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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A cable-tool hole (CH1) was drilled to a depth of 60ft. on the site of proposed building extensions at Norwood High School. The hole penetrated a sequence of sediments consisting of 2ft. of top soil (very stiff CLAY SOIL*) overlying the Hindmarsh Clay Formation. The Hindmarsh Clay consists of firm to hard CLAY SOIL of low plasticity, and stiff to hard CLAY SOIL of high plasticity with layers of GRAVEL. The clays are highly calcareous, particularly in the upper 20ft. Between 38ft. and 49ft., just below the water table, the clays have a moisture content greater than plastic limit.

The groundwater level, measured after a period of heavy rain at the onset of winter is 39ft. below ground surface.

The clays of Hindmarsh Clay, below a depth of 20ft. should provide adequate support for piled foundations.

Possible future movements on the active Eden Fault and the Burnside Fault, which pass within 0.5 miles of the site, should be taken into consideration when designing the foundations.

^{*}These terms are defined in Appendix A.

INTRODUCTION

On the 28th April, 1971, the Public Buildings
Department asked the Department of Mines to determine soil
foundation conditions for proposed building extensions to the
Norwood High School.

An exploratory cable-tool hole was proposed (Fig.1), with an anticipated depth of 60ft.

Hole CH1 was drilled from the 4 to 12 of May, 1971, to a depth of 60ft.

Sealed tube samples were taken at 5 foot intervals to a depth of 45ft., and standard penetration tests were carried out at intervals of 5ft. to a depth of 57ft. Open tube samples were taken throughout the remainder of the hole. The sealed tube samples were sent for testing to the E. & W.S. Laboratory.

Portions of open-tube samples taken from 8ft. to 9ft. and 15ft. to 16ft. were sent to A.M.D.L. for gradings, and Atterberg Limits on fines. The results are given in appendix B.

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Norwood High School is situated on the Burnside Splinter which is a sliver of land 0.25 to 0.75 miles wide, partly separated from the Para Block by the concealed Burnside Fault. (Sprigg et al, 1951). In the Norwood area, the Burnside Splinter is probably 0.75 miles wide. The school lies about 0.25 miles east of the Burnside Fault, and about 0.5 miles west of the Eden Fault, which forms the eastern boundary of the Para Block.

The surface deposits in the Norwood area consist of Recent alluvial clays and sands, which are underlain by the Hindmarsh Clay (Pleistocene to Recent).

SITE GEOLOGY

Topography and Geology

Hole CH 1 is located on a flat, grass-covered area and there are no exposures of the underlying material. Geological observations are limited to the logged drill core (Appendix A), which is summarized in Table 1.

The thin covering of recent top soil is underlain by the Hindmarsh Clay which consists of red-brown, stiff to hard clay with gravel layers (CH/GC) and firm to hard calcareous silty clay (CL).

Groundwater

Water was cut at a depth of 40ft., in a bed of clayey gravel. The water appeared as a very slow seepage. The water rose to 39ft. but had fallen to 40ft. when drilling was finished. Although drilling was preceded by a period of heavy rainfall, it is likely that the water table would rise further towards the end of the winter season.

DISCUSSION

The Hindmarsh Clay consists mainly of stiff to hard clay soil. Between 38ft. and 49ft., the clays have a moisture greater content than, or equal to, plastic limit; but still have a stiff to very stiff consistency. Thin gravel layers have a high clay content and a similar consistency to the clays with which they are interbedded.

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF HOLE CH 1

DEPTH IN FT.	THICKNESS (FT.)	STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	LITHOLOGY	ENGINEER CONSISTENCY	RING PROPERTIES MOISTURE
				CONSISTENCI	CONTENT
0 to 2	2	Recent topsoil	CLAY SOIL (CH) dark red-brown	very stiff	less than plastic limit
			sandy, pebbly clay with plant roots.		
2 to 20	18	Hindmarsh Clay	CLAY SOIL (CH) red brown silty clay with scatt- ered pebbles; CLAY SOIL (CL) pale red-brown silty sandy calcareous clay.	stiff to very stiff; firm to hard	less than plastic limit
20 to 60	40	Hindmarsh Clay	CLAY SOIL (CH) red-brown silty clay with scatt- ered pebbles;	stiff to hard	Clay exceeds plastic limit between 38ft. and 49ft.
			thin layers of GRAVEL (GC) with excess clayey fines.		Clay approx. equal to plastic limit in rest of core.

