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D.R.O. FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION.

W.P. 200-58 -- W.J. 60-7-56.

Attention: Mr. E. McCombie.

Re: Underpass at intersection of Hwy. 403 and  
Con. II & III, Twp. of Ancaster, Dist. 4.

Attached to this memo, we are forwarding to you,  
the foundation investigation report for the above mentioned  
location. The report has been prepared in our Section.

The conclusions and recommendations contained in  
this report are self-explanatory and we believe, adequate  
for your future design work.

Should there be any additional questions in connection  
with this site that you would like to discuss, please feel free  
to call on our office.

L. C. Soderman,  
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## FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

For

Underpass at Intersection of Hwy. 403 and  
Con. II & III, Twp. of Ancaster, Dist. 4,  
Plan F 3637-4 -- W.J.60-F-56 -- W.P.200-58.

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

The proposed Line 'B' of the new Highway 403 crosses the relocated gravel road 2 miles South-East of Ancaster, County of Wentworth, between Lots 48 and 49, Con. II & III. An underpass structure is planned for this intersection and a subsoil investigation was carried out by this Section in order to decide on the foundations of this structure.

The results of this investigation, as well as the foundation recommendations, are presented in the following paragraphs of this report.

### 2. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND GEOLOGY:

The topography of the site is generally level to undulating. The area on the North side, where the gravel road is to be relocated, is uncultivated pastureland. Buildings exist on the South side of the gravel road.

The site is located in the Dundas Valley of the Niagara Escarpment which extends from the Niagara River to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula. According to the available geological information, the site and its surrounding areas occupy the valley of a pre-glacial river which joined the basins of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

The underlying dolomitic limestone bedrock is of Bois Blanc formation.

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### 3. DESCRIPTION OF FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK:

Field work consisted of 4 sampled boreholes with dynamic cone penetration tests adjacent to each borehole. The exploration programme was carried out by standard core-drill machines adapted for soil sampling. Conventional wash boring procedure was followed. Samples were recovered at depths required, by means of a 2" O.D. split-spoon sampler. The dimensions of this spoon sampler and the energy used in driving it, conform to the requirements of the Standard Penetration Test. Rock samples were obtained by rotary drilling, using an AXT corebit and retained in a 5-ft. double tube corebarrel.

Upon receipt in the laboratory, samples were visually examined and identified. Routine index tests were performed on selected, representative samples.

Laboratory and field test results have been summarized in the borelogs and are included in this report under Appendix I. Drawing No. 60-F-56 A, shows the borehole locations and estimated subsoil stratigraphy.

### 4. SUBSOIL CONDITIONS:

#### 4.1 General:

The investigation has shown the general stratification of the subsoil to be regular and uniform. Including bedrock, three typical soil types were encountered. In the order they have been encountered, they are listed below:-

#### 4.2 Silt:

Below the top soil, a layer of inorganic silt was encountered. It exists in irregular beddings with interlayers of silty fine sand in its upper portion, and clayey silts at further depths.

The upper zone has been subjected to oxidation resulting in its present brown color. Below the oxidized zone, the color is predominantly grey. The material in this layer has a low to medium dry strength.

4. SUBSOIL CONDITIONS: (cont'd.) ...

4.2 Silt: (cont'd.) ...

In Borings 1 and 4, the thickness of this layer is 20' - (Approx. Elev. 758' to 738'). In Boring 2, it is 32' thick - (Elev. 764' to 732'), and in Boring 3, it is 28' thick, (Elev. 768' to 740').

The state of packing of this layer varies from loose to compact in Borings 1 and 4, and from dense to very dense in Borings 2 and 3.

4.3 Silty Till:

Just above the bedrock level and below the above-mentioned layer of silts, a layer of clay silt and a small amount of gravel was encountered in all the borings. Its state of packing is very dense and the layer is, on the average, 10' thick.

4.4 Bedrock:

Dolomitic limestone bedrock encountered, is of the Bois Blanc formation which prevails in this area. The color of this rock is gray on its outside with black spots on its inside. Generally, it is in a sound and hard condition, but a few signs of weathering were observed at certain points along its depth.

Bedrock is at Elev. 726.2' in Boring 1, Elev. 725.0' in Boring 2, Elev. 727.5' in Boring 3, and Elev. 728.3' in Boring 4. From the elevations of bedrock surface encountered in the four borings, it appears that the rock surface is slightly sloping in the South-Westerly direction.

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5. GROUND WATER CONDITIONS:

Observations and measurements carried out during boring and sampling operations, indicate the water table to be at approximately Elev. 749' in Borings 1 and 4 (West Abutment side), at Elev. 755' in Boring 2, and Elev. 759' in Boring 3.

Artesian water conditions were observed while coredrilling in bedrock, in Borings 1 and 4.

6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

First, considering the East Abutment footing and referring to the bore logs appended to this report for borings 2 and 3, it can be seen that the upper layer of the silt material is competent to take the load of the proposed structure.

