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INTRODUCTION

The Einasleigh 4-mile Sheet covers the eastern part of the Etheridge Goldfield, the Oaks Goldfield, and the western part of the Kangaroo Hills Mineral Field in the Cairns Hinterland of North Queensland.

Many detailed investigations of the mineral fields have been published during the late 19th century and the early 20th century, whereas very few investigations have dealt with the regional geology. The first systematic mapping of the Einasleigh Sheet and the adjacent 4-mile Sheets of Georgetown, Gilberton, Clarke River and Atherton was begun in 1956 by a combined party of the Bureau of Mineral Resources and the Geological Survey of Queensland. The map which these notes accompany is based on the results of this combined survey; mapping was completed in 1958.

Maps and photographs covering the Einasleigh 4-mile Sheet are: aerial photographs, flown by the R.A.A.F. at a scale of 1:50,000; photo-mosaic map (4 miles to 1 inch) prepared by and available from the Division of National Mapping, Canberra; photo-maps at 1 mile to 1 inch; dyeline maps controlled by slotted template assembly (at air-photo scale, about 1 mile to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch) with principal points and topography; and 4 mile to 1 inch planimetric maps prepared in 1944 and 1957 by the Department of the Army and available from the Division of National Mapping, Canberra.

The following information was taken from the Atlas of Australian Resources prepared by the Division of Regional Development, Department of National Development, Canberra. Most of the Einasleigh

Sheet is covered with tropical woodland dominated by low trees or tall shrubs of Eucalyptus. The seasonal growth is restricted to the hot summer; the dry season extends from April to December. Annual average rainfall ranges from 25 inches in the south-west to 30 inches in the north-east: most of the rain falls in January, when the average rainfall is 7 inches. The area experiences less than 5 days per year of frosts. Normal mean winter (June, July, August) temperature is 65°F. normal mean summer (December, January, February) temperatures are 75°F.-85°F. The normal annual range of temperatures is 50-60°F.; average number of days per year when the temperatures exceed 100°F is 10-20.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Previous investigation can be divided into five main periods.

(i) Reconnaissance 1870-1898. Jack (1887) made the first reconnaissance of the Einasleigh Sheet when he traversed from Lynd Station along the Copperfield River to Einasleigh, then west across the Newcastle Range to Georgetown.

Maitland (1891) was the first to describe the geology of the Upper Burdekin River in the Valley of Lagoons and Wairuna Station area. The boundary between the Precambrian and Palaeozoic successions shown by Maitland along the Burdekin River is essentially that accepted to-day. Other important reconnaissances during the late 19th century included that by Jack (1898), when he traversed the proposed railway route from Chillagoe to Einasleigh and to Georgetown.

(ii) Detailed investigations of mineral deposits 1909-1914. The discovery of gold in the early 20th century in the Etheridge and Oaks Goldfields was quickly followed by detailed mapping of the deposits by the Geological Survey of Queensland. Marks (1911) provided a detailed account of the mineralization and geology of the Oaks Goldfield and eastern portion of the Etheridge Goldfield; he was the first to recognise two ages of Cainozoic basalt extrusion.

A few years later Ball (1914, 1915) described the mineralization in the Etheridge Goldfield and Einasleigh Copper Mine.

(iii) Reconnaissance and detailed investigations 1920-1925. From 1920 to 1923 the Geological Survey of Queensland carried out regional geological mapping of the mineral fields of North Queensland, which included the Etheridge and Oaks Goldfields on the western part of the Einasleigh Sheet. Jensen (1920a, 1920b, 1923) described the regional geology of the Einasleigh area and he was the first geologist to subdivide and correlate the Precambrian metamorphics and granites of North Queensland. Jensen considered the metamorphics of the Einasleigh area to be the older of two Precambrian metamorphic units. Bryan (1925) accepted Jensen's subdivision of the Precambrian of the Einasleigh region.

(iv) Reviews of previous investigations 1925-1946. The reviews dealt with the subdivision and correlation of the Precambrian succession. Browne (1933) agreed with Jensen and Bryan that Precambrian metamorphics of two ages in the Einasleigh area; but Hills (1946) from a consideration of trend lines concluded that they are all of one age. Bryan and Jones (1946) summarized the geological history of the Einasleigh area.

(v) Detailed investigations of mineral deposits 1941-1952.

These investigations were mainly concerned with the Ninety Mile (Halls Reward) Copper Mine (Morton 1941, 1943; Denmead, 1947) and the Perry Creek wolfram and scheelite diggings (Morton, 1944; Levingston, 1952).

(vi) Systematic geological and geophysical investigations 1955-1958.

In 1953 and 1954 the Land Research and Regional Survey Section, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, carried out a land-use survey of the Leichhardt-Gilbert area, which included the Einasleigh Sheet. Some of the geological and physiographical results of this survey are recorded by Twidale (1956a, 1956b).

In 1955 the Bureau of Mineral Resources carried out the first airborne scintillograph survey of the Einasleigh area, the adjacent Atherton, Gilberton and Clarke River Sheets. The results

are recorded by Parkinson and Mulder (1956). Following this survey a combined geological party of the Bureau of Mineral Resources and the Geological Survey of Queensland in 1956 commenced systematic regional mapping of the Georgetown, Einasleigh, Gilberton, Clarke River and Atherton Sheets. The mapping of the first four sheets was continued in 1957 and was completed in 1958. The results of this geological mapping are recorded by White and Hughes (1957), White, Branch, Green (1958), Green (1958), White, Stewart et.al.(1959), White, Best et.al. (1959), Best (1959), Branch (1959), White & Crespin (1959). Dr. Dorothy Hill, University of Queensland, assisted in the regional geological mapping of the Siluro-Devonian succession on the Einasleigh Sheet and determined corals. Her preliminary determinations are recorded by White and Hughes (1957), White, Stewart, et.al. (1959), White, Best et.al. (1959). Miss Irene Crespin also assisted the mapping with determinations of Cainozoic diatoms (White and Crespin, 1959).

PHYSIOGRAPHY

The Einasleigh Sheet forms the north-eastern part of Twidale's (1956) "Einasleigh Uplands", which range in height from 1500 feet in the west to about 3,000 feet in the north-east. The Einasleigh Uplands on the Einasleigh Sheet are drained by the Einasleigh and Copperfield Rivers, which are part of the Gilbert River System flowing north-west into the Gulf of Carpentaria, and the Herbert and Burdekin Rivers, which flow east and south-east respectively into the South Pacific Ocean. Twidale (1956b) subdivided the Einasleigh Uplands into the physiographical units McBride Plateau, Newcastle Range, Einasleigh-Copperfield Plain, Burdekin Uplands and Uplands and Ranges of the Divide. These units with some modifications are shown in Figure 1: The physiographical units are also geological units.

