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LONG TUNGSTEN PROPERTY

PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA

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APPENDIX

LONG LEASE

Rare Metals Corp., Lovelock, Nevada

Leased from Stoker, Meissner and Long of Lovelock, Nevada, May 14, 1942

PRODUCTION

Date	Tons	Total	Concentrate	Total	Assay	Units
			<u>Pounds</u>		8 W03	W03
Aug. 1942	432.557	432.557	4400	14400		
Sept. 24	519.865	952.442	3600	8000	65.9	263.6
Sept. 30			2400	10400		
Oct.	556	1508.442	8L50	18850		612,6#

s An assumed average assay of 65% W03 was used to calculate approximate total units of W03 produced.

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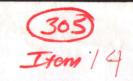
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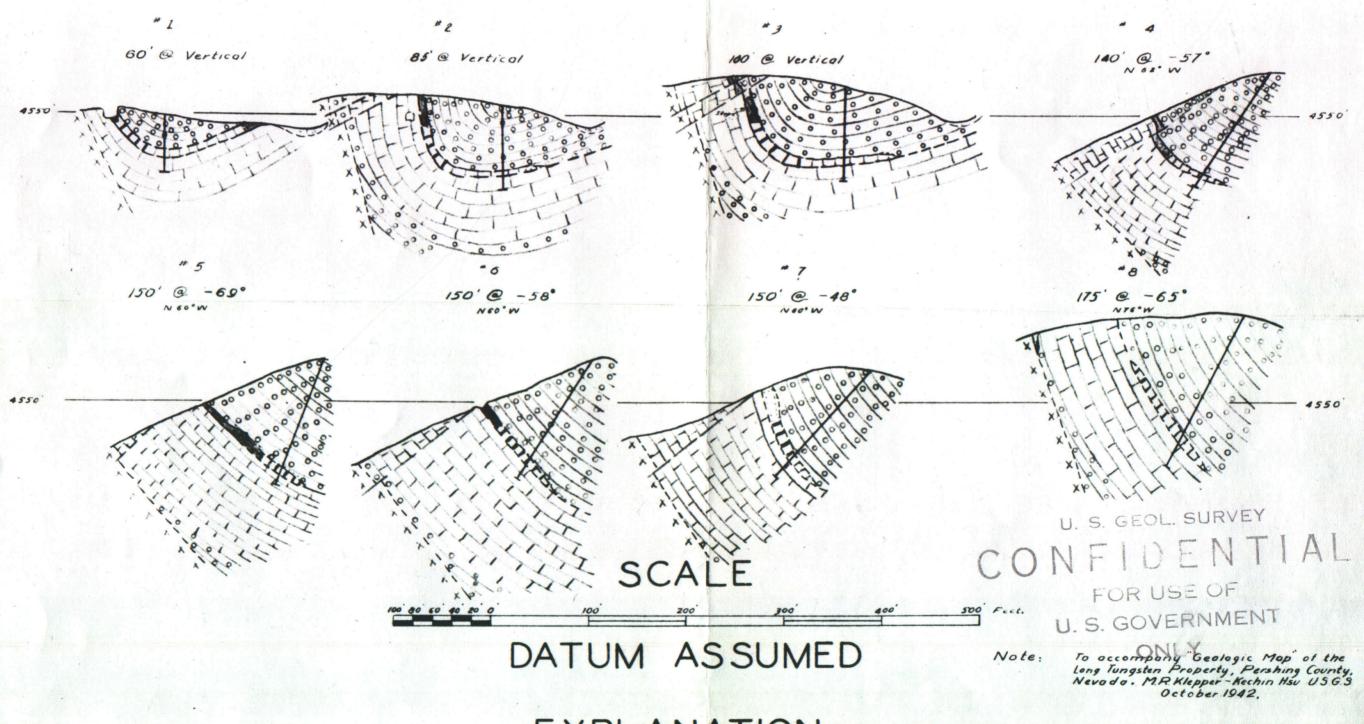
PRODUCTION

Date	Tons	Total	Concentrate	Total	Assay % WO3	Units W03
Aug. 1942	432.557	432.557	11100	14400		• • • • •
Sept. 24	519.865	952.442	3600	8000	65.9	263.6
Sept. 39			2400	10400		
Oct.	556	1508.442	8450	18850		612.6*
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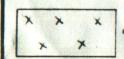
^{*} An assumed average assay of 65% W03 was used to calculate approximate total units of W03 produced.

