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Marree 4 mile Geological Sheet

SURVEY EQUIPMENT

Level Books 389, 390 Field Books 501, 502 Watts Level No.1 2 wooden staffs and bubbles 2 350 feet cables.

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INTRODUCTION

Before the Department of Lands established permanent level bench marks in the far north of this state, attempts had been made to level some of the flowing bores using bench marks put in by Oil Companies or private surveyors. Good results were hard to achieve since it was not known how the majority of the bench marks were established nor on what datum they were fixed.

The first attempt, in this department, to co-ordinate the levels in the north was made by M.B. Langsford and J.B. Anderson in July, 1963. An unpublished report was put out on their findings showing the various sources of information. A minute in DM229/52 by M.B. Langsford who describes their findings and states that most of the existing levels were unreliable. Partly for this reason, a survey party was sent to level from Lyndhurst to Beetota to give some vertical control in this area. Due to an accident involving the vehicles, the results of this survey were not published until this year. Since then, a third order level traverse, by the Lands Department, has been completed from Lyndhurst to Innamincka. The results from this survey showed that large discrepancies in level existed in this area. For example, the previous level for Murnpeowie bore was 336 ft.

whereas the latest figure gives it as 272.4ft.

Similar discrepancies have been found along the Birdsville track, although the error there is not so great in places. This can be seen from the list below.

Bore	Previous Level	New Level	Error
Dulkaninna (J/4 no.4)	135	125.08	+9,92
Clayton $(J/4 no.2)$	151	148.30	+2.70
Lake Harry (J/4 no.7)	148	146.74	4 1,26
Frome Ck. (J/4 no.11)	126	146.38	–20, 38
Tarkaninna (J/4 no.3)	180	173.49	+6,51
Lake Lettie (1/4 no.5)	30	56,28	-26.28

As can be seen, the error is not consistent in value nor sign.

With the establishment of third order level bench marks along the Strzeletkie and Birdsville tracks and from Marree to Oednadatta to Alice Springs, levelling of the G.A.A.B. flowing bores has been simplified. Most of the bores are within reasonable distance from a bench mark and enough bench marks exist to enable effectures to be made without invelving too much extra work. A few bores are such a distance away from B.M. that levelling them would take a considerable amount of time. It has been suggested that these bores should be levelled using altimeters to obtain an initial level. If enough care and control is used, the altimetric heights should be within 5ft. of the true level.

At this stage, it is foreseen that one area, east of Lake Freme, may cause some difficulty to level. The bores here are scattered about and not much level control of high order exists. Unless requested, this area will be left until last in the programme. It is hoped that the programme can be completed

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in five trips, each trip consisting of six weeks duration. At the moment, the second trip is in progress and arrangements for the third trip will be started soon.

The state map attached shows the extent of the present proposed survey project, the red denoting bores which have yet to be levelled and yellow denoting bores which have been levelled on this first trip.

All reduced levels quoted in this report refer to M.S.L = 0 at Port Adelaide.

FIELD WORK

The first trip undertaken left Adelaide on 27.2.67 and returned on 5.4.67. A total distance of 290 miles was levelled, incorporating 35 flowing bores and 8 non-flowing bores. When levelled, each bore was photographed to show condition of bore head and place where level reading was taken on bore head. A 2" x 2" wooden bench mark was also established close by the bore in case the casing was shifted and the bore had to be relevelled.

For every three days of levelling, one day was spent scouting the area to locate the bores and to find which was the best access to the bore. Sometimes up to four hours were spent looking for one bore.

Bores J/4 no. 71 and 72, both of which are listed as flowing bores, have been abandoned. Bore 71 never had any water in it to begin with and bore 72 has a very small flow of salt water. Bore I/4 no. 7, also listed as a flowing bore, has been abandoned and buried in for the last 15years. Bore J/4 no. 13, the old railway bore, has been abandoned and buried in and

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replaced by J/4 no. 15.

The first loop levelled consisted of bores J/4 nos. 15, 16 and 17, closing the loop back onto BM1701. The distance covered was 2.3 miles with a misclosure of 0.10ft. which is reasonable considering the two staffmen had to be shown what to do and get use to doing it.

The second loop started on BM1701 and consisted of bores J/4 nos. 12, 9, 6, 7 and BM1367. The total distance was 22.9 miles with a misclosure of 0.07ft. Although this Misclosure is extremely small, it must be remembered that errors along the traverse could have cancelled one another out to give this closure. The only way to check this is to relevel the loop in the opposite direction, but since this is time consuming and the order of accurecy is not required for this project, levelling was only carried out in one direction.

The third loop consisted of EM1363 and bores J/4 nos. 20, 23, 25, 26, 19, 76 and EM1701. A misclosure of 0.67ft. occurred in the 30.5 miles traversed. The larger misclosure here is believed to have been caused by poor weather conditions while levelling from EM1363 to J/4 no. 20. A sandstorm hew up and after an hours levelling work had to be abandoned for the rest of the day. Also, when closing back to EM1701, it rained for a while. These extreme changes in weather could have effected the work by having different accuracies in reading the staff. The fourth loop was continued from the third loop and the large 0.67ft misclosure had no effect on it, making me believe that the error is mainly between EM1363 and J/4 no. 20.

The fourth loop, the largest one undertaken, started at BM1701 at Marree and finished at BM3436 at Murnpeowie Homestead. The bores picked up were J/4 nos. 76, 19 and 23 (in third loop) then J/4 nos. 22, 65, 21, 35, 34, 33, 37, 29, 31, 32, 30 and K/4 nos. 5 and 12. Total distance covered in the loop was 140.6 miles with a misclosure of 0.53ft. Here again, errors must have compensated out along the traverse to obtain such a small error.

The fifth loop traversed from BM1371 to J/4 nos. 2, 3, 5 and BM1373 for a total distance of 27.3 miles and misclosure of 0.10ft.

The sixth and first loop, levelled in bores J/4 nos. 9, 75, I/4 nos. 5, 6, 8 and 25 for total distance of 57.4 miles and a miselesure of 1.03ft. This leep branched off loop two north of J/4 no. 9 and twaversed to I/4 no. 25 via J/4 no. 75, I/4 no. 8, elesing back onto BM1705. Bore I/4 no. 5 and 6 are actually the beginning of a separate loop which has to be com- $\frac{\pi r_{LL}}{\pi r_{LL}}$ levelling from BM1712 to I/4 nos. 18, 17 then 6. This reduces the sixth loop to 36 miles with a misclosure of 1.03ft. which is large compared to the rest of the survey. The larger misclosure could be due to the extreme heat and hilly terrain encountered between J/4 no. 75 and I/4 no. 25.