Layers of very silty, calcareous clay occur between 4ft. and 19ft. These clays have a firm to hard consistency.

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APPENDIX A

Log of cable-tool hole, CH1,

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APPENDIX

LOGS OF CABLE TOOL HOLES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTES ON DRILLING PROCEDURES

Equipment

The drilling is carried out with a cable tool drilling plant using sampling tubes attached, through a vacuum head, to the sampling tools (Figs. 1 and 2).

Sampling Procedures S.A. Samples

To obtain, for logging purposes, an almost continuous series of samples, with a relatively small amount of sample disturbance, SA type samples are taken. These are obtained by driving an "S" tube, fitted with a Mark A shoe (Fig. 2), into the material to be sampled.

The assembly is lowered carefully to the bottom of the hole, and the tube driven exactly 1 foot, and the number of blows required for the 1 foot of penetration recorded.

The sample, or core, is extruded from the sampling tube using an hydraulic ram. The extruded core is sealed in a labelled plastic bag and stored in a core box (Fig. 3).

The hole is reamed with a "D" or "E" shoe (Fig. 2) and then the next sample is taken, using the same procedure as above. Thus the hole proceeds by alternate sampling, reaming (and where required, casing) operations, and the samples form a continuous record of the materials penetrated except for a few inches which may be lost between samples during reaming operations.

SA sampling equipment is a composite sampler for simple class sampling. Details are as follows:-

"S" SERIES CUTTING SHOES

MARK	FEATURES	USES
A	Inside clearance 3%. Area Ratio 33%.	Continuous open-tube sampling in strong soils, in which it causes little deformation. Samples extruded and used for logging purposes. Hole is reamed after each sample.
D .	Shoe belled out to 4,29/32 in. (just greater than outside dia. of vacuum head)	Continuous open tube sampling where considerable deformation of sample is permissible. Essentially self-reaming.

MARK FEATURES USES

Shoe belled out to 5 7/16 in. (just less than internal dia. of 6 in casing)

E

Cleaning hole and reaming out hole.

Sealed Tube (LB) Samples

Sealed tube samples, for laboratory testing, are taken at various intervals during drilling. These are obtained by driving an "L" type sampling tube with a Mark B cutting shoe (Fig. 4) a distance of 1 foot into the material to be sampled.

Before the sample is taken the hole is cleaned out to the depth specified. The hole is not reamed or cased for at least 1 foot from the bottom, however, because these operations can cause considerable disturbance in the soil below. The sampling assembly is lowered carefully to the bottom of the hole, the sampling tube driven exactly 1 foot, and the number of blows recorded.

The sample is sealed in the tube by inserting in each end, plastic seals with rubber sealing rings, and the tube is then labelled and stored in a Laboratory Sample Box.

LB sampling equipment is a composite sampler for obtaining samples with the least possible disturbance. Details are as follows:

Sampler tube -ASSAB tube cadmium plated "L" type 4.016 in I.D. 4.282 in O.D.

Mark B shoe - ASSAB tube, heat treated, cadmium plated Area ratio 15%
Inside clearance - mil 0.4%
Outside clearance - nil Cutting edge angle - 7

Standard Penetration Test

The Standard Penetration Test (Terzaghi et al 1948) is used to test the in-situ density of sands and to give an indication of the consistency of clays, and compactness of silts. However the test results can be affected by several geological factors such as degree of cementation, and size and shape of grains. These factors should be taken into account in interpretation of results.

The equipment is illustrated in Fig. 5 and consists of a 2in. diameter, sampling spoon (tube) and a hammer of standard weight (140 lbs).

With the equipment assembled as in Fig. 5 the hammer is allowed to fall on to the drill rods until the sampling shoe has penetrated 6 in. into the soil. The Standard Penetration Test is the number of blows (N) required to produce the next foot of penetration.

NOTES ON DRILL LOG SHEETS

The logs are plotted on a standard cable-tool log form.

Near the centre of the form a graphic log of the materials encountered is shown.

In the column to the right of the graphic log, the soils are classified and described according to the Unified Soil Classification (U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation 1966) as shown on Figure 6.

To the left of the graphic log is a geological description of the materials sampled. This includes:-

Water levels are indicated by a small arrow with the date at which the observation was made.

