

GOLDEN ENTRANCE MINE

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W. H. Twelvetrees.

The Entrance reef was discovered by Mr. J.S. Goodall Jr. some time prior to the formation of the Company which eventually worked it. The Company when formed, in July 1900, was comprised of sections

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in the names of J. E. Smith, B. Smith and W.G. Madden respectively. Situate in the mining district of Mangana. It continued operations until December, 1902 when it was closed down.

During that period 1050 tons of stone were crushed yielding 2801 oz. of gold, the total value of which was £10,264. 9.11d. an average of 20z. 13 dwts. 8 grs. per ton, the value of the gold being £3. 13. 3. per oz.

These figures were probably secured from the mine returns as they do not agree with those shown in the quarterly reports of the progress of the Mineral industry of Tasmania, which however are probably incomplete.

The statistics in the Mineral Industry are:

21 tons 6 cwt 3 grs.	for 322oz. 2 dwts. 23grs.	30/9/1900
41 " 12 "	524oz.	31/12/1900
101 "	933 oz.	30/9/1901
81 "	140 oz.	31/3/1902
21 "	32 oz.	30/9/1902
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<u>265 tons 18cwt 3 grs.</u>	<u>1951 Oz. 2 dwts. 23 grs.</u>	

It can be assumed that the discrepancy between the figures is due to the fact that the returns of the poorer crushings were not sent to this office.

The mine was again taken up during September, 1903 and worked by tributors (Messrs. Madden and Macleod).

The following returns of gold won from the mine appear in the "Mineral Industry of Tasmania" and their respective dates. As the mine was closed down in 1902 the natural conclusion is that this gold was won by the Tributors.

After the mine was again taken up in the latter part of 1903

<u>Quarter ending</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>gold return</u>
December, 31st 1903	41	38 oz. 13 dwts
March 31st 1904	125	94 oz
June 30th 1904	108	160 oz.
September 30th 1904	76	270 oz.
December 31st 1904	43	116½ oz
September 30th 1905	48	309 oz.
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	441	987 oz. 13 dwts.

These seem to be the last returns available although Mr. Twelvetrees in 1907 states that the mine was being worked by tributors.

The same author in the Secretary for Mines report for the year ending December, 31st 1907 writes "The Golden

Entrance Mine" is being worked on tribute, on a scale which does not do justice to it."

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