Other bores levelled individually were J/4 nos. 4 and 11 and I/4 no. 26. These bores were close to existing Lands Department bench marks.

Although levels for the bores surveyed are quoted to 0.01ft., accuracy of each level depends on the misclosure of the loop in which it was levelled, for example, in loop three, misclosure was 0.67ft., so the accuracy of bore J/4 no. 25 is ± 0.34 ft.

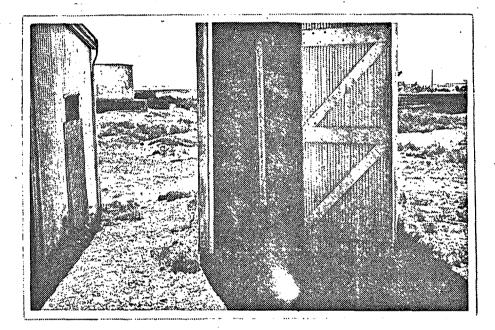
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CONDITION OF BORES

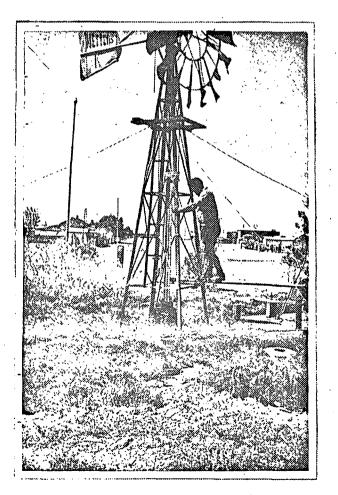
CONDITION OF BORES

Each bore visited was photographed, using a 35mm camera, primarily to show where the level reading was taken. However, the photographs also show the head and the condition of the bores. The photographs and a short description of the bore, are shown below.

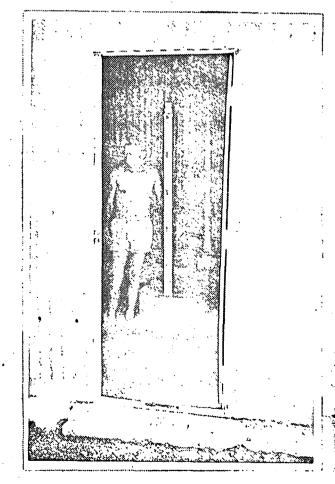


J/4 no. 15. (104000015) Marree Railway Bore. Pamona pump. Good condition but no flow

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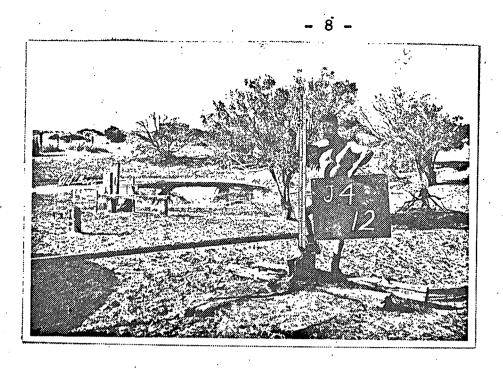


15941 J/4 no. 16, Abdul Bore (104000016). Poor condition with small flow.

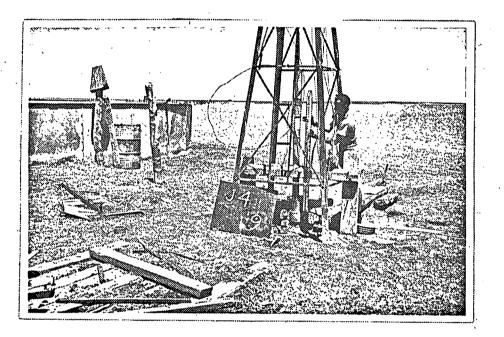


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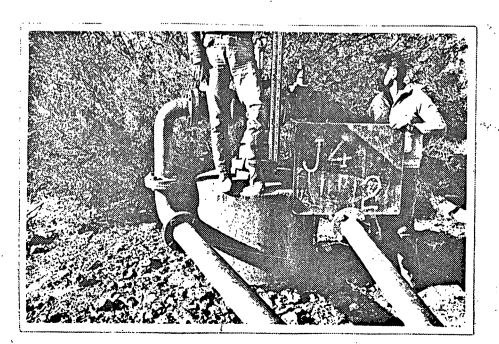
J/4 no. 17, Marree No. 1 bore. Good condition but no flow (104000017).



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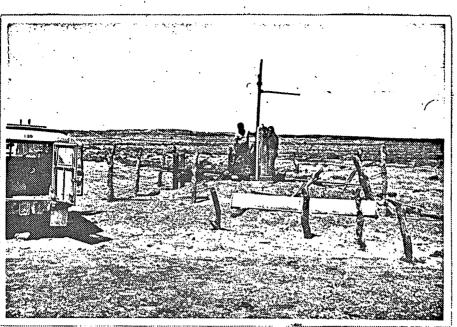


J/4 no. 12, (104000012) Hergott Springs Bore. Condition poor, flow very small

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> J/4 No. 9,Branson's Bore. Poor condition, very poor flow, (104,000,009)

J/4 No. 2, Clayton Homestead Bore. Good condition and very good flow. Reconditioned by D.M. in 1966 (104000002)



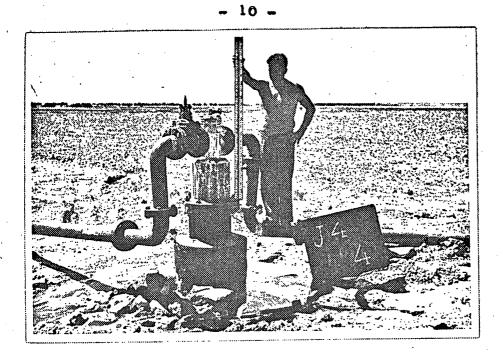
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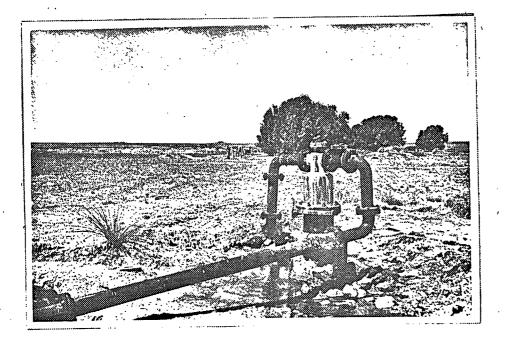
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J/4 No. 3, (10400000) Tarpanina Bore and Well. Bore in bottom of well. Flow from bore but not from well. Well in poor

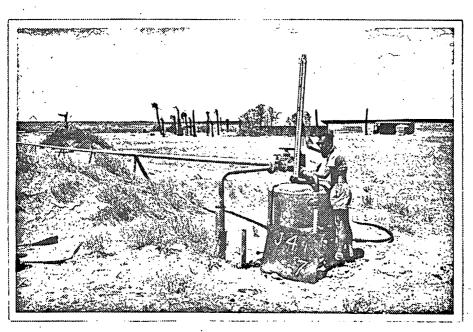
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J/4 No. 5, Sinclair Bore, good flow and good condition (10400005).





