

M. PENNEY & PARTY
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9th April, 1958

To: Mr. G.F. Hudspeth.

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Members of party are Marshall Penney
 Ronald Hall
 Trevor Burrell

Tuesday, 18th March, 1958

Left Queenstown 0600 hours per Utility and Röver, embarked aboard "Nola Too", called at Birch Inlet collected R. Hall and all camp gear, proceeded to Eagle creek, set up our tent, rather roughly nevertheless will straighten things out tomorrow.

Wednesday, 19th March

Spent today erecting tents, etc. and generally making ourselves comfortable, despite the fact that we have an extra tent fly, we found it necessary to put up one of our small tents to store supplies in, have come to the conclusion that Wallie doesn't want us to starve.

Thursday, 20th March

Today spent examining lower reaches of northern branch of Eagle creek - nothing of great interest noted.

Friday, 21st March

Weather is at last back to normal raining like the proverbial ---, during the morning M.C. Murphy and assistant arrived in launch offered to take R. Hall and self up river to Sir John falls this we did, cold and wet trip otherwise enjoyable.

Saturday, 22nd March

Went on to high plains today, thought it might help us fathom out T.B. Moore's report regarding heights. Have come to the conclusion there may be something in the idea that his show is in the headwaters of the Spence river, have been told this by two different people.

Sunday, 23rd March

Decided we would not be satisfied until we had investigated Spence river report so spent today looking for a track over. Unfortunately during the morning after climbing a steep ridge discovered we were too far to the west.

Monday, 24th March

Today followed creek (first major one on north bank) plenty of gossan in it, but were unable to locate anything which resembled T.B. Moore's prospect, however will spend more time on this later.

Tuesday, 25th March

Examined right hand branch Eagle creek very heavy going climbed a total of nine waterfalls each of considerable height (most impressive from a distance) close up not so good, mostly quartzite country a little gossan seen, but nothing to suggest friend T.B. Moore's show.

Wednesday, 26th March

Marshall again suffering from the effects of the scrub, decided would be better if he returned to Queenstown. Still raining heavily estimate that since our arrival almost 6 inches of rain has fallen. Creeks are still flooding, scrub apart from being very wet is also very thick along creeks, had a look at Scorpion creek today, returned via Hydro track, iron oxide leach on same. Still no sign of the object of the adits.

Thursday, 27th March

Attempt made to look at northern branch of Eagle creek but heavy rain and flooding forced us to return to base, fully expect to develop webbed feet before long.

Friday, 28th March

Still raining, creeks all flooded making it virtually impossible to work.

Saturday, 29th March

Investigated northern branch Eagle creek at a height of approximately 700 ft. Located two adits and one trench all coinciding with T.B. Moore's plan of his prospect, the lower one has completely caved in although the timbering is exposed at former entrance. The top one not timbered is practically in its original state for a distance of 10 or 12 feet but balance has caved in. Collected samples from this adit, also sample of yellow clay.