

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION (M.E.I.G.A.)

COMPANY: EXPLORATION VENTURES LTD

REF: AE 16

PROJECT: ALFORD

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- Extract from application 6.8.71. "Outline of proposed project including geological considerations work programme." With accompanying plan of area, 1": 4 miles
- Geological Report 9.8.71 to 31.12.71 with the following 4 enclosures, all 6": 1 mile, CUSHNIE area, OS map no. Aberdeenshire LX1SE, LXXNE, LX11SW, LX11NW
 1. Geology and air photographic features December 1972
 2. Apparent chargeability values. August/September 1971 (+ negative)
 3. Apparent resistivity values. August/September 1971 (+ negative)
 4. Vertical magnetic intensity November/December 1971 (+ negative)
- Technical Report for 1.1.72 to 31.12.72 with 3 enclosures:
 1. Location of HEM anomalies followed up by office or on the ground study. 1 : 63,360, 1972. Part of OS sheet 39.
 2. Tabulation of ground follow-up. 1972
 3. Profiles of EM tranverses over HEM anomalies 1 cm : 100' (Horiz) 1972. 13 sheets
- Technical Report for 1.1.73 to 31.12.73
- Four 6": 1 mile maps Geochem. results of soil sampling Cu, Ni covering the following areas respectively:
NJ61SW; NJ61NW+NE; NJ51SW+SE; NJ51NW+NE (submitted with letter dated 27.11.73)
- *Part of letter 28.2.75 RE: HEM ground follow-up, enclosing table 16C, Sulphur: Metal ratios, and copper analyses

* Not at Keyworth

MINERAL EXPLORATION INCENTIVE SCHEME

APPLICATION

for assistance

1. Applicant

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2. Project title

Alford.

3. Applicants' organisation
& financial structure

Please see this Company's letter dated 6th August, 1971.

4. Outline of proposed project,

including geological considerations (see plan attached)

This area is geologically underlain by a schist/migmatite environment with many small granite bosses which are being prospected for molybdenum, wolfram and tin..

There is also a distinctive aeromagnetic pattern which is higher than that normally associated with granites and migmatites. Basic float found in the area suggests that it is due to basic masses beneath the surface warranting search for Cu and Ni, Already intensive preliminary stream sediment sampling has been undertaken.

5. Work programme and costs
of project

In the search for molybdenum reconnaissance stream sediment geochemistry yielded anomalous values which have since been followed up by infill stream sampling and a detailed soil survey. An extremely anomalous trend for Mo has been outlined in the Cushnie area and this will be tested thoroughly by further soil sampling, ground geophysics and geological mapping.

As a high aeromagnetic feature could have economic implications work has been directed towards explaining it. Ground magnetics, induced polarisation, soil geochemistry and geology will all be used.

Application for contributions under the Mineral
Exploration and Investment Grants Act 1972

Geological Report : Alford AE16

During the period 9th August to 31st December, 1971,
geological and geophysical surveys were carried out.

(i) Geology

A photo-geological study followed by float and outcrop mapping further investigated an area of anomalous molybdenum values in stream sediments and soils at Cushnie.

(ii) Geophysics.

a) Induced Polarization.

A reconnaissance survey over the area of anomalous molybdenum soil values at Cushnie was carried out with Scintrex 25 watt time domain equipment using dipole-dipole arrays. Generally, low chargeability and high resistivity patterns were defined over the area of interest and no meaningful correlation with the soil anomalies was possible.

b) Ground Magnetometry.

A vertical force magnetic survey was read coincident with the I.P. coverage. This met with little success in defining areas of direct economic potential, but outlined points of structural interest.

Enclosures.

1. Geology and airphotographic features, Cushnie area
(Aberdeenshire LXISE, LXXNE, LXIISW, LXXINW)
2. Apparent chargeability values (milliseconds) Cushnie area.
(Aberdeenshire LXISE, LXXNE, LXIISW, LXXINW)
3. Apparent resistivity values (ohm metres) Cushnie area.
(Aberdeenshire LXISE, LXXNE, LXIISW, LXXINW)
4. Vertical magnetic intensity (gammas) Cushnie area.
(Aberdeenshire, LXISE, LXXNE, LXIISW, LXXINW)

Technical Report for the Period 1st January - 31st December, 1972.

During the period less field activity took place than originally estimated for in the Application for Assistance; most of the work undertaken being in the form of office studies of data already collected.

1. Geophysics

1.1. Ground Follow-up of Helicopter E.M. and Magnetics

Results obtained during a previous heliborne electromagnetic and magnetic survey were assessed and screened during an office study utilizing available air photographic cover and information from local authorities (on underground pipes, cables, etc.). This enabled the early elimination of many anomalies as directly attributable to cultural effects. The remainder were then screened by ground inspection and in several cases by ground electromagnetic traversing (see appended tabulation and profiles). At the end of this programme it was concluded that none of the remaining anomalies were of sufficient attraction to warrant further work by additional geological, geophysical or geochemical techniques.

Assessment of results from previous induced polarization and ground magnetic surveys indicated no targets worthy of detailed follow-up. The work programme outlined in the Application was not, therefore, pursued.

2. Geochemistry

No geochemical sampling was carried out during the period. The sum of [redacted] for assays listed below relates to work carried out in 1971, but only invoiced in 1972.

3. Special Projects

3.1. Soils Research Project

The data relating to this project were assessed and correlated prior to the final write-up. The results may be found in the final report submitted in October, 1973, which applies to most E.V.L. areas and time periods, including Alford in 1972.

4. Enclosures

Fig.1. - Map showing location of H.E.M. anomalies followed up Sheet 39 (part of).

Fig.2. - Tabulation of ground follow-up of H.E.M. anomalies.

Fig.3. - Profiles of Ground E.M. Traverses over H.E.M. anomalies.

ALFORD DISTRICT - AE16

Technical Report for the Period 1st January - 31st December 1973

During this period two geochemical investigations were conducted in this district. Both formed part of wider regional assessment programmes.

1 Geochemistry

1.1 Multi-element Analyses (Fig. 1-3 Morven [REDACTED] [REDACTED])

Sample of -80 mesh stream sediment material were selected on the basis of one sample per square kilometre and analysed spectrographically for fifteen elements:- Bi, Co, Cu, Cr, Pb, Mo, Ni, Ag, Sn, W, V, Zn, Zr, & Mn. Additionally, each sample was analysed for arsenic by atomic absorption methods. This work formed part of a regional investigation throughout most of the western part of E.V.L. aimed at checking for concentrations of hitherto unsuspected elements. Unfortunately, no concentrations of significance were revealed by the survey in this district. The relevant plan of results is included in the submission for Morven (Figs. 1-3). The raw data sheets and sample location plan are included in the [REDACTED]

1.2 Metal Sulphur Ratios (Fig. 1 - West Insch)

A float sample of sulphide-bearing uralitized gabbro was analysed for total Cu, Ni & S as part of a regional assessment of the Aberdeenshire and Banffshire basic complex. The results, which gave no encouragement for further work in this district, are included in the West Insch submission.

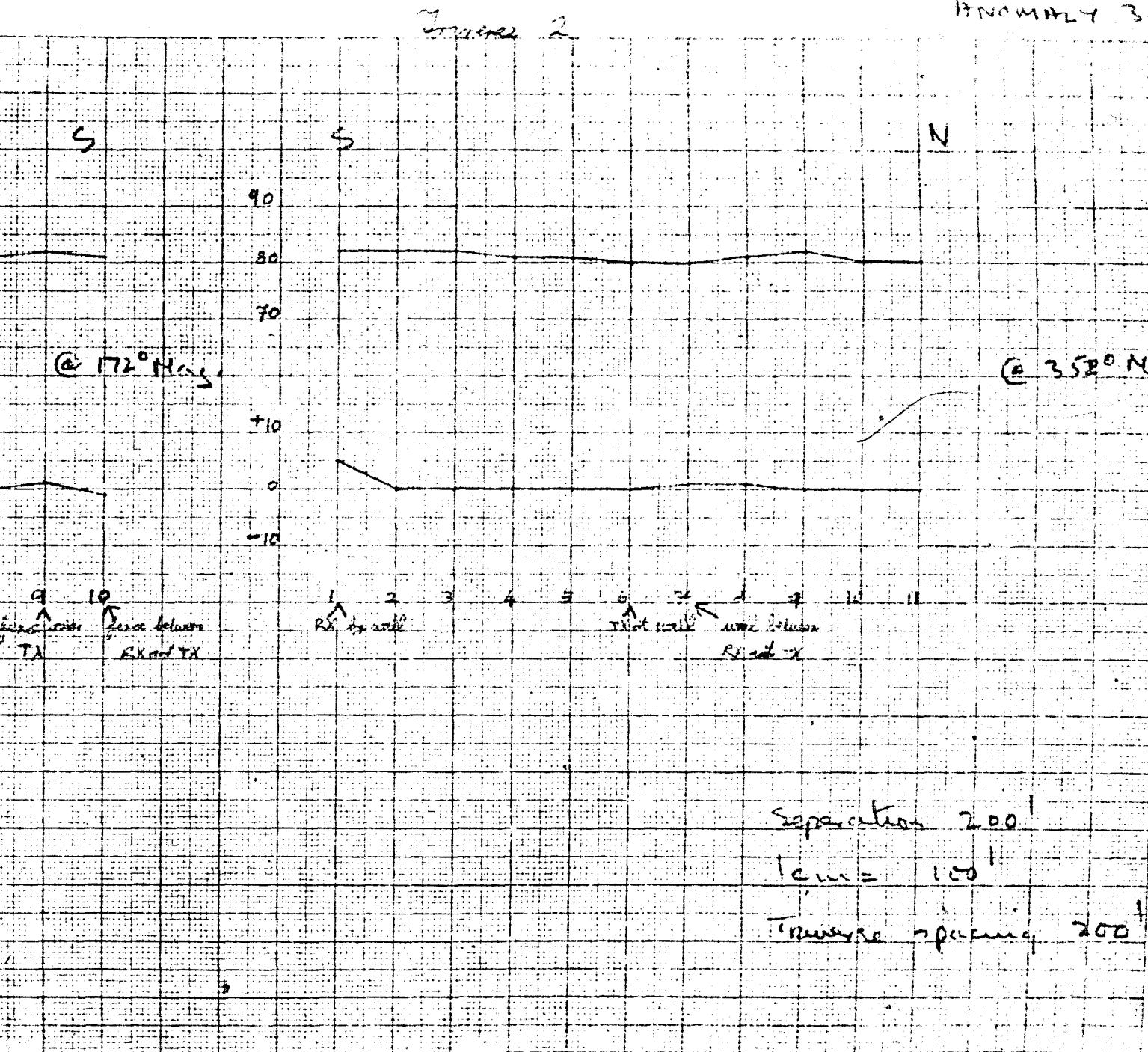
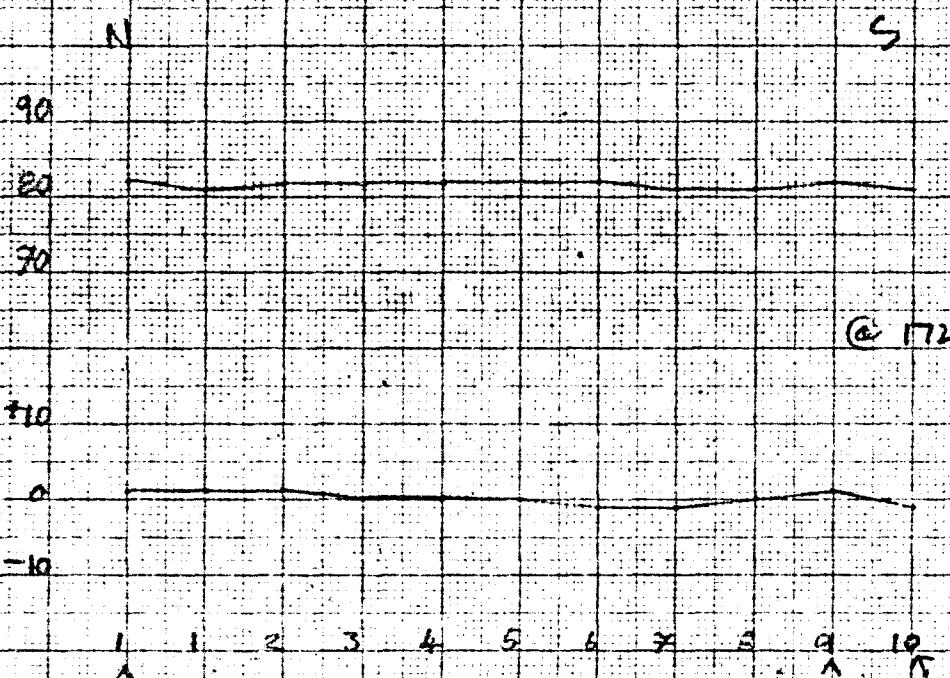
2. Soils Research Project