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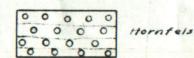




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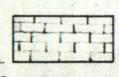
Qtg. Monzonite





Scheelite - bearing Tactite.

1 - Scheelite Ore
2 - low grade scheelite mineralization.
3 - Possible extension of known
scheelite ore podies.



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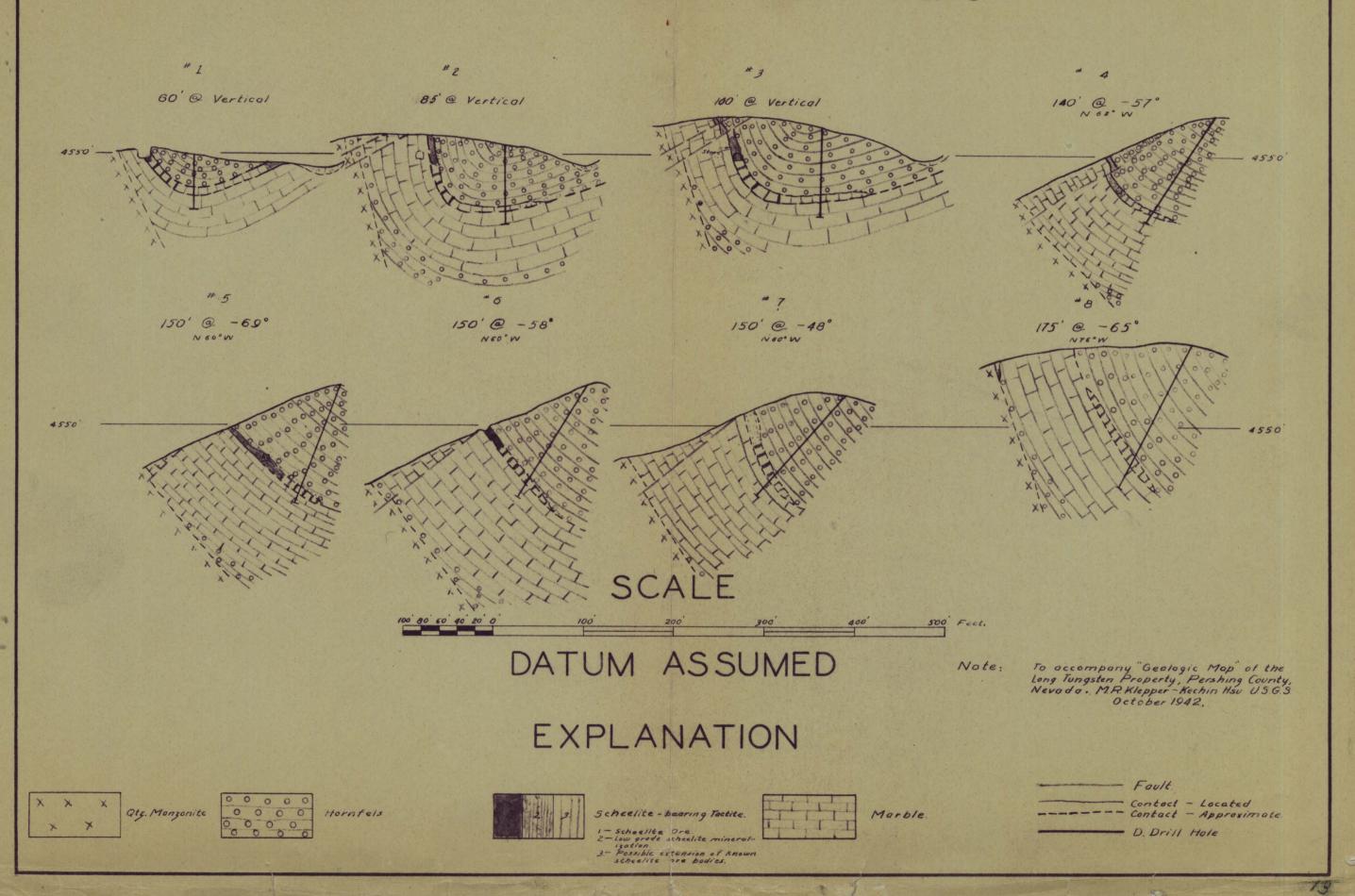
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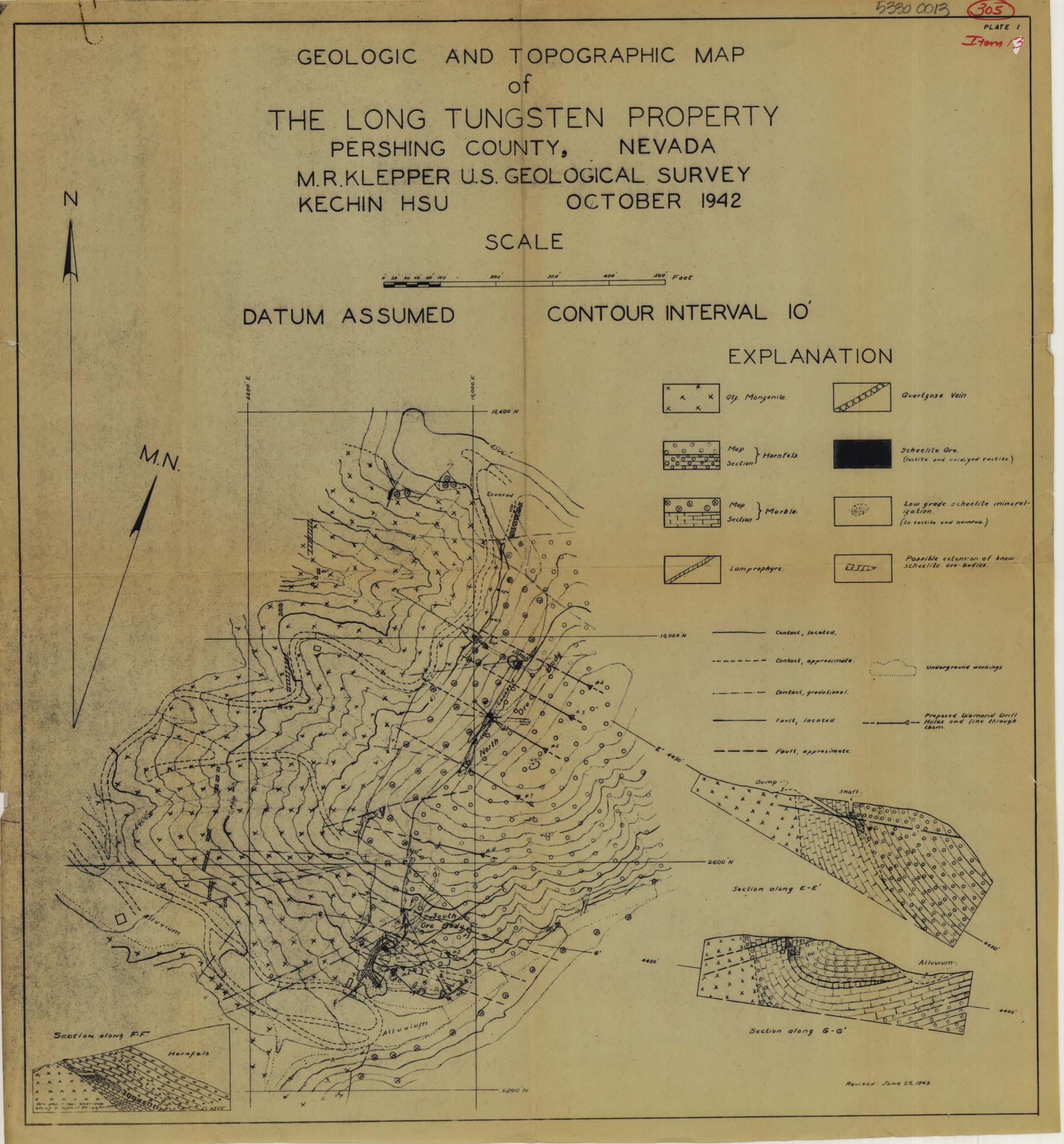
