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KINGS BLUFF

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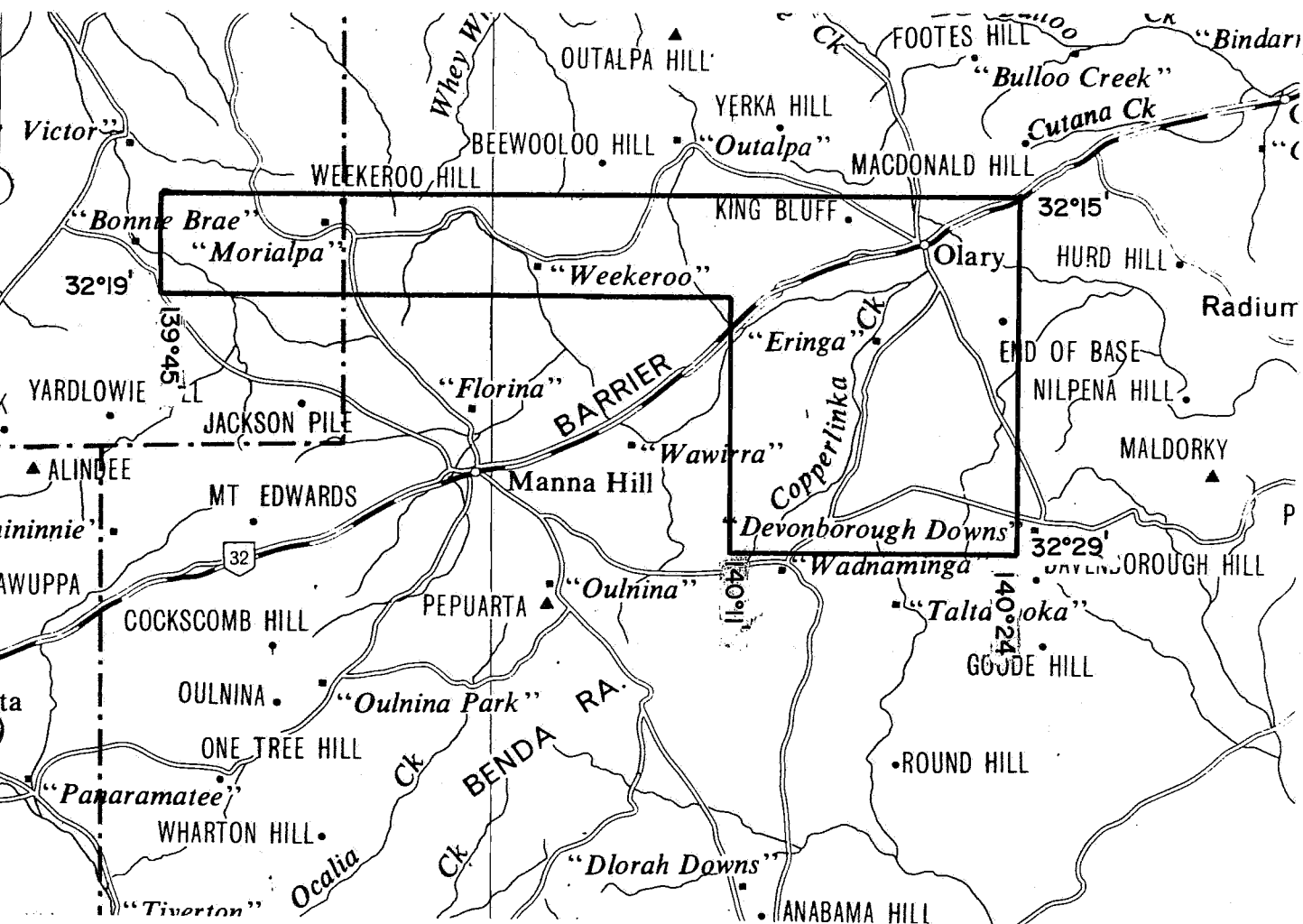
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SCHEDULE A



SCALE 1:500,000

KILOMETRES 10 0 10 20 30 40 50 KILOMETRES

APPLICANT: C.R.A. EXPLORATION PTY LTD

DM: 319/79

AREA: 830

square kilometres

1:250 000 PLANS: OLARY

LOCALITY: OLARY

DATE GRANTED: 13.11.79

DATE EXPIRED: 13.11.80

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February 1980

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EL 550 - Kings Bluff, SA
Report for the Quarter Ended 12 February 1980

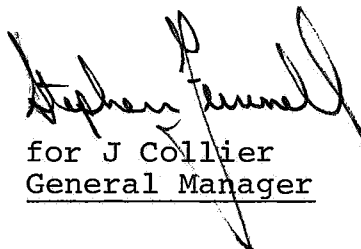
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Exploration since the granting of this licence has in-
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significant gold mineralisation.