Statistical studies were conducted on material previously collected: data were collated and then written up. The results can be found in the final report submitted October 1973, which applies to most E.V.L. areas and time periods, including Alford 1973.

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BROMLEY 365A

NJ 5 Traverses 1



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Drg. No.

Area: ALFORD

Title: Profiles of ground. E.M. traverses
over H.E.M. anomalies

O.S. Map No. —

Scale: 1cm = 100' (Horiz) Date: 1972

Prepared by: G-M Drawn by: G-W

N-51

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ANOMALY 365A

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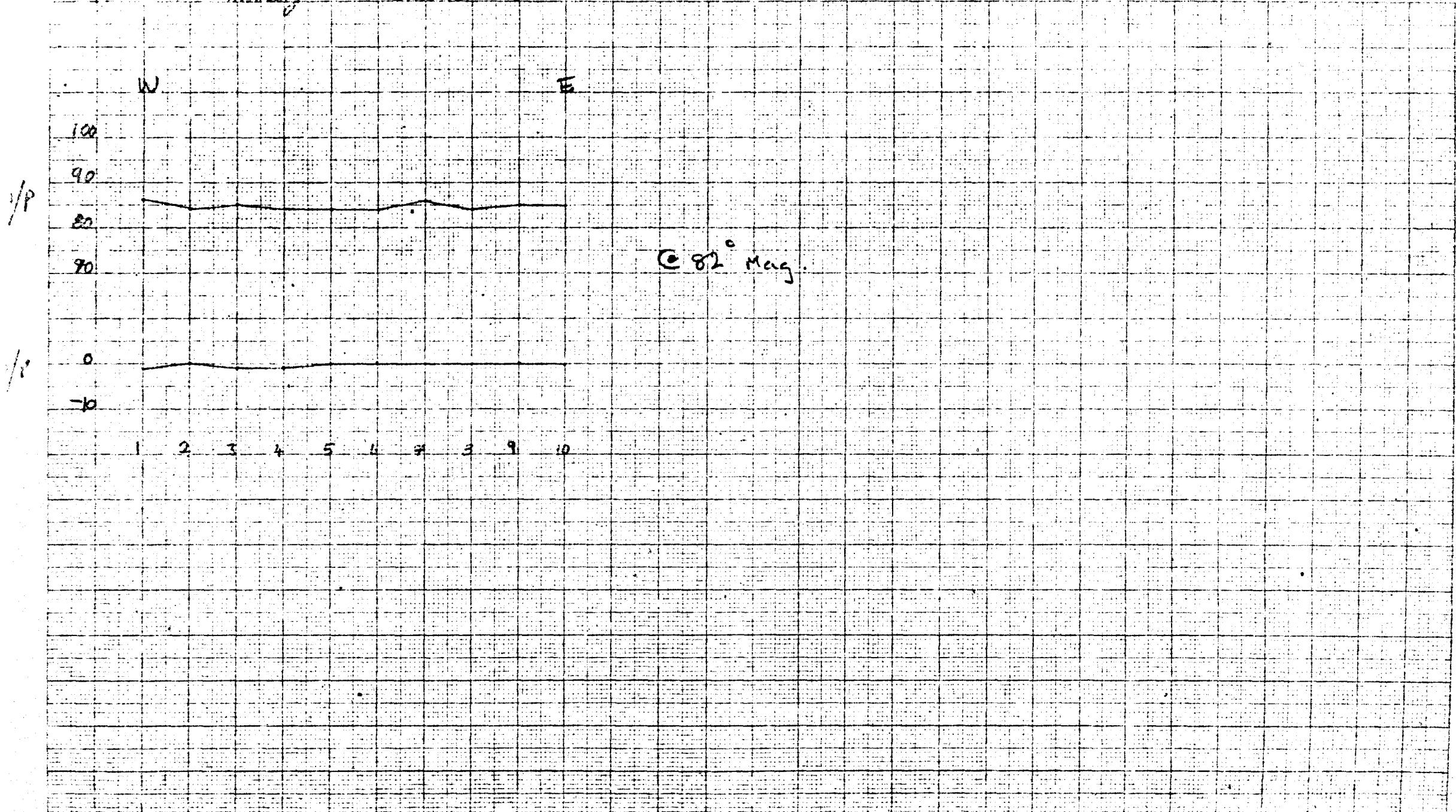
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between RX and TX

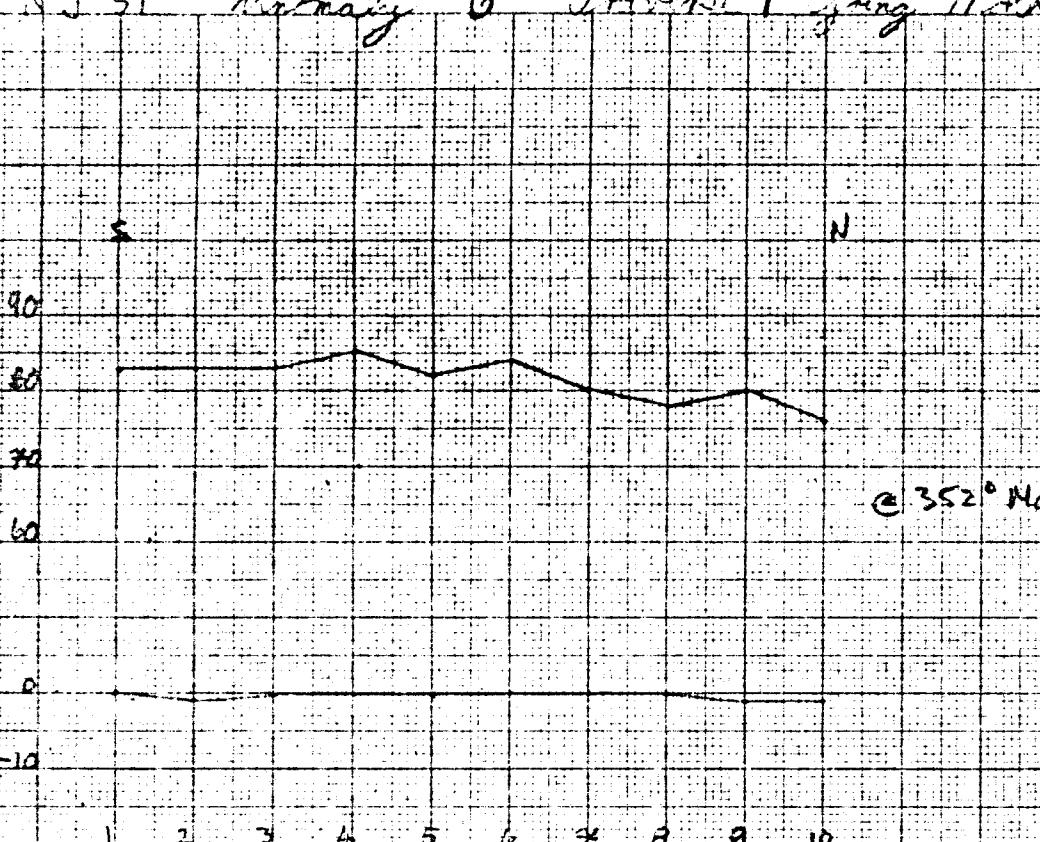
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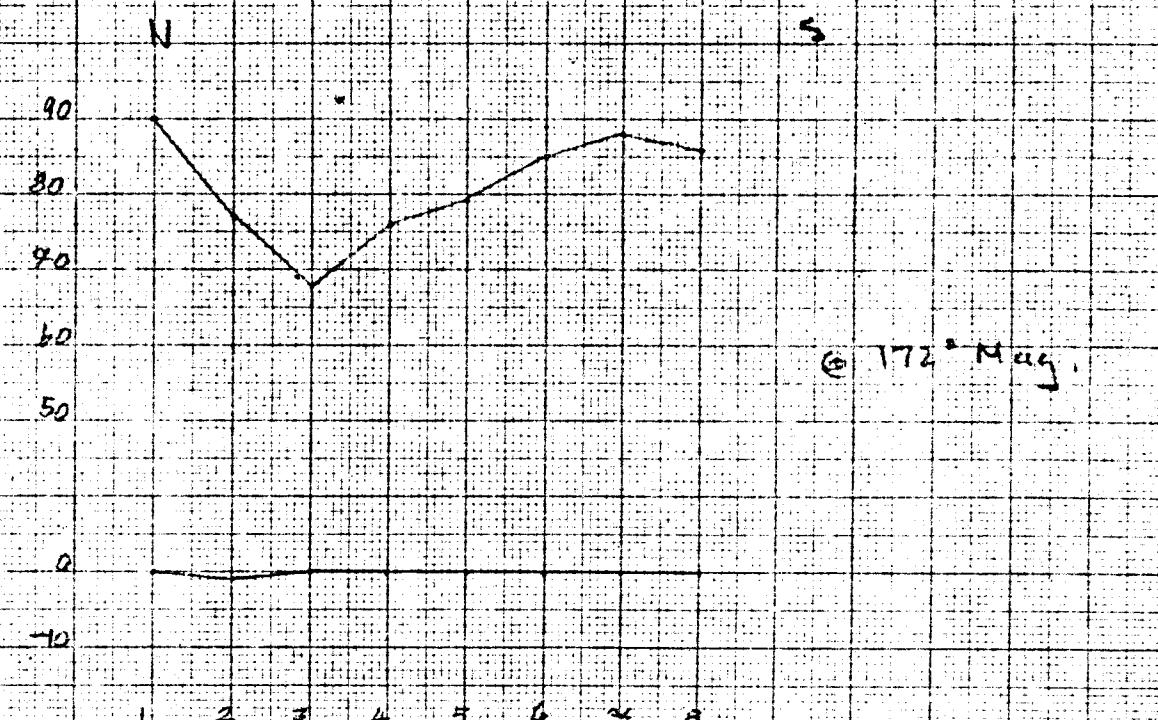