From the average 'N' value of 25, considering this layer as a cohesionless one, an allowable bearing load of 3.0 T/sq.ft. can be applied to spread footings at elevation 759' or below, and taking into account a factor of safety of 3.

Considering the West Abutment footing and referring to Borings 1 and 4, it is seen that the upper silt layer and the underlying very dense till layer are indeed competent to take the load of the proposed structure.

From an average 'N' value of 40, and considering it as a cohesionless layer, a bearing load of 4.0 T/sq.ft. can be applied to spread footings at an elevation 747.5' or below, with a factor of safety of 3.

Settlements resulting from the application of the above-mentioned bearing pressures will be within tolerable limits.

Depending on the ground water conditions during construction, ground water control might be necessary during footing excavations. This condition will arise, especially on the West Abutment footing where the use of wooden sheet piles, driven to below the bottom of the footing, before excavation, is recommended to facilitate the pumping out of water.

6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

A second alternative to the provision of shallow spread footings, will be the use of steel 'H' bearing piles driven to bedrock. An allowable bearing load of 60 T/pile can be used for both abutments.

No approach fill stability problems will be encountered.

7. SUMMARY:

a) The investigated site consists mainly of two layers of different materials overlying bedrock. The sequence of these layers from the ground surface down to bedrock is as follows:- Silts, including silty sand and clay silt, and silty till.

b) Subsoil conditions are such that spread footing support can be obtained in the upper silt layer.

At Elev. 759' or below for the East Abutment footing;

At Elev. 747.5' or below for the West Abutment footing.

An allowable bearing pressure of 3 T/sq.ft. can be used for the East Abutment footing, and 4 T/sq.ft. for the West Abutment footing. Settlements resulting from the application of these bearing pressures, will be within tolerable limits.

c) Depending on the ground water conditions during construction, ground water control will be necessary during footing excavation. Use of wooden sheet piles are recommended for facilitating the removal of water at the West side footing.

d) The alternative to shallow spread footings are steel 'H' bearing piles resting on bedrock. An allowable bearing capacity of 60 tons per pile is recommended.

e) No approach fill stability problems are anticipated.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

Field work was commenced on June 28, 1960, and was completed by July 4, 1960, by using D.H.O. drilling machines. Mr. B. Chadiali was supervising the field work.

July 1960.

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APPENDIX I.

# SUMMARY OF FIELD & LABORATORY TESTS

JOB 60-F-56

W.P. 200-58

HOLE NO.	SAMP NO.	SAMPLE DEPTH (FEET)	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	PENET N. RESIST. BLOWS/FT	MOIST. CONT. %	PLASTIC LIMIT %	LIQUID LIMIT %	SHEAR STRENGTH p.s.f.	UNIT WEIGHT p.c.f.	REMARKS
1	S1	3'-4.5'	Silt with some sand and clay, loose to med. dense, brown.	20	-	-	-	-	-	
	S2	6'-7.5	Silt with some sand & clay, loose, grey.	7	16.4	-	-	-	-	
	S3	10'-11.5'	" " " "	19	-	-	-	-	-	
	S4	15'-16.5'	Silt with some sand & clay, dense grey.	41	18.4	-	-	-	-	
	S5	20'-21.2'	" " " "	>>100	-	-	-	-	-	
	S6	25'-26.5'	Clay silt and gravel (Till) v. dense grey.	77	-	-	-	-	-	
	S7	30'-31.5'	" " " "	117	17.5	-	-	-	-	
	RC8	32'-36.5'	Bedrock	-	-	-	-	-	-	89% Recovery
	RC9	36.5'-41.5'	(Dolomitic Limestone)	-	-	-	-	-	-	100% Recovery
2	S1	3'-4.5'	Silt with some sand and clay org. material, loose, brown	3	-	-	-	-	-	
	S2	6'-7.5'	" " " "	34	20.7	-	-	-	-	
	S3	10'-11.5'	" " " "	34	-	-	-	-	-	
	S4	15'-16.5'	" " " "	25	23.1	-	-	-	-	
	S5	20'-21.5'	" " " "	28	-	-	-	-	-	
	S6	25'-26.5'	" " " "	25	-	-	-	-	-	
	S7	30'-31.5'	" " " "	27	16.2	-	-	-	-	