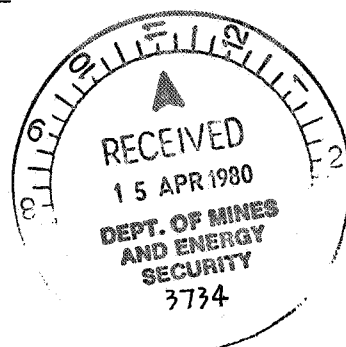
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Salaries and wages	\$1994
General supplies	1503
Vehicles	1149
Travel and accommodation	880
General overheads	859
	<u>\$6385</u>

Yours faithfully,


for J Collier
General Manager

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FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT ON
KINGS BLUFF E.L. 550, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
FOR PERIOD ENDING 12.2.80

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DATE: 24.3.1980

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1. ABSTRACT

Initial investigations of prospective horizons within E.L. 550 have proved negative. Likewise, examination of old workings within the Exploration Licence has not delineated any prospects for further exploration. Relinquishment will be recommended in a Final Report.

2. INTRODUCTION

E.L. 550 was applied for on 11th May, 1979 and granted on 13th November, 1979.

The Tarcowie Siltstone and Waukaringa Siltstone units were examined for their stratabound gold potential.

Old gold workings have been examined and assessed.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 No prospects have been defined.

3.2 Relinquishment will be recommended in a Final Report. //

4. INVESTIGATIONS

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The Tarcowie siltstone and Waukaringa Siltstone units have been examined for stratabound gold mineralisation potential. All observed stratabound veins were found to be thin, milky quartz and discontinuous.

Old workings have been examined at Kings Bluff, Eringa Mine and Copperlinka Mine. Veins were found to be too thin, too poorly mineralised and/or too steeply dipping to be of economic interest.

Full details of work undertaken will appear in the Final (Relinquishment) Report.


T.E. MAYER

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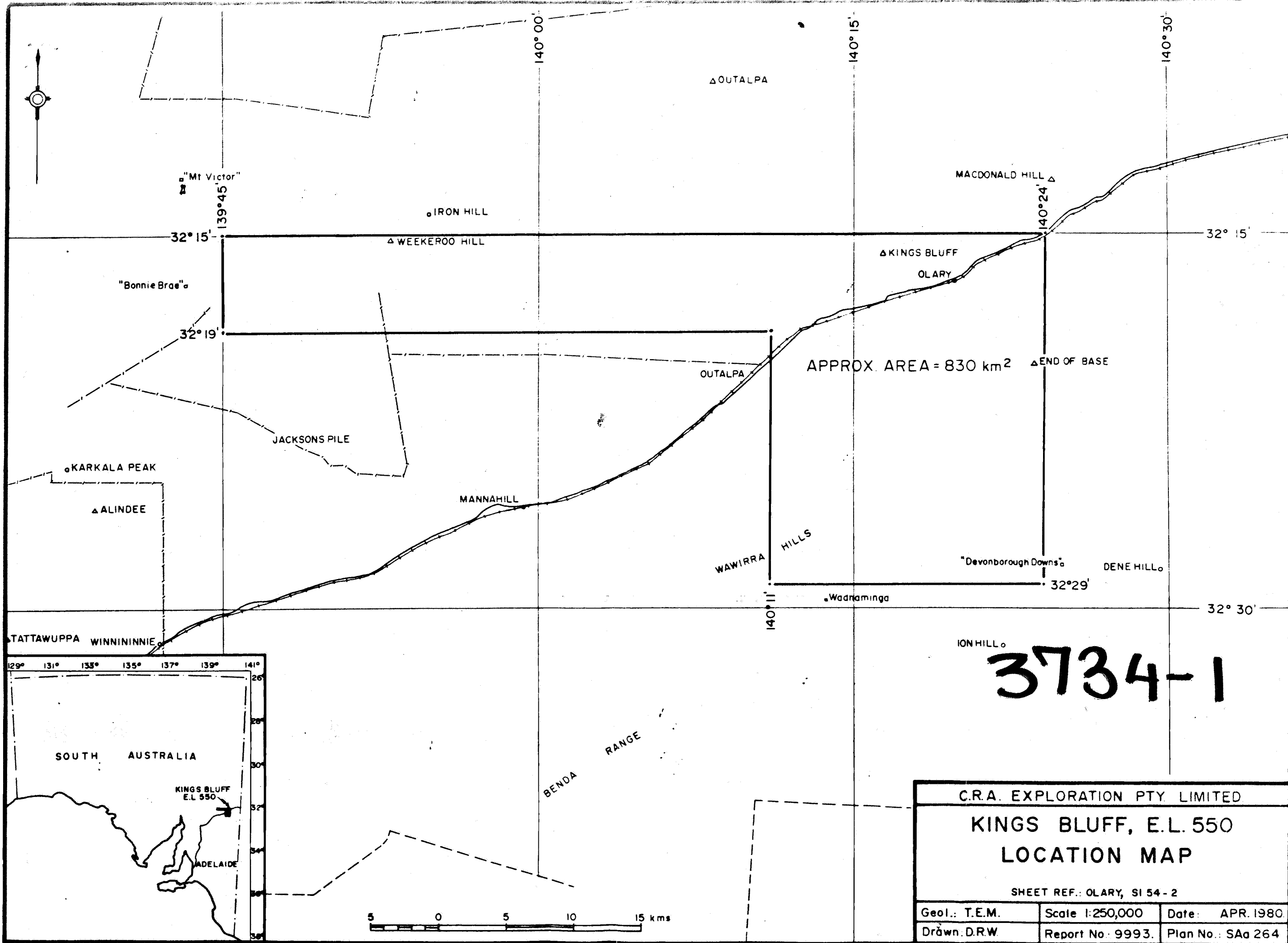
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LOCATION