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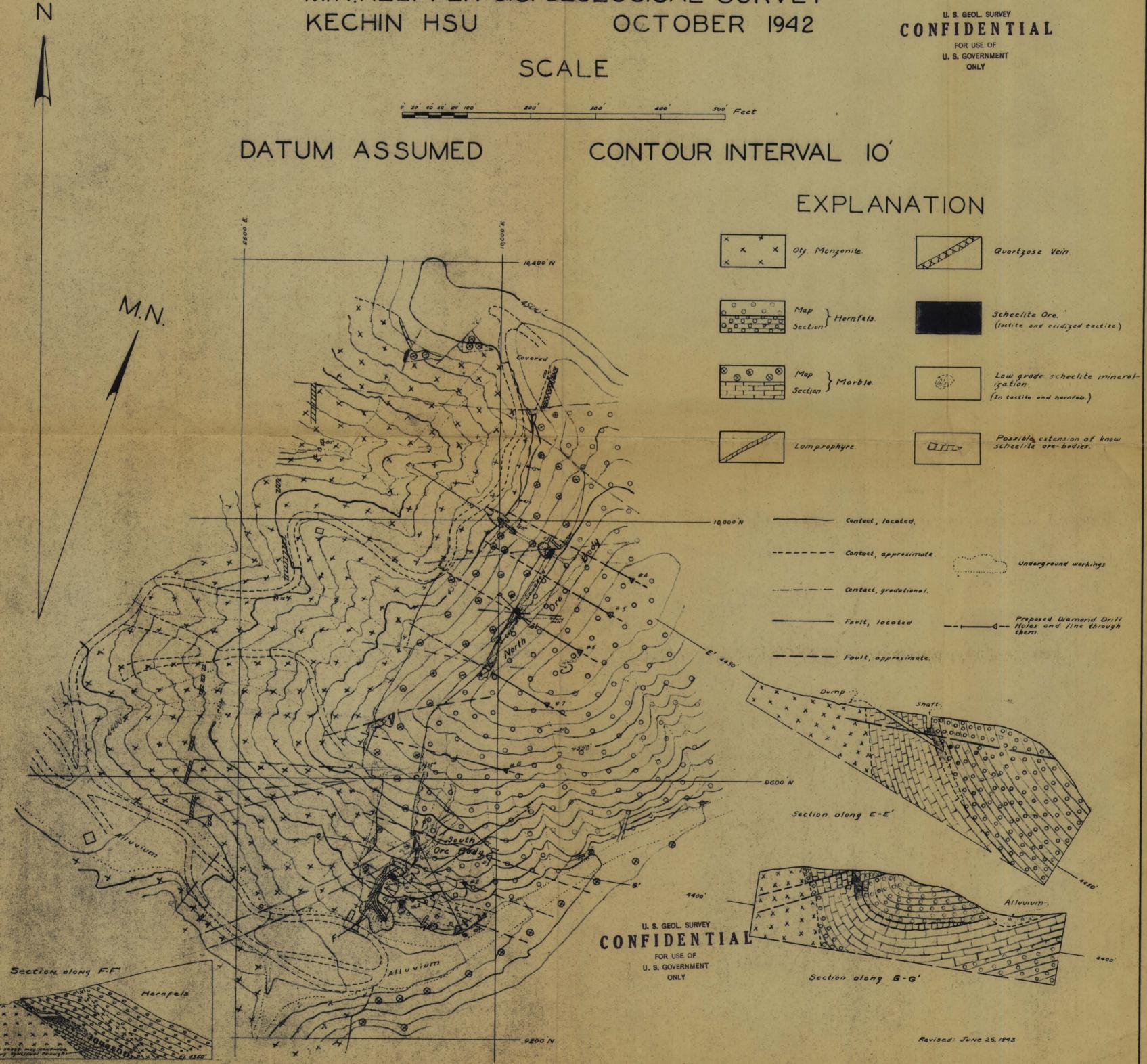
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THE LONG TUNGSTEN PROPERTY PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA M.R.KLEPPER U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY KECHIN HSU OCTOBER 1942

