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جريطة رقم ٨ ٢٥٠ - ١
MISCELLANEOUS GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS
MAP I-350 A

GEOLOGIC EXPLANATION
(Alternate spellings or names given in parentheses)

QUATERNARY

Sabkhah deposits
Saline deposits in undrained depressions

Surficial deposits
Dunes, loess, marir, sfeirium, includes extensive coastal ridges of calcareous sand (Qaruniah Sandstone and equivalents), in center of basin (Serir Calanscio); includes thin veneer of limestone, sand, in coastal Cyrenaica, a boulder-bearing limestone. May be in part of Pliocene age

TERTIARY

Pliocene deposits
Clay, sand, gravel, and calcareous beds; of continental and shallow marine origins

Upper Miocene rocks
Marl, limestone, gypsiferous shale, clay, calcareous sand, and conglomerate; of marine and continental origin

Middle Miocene rocks
Tmm, in northern Cyrenaica, organic detrital limestone of the Msolah Formation, and fossiliferous white sandy limestone and calcareous sandstone of the Benghazi Limestone; in the Sirte embayment, locally gypsiferous shale and very fossiliferous sandy limestone.
Tmmf, non-marine calcareous, marly, and sandy beds. Of Helvetian, and Tortonian Age; includes some Burdigalian Age (early Miocene)

Lower Miocene rocks
Tml, in northern Cyrenaica, the Beda Formation, a white fossiliferous detrital limestone that is earthy and marly above and more massive and locally dolomitic below. In the Sirte embayment, richly fossiliferous limestone, marl, and shale that in places grade downward and laterally into the Fortuna Formation, a coarse sandy fossiliferous limestone.
Tmlc, near-shore or continental beds; the Fortuna Formation in many places. Of Aquitanian and Burdigalian Age

Oligocene rocks
To, in northern Cyrenaica, richly fossiliferous limestone, locally crystalline and massive; in the Sirte embayment, richly fossiliferous Gir Marl, Dahra Limestone, chalky to dolomitic gypsum, a green shale having layers of salt limestone, and the Dor el Abd Formation of dolomite and limestone having intercalations of gypsiferous green clay, the lower part of Eocene age.
Toc, near-shore or continental deposits

Tertiary continental rocks
Lacustrine limestone of uncertain age, especially in the Fezzan; abundant charophyta apparent in the Hun (Ajfera) graben; and beds of nonspecified character and age near the Egyptian border

Volcanic rocks
Extrusive rocks chiefly olivine basalt and phonolite; a few small intrusions of basalt and phonolite in Tripolitania; mostly of Tertiary age (post-Eocene), but may be in part of Quaternary age.

Eocene rocks
Te, in northern Cyrenaica, the Slonta, Derna, and Apollonia Formations, of nummulitic limestone, in part chalky, marly, and chalky; of early to late Eocene age. In the Tibesti foothills includes undifferentiated marine and non-marine beds, some perhaps of Paleocene age.
Teu, upper Eocene richly fossiliferous marine limestone, green shale, and gypsum of the Qarsaf at Jifah Member of the Wadi Thamit Formation. In central and southern Libya includes rocks of near-shore or continental origin. Of Lutetian and Priabonian Age.
Tem, middle Eocene fossiliferous chalk and marl having beds of chert, of the Augila Formation, the Hon Member and the Al Gaic Members of Wadi Thamit Formation. In central and southern Libya includes beds of near-shore or continental origin. Of Lutetian Age.
Tel, lower Eocene fossiliferous chalk and chalky marl locally including cherty limestone of the Bir Zeden, Bin Ian Chalk, Rasuga Chalk, and Tizzalina Limestone Members of the Jabal Waddan Formation. South of Jabal Waddan includes shaly, marly, sandy, and gypsiferous beds of a near-shore and continental facies; the Gir Gypsum Member is a southern equivalent of the Bir Zeden and Bin Ian Members. Of Ypresian Age

Paleocene rocks
Marl, limestone, and shale, locally fossiliferous, chalky, dolomitic, clayey, or gypsiferous; includes the Khetir Marl, Operculinoides Limestone, Gelta Chalk, Gherkei Limestone, and upper part of Zeuss Formation which is of Late Cretaceous age

CRETACEOUS

Upper Cretaceous rocks
Ku, undifferentiated Upper Cretaceous rocks; limestone, marl, and marly limestone; fossiliferous and locally cherty; includes the Jerdes (Gerdes) el Abid and Tuera Limestones of northern Cyrenaica; of Cenomanian to Maestrichtian Age.
Ks, rocks of Senonian Age; green shale, gypsum, limestone, and dolomite, in places fossiliferous or detrital; includes the Sinn Formation and the upper part of the Middle Formation, both of the el Hamra Group.
Kc, rocks of Cenomanian Age; limestone, dolomite, gypsiferous green shale, and gypsum; includes the lower part of the Middle Formation of the el Hamra Group, the Gsur Tigrinna Formation, and the Gorian Dolomite, Tufrus (Afras) Marl, and Ain Tahi Limestone of the Nalut Group.
Kuc, near-shore or continental calcareous and sandy rocks of the Late Cretaceous(?) age west of the Jabal Hasra)

Lower Cretaceous rocks
Kk, sandstone, red shale, and conglomerate of the Kiklu (Chiclu) Formation, unconformably overlying dolomite, shale, and sandstone of the Kabao (Gabao) Formation; present from the Tunisian border to the Garian area of Tripolitania.
Kn, Nubian Sandstone, continental sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone, and claystone; consists of quartz sand and silt cemented by clay and calcite; has subordinate unconsolidated, quartzose and siliceous sand constituents; may include older beds.
Kcn, lenticular calcareous and cherty beds within the Nubian Sandstone east of the Jabal Eghei of southern Cyrenaica