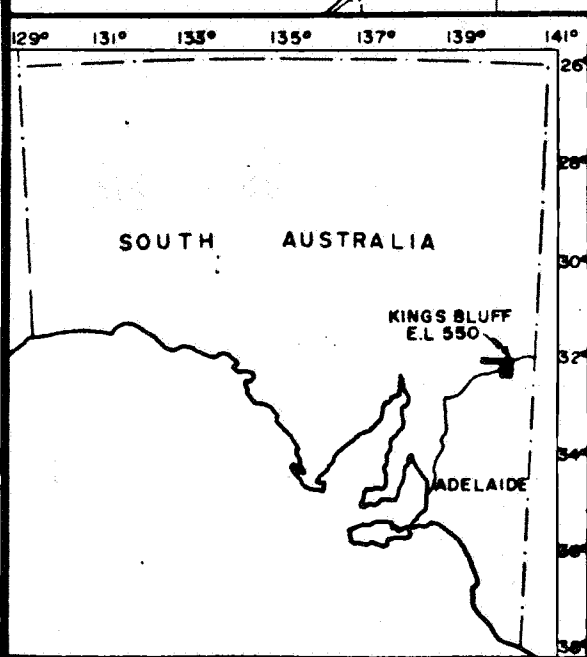
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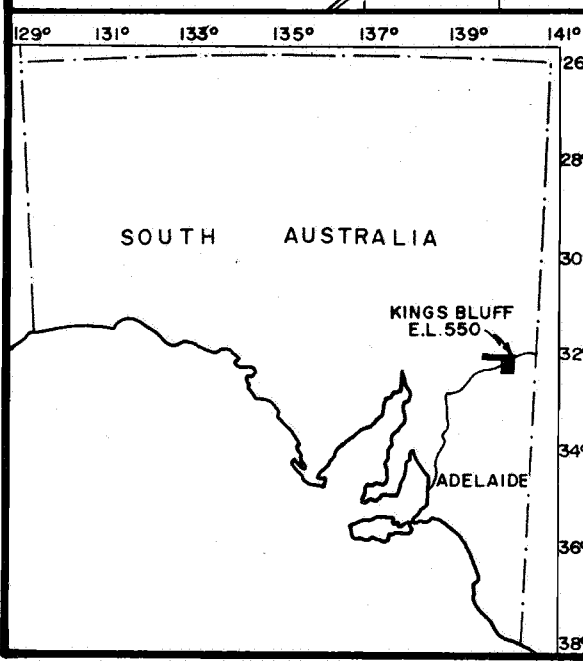
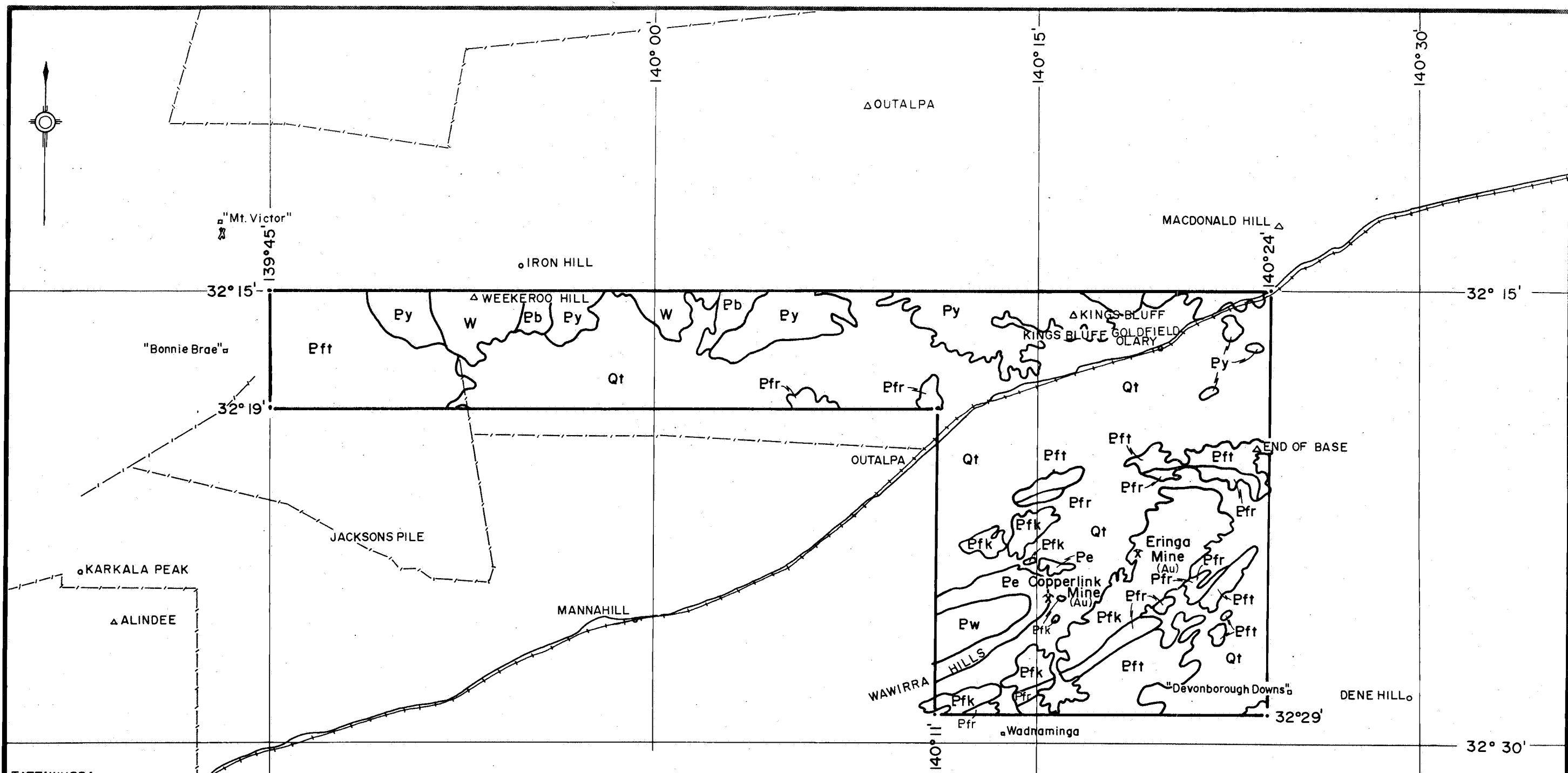
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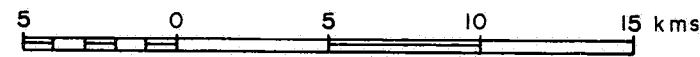
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KINGS BLUFF, E.L. 550 LOCATION MAP		
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- LEGEND.**
- Qt** Quaternary alluvium & low angle slope deposits.
 - Pw** Wilpena Group. Grampus Quartzite.
 - Pfk** Waukaranga Siltstone. Blue-grey well-laminated siltstone.
 - Pfr** Tarcowie Siltstone. Grey-green siltstone & minor sandstone.
 - Pft** Tapley Hill Fm. Flaggy laminated blue-grey siltstone.
 - Py** Yudnamutana Sub-group. (Lower glacial sequence). Sandstone, siltstone, tillite.
 - Pb** Burra Group. Sandstone, siltstone, dolomite.
 - W** Undifferentiated Basement rocks of the Willyama Complex.



