

6. SITE 307: HAWAIIAN MAGNETIC LINEATIONS

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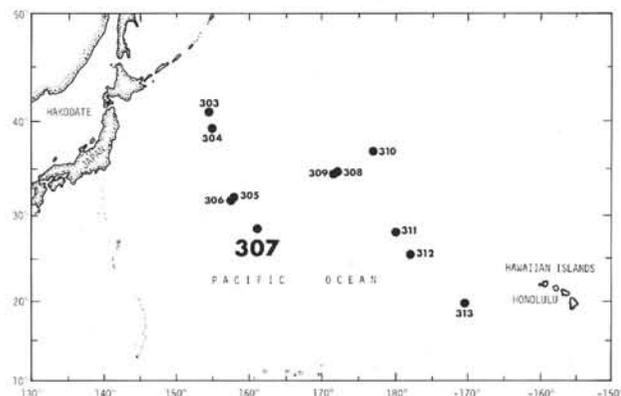
SITE DATA

Date Occupied: 9 September 1973 (0530Z)
Date Departed: 13 September 1973 (0650Z)
Time on Site: 97.3 hours
Position: 28°35.26'N, 161°00.28'E
Water Depth: 5696 corrected meters (echo sounding)
Bottom Felt With Drill Pipe At: 5708 meters below rig floor
Penetration: 316.5 meters
Number of Holes: 1
Number of Cores: 13
Total Length of Cored Section: 111 meters
Total Core Recovered: 19.4 meters

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Larson and Chase (1972) used a magnetic-reversal block model based on the Phoenix lineations to correlate the Phoenix and Japanese lineations with the eastern portion of the Hawaiian lineations (anomalies M-1 to M-10). Larson and Pitman (1972) extended that model to the western portion of the Hawaiian lineations (anomalies M-11 to M-22) and used the entire model to correlate all of the Hawaiian lineations to the entire Keathley lineation set in the western North Atlantic. They then derived a magnetic-reversal time scale for these Mesozoic magnetic anomalies whose older portion depends on the basement age determined for Site 105 (Leg 11). This site lies about 100 km west of M-22 on the Keathley lineations and has a basement age of Oxfordian-Callovian(?), about 155 m.y. Site 307 will test the claim of Larson and Pitman (1972) that their correlation of Mesozoic magnetic anomalies is worldwide, extending from the Pacific to the Atlantic. If this claim is substantiated, Site 307 may be an important calibration point for the old end of the Mesozoic reversal time scale. The Larson and Pitman time scale predicts a Portlandian basement age for Site 307, about 140-145 m.y.

Site 307 may have been generated at a spreading ridge crest considerably south of the equator in the Late



Jurassic. Thus, the sediments at Site 307 should contain carbonate and/or siliceous material that recorded the equatorial transit of Site 307. The age and nature of these "equatorial" sediments, when compared to similar material at the other geologically old sites on Leg 32, should yield a more coherent history of the northward motion of this portion of the Pacific plate.

Reflection profiles show shallow reflectors at Site 307 that suggest the section almost certainly contains chert. The age and nature of these cherts will be studied to shed light on the equatorial transit of Site 307 and the factors involved in the chertification of these sediments.

The basaltic basement at Site 307 should be ridge-crest type tholeiite (commonly olivine-normative and very low in alkalis) with pillows and hyaloclastites which typify many previous DSDP basaltic sites. Site 307 should yield some of the oldest of these types of basalts encountered on Leg 32, and should provide an end-member to the spectrum of basalt alteration. They will also be useful to geophysicists interested in refraction seismology, to geochemists postulating the composition of subducted crust, and perhaps to geochemists interested in the transfer of transition elements from volcanic rocks to overlying sediments.

If an orientation measurement can be obtained on the basalts, it should be possible to provide an independent test of the equatorial transit of Site 307. Most reconstructions place the origin of Site 307 at about 20°S latitude. Thus, the remnant inclination should be about the same as the present-day value, but will not determine if the site was formed north or south of the equator. True north orientation of the sample would allow a remnant declination measurement to be made that would resolve this ambiguity.

In addition to remnant magnetization vector directions, the magnetic mineral content of the basalts, and the stability and intensity of remnant magnetization will also be of considerable interest.

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OPERATIONS

The vicinity of Site 307 (Figure 1) had been surveyed by *Aries-5* and *-7* expeditions, and tracks of other oceanographic ships had passed nearby, so we were able to keep our survey efforts to a minimum (Figure 2). *Glomar Challenger* approached from the northwest, from Shatsky Rise. Upon intercepting an *Aries-7* track near the 161°E meridian, we turned south to parallel the track and slowed our speed to about 5 knots. The location we selected, on the basis of our airgun profile, appeared to have about 0.07 sec of transparent sediment over the first hard reflector (Figure 3). We executed a Williamson turn to put us back along our track and dropped a presoaked acoustic beacon at 1630 hr on 9 September 1973 (0530Z), in 5696 meters depth of water, corrected from a PDR depth of 3014 fm. We retrieved the geophysical gear, maneuvered back over the beacon, and commenced running the drill string.

A sonobuoy was run on 10 September 1973, but the lack of a current precluded the reception of good information, so it was terminated after about 2 hr of operation.

When the site was abandoned, we got underway at 1750 hr on 13 September 1973 by first steaming to the southwest while streaming our geophysical gear, and then turning to the northeast and surveying across the beacon enroute to our next site (Figure 3).

A standard assembly of roller bit, drill collars, and bumper subs was assembled, except that the lowest drill collar was monel as we intended to orient basement cores. The pneumatic tongs were used in joining the lengths of drill pipe so that for this deep-water site about 2 hr of time were saved.

A core at the sea floor was retrieved, with most of the cored interval recovered. This first core, and the last one, in basement, were the only two with good recovery

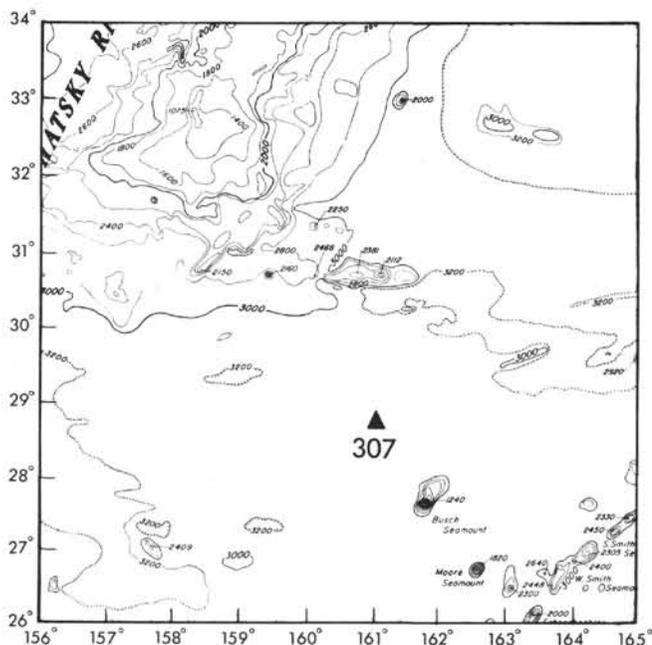


Figure 1. Bathymetry in the region of Site 307 (after Chase et al., 1971). Contour interval 200 fm uncorrected.

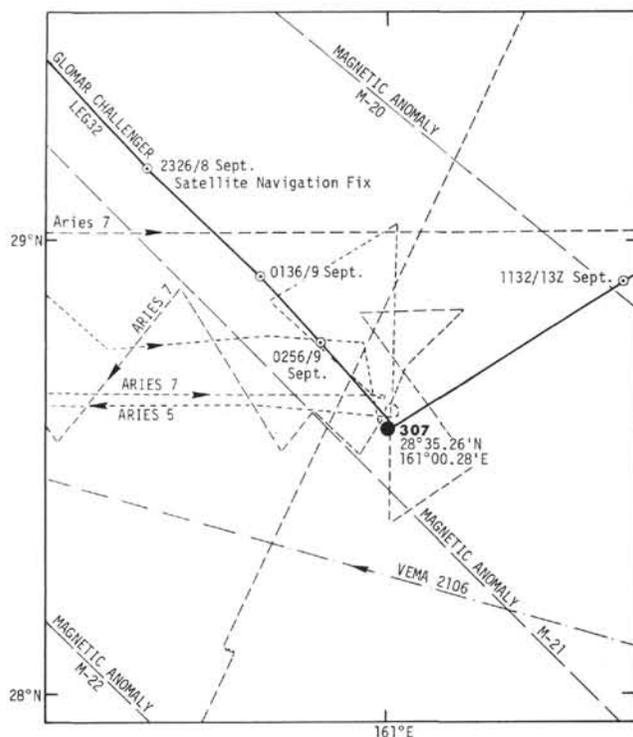


Figure 2. Track chart in vicinity of Site 307. Solid track is Leg 32 Glomar Challenger; long dashed track is Conrad-1007; dash-dot track is Vema-2106; short dash track is Aries-7; dot track is Aries-5. Open circles are Glomar Challenger navigation points annotated with time/day-month. Identified magnetic anomalies are indicated as long dashes.

(Table 1). A hard layer was encountered at 33 meters, slightly shallower than anticipated. For the next several hours, our drilling and coring was slow and careful in order to bury the bottom-hole assembly before unduly straining it and risking a failure. The interval from 65 to 85 meters was fairly soft, but most of the rest was hard. A center bit was used while drilling the depth of one of the lengths of pipe. The hard chert and porcellanite interlayered with soft chalk and clay needed modest pump pressures to remove the chert cuttings, and thereby washed away almost all the soft sediment. Even so, when the pumped circulation would have to be stopped while connecting each length of pipe, the bit would plug partially from cuttings that had not been circulated up the annulus.

When the string was pulled up a few meters off bottom to retrieve Core 9, the bit plugged and became stuck in the hole. After a few hours of attempting to lift, drop, or rotate the bit, it finally was worked free by pulling at a tension of about 550,000 lb on the draw works. The bit stuck again for about 1.5 hr after cutting Core 12, and again 550,000 lb of pull was needed to free it. The bottom of Core 13, which ultimately proved to be the total depth at Site 307, was at 316.5 meters.

Because we had not been able to recover any soft calcareous sediment within 30 meters of basement, we next attempted to recover a side-wall sample close to basement in order to meet our objective of dating the

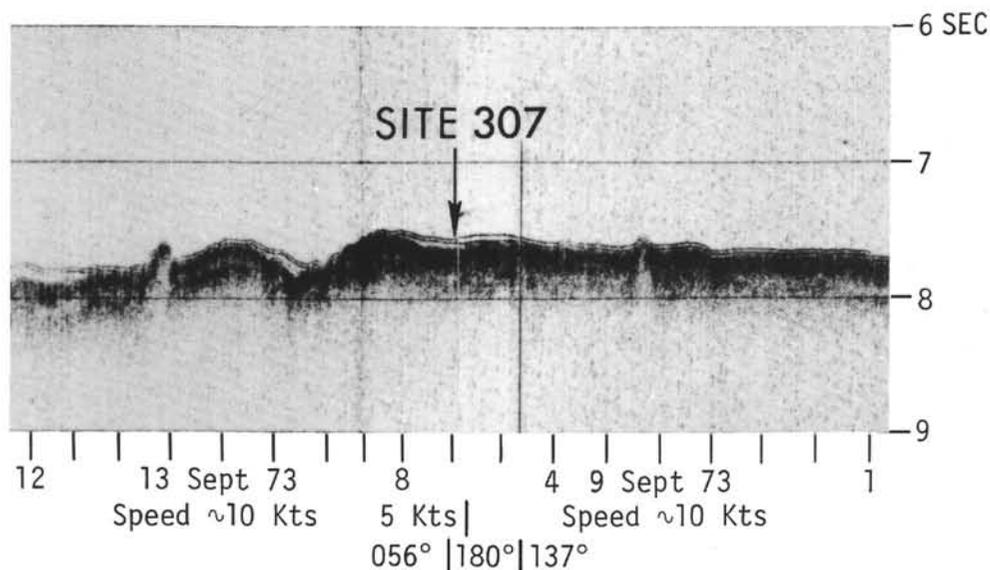


Figure 3. Seismic profiler section approaching and leaving Site 307.