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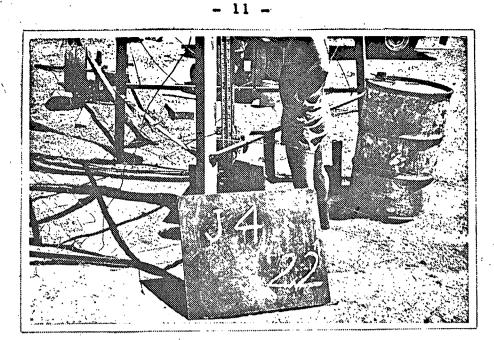


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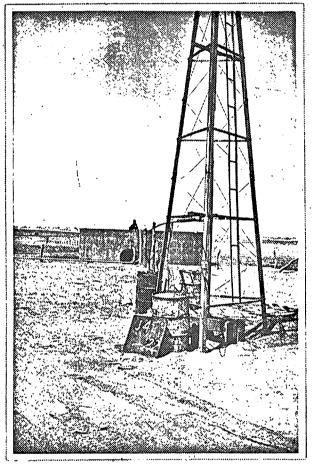
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J/4 No. 4, Dulkanina Bore. Good flow, poor condition. To be fixed by D.M. in mid 19/ 67 (104000004)

J/4 No. 7, Lake Harry Homestead Bore. Recently fixed by D.M. Good condition and flow (104000007)

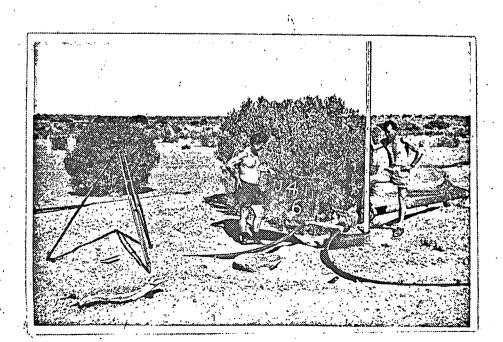


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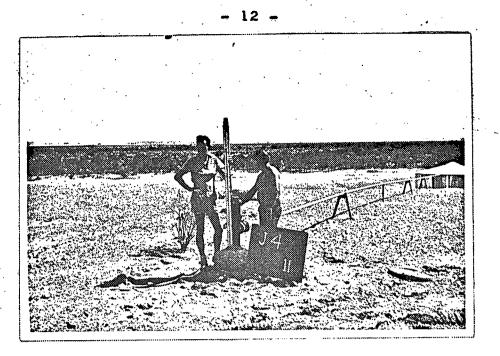


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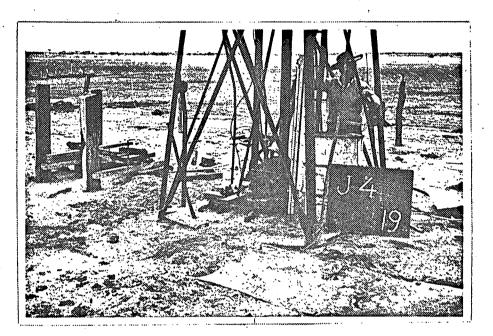
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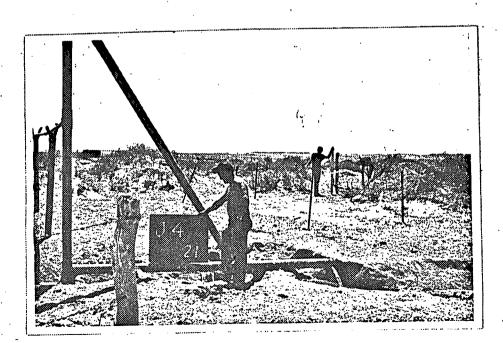
J/4 no. 11, Frome Ck. Bore Good condition fair flow. Has been drilled by D.M. (104000011)

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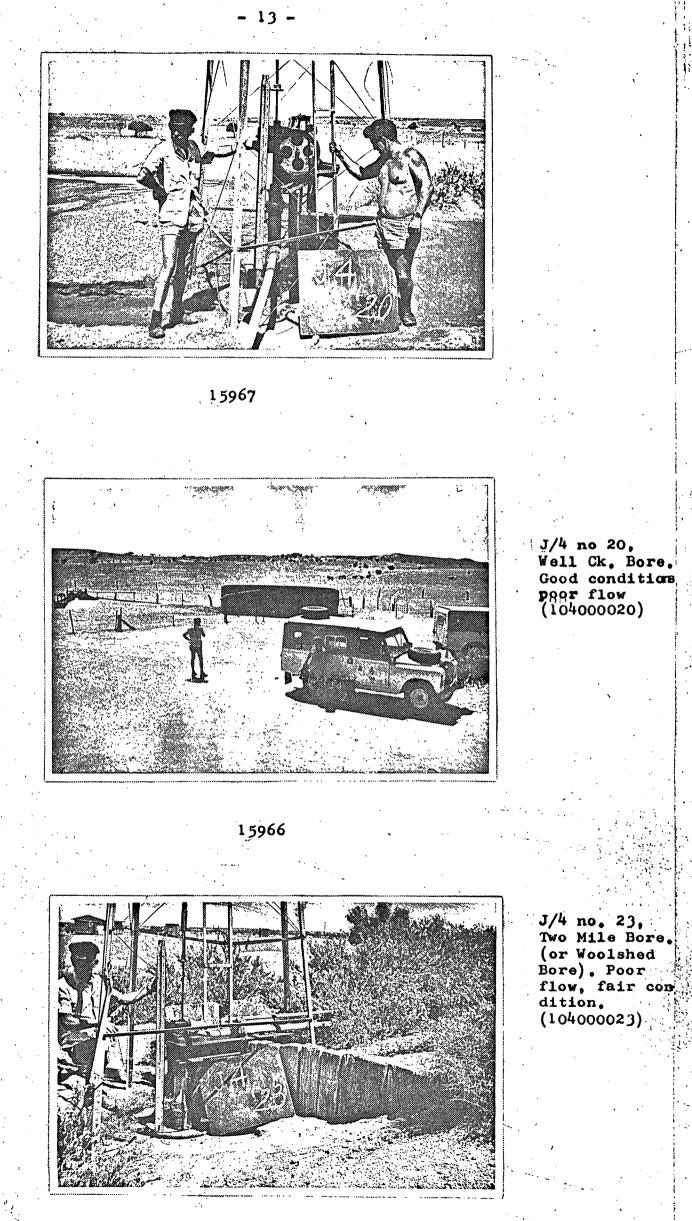
J/4 no. 19, Coolong Springs bore, fair condition, but no flow (104000019)

