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SUMMARY

During the 1967 field season from May 8th to October 20th, a crew consisting of the author and from 4 to 12 men were employed in reconnaissance prospecting. The program was a continuation of that conducted in 1965 and 1966, and was integrated with the development of Wesaku.

Sixty two claims were staked and 5157 stream sediment and B horizon soil samples were collected. Analyses were done in the Vancouver laboratory for molybdenum by leach method and copper by atomic absorption.

Further work is recommended only in the following areas:

Rayfield River

Rum Creek

Italia Lake

Bonaparte Lake

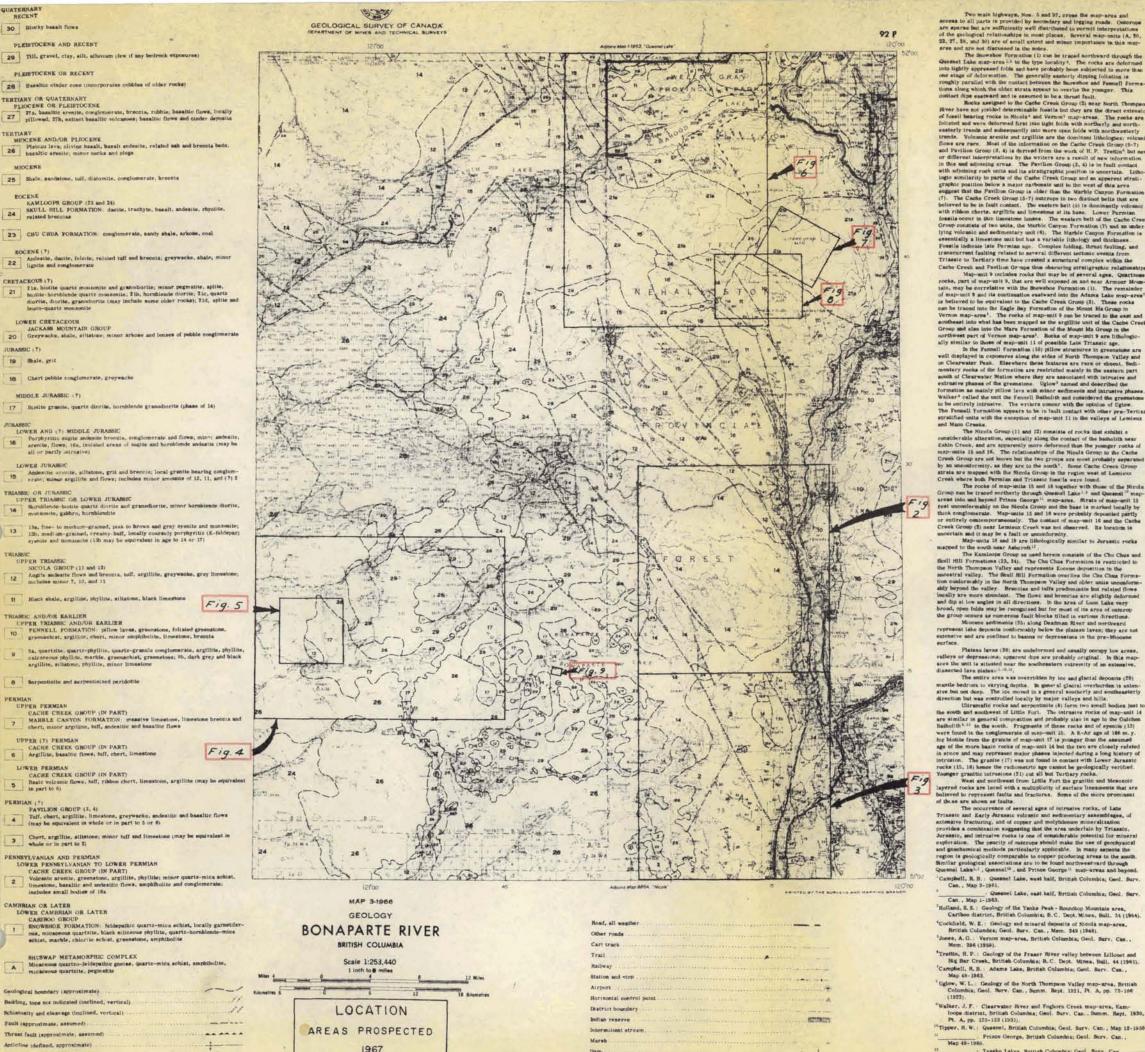
LOCATION

The general area includes most of the eastern two thirds of the Bonaparte River map area - NTS 92P (see figure 1).

