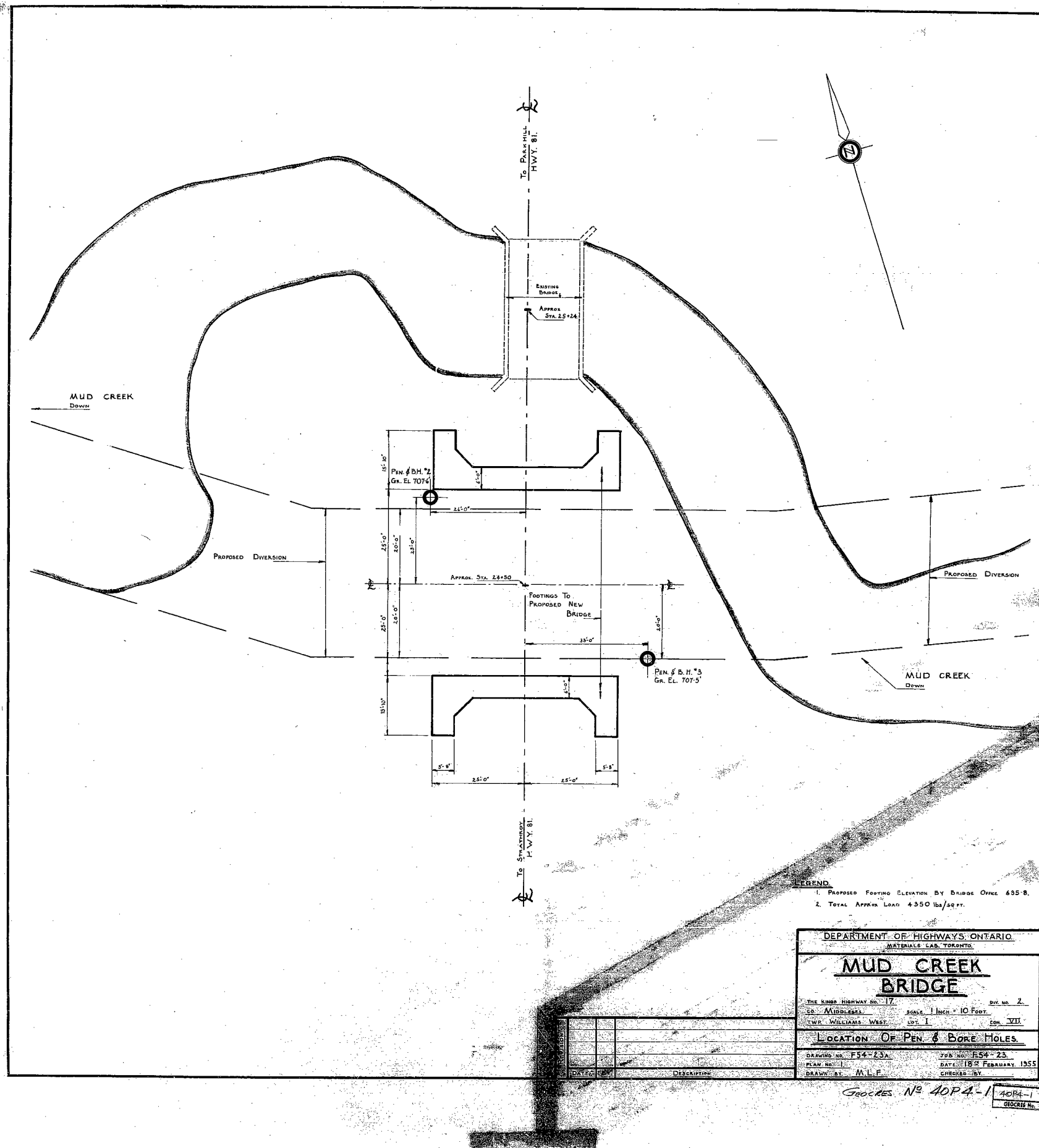


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Hwy. # 81

MUD CREEK





- LEGEND
1. PROPOSED FOOTING ELEVATION BY BRIDGE OFFICE 635.8.
  2. TOTAL APPROX. LOAD 4350 lbs/sq. ft.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, ONTARIO	
MATERIALS LAB. TORONTO	
<b>MUD CREEK BRIDGE</b>	
THE KING'S HIGHWAY NO. 17	SK. NO. 2
SR. MIDDLESEX	SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET
TWP. WILLIAMS, WES.	LOT 1
CON. VII	
<b>LOCATION OF PEN &amp; BORE HOLES</b>	
DRAWING NO. F54-23A	JOB NO. F54-23
PLAN NO. 1	DATE 18 FEBRUARY, 1955
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**Report of  
Foundation Investigation  
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over the  
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### Introduction

A subsurface investigation was carried out on Highway #31 where it is proposed to build a bridge over the diverted course of Mud Creek.

It is proposed to alter the course of Mud Creek to cut out the meander which the existing bridge crosses, and to build the new bridge over the diverted part of the creek.

It was required to determine the type of foundations most suitable for the proposed structure which is a rigid frame bridge.

### Procedure

The investigation took place during the period 6-14 December 1954.

Two dynamic penetration holes and two boreholes were made during that period.

The position and results of each borehole are shown in plan F-54-23A and Appendix I.

### Soil Conditions and Testing

Boring was carried down to 26' and 33.5' for boreholes 2 and 3 respectively and in each case a stiff clay was discovered for the whole length of the borehole.

Dynamic cone penetration tests were carried to a depth of 20'-0" in borehole 2 and 30'-0" in borehole 3. The moisture content of the clay is about 30%. A number of tests were made to find the liquid limits which gave a value of approximately 30%.

The tests indicate that the Soil is a stiff glacial clay.

Unconfined compression tests were made on a large number of undisturbed Samples and from these an average value of the shear stress was found to be about 8000 lbs. per square foot; although in borehole #3 at depths below approximately 24' the value fell off to approximately 1000 lbs. per square foot.

#### Water Conditions

No ground water was observed during the boring operations.

#### Analysis of results and Recommendations

The results of the unconfined tests show that spread footings can be used with approximately bearing capacity twice the shear strength which is about 2.5 tons per square foot. If this value is used there will be a settlement of approximately 4 inches on the glacial clay.

There is a difference of 11'-6" between H.W.L. and L.W.L. The glacial clay is not easily subjected to scour.

However for protection against any possible scouring timber sheet pile of at least 10 feet long could be placed on the front of the footing facing the creek.

Short treated wooden piles can also be used. Assuming an average shear strength of 1500 lbs. per square foot and a safety factor of 3 it has been calculated that wooden piles 15-25 feet long will support a load of 15 tons/pile.

Owing to the fact that a rigid frame type structure is proposed, a piled foundation would be preferable to avoid excessive settlement of the foundation.

Careful supervision of the pile driving must be provided if the wooden piles are to be effective.

Summary & Conclusions

A simply supported structure founded on spread footings with a bearing capacity of 2.5 tons per square foot would be recommended. Timber sheet piles should be provided, as an insurance against possible scour under flood conditions.

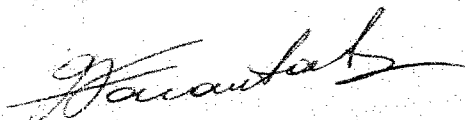
A rigid frame structure can be supported on treated timber piles 15-25 feet long.

Careful supervision of pile driving should be provided.

The undersigned would appreciate being present on foundation excavation and pile driving to collect information to correlate pile driving resistance with the test data.

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**Appendix I**