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BEACH SANDS INVESTIGATION AT BURLEIGH AREA.

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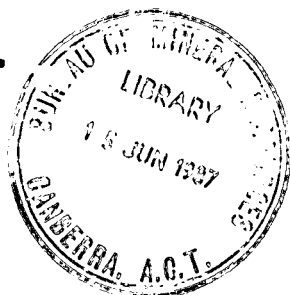
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BEACH SANDS INVESTIGATION.

THE NORTH BURLEIGH AREA, BETWEEN NORTH NOBBY AND SOUTH NOBBY.

Plans and sections of the area are included at the back of this report.

INTRODUCTION.

This area forms portion of a coastal sandy belt 1,500 to 2,000 feet wide, which extends from Main Beach, Southport, to South Nobby, North Burleigh; and is about 5 to 15 feet higher than the low-lying, in part swampy coastal plain adjoining it on the west. The Pacific Highway runs close to the western edge of the sandy belt. The known deposits, and probably all of the deposits of heavy minerals between Southport and North Burleigh occur either in the present sea beaches or in the eastern half of the narrow sandy belt.

The deposits of heavy minerals in portions of the sandy belt have been covered in the following Reports :-

Report No. 1948/35.
1948/52 (Geol. Ser. 19).
1948/61 (Geol. Ser. 24).
1949/71 (Geol. Ser. 52).
1949/66 (Geol. Ser. 47).
1949/67 (Geol. Ser. 48).
1949/69 (Geol. Ser. 50).

The area dealt with in this report adjoins on the north the area of Report No. 1949/67 (Geol. Ser. 48), and on the east the area of Report No. 1948/61 (Geol. Ser. 24).

LOCALITY.

The above area is situated approximately six and a half miles south of Southport, adjacent to and to the east of the Pacific Highway. West of the Highway the country rapidly becomes swampy.

FIELD WORK.

Boring and Sampling. Preliminary boring and sampling of the area was carried out in March, 1948, and the area completed in February, 1949. Bores were put down to water level using a post hole auger. When the sand brought up from a bore-hole appeared to contain appreciable quantities of heavy mineral it was sampled by quartering. Details of samples are given in Table A at the end of this report.

LABORATORY WORK.

Samples were dried and their weights and volumes were determined. The samples were then concentrated by means of a laboratory Wilfley Table, and the weights and volumes of the dry concentrates were determined. The percentage composition of a composite sample of the concentrates from each bore line was determined by grain counting. The quantities of heavy minerals in the samples, expressed as weight per cent and as "Lbs/Cu.Yd." (pounds weight of heavy mineral concentrate per cubic yard of sand) are given in Table A at the end of this report. The average percentage composition of the heavy mineral concentrate in the area, obtained from the percentage composition at each bore line, weighted for the quantity of mineral at the line, is given in Table 2.

RESULTS.

Distribution of Heavy Mineral: The plan accompanying this report shows that heavy mineral-bearing sand extends approximately 800 feet inland from the eastern boundary of the area. The deposit is interrupted by long narrow barren strips which appear to be parallel to the beach line. These barren strips have caused the subdivision of the area into blocks. From Table 1 it may be observed that the tonnage and grade is significantly greater to the west than to the east. This is rather an unusual case, as almost invariably the tonnage and grade is greater to the east, i.e. closer to the beach.

Quantities: Two separate estimates have been made (Tables 1 and 2) of the tonnages of heavy minerals, volumes and average thicknesses of mineral-bearing sands and of overburden, average grade of mineral-bearing sands and tonnages of each of the heavy minerals. The figures of Table 1/300 are based on a thickness of mineral-bearing sand in each borehole which has a minimum average grade of 300 lbs. of heavy mineral per cubic yard, while the figures of Table 1/120 are based on a minimum average grade of 120 lbs. per cubic yard. Quantities of overburden have been included with the mineral-bearing sands to obtain a maximum thickness of "working face" and a minimum thickness of overburden while still maintaining the desired grade.

Tonnages Available for Mining. All this area is divided into allotments, which are privately owned. Hence this area can be mined only by agreement with the owners.

SOUTHPORT, QUEENSLAND.

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Geologist in Charge.

BLOCKS 1, 2 and 3.

Minimum Grade 300 lbs/cu.yd.

TABLE 1.

TONNAGES, VOLUMES, AVERAGE THICKNESSES AND AVERAGE GRADES.

LINES 1407S - 2317S.