TABLE 1
Coring Summary

Core	Date (Sept. 1973)	Time	Depth From Drill Floor (m)	Depth Below Sea Floor (m)	Length Cored (m)	Length Recovered (m)	Recovery (%)
1	10	0535	5708.0-5717.0	0.0-9.0	9.0	7.5	83
2	10	0930	5745.5-5755.0	37.5-47.0	9.5	0.4	4
3	10	1245	5764.5-5773.5	56.5-65.5	9.0	0.4	4
4	10	1700	5792.5-5793.5	84.5-85.5	1.0	0.2	20
5	11	0035	5811.0-5820.5	103.0-112.5	9.5	0.1	1
6	11	0355	5829.5-5838.5	121.5-130.5	9.0	0.3	3
7	11	0820	5866.0-5875.0	158.0-167.0	9.0	1.7	19
8	11	1255	5903.0-5912.0	195.0-204.0	9.0	1.2	13
9	11	2135	5940.5-5949.5	232.5-241.5	9.0	1.3	14
10	12	0225	5978.0-5987.0	270.0-279.0	9.0	0.8	9
11	12	0615	5996.5-6005.5	288.5-297.5	9.0	0.7	8
12	12	0820	6005.5-6015.0	297.5-307.0	9.5	0.6	6
13	12	1450	6015.0-6024.5	307.0-316.5	9.5	4.2	46
Total					111.0	19.4	17.5

oldest sediments at the site. We planned to follow that operation with two deeper cores into basement for basalt samples rather than for oriented cores, as we knew by then that it would be impossible to attempt core orientation with the plugging and sticking troubles we had been experiencing.

Of our four unsuccessful attempts to obtain a side-wall sample, on the first, the cable pulled from its socket leaving the sampler as junk in the hole which then ruled against any later coring into basement. The next sampler's coring tube did not open, and the third did not recover any sample. While the fourth was being retrieved with the overshot and wire line, a hydraulic line on the Bowen power unit carried away. By the time the oil was cleaned from the rotary floor for safe working conditions and repair made to the hydraulic and air systems, apparently the core barrel, holding the sampler, unscrewed itself and fell down the drill string, so that only the overshot and uppermost fittings of the core

barrel were recovered on the line. There was then nothing else that could be done except to pull out of the hole.

Magnifluxing the drill collars and bumper subs, which had been severely strained when the bit stuck, was necessary and added about 5 hr more to our time on site.

When the side-wall sampler came up with the bit it was empty. The bit had suffered moderate wear.

LITHOLOGIC SUMMARY

The stratigraphic section drilled at Site 307 was discontinuously sampled down to Core 11 and continuously cored from Cores 11 to 13. At the base of Core 12 the uppermost portion of the basement was sampled and consisted of extremely altered basalt. Altered basalt was also recovered from Core 13 (307-316.5 m). The total depth of the hole was 316.5 meters and it was drilled in 5696 meters of water.

The recovery was relatively poor in all cores with the exception of Cores 1 and 13. The poor recovery was due to the occurrence of abundant chert in unconsolidated sediments. It was not possible to determine the relative amounts of chert and adjacent lithologies. The composition of selected lithologies is shown in the smear slide summary, (Table 2).

The section can be divided into three sedimentary units overlying igneous basement.

Unit 1—Zeolitic pelagic clay (0-9 m, Core 1).

Unit 2—Chert, porcellanite, and zeolitic pelagic clay (37.5-130.5 m, Cores 2 through 6).

Unit 3—Chert, nanno chalk, and calcareous porcellanite (158-298 m, Cores 7 through part of 12).

Unit 4—Altered, fine-grained basalt and hyaloclastite (298-316.5 m, part of Core 12 and Core 13).

Unit 1—Zeolitic Pelagic Clay (Core 1)

This unit probably extends down to 33 meters where hard drilling, indicating chert, was first encountered. The sampled section is a typical brown zeolitic pelagic clay. It is generally unfossiliferous with the exception of fish remains and fragments of Radiolaria. With the exception of rare Quaternary species at the surface, the radiolarian fragments are no longer optically amorphous, the opal having crystallized to opal-CT (Jones and Segnit, 1971) or chalcedony. The fish debris range in size up to 2 mm.

The zeolite present is phillipsite and forms ragged subhedral crystals in the upper part of the core whereas in the lower part of the core the crystals are euhedral and commonly are twinned. The abundance of phillipsite increases with depth in the core and there is a corresponding increase in size from an average of 20 μm to an average of 60 μm. Manganese micronodules (10 to 200 μm) are also present.

Silt-size detrital quartz, feldspar, and volcanic glass make up less than 5% of the sediment. The volcanic glass is mainly colorless with lesser amounts of yellowish-green glass.

Unit 2—Chert, Porcellanite, and Zeolitic Pelagic Clay (Cores 2 through 6)

The first chert sampled was in Core 2. However, as mentioned earlier, the drilling rate data suggest the first chert horizon to be at 33 meters. The dominant lithologies sampled in this unit were porcellanite and chert. Porcellanite in the hand specimen is a less dense, porous chert with a porcellaneous luster rather than a vitreous luster. In thin section, the porcellanite consists of opal-CT and minor chalcedony with the chalcedony mainly as internal molds of Radiolaria (see also Keene, this volume).

The porcellanites have a wide range of colors from yellowish-brown to grayish-orange and are generally thinly laminated (2-4 mm) with sharp contacts between

TABLE 2
Smear Slide Summary, Site 307

CORE SECTION	INTERVAL cm	EXOGENIC					AUTOGENIC-DIAGENETIC										BIOGENIC								
		Detrital QUARTZ	FELDSPARS	HEAVY MINERALS	LIGHT GLASS	DARK GLASS	CLAY MINER	PALAGONITE	ZEOLITES	HEMATITE	amorphous IRON OXIDE	MICROIODULES	PYRITE	recrystall. SILICA	recrystall. CALCITE	Dolomite rhombs	FORAMINIFERA	NAANOS	RADIODIARIA	DIATOMS	SPONGE SPICULES	FISH DEBRIS	SILICOFLAGELLATES		
1	1	60																							
1	1	140																							
2	2	100																							
4	4	100																							
5	5	80																							
			Drilled 28.5 m: 9-37.5 m subbottom																						
2	1	125																						(1)	
			Drilled 9.5 m: 47-56.5 m subbottom																						
3	CC																							(1)	
			Drilled 19 m: 65.5-84.5 m subbottom																						
4	CC																							(1)	
			Drilled 17.5 m: 85.5-103 m subbottom																						
5	CC																							(1)	
			Drilled 45.5 m: 112.5-158 m subbottom																						
7	1	25																						(1)	
			Drilled 28 m: 167-195 m subbottom																						
8	1	97																						(1)	
			Drilled 28.5 m: 204-232.5 m subbottom																						
9	1	83																						(1)	
			Drilled 28.5 m: 241.5-270 m subbottom																						
10	CC																							(1)	
			Drilled 18.5 m: 279-297.5 m subbottom																						
12	1	110																						(1)	
1	1	135																						(2)	
1	1	148																						(3)	
13			ALTERED BASALT																						

KEY
RARE 1-5
COMMON 5-25
ABUNDANT 25-75
DOMINANT 75-100
98

(1) In contact with chert
(2) Vein filling
(3) Hyaloclastite

the laminae. Some samples show sharp contacts between porcellanite and zeolitic clay (Core 2) and porcellanite and chert (Core 6). There is a general increase in the number of radiolarians with depth in this unit, although on a smaller scale the distribution of radiolarians varies from lamellae to lamellae.

The chert is generally shades of reddish-brown or yellowish-brown, is both laminated and massive and commonly contains fracture fillings or veins of gray chalcedony, and manganese dendrites are common on fracture surfaces. Irregular-shaped vugs, usually lined with porcellanites, become common in Core 6. A chert sample from Core 2 contains a vug lined with banded botryoidal chalcedony and small quartz crystals.

Only a small amount of light brown zeolitic clay was sampled from this unit. It generally formed a thin, semilithified to soft layer on chert or porcellanite; the contact is flat and sharp. The zeolite is generally in the form of stumpy prismatic crystals with ragged edges and generally less than 10 μm in length. X-ray diffraction identified the zeolite as clinoptilolite, and it is associated with minor amounts of colorless volcanic glass.

A lithology different from the ones described above composed the entire sample from Core 5. It consisted of a core-catcher sample of semilithified radiolarian-bearing altered volcanic ash and was greenish-yellow in color. The sample is mainly clay and Radiolaria with minor amounts of colorless volcanic glass and clinoptilolite. The radiolarian fragments are interesting in that they have remained optically and X-ray amorphous, none having crystallized to opal-CT.

Unit 3—Chert, Nanno Chalk, and Calcareous Porcellanite (Core 7 through part of 12)

The first carbonate recovered from this hole occurs as drusy calcite filling a vein in chert from Core 7. However, nanno chalk was first sampled in Core 8. The very little nanno chalk that was sampled was usually attached to chert or porcellanite. The contact between the lithologies is sharp. Dolomite rhombs occurred in the nanno chalk wherever it was sampled (Cores 8, 9, 10, 12). The rhombs are usually less than 30 μm in size but may range up to 100 μm . In Cores 9 and 10 most have corroded and pitted surfaces. The nanno chalk is orange-pink.

The chert in this unit is colored shades of brown and reddish-brown and is usually mottled and contains irregular patches of silicified carbonate. Compared to Unit 2 there are fewer veins and fractures; however, Cores 8 and 12 do have chert fragments containing chalcedony veins and vugs lined with quartz crystals. A vug in Core 12 is lined with euhedral barite crystals. Radiolaria are present in the cherts from Cores 8, 9, and 10, but their distribution varies within chert pieces. The cherts from Core 10 are particularly vitreous and flint-like.

The calcareous porcellanite is usually shades of bluish-gray or pinkish-brown. It is generally laminated and contains Radiolaria. Vugs and mottling are rare when compared with the adjacent cherts. Most of the calcareous porcellanite occurs near the top of this unit in Cores 9 and 10.

The lithologies in Cores 11 and 12 at the base of this unit are characterized by reddish ferruginous staining which coats grains and forms thin veins.

Unit 4—Altered, Fine-grained Basalt and Hyaloclastite (Part of Core 12 and Core 13)

The basement at this site is altered, very fine-grained basalt interbedded with hyaloclastite. The 40-cm to 1 meter-thick hyaloclastite beds, as well as altered glassy selvages, divide the basalt into six cooling units, 20-70 cm thick. (These thicknesses are recovered amounts and are therefore minimum values.)

Much of the basalt is fairly severely weathered, especially towards the top of the basement. The alteration in Core 12 is intense, the plagioclase and pyroxene have been totally altered to montmorillonite, celadonite, and chlorite. That the clay was derived from basalt is evidenced by the fact that the alteration products have retained the intergranular texture of plagioclase laths and pyroxene grains, the skeletal forms so characteristic of magnetite, and even by ghosts of the plagioclase glomerophenocrysts found in the basalt of Core 13. The degree of alteration generally decreases with depth. Some of the plagioclase and opaques still remain in the basalt at the top of Core 13, whereas both the silicates and opaque minerals in some of the basalt in cooling Units 3 and 4 (upper half of 13-1) appear largely unaltered. The color of the basalt varies with the degree of alteration, changing from a dark gray in the freshest basalt to a light greenish-gray in the highly altered basalt. The clay in Core 12, in turn, varies from a light brownish-gray at the base to a grayish-red at the top because of the addition of goethite(?).