The McBride Plateau occupies about 2,000 square miles in the central and northern parts of the Einasleigh Sheet. The plateau forms a broad arch, which attains a maximum height of about 2,000 feet

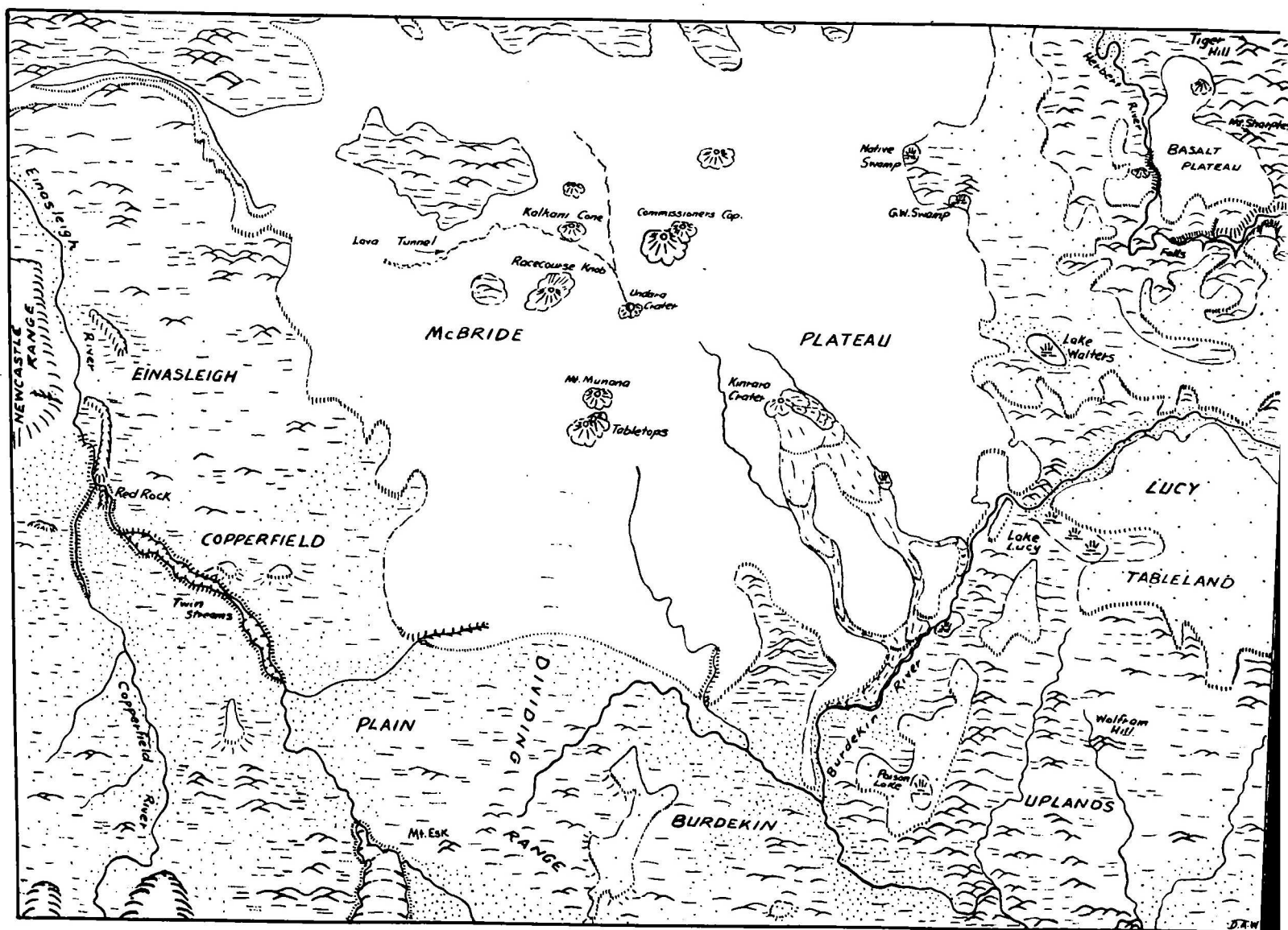


FIGURE 1 : PHYSIOGRAPHICAL UNITS EINASLEIGH 4-MILE SHEET
SCALE 12 MILES TO 1 INCH

above sea level in its central region, and it merges to the south with the north-trending Great Dividing Range. The McBride Plateau consists of Cainozoic basalt which was extruded from about 110 craters, of which the majority are grouped in the centre of the plateau. Recent, probably within the last 1,000 years, flows extruded from Kinrara Crater in the central eastern part of the plateau form low rugged terrain with little or no soil or vegetation cover. Lakes (e.g. Native Wells Swamp, G.W. Swamp and Lake Walters) have been formed along the eastern margin of the McBride Plateau by the damming of river systems by Cainozoic flows.

The eastern part of the Newcastle Range occupies the central western margin of the Einasleigh Sheet. The range consists of resistant Upper Palaeozoic acid volcanics; in places it is about 2,300 feet above sea level and rises about 750 feet above the Einasleigh-Copperfield Plain.

The Einasleigh-Copperfield Plain consists of Precambrian granites and metamorphics, with isolated hills of more resistant metamorphics and basalt-capped mesas.

The Burdekin Uplands, which form the undulating country east of the Dividing Range, merge with the western slopes of the Coastal Range, which are exposed farther to the east. The Uplands range in height from 1400 feet to about 2,800 feet. The highest peaks are Tiger Hill (2,834 feet) and Mt. Sharples (2,650 feet), in the north-east. A feature of the Burdekin Uplands is the Herbert River Gorge in the north. The gorge, cut in granitic rocks, begins about six miles south-west of Gleneagle Homestead at the Herbert River Falls, which are about 350 feet high, and extends from the falls for some 35 miles east-south-east to the vicinity of Sugar Loaf Hill, where, according to the Ingham 4-mile military map, it is 2,000 feet deep. Twidale (1956b) has recognised lateritized surfaces, valley-side facets and knick points, representing three cycles of erosion. The Burdekin Uplands contain small isolated tablelands, of which the Lucy Tableland of about 200 square miles is the most extensive.

The Einasleigh-Copperfield Plain and the McBride Plateau merge into the Uplands of the Divide. Mt. Esk, 3 miles north-east

of Lynd Homestead, is the most conspicuous peak of the Divide; it consists of Precambrian granite and metamorphics.

STRATIGRAPHY and PALAEOONTOLOGY

Table I summarizes the stratigraphy and palaeontology. Rock units have been named according to the Australian Code of Stratigraphical Nomenclature. All type localities for the rock units, which range in age from Archaean to Recent, lie within the Einasleigh Sheet.

The ages of the granites are not precisely known: until age determinations by radioactive measurements are obtained, they are tentatively regarded to be Upper Palaeozoic and late Precambrian.