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Traverse 2 being back to dredge



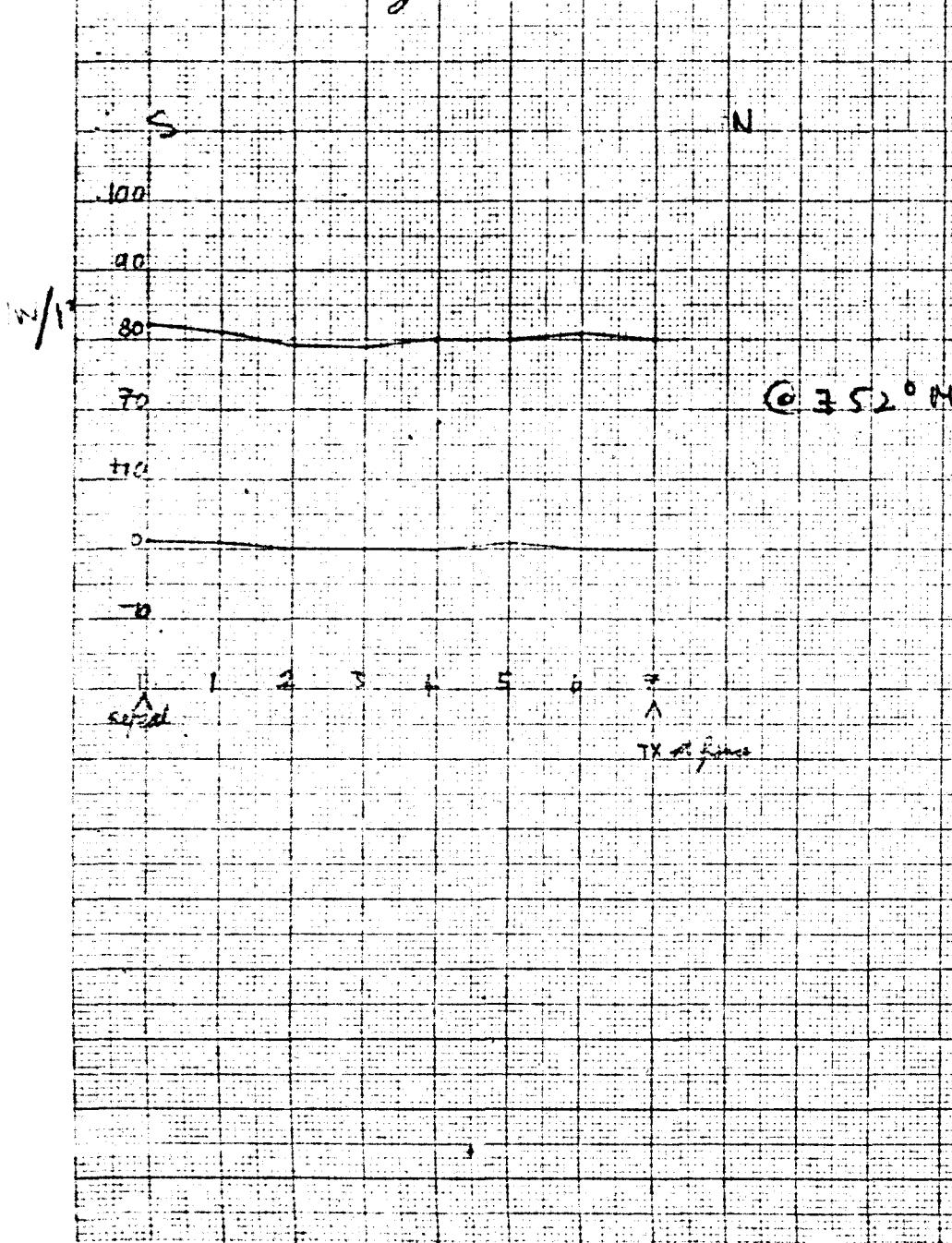
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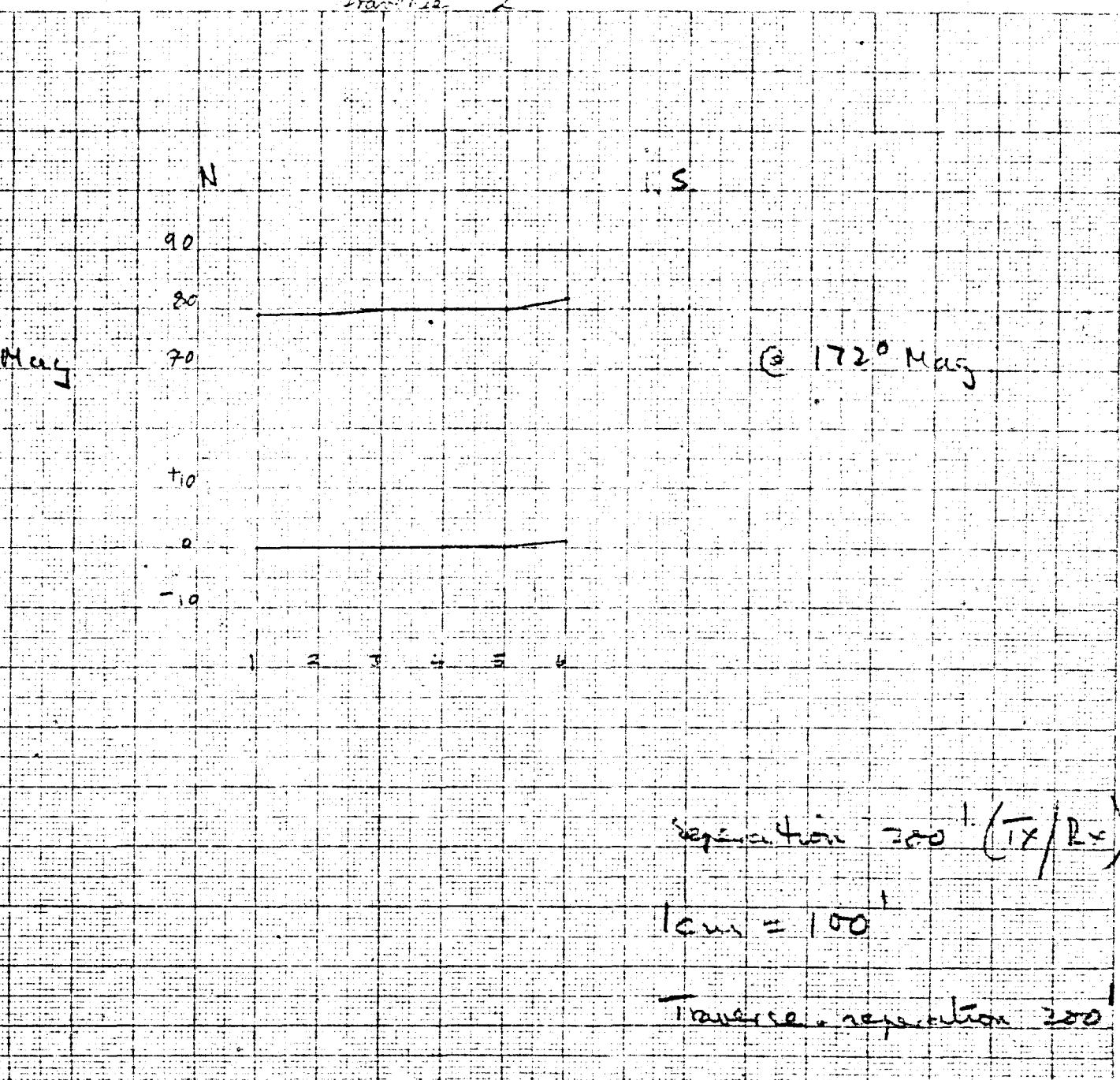
Traverse spacing 200'

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Anomaly 300 L



Traverse 2



repetition = 200 (Tx/Rx)

1 cm = 100'

traverse repetition 200'

N.J. 01 Crossing 9 Traverse 3

Anomaly 368 L

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1 2 3 4 5

W at 40°. End well

@ 52° Mag.

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End well

@ 72° Mag.

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@ 72° Mag.

Excavation 200' (T_x/R_x)

1 cm = 100.

Traverse separation 250'.

H NOMALY 3755

N.T. 51 Anomaly 19

Trace 1

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70

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-10

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
TX 20 fm, RX -130 fm per sec
RX 60 fm per sec

@ 352° Mag

Separation 200'

1 cm = 100'

N.J. 51 Branch 35 Traverse i

Traverse 2

Anomoly 385A

NORTH

SOUTH

IN/I

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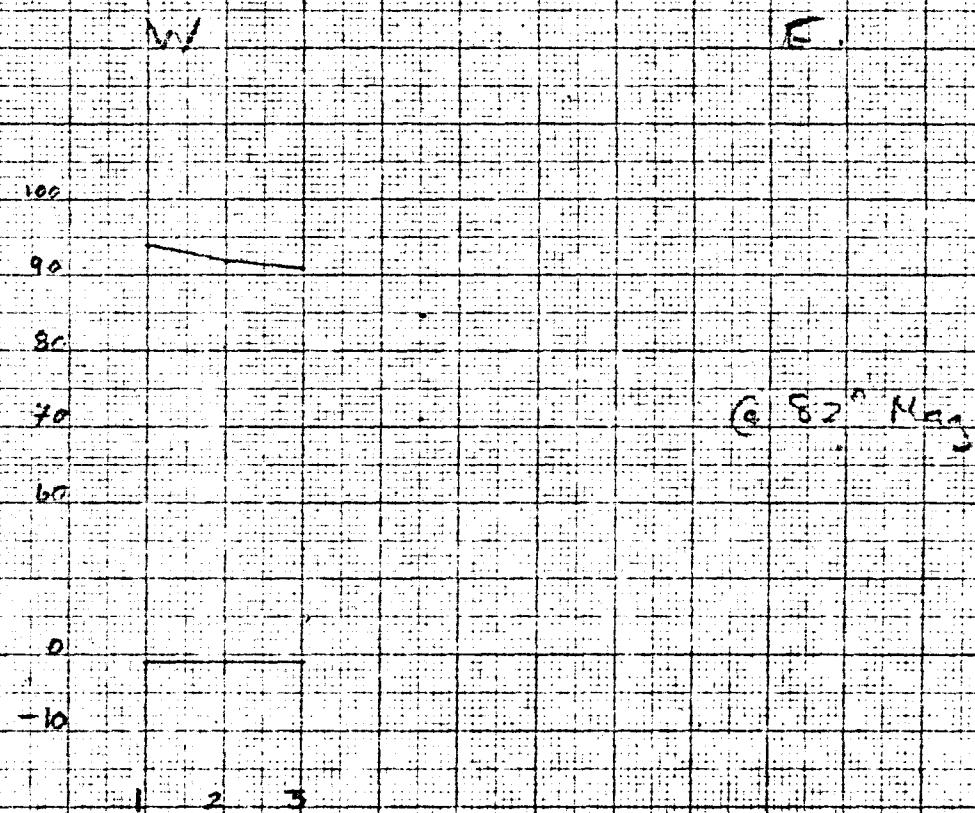
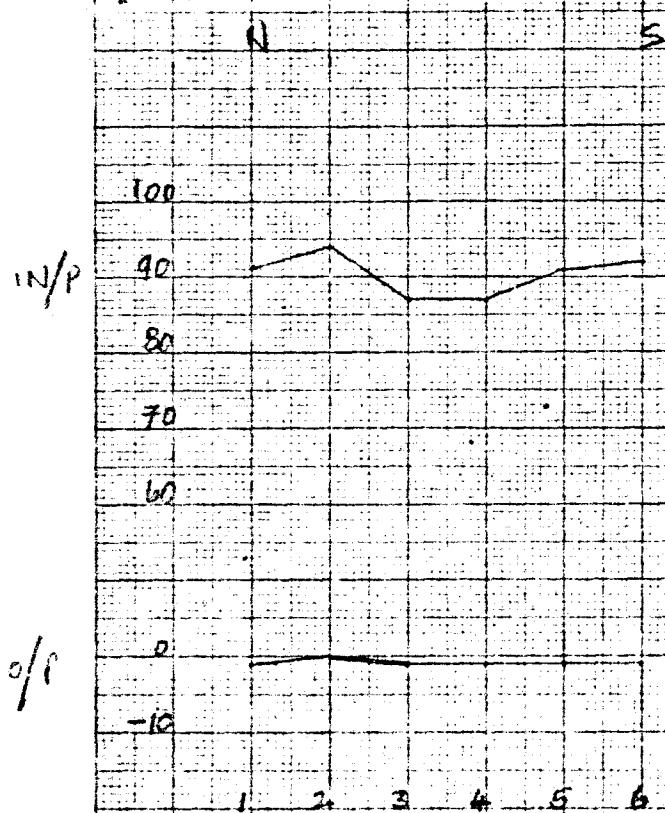
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Traverse report from ZOE