BLOCK	AREA	WEIGHT OF HEAVY MINERAL CONCENTRATE. TONS.	VOLUME		AVERAGE THICKNESS		AVERAGE GRADE OF MINERAL BEARING SANDS. LBS. OF HEAVY MINERAL CONCENTRATE PER CUB. YD.
	SQ. YDS.		MINERAL-BEARING SANDS CUBIC YDS.	OVER- BURDEN CUBIC YDS.	MINERAL-BEARING SANDS FEET	OVER- BURDEN FEET	
BLOCK I	13,192	456.2	3133.05	22747.1	- 8.5"	5' 1.3"	326.2
BLOCK II.	20,046	1012.0	6448.20	71004.2	- 11.6"	10' 7.5"	351.6
BLOCK III	8,786	749.1	5376.20	20110.2	1' 10.0"	6' 10.4"	312.1
TOTAL :-	42,024	2217.3	14957.45	113,861.5	1' 0.8"	8' 1.5"	332.1
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BLOCKS 1 and 2.

120 lbs./cu.yd.

TABLE 1.

PAGE 1.

TONNAGES, VOLUMES, AVERAGE THICKNESSES AND AVERAGE GRADES.

BLOCK	AREA SQ.YDS.	WEIGHT OF HEAVY MINERAL CONCENTRATE. TONS.	VOLUME		AVERAGE THICKNESS		AVERAGE GRADE OF MINERAL BEARING SANDS. LBS. OF HEAVY MINERAL CONCENTRATE PER CUB. YD.
			MINERAL-BEARING SANDS CUBIC YDS.	OVER- BURDEN. CUBIC YDS	MINERAL-BEARING SANDS FEET	OVER- BURDEN FEET	
BLOCK I.	22,004	905.78	16239.33	40314.85	2' 2.6"	5' 6"	124.94
BLOCK II.	27,587	1885.71	31330.17	48565.10	3' 4.9"	5' 3.4"	134.82
TOTAL :-	49,591	2791.49	47569.50	88879.95	2' 10.5"	5' 4.5"	131.45
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TABLE 3. 2.

TONNAGES OF EACH OF THE HEAVY MINERALS

ESTIMATED FROM PERCENTAGE COMPOSITIONS DETERMINED BY GRAIN COUNTING

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LINE 1407S.

BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE (FT.) X (LBS. PER CU. YD.)		OVERBURDE	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS. PER CU. YD.	WT. PER CENT	300	120	300	120
160W.	S.E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	1	L6542A	6'8"	6'9"	98.1	3.6				
203W.			N O S A M P L E.								
243W.		1	L6542	7'9"	8'9"	316.1	11.45	316.1	316.1	7'9"	6'3"
			Thickness		1'0" 2'6"	316.1 121.5		316.1	316.1		
306W.		1	L6543	8'0"	8'3"	471.4	17.1	117.9	117.9		
			L6544	9'0"	9'3"	376.5	13.3	-	94.1		
			Thickness		0'4" 1'9"	354 121.1		117.9	212.0	7'11"	7'6"
406W.			N O S A M P L E.								
506W.		1	L6545	5'6"	5'9"	553.3	19.9	138.3	138.3		
			Thickness		0'5" 1'0"	329.3 138.3		138.3	138.3	5'4"	4'9"
606W.		1	L6546	8'6"	9'0"	209.9	7.9	104.9	104.9		
		2	L6547	9'1"	9'3"	1840.5	52.8	306.7	306.7		
			Thickness		1'4" 3'5"	120.4 308.8		411.6	411.6	7'11"	5'10"
682W.		1	L6548	8'9"	9'0"	39.6	1.5				
700W.			N O S A M P L E.								
727W.			N O S A M P L E.								
760W.			N O S A M P L E.								

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LINE 1607S.

BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS.PER CU.YD.	WT.PER CENT	(FT.) X (LBS.PER CU.YD.)			
								300	120	300	120
10W.	S.E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	1	L2672	5'0"	6'0"	42.7	1.9				
		2	L2673	15'0"	16'0"	25.0	1.0				
35W.		1	L6529	13'6"	13'10"	163.2	6.1	-	54.4		
			Thickness		5"	130.6		-	54.4		
59W.		1	L2674	2'0"	11'0"	40.7	1.5				
		2	L2675	11'0"	13'0"	363.7	12.8				
			Thickness		2'0" 8'0"	363.1 121.3		726.2	970.6	11'0"	5'0"
89W.		1	L6530	10'0"	10'9"	419.2	14.8	314.4	314.4		
		2	L6531	12'0"	12'2"	2415.0	63.6	402.5	402.5		
		3	L6532	12'2"	12'8"	1072.0	34.8	536.0	536.0		
			Thickness		4'0" 10'4"	313.2 121.2		1252.9	1252.9	8'8"	2'4"
121W.		1	L2676	10'0"	12'0"	35.8	1.5				
155W.		1	L6533	6'7"	6'9"	188.6	6.8	-	31.4		
			Thickness		0'3"	125.8		-	31.4	-	6'6"
185W.		1	L2677	5'0"	6'0"	134.7	5.1	-	134.7		
		2	L2678	6'0"	6'6"	35.5	1.4	-	-		
			Thickness		1'1"	124.3		-	134.7	-	4'11"

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LINE 1607S. (Continued).

BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS. PER CU. YD.	WT. PER CENT.	(FT.) X. (LBS. PER CU. YD.)		300	120
								300	120	300	120
225W.	S. E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	1	L6534	0'0"	9'3"	33.27	1.3				
269W.		1	L2679	7'0"	11'6"	20.8	2.0				
		2	L2680	11'6"	12'0"	138.7	5.0	-	69.4	-	
			Thickness		0'6"	138.8		-	69.4	-	11'6"
309W.			NO SAMPLE.								
348W.		1	L6535	0'0"	10'9"	29.8	1.2	-			
407W.		1	L2681	9'3"	9'6"	38.8	1.3	-			
446W.		1	L6536	9'9"	10'3"	1824.0	53.15	912.0	912.0		
			Thickness		3'0" 7'6"	304.0 120.0		912.0	912.0	7'3"	2'9"
486W.		1	L6537	4'6"	5'9"	571.5	20.3	714.5	714.5		
		2	L6538	6'0"	6'4"	264.7	9.8	88.2	88.2		
		3	L6539	9'0"	9'2"	247.1	8.8	-	41.2		
			Thickness		1'10" 7'0"	437.8 120.5		802.7	843.9	4'6"	2'2"
526W.			NO SAMPLE.								
566W.		1	L2682	10'0"	11'0"	166.8	7.2	-	166.8		
		2	L2683	11'0"	13'0"	333.6	11.7	667.2	667.2		
			Thickness		2'0" 7'0"	333.6 119.1		667.2	834.0	11'0"	6'0"

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LINE 1607S.

LINE 10078.											
BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN.	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS.PER CU.YD.	WT.PER CENT	(FT.) X (LBS.PER CU.YD.)		300	120
								300	120		
596W.	S. E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE.	1	L6540	8'0"	9'0"	367.3	12.8	367.3	367.3		
		2	L6541	10'0"	10'6"	Trace.					
			Thickness		1'2"	314.4		367.3		7'10"	
					3'0"	122.4		367.3		6'0"	
626W.	EASTERN FENCE LINE	1	L2684	9'0"	9'3"	158.1	5.8	-	39.3		
			L2685	9'3"	11'6"	79.5	3.2	-	-		
			Thickness		0'3"	158.1		-	39.5	-	9'0"
649W.	IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	NO SAMPLE.									
682W.		1	L2686	2'0"	9'6"	25.6	1.0	192.0	192.0		
		2	L2687	9'6"	10'6"	1476	42.2	1476.0	1476.0		
		3	L2688	10'6"	11'6"	846.5	29.5	846.5	846.5		
			Thickness		8'0"	309.5		2476.1		3'6"	-
					11'6"	218.6		2514.5			
715W.		1	L5900	9'0"	10'0"	1269.0	39.2	1269.0	1269.0		
			Thickness		4'0"	317.2		1269.0			
					10'0"	126.9		1269.0		6'0"	-
745W.		NO SAMPLE.									
782W.		NO SAMPLE.									
982W.		NO SAMPLE.									
1282W.		NO SAMPLE.									

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LINE 16078.

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LINE 1962S.

BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS.PER CU.YD.	WT.PER CENT	(FT.) X (LBS. PER CU.YD.)		300	120
								300	120		
Zero.	S.E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	1	L6549	2'9"	4'0"	262.1	9.6	-	327.6		
			Thickness		2'8"	122.8			327.6		1'4"
33W.		1	L6550	0'0"	13'6"	23.2	0.9				
66W.		1	L6551	10'9"	11'6"	1295.0	41.0	971.2	971.2		
			Thickness		3'0"	323.7		971.2		8'6"	
					8'0"	121.4			971.2		3'6"
99W.			NO SAMPLE.								
132W.		1	L6552	0'0"	8'6"	126.5	5.0	-	1087.9		
			Thickness		8'6"	126.5		-	1087.9	-	-
165W.			NO SAMPLE.								
198W.			NO SAMPLE.								
231W.			NO SAMPLE.								
264W.			NO SAMPLE.								
297W.			1	L6553	7'0"	7'2"	115.9	4.4	-	-	
		2	L6554	10'6"	10'8"	1518.0	43.1	253	253		
			Thickness		0'10"	304.1		253			
					2'1"	121.6			253	9'10"	8'7"
330W.		1	L6555	7'0"	7'4"	214.0	8.1	-	71.3		
		2	L6556	8'0"	8'9"	70.4	2.7	-	-		
			Thickness		0'7"	123		-	71.3	-	6'9"

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BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE (FT.) X (LBS. PER CU. YD.)		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS. PER CU. YD.	WT. PER CENT	300	120	300	120
363W.	S.E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.		NO SAMPLE.								
396W.			NO SAMPLE.								
429W.		1	L6557	7'7"	8'3"	1325.6	41.5	883.73	883.73	5'4"	0'11"
			Thickness		2'11" 7'4"	302.8 120.5		883.73	883.73		
461W.		1	L6558	6'0"	6'3"	185.8	7.1	-	46	-	5'11"
			Thickness		0'4"	139.5		-	46.45		
495W.			NO SAMPLE.								
528W.		1	L6559	8'6"	8'9"	166.1	6.2	-	41.5	12'1"	8'6"
		2	L6560	9'7"	10'4"	284.0	10.3	-	213.0		
		3	L6561	12'6"	13'0"	582.4	20.2	291.2	291.2		
			Thickness		0'11" 4'6"	317.7 121.3		291.2	545.7		
561W		1	L6562	8'0"	9'9"	186.2	7.1	-	325.7		
		2	L6563	10'6"	11'0"	940.5	30.6	470.2	470.2		
		3	L6564	11'3"	11'7"	263.2	9.5	85.8	85.8		
		4	L6565	12'0"	12'6"	808.6	26.9	404.3	404.3		
			Thickness		3'0" 10'6"	320.1 122.5		960.3	1286.0		

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BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS.PER CU.YD.	WT.PER CENT	(FT.) X (LBS.PER CU.YD.)		300	120
								300	120	300	120
594W.	S. E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE. EASTERN FENCE LINE IS ADOPTED MERIDIAN.	1	L6566	10'6"	10'9"	23.1	0.9	-	-		
		2	L6567	11'3"	11'9"	176.7	6.7	-	88.3		
			Thickness		0'8"	132.4		-	88.3	-	11'1"
627W.		1	L6568	9'9"	10'0"	210.6	8.1	-	52.6		
			Thickness		0'5"	126.2		-	52.6	-	9'7"
660W.		1	L6569	10'2"	10'9"	1023	32.7	593.3	593.3		
			Thickness		1'11" 4'9"	309.5 139.7		593.3	593.3	8'10"	6'0"
693W.		1	L6570	10'9"	11'0"	435.0	15.6	108.7	108.7		
			Thickness		0'4" 0'9"	326.1 144.9		108.7	108.7	10'8"	10'3"
726W.			NO SAMPLE.								
759W.			NO SAMPLE.								

NORTH BURLEIGH.

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LINE 2317.

BORE NO. & R.L.	CO-ORDINATES FROM	SAMPLE NO.		DEPTH		QUANTITY OF HEAVY MINERALS		THICKNESS OF SAMPLE		OVERBURDEN	
		FIELD	LABOR- ATORY	FROM	TO	LBS.PER CU.YD.	WT.PER CENT.	(FT.) X (LBS.PER CU.YD.)		300	120
								300	120		
55W.	S. E. CORNER OF BEACH AVENUE.	1	L2701	1'6"	5'7"	30.23	0.9				
96W.			NO SAMPLE.								
137W.			ditto.								
273W.			ditto.								
360W.		1	L2702	0'0"	5'0"	33.32	1.3				
441W.			NO SAMPLE.								
514W.			ditto.								
607W.		1	L2705	2'0"	9'0"	16.1	0.6				
635W.			NO SAMPLE.								
660W.		1	L2706	7'0"	8'0"	369.8	13.4	369.8	369.8	6'10"	6'5"
		2	L2707	9'3"	10'0"	225.9	7.9		169.4		
			Thickness		1'2"	316.0		369.8			
					3'7"	122.7		439.2			
690W.			NO SAMPLE.								
732W.		NO SAMPLE.									
956W.		NO SAMPLE.									
1056W.		ditto.									
1356W.		ditto.									
1656W.		ditto.									