JURASSIC

Jurassic rocks
Jc, rocks of the Continental Post Tuxilian sequence; believed to be of Jurassic age
Js, Upper and Middle Jurassic rocks, chiefly sandstone, shale, and shaly limestone; present only at the base of the escarpment in Tripolitania from Tunisia to the Tufrus area.
Jl, rocks of Liassic age, chiefly gypsum and anhydrite; present only in Tripolitania near Tufrus and the Tunisian border

Jurassic and Triassic rocks, undivided
Continental sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone, and some gray to purple clay and claystone; frequently termed the Continental Post Tuxilian; distinguished with difficulty from the Nubian Sandstone; recognized only in the Fezzan. May include some beds of Permian age

TRIASSIC

Triassic rocks
Tc, rocks of the Continental Post Tuxilian sequence; believed to be of Triassic and Permian(?) age.
Tru, Upper Triassic and Lower Jurassic Ru Ghaqlan Limestone and dolomitic limestone and its lateral equivalent the Bir el Ghanem Gypsum and anhydrite, and the underlying Ru Shaba (Ru Seshe) Formation of sandstone, conglomeratic, green clay, and gypsum; present in Tripolitania in the el Waligah-Bir el Ghanem-Ru Ghaqlan area.
Trm, Middle to Upper Triassic Arzio Formation of limestone and dolomitic limestone having some shale interbeds and chert, and a basal sandstone; and the underlying Ras Hamia Formation of red micaceous sandstone, red and green clay, and varicolored silt; present in Tripolitania near Arzio

CARBONIFEROUS

Carboniferous rocks
C, undifferentiated Carboniferous rocks, chiefly continental sandstone and siltstone; present in southern Cyrenaica.
Cu, Upper Carboniferous Dinantian (?) rocks, chiefly limestone rich in crinoids and other fossils, underlain by shale, and a lower member of limestone and marl; present in many parts of the Fezzan; of Namurian and Mamurian Age
Cl, Lower Carboniferous rocks; in the Fezzan includes the Assedjefar Formation of silty shale containing fossil wood, the Dome of Collenia Beds containing marine algal fossils, the Mrar Formation of shale, siltstone, and sandstone, and basal beds of sulfur-bearing sandstone and shale, with the Intrusion to anorexian, of Assedjefar marine or continental origin. In the Tibesti foothills includes the Tarso Toon Formation of sandy beds containing Lepidodendron. Of Tournaisian to Namurian Age

Carboniferous or Upper Devonian rocks
In east-central Cyrenaica, chiefly sandstone

DEVONIAN

Middle and Upper Devonian rocks
Includes in Bruch-Adri-Awenat Wennin area the richly fossiliferous Awenat Wennin (Ancient Ouenine) Formation of shale, siltstone, and sandstone; on east and west sides of the Murzuk basin chiefly plant-bearing sandstone and siltstone; in east-central Cyrenaica chiefly sandstone containing Spiriphyton. Of Givetian to Famennian Age but may include Carboniferous beds of Strunian Age

Lower and Middle Devonian rocks
Wen Kem (Ouen Kem) Formation, alternating shale and fine sandstone having marine fossils and fossil wood, and the underlying massive and crossbedded Tedrart Sandstone. Of Emsian and Coarinian Age; southeast of the Jabal Hasraj includes some beds of Middle Devonian age

SILURIAN

Silurian rocks
S, undifferentiated Silurian rocks southwest of the Jabal Hasraj, chiefly sandstone and siltstone.
Su, Upper Silurian massive and crossbedded varicolored Acacus Sandstone including interbeds of gray to green shale; contains Harlania, *of Ludlovian Age.*
Sl, Lower Silurian thin-bedded gray and green sandy Tanezzuft Shale with abundant graptolites and other marine fossils; of Llandoverian and Ludlovian Age

ORDOVICIAN

Upper Ordovician rocks
Memouniat Formation, massive crossbedded sandstone weakly cemented by lenticular. Provisionally assigned to Upper Ordovician; recognized west of Jabal Hasuna

Middle Ordovician rocks
Includes Melez Chagrene Formation, varicolored micaceous silty shale and fine sandstone, whose thickness and composition differ markedly in short distances, and underlying Hasuna Formation, arkosic and quartzitic fine argillaceous sandstone and siltstone. Provisionally assigned to Middle Ordovician; recognized west of Jabal Hasuna (Jabal Fezzan)

Ordovician and Cambrian rocks
Thick sequence of sandstone and shale, largely of continental origin; includes the crossbedded conglomeratic Ejkel Sandstone in the Tibesti foothills

CAMBRIAN

Cambrian(?) rocks
Hasuna Formation, medium to coarse sandstone, conglomeratic in lower part, commonly crossbedded and quartzitic; lenticular cement is common and distinctive; a few thin interbeds of silty and micaceous shale

PRECAMBRIAN

Precambrian rocks
Metamorphic rocks including quartzite, phyllite, marble, schist, and gneiss

Intrusive igneous rocks
Includes granite, granodiorite, and diorite. Probably of Precambrian age; granite in Jabal Awenat area is of Paleozoic or younger age

Contact
Long dashes where uncertain, short dashes where gradational

Fault
Long dashes where uncertain, short dashes where concealed; U, upthrown side; D, downthrown side

GEOLOGIC MAP
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MAP I-350 A
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