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JOB 60-F-56

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2	S8	35'-36'	Clay silt and gravels (Boulder)	74	-	-	-	-	-	100% Recovery
	RC9	39.8'-45'	Bedrock (Dolomitic Limestone)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	S1	3'-4.5'	Silt with clay and sand org. material, loose, brown.	5	23.0	-	-	-	-	100% Recovery
	S2	6'-7.5'	" " " "	52	19.2	-	-	-	-	
	S3	10'-11.5'	" " " " Grey	58	-	-	-	-	-	
	S4	15'-16.5'	" " " Dense Grey	32	-	-	-	-	-	
	S5	20'-21.5'	" " " "	34	23.4	-	-	-	-	
	S6	25'-26.5'	" " " "	27	-	-	-	-	-	
	S7	30'-31.5'	Clayey silt and gravels, dense, gr.	19	-	-	-	-	-	
	S8	40'-41.5'	Clayey silt and trace of gravel, v. dense, grey.	67	-	-	-	-	-	
	RC9	42.2'-46.5'	Bedrock (Dolomitic Limestone)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	S1	3'-4.5'	Silt with clay and sand, dense, br.	26	-	-	-	-	-	Cont'd P. 3
	S2	6'-7.5'	" " " Compact Br. Grey	21	19.9	-	-	-	-	
	S3	10'-11.5'	" " " " Grey.	18	21.9	-	-	-	-	
	S4	15'-16.5'	" " " Dense Grey	39	-	-	-	-	-	
	S5	20'-21.6'	" " " " "	31	23.4	-	-	-	-	
	S6	25'-26'	Clay silt & gravel (Till) v. dense	84	-	-	-	-	-	

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4	S7	30'-31.3'	Clay silt and gravel (Till) v. dense grey.	>100	19.4	-	-	-	-	
	RC8	31.3'-36.3'	Bedrock (Dolomitic Limesonte)	-	-	-	-	-	-	100% Recovery
			S denotes Split Spoon Sample RC denotes Rock Core Sample							

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W.P. 200-58 BORE HOLE NO. 1

JOB 60-F-56 STATION See Drawing

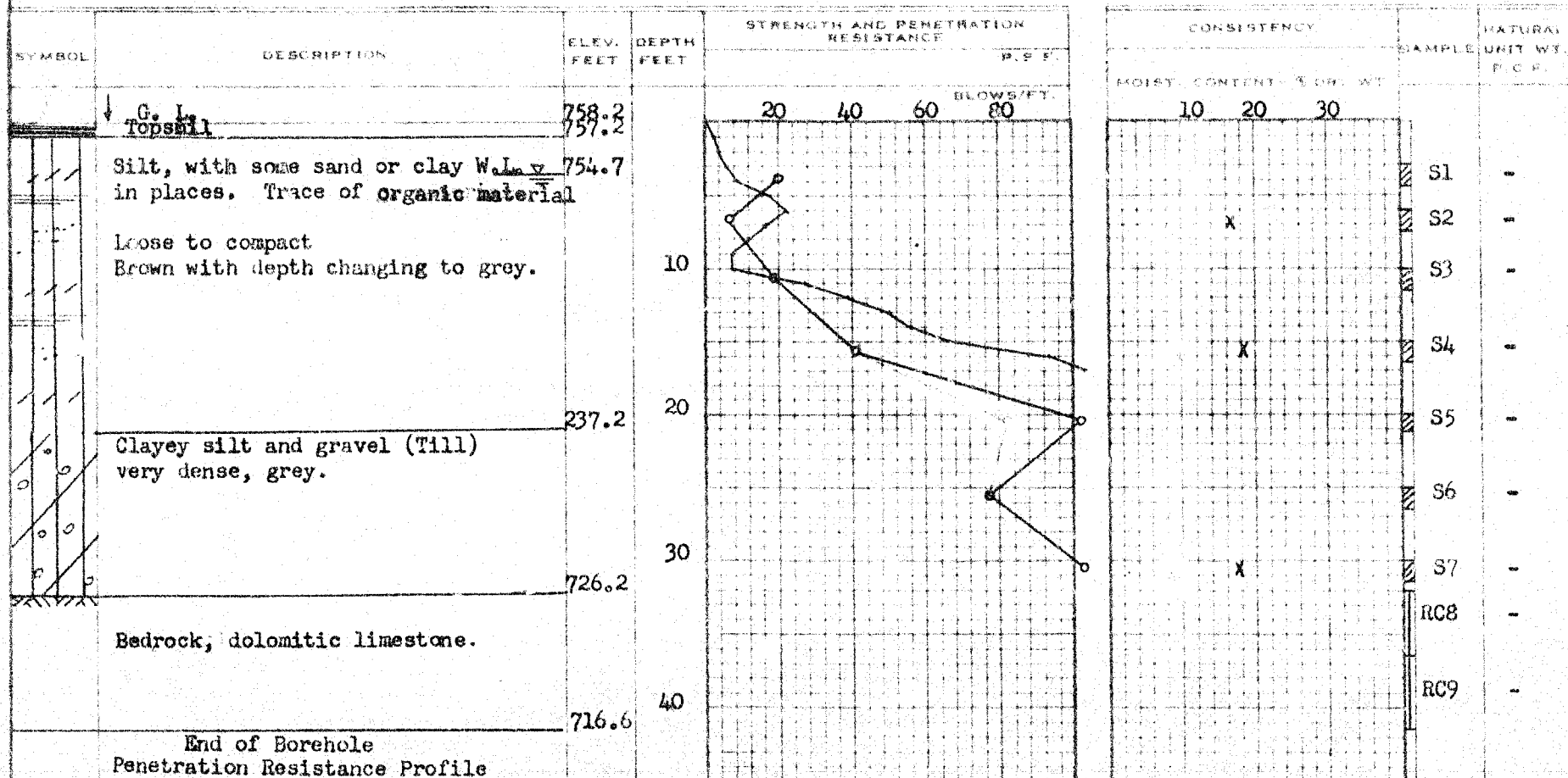
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 2" DIA. CONE  
 2" SHELBY  
 CASING