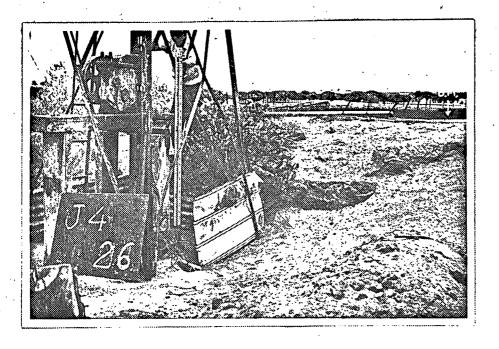
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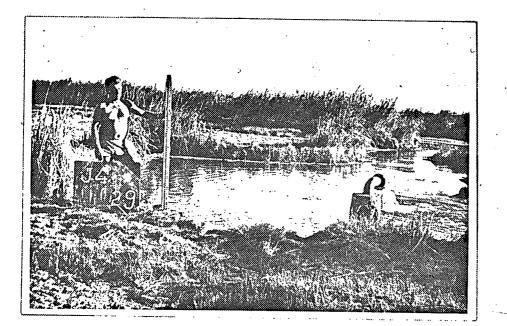
J/4 no. 21, Lake Billy Bore. Poor condition and flow. To be fixed by D.M. in mid 1967 (104000021)

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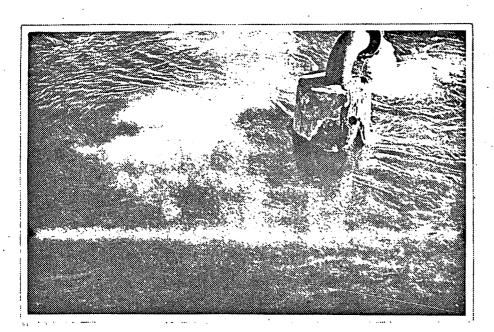




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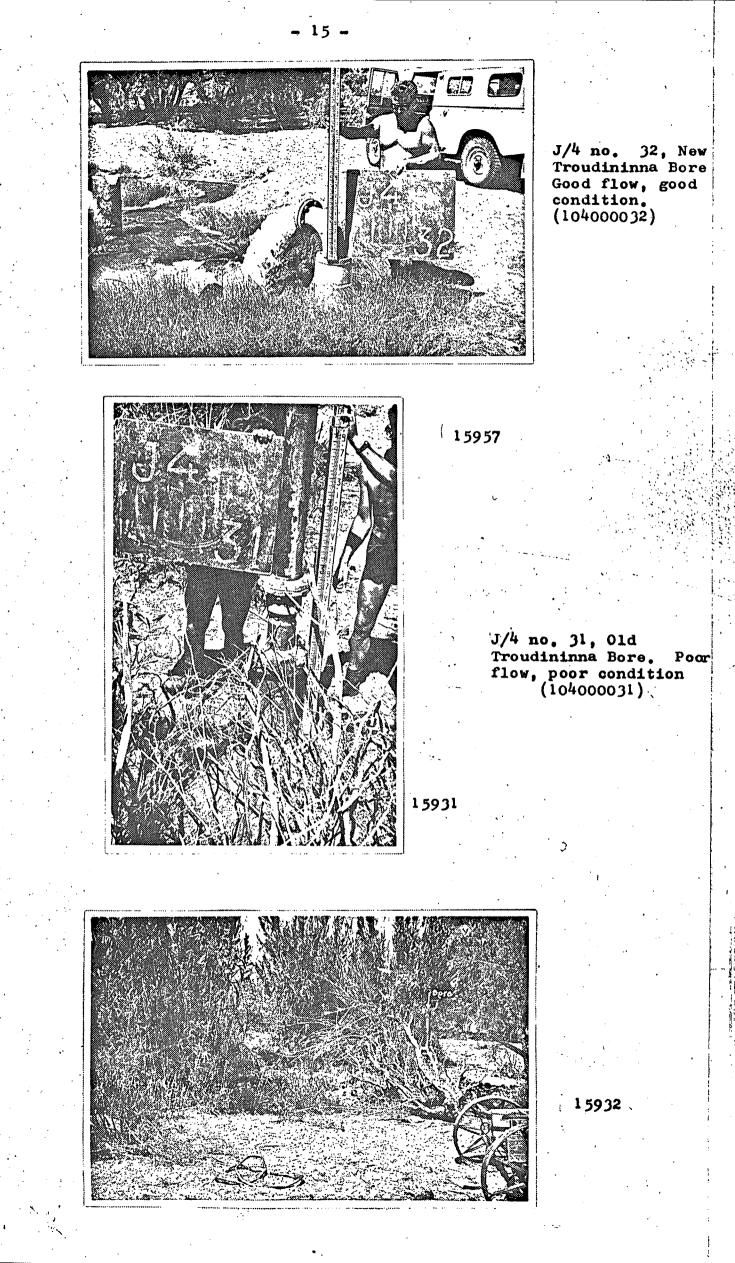


J/4 no. 26, Four Mile Bore Not in G.A.A.B.

flowing Bores project. No flow, Poor con dition.