.....Organic materials

In the blows per foot column, a continuous histogram is made of the number of blows required to drive the sampling tube through each foot of material. A hatching code is used to distinguish various types of sample. This code is reproduced at the bottom of each log sheet.

In the column on the far right of the log sheet, readings of unconfined compressive strength (qu) made with a Soiltest Penetrometer, are recorded. The readings are plotted as a histogram. The Soiltest Penetrometer only gives true values of qu when used in clays in which $\emptyset = 0$.

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DESCRIPTIVE TERMS

1. CLAY SOILS

		CONSI	STENCY
CONSISTENCY	SYMBOL	UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (kg/sq. cm)	FIELD TEST N
Very Soft	v.s.	less than 0.25	Easily penetrated several 2 inches by fist.
Soft	S	0.25 to 0.5	Easily penetrated several 2 to a inches by thumb.
Firm	F	0.5 to 1.0	Can be penetrated several 4 to 8 inches by thumb with moderate effort.
Stiff	St	1.0 to 2.0	Readily indented by the 8 to 1 thumb but penetrated only with great effort
Very Stiff	V.St.	2.0 to 4.0	Readily indented by thumb 15 to 3
Hard (Extremely	H	over 4.0	Indented with difficulty 30 and by thumb nail.

Pased partly on Terzaghi, K. and Peck. R.B. 1966. Soil Mechanics in Engineer ing Practice, Wiley - New York.

MOISTURE CONTENT

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MC	~	LL ·	Moisture Content near liquid limit.	
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MC	>	\mathbf{PL}	greater than plastic limit.	
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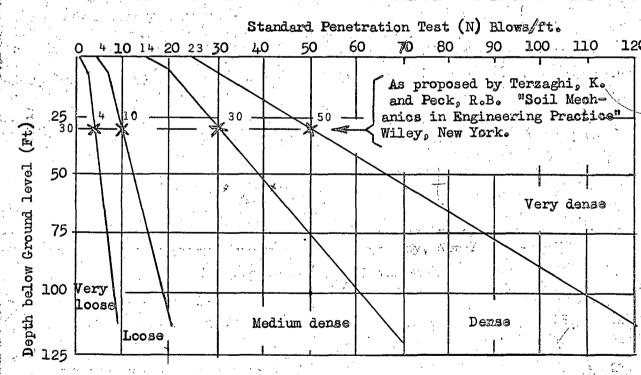
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Moderately compact	MC	8 to 15
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Very Compact	AC	greater than 30

SANDS

CLASSIFICATION OF SANDS BY STANDARD PENETRATION TEST

The relative density of granular soils has been judged from the results of Standard Penetration Tests carried out by the procedure described by Terzaghi and Peck (1948) bearing in mind the limitations of the method as discussed by Gibbs and Holtz (1957). At all times the water in the drill hole was kept at the level of surrounding groundwater.