NJ 51 Anomaly 31° Traverse 3

Traverse 4

Anomaly 385 m



Traverse rejection 200

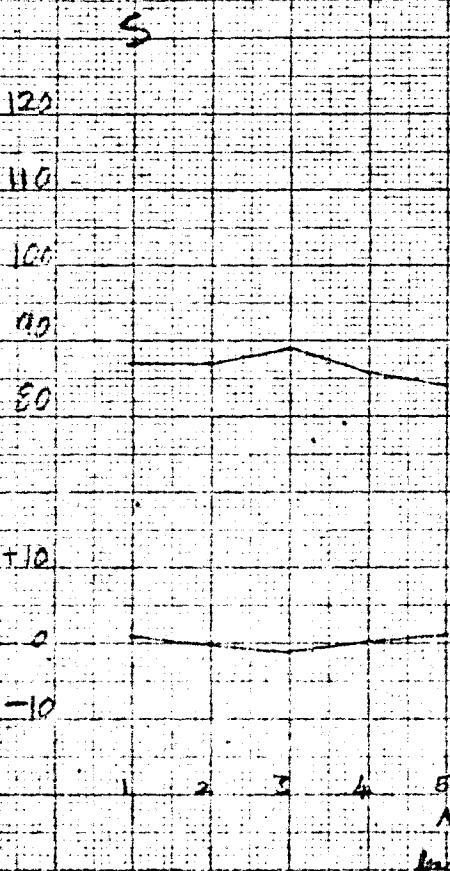
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Anomaly 37 Yr - 02]

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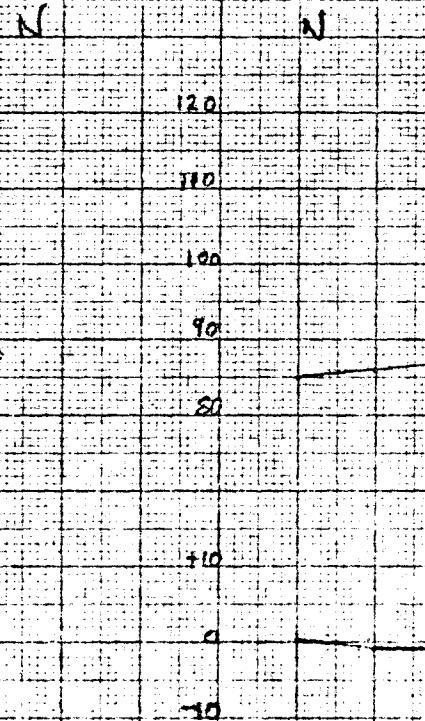
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@ 352° Mag.

Mag.

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@ 172° Mag.

200' separation (T_x/R_x)

1 cm = 100'

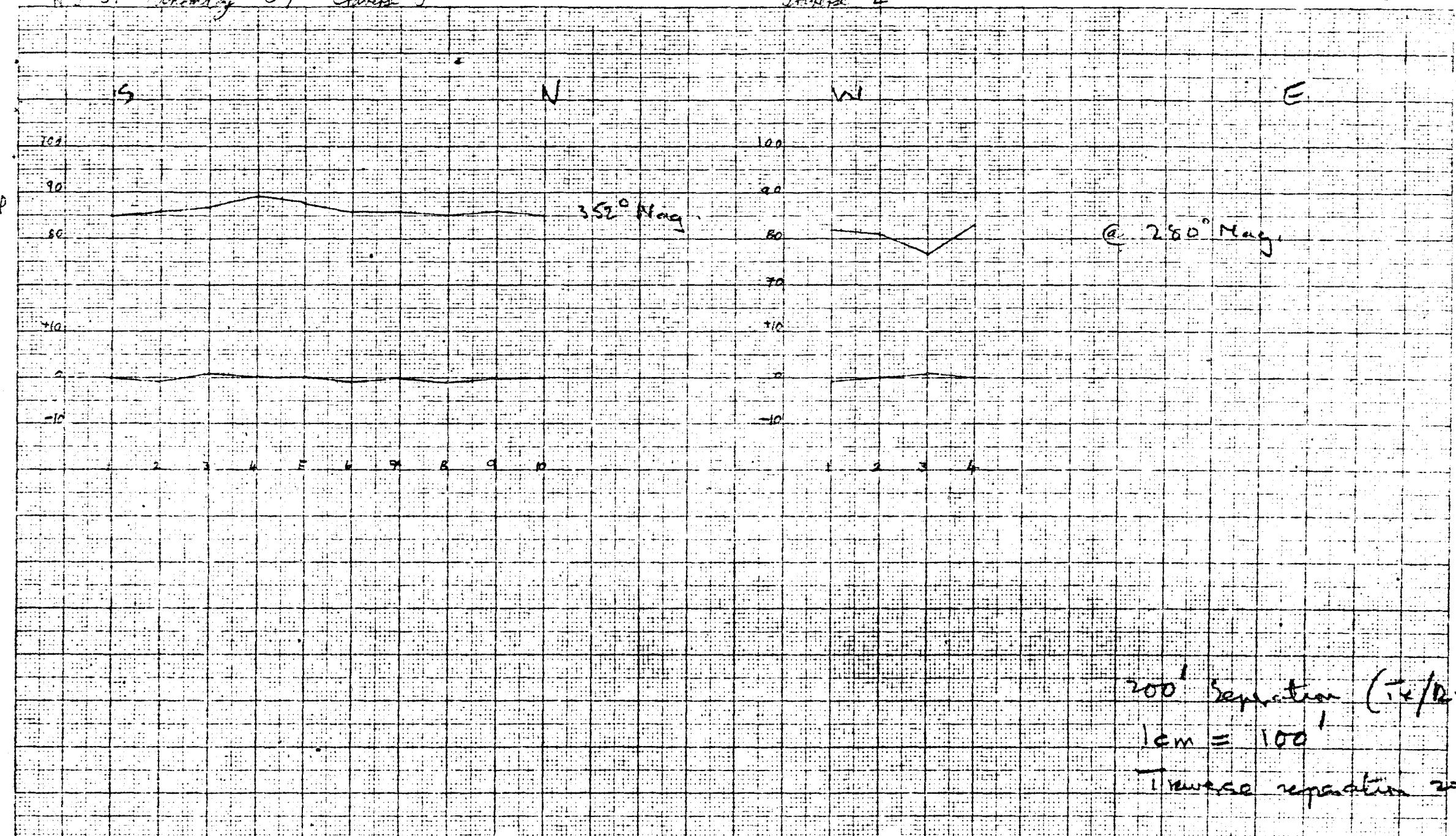
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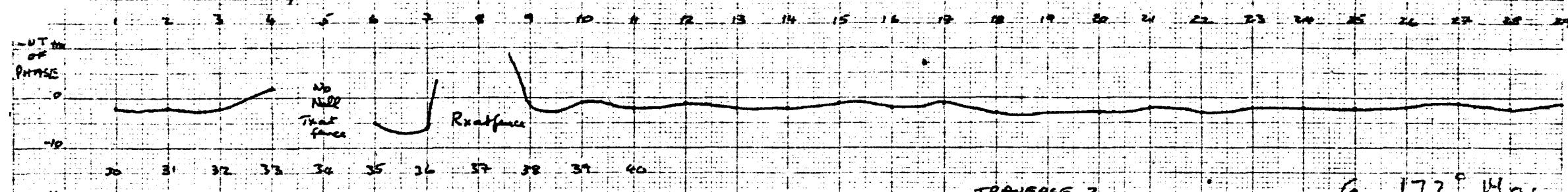