(10400026)

J/4 no. 29, Cooryaninna Bore. Very poor condition. Water flowing through side of casing some depth down. Good flow (104000029)

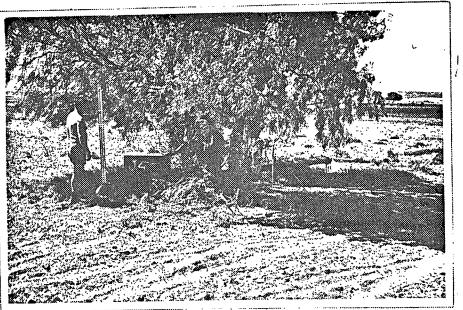






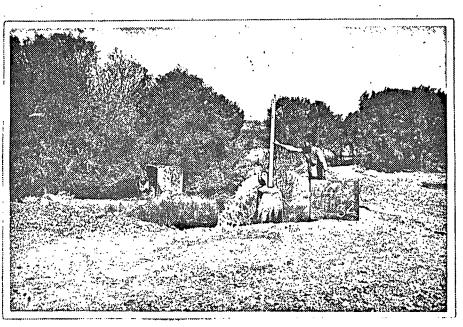
J/4 no. 30, Jewellery Bore. Poor flow, poor condition. Water leaking from casing and concrete (104000030)

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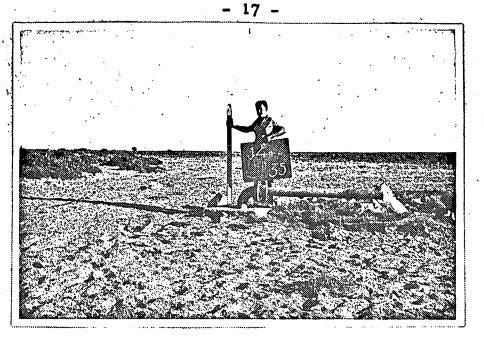


J/4 no. 33, Napalanna Bore. Good condition, good flow. (104000033)

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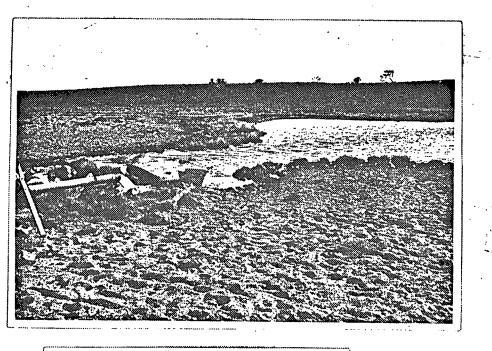


J/4 no. 34, Yarra Hill Bore. Poor condition, good warm flow. (104000034)



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J/4 no, 35, Clayton Dam Bore. Good flow, fair condition, pipes starting to corrode (104000035)

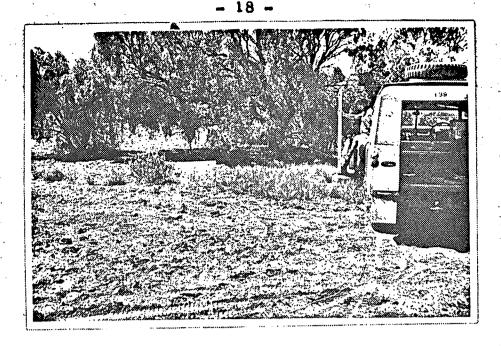


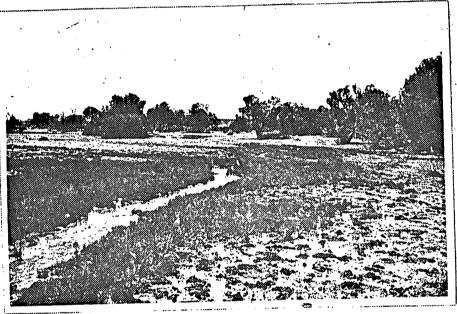


J/4 no. 75, Peter's Bore, good condition, fair flow. (104000075)

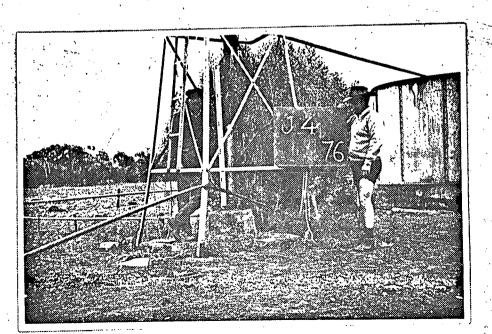
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J/4 no. 76, St. Stephens' Pond N^O. 2 bore No flow, fair condition (104000076)

J/4 no. 37, Nickotome Bore, Fair flow, poor

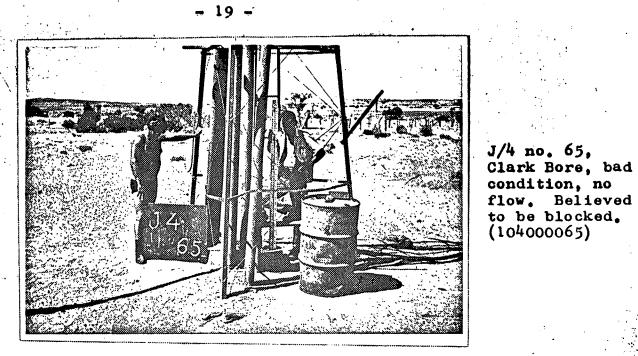
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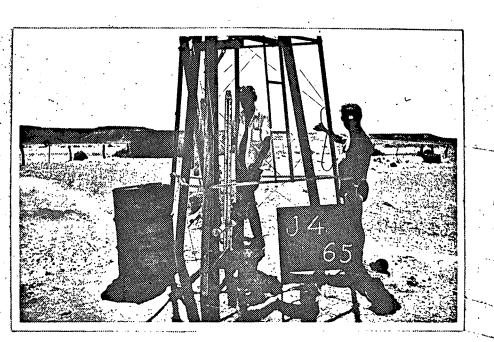
Leaking water from around concrete at

ground level. (104000037)



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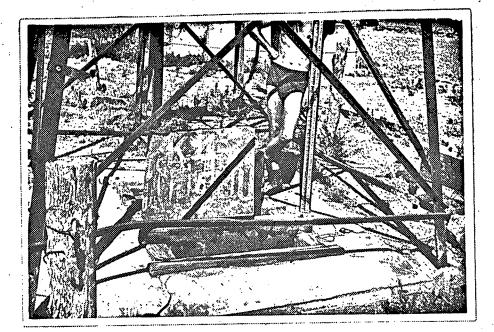