The glassy selvages are now almost completely altered to dark green, flakey, waxy celadonite and montmorillonite. These 1 to 2 cm-thick green zones, interlayered with calcite veins, mark the cooling unit (pillow?) margins. A 1 to 2 mm thick band of light gray varioles (commonly with a purplish tint) at the base of the green celadonite layers proves them to be altered glassy crusts and not simply veins. Near the base of several of the altered glass crusts, small (several mm) patches of vitreous, black glass still remain.

The basalt is highly fractured, the average fracture spacing being about 1 to 2 cm. There are two sets of fractures. There is an older set of high angle fractures, probably cooling joints, which provided access to the seawater needed for weathering as well as some carbonate matrix that included nannofossils, and they are bordered by a 1-cm-thick band of darker green and more highly altered basalt. Following the alteration of the basalt and cementation with calcite of these fractures and the breccia, a second set of low angle fractures was generated, which, in turn, was filled with calcite.

The hyaloclastite is composed of fragments of altered glass (0.1-1 cm) and basalt (1-4 cm). The basalt fragments typically have altered glassy crusts on at least one of their surfaces. The clasts are well cemented with calcite and celadonite. A cavity 2 \times 5 cm and lined with calcite and drusy quartz occupies most of one of the core segments in 13-3.

Conclusions

Because of the spot coring, poor recovery, and lack of fossils, sedimentation rates for this site are merely approximate and this makes the recognition of unconformities difficult. Between fossil dates of Quaternary in the uppermost 0.5 meter of Core 1, and early Late Cretaceous in Core 2, there are only 37 meters of sediment. The water depth and the location of this site in the low productivity area of the North Pacific would result in slow or nondeposition during the Tertiary. The zeolitic brown clay of this upper unit is typical of very slow rates of sedimentation. However, unconformities are known elsewhere in the northwest Pacific, and part of the compressed section may be due to one or more unconformities.

The occurrence of cherts and Radiolaria in Unit 2 indicates an increased sedimentation rate. More radiolarian tests reaching the sea floor reflect increased productivity in the surface waters. However, within this unit there is also nonfossiliferous zeolitic clay which either represents periods when no siliceous fossils were deposited or their siliceous remains have been removed by solution. The cherts in Unit 2 probably form beds or lenses. Evidence for this is the bedding and laminae in many of them and the flat contacts with the adjacent clay or porcellanite.

The occurrence of nannofossils in Unit 3 means that deposition occurred above the calcite compensation depth. The unit is characterized by a decrease in the ratio of porcellanite to chert and an increase in vugs, inclusions, and mottling compared to Unit 2. In Unit 3 the chert is hard, vitreous, massive, has irregular surfaces, and is composed of chalcedony or quartz as opposed to the opal-CT and chalcedony of the cherts in the clay-rich Unit 2. This change in the cherts is reflected in the increased sonic velocities for the chert from Unit 3 (e.g., Core 9) compared to the cherts in Unit 2.

Dolomite rhombs were found in the carbonate sampled at 195 meters. The sediment is the same Valanginian to Hauterivian age as the dolomite-bearing carbonate first recovered at Site 306 at 253 meters.

In general, lithification at Site 307 varies with sediment type rather than depth. An exception is immediately above basement where there is increased lithification of all sediments due to ferruginous cement.

Although both sedimentary and igneous rocks were recovered in Core 21, their actual contact was destroyed during drilling. The choice of 298 meters as the basement contact was based on a change in the drilling rate. The thin units of glassy, very fine-grained basalt, interbedded with hyaloclastite beds as much as 1 meter thick, strongly suggest that this volcanic unit is extrusive and represents the top of layer 2 of the oceanic crust.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Wet Bulk Density and Porosity of Soft Sediments

The recovery of soft sediments at this site is essentially restricted to Core 1, and the drilling disturbance here is described as "severe." The density of this zeolitic pelagic clay, measured by the GRAPE on Sections 2, 3, and 4, is practically constant at 1.4 g/cc. The density of the single

syringe sample (1.41 g/cc) taken in Section 2 agrees quite well with the GRAPE value (1.37 g/cc). Combining the syringe data and the GRAPE record, the porosity of the zeolitic pelagic clay is fairly constant at 80%.

Velocity Measurements

The compressional wave velocity, V_p , of the various lithologies recovered at this site was measured on a Hamilton frame. As at previous sites on this leg, the V_p of the clay of Core 1 is 1.6 km/sec. Two samples of pelagic claystone and a porcellanite have only slightly higher velocities, 1.8 and 2.3 km/sec, respectively. The velocities of the cherts in the upper part of this section are abnormally low, relative to those measured at previous sites on this leg. The V_p of this subvitreous chert is only 2.6 to 3.2 km/sec in Core 3 and 3.4 km/sec in Core 4. The cherts in Cores 7 and 9 have more typical velocities of 4.4 to 5.0 km/sec. The V_p of the fine-grained, highly fractured and altered basalt recovered at this site is about 4.8 km/sec and decreases to about 3 km/sec in the upper part where intense weathering has almost reduced the basalt to claystone. The V_p of the well-cemented hyaloclastite that comprises almost half of the recovered basement is about 4 km/sec.

GEOCHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS

Due to poor core recovery and lithified sediments, only one interstitial water sample was taken from this site. The sample was from 6 meters below the sea floor. The pH, alkalinity, and salinity for the sample are given in Table 3.

CORRELATION OF SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILES WITH DRILLING RESULTS

Seismic profiles recorded while approaching and leaving (Figure 3) the site show a relatively thin transparent layer (0.07 sec) overlying a thick (0.20 sec) highly reverberative layer (opaque layer) and, barely discernible at 0.30 sec below the sea bottom, the acoustic basement.

The whole of the upper transparent layer, although only sampled at the top, corresponds probably to a zeolitic pelagic clay interval devoid of chert, similar to that observed in Core 1 and to that found associated with chert in Core 2. The top of the opaque layer probably correlates with the occurrence of the youngest chert. The first chert was encountered in Core 2 at 37 meters subbottom but the driller recorded the first hard layer at 33 meters. If this layer corresponds with the top of the opaque layer, the interval velocity computed for the upper transparent layer falls into unreasonably low values (1.0 km/sec or less). As the first core consisted of rather stiff zeolitic pelagic clay, except for the uppermost few tens of centimeters which were soupy and contrasted sharply with the rest of the sediment, it is believed that the first layers of sediments were "overcored." This comes presumably from the fact that it is almost impossible for the driller to "feel" the bottom in extremely fluid clays and that the bottom contact could

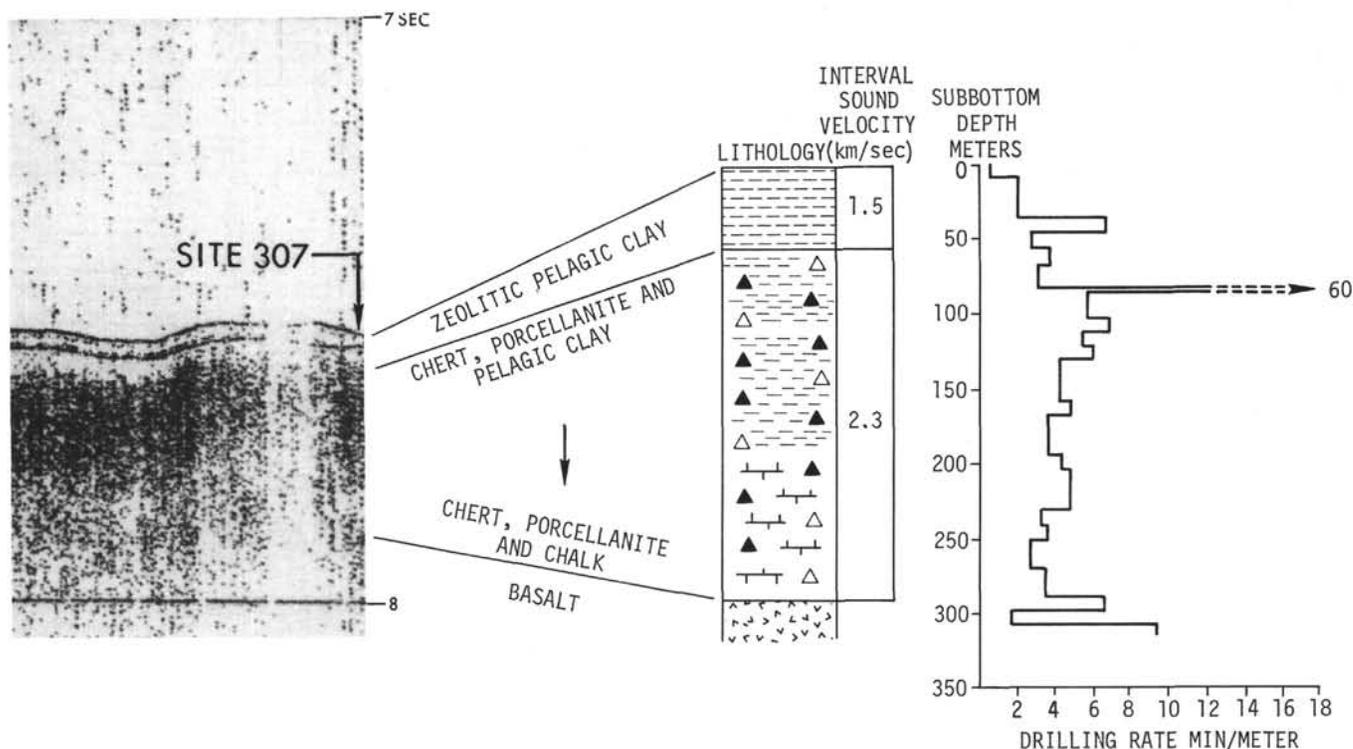


Figure 4. Correlation of seismic reflection profile with drilling results at Site 307.

TABLE 3
Summary of Shipboard Geochemical Data

Sample (Interval in cm)	Depth Below Sea Floor (m)	pH		Alkalinity (meq/kg)	Salinity (‰)	Remarks (Combination Electrode pH)
		Punch- in	Flow- through			
Surface Seawater		8.29	8.27	2.45	35.2	8.29
1-4, 144-150	6	7.35	7.31	2.22	34.9	7.39

then be observed only when the drill bit was already buried under several meters below bottom where it encountered some resistance (similar conditions have been reported several times during previous legs, especially during Leg 17). If a minimum sound velocity of 1.5 km/sec is assumed for the upper transparent interval, the thickness of the zeolitic pelagic clay layer should be about 51 meters. If this is the real thickness for this layer, the sea bottom lies about 18 meters shallower than the depth indicated by the drill string. This is especially puzzling as the PDR depth and the drill string depth are in good agreement at this site. However, it should be kept in mind that in the deep central Pacific such a coincidence has been a rarity so far.

An interval of 0.23 sec can be observed on the profiles between the top of the opaque layer and the acoustic basement; it probably corresponds with the chert-rich interval that makes up most of the sedimentary section. Basaltic basement was reached at 298 meters and probably corresponds with the acoustic basement. Therefore, the computed sound velocity for this interval is about 2.3 km/sec. This value seems reasonable compared to the values obtained for the most chert-rich intervals at Sites 305 and 306 (2.8 km/sec) if we consider

that the chert is somewhat less abundant at this site and that, at least in the upper half of the interval, is predominantly porcellanitic and relatively softer than the chert encountered on Shatsky Rise.

Figure 4 gives a summary of these correlations.