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Preliminary Geology		
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Final Report

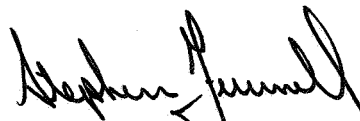
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T E Mayer entitled "Final Report on Kings Bluff EL 550,
South Australia", dated 31 March, 1980.

Exploration failed to detect indications of gold bearing
targets of sufficient tonnage to warrant continuation of
this programme.

Final expenditure on EL 550 amounted to \$7829 comprising:

Salaries and Wages	\$2723
General Supplies	1648
Vehicles	1291
Travel and Accommodation	880
General Overheads	<u>1287</u>
	<u>\$7829</u>

Yours faithfully,



for J Collier
General Manager

C.R.A. EXPLORATION PTY. LIMITEDFINAL REPORT ON
KINGS BLUFF E.L. 550, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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1. ABSTRACT

Gold mineralisation with potential for mining by open cast^e method was sought. Regionally, fold closures and areas of shallow dip were examined for the presence of suitable stratabound mineralised veins. Old workings were investigated at Kings Bluff, Eringa and Copperlinka. No suitable prospects were defined.

Relinquishment is recommended.

2. INTRODUCTION

Kings Bluff E.L. 550 was applied for on May 11, 1979, and granted on November 13, 1979.

The Tarcowie Siltstone and Waukaringa Siltstone units were examined for their potential to host stratabound gold-mineralised-quartz veins suitable for mining by open cast^e method. Stratabound mineralised veins occur within these units in the adjacent E.L. 530 at Waukaringa, Ajax and Mannahill Goldfield. Investigations were confined to regions of relatively shallow dip, principally major fold closures.

Old gold workings at Kings Bluff, Eringa and Copperlinka were also examined and their potential assessed.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Rock outcrop is better than was anticipated.

3.1.1 Subsequently the potential for hidden stratabound veins is reduced.

3.2 Shallow-dipping stratabound quartz veins do occur within the Tarcowie Siltstone and Waukaringa Siltstone units, notably in the vicinity of the synclinal closure near Hogan's Dam on Eringa Park Station.

3.2.1 All observed stratabound veins were thin, milky quartz, and discontinuous along strike.

3.2.2 These veins offer little potential for further exploration.

3.3 No suitable gold prospects have been defined at any of the old gold workings examined.

3.4 Relinquishment is recommended.

4. GEOLOGY

Apart from a bilobal region of outcropping gneisses and schists of the Willyama Complex with onlapping Burra Group and Yudnamutana Sub-group sediments which occurs from north of Weekeroo to west of Morialpa, and another small area of Willyama Complex rocks to the northeast of Kings Bluff, much of E.L. 550 consists of gently south-west plunging, open-folded Umberatana Group sediments. Overlying Wilpena Group sediments, (Ulupa Siltstone), are found west of Copperlinka.

A generally thin cover of quarternary gravels, sand, soils and ubiquitous calcrete is variably superimposed on the above geology.

5. INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 Regional Reconnaissance

The Tarcowie Siltstone and Waukaringa Siltstone units which elsewhere host stratabound gold-mineralised veins, (i.e. at Waukaringa, Ajax, and Mannahill Goldfield), were examined in order to ascertain the potential for stratabound gold mineralisation within E.L. 550. Investigations were concentrated on areas of relatively shallow dip, particularly fold closures.