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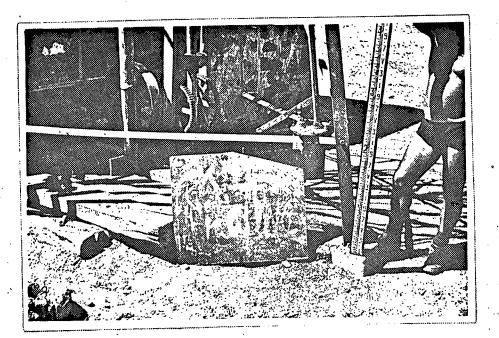
K/4 no. 5, Toonketchen Bore. Good flow, good condition (114000005)



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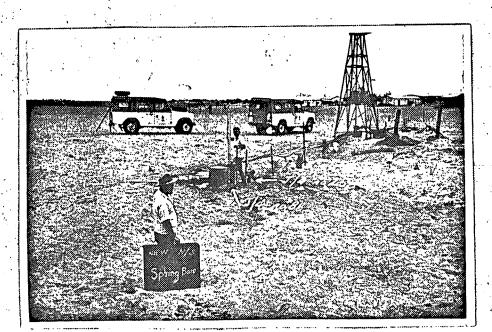
K/4 no. 6 Emu Well Not in G.A.AB project. Good condition. (114000006)

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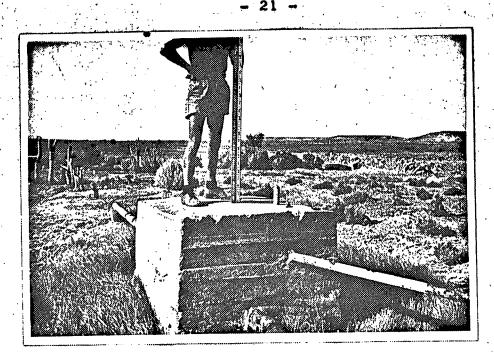
K/4 no. 7. Not in G.A.A.B. project. Fair condition. Junction Well. (114000007)

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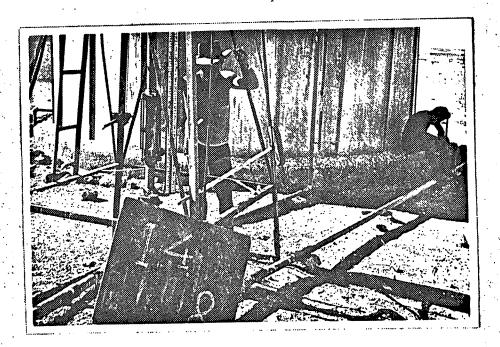
J/4 no. 88, not in G.A.A.B. project. New Bore sunk in spring. Good condition. (104000088)

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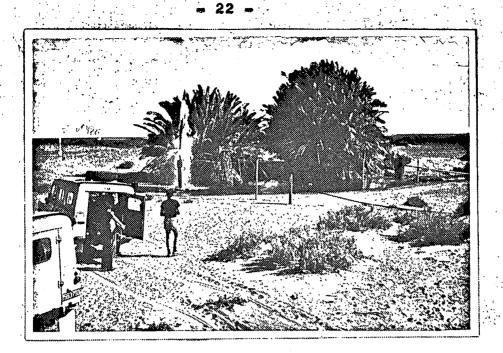


K/4 no. 12, Murnpeowie H/S Bore. Good condition, good flow. (114000012)

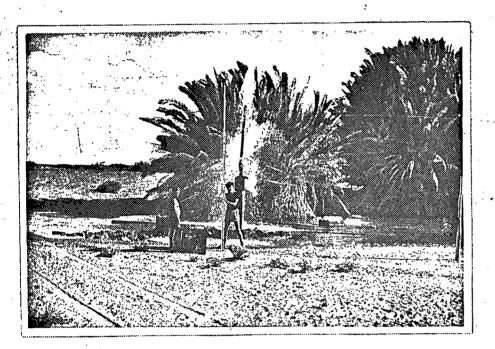
I/4 no. 8,

Lake Lettie No. 1 bore. Good Condition, poor flow. (094000008)

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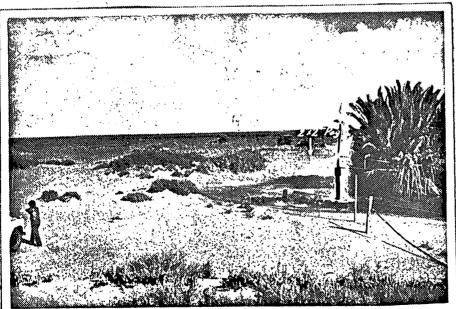


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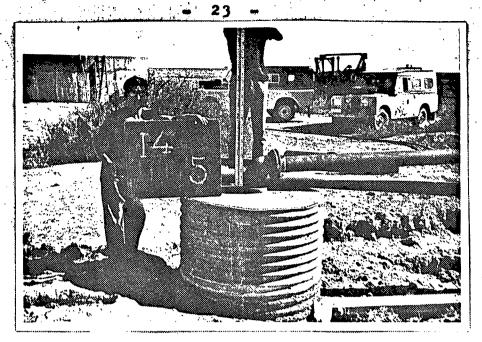
I/4 no. 6, Lake Lettie No.2 bore (or Crows Nest Bore). Poor condition. Very good flow (1,000,000 g.p.d.) (094000006)

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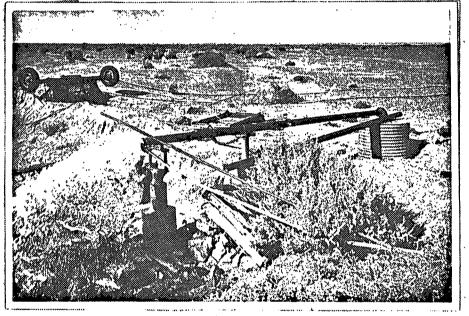