EFFECT OF OVERBURDEN PRESSURE ON STANDARD PENETRATION TEST

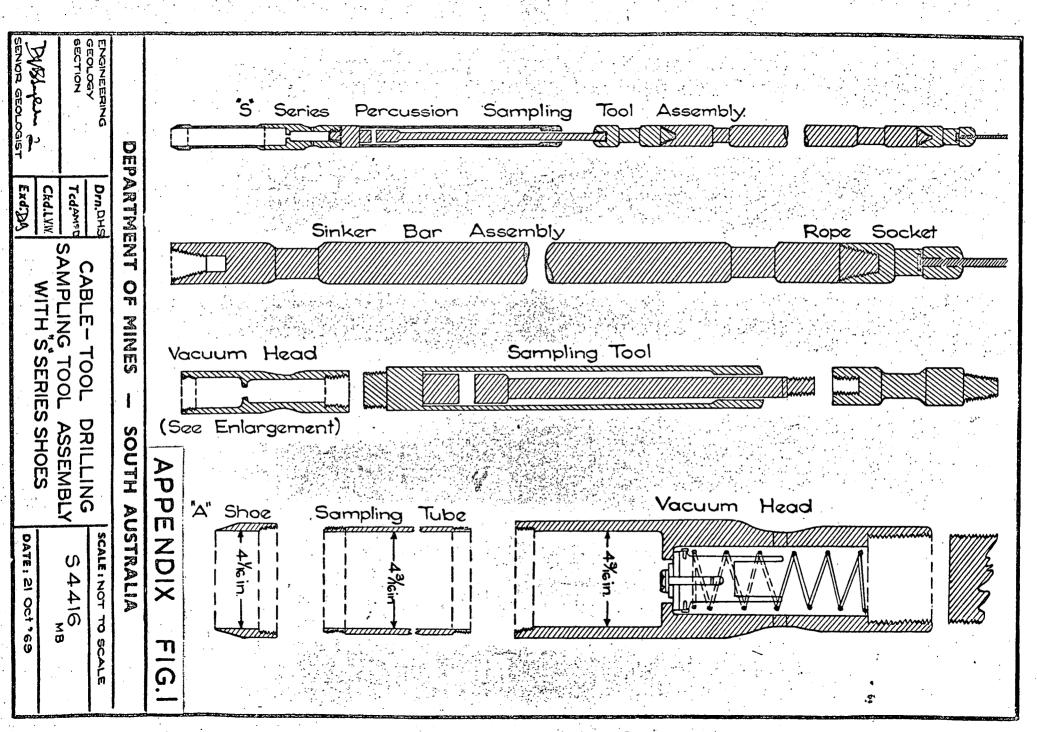


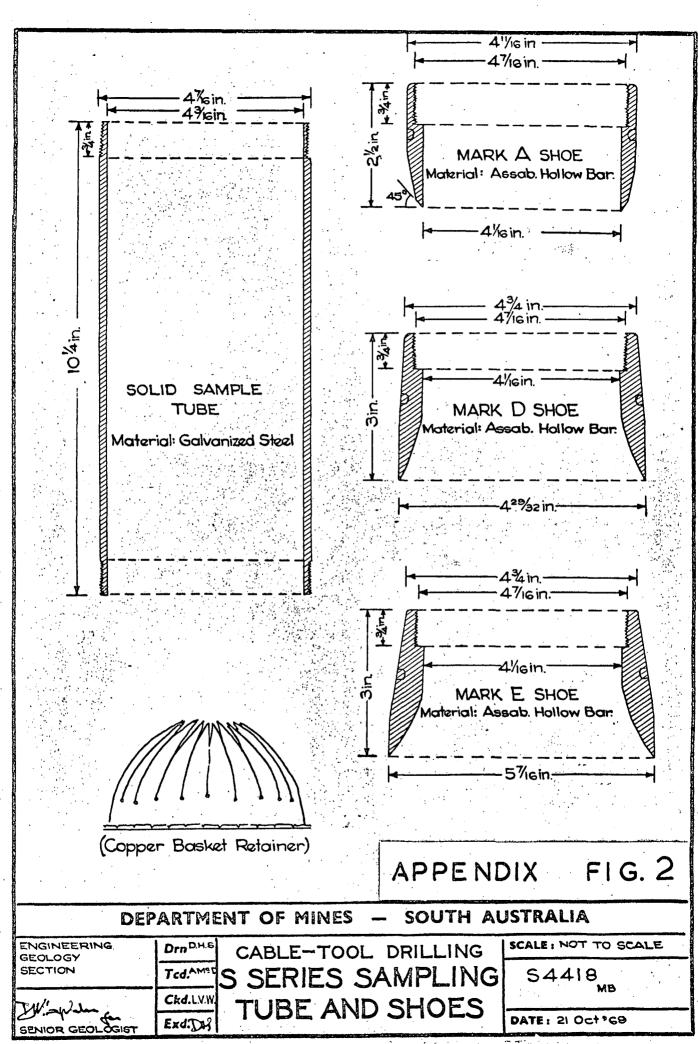
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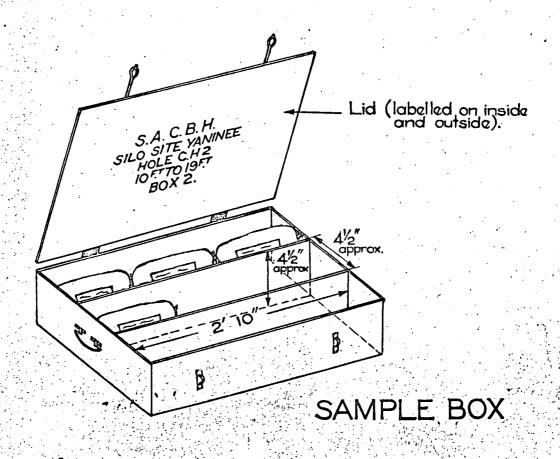
