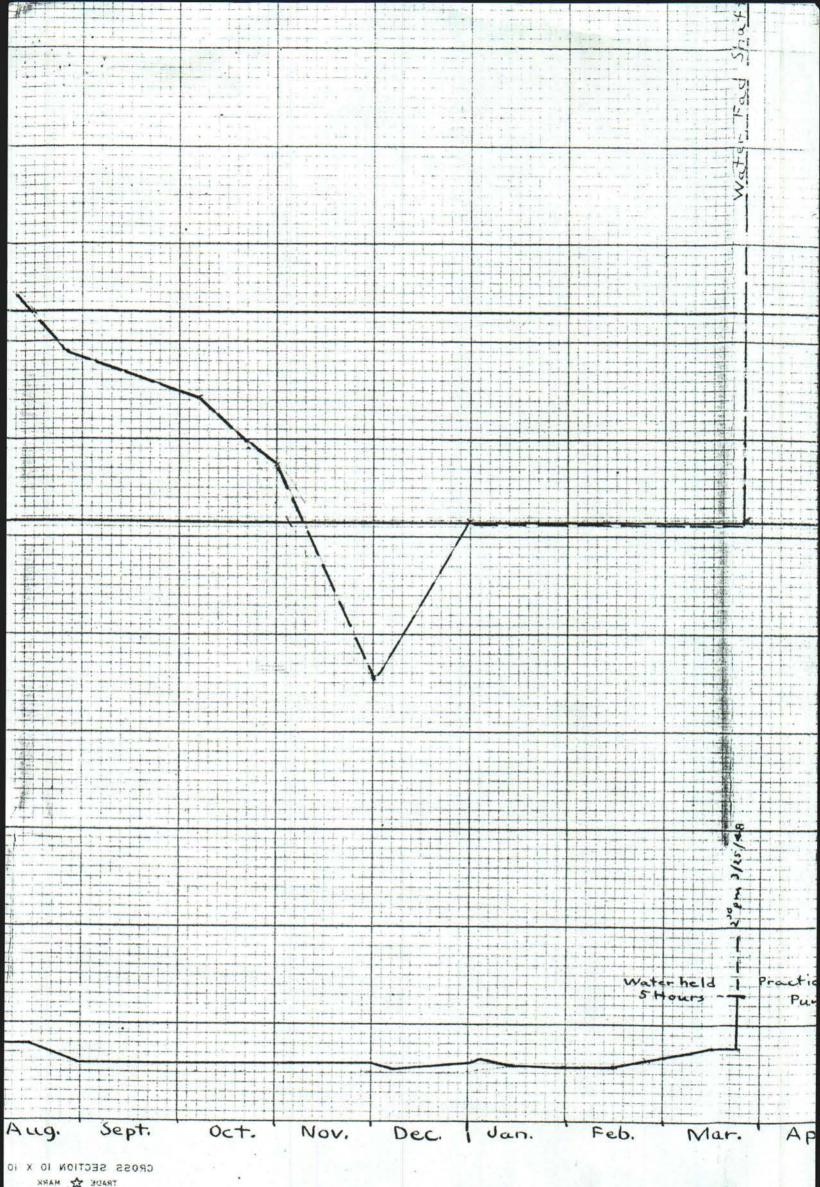




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