It was noted that the amount of outcrop was better than had been anticipated at the commencement of the programme. Quartz veins were easily located, since they were often found to be outcropping and/or marked by concentrations of quartz float. Consequently, the potential for the existence hidden veins of significant thickness is greatly reduced.

Stratabound quartz veins were examined within the area of investigation. Typical veins occur near Hogan's Dam and Reilly's Dam on Eringa Park Station. The veins are inevitably thin, (maximum thickness is forty centimetres), consisting of milky white quartz only, and are discontinuous along strike (less than 100 metres strike extent).

No further exploration is recommended.

5.2 Kings Bluff Goldfield

The goldfield is located seven kilometres west of Olary, south of Outalpa road. Thin, vertically dipping quartz veins have been mined within a feldspathic blocky quartzite. The quartz veins are transgressive and probably relate to tension joints of a broad shallow dipping anticline. Many of the workings are confined to the base of this 20 metre thick quartzite which forms a prominent scarp

and dip slope. The footwall consists of sericitic siltstone and psammitic rocks. Sericite is common. A pebble conglomerate crops out in places, (Appendix I).

The frequency and size of quartz veins could not be bulked into a large tonnage - low grade deposit. Plan No. SAa 415 is a sketch map of the area inspected.

5.3 Eringa Mine

Workings at Eringa Mine consist of two shafts approximately 150 metres apart, sunk on a quartz vein which strikes towards 040° mag. The vein can be traced for approximately 400 metres south-west from the main shaft which is the more south-westerly of the two shafts. The vein, where mineralised, consists of quartz, goethite and hematite with some malachite and azurite and trace amounts of gold. Mineralisation is confined to the vicinity of the main shaft which appears to be about fifteen metres deep with a (probably short) drive to the south-west. Maximum vein thickness is approximately one metre. The vein dips steeply, (approximately 85° to the north-west). North-east and south-west of the main shaft the vein consists predominantly of white quartz.

The second shaft has collapsed and the dump consists entirely of siltstone.

The host rock to the vein is a siltstone (Waukaringa Siltstone) which dips 45° towards the northwest.

The thinness of the vein, the steep dip, and the negligible gold content (a picked specimen from dump assayed 1.33 p.p.m. only), combine to make Eringa Mine unprospective.

Plan No. SAa 416 is a sketch plan of the area inspected.

5.4 Copperlinka Mine

Copperlinka Mine is situated in the closure of a regional syncline.

Workings at Copperlinka consist of several shafts, declines and small pits over an interval of approximately 300 metres. Many of the old workings have collapsed. One decline was examined underground. Mineralisation occurs in a brecciated quartz-goethite-hematite vein which appears to be stratabound, the vein dipping 21° to the west. Maximum thickness is approximately 1.2 metres but this was observed to thin very rapidly down dip and was also seen to thin along strike.

The footwall consists of siltstone and dolomitic siltstone striking towards 173° mag. and dipping 21° west. The hanging wall consists of a thin quartzite bed, (approximately two

metres thick), overlain by a siltstone unit, (approximately fifteen metres thick), which is in turn overlain by an extensive quartzite unit, (Grampus Quartzite). Tillite outcrop was observed stratigraphically below the mine, which is thus tentatively stratigraphically assigned to a siltstone facies of the Pepuarta Tillite just below the base of the Grampus Quartzite.

It is considered that the mineralised vein is, in general, too thin to be of economic interest.

T.E. Mayer

T.E. MAYER

KEYWORDS

Gold, quartz veins, stratabound, Tarcowie Siltstone,
Waukaringa Siltstone

LOCATION

Olary SI 54-2

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 Kings Bluff Goldfield

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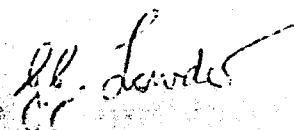
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KINGS BLUFF GOLDFIELD

Report No.: 79/80

5th September, 1979

For: C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd.



G. G. LOWDER
Consulting Petrologist

Sample No.

222222

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Rock Type

Pebble conglomerate with phyllitic and schistose provenance

Hand Specimen

A weathered, pebbly rock, generally pale brown, but with darker and lighter pebbles. Most of the pebbles are quite flat and show strong parallel orientation which represents bedding.

Thin Section

This is a coarsely clastic sedimentary rock which consists mostly of pebble-sized lithic fragments. These are nearly all lenticular or disc-shaped and range up to 15 mm length in the section. They are generally tightly packed and oriented with long axes parallel. For reasons explained below, this preferred orientation represents bedding rather than metamorphic foliation.

Most lithic fragments consist of well defined, low grade metamorphic rock, grading from fine, massive sericite schist or phyllite, through quartz-sericite schist to slightly coarser grained quartz-muscovite schist. Graphite is present in moderate to abundant amounts in some fragments and in a number of cases supergene kaolin has replaced mica. Degraded biotite may be present in certain clasts, but widespread supergene limonite staining makes this uncertain. Strong micaceous foliation is present in most fragments and is generally parallel to the long axes. However, there is distinct though minor variation in degree and orientation of foliation between adjacent fragments, and some show strain-slip cleavage. These features indicate that the micaceous foliation is inherited from the metamorphic source rocks. The presence of cleavage is responsible for clastic grain shape and parallel alignment of the fragments represents bedding. Strongly oxidised opaque matter is present in many of the lithic clasts and a noteworthy feature is an unusual abundance of accessory tourmaline.