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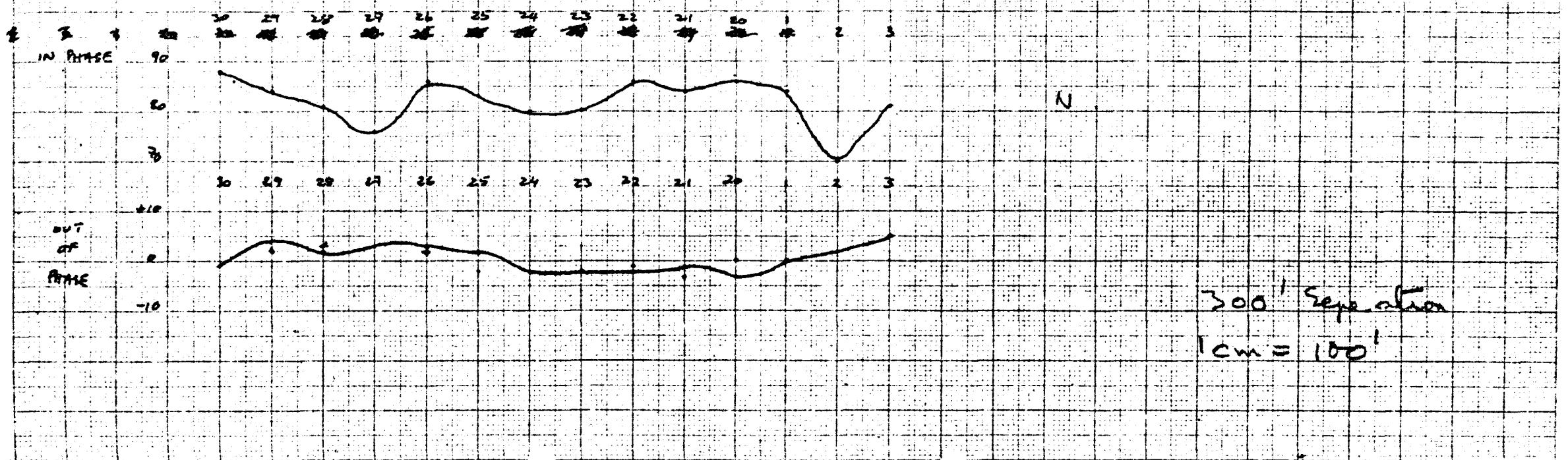
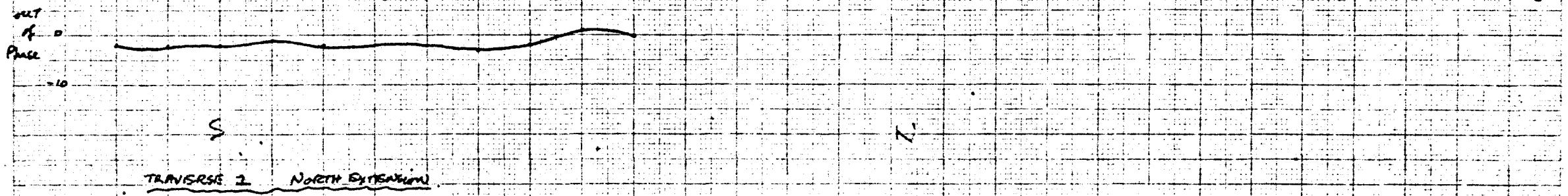
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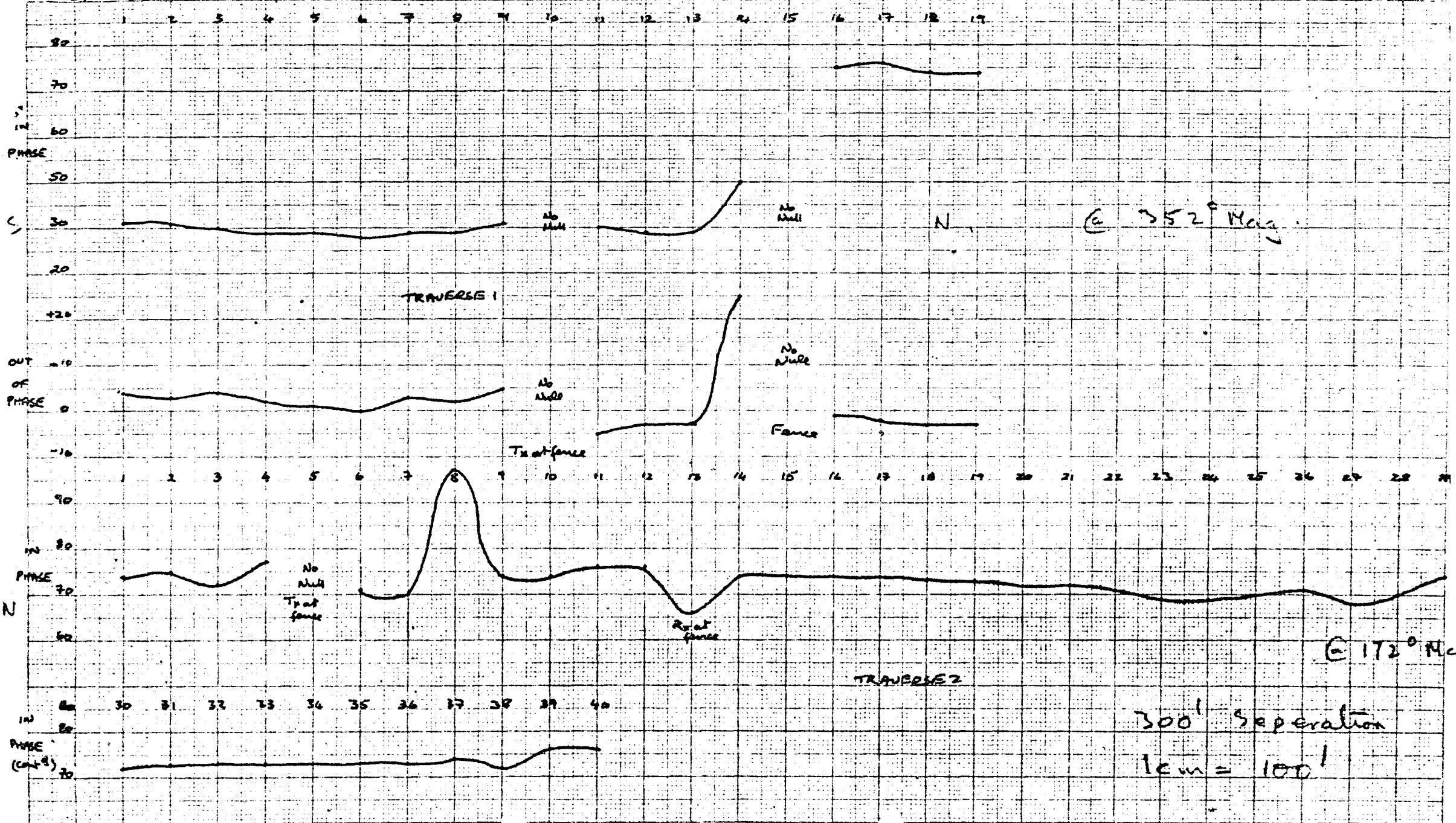
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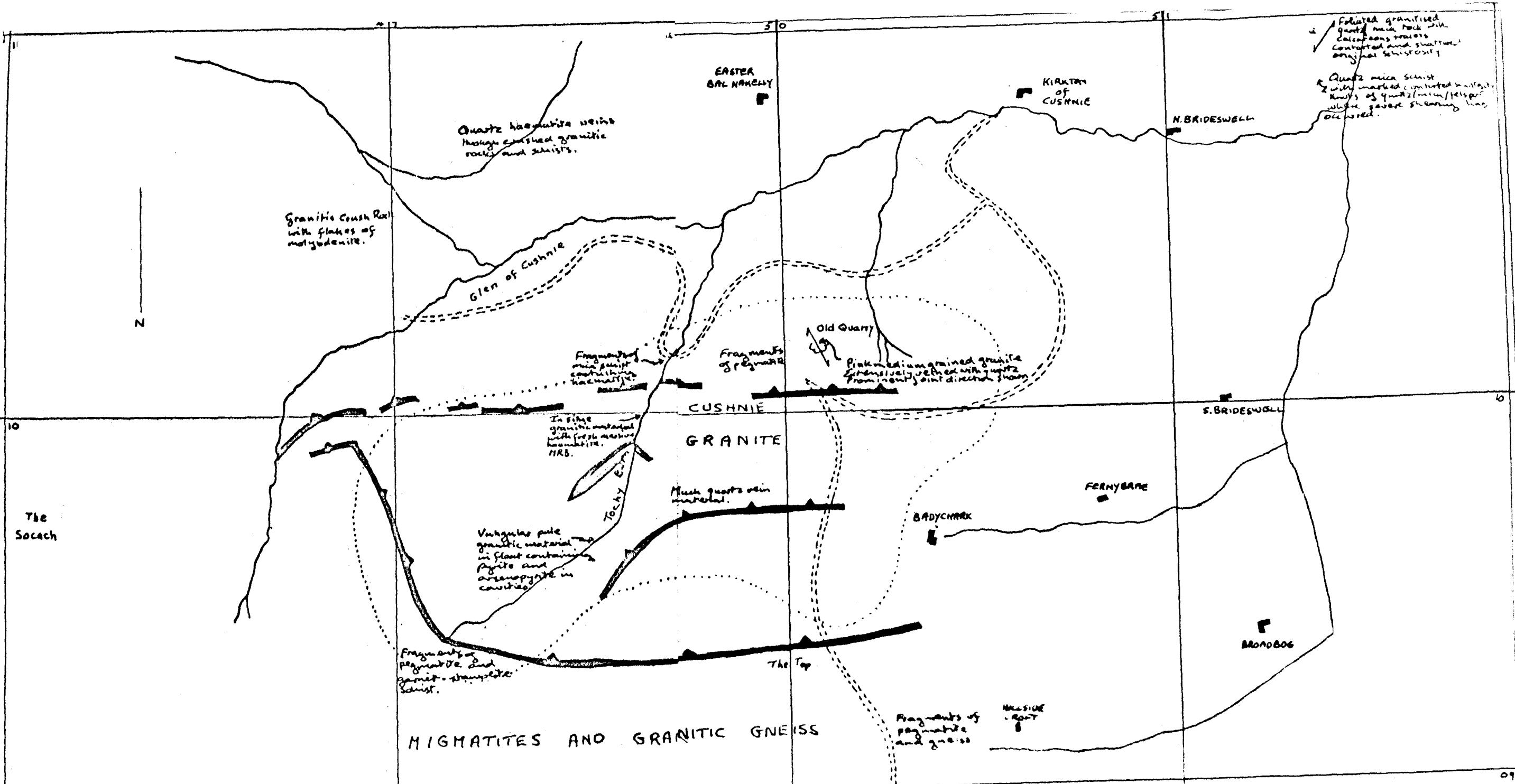


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SHEET N 51 ANOMALY 37





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ALFORD AREA Area: (CUSHNIE FOREST) Title: O.S. Map No	Drg. No. 1
GEOLOGY and AIR PHOTOGRAPH FEATURES	
Scale: 6 inches to 1 mile Date: DECEMBER 1972	
Prepared by: G.P.R.	Drawn by: G.P.R.

RESULTS OF GROUND FOLLOW-UP ON H.E.M. ANOMALIES - AREA 4 OUTSIDE COVER JULY 72 (2)

- COUNT code anomalies with out map.