The division of the Precambrian sequence into two units is based on strongly contrasting grades of metamorphism. The younger unit, consisting of contact metamorphics, is tentatively placed in the Proterozoic; the older unit, which has been subject to high-grade regional metamorphism, is tentatively placed in the Archaean.

STRUCTURE

Folding

Precambrian. The fold axes have an arcuate trend from east in the Einasleigh area to north-east in the Burdekin River area. Little is known of the folding, except that it is tight and probably isoclinal. The foliation dips from 70° to vertical.

Palaeozoic. The Palaeozoic sediments are tightly folded. The trends of the fold axes generally conform to the north-east trend of the Precambrian margin along the Burdekin River. An exception is the east and east-north-east trends of the Upper Silurian/Lower Devonian sediments in the Camel Creek region.

Faulting

A major fault zone trending north-east along the valley of the Burdekin River separates the Precambrian metamorphics in the west from the Palaeozoic sediments in the east. The movement in the fault zone was mainly vertical with little or no horizontal

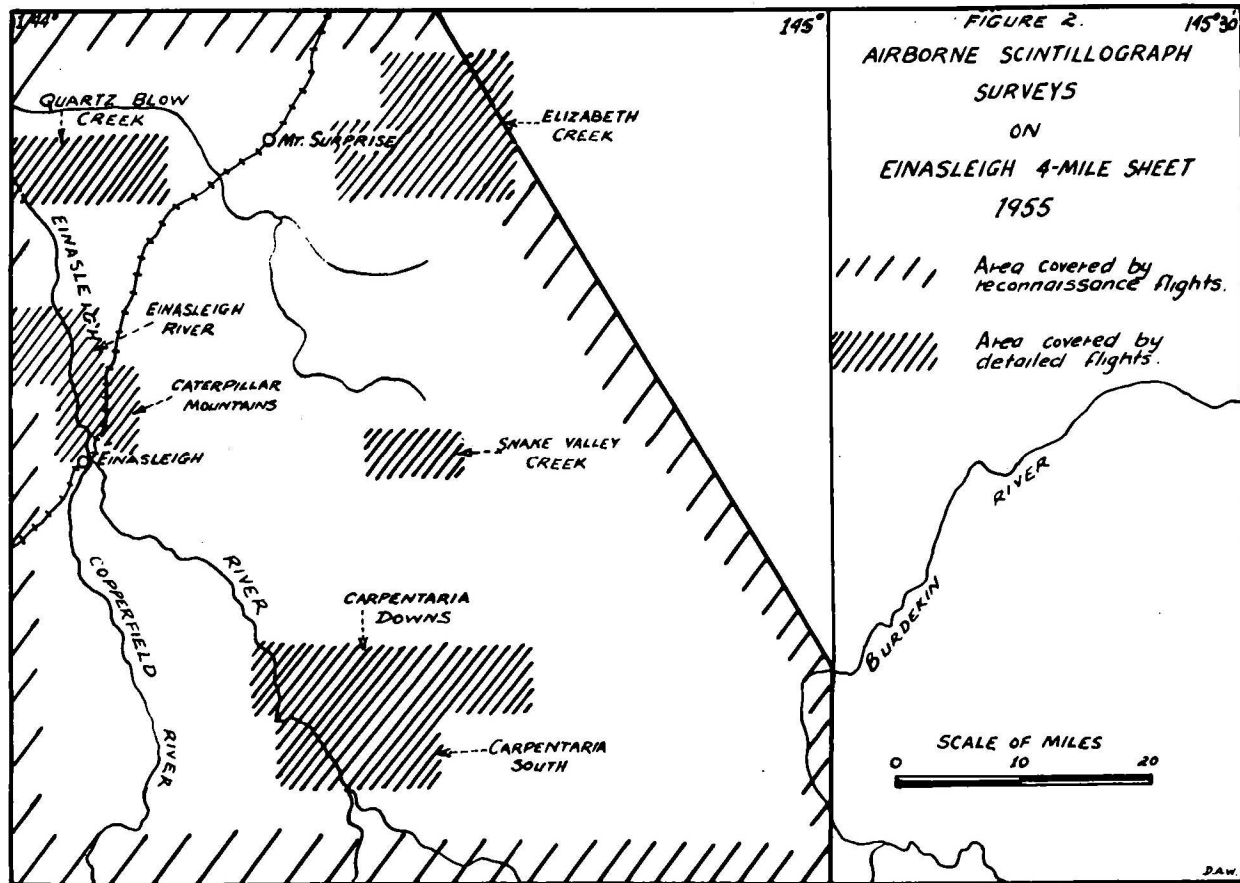


FIGURE 3

TECTONIC HISTORY EINASLEIGH 4-MILE SHEET

8 CENOZOIC

Extrusion of basalt from Pliocene to Recent over Precambrian shield and part of Palaeozoic with modifications to Einasleigh and Burdekin River Systems.

7 UPPER PALAEOZOIC

Extensive igneous activity. Intrusion of subsequent granite with formation of porphyry hoods, ring dyke complexes. Acid Volcanism (Newcastle Range Volcanics - Pzun).

6 LATE LOWER DEVONIAN

Major orogeny. Uplift and folding of Siluro-Devonian sediments. Intrusion of serpentinites and basics of Gray Creek (Ddg) and Boiler Gully (Dlb) Complexes along old Precambrian Palaeozoic fracture boundary. ? Granite intrusion.

5 UPPER SILURIAN-LOWER DEVONIAN

Major orogeny. Uplift and folding of Silurian sediments. Formation of trough along their eastern margin. Rapid deposition of thick flysch facies of Kangaroo Hills (S-DK) and Perry Creek Formations (S-Dp) into trough.

4 SILURIAN

Formation of depression (probably by faulting) in Greenvale area. Deposition of clayey quartz sands (Sp) and silts (Slw) with thick quartz greywacke and greywacke (Greenvale Formation-Sg) in unstable shelf environment.