BIOSTRATIGRAPHIC SUMMARY

The oldest age for sediment at Site 307 is Valanginian to Berriasian (130 ± 12 m.y.) based on radiolarian assemblages from lower Core 10 and Core 11. The oldest diagnostic coccolith assemblage is Valanginian or Hauterivian in Core 10 (see Table 4).

Radiolaria provide the best stratigraphic control for the 12 sediment cores cut at Site 307. The age assignments have been determined by correlating the Radiolaria with those of Sites 305 and 306 where ages are controlled by calcareous fossils. In the Neocomian there is approximately a one-stage difference between the age assignments based on foraminifera and those based on nannoplankton. Because no value judgments can be made, the complete ranges given for both the foraminifera and the nannoplankton are used in assigning ages to the corresponding cores with Radiolaria only in Hole 307. Therefore, some rather long ranges result.

TABLE 4
Distribution, Age, and Frequency of Investigated Microfossils

Core	Depth in (m)	Recovery (%)	Foraminifera			Calcareous Nannoplankton	Radiolaria
			Plankt.	Benth.			
1	0.0-9.0	83	-	+	-	-	+ Pleistocene
2	37.5-47.0	4	-	+	-	-	+ Early Cenomanian or late Albian
3	56.5-65.5	4	-	-	-	-	o Late Albian
4	84.5-85.5	20	-	-	-	+	o Mesozoic (?) Albian
5	103.0-112.5	1	-	+	-	-	* Aptian/Barremian
6	121.5-130.5	3	-	-	-	+	o Mesozoic (?) Barremian to Hauterivian or Valanginian
7	158.0-167.0	19	-	-	-	•	o Hauterivian (?) Barremian to Hauterivian or Valanginian
8	195.0-204.0	13	-	-	-	•	o Early Hauteriv/late Valanginian Barremian to Hauterivian or Valanginian
9	232.5-241.5	14	-	-	-	•	o Early Hauteriv/late Valanginian Valanginian
10	270.0-279.0	9	-	-	-	•	* Early Hauteriv/late Valanginian Valanginian/Berriasian
11	288.5-297.5	8	-	-	-	-	+ Valanginian/Berriasian
12	297.5-307.0	b	-	-	-	+	+ Mesozoic (?) Valanginian/Berriasian
13	307.0-316.5	b					

Note: • abundant; o common; * frequent; + rare; - absent. b basalt

Stratigraphically useful foraminifers are absent throughout and coccoliths provide restricted ages only in Cores 8 to 10. Only trace numbers of coccoliths are present in Cores 1 to 6; in deeper cores diversity is low and preservation is rated as poor. Radiolarian preservation is moderate to good in Cores 2 to 9 and poor in Cores 1, and 10 to 12.

A single specimen of the radiolarian *Spongaster tetras* at the top of Core 1 (0-9 cm) provides a Quaternary age for the upper part of the core. The next deeper assemblage is early Cenomanian or late Albian in Core 2 (38-47 cm) and is associated with rare *Watznaueria barnesae*.

Foraminifera

The samples examined from this site contain no stratigraphically useful foraminifera. A few fragments of "*Rhabdammina*" occur in Core 1. The core-catcher sample of Core 2 contains a single specimen of *Glomospira* sp., whereas two specimens of *Haplophragmoides* sp. were found in the core catcher of Core 5.

Coccoliths

Samples from Cores 1 to 6 (0-131 m) are barren or contain only trace numbers of *Watznaueria barnesae*, the predominant Mesozoic species of coccoliths. A poor Early Cretaceous assemblage from Core 7 (158-167 m) is composed only of resistant long-ranged species.

Cores 8 to 10 (195-279 m) contain *Crucellipsis cuvillieri*, indicating a Neocomian age. The Valanginian to

Hauterivian portion of the Neocomian is suggested by the presence of species of *Tubodiscus* in Cores 8 and 10.

Core 11 (289-298 m) consisted only of radiolarian-bearing chert. Core 12 (298-307 m) which recovered red shale and basalt altered to claystone had only rare long-ranged coccolith species such as *Cyclagelosphaera margerelii*, *Diazomatolithus lehmannii*, *Watznaueria barnesae*, and *Watznaueria britannica*. This assemblage suggests only an indeterminate Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous range.

Radiolaria

Radiolaria are present in all of the cores recovered.

The only Neogene sample was from the top of Core 1 where about 50 cm of soupy, very liquid brown clay was washed to recover some very rare, well-preserved mostly nondiagnostic Cenozoic Radiolaria. One specimen of *Spongaster tetras* suggests a Quaternary age. Fish teeth were common in this sample and in the core catcher.

In the Mesozoic cores Radiolaria are few to common in abundance and moderate to poor in preservation in both chert and soft sediment samples from Cores 2 to 9. Chert in Cores 10, 11, and 13, and a mudstone sample from Core 12 contained only rare to few, poor Radiolaria.

In Core 2 (37.5-47 m) saturnalin rings and Triplosphaeridae similar to those of 310A-18 suggest that these cores may be contemporaneous, and Core 2 is thus considered to be early Cenomanian or late Albian, *Dictyo-*

mitra somphedia Zone. Cores 3 and 4 (56-85 m), late Albian and Albian, belong to the *Dictyomitra somphedia* and *Acaeniotyle umbilicata* Zones, respectively. A distinct change in the fauna between Cores 4 and 5, with the last occurrence of *Sphaerostylus lanceola* and *Dictyomitra* (?) *lacrimula* in Core 5, marks the transition from the *Acaeniotyle umbilicata* Zone to the *Eucyrtis tenuis* Zone. Core 5 (103-112 m) is considered to be Aptian to Barremian, Cores 6 and 7 (121-167 m) Barremian to Hauterivian or Valanginian. All three are assigned to the *Eucyrtis tenuis* Zone. Core 8 (195-204 m) is also Barremian to Hauterivian or Valanginian, and Core 9 (232-241 m) is Valanginian. Both are assigned to the *Sethocapsa trachyostraca* Zone. Cores 10 to 12 (270-307 m) are Valanginian to Berriasian, *Sphaerostylus lanceola* Zone.

SEDIMENTATION RATES

Discontinuous coring, negligible sediment recovery, and poorly diversified fossil assemblages permit only gross estimates of sedimentation rates. At least 85 m.y. is represented in the 37-meter, uncored or unfossiliferous interval between the Quaternary top of Core 1 and early Late Cretaceous Core 2. An unconformity is probable.

When age-error estimates are applied to Early Cretaceous Cores 3 to 11, sedimentation rates of 5 to 10 m/m.y. are indicated. The average rate for Cores 2 to 11 is 7 m/m.y. (269 m/40 m.y.). The highest rates would appear to be in the Berriasian? to Valanginian or Hauterivian interval of Cores 7 to 12.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The estimate of Late Jurassic or Earliest Cretaceous as the age of magnetic anomaly M-21 is the most significant result of Site 307. This confirms the correlation of the Hawaiian lineations with the Keathley lineations in the North Atlantic (Larson and Pitman, 1972). It also indirectly confirms the correlation of the Phoenix, Japanese, and Hawaiian lineations (Larson and Chase, 1972) because the model used for this correlation was simply extended to the older anomalies for the worldwide correlation of Larson and Pitman (1972).

The basement age of Site 307 probably is not firmly enough established to be used as a calibration point for the Mesozoic reversal time scale. However, the age is determined closely enough that its limitations are interesting and deserve the following discussion.

The oldest fossils were recovered from Core 12 with weathered basalts underlying them. The sediments of Cores 11 and 12 are dated by Radiolaria whose occurrence is rare and diversity is poor. They are pre-early Valanginian in age and are known to co-exist with Tithonian to early Valanginian nannofossils from Legs 17 and 20. Cores 11 and 12 are probably Berriasian in age because the upper portion of Core 10, 20 meters higher in the section, is late Valanginian or early Hauterivian, and the general Cretaceous sedimentation rates down to that level are relatively high (5-10 m/m.y.). Also, the pre-Valanginian radiolarians co-exist with younger forms found higher in the hole. By an extrapolation of the same argument, basement is prob-

ably Berriasian in age. The Larson and Pitman time scale predicts Portlandian or Kimmeridgian as the basement age of M-21, which cannot be excluded because the Radiolaria have only an upward-bounded range. However, the geology of the hole suggests a basement age of approximately 5 to 10 m.y. younger than this prediction.

This result does determine that the age progression of the M-sequence of reversals is correct, in that Site 307 is significantly older than Sites 303 and 304 that were drilled on magnetic anomalies predicted to be younger than M-21 at Site 307. Several possibilities exist that would account for the apparent age discrepancy. (1) The oldest age is poorly determined and may be significantly older than our best estimate, because the oldest calcareous material was recovered between 20 and 35 meters above basement. (2) A significant non-depositional interval may have occurred after extrusion of the basalt at Site 307. (3) The calibration of the radiometric time-scale of the Latest Jurassic-Earliest Cretaceous may be significantly in error. Some combination of these possibilities is probably the explanation for the basement age discrepancy.

The top 33 meters of the section is a brown, zeolitic pelagic clay that is the result of slow deposition in deep water north of the equatorial zone of productivity. Below that the zeolitic clay is mixed with porcellanite and chert of Middle Cretaceous age. These sediments are present down to at least 167 meters and probably indicate the time when Site 307 was moving across the zone of equatorial productivity. This probably occurred from the late Neocomian to the early Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian?). From 195 meters down to basement at 298 meters the cherts and porcellanites are mixed with calcareous material indicating probable deposition at ridge crest depths from the middle Neocomian down to the basement of Berriasian age. The sedimentation rates yield this same generalized picture that indicates deposition at 5 to 10 m/m.y. from early Late Cretaceous down to basement.

The cherts at this deep site are markedly different from the Shatsky Rise cherts. Many of them are made up of softer porcellanite with a much lower sound velocity. They contain much better preserved radiolarian specimens, and their drilling characteristics seem to indicate that they occur in thicker lenses.

The basement lava is very obviously of extrusive origin, consisting of several thin flow units and a large percentage of hyaloclastite. It is extremely weathered material, the upper portion now being greenish-gray clay with only the ghosts of the former plagioclase and pyroxene grains indicating its igneous origin. The deeper basalts are less severely altered and possess a hard remnant magnetic component. A summary of Site 307 data appears in Figure 4.

