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The lavas belong to the spilite suite. The associated rudaceous sediments ^{were} derived from them. Between 621' and 642' the rudaceous sediments are red. Red beds occur throughout the entire sequence. Whether or not they are indicative of the nature of the depositional environment has not been proven. The finer sediments above 575' are quartz poor and

are strongly altered and presumably originally consisted in large part of labile constituents of volcanic origin.

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72-276 r.l. 110'

- cut to investigate nature of 'spots'

Very fine sericite flakes comprise the bulk of the rock with subordinate angular quartz grains also minor chlorite and opaque oxide grains. The spots have very ragged margins which interdigitate with the surrounding material. They consist of brown and green tinted translucent material some of which is isotropic. Present in this material are minor amounts of angular quartz grains also epidote, sericite and patches of chlorite.

It may be that either:

(1) the entire rock originally possessed uniformly the characteristics of the 'spots' and that alteration caused the bulk of the rock to take on its present appearance and left only small patches of the original material.

or

(2) the spots were originally clastic particles in a detrital feldspathic matrix. Alteration produced the sericitic matrix and partially altered the clastic particles.

Since the 'spots' can be concentrated in bands and in places give the impression of grading it is thought that sedimentary processes have effected their distribution and, therefore, that the second hypothesis is more likely.

72-281 r.l. 181'

- cut in order to determine whether the

massive rocks between 177 and 186 are lavas
or sedimentary.

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The rock consists of small (0.1 mm), very angular grains of opaque material with sub-ordinate quartz, comprising about 50% by volume of the rock, in a translucent green tinted matrix. The opaque grains consist of partially hydrated lustrous grey oxide. Quartz grain margins are very irregular, possibly corroded. The matrix consists of fine quartz, sericite and green tinted patches of almost isotropic chlorite.

The rock is probably an altered sediment.

72-275 r.l. 201'

- cut to check apparent graded bedding.

The rock consists of sparse, small, angular grains of quartz and opaques in a matrix of secondary quartz, sericite, and chlorite with abundant finely granular secondary pyrite. A grainsize variation is apparent with thin section, but alteration has obscured the original texture.

72-277 r.l. 550'

- cut to check that the sandstone between
r.l. 538' and r.l. 575' is of volcanic origin.

The rock consists of sparse very angular quartz grains with patches of granular sericite and chlorite which appear to be pseudomorphing pre-existing grains. A few grains of unaltered and partially altered plagioclase are present also a few fragments of fine grained rocks.

The rock is probably an altered sediment.

72-280 r.l. 592'

- cut to check composition of rudite.

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The rock consists of sub-rounded to angular fragments of lava with grains of feldspar, rutile and ?quartzite or ?chert. Lava fragments range up to 5 mm across and the framework is continuous. The matrix consists of secondary minerals chlorite, calcite, and minor quartz. Most lava fragments consist of felted fine laths of feldspar in a cryptocrystalline and chloritic matrix.

72-279 r.l. 617'

- cut to check composition of lava

The rock consists of a felted mass of feldspar laths with minor interstitial quartz and abundant interstitial opaque oxide. It is intensely veined and partly replaced by calcite.

72-278 r.l. 622'

- cut to check composition of rudite.

The rock consists of rounded fragments of ?lava up to 1.5 cms across with sparse finer grains of muscovite schist also grains of quartz in a matrix consisting of secondary cryptocrystalline material (quartzose or quartzo-feldspathic) and calcite. Calcite veinlets are present. No chlorite is present. However, iron hydroxide is common. The ?lava fragments consist of cryptocrystalline material with opaques and minor sericite and appear to have been highly altered.

72-284 r.l. 644'

- cut to check composition of lava.

The rock consists of translucent, nearly

isotropic cryptocrystalline material with numerous patches of green chlorite and very sparse tiny phenocrysts of quartz. It is well cleaved with tiny lenticules of opaque ?leucoxene in the cleavage. Equidimensional grains of the same material are also present. Secondary quartz occurs in veinlets.