3 LATE PRECAMBRIAN

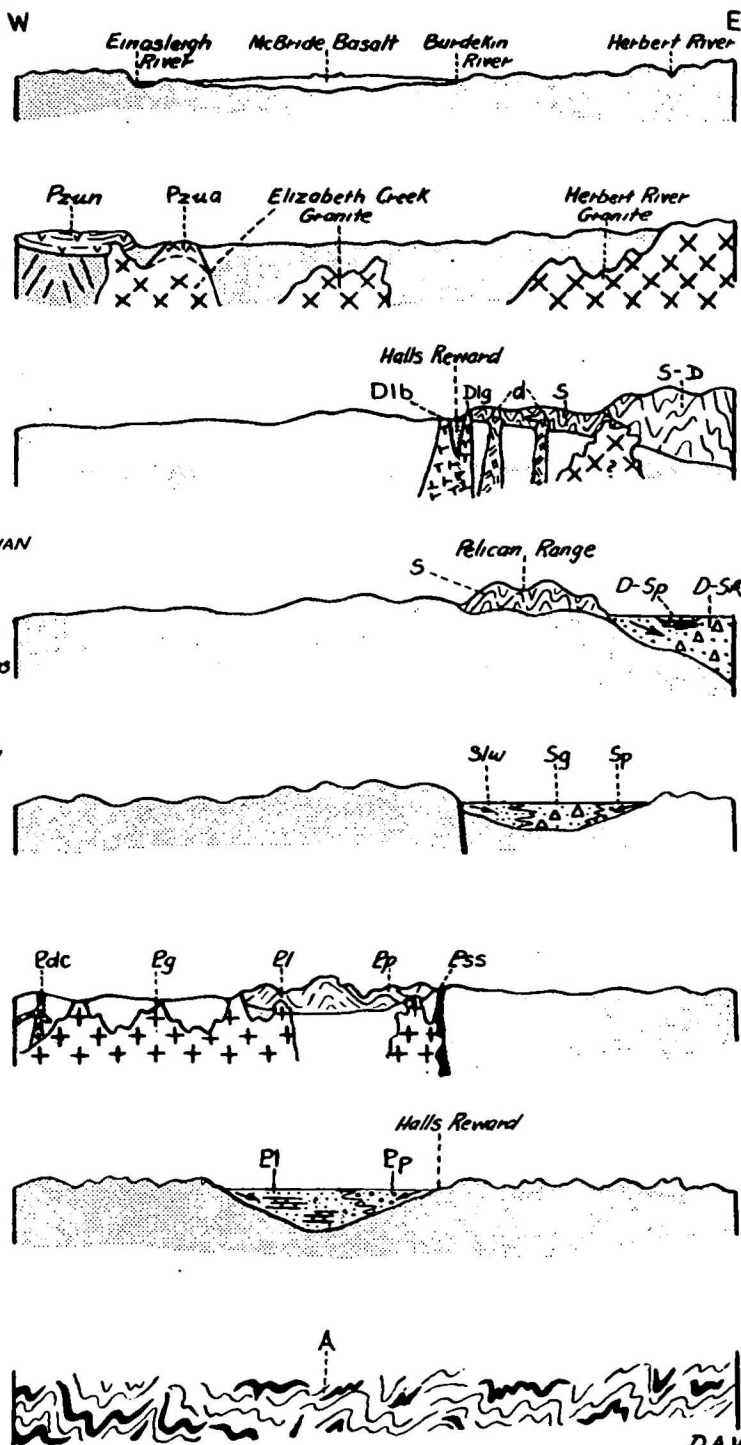
Major orogeny. Uplift and folding of Proterozoic sediments. Intrusion of Cobbold Diorite (Pdc) and Sandalwood Serpentinite (Pss). Intrusion of granite (Pg) with extensive contact metamorphism.

2 PROTEROZOIC

Uplift of Archaean basement. Formation of depression on Archaean land mass in Halls Reward Mine area. Deposition of impure calcareous sediments (Lucky Creek Formation-EI) and quartz sands and silts (Paddys Creek Formation-Ep).

1 ARCHAEOAN

Formation of basement (A). Migmatization and other regional metamorphism.



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movement. Other **faults** such as those separating the Pelican Range and Greenvale Formations are generally parallel to the Burdekin River fault zone.

Joints

A system of north, north-east and north-west joints is well exposed in the Upper Palaeozoic igneous rocks.

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS

Airborne scintillograph surveys of the western part of the Einasleigh Sheet were carried out in 1955 by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. The area covered is shown in Figure 2. The results of the survey are reported by Parkinson and Mulder (1956). The anomalies were examined on the ground and reported by Taylor (1956) and White and Hughes (1957).

TECTONIC HISTORY

Figure 3 summarizes the tectonic history of the Einasleigh Sheet.

ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

Gold

About 75,000 oz of gold have been won from the Oaks Goldfield, one mile west of Kidston. Gold was discovered here in 1907 and mined till 1942. The most comprehensive description of the Oaks Goldfield is that by Marks (1911). The gold is found in quartz veins and altered and crushed zones of the Forsayth Granite.

Less important occurrences of gold are in Balcooma Creek apparently associated with quartz porphyry.

Copper

The Einasleigh Copper Mine was worked between 1898 and 1924 for a total production of 134,257 tons of ore averaging 6 per cent copper, 8 grains of gold and 1 oz of silver per ton. The mine is situated in Archaean Einasleigh Metamorphics at the junction of the Copperfield and Einasleigh Rivers, near Einasleigh. Geology of the mine was first described by Ball (1914) and more recently by the

Geological Survey of Queensland (1953).

The Hall's Reward (Ninety Mile) Copper Mine, situated near Sandalwood Homestead on the Burdekin River, yielded 2,200 tons of copper between 1933 and 1957. Geology of the mine was first described by Morton (1941, 1953) and later by Denmead (1947). Recently a detailed description of the mine was given by White et al. (1958).

Small copper deposits are exposed in Precambrian metamorphics 4 miles south of Reedy Brook Homestead and in the Herbert River Granite, 6 miles north of Princess Hills Homestead (Cameron, 1914).

Tungsten and Tin

Minor amounts of wolfram and scheelite are exposed in quartz lodes in an inlier of the Herbert River Granite at Perry Creek, about 12 miles north-west of Camel Creek Homestead. This occurrence and another 6 miles farther south at Wolfram Hill have been described by Morton (1944) and Levingston (1952). Alluvial tin is mined nearby in Perry Creek. Denmead (1947) described tin in horizontal sediments partly capped with billy, in an old stream valley 5 miles west of Camel Creek Homestead.

Wolfram and tin deposits are exposed in the Elizabeth Creek Granite at Elizabeth Creek 13 to 20 miles east of Mt. Surprise (Morton, 1944). Alluvial tin has been won from Elizabeth Creek in the Angor Field, 22 miles north-west of Mt. Surprise.

Diatomite

In 1958 the combined Bureau of Mineral Resources and Geological Survey of Queensland party discovered diatomite overlain by Cainozoic basalt in Wyandotte Creek, near Conjuboy; near Cashmere; near Gleneagle; and near the north-western margin of Lake Walters in the Herbert River area. The Conjuboy diatomite is the largest deposit containing at least 1,000,000 tons of diatomite. The diatomite deposits have been described by White & Crespín (1959) and Best (1959).