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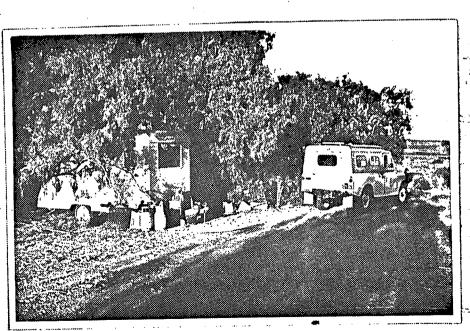
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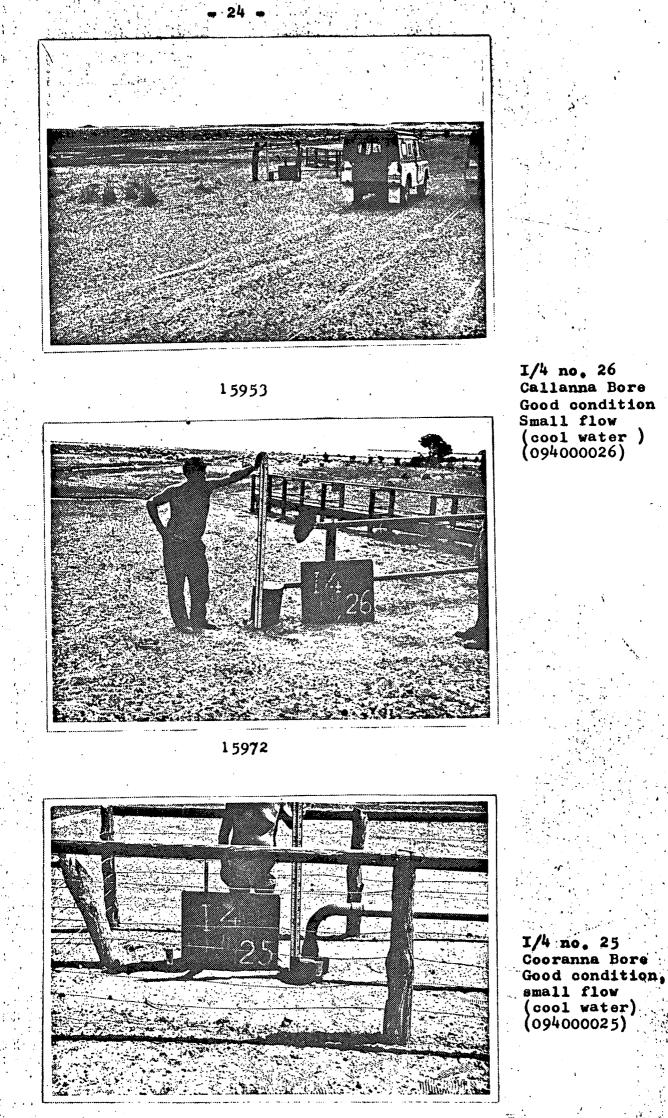
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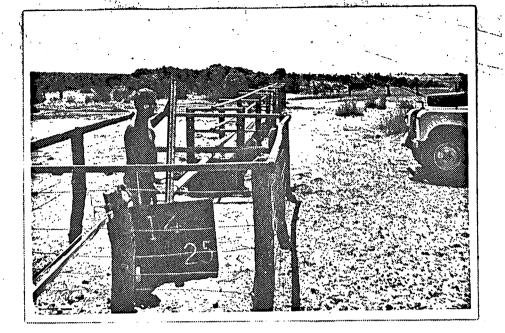


1/4 no.5. Lake Lettie No.3 or Big Bore. Good Flow, good condition. (094000005)

Camp site at J/4 no. 32

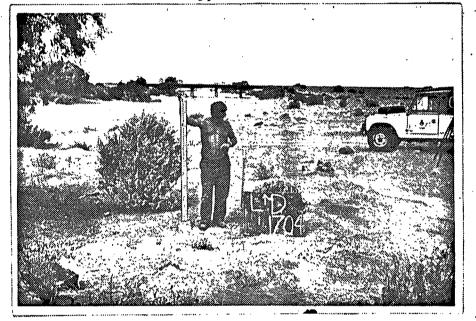
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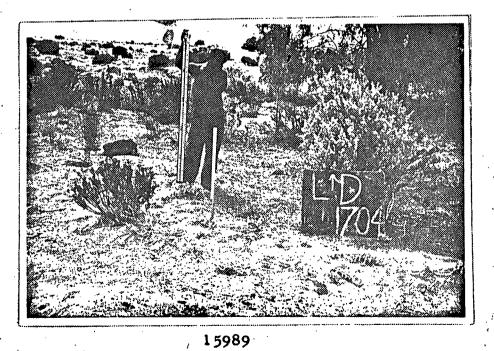


I/4 no. 25 Cooranna Bore (094000025)

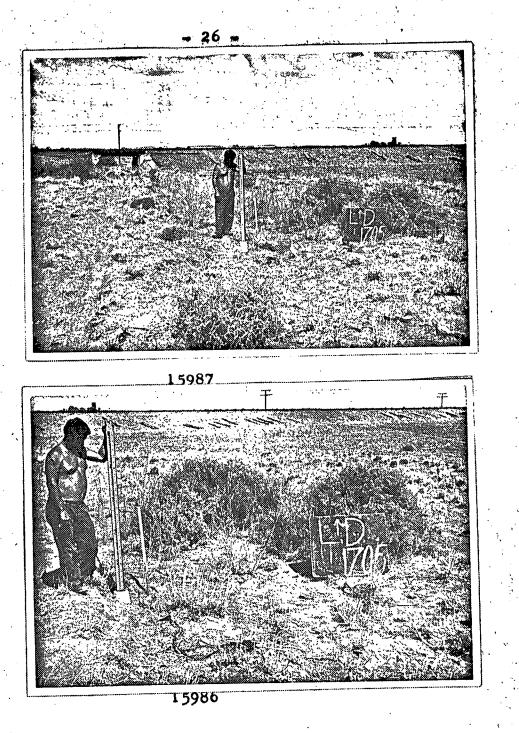
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Lands Dept, 3rd Order level bench Marck no. 1704 on Marree -Oodnadatta Rd by Callanna Railway siding



Lands Dept. 3rd order level Bench Mark 1705 2 miles north of Callana Railway siding on Marree - Oodnadatta Road,

Numbers below photographs refer to index file in records. Numbers in brackets refer to new method of indexing bores in South Australia

CONCLUSIONS

Special made foot-plates were used for holding the level staffs on in this survey. This produced better closure than when the staff was held on the natural surface especially in sandy country. For this reason, it is recommended that for the rest of the programme, these plates should be used without exception. Further to keep the backsight and foresight the same lengt 350 ft. lengths of firing line (or rope) should be dragged behind the vehicles to mark the position of instrument and staff points. This proved very successful and easy to operate in the present survey. Photographs of bore heads should be taken at each bore, not only to show the condition of the heads for geologists and engineers but also to show where the staff reading was taken.

Attached in the end of this report is the proposed schedule for the second trip to be undertaken by J. Erkelens on the first of May this year.

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Notes

A further adjustment was carried out for loop six (page 5) on completion of second field trip. For details see Progress Report number two by J. Triclens.