Apart from the schistose clasts the rock contains a number of quartzite pebbles. There are also several relatively large (up to 3 mm) grains of deformed quartz. Some of these are clasts in their own right, but most are contained within pebbles of schist or quartzite, in a manner suggesting relict porphyritic or pyroclastic texture. A few large grains of muscovite occur either singly or intergrown with quartz. The cementing matrix of the rock is largely finely granular quartz with limonite along grain boundaries.

Lithologically this rock may be described as pebble conglomerate with moderately well sorted clasts derived from a low grade metamorphic provenance. Origin of the phyllitic and schistose source rocks is obviously more obscure, but possible relict pyroclastic or porphyritic texture suggests that they may have included regionally metamorphosed acid volcanic rocks, and the presence of graphite indicates carbonaceous pelites.

APPENDIX II



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APPENDIX II

Memorandum to : D.R. Kennedy
Copy : T.E. Mayer
From : T.F. McConachy

KINGS BLUFF GOLDFIELD - GOLD ASSAYS

Gold assays were received for six rock samples collected from Kings Bluff Goldfield, Olary. Only hand picked iron stained, dog tooth quartz returned appreciable gold of 2.93 ppm. Vertically dipping, narrow quartz veins are barren. The host feldspathic quartzite contains 0.08 ppm gold which is probably the source for gold in larger quartz veins.

The results reconfirm my initial impression that the area offers little scope for exploration. The attached sketch map shows approximate sample locations.

T.F. McConachy

Attachment :

Kick Chip Ledger.