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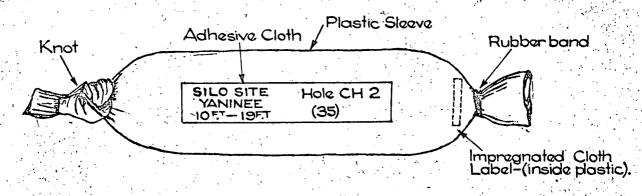
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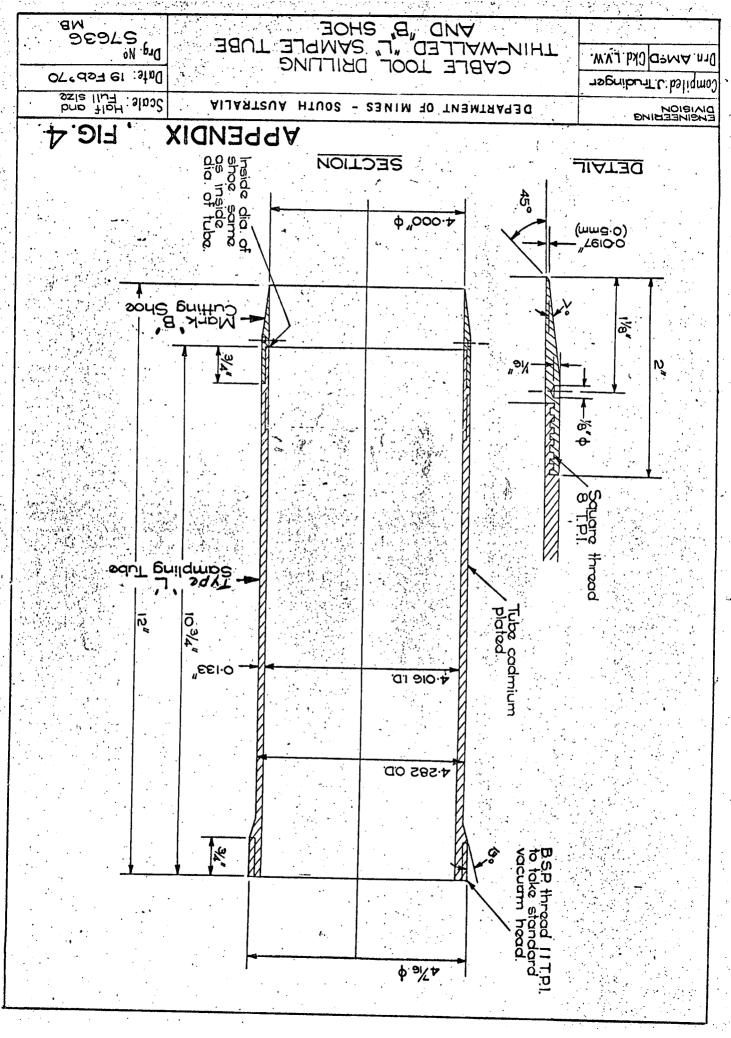