## LEGEND

1/2 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION (Qu) O  
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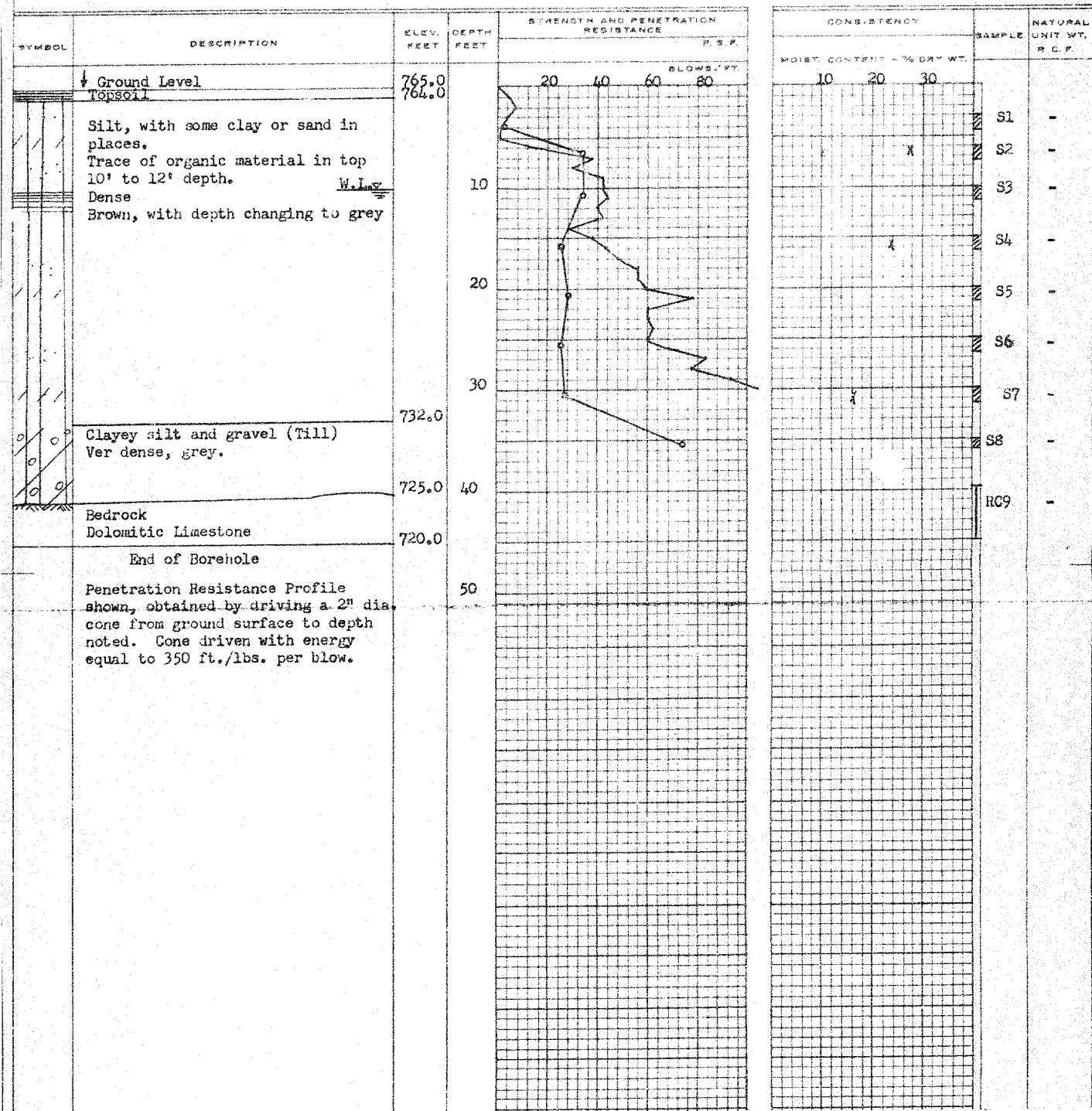
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W.P. 200-58 BORE HOLE NO. 2  
 JOB 00-F-56 STATION See Drawing  
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 CASING