NORTH BURLEIGH

AREA BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH NOBBIES

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LINE 1607 S

BORE NO	DISTANCE	BORE NO	DISTANCE
1	100	13	650
2	350	14	680
3	50	15	720
4	80	16	750
5	120	17	780
6	150	18	820
7	180	19	850
8	220	20	880
9	250	21	920
10	280	22	950
11	320	23	980
12	400		
13	450		
14	480		
15	520		
16	550		
17	590		
18	620		

LINE 1407 S

BORE NO	DISTANCE	BORE NO	DISTANCE
1	100	13	650
2	350	14	680
3	50	15	720
4	80	16	750
5	120	17	780
6	150	18	820
7	180	19	850
8	220	20	880
9	250	21	920
10	280	22	950
11	320	23	980
12	400		
13	450		
14	480		
15	520		
16	550		
17	590		
18	620		

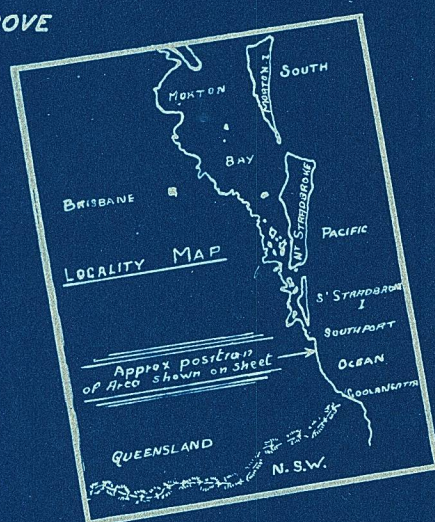
LINE 1962 S

BORE NO	DISTANCE	BORE NO	DISTANCE
1	330	13	620
2	60	14	460
3	30	15	490
4	100	16	520
5	150	17	550
6	200	18	580
7	250	19	610
8	300	20	640
9	350	21	670
10	400	22	700
11	450	23	730
12	500		
13	550		
14	600		
15	650		
16	700		
17	750		
18	800		

LINE 2317 S

BORE NO	DISTANCE	BORE NO	DISTANCE
1	330	13	620
2	60	14	460
3	30	15	490
4	100	16	520
5	150	17	550
6	200	18	580
7	250	19	610
8	300	20	640
9	350	21	670
10	400	22	700
11	450	23	730
12	500		
13	550		
14	600		
15	650		
16	700		
17	750		
18	800		

DISTANCES REFERED TO IN TABLES ABOVE ARE DISTANCES IN FEET WEST OF EASTERN FENCE LINE

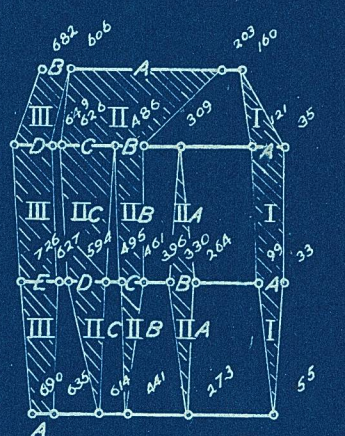


SCALE 500 FEET = 1 INCH

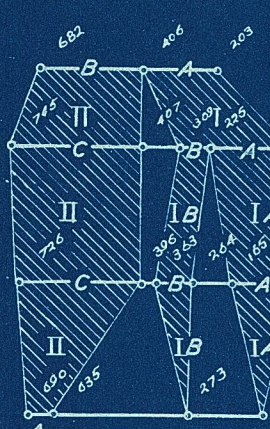


PLAN OF MINERAL BEARING SAND (BETWEEN LINE 1407 S & LINE 2317 S)

300 LBS PER CU YD



120 LBS PER CU YD



MINERAL BEARING SAND

LINE 1407 S

LINE 1607 S

LINE 1962 S

LINE 2317 S



LINE 2317 S CONT.