2ND SURVEY G.A.A.B. FLOWING BORES

Party in charge of J. Erkelens, due to leave Adelaide 1.5.1967. The following is an approximate programme of work.

BM1712 to I/4 No.23 to Charles Angus Bore I/4 No.18, to 1. Morris Creek Bore I/4 No.17, to Crows Nest Bore I/4 No.6 (2" x 2" BM at Crows Nest Bore) (Distance 28 miles) BM1712 to I/4 No.44 to BM1710 2. (6 Miles) BM1712 to I/4 No.19 to BM1716 3. (11¹/₄ miles) 4. BM1717 to I/4 No.15 and back (9 miles) BM1716 to I/4 Nes. 46, 21, No.24, No.13, No.48 and BM1720 if possible otherwise to H/s then BM1723 5. (36 or 42 miles) BM1723 to I/4 No. 9 and back 6. (14 miles) BM1728 to H/4, No.17 and back 7. $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ mile})$ BM3126 to H/4, No.14 and back (1 mile) 8. BM3129 to H/4, No.11 and back (1 mile)9. 10. BM3130 to H/4, No.12 and back (1 mil●) $(2\frac{1}{2} \text{ miles})$ 11. BM3131 to H/4, No.13 and back 12. BM3134 to H/4, No.19 and back $(1\frac{1}{4} \text{ miles})$ 13. BM3131 (or 3132) to H/4, No.6, then No.60, back to No.6 and onto No.4 (29 miles) 14. BM1732 to H/4, No.10 and back (41 miles) 15. BM1733 to H/4, No.8 and back (1 mile) $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ mile})$ 16. BM1738 to H/4, No.59 and back 17. BM1736 to H/4, No.4 and back $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ mile})$ 18. BM1741 to H/3, No.53 and back (4 miles) 19. BM1743 (or 1744) to H/4, No.56 and back (18 miles) 20, BM1743 (or 1744) to H/3, No.58, No.54, No.60, No.36, No.29 No.24, No.4, No.52, G/3 No.11 and BM1770 (Suggest to 54 then 58 and back to 54) (107 miles)

21. If possible to H/3, No.21 and back, from H/3, No.24 using altimeter.

(46 miles)

22, BM1766 to G/3, Nos. 22,23, 20, 17, 15; BM1767 (38 miles)

Check with Anna Crek Station for easiest and shortest route to G/3 No.36 and G/3, No.1

Loops should close to one foot in 60 miles or 0,10 in one mile, using 0.10 M where M is in miles. Keeping B.S. and F.S. the same length and less than 370 feet should achieve these results.

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FLOWING BORES

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L.	B. 389 and	a 390	M.S.L	$\bullet = 0$ Pt. A	delaide
Griđ	Bore No.	Bore Name	Bore Level	B.M. Level	Remarks
I /4	5	Lake Lettie No. 3	55.83	78.25	L.B. 390 page 29
11	6	Lake Lettie No. 2	51.68 (G/L)	55•79	L.B. 390 page 32
**	7	Morris	Bore Burie	d in.	-
11	8	Lake Lettie No. 1	111.19	110•39	L.B. 390 page 26
11	25	Cooranna	69.16	69.16	L.B. 390 page 35
11	26	Callanna	143.89	144•29	L.B. 390 page 39
J/4	2	Clayton	148.30	140.51	L.B. 390 page 12
17	3	Tarkanina	173.49 (Well)	147•97	L.B. 390 page 14
17	4	Dulkaninna	125.08	123.36	L.B. 390 page 21
11	5	Sinclair	223.24	221.21	L.B. 390 page 17
11 .	6	Marion	201.36	201 • 42	L.B. 389 page 7
11	7	Lake Harry	146.74	1 38 • 59	L.B. 389 page 10
H _	9	Branson	109•91	109•35	L.B. 389 page 5
II	11	Frome Ck.	146.38	126.54	L.B. 389 page 10
11	12	Hergott Spr.	124•39	124.34	L.B. 389 page 3
"H .	15	Marree Railway	151.27	150.53	L.B. 389 page 2
.	16	Abdul	1 54 • 51	153.20	L.B. 389 page 2
11	17	Marree No. 1	148.43	147.29	L.B. 389 page 2
tt .	19	Coolong Springs	141.96	142.37	L.B. 389 page 17
17	20	Well Creek	232•71	231.48	L.B. 389 page 13
**	21	Lake Billy	221.51 (G/L)	222.15	L.B. 389 page 25
**	23	Two Mile	226.88	226.97	L.B. 389 page 15
**	29	Cooryaninna	103.02 (G/L)	102.62	L.B. 389 page 45
••	30	Jewellery	75•35	73.49	L.B. 389 page 52
-11	31	Old Troudininna	149.16	. 🗕	L.B. 389 page 49
17	32	New Troudininna	150.25	• ·	11 11 11 11 j
11	33	Chapalanna	196.79	196.33	L.B. 389 page 38
11	34	Yarra Hill	208.76	207.32	L.B. 389 page 35
. 11 🕳	35	Clayton Dam	244.59	244.84	L.B. 389 page 26
11 .	37	Nickotime	272.97	270.41	L.B. 389 page 41
19	65	Clark	264.12	263.67	L.B. 389 page 23

3	L.B. 389 and 390			M.S.L. = 0 Pt. Adelaide		
Grid	Bore No.	Bore Name	Bore Level	B.M. Leve	l Remarks;	
J/4	75	Peters	83.87	_81 . ₀39	L.B.390 page 24	
	76	St. Stephens Po No. 2	onds 138.31	136.95	L.B.389 page 17 log	
к/4	5	Toonketchen	162.39	161.52	L.B. 390 page 4	
11	12	Murnpeowie	272•39	273.71	L.B. 390 page 11	

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		L.B. 389. 390	M.S.L. = O Pt. Adelaide		
Gı	rid Bore	No. Bore Name	Bore Level	B.M. Level	Remarks
J/	/4 -	Old Hergott Spring	124.34	124•39	L.B.389 page 3
J	/4 25	Mundowdna H/S	206.43	209•39	L.B.389 page 15
J	/4 88) 11 7 × .	208.30	209.39	ii ii if if
J/	/4 26	Four Mile	193.81	196.92	L.B.389 page 18
٫J	/4 22	Tent Hill	243.12	242.61	L.B.389 page 21
K,	/4 6	Emu Well	121.72	· – ·	L.B.390 page 6
K,	/4 7	Junction Well	178.70	443 -1	L.B.390 page 8
K,	/4 11	Central Well	224	-	L.B.390 page 9