## LEGEND

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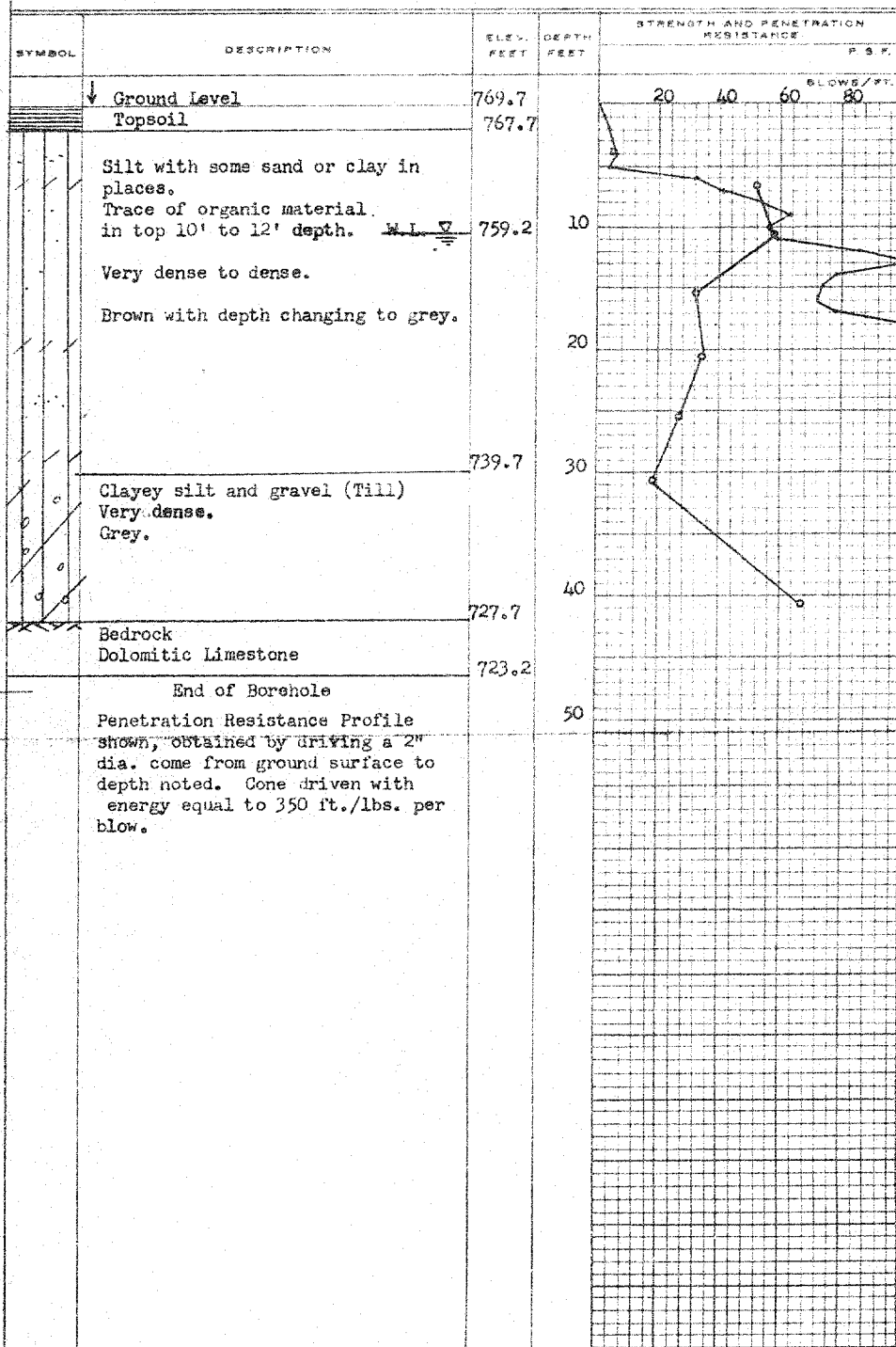
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W.P. 200-58 BORE HOLE NO. 3  
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 2" SPLIT TUBE  
 2" DIA CONE  
 2" SHELBY  
 CASING

## LEGEND

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 VANE TEST (C) AND SENSITIVITY (S) +S  
 NATURAL MOISTURE AND LIQUIDITY INDEX LI  
 LIQUID LIMIT X  
 PLASTIC LIMIT -



CONSISTENCY		SAMPLE	NATURAL UNIT WT. P.C.F.
MOIST. CONTENT - % DRY WT.			
10 20 30			
	X	S1	-
	X	S2	-
		S3	-
		S4	-
	X	S5	-
		S6	-
		S7	-
		S8	-
		RC9	-