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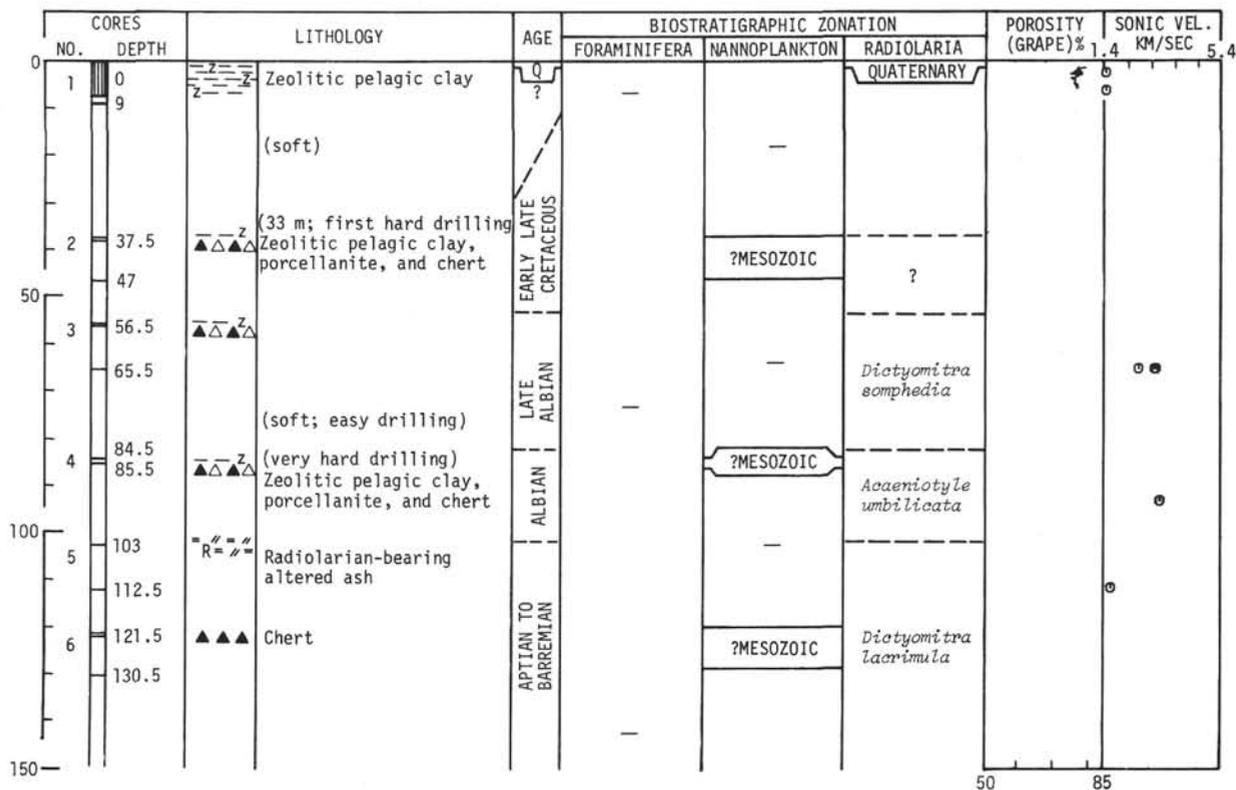


Figure 5. Summary of coring, lithology, biostratigraphy, and physical properties at Site 307.

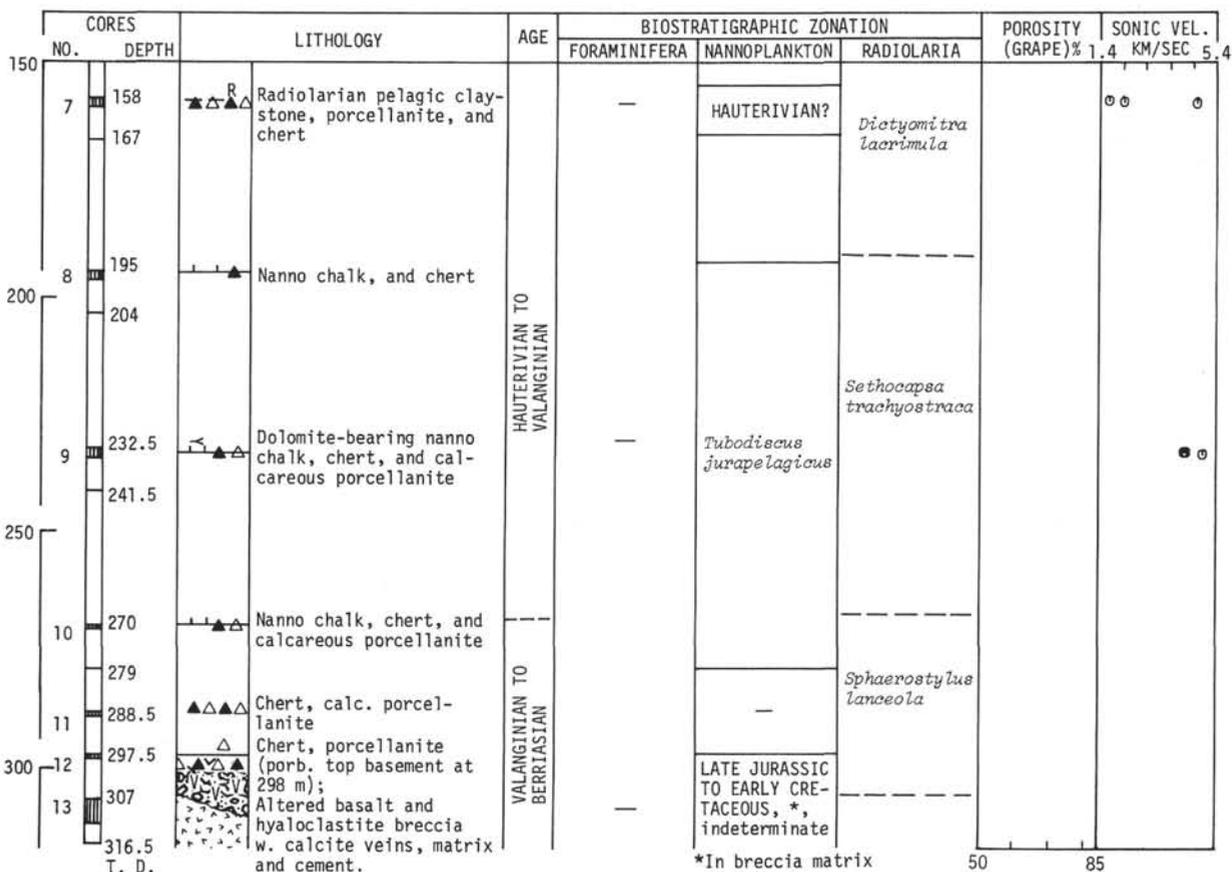
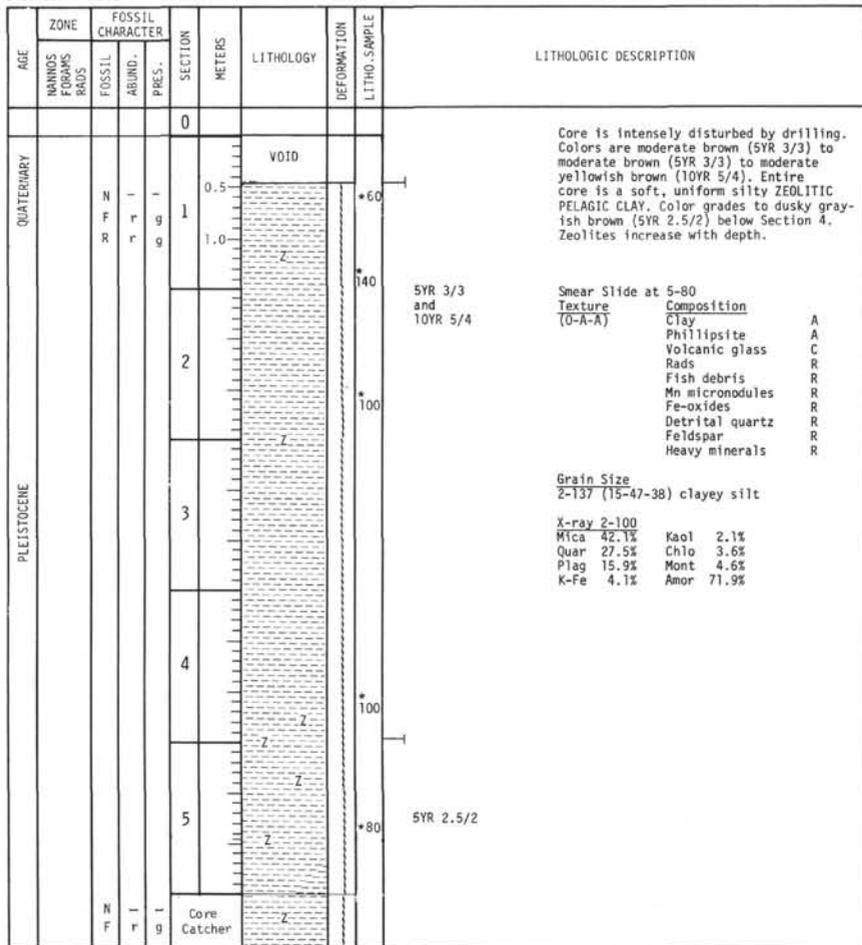
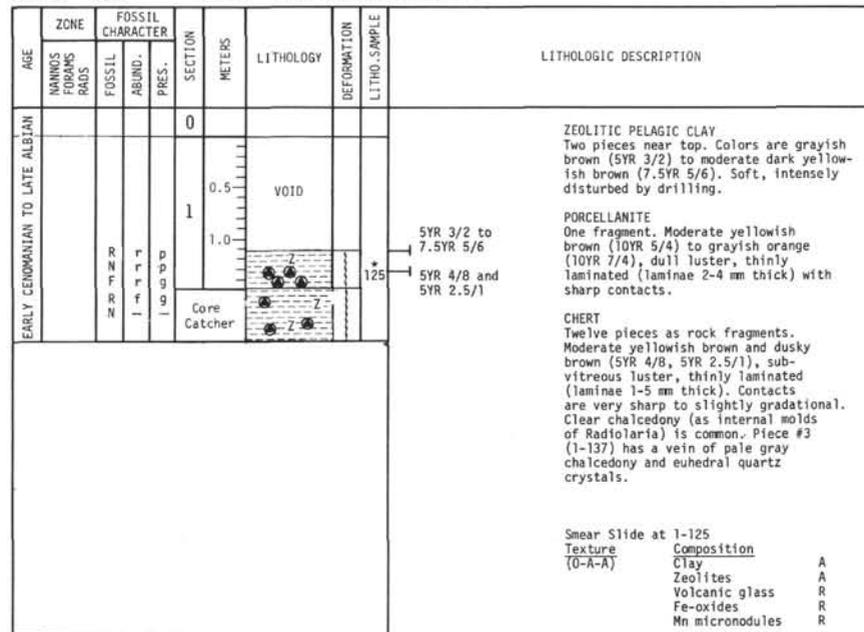


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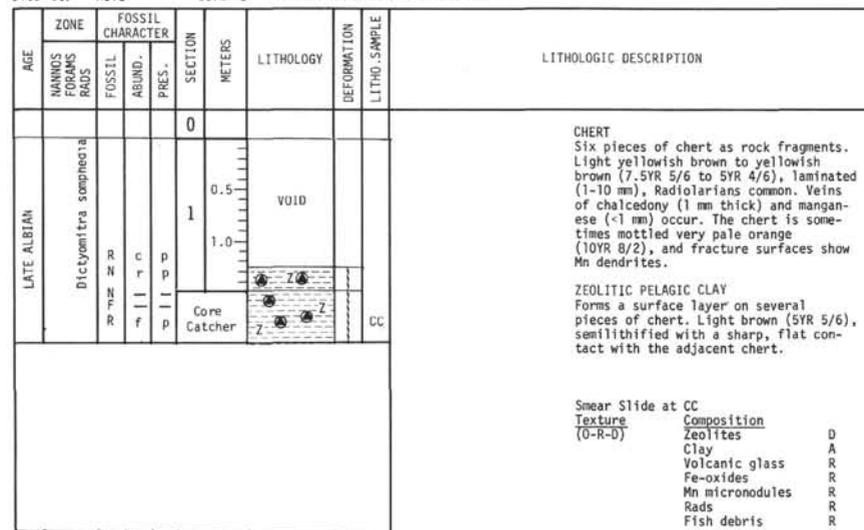
Site 307 Hole Core 1 Cored Interval: 0.0-9.0 m