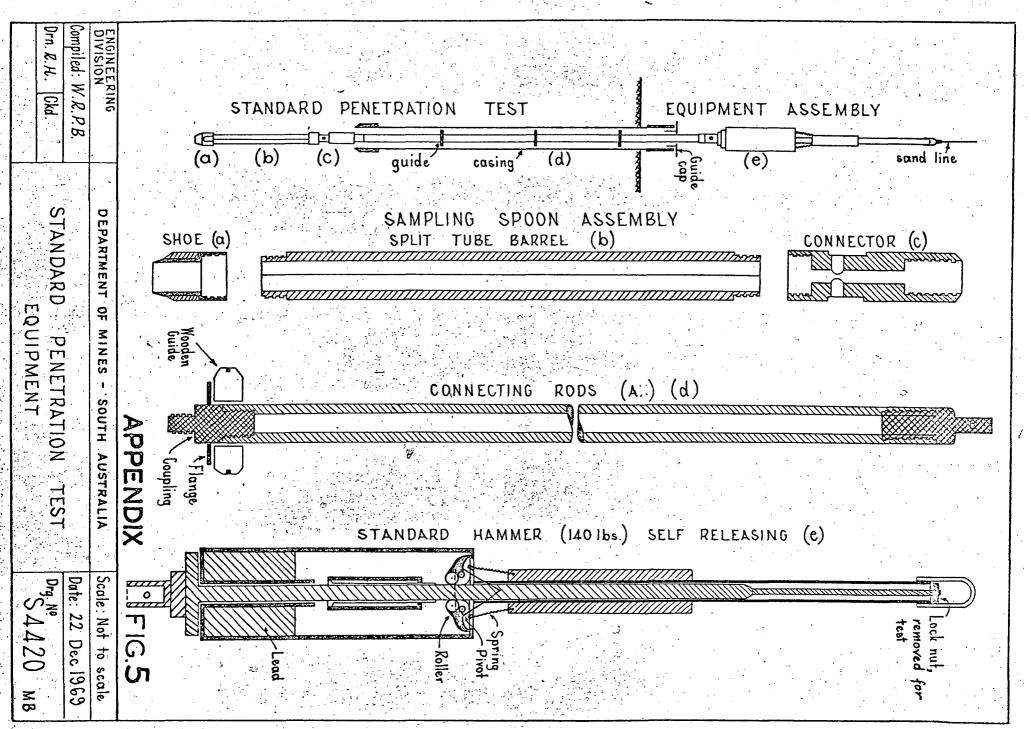




EXTRUDED SAMPLE SEALED IN PLASTIC SLEEVE.

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S	GRAVELS More than 50% of the	Little or no	Predominantly o Some intermedia			e of size	is, with	GP	GRAVEL, poorly graded; gravel sand mixtures, little or no fines.	SANIES SA	Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW	
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GRAI 50% of mc S. sieve	j	Cast fragile to a material will ad somewhat to the	Cohesive Soft, weak thread hand	None to very dull	Slight to distinct	Decayed organic matter	Low	OL	ORGANIC SOIL low plasticity; organic silts and silt clays of low plasticity	SIS A 20	ОН	
N C B	SUTS	Moderately plasti cohesive. Materi adheres somewh	ic and Weak to medium thread. May be not to the crumbly.	Dull	None to slight	Not significan	Moderate Powdered soil feels floury	мн	SILT SOIL, high plasticity; inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils elastic silts.	A N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	CL OL OR MH	,
FI ore than	I Liquia limit i	Very plastic and tve. Material var to the hand. Gre	cohes- Sticky Can be rolled to a pin point. Story down thread very glossy None Strong earthy high Cannot be powdered by finger pressure		сн	CLAY SOIL, high plasticity; inorganic clays of high plasticity, for clays	7	ML ML 80 50 60 70 80 90 10	00			
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HIGHLY	GHLY ORGANIC SOILS Readily identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture.		Pi of	PEATY SOIL; Peat and other highly organic soils	FO	R LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION OF FINE GRAINED SOILS						

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FIG.6

APPENDIX B

Amdel Report



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A32/71

31 May 1971

The Technical Information Officer
Department of Mines
Rundle Street Post Office, Box 38
ADELAIDE SA 5000

REPORT: ME 5066/71

YOUR REFERENCE:

Application dated 19 May 1971

MATERIAL:

Clay.

LOCALITY:

Hundred of Adelaide N.H.S.

IDENTIFICATION:

CE1 A193/71, CH1 A194/71

DATE RECEIVED:

20 May 1971

WORK REQUIRED:

Sieve analysis and Atterberg limits

Investigation and Report by: C. Biggs, G. Rold and R.B. Chiscold

Officer in Charge,

Mineral Engineering Section:

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for F.R. Hartley - Director

PROCEDURE

Two samples of clay were received for sieve analysis and Atterberg limit determinations. The samples were broken up, then dried in a low temperature oven and representative portions of each obtained by riffling for the sizing and Atterberg limit determinations.

The sizing analyses on each sample after initially wet splitting on 200 mesh BSS and rescreening the dried plus 200 mesh fraction, using a Pascal Inclyno Sieve Shaker for 15 minutes are shown in Table 1.

The plus 36 mesh BSS material was removed by hand screening from each of the samples for Atterberg limit determinations on the minus 36 mesh fraction as specified in British Standard 1377.

The results are shown in Table 2 and Figures 1 and 2. All samples were disposed of as instructed.

Results were phoned to Mr P. Rogers on 28 May 1971 as instructed.