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W.P. 200-58 BORE HOLE NO. 4

JOB 60-F-56 STATION See Drawing

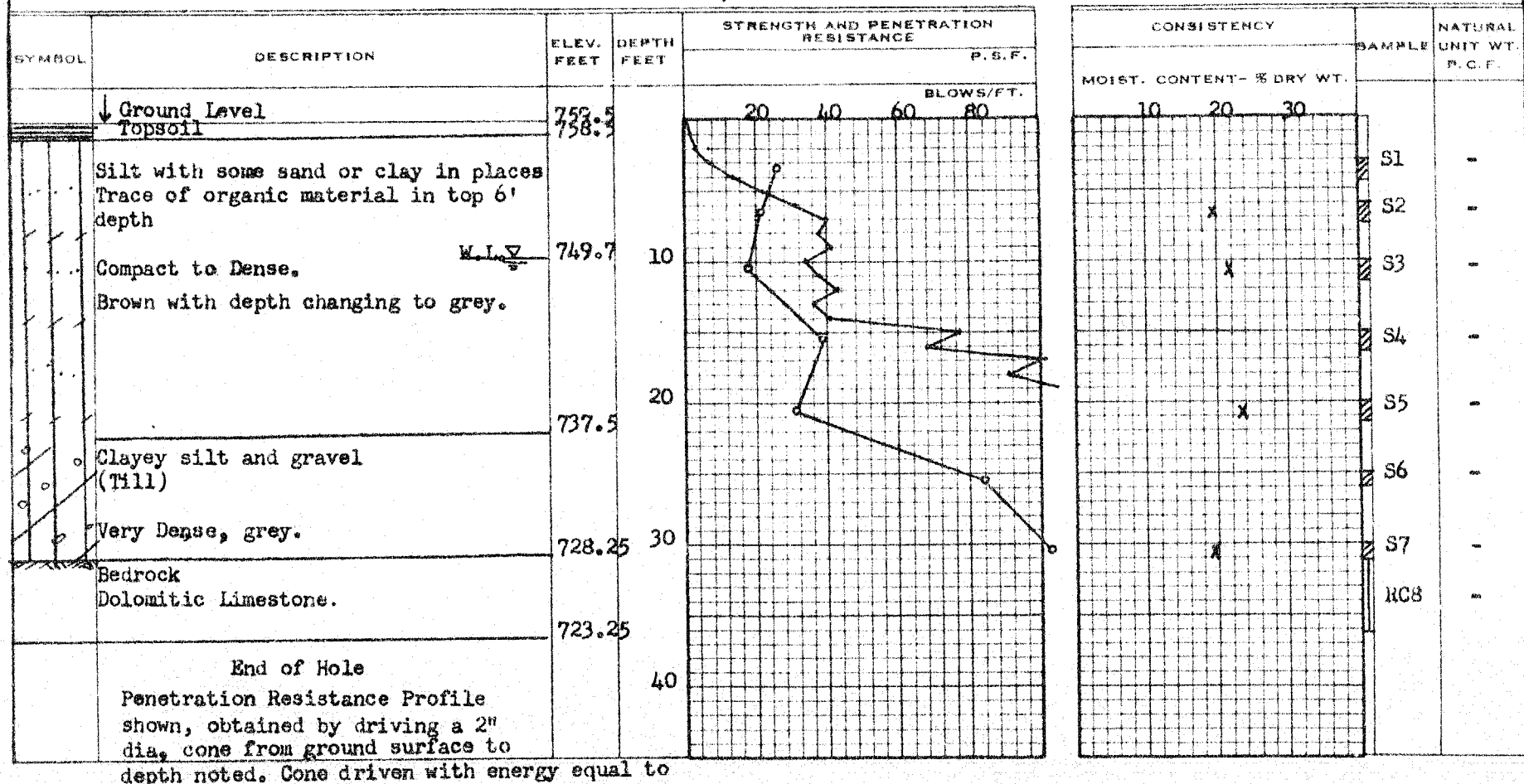
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