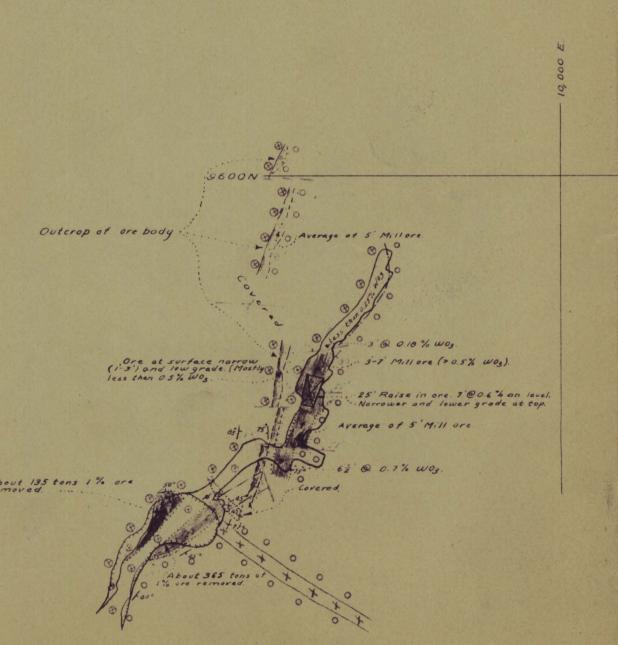


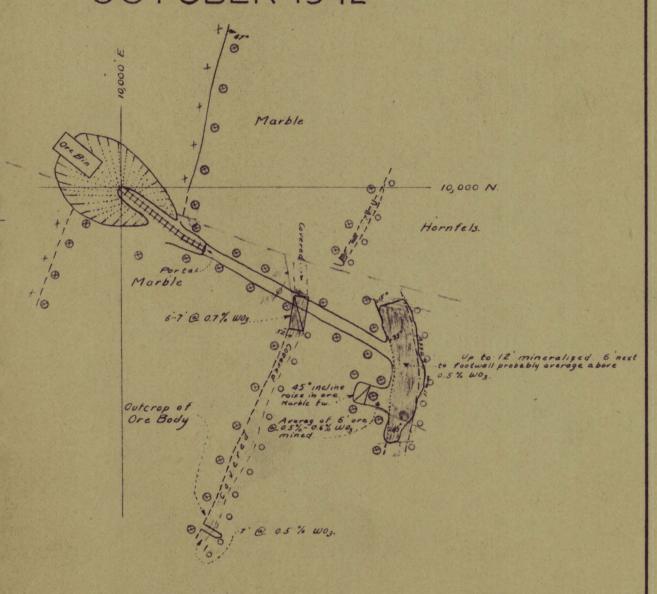
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GEOLOGIC MAP

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THE LONG MINE WORKINGS
PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA
M.R.KLEPPER U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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SOUTH ORE BODY

NORTH ORE BODY

DATUM ASSUMED

EXPLANATION

SCALE

Fault - Surface

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Foult - underground.

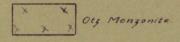
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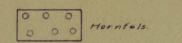
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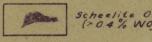
Surface.

Contact - located.











Low grade scheelite mineralization (< 0.4% was)

- - Contact - approximate
- - Underground.

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