Sample No. Depth (ft.)
A 193/71 8 to 9
A 194/71 15 to 16

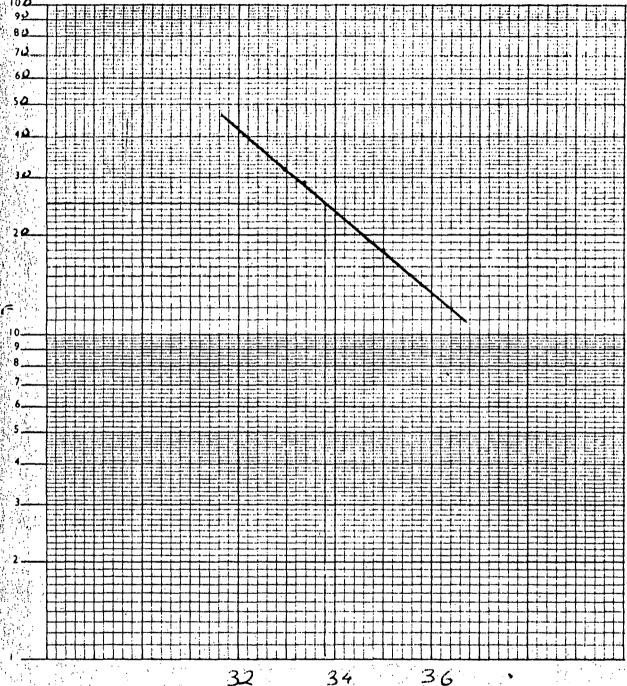
Table i

Micron (Equivalent	Cumulative	% Passing
Size	Mesh BS	A 193/71	A 194/71
420	36	94.44	96.68
300	52	93.12	95.38
150	. 100	90.43	92.33
75	200	84.35	85.66

Table 2

Sample	Liquid	Plastic	Plasticity
Number	Limit	Limit	Index
A 193/71	33.8	15.8	18.0
A 194/71	34.2	15.3	18.9