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FLIGHT NUMBER PREFERENCE ANOMALY NO.	ELEVATION	LAND SITUATION	H.E. PHASE	P.T.D. RESPONSE	MEASURED C.G.M.	G.E.H. RESPONSE	H.A.S.	50Hz	POSSIBLE CAUSE		VISIBLE ON GROUND			
									111	100	2.3	2550C	MONITOR	FROM F.M. & MAPS
✓ 353A 4409					15	0	360'					No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay	Grounded wire fence
✓ 353C 4753		KEEP OFF			10	0	480'					No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay	Grounded wire fence along side track
✓ 360A 5948					18	5	360'					No definite source on film or overlay	No definite source on film or overlay	Probable terrain. On boundary of wood
✓ 360B 2033					14	6	560'					Slighty active	AS 360A above	Wavy fence. 2田 gate. no response
✓ 365A 2106					16	6	440'	✓	No response			No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay	Grounded wire mesh fence
✓ 365C 2452		KEEP OFF			17	6	340'					Concides with charge/fence/potable metal on farm clear. As above with notable change in terrain. cleared	Concides with charge/fence/potable metal on farm clear. As above with notable change in terrain. cleared	100' from farm and metal fence
✓ 366A 24449					16	0	500'					No response	No response	on slope. R/A active red terrain anom Neg. 100' 100' 100'
✓ 367A 1721					26	0	340'					No response	No response	Concides with wire mesh fence
✓ 367B 1813					23	0	420'	✓	No response			No response	No response	on slope. R/A active red terrain anom Neg. 100' 100'
✓ 368G 4315	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			10	0	300'					Broad anomalous, oblique correlation source unlikely to be electrical conductor	Broad anomalous, oblique correlation source unlikely to be electrical conductor	Grounded wire mesh fence in vicinity
✓ 368L 1738	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			-14	-8	260'	✓	No response			No response	No response	No major R/A conc. Grounded wire
✓ 370N 0823	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			15	0	600'					Concides with wire mesh fence on. very prominent 100' no major anom. No major R/A conc.	Concides with wire mesh fence on. very prominent 100' no major anom. No major R/A conc.	50Hz
✓ 371B 4934	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			16	0	400'					45 340V. 11 KV power line on overlay	45 340V. 11 KV power line on overlay	50KV Power line. Weather. Grounded wire
✓ 371E 5345	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			15	0	280'					50Hz no major exactly aligned at anomaly peak but no evidence of fault or overlay	50Hz no major exactly aligned at anomaly peak but no evidence of fault or overlay	50Hz
✓ 372D 3646	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			-26	-8	200'					No major R/A conc. Prominent fence angle.	No major R/A conc. Prominent fence angle.	Road & Power line
✓ 373I 1058	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			15	0	500'					No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay
✓ 374A 4216					18	10	400'					No source for anomaly of this wavelength visible only on overlay	No source for anomaly of this wavelength visible only on overlay	Outline at 220' of wood
✓ 375J 3642	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			16	0	240'	✓				No obvious source on film or overlay. Insuristically electrical conductors.	No obvious source on film or overlay. Insuristically electrical conductors.	Possibly power line
✓ 376C 5444	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			20	7	480'					Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay. No correlation with topographic (forest, plantation)	Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay. No correlation with topographic (forest, plantation)	50Hz
✓ 376D 5829	LITTLE WOOD				24	0	480'					Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay.	Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay.	50Hz
✓ 376E 5843	LITTLE WOOD				12	8	280'					Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay.	Octave no obvious source on film or overlay. P/L N/B on overlay.	50Hz
✓ 382D 0350	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			-36	-24	280'					Very similar in both narrow band correlation & mag is simple. No major anom.	Very similar in both narrow band correlation & mag is simple. No major anom.	50Hz
✓ 384C 605	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			-12	-34	360'					No correlation	No correlation	overburden effect along valley
✓ 384F 3004	MAINS OF RHYNIE	KEEP OFF			-8	30	900'					Some activity	Some activity	overburden effect along valley
✓ 385A 1006					18	0	660'	✓	no response			No obvious source on film or overlay	No obvious source on film or overlay	Top of 200' incline 11. -9
✓ 386C 2550	FRANNICART				18	25	140'					Very similar	Very similar	Terrain anomaly
✓ 387E 2910					-20	-20	200'					50Hz of	50Hz of	Power line
✓ 387F 3103					-14	-8	200'	✓	No response			No major field	No major field	Terrain anomaly
✓ 387H 3155					12	0	660'					10 sec	10 sec	Very hilly terrain
✓ 388F 5045	LITTLE WOOD ESTATE	KEEP OFF			36	20	430'					50Hz	50Hz	50Hz
✓ 388G 5106					16	-8	300'					Joint activity	Joint activity	Terrain anomaly
✓ 389B 2645	LITTLE WOOD				-12	-34	160'					Joint	Joint	Terrain anomaly
✓ 389C 3215	Fixed Anomaly				14	5	440'					active area	active area	Joint
✓ 391B 5548					15	-1	120'					No obvious source on film or overlay.	No obvious source on film or overlay.	Fence.
471B 1106		NO COVER!			18	-1	150'	No	-			No R/A correlation	No R/A correlation	Height 60'. Noted minor terrain anomalies. Fence.
												Field boundary	Field boundary	Field boundary
												H.E trace much disturbed	H.E trace much disturbed	ED

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Area: ALFORD

Drg. No

Title: Tabulation of Ground Follow-up of H.E.M. anomalies

O.S. Map No.

Scale:

Date: 1972

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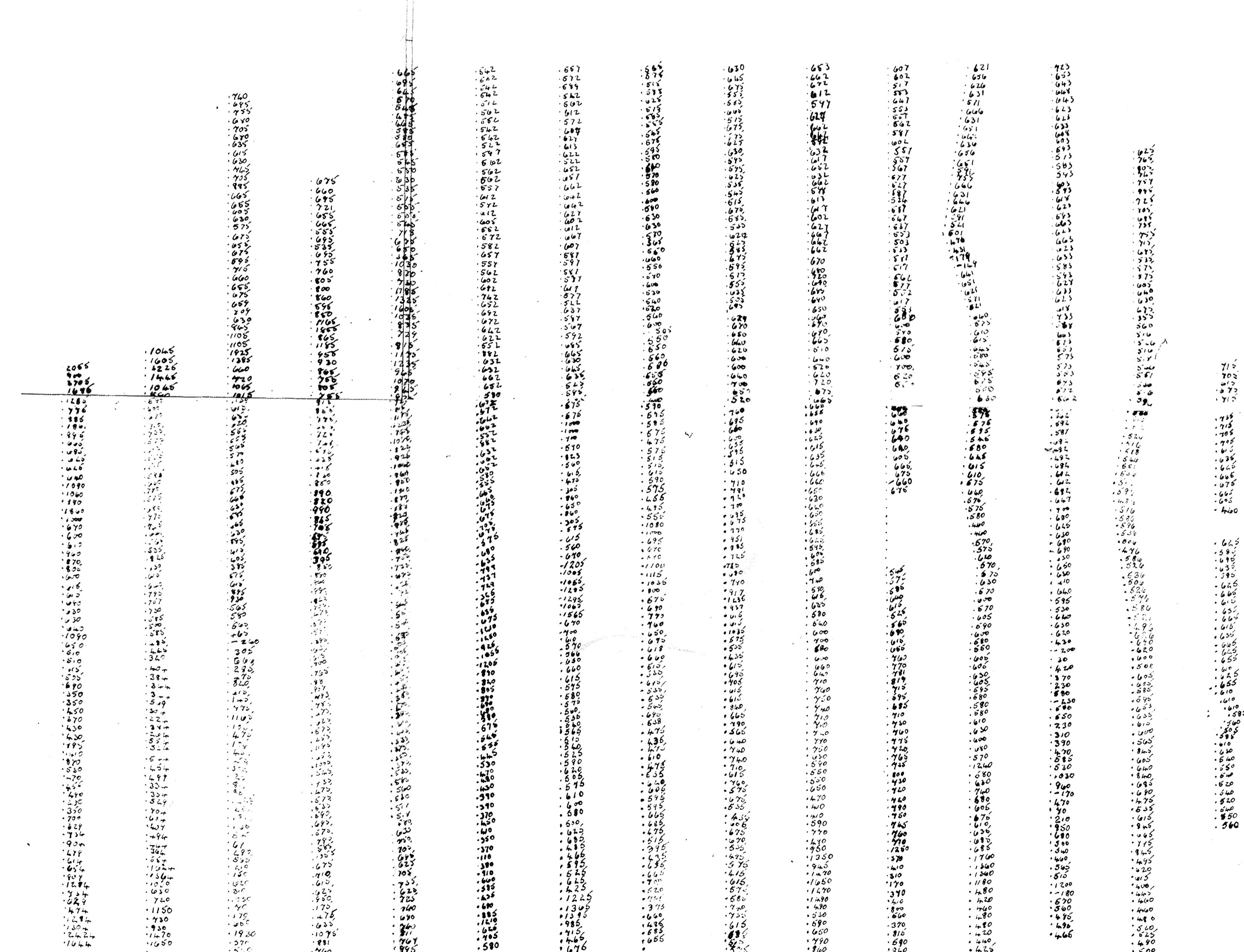
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Area: **ALFORD** (Cumbria) Drg No 4
VERTICAL MAGNETIC INTENSITY
 Title: **(Gamma)**

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 Scale: **6 inches to 1 mile** Date: **20/11/1971**

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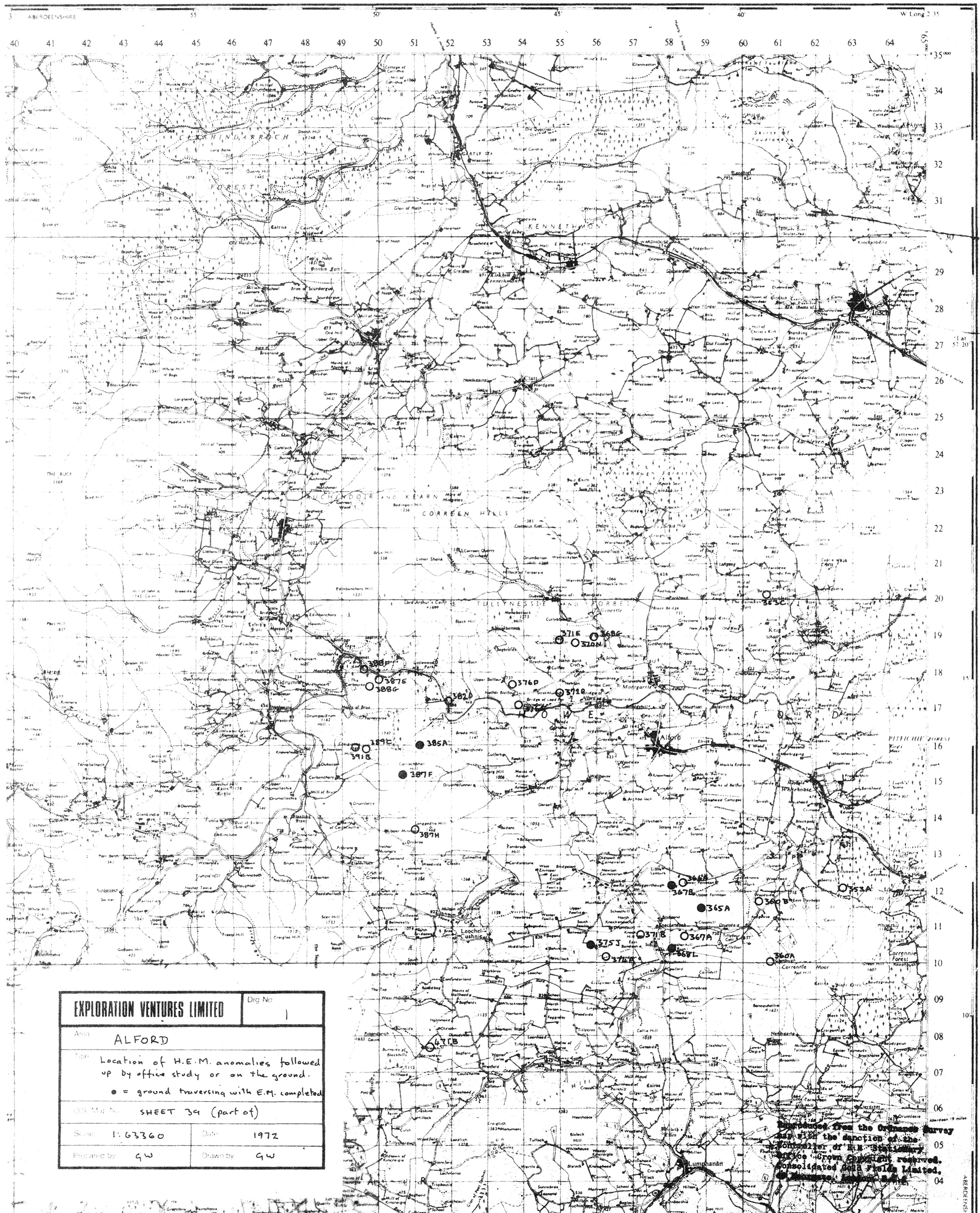