Site 307 Hole Core 2 Cored Interval: 37.5-47.0 m



Site 307 Hole Core 3 Cored Interval: 56.5-65.5 m



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AGE	ZONE	FOSSIL CHARACTER		SECTION	METERS	LITHOLOGY	DEFORMATION	LITHO. SAMPLE	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
		NANNOS FORAMS RADS	FOSSIL ABUND. PRES.						
				0					
BARREMIAN TO HAUTERIVIAN OR VALANGINIAN	Tubodiscus Jurapelagicus	N	a	p	0.5	VOID		* 97	Core is deformed throughout. Consists of twenty-four pieces of CHERT as rock fragments and a minor amount of stiff NANNO CHALK. CHERT 35-78 cm: Color is dark reddish brown (10R 3/3). Vugs and fractures are filled with light olive gray (5Y 3/2) chert. Manganese specks common. 78-88 cm: Color is grayish brown (5YR 3/2) with vug fillings of moderate yellowish brown (10YR 6/3) and grayish orange (10YR 7/4), partly SILICIFIED CARBONATE. 92-110 cm: Color is moderate brown (5YR 4/4) chert. Fractures are filled with quartz crystals and yellowish gray (5Y 7/1) chert. Some sharp contacts with NANNO CHALK. Sparse radiolaria. 110-150 cm: Color is moderate brown (5YR 4/4). Chert has fracture fillings of light olive gray (5Y 3/2) chert. NANNO CHALK 88-92 cm: Color is orange pink (5YR 7/4). Semilithified with slight mottling. Smear Slide at 1-97 Texture Composition (0-R-D) Nannos D Dolomite R Calcite R Fe-oxides R Clay R Volcanic glass R
					1.0				
					Core Catcher				

AGE	ZONE	FOSSIL CHARACTER		SECTION	METERS	LITHOLOGY	DEFORMATION	LITHO. SAMPLE	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
		NANNOS FORAMS RADS	FOSSIL ABUND. PRES.						
				0					
EARLY HAUTERIVIAN TO LATE VALANGINIAN	Tubodiscus Jurapelagicus	N	c	p	0.5	VOID		* 83	CHERT Color is reddish brown (10R 5/6) to moderate light brown (5YR 5/4) to pale grayish brown (2.5YR 4/2). Manganese specks and dendrites are common. Rare Radiolarians. Some mottling and fracture filling of light olive gray (5Y 5/1) chert. DOLOMITE BEARING NANNO CHALK 80-84 cm: Color is grayish orange pink (7.5YR 7/4), semilithified. Has sharp contact with chert. DOLOMITIC PORCELLANITE 110-135 cm: Color is grayish yellow green (5GY 7/2) to olive gray brown (5Y 4/1). Faint laminations. Radiolarians generally rare. CALCAREOUS PORCELLANITE 135-150 cm: Color is light bluish gray (5B 7/1). Vugs are common and are filled with orange/pink partly silicified carbonate. Smear Slide at 1-83 Texture Composition (0-C-D) Nannos A Dolomite C Rads R Calcite R Recrystallized silica R Fe-oxides R Volcanic glass R Quartz R Carbon-Carbonate T-148 (3.2-0-26) X-ray 1-110 Quar 91.3% Calc 3.1% Dolo 5.6% Amor 49.6%
					1.0				
					Core Catcher				

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Site 307 Hole Core 10 Cored Interval: 270.0-279.0 m

AGE	ZONE		FOSSIL CHARACTER		SECTION	METERS	LITHOLOGY	DEFORMATION	LITHO. SAMPLE	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
	NANNOS FORAMS RADS	FOSSIL ABUND.	FOSSIL PRES.	FOSSIL PRES.						
EARLY HAUTERIVIAN TO BERRIASTIAN					0					
					1	VOID				
					Core Catcher					
										<p>CALCAREOUS PORCELLANITE 70-130 cm: Color is grayish orange pink (2.5YR 6/2) and dark reddish brown (10R 3/4), with laminae (<3 mm) of dark yellowish orange (10YR 6/6). Sharp contact with yellowish gray (5Y 7/1) porcellanite. Some vugs. Also some porcellanite that is slightly mottled and streaked: gray (2.5Y 7/0), dark gray (2.5Y 4/0) and moderate brown (5YR 4/4). Some fragments have NANNO CHALK coatings (sharp contact).</p> <p>CHERT 130-150 cm: Color is light reddish brown (2.5YR 4/6) to moderate brown (5YR 4/3), black (2.5YR 2.5/0), gray brown (2.5YR 4/0) and dark yellowish orange (10YR 6/6). Thin laminae (<1 mm) with sharp contacts are common. Numerous vugs and veins that are generally filled with chalcodony or partly silicified carbonate.</p> <p>NANNO CHALK (minor lithology).</p> <p>Smear Slide at CC Texture Composition (O-C-D) Nannos A Fe-oxides A Dolomite C Rads R Calcite R Recrystallized R Silica R Clay R</p>

Site 307 Hole Core 11 Cored Interval: 288.5-297.5 m

AGE	ZONE		FOSSIL CHARACTER		SECTION	METERS	LITHOLOGY	DEFORMATION	LITHO. SAMPLE	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
	NANNOS FORAMS RADS	FOSSIL ABUND.	FOSSIL PRES.	FOSSIL PRES.						
VALANGINIAN TO BERRIASTIAN					0					
					1	VOID				
					Core Catcher					
										<p>DOLOMITIC PORCELLANITE One fragment. Color is reddish brown (2.5YR 4/6), manganese dendrites common.</p> <p>CHERT Several pieces as rock fragments. Color is reddish brown (2.5YR 4/6) to light yellowish brown (5YR 7/8), moderate brown (4YR 4/2), and moderate reddish brown (10R 4/8). Veins and vug fillings of chalcodony and quartz are common. One vug is lined with euhedral barite crystals. The chert is sometimes laminated and the contacts between the various colors of chert are gradational.</p> <p>X-ray 1-100 Dolo 84.6% Cris 6.9% Quar 8.6% Amor 51.1%</p>

Site 307 Hole Core 12 Cored Interval: 297.5-307.0 m

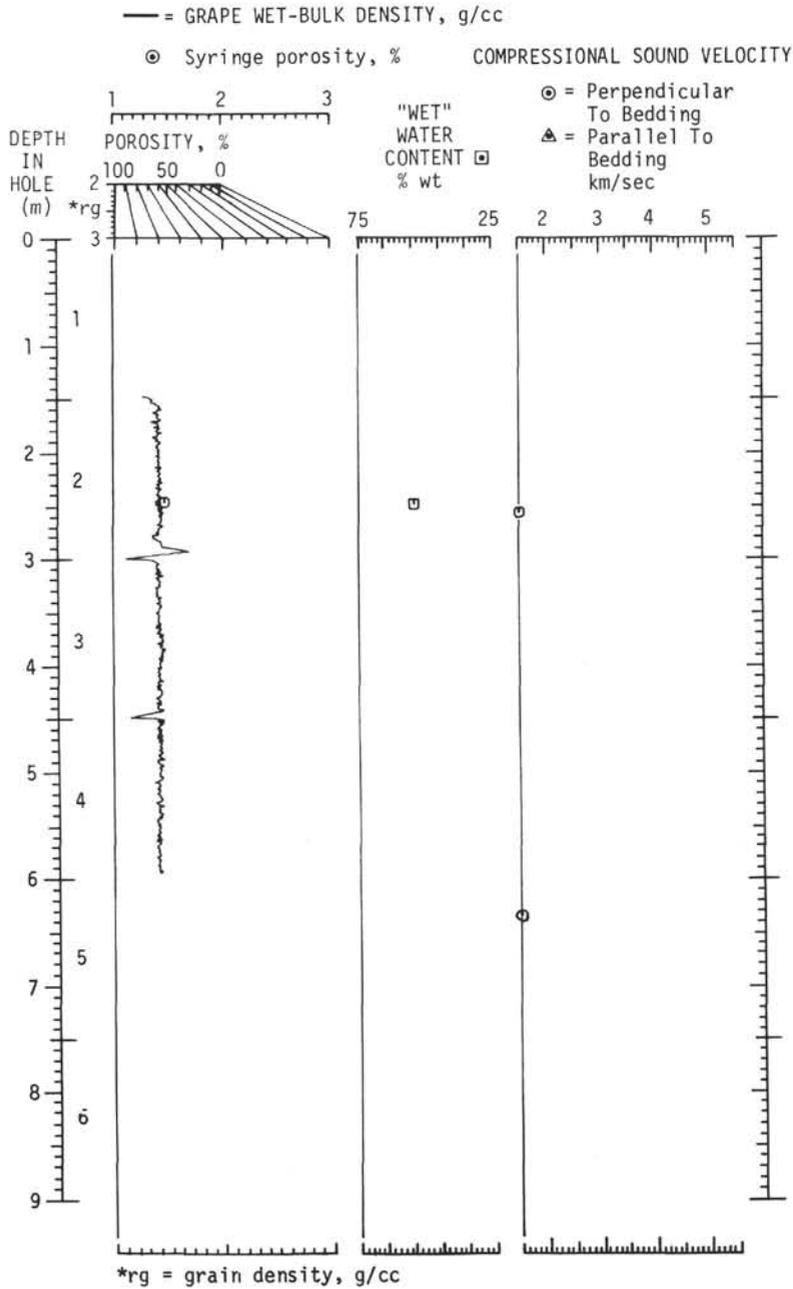
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	NANNOS FORAMS RADS	FOSSIL ABUND.	FOSSIL PRES.	FOSSIL PRES.						
VALANGINIAN TO BERRIASTIAN					0					
					1	VOID				
					Core Catcher					
										<p>Ferruginous SILICEOUS PELAGIC CLAYSTONE. Color is moderate red brown (2.5YR 3/6). Lithified and massive with Mn blebs scattered throughout.</p> <p>Smear Slide at 1-110 Texture Composition (O-C-D) Clay A Recrystallized silica A Fe-oxides C Quartz R Mn micronodules R Nannos R</p> <p>CHERT Two fragments. Color is dark yellow brown (7.5YR 4/2). Veins and vugs are common and filled with quartz crystals and manganese.</p> <p>Smear Slide at 1-135 (vein filling) Composition Clay C Hematite C Fe-oxides C Recrystallized silica C Calcite R Palagonite R</p> <p>Smear Slide at 1-148 (hyaloclastite) Composition Clay A Palagonite A Feldspar C Recrystallized silica C Fe-oxides R</p> <p>X-ray 1-110 Quar 78.5% Goet TR% Hema 10.5% Amor 67.0% Mixed layer 11.0%</p> <p>X-ray CC X-Fe 51.4% Kaol 7.1% Mont 32.9% Quar 7.2% Anat 1.3% Amor 58.3%</p> <p>ALTERED BASALT (HYALOCLASTITE). Semi-lithified. Consists of a fractured breccia with hematite and calcite veins common. Each fragment has concentric color zones: grayish orange pink (5YR 7/3), grayish yellow orange (10YR 7/6), dark reddish brown (10R 3/3), pale yellow green (10GY 7/2).</p>