Little Fort was the base of operations. A field office was established there and radio communication was maintained daily with all field parties, including the Wesaku Camp.

CLIMATE AND VEGETATION

Precipitation averages 10 inches per annum in the southwest corner of figure 1, and increases steadily to the north and east to about 20 inches at Clearwater. Snowfall follows the same pattern -



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from 40 to 100 inches. The snow free period is from 4 to 6 months.

The Young Lake, Rayfield River and Bonaparte areas are on the Fraser Plateau in the Clinton Mining Division. Vegetation is sparse, with lodgepole pine, blue douglas fir, birch and poplar predominating.

The other areas, located in the Quesnel and Shuswap Highland and Thompson Plateau, are more heavily timbered with merchantable stands of fir, spruce, pine and cedar.

HELICOPTER UTILIZATION

During the latter part of May, the Falconbridge FH 1100 helicopter was used extensively. The whole area shown in figure 1 was the subject of detailed air-borne reconnaissance by S. N. Charteris and D. H. Brown. Areas of interest and intrusive zones previously unmapped were followed up immediately by ground parties. No interesting mineralization was found.

Good use was made of the helicopter at this time to transport personnel into inaccessible areas, which otherwise could not have been prospected.

WEST LITTLE FORT - Figure 2

All major streams underlain by Triassic or Jurassic intrusives were sampled on 500 foot intervals. Several specific targets were outlined from the air for detailed follow up.

Results

All results were negative, although the background copper content of the sediments is higher than in the other intrusive zones sampled.

No further work is recommended.

WEST BARRIER - Figure 3

Coverage was identical to the West Little Fort area immediately to the north.

Results

Two copper anomalies were revealed.

The Triassic and Jurassic intrusives on the northwest slopes of Mt. Hagen contain anomalous amounts of copper as reflected in the sediments on upper Fishtrap Creek. Follow up prospecting failed to reveal the source of the anomaly. The area has been covered in detail by other companies.

Rum Creek, on the southern edge of the Bonaparte River sheet, drains an intrusive plug of unknown size. Whether the anomalous copper and molybdenum values are derived from the intrusives or the surrounding Cache Creek sediments is unknown. Detailed follow up was prevented by the forest closure.

Roads into the area are controlled by Central Interior

Sawmills of Kamloops, from whom a road use permit must be obtained.

Recommendations

The extent of the Rum Creek intrusive, and source of the anomaly should be determined in 1968. If men are available, the upper Fishtrap area may warrant a detailed examination.

YOUNG LAKE AREA - Figure 4

During May a crew of four prospected and sampled the area underlain by Jurassic intrusives surrounding Young Lake.

Due to the aridity and resulting low drainage density in this region, soil traverses were run supplementary to sediment sampling. Particular attention was given to the shoreline of Young Lake where there were old reports of a molybdenum occurrence.

Results

No mineralization of interest was located except on the Rayfield River.

RAYFIELD RIVER (Figure 5 and 5a)

Regional reconnaissance revealed anomalous amounts of copper in Rayfield River sediments. Follow up prospecting located mineralization in the canyon walls at the prominent bend in the river. Dry gullies were sampled and soil traverses run on both sides of the canyon. The soil in the area is fairly alkaline.

Results

Extremely high copper values were encountered in soils near the cliff tops of both sides of the canyon, which at this point probably coincides with a northeast trending fault. A suspected northwest trending lineament intersects the canyon.

Mineralization

Chalcopyrite and minor bornite fillthree fracture planes trending generally northwest, north and northeast in altered granodiorite.