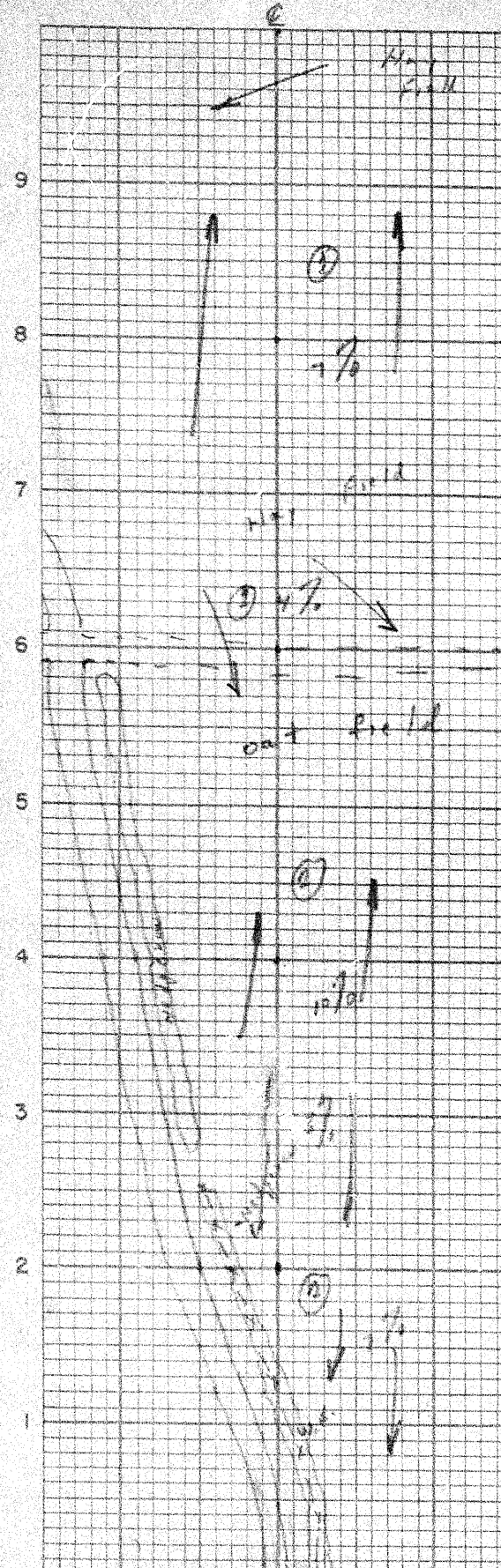
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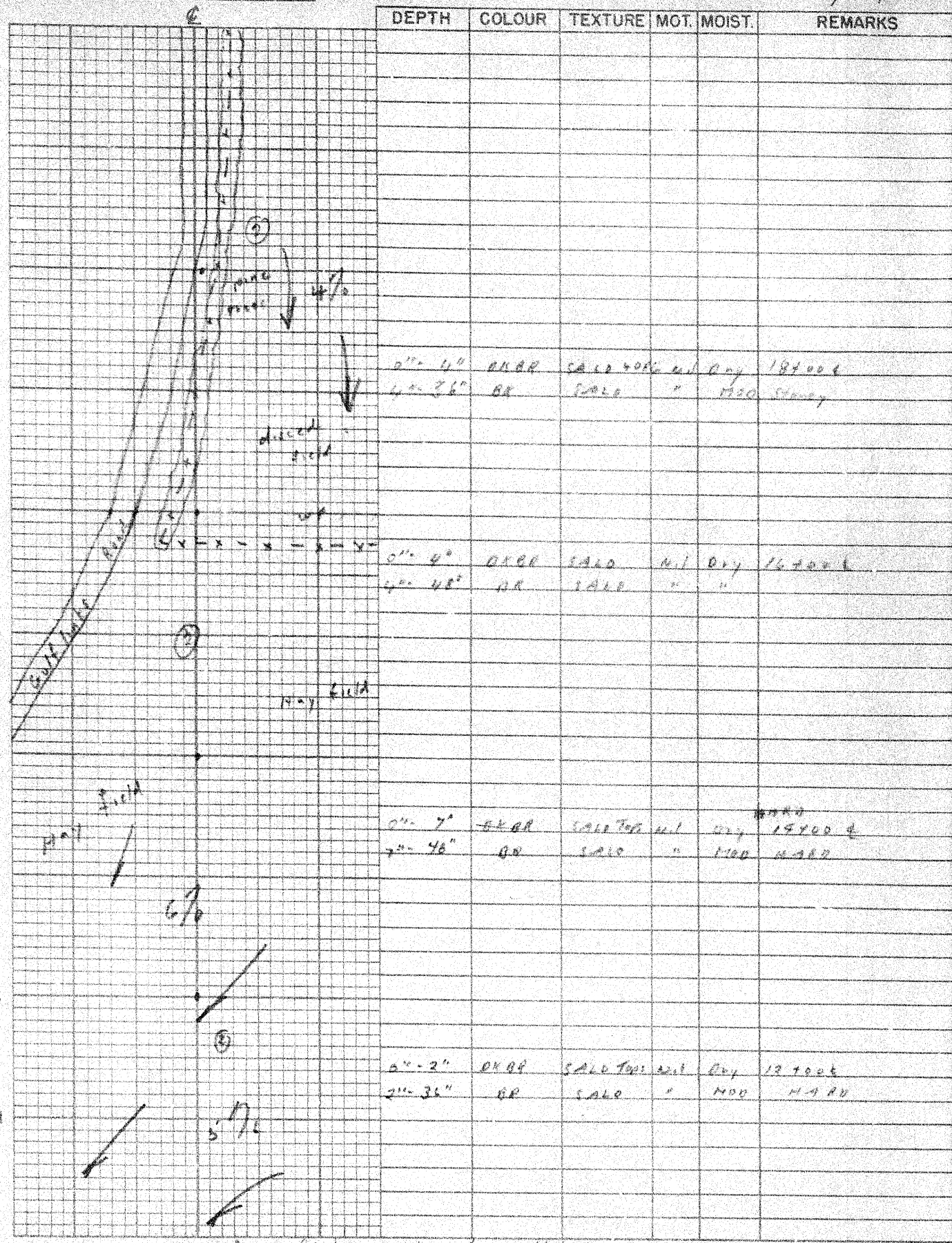
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PLASTIC LIMIT