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TABLE 1. - STRATIGRAPHY OF EINASLEIGH 4-MILE SHEET

| Period | Age | Rock Unit | Thickness | Lithology | Distribution | Topography | Structure | Correlation Palaeontology and Age | Stratigraphic Relationship | Economic Geology | Principal Refer- ences |
|--|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Y R A N R E T A U Q R E C E N T -? -? -? | | Residual soils (Qs) | Superficial | Variable sandy soil | Well developed over Precambrian granites particularly between Einasleigh and the Hann Highway | Slightly undul- ating | | | | Good water at shallow depths, par- ticularly granitic soils | White & Hughes (1957) |
| | | Alluvium (Qa) | 0-75+ feet | Variable. Light- textured high sand content in granitic ter- rains; dark high clay con- tent in basaltic areas | Along the major riv- ers particularly Bur- dekin River System along the Dry River to Greenvale Home- stead | Steep river banks and flat flood plains | | | | Good water at shallow depths | White & Hughes (1957) White et al. (1959) |
| | | Kinrara Basalt (Qrk) | Unknown probably does not exceed 50 feet | Fine grained, generally ves- icular, oliv- ine basalt | Covers an area of about 70 square miles on portions of Kinrara, Valley of Lagoons and Reedy Brook Stations. The southern portion of the flow is confined to the valley of the Burdekin River and its tributaries, Glen- lofty Creek and Ex- pedition Creek | Extremely rough plain, consist- ing of jagged blocks of basalt with little to no soil | Sink holes, Sturgeon and lava tunnels, Nulla Basalts pahoehoe and on the Hughe- blocky sur- den 4-mile faces. Flows sheet. Recent, are 40 miles probably his- long and have torical. dammed Burde- kin River and tributaries to form lakes e.g. Pelican Lakes near Valley of Lag- oons Homestead. Flows origin- ated from Kin- rara Crater. | Unconformably overlies the McBride Bas- alt and Arch- aeon Metamor- phics | Excellent supply of water. Supplies most of the water to the Upper Bur- dekin Riv- er System. | Twidale (1956a). Best (1959). White, Best et al. (1959) | |
| | | McBride Basalt (Czm) | Unknown. Probably does not exceed 1,000 feet and averages 450 feet | Grey fine- grained olivine basalt, common- ly vesicular and/or amygdal- oidal. Idding- site pseudo- morphs after olivine pheno- crysts are common | About 2,000 square miles roughly bound- ed by Conjuboy Home- stead in the south, St. Ronans Homestead in the north, Mt. Sur- prise in the west and Lake Walters in the east | Plateau. Numerous basalt rises sep- arated by valleys and plains of most of which are concentrat- ed in the cen- tral part. Lava tunnels e.g. Undara tunnel extends over 25 miles | Dome. Contains about 110 vol- canic craters, Nulla Basalt on Clarke River 4-mile Sheet. ?Pliocene to ?Pleistocene. | Unconformably overlain by Kinrara Basalt. Unconformably overlies dia- tomite deposits near Conjuboy and Lake Walters | Good supply of water. Supplies most of water to Elizabeth Creek and Junction Creek. Dia- tomite in Wyandotte Creek, near Conjuboy and at Lake Walters | Twidale (1956a). White & Hughes (1957). Best (1959). White & Crespin (1959). | |
| C A I N O Z O I C | | Chudleigh Basalt (Czc) | Unknown. Probably does not exceed 500 feet. | Olivine basalt. | Covers about 500 square miles. Flows extend from Chud- leigh Park, on the Clarke River 4-mile Sheet, north along the valleys of the Copperfield and Einasleigh Rivers | Small plains consisting of rough basalt boulders and thick black and grey basaltic soil | Valley-fill. Craters not exposed on Einasleigh Sheet. | ?Pliocene to? Pleistocene | Unconformably overlies Pre- cambrian gran- ites and meta- morphics | Good supply of water | Twidale (1956a). White & Hughes (1957) |
| | | Undiffer- entiated (Cz) | 200 feet max. | Unlithified sandstone, shale conglomerate | About 2 square miles near junction of Glendhu Creek and Burdekin River | | Ancestral river-or lake-fill | Miner's Lake sediments on Clarke River 4-mile sheet | Unconformably overlies Pre- cambrian and Silurian suc- cessions | Good supply of water | |

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| C A I N O Z O I C | | Basalt(Czb) | Unknown. Probably does not exceed 300 feet | Olivine basalt | Isolated areas (max. 25 square miles) in the Herbert River and Camel Creek areas | Plains, plateaus and mesas. | Valley-fill. Craters not exposed (except for Walleroo Hill) on Ein-asleigh Sheet | Flows between Cameron Creek and Herbert River may be part of the flows originating from Atherton Tablelands farther north ?Pliocene to ?Pleistocene. | Overlies "billy" deposits and unconformably overlies Pre-cambrian and Palaeozoic successions. | Good supply of water. Diatomite near Cashmere, Gleneagle and Princess Hills Homesteads | Twidale (1956a). White & Crespin (1959). Best (1959). |
| | | Billy(Czy) | Unknown, probably does not exceed 15 feet | Quartzite (silicified quartz sands) | Isolated areas in the Camel Creek region | Low rises | Valley-fill | Tertiary to ?Recent | Unconformably overlain by Cainozoic basalts | Good water at shallow depths | Denmead (1947). White & Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Laterite and lateritic soils (Czl) | Probably does not exceed 15 feet | Mottled and pallid zones, with thin ferruginous zone | Lucy Tableland and divide between Herbert River and Burdekin River | Mesas and plateaus | Flat lying | No fossils. Probably Late Tertiary. | Developed on Palaeozoic sediments and in places over Tertiary basalt. Mainly overlain by Tertiary basalt. | Some fresh water springs near Wairuna Station | White & Hughes (1957). White, Stewart et al. (1959). White, Best et al. (1959). |
| C R E T A C E O U S | | Undifferentiated (K) | 50 feet to 75 feet | Sandstone, conglomerate and shale | Isolated areas on Newcastle Range and Butlers Igneous Complex | Mesas | Flat lying | No fossils. Blythesdale Sandstone | Unconformably overlies the Newcastle Range Volcanics and Butlers Igneous Complex | | |
| P A L A E O Z O I C | | Butlers Igneous Complex (Pb) | | Medium grained pink granite, rhyolite porphyry and trachyte | Covers 14 square miles about 10 miles south-west of Kidston | Rough hills about 700 feet above the surrounding country | Oval-shaped mass. Essentially an inclined granite sheet intruded into its rhyolite porphyry hood. Centre of mass intruded by a trachyte plug. Ring dykes. | Granite similar to the Lochaber Granite. Genetically related to Bagstowe Ring Dyke Complex on Clarke River 4-mile Sheet | Intrudes the Dumbano and Forsayth Granites | Local water supply in joints and faults | Branch (1959). |
| | | Lochaber Granite (Pgl) | | Grey-pink, porphyritic (in feldspar) massive granite with minor amounts of mafic minerals. Rhyolite | Crops out over 300 square miles, central 12 miles south of Kidston | Rough hills about 500 feet above surrounding country | Oval-shaped mass. Granite grades marginally to a flow banded rhyolite hood. Excellent tors. Well jointed | Granite probably same age as Elizabeth Creek Granite. Genetically related to Bagstowe Ring Dyke Complex on Clarke River 4-mile Sheet. Upper Palaeozoic | Intrudes the Precambrian Forsayth and Dumbano Granites | Local water supply in joints and faults. Wolfram in its extension into the Clarke River 4-mile Sheet | Branch (1959) |
| | | Undifferentiated (Pzu) | | Rhyolite porphyry, quartz porphyry and agglomerate | Over 60 square miles in the Balcooma Creek area. Isolated dykes around the Newcastle Range Volcanics and in the Herbert River area | High resistant ridges | Steep to vertical dip. Well jointed. | Newcastle Range Volcanics. Upper Palaeozoic | Intrudes Proterozoic granites and Herbert River Granite | Local water supply in joints | White, Stewart et al. (1959). Branch (1959). |