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OUTLINE EDITION

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OS Grid N. NT 61 NW NE		
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From Survey SM	To Survey SM	

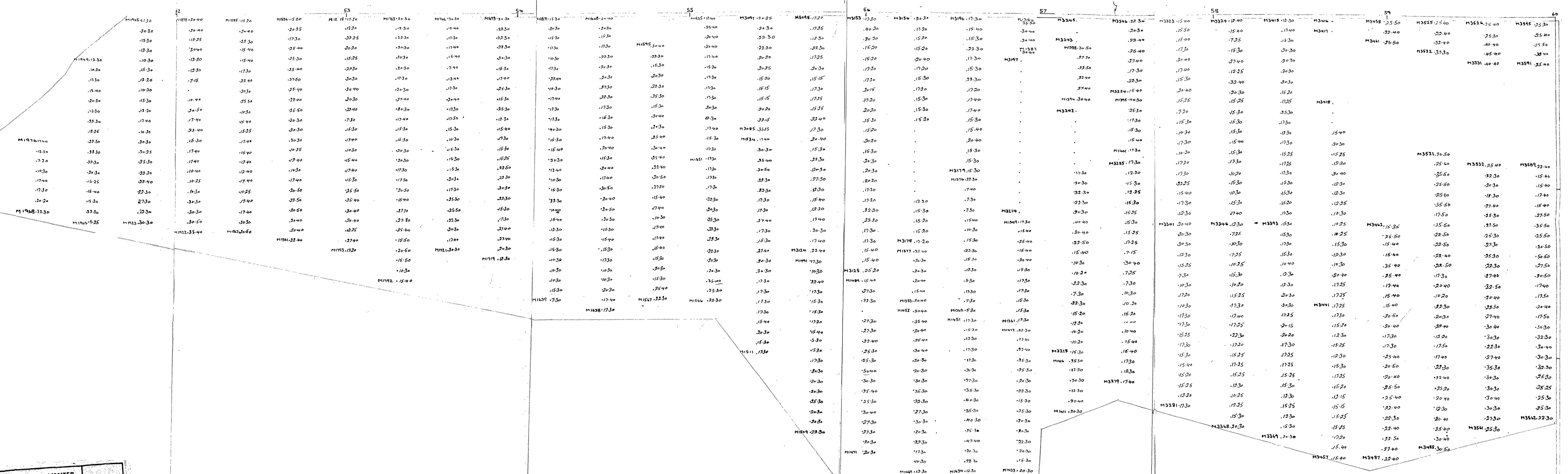
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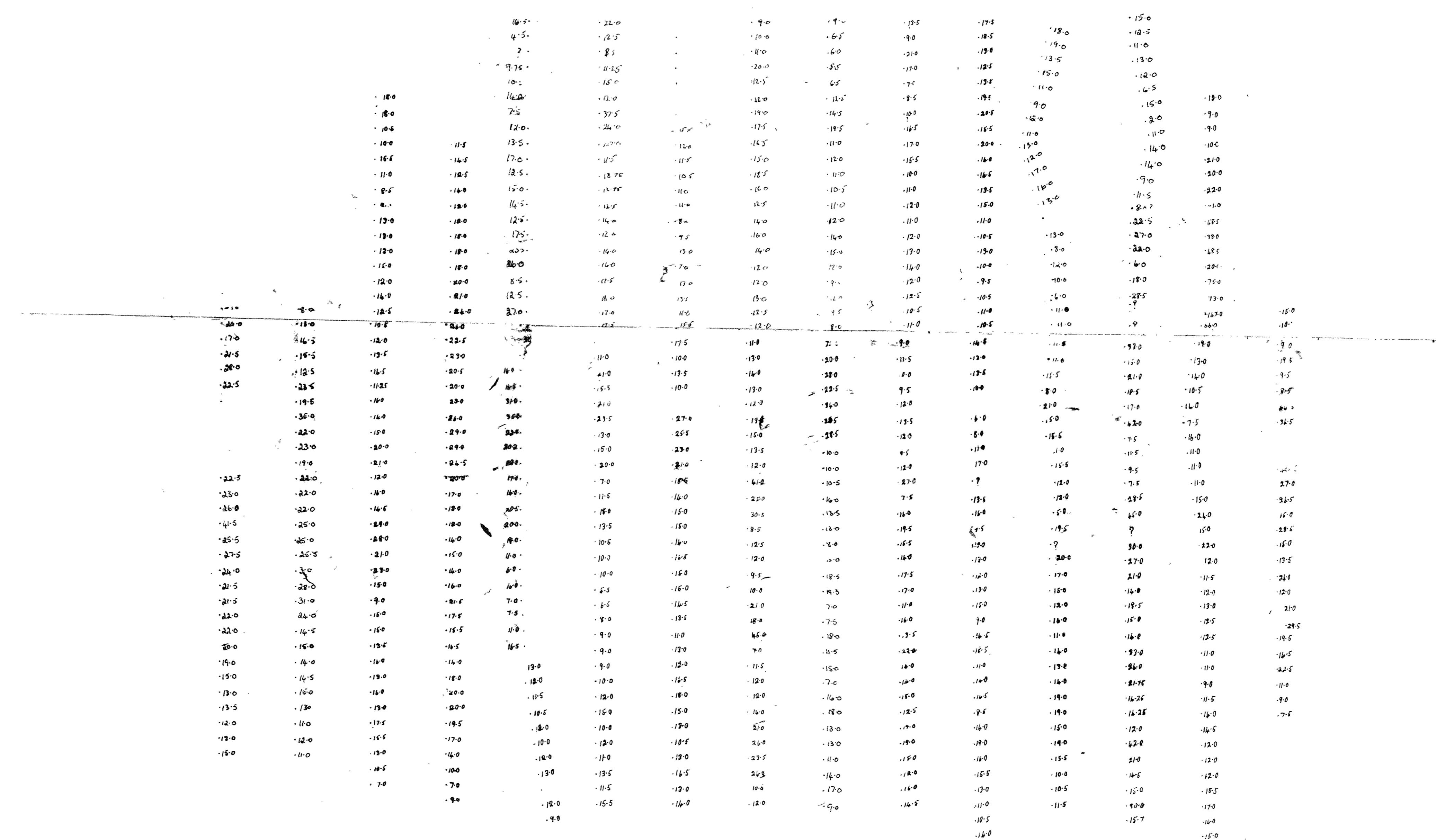
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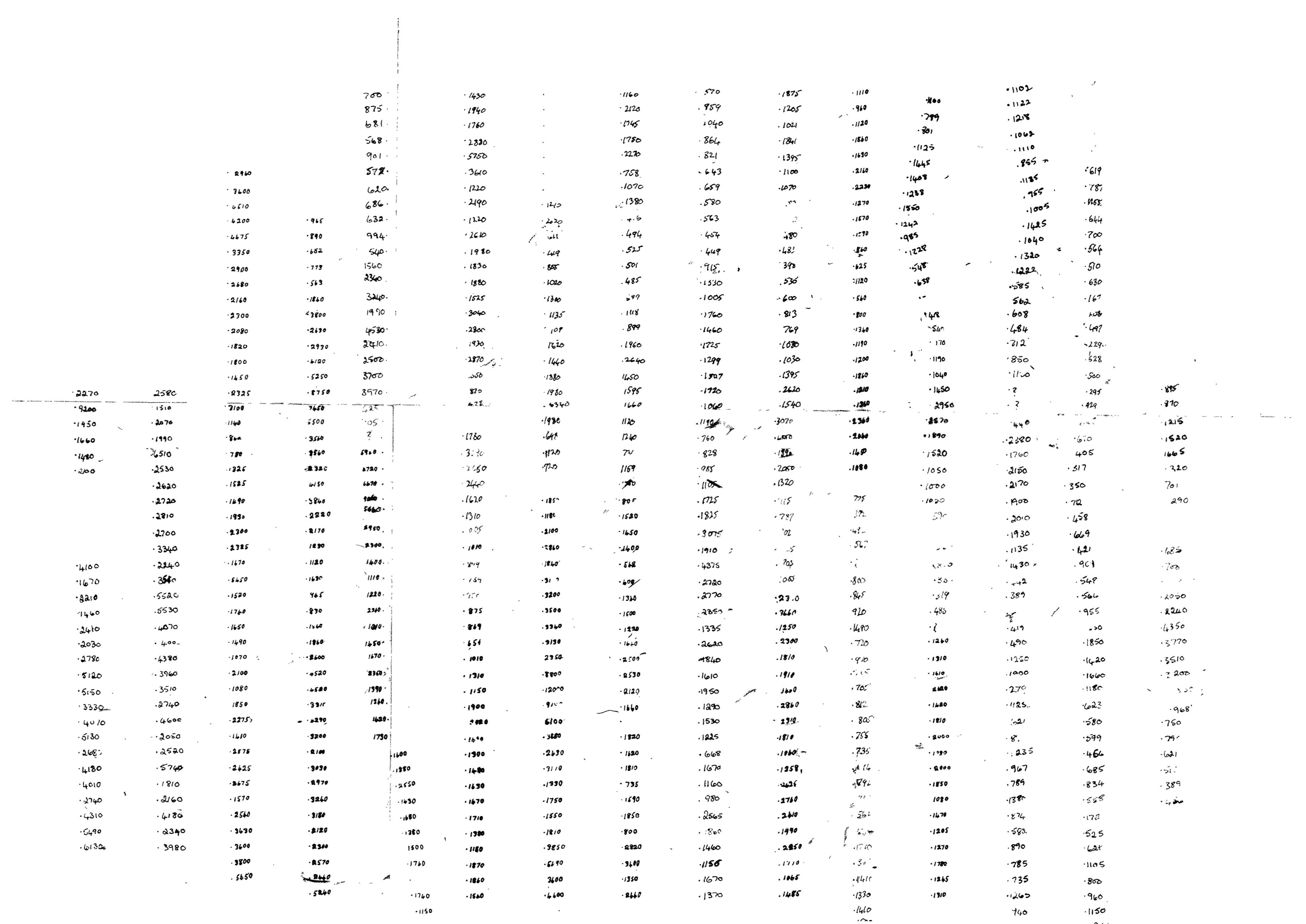
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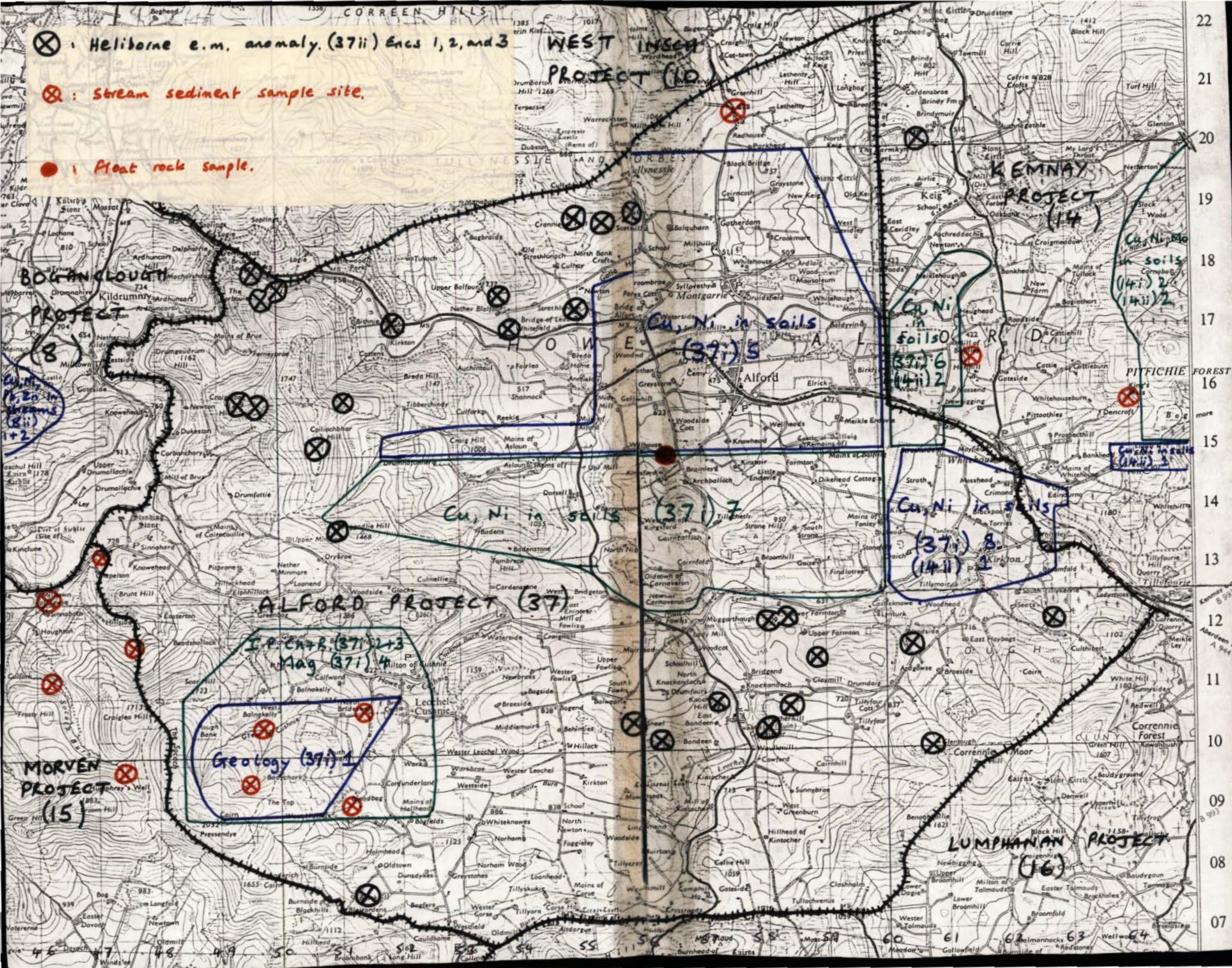