DEPTH	COLOUR	TEXTURE	MOT	MOIST	REMARKS
					H03A-11
0"-2"	BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 10000
2"-36"	BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
0"-6"	DRY BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 21000
6"-36"	BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
36"-48"	DRY BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
0"-9"	DRY BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 21000
9"-48"	DRY BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
0"-3"	DRY BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 21000
3"-48"	DRY BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
0"-6"	DRY BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 21000
6"-48"	DRY BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD
0"-2"	DRY BR	SALTY	N.I	Dry	HARD 21000
2"-48"	DRY BR	SALTY	"	Moist	HARD



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October 4, 1960.

RE: CORRECTION -

D.H.O. FOUNDATION REPORT.

Attention: Mr. S. McCombie.

Re: W.P. 200-58, Hwy. 403, Rd. All'ce. between  
Conc. II & III, Lancaster Twp., W.J. 60-F-56.

Would you please make the following correction  
to your copy of the Foundation Report for the above proposed  
structure site:-

The station numbers shown on the drawing 60-F-56A,  
an appendix to the report, should read: Sta. 176+26.45 for  
H.O.T., Hwy. 403, and Sta. 17+06.87, H.O.T., Rev'n. of the Rd.  
All'ce., instead of Sta. 176+25 & 15+00, respectively.

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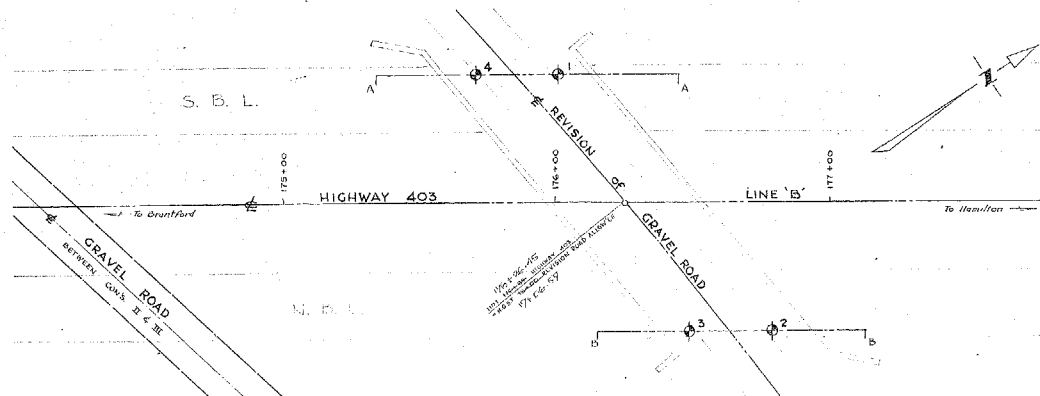
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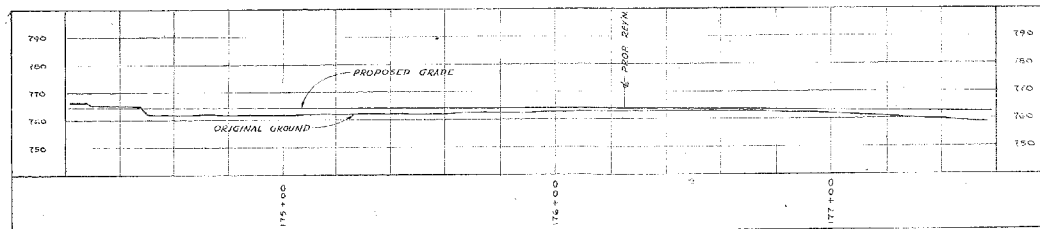
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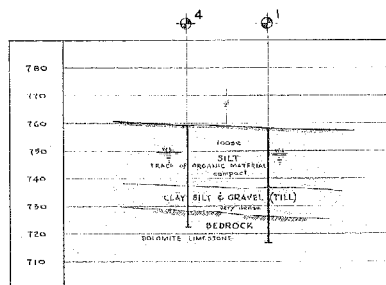
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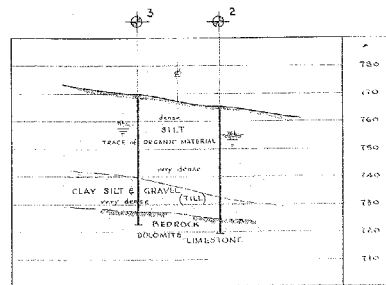
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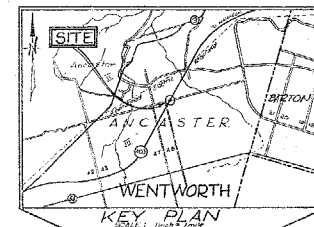
PROFILE



A - A



B - B



LEGEND			
Bore Penetration Hole			
HOLE	ELEVATION	STATION	DISTANCE FROM B
1	758.20	176+01	42' FT.
2	765.00	176+49	46' FT.
3	769.70	176+19	46' FT.
4	759.50	175+71	44' FT.

NOTE -  
THE BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS MAP ARE BASED ON THE  
BORDER ONLY AT 100' FROM THE BOUNDARY LINE. THE  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO			
GRAVEL ROAD REVISION			
BETWEEN CONS. II & III			
SHOWING FUNCTIONS & ELEVATIONS OF HILLS			
PROJECT NO.	PROJECT	COUNTY	WENTWORTH
100-105	4	LOT	49
LOCATION		3 MILES S.W. OF HAMILTON	
DRAWN BY		R. B. G. C.	
DATE		JULY 1960	
SHEET		20 OF 21	
DRAWING NO.		60-F-56A	