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| C I O Z O E A P | N A P ? | Elizabeth Creek Gran- ite (Pgz) | | Massive, medium to fine-grain- ed, slightly porphyritic pink to red granite with little mafic mineral | Covers 240 square miles on the northern edge of Einasleigh Sheet. Probably occu- pies a greater area on Atherton Sheet | Rough hills | Linear belt. Excellent tors. Well jointed | Grades upwards into the Cum- bana Rhyolite Porphyry. Tiger Hill Micro- granite. Upper Palaeozoic | Probably intrudes the Precambrian granites. Unconfor- mably overlain by the McBride Bas- alt. Intrudes the Newcastle Range Volcanics in ad- jacent Georgetown 4-mile sheet. Upper Palaeozoic | Local water supply in joints and fram and tin | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Tiger Hill Microgranite (Pgt) | | Massive, pink, even medium- grained gran- ite with some biotite. Some microgranite and rhyolite porphyry | Covers 80 square miles in the Tiger Hill/Mt. Sharples area. Probably covers the coastal ranges on the Atherton, Cairns and Innisfail 4-mile sheets | Rough hills and ranges. Attains a height of about 2,800 feet above Tiger Hill | Linear belt. Well jointed | Cumbana Rhy- olite Porphyry and Elizabeth Creek Granite. Upper Palaeo- zoic | Intrudes the Herbert River Granite | Local water supply in joints and faults | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Newcastle Range Vol- canics (Pn) | 2,500 to 3,000 feet | Rhyolite, some tuff and brec- cia, with bas- al lenses of arkosic con- glomerate, arkose, shale and algal lime- stone | Crops out over 1000 square miles in the Newcastle Range (50 square miles on the Ein- asleigh 4-mile Sheet). | Rough range | Basin; dips 40°. Well jointed | Cumberland Range Volcan- ics and Agate Creek Volcan- ics (George- town Sheet). Upper Palaeo- zoic | Unconformably overlies Precam- brian Forsayth Granite and Ein- asleigh Metamor- phics. Intruded by Elizabeth Creek Granite and other granites (George- town 4-mile Sheet) | Local water supply in joints and faults | White & Hughes (1957). White, Stewart et al. (1959). Branch (1959). |
| | | Herbert River Gran- ite (Cgh) | | Massive, medium grained, grey biotite gran- ite. In places feldspar is pink and porphyritic. Contains some syenite | Crops out over 180 square miles in the Herbert River area. Small inliers far- ther south at Perry Creek, Rocky Dam and Frasers Creek | Large weather- ed tors in Upper parts of Herbert River area. Jointed pavements in Herbert River Gorge | Well jointed | Upper Palaeo- zoic | Intruded by the Tiger Hill Micro- granite and re- lated porphyry dykes. Intrudes the Silurian Wairuna, Greenvale and Pel- ican Range Forma- tions. Unconform- ably overlain by Cainozoic basalts | Good water in weathered and jointed sections. Copper and lead in Her- bert River Gorge near Princess Hills Home- stead | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Sunday Creek Rhy- olite (Cs) | 400 feet | Altered rhyolite, some andesite | 4 square miles near Tiger Hill | High resistant ridges | Tilted (45°) fault blocks | Rhyolite at Mt. Redcap (Atherton Sheet) | Intruded by Her- bert River Gran- ite | | |
| DEVONIAN | ? Lower Devon- ian | Boiler Gul- ly Complex (Dlb) | | Serpentinized peridotite con- sisting of bas- tite and mesh- texture serpen- tine pseudo- morphs after orthopyroxene and olivine respectively. Gabbro, micro- diorite and diagonalite | A triangular- shaped mass 2½ miles by 1½ miles, south-west of Halls Reward Copper Mine | Rough low rises and hills. Cen- tral area con- tains thick lateritic soil cover | Probably domal | Gray Creek Complex. Devon- ian, probably Lower Devon- ian | Intrudes Proter- ozoic Paddy's Creek Formation | Nickel, chromium and copper | Green (1958). White et al. (1958) |