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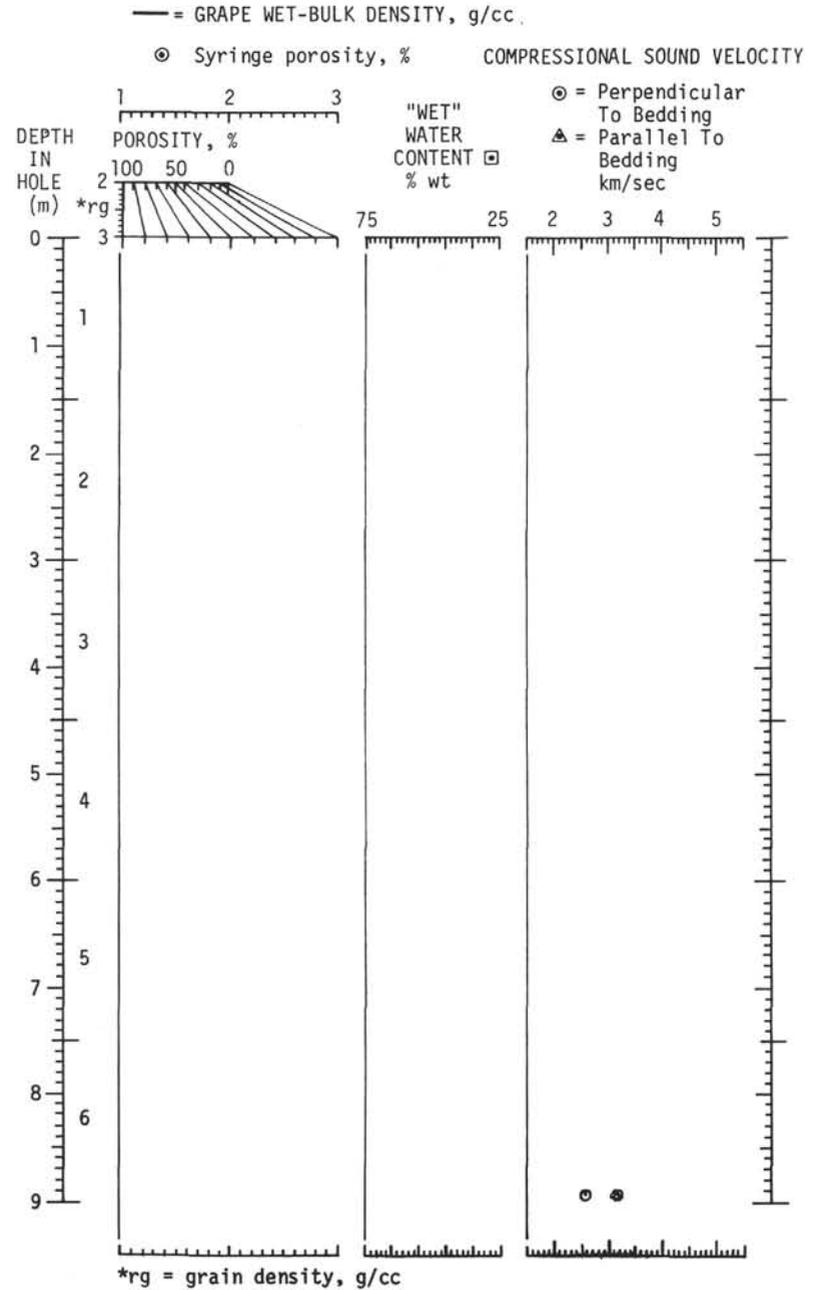
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		MINORS	FORMS	RARES						
					0					<p>ALTERED BASALT AND HYALOCLASTITE:</p> <p>Basalt is fine grained, highly fractured (average fracture spacing 1-2 cm), and is more or less highly weathered, especially at the top. It has sparse plagioclase glomerophenocrysts (~1 mm) and celadonite (?) filled vesicles (0.1 mm). The alteration is concentrated along fractures (cooling joints?), filled now with calcite and green celadonite (?). At top of Section 1, pyroxene is totally altered to montmorillonite, plagioclase and opaques are severely altered. Alteration is least and basalt is blackest in V₃ and V₄.</p> <p>Breccia (hyaloclastite) is composed of altered glass (celadonite) fragments (0.1-1 cm in diameter) and basalt fragments (1-4 cm in diameter) with glassy (no celadonite) margins on at least one surface, cemented by calcite and some celadonite.</p> <p>Special features: Patches of black, vitreous glass at 93 cm, Section 2 and at 33 and 50 cm, Section 3. Flow alignment of plagioclase laths in V₄. A 2 x 5 cm, quartz and calcite-lined cavity at 45 cm, Section 3.</p> <p>Cooling margins determined by altered glass and variolitic texture.</p> <p>*Two chert pebbles - probably cavings.</p> <p>C = chemistry sample</p>
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						V ₂	TS	C		
				2		V ₃	TS	C		
						V ₄	TS	C		
						B ₁	TS	C		
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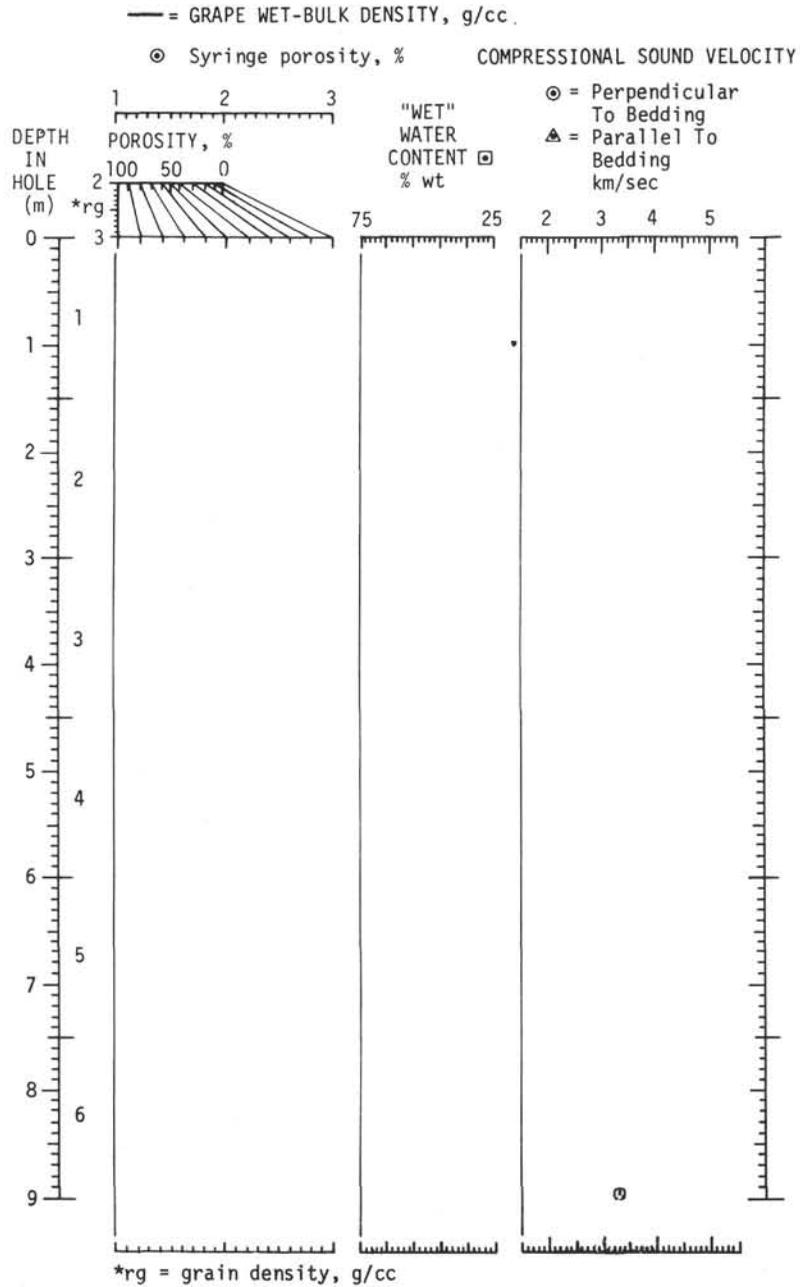
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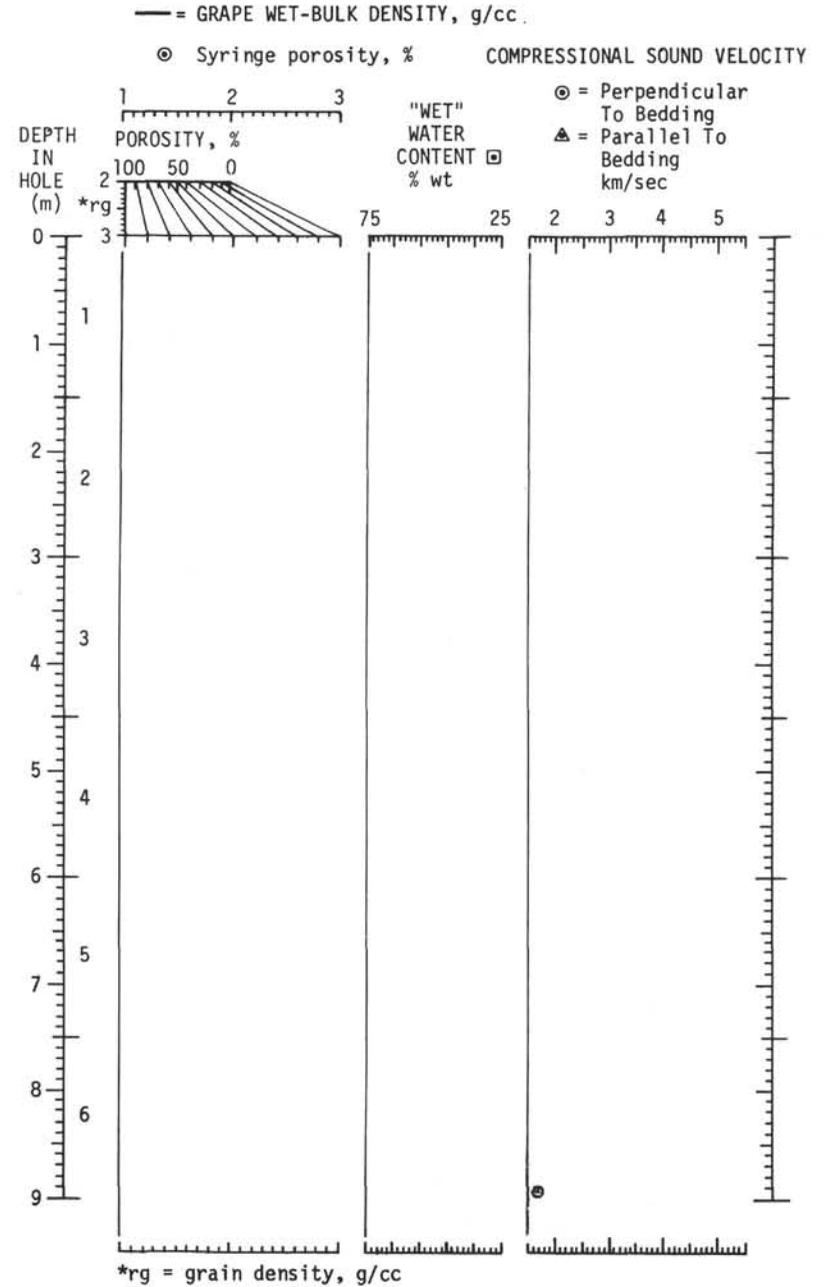
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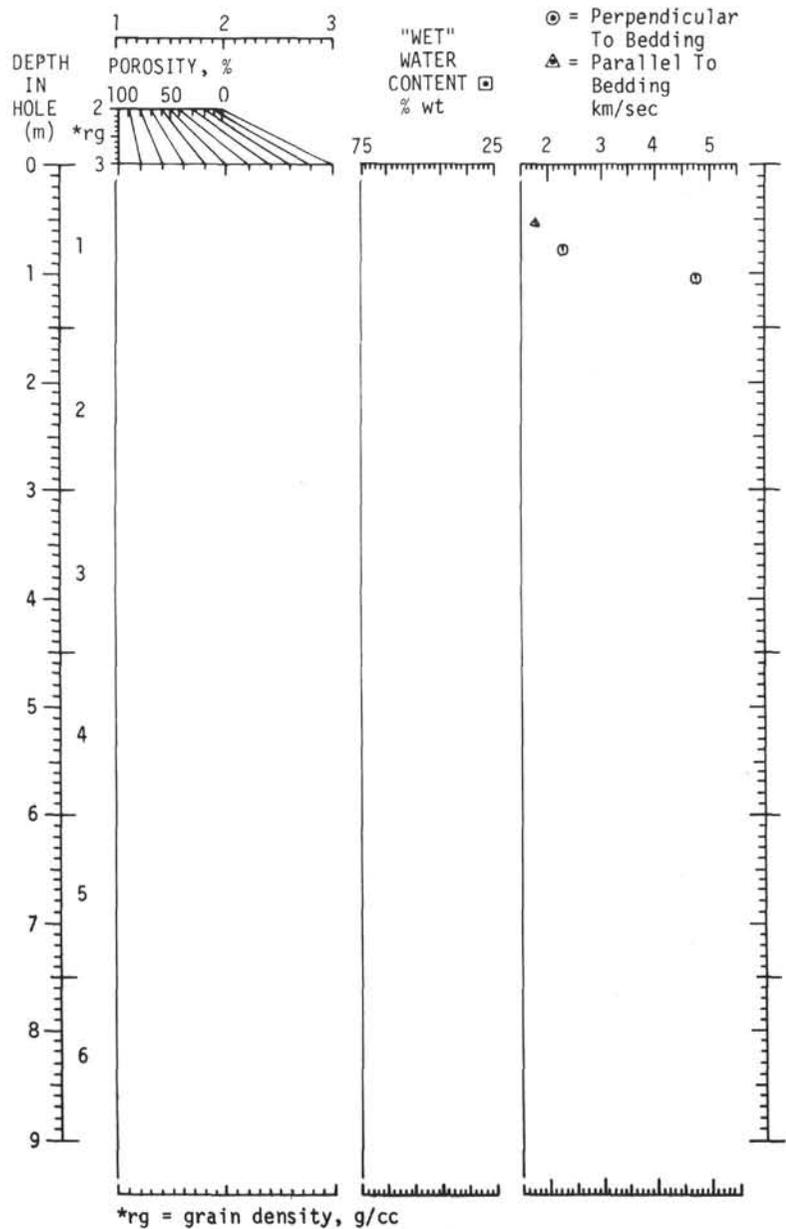