72-283 r.l. 647'

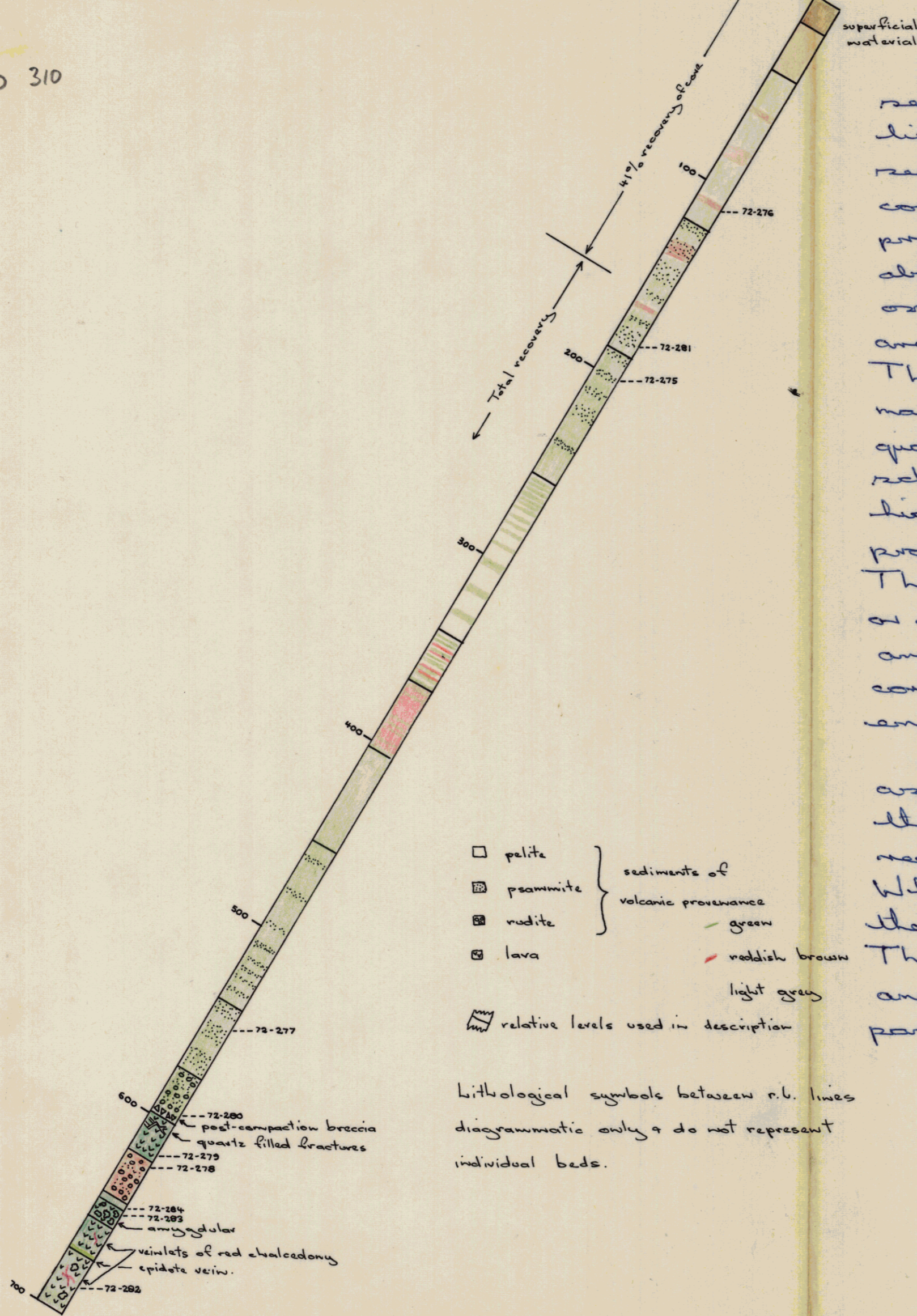
- cut to check composition of lava.

Glomer^ophenocrysts of plagioclase and ?K-feldspar occur in a felted mass of plagioclase laths. The plagioclase is fairly unaltered and by the method of ^MMichel-Levy is either albite or oligoclase. Intergranular chlorite comprises about 25% by volume of the rock. Disseminated grains of opaques occur. Quartz, calcite, chlorite and pyrite are present in an amygdale and a veinlet.

72-282 r.l. 685'

- cut to check composition of lava.

Felted mass of plagioclase laths with numerous grains of opaques and common intergranular chlorite. Epidote common both as disseminated grains and in veinlets. Calcite occurs in veinlets.



- pelite
 - ▨ psammite
 - ▩ nudite
 - ▣ lava
 - green
 - reddish brown
 - light grey
 - ~ relative levels used in description
- } sediments of volcanic provenance

Lithological symbols between r.l. lines diagrammatic only & do not represent individual beds.

superficial material

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