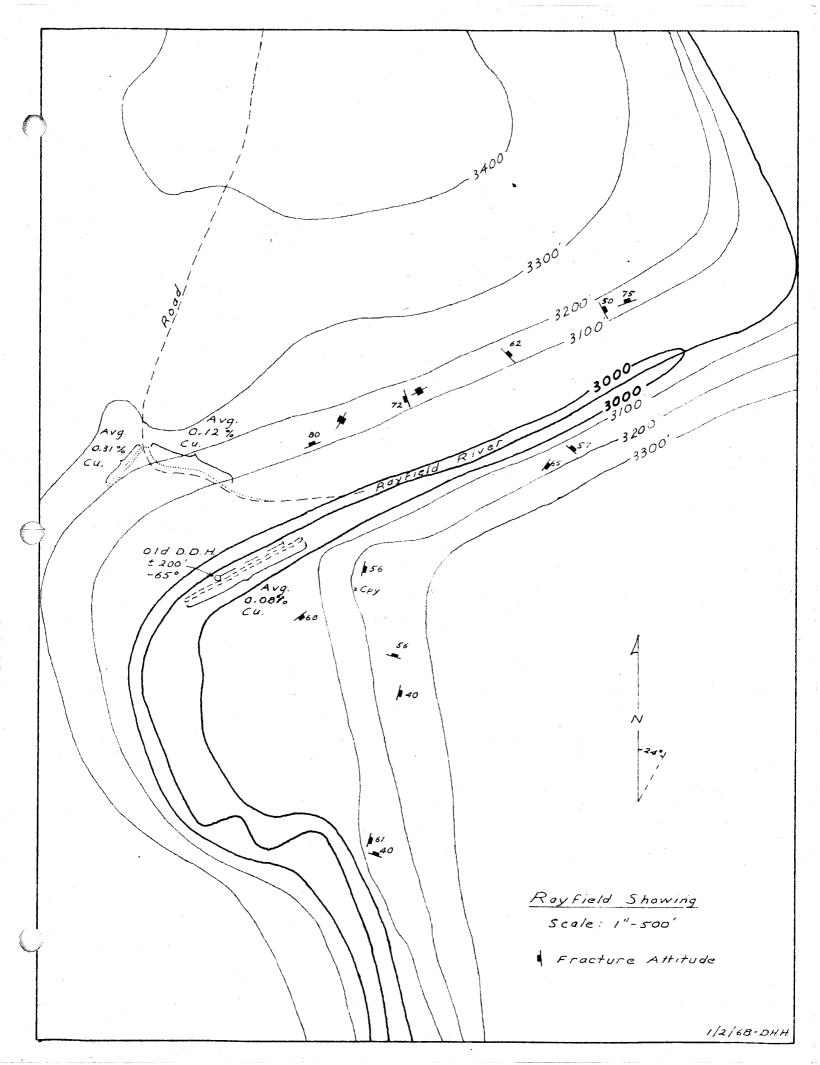
Malachite staining is common.

Grab samples of highly altered material in the road cuts average 0.21 Cu. over 300 feet. Samples in a 700' trench parallel to the river average .08% Cu.

The most encouraging soil anomaly has not been examined in detail.

Alteration

In the road cuts there is sericitic and argillic alteration with K feldspar developed in the rock and injected into veinlets up to 1 inch in width.



Elsewhere unaltered outcrops are a medium to course grained quartz monzonite with 10-20% euhedral hornblende, 40-50% subhedral pink feldspar.

Farther south in the canyon outcrops of hornblende granodiorite occur.

Claim Status

It was thought that all claims in the area had lapsed.

Kennco held the main mineralized zone in 1965 and drilled 1 hole

(see fig. 5a), but did not retain the ground.

The Ray 1-62 claims were staked in October to cover the known mineralization and the intrusive-volcanic contact to the southwest. It now appears that a Mr. Dansey of Savona, B.C. holds the mineralized zone by location. An option agreement with him is now under negotiation.

Recommendations

The degree of argillic & sericitic alteration and favourable structure are features which enhance this showing and the surrounding area.

Should an option agreement be obtained, work should include:

- (1) Detailed prospecting east of the canyon following up the geochemical anomalies.
- (2) Prospecting both banks of the Rayfield north and south of known showing.
- (3) A reconnaissance Ronka EM16 survey to delimit known and suspected structures.
- (4) Should results be favourable, a self potential or induced polarization survey should be conducted.

Whether or not an option is obtained:

(1) The canyon south from the showing should be prospected in detail.

(2) The contact to the southwest should be prospected, as should the area of the assumed major lineament intersection to the northwest.

BONAPARTE LAKE - Figure 9

The 1966 Bonaparte program indicated isolated high copper values in soils near the southwest shoreline of Bonaparte Lake. More detailed samples were taken in September 1967.