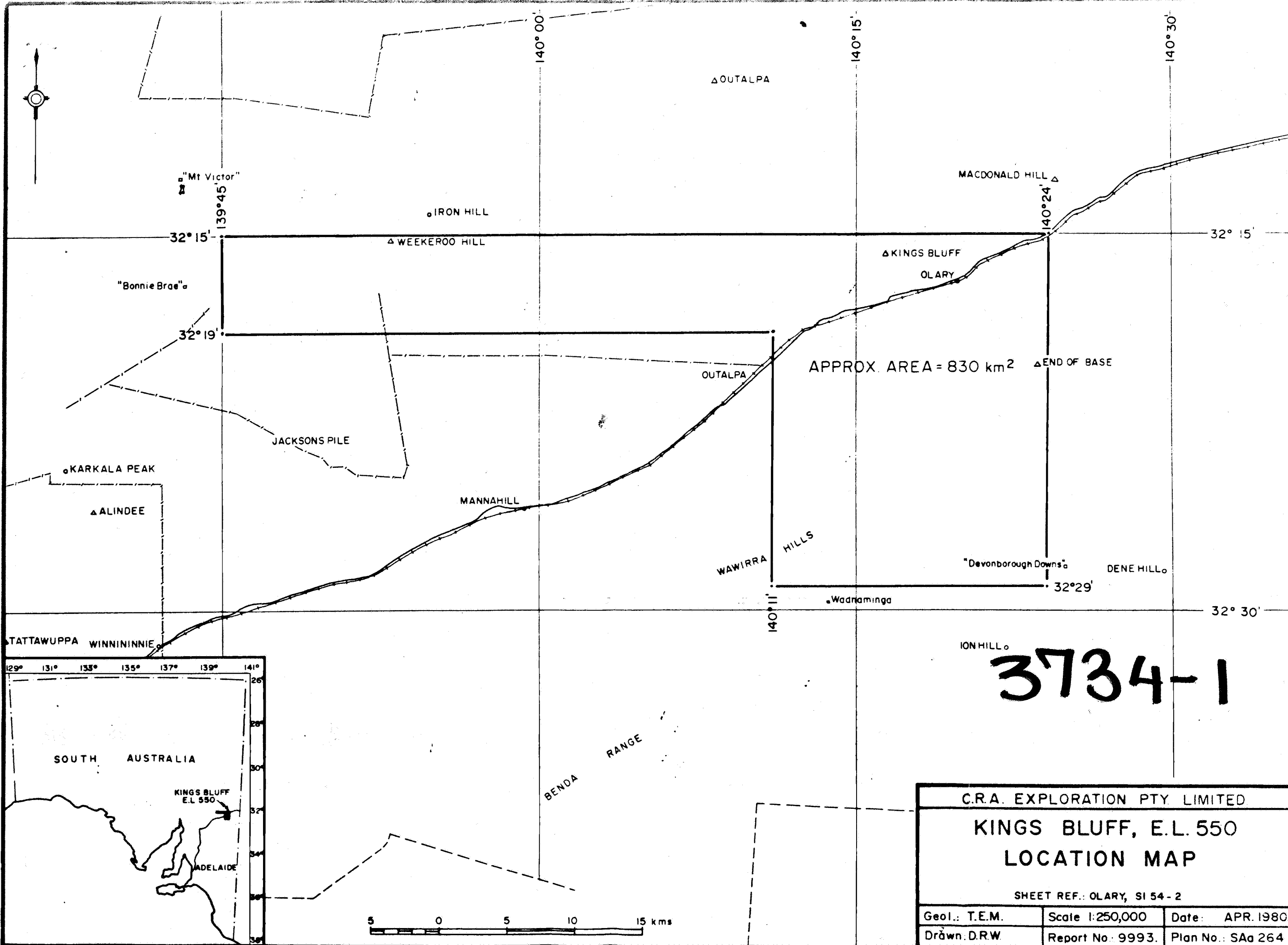
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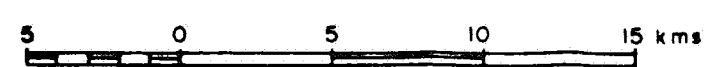
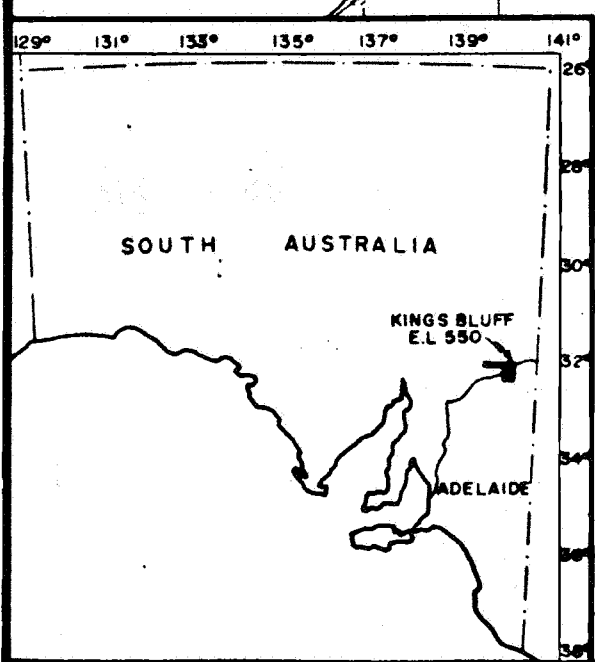
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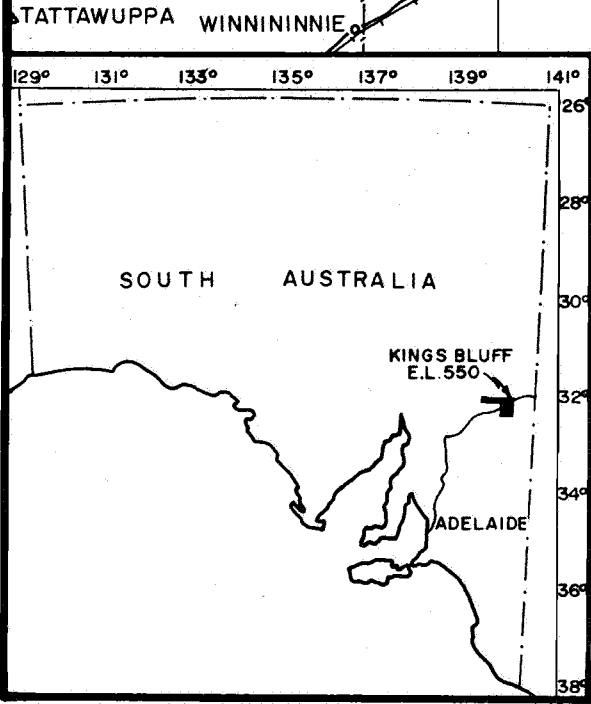
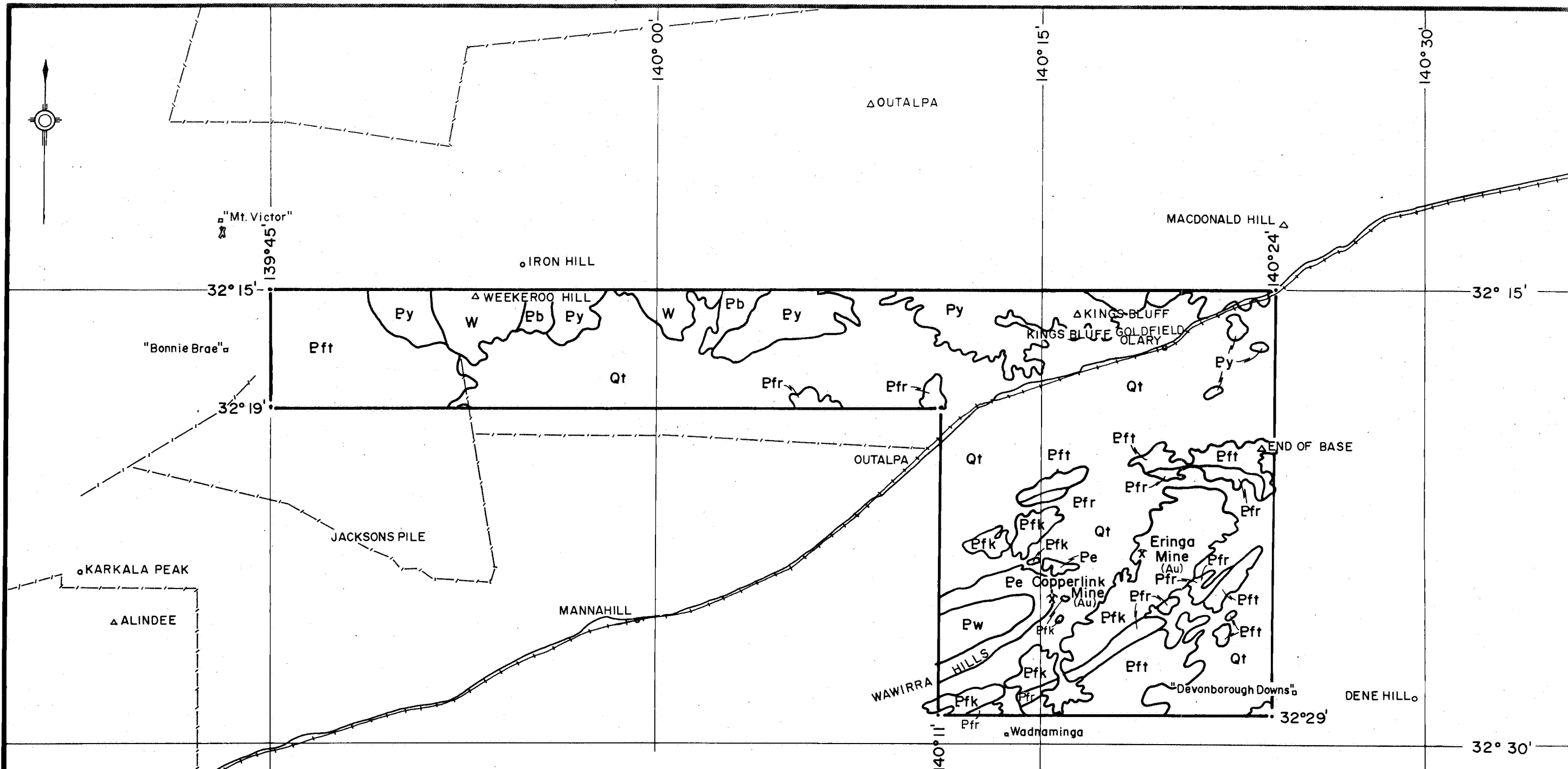
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19	0.04							sericitic rock &
20	0.04							4cm wide @ qz vein in feldspathic quartzite
21	0.04							2cm wide qz vein & minor Fe staining
22	0.04							sedimentary breccia - petrographic significance.
23	2.93							hand picked Fe stnd rough qz & ferromagnetic crystals, greenish in color