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| N A I N O V E D | ?Lower Devonian | Gray Creek Complex (Dlg) | | Serpentinite, pyroxenite, gabbro, amphibolite, granodiorite, and diorite | An elongate body 15 miles long and 3 miles wide exposed in valley of Gray Creek. Northern extremity only exposed on Einasleigh Sheet. Outcrop exaggerated on Einasleigh Sheet. | Rough strike ridges | Linear | Boiler Gully Complex. Lower Devonian | Intrudes Silurian and Upper Silurian - Lower Devonian sediments. Unconformably overlain by Lower to Middle Devonian sediments on Clarke River Sheet. Faulted against Carboniferous sediments | Nickel, chromium, copper and gold | Green (1958). White, Stewart et al. (1959). |
| | | Undifferentiated basics (Dld) | | Dolerite and basalt with some gabbro and diorite | Isolated elongate masses exposed between Valley of Lagoons and Camel Creek Homesteads | Weathered and decomposed pebbles. Usually accompanied by resistant jasper and chert ridges | Linear. Well jointed | Basics of Boiler Gully and Gray Creek Complexes. ? Lower Devonian | Intrudes Silurian and Lower Devonian successions | | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | Lower Devonian to Upper Silurian | Perry Creek Formation (S-Dp) | 3,500 feet | Well bedded quartz sandstone and quartz siltstone, with lenses of limestone and limestone conglomerate. Sandstone generally cross-bedded | Exposed over 10 square miles near Perry Creek and over 200 square miles in the Christmas Creek area (Clarke River Sheet), of which northern extremity exposed on Einasleigh Sheet | Low strike ridges. Best exposed in creek sections. | Probably complicated basin: Steep to vertical dips. Faulted | ?Chillagoe Formation (Atherton Sheet). Jack Limestone (Clarke River Sheet). Corals Favosites, Alveolites, Haly- sites, Tryplasma, Cystiphyllum, Plasmopora, Helio- lites, Cladopora, ?Propora, Striatopora. Upper Silurian to Lower Devonian | For-Conformably overlies the Kangaroo Hills Formation with some gradation. Some limestone reefs contain basalt flows | Good water from lime- stone mem- bers | White, Stewart et al. (1959). White, Best et al. (1959). |
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| N A I R U I S | Lower Devonian to Upper Silurian | Kangaroo Hills Formation (S-Dk) | 35,000 to 40,000 feet | Thinly bedded rhythmically alternating fine-grained impure quartz sandstone, siltstone, shale with thicker beds of graded-bedded coarse-grained greywacke and lenses of pebble greywacke conglomerate. Sandstone generally cross-bedded with some slumps | Covers an area of 1,000 square miles western part only exposed in the south-eastern corner of the Einasleigh Sheet. Extends east into Ingham Sheet | Strike ridges and low rises. Best exposed in creek sections | Tightly folded and cross-folded. Steep dips. Probably a synclinalorium. Faulted. Well jointed | Graveyard Creek Formation (Clarke River Sheet). Fossil fragments in greywacke conglomerate include corals, brachio- pods, crinoid stem joints. | Unconformably overlies the Greenvale Formation. Conformably underlies the Perry Creek (Ingham Sheet) Formation. Intruded by basics. Intruded by granite farther east near Kangaroo Hills and Ewan (Ingham Sheet). | Poor aquifer. Wolfram, tin, lead, iron and copper at Ewan Sheet) | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | Lower Devonian to Upper Silurian | Mt. Garnet Formation (S-Dg) | ?15,000 feet | Thin bedded radiolarian jaspers, quartz greywacke, siltstone. Lenses of limestone, limestone conglomerate, greywacke conglomerate | Isolated outcrops in north-eastern corner of Einasleigh Sheet. | Strike ridges and low rises | Trend 020°. 50° dips | ?Chillagoe Formation (Atherton Sheet) corals | Intruded by Herbert River Granite and faulted against Precambrian | Copper at Mt. Garnet (Atherton Sheet) | |

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| N A I R U L I S | | Pelican Range For- mation (Sp) | Unknown. Probably does not exceed 5,000 feet | Brown massive or thinly bedded, coarse to medium grained, impure quartz sandstone with some interbedded quartz siltstone and shale. In places sandstone con- tains load and flow casts. | Wedge-shaped area of about 30 square miles. Forms resistant Pelican Lake Range. Extends south into Clarke River Sheet | Strike ridges and rises | Tightly folded. Many strike faults. Steep dips. | No fossils. Probably Silurian | Down-faulted into the Green-vale Formation | Local water supply in joints and faults | White, Stewart et al. (1959). White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Greenvale Formation (Sg) | 730,000 feet | Buff quartz siltstone, shale, with lenses of quartz grey- wacke, grey- wacke, pebble grey- wacke conglom- erate. Irregularly bedded | Exposed in an area of 650 square miles including its south- erly extension into Clarke River Sheet | Strike ridges and rises | Tightly folded and sheared. Steep dips | Indeterminate fossils. Probably Sil- urian | Unconformably overlain by the Kangaroo Hills Formation. Faulted against the Pelican Range and Wair- una Formations. Intruded by bas- ics and Herbert River Granite. | Poor aquifer. Wolfram, cop- per. | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Late Lower Silurian (Wen- lock to Upper Lland- overy) | Wairuna Formation (Slw) | ? 5,000 feet | Thinly bedded quartz siltstone, impure quartz sandstone and shale. In places sand- stone is cross-bedded | Linear belt, 4 miles wide extending from and valleys Wairuna Homestead south-south-east along the Burdekin River valley for about 80 miles to the Broken River (Clarke River Sheet) | Strike ridges and sheared. Strike faulted. Steep to ver- tical dips | Graptolites (Monograptus); Trilobites (Encrinurus, Scutellidae (2 species), Proetus?, Sphaerexochus? or Onychopyge?); Brachiopods (Brachyprion); Pelecypods; Corals; Bryozoa. | Unconformably overlain by Graveyard Creek Formation (Clarke River Sheet). Faulted against Pre- cambrian meta- morphics and Silurian Green- vale Formation. Intruded by Herbert River Granite, basics and serpentinite of Boiler Gully Complex | Poor aquifer. | White, Best et al. (1959). White and Stewart (1959). |
| | | | | | | | | Late Lower Silurian. | | | |
| PROTEROZOIC | | Dido Grano- diorite (Bgd) | | Grey, well fol- iated, medium- grained horn- blende-biotite granodiorite | Irregularly exposed through a thick soil cover in a linear belt 6 miles wide and 40 miles long. Northern extremity exposed on Einas- leigh sheet. | Low tors scat- tered through a thick soil cover | | Forsayth, Dumbano and McKinnons Creek Granites. Late Precam- brian | Intrudes Lucky Creek Formations to form a wide aureole of con- tact metamor- phics. Intruded by porphyry. | Local water supply in deeply weather- ed and joint- ed sections. Gold | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | McKinnons Creek Gran- ite (Bgm) | | Coarse, even- grained, cream- pink muscovite granite. In places finer grained parts show foliation. | Crops out over 120 square miles in Lynd Homestead area. Ex- tends south into Clarke River 4-mile Sheet | Weathered scattered tors separated by thick sandy soil | | Forsayth, Dumbano and Dido Granites. Late Precam- brian | Intrudes Lucky Creek Formation. Archaean meta- morphics and Sandalwood Ser- pentinite | Good water supply in weathered sections. Gold and copper | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| | | Forsayth Granite (Bgf) | | Grey, coarse- grained mass- ive to por- phyritic bio- tite granite. Platy flow structure on margins. | Crops out over 2,000 square miles, half of which is exposed on the Einasleigh Sheet | Deeply weathered. Scattered tors and pavements separated by a thick sandy soil | | McKinnons Creek, Dido and Dumbano Granites. Late Precam- brian | Intrudes the Einasleigh Metamorphics and Cobbold Dolerite. Un- conformably overlain by the Newcastle Range Volcan- ics. Intruded by dolerite & porphyry dykes | Local water in deeply weathered sections at shallow depths. Cop- per, gold and lead | White & Hughes (1957). White, Best et al. (1959). |