Results

North - south lineal anomalous concentrations of copper were determined in the soils over an area of 1 square mile. This may be a drainage concentration. The granitic rocks outcropping uphill to the south are more heavily pyritized than elsewhere in the area. They, or the tertiary basalt, may contain sufficient copper to account for the anomaly. No outcrop was located in the area sampled. Recommendations

Detailed prospecting by experienced personnel should reveal the source of the copper concentration. Two or three days should be allotted for this purpose.

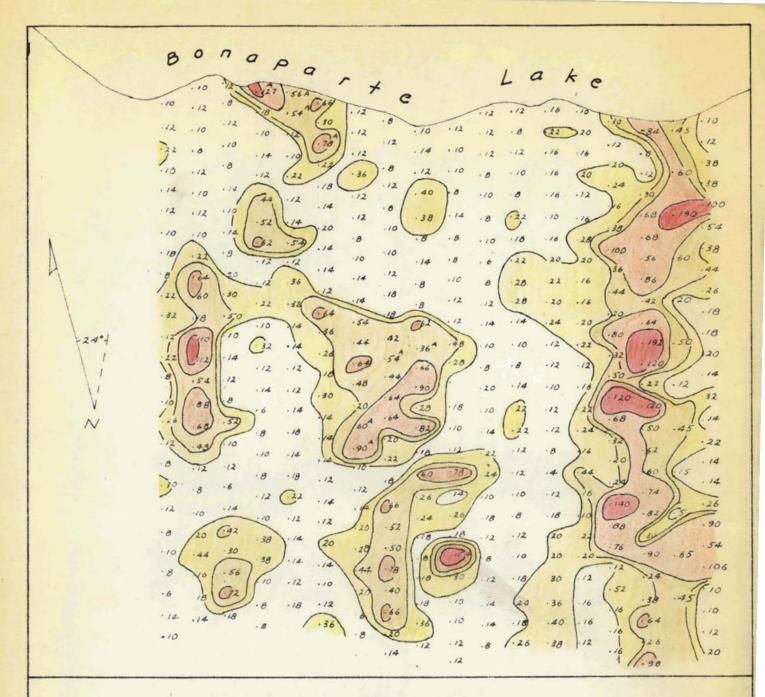
MAHOOD LAKE - Figure 6

The two Cretaceous intrusive plugs north of Mahood Lake were prospected and sampled by a 3 man crew. Transport was via helicopter, truck and canoe.

Most of the region is within Wells Grey Park. A park permit was obtained without difficulty.

Results

Nothing of interest was found.



Bonaparte Area

Showing hot extractable copper in soils.

0-20

20-40

40 - 60

60-100

> 100

Values in p.pm

Scale: 1" - 900'

Date: 7 Feb 68

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ITALIA LAKE - Figure 6

In conjunction with the above program, the streams draining the intrusives between Wesaku and Mahood Lake were sampled.

An attempt was also made to prospect and sample along lineaments located from air photographs and airborne reconnaissance.

Results

Encouraging results were obtained only in the area east of

Italia Lake. A lineament which intersects the molybdenum anomaly passes

near the Wesaku occurrence.

Recommendations

The source of this anomaly should be pinpointed in 1968.

ICE-MUD CLAIMS - Figure 7

Previous Work

A soil sample survey in 1966 revealed scattered high molybdenum values on the south east slop of Lizard Head Mountain. The 1967 program was designed to locate the source of the mineralization.

1967 Program

Close spaced sediment samples were collected from all streams in the area. In addition, all lineaments which could be traced on the ground were prospected and sampled.

Results

Detailed prospecting revealed no mineralized outcrop near the anomalies. Over the most intense anomaly, near Brookfield Creek, blasting revealed only weakly mineralized boulders of aplite and quartz monzonite. It is probable the molybdenum concentration is derived from this transported material. The nearest outcrop located, similar in type, is on Grizzly Mountain, well away from the claim group.

Recommendations

Results do not warrant further expenditure. The claims should be allowed to lapse.

GRIZZLY AND SURPRISE MOUNTAINS - Figure 8

It is postulated that this area may be the source of the mineralized boulder train located on the Ice-Mud claims.

Minor molybdenite was found in aplitic outcrop and quartz float on the northwest slop of Grizzly Mountain.

Detailed prospecting and sampling failed to indicate extensive mineralization.

No further work is recommended.

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