1/2/0 - 5066/71 SAMPLE: A 193/71



% MOISTURE CONTENT

MP .0331 SEW-100, 2 GYCLES & ho wor

LIQUID LIMIT 338

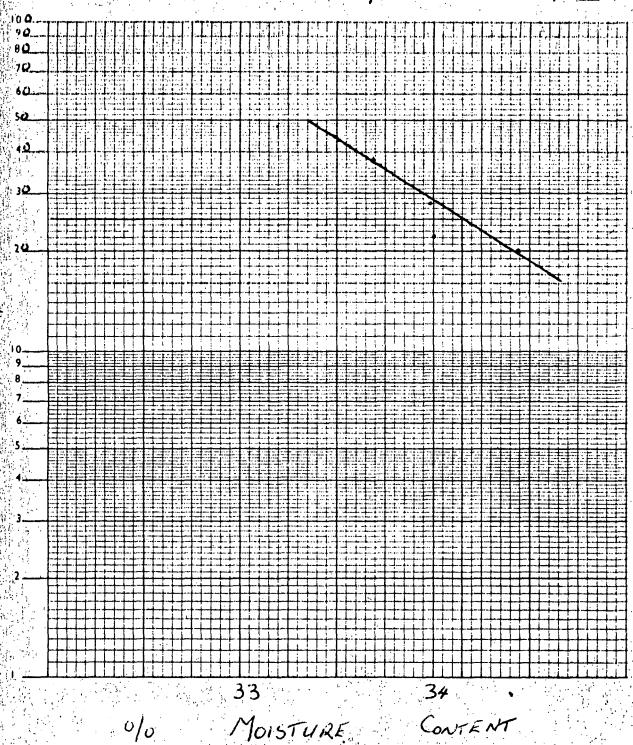
PLASTIC LIMIT 158

TRASTICITY INDEX 18.0

1/2/0 - 5066/71

SAMPLE: A 194/71

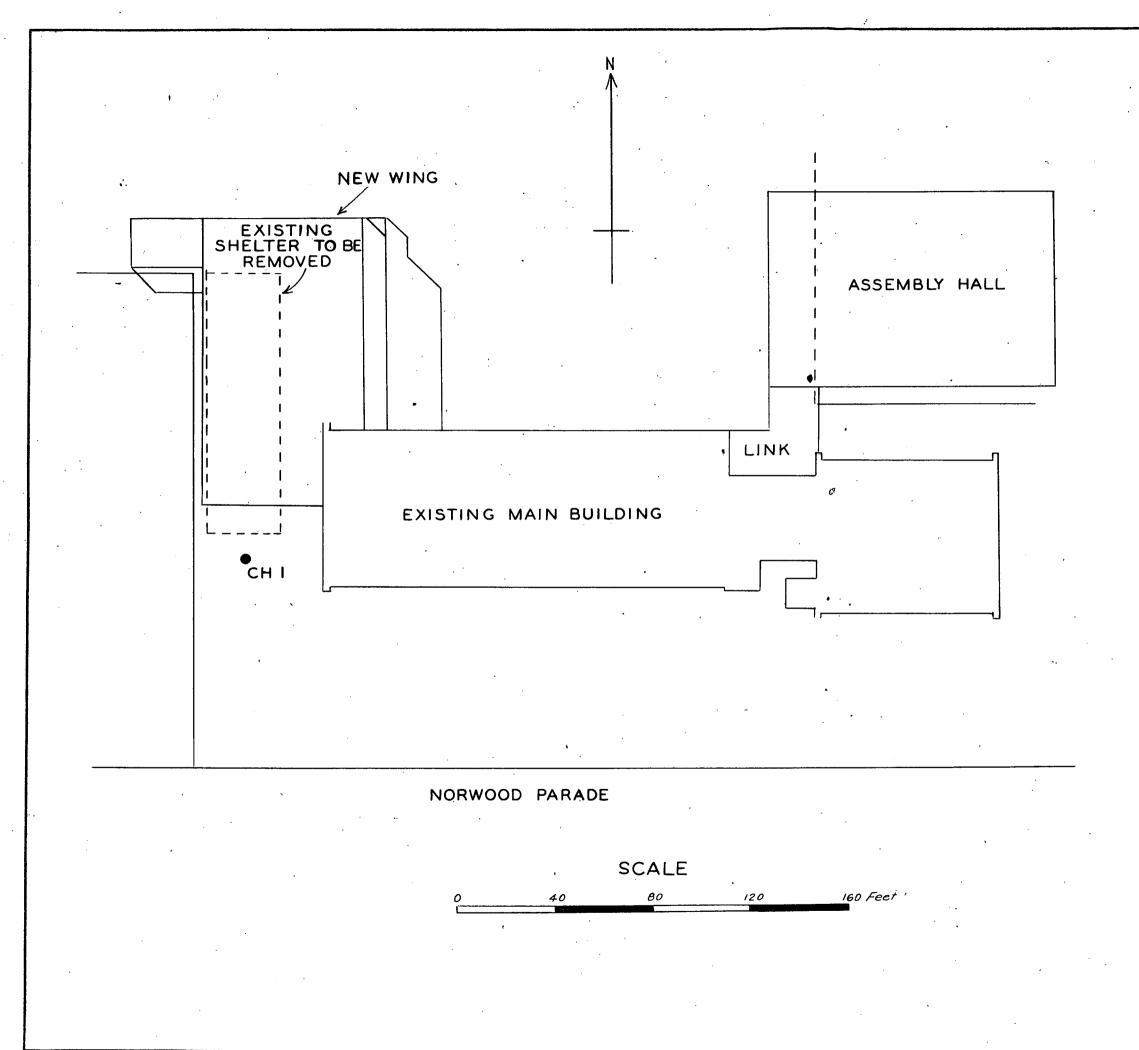
Fig II



TAPS

REASTIC LIMIT 34.2

PLASTICITY INDEX 18 9



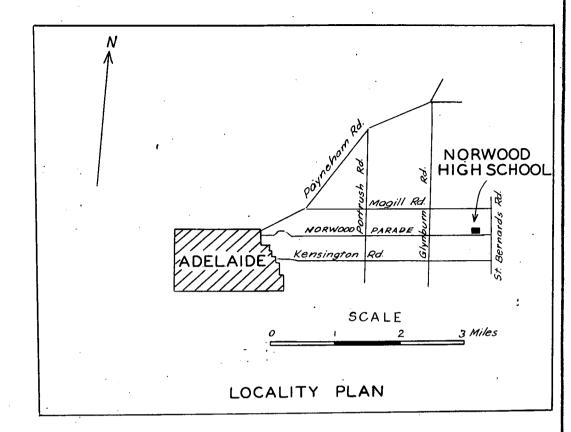


FIG. I

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