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| O I | | Dumbano Granite (Bgu) | | Grey medium- grained biotite granite with pink porphyritic feldspar. Gener- ally foliated | Crops out over one square mile in south- western corner of Einasleigh Sheet. Ex- tends into Clarke River and Gilberton 4-mile Sheets. Total area is 1700 square miles | Deeply weather- ed. Scattered tors separated by thick sandy soil | | Forsayth, Dido and McKinnon's Creek Granites. Late Precam- brian | Intrudes the Bernecker Creek Formation (Gil- berton Sheet) and Einasleigh Metamorphics. Intruded by the Butlers Knob Igneous Complex. | Good water sections in weathered | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| O Z | | Cobbold Dolerite (Bdc) | | Dolerite, pos- sibly contain- ing olivine. Locally metamor- phosed to am- phibolite or gabbro | Isolated linear belts in the Einasleigh area | Strike ridges, hills and low rises | Steeplly dip- ping dykes and sills | Precambrian | Intruded by Forsayth Gran- ite. Intrudes the Proterozoic sediments. | Poor aquifer. Copper. | White, Best et al. (1959). |
| O R | | Sandalwood Serpentin- ite (Bss) | | Serpentinite, generally meta- morphosed to antigorite ser- pentinite, with chlorite, talc and tremolite. Gabbro. | Discontinuous linear belt trending north- north-east from Halls Reward Mine along Burdekin River valley. Isolated serpentinite lenses farther north near Valley of Lag- oons and Minnamoolka probably represent outliers of Sandal- wood Serpentinite. | Low rough sil- icified mounds and strike ridges | Steeplly dip- ping lentic- ular sill- like bodies. | Precambrian | Intruded by McKinnon's Creek Granite in Halls Re- ward Mine region | Poor aquifer. Copper, nickel, chromium and manganese | Green (1958). White et al. (1958). |
| F F | | Paddys Creek Formation (Bp) | 1,000 feet to 3,000 feet | Well bedded quartzite and quartz phyl- lite | Exposed over 50 square miles in southern part of Einasleigh Sheet | Strike ridges and valleys | Steeplly to moderate dips. Moder- ately folded | Robertson River Meta- morphics (Georgetown Sheet) ?Proterozoic | Conformably overlies Lucky Creek Formation with some inter- fingering. In- truded by Boiler Gully Complex. Faulted against and unconformably overlies the Halls Reward Metamorphics | Poor aquifer. Copper | White & Hughes (1957). White et al. (1958). |
| O R F | | Lucky Creek Formation (Bl) | 10,000 feet to 15,000 feet | Actinolite schist, quartz- chlorite-epi- dote schist, quartz-albite- hornblende schist, with thinly bedded marble and calc-silicate hornfels. Some calcareous greywacke. | Exposed over 150 square miles in southern part of Einasleigh Sheet. | Valleys and plains well exposed in creek sections, otherwise cov- ered with thick red- brown soil | Tightly folded with many drag- folds. Steep dips. | No fossils. Bernecker Creek For- mation (Gil- berton Sheet) ? Proterozoic | Conformably underlies Paddys Creek Formation with some inter- fingering. Metamorphic unconformity against Einas- leigh Metamor- phics. Con- tact metamor- phosed by Dido and McKinnons Creek Granites | Good water supply, particularly from cal- careous members. Gold and Copper. | White & Hughes (1957). White et al. (1958). |

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| N A E A H C R A ? | | Einasleigh Metamorphics (Ae) | Unknown | Gneiss (in places ptygmatic), migmatite, garnet-mica-sillimanite (?) schist and garnetiferous quartzite | In isolated areas between Junction Creek (north) and Lynd (south) of about 500 square miles | Plains, ridges and rough hills | Strongly foliated | Halls Reward Metamorphics ?Archaean | Metamorphic unconformity against the Lucky Creek Formation, Bernecker Creek Formation (Gilberton Sheet) and Etheridge Formation (Georgetown Sheet). Intruded by Precambrian granites with some retrograde metamorphism. Intruded by Cobbold Dolerite. | Poor water supply. Copper, gold, lead and silver. | White & Hughes (1957). White, Best et al. (1959). White & Wyatt (1959, in press). |
| | | Halls Reward Metamorphics (Ah) | Unknown | Mica schist, quartz-mica schist, garnet-mica schist; quartzite and migmatite | Crops out over 25 square miles in the Halls Reward Mine area | Low quartz covered rises. Well exposed in creek sections | Strongly sheared and foliated (vertical) | Einasleigh Metamorphics ?Archaean | Unconformably overlain by the Paddys Creek Formation | Poor water supply. Copper | White et al. (1958). Green (1958). |
| | | Stenhouse Creek Amphibolite (As) | Unknown (?3,000 feet) | Banded amphibolite with some marble lenses. | Covers 5 square miles in the Halls Reward Mine area | Outcrops restricted to creek sections. Other places heavy red-brown soil cover | Tightly folded. Well jointed. Foliated | ?Archaean | Conformably underlies Halls Reward Metamorphics with some interfingering. Regionally metamorphosed to amphibolite facies | Poor water supply. Copper | White et al. (1958). Green (1958). |

PLATE 2

GOLD AND ANTIMONY MINES

IN THE HODGKINSON DISTRICT

INCLUDING THE AREAS AROUND
NORTHCOTE, WOODVILLE, AND WELLESLEY.

Scale
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| 1. Tyrconnel | 35. Kabin Hood | Union Gro |
| 2. Southern Cross | 36. Great Western | |
| 3. Honest Lawyer, Mawbray | 37. Maid of the Forest reef | |
| 4. Flying Pig, Hope, Chance, Pioneer | 38. Wellesley | |
| 5. Explorer | 39. Lola Montes | |
| 6. Great Northern | 40. St. Patrick, Infant | |
| 7. Devon & Cornwall | 41. Union | |
| 8. Empress of India | 42. Geraldine | |
| 9. Henry, Grantan | 43. Richmond | |
| 10. ? | 44. Band of Freedom | |
| 11. Eureka, Columbia | 45. ? | Woodville - Stuartstown |
| 12. Commodore, Lizzie Redmond, Hero | 46. Chance | |
| 13. Forget Me Not | 47. Mt. Blake | |
| 14. ? | 48. Result | |
| 15. Vulcan, Britannia, Sumner, West Group | 49. Crown | |
| 16. North Star, Good Hope, Outward Bound, Homeward Bound | 50. ? | |
| 17. Amy Moore | 51. Lighthouse, Working Miner | |
| 18. Mark Twain | 52. Binnacle | |
| 19. Lady Mary, Catherine | 53. ? | |
| 20. Bismarck, Empress, Attila, Mollie | 54. Captain Cook | |
| 21. Tasmania | 55. Dayworth | Beaconsfield |
| 22. ? | 56. St. George | |
| 23. ? | 57. Home Rule | |
| 24. ? | 58. Willem Tell | |
| 25. Monarch | 59. ? | |
| 26. Mountaineer | 60. Jackson | |
| 27. Maria | 61. Queenslander | |
| 28. Downpatrick, Centennial | 62. ? | |
| 29. Emily reef | 63. ? | |
| 30. Grays or Tunni led | | |
| 31. Lone Hunt, Jacobson, (Matilda) | | Northcote |
| 32. Enterprise, Monkind, Just in Time, you Never Can Tell | | |
| 33. Australasian, Great Australian | | |
| 34. Kirrie Moshum | | |