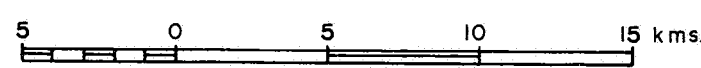
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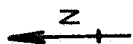


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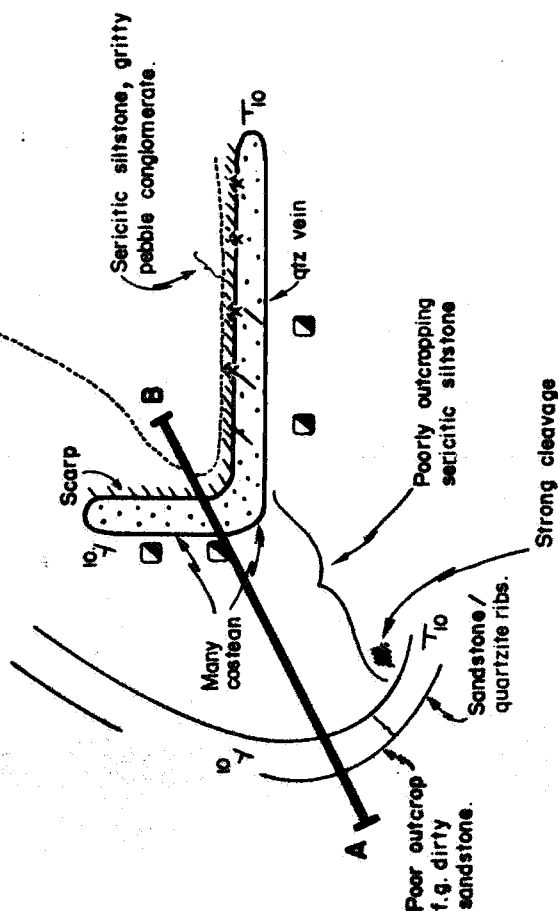
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To Olary 6 Km.

To Outalpa &
H.S.

140°17' approx.



NOTE

Qtz veins trend 190 - 210"

Approx. 3 Kms.

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KINGS BLUFF E.L. 550

SKETCH MAP OF
KINGS BLUFF GOLDFIELD

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Geol. : T.F. McC



Date : March '80

Drawn : J.C.R.

Plan N°: SAg 415

140° 18' 30" Approx



Siltstone only on dump. 
Shaft collapsed 

Siltstone sub outcrop

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x 798354

Main shaft

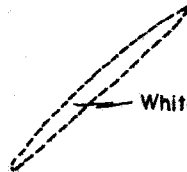
Qtz-goethite-hematite vein material on dump. Minor malachite and azurite.

Steeply dipping qtz vein. Minor goethite, hematite

Siltstone sub outcrop

32° 23' 50" Approx.

White qtz float



798350 x
Qtz - hematite float White qtz. vein



Approx. scale 1:2,500

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KINGS BLUFF E.L.550
ERINGA MINE
SKETCH PLAN

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