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Cairnach
Glass
Insch East
Insch West
Knock
Marloch
Merven
South Deeside

With the exception of limited shallow drilling-programmes undertaken in the Bogancloough and West Insch area, and some soil-sampling at Western Bleaton (S.Deeside), work on the above eleven projects has been limited to the regional multi-element stream sediment survey, the examination of metal: float ratios in outcrop and float samples, and statistical work on the Soil Research Study. Accordingly, comments, except where stated, refer to all the projects.

1. Geochemistry

The multi-element stream sediment survey is based on a sample density of approximately 0.25 samples per square kilometre and not one per square kilometre as stated in the report. Results from the S.Deeside area show appreciably higher values for Cu and Ni than the Shillier survey (1972), and reflect the variance between spectrographic and atomic absorption methods of analyses.

The percentage of total copper in float and outcrop samples has been omitted from the results of the metal: sulphur ratio analyses. (fig 18. Ruthven claim).

Comments on the Soils Research Project are contained in our letter dated the 13th November 1974.

With regard to the charges for the geochemical work there appears to be little relationship between the number of samples collected and analysed for each project and the assay charges apportioned to each claim. Whilst the total assay costs are reasonable, £650 for approximately 370 stream sediment samples and 53 rock-samples, the additional projects costs appear excessively high, (c.£6000).

2.. Drilling

No charges are submitted for the shallow bed-rock drilling at Bogancloough and West Insch.

3. General

The current batch of claims for work completed in 1973, represents the final submissions for this phase of exploration in north-east Scotland. We think it reasonable to expect final reports to contain more detailed information than that provided. Some form of assessment of the success or otherwise of the exploration methods employed should be included, together with an indication of those areas which the applicants might consider worthy of further study.

The scope of the exploration programmes has been broadened considerably since their inception. The original, primary objective, to locate economic Cu, Ni, sulphides in the 'Never gabbros' has been extended to include the delineation of any other economic mineralisation which might exist in Northeast Scotland.

Thus for example, from informal conversation with the EVL field staff, it is known that, on the basis of T.G.S. radiometric data, the Bennachie granite was investigated for possible uranium mineralisation. Similarly, the existence of a possible zone of molybdenum mineralisation extending through the Bennachie granite was tested by geochemistry and although the results were largely disappointing, a brecciated 'pipe-rock' containing high molybdenum concentrations was located in the Glen of Cuskie (Alford area).

The location of a major gravity 'high' over the O.R.S. faulted outlier at Cabrach is also of interest, especially when considered in relation to W.C. Allen's conjecture on the possible existence of a feeder-pipe for the whole of the NE Scotland 'gabbro sheet' being present beneath the Morven-Cabrach basic intrusion (Scottish Jnl. Geology Vol. 6, 1970). This has never been alluded to in the EVL summary reports.

Doubtless there are many more interesting aspects of the exploration programme of which we are unaware which, in our opinion, could reasonably have been included in a final report.

In conclusion we can say that, whilst the raw data supplied complies with the requirements of section 1 (3) of the M.E.I.G. Act, the written reports are too brief.

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Copper-Nickel-Sulphur Determinations

on Westside Flot & Cut-off Samples

TABLE ICA

SAMPLE NO.	ROCK TYPE	% Cu.	% Ni.	% S	% Cu. IN SULPHIDES	% Ni. IN SULPHIDES	REMARKS
FS 11	SERPENTINITE	0.001	0.20	0.07	0.37	73.00	
FS 12		0.001	0.20	0.20	0.51	55.22	
FS 17		0.001	0.18	0.14	0.44	97.19	
FS 20		0.005	0.19	0.12	0.43	16.44	
FS 25		0.001	0.21	0.05	0.45	93.54	
FS 30		0.014	0.10	0.49	5.03	79.92	
FS 41		<0.001	0.22	0.15	0.44	96.02	
FS 42		<0.001	0.23	0.03	0.39	88.75	
FS 43		<0.001	0.22	0.06	0.39	86.44	
FS 44		<0.001	0.20	0.12	0.29	50.30	
FS 45		<0.001	0.125	0.14	0.21	53.02	
FS 46		<0.001	0.28	0.06	0.35	99.18	
FS 47		0.001	0.21	0.07	0.36	76.29	
FS 48		<0.001	0.22	0.04	0.49	107.93	
FS 49		<0.001	0.22	0.05	0.44	96.02	
FS 50		0.001	0.21	0.24	0.14	29.71	
FS 51		<0.001	0.21	0.04	0.50	105.47	
FS 52		0.001	0.21	0.03	0.35	42.20	
FS 54		0.007	0.002	0.24	1.14	1.14	
FS 55		<0.001	0.19	0.05	0.46	86.28	
FS 59		<0.001	0.20	0.05	0.59	118.29	
FS 62		0.018	0.052	0.05	29.42	21.87	
FS 63		0.003	0.074	0.04	1.41	112.41	
FS 66		0.002	0.22	0.07	0.71	78.53	
FS 69		0.001	0.18	0.13	0.24	43.91	Tulchan
FS 5	GABBROS	0.14	0.18	1.02	3.31	4.25	
FS 7		0.003	0.005	0.03	3.79	6.31	
FS 8		0.004	0.001	0.39	0.41	0.10	
FS 9		0.002	<0.001	0.03	0.98	0.49	
FS 13		0.002	0.003	0.31	0.25	0.33	
FS 14		0.003	0.002	0.26	0.45	0.30	
FS 15		0.12	0.034	0.54	4.89	3.42	
FS 16		0.089	0.034	3.01	1.16	1.02	
FS 18		0.12	0.11	2.91	1.61	1.47	
FS 19		0.033	0.032	1.31	0.99	0.96	
FS 22		0.030	0.031	1.35	0.87	0.90	
FS 23		0.025	0.004	1.34	0.73	0.12	
FS 26		0.013	0.030	2.04	0.64	0.83	
FS 32		0.036	0.050	2.08	0.68	0.94	
FS 33		0.007	0.011	0.23	1.18	1.86	
FS 34		0.096	0.10	1.72	2.16	2.25	
FS 37		0.16	0.10	2.15	1.22	0.76	
FS 40		0.004	0.005	0.25	0.63	0.78	
FS 52		0.001	0.21	0.09	0.35	42.20	
FS 53		0.003	0.016	0.05	2.22	11.84	
FS 57		0.039	0.000	0.33	5.85	7.91	
FS 58		0.005	0.003	0.28	0.70	0.84	
FS 60		0.010	0.010	0.33	1.18	1.18	
FS 65		0.019	0.24	0.89	0.83	1.05	
FS 1	OLIVINE GABBRO	0.058	0.073	1.40	1.61	2.03	
FS 6		"	0.073	0.32	3.33	5.00	
FS 21		"	0.051	1.37	1.45	1.73	
FS 35		0.072	0.021	2.20	2.27	2.12	
FS 56		0.030	0.013	0.53	2.16	3.13	
FS 24	AMPHIPOLITE	0.001	0.007	1.61	0.51	0.17	
FS 27		0.003	0.001	0.33	0.35	0.12	
FS 28		0.005	<0.001	1.70	0.13	0.03	
FS 29		0.007	0.005	0.75	1.25	0.31	
FS 61		0.010	0.005	0.58	0.63	0.34	
FS 64		0.004	0.009	0.41	0.38	0.86	
FS 4	PICRITE	0.073	0.12	1.20	2.32	5.41	
FS 31		0.043	0.15	0.39	4.11	14.35	
FS 38		0.005	0.20	0.02	3.33	11.90	
FS 39		0.005	0.21	0.57	4.16	13.45	
FS 63	ARTHIPOLITE DICRITE PACIFIC LIME PACIFIC VOLCANIC	0.020	0.003	0.03	24.21	3.63	
FS 70		0.007	0.001	0.37	0.74	0.95	
FS 64		0.005	0.005	0.74	0.10	0.10	
FS 30		0.006	0.005	0.52	0.56	0.47	
FS 53		"	0.016	0.000	-	11.84	