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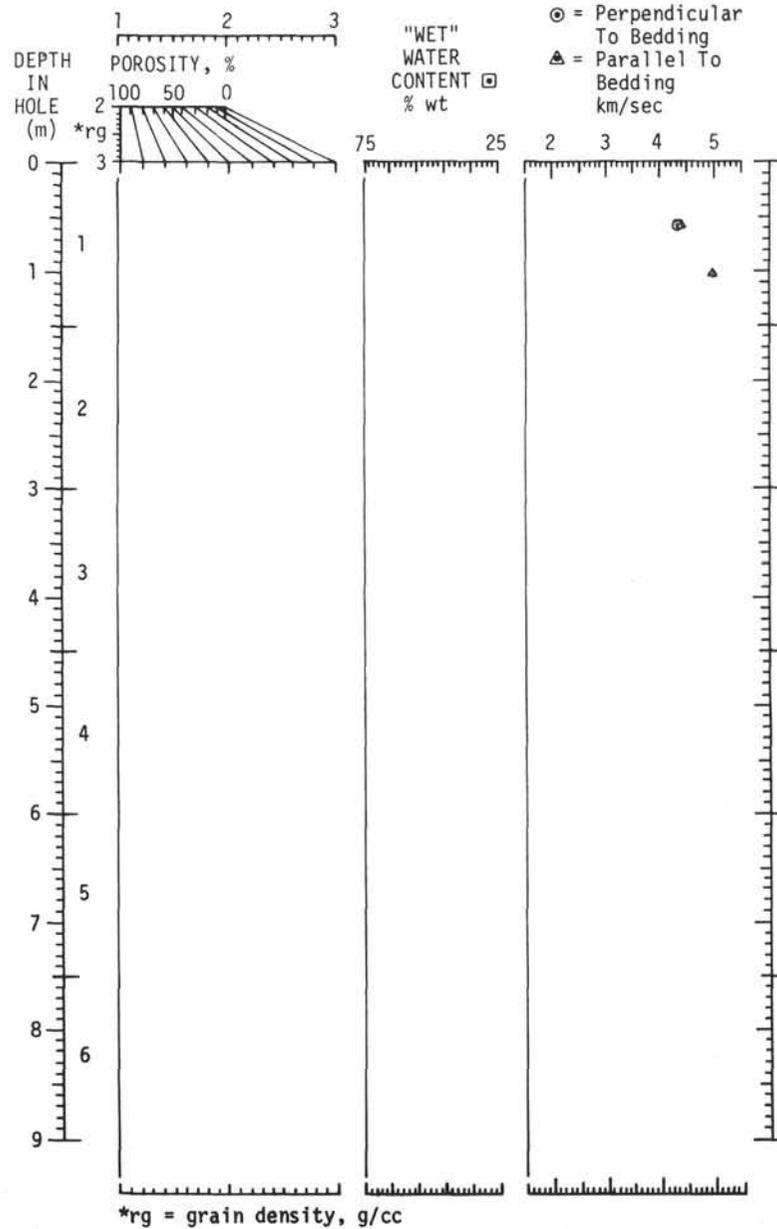


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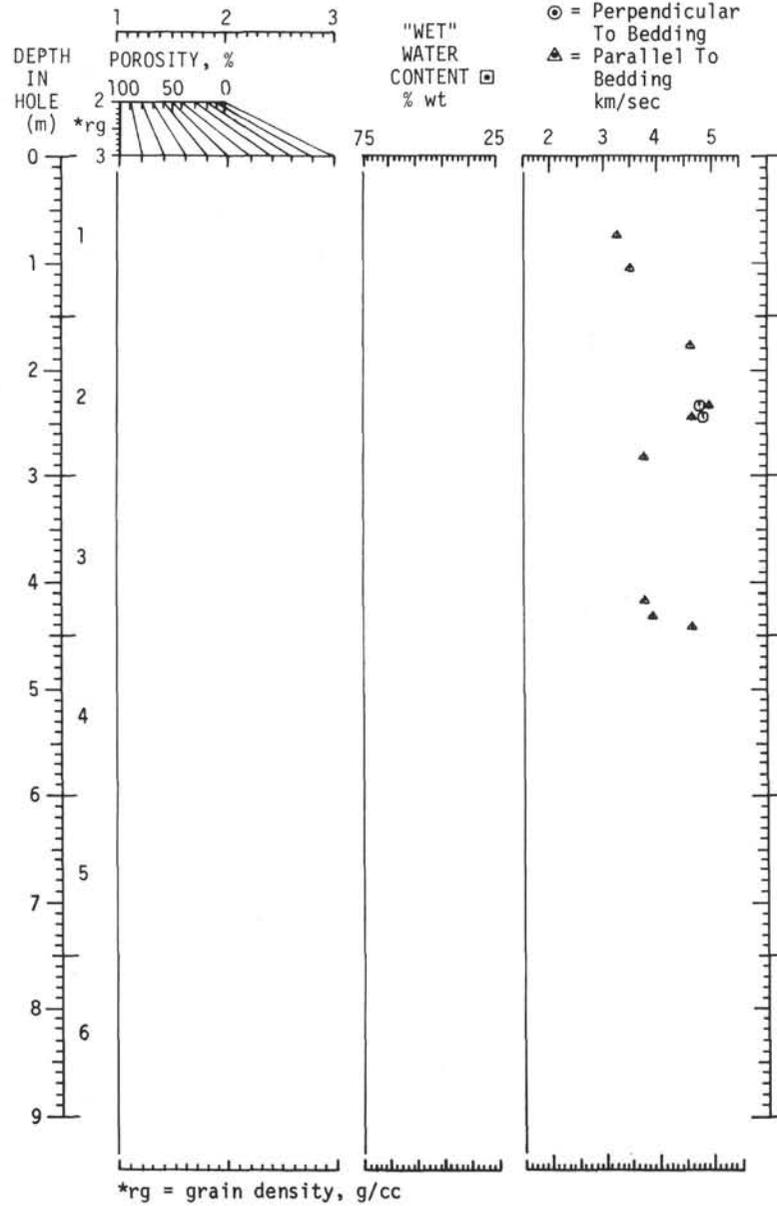


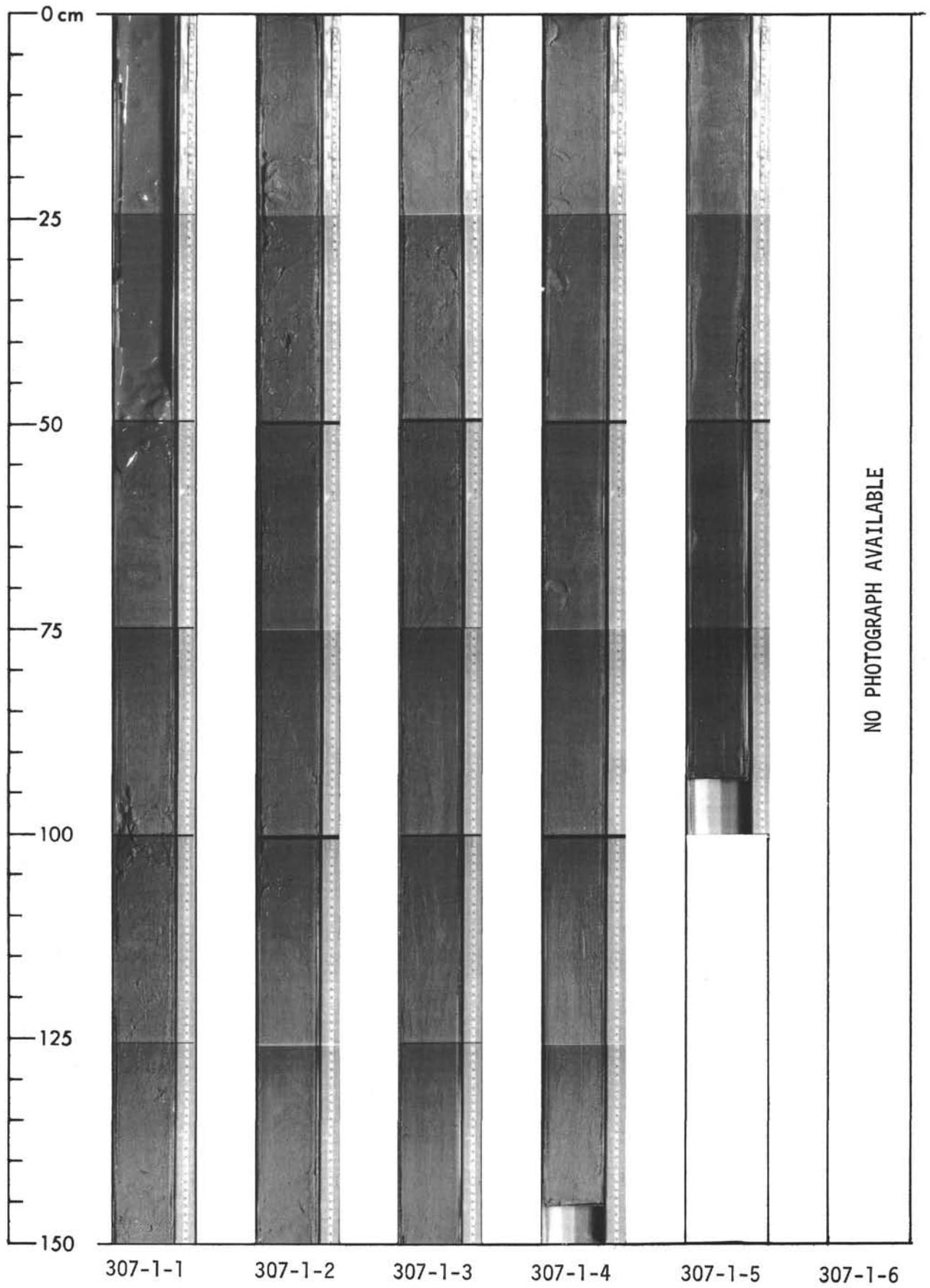
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