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Name and Locality	Use	Reference	Length	Section	Material	Water	No. of Headings	Method	Progress	Shifts	Drills	Drill Holes	Explosives	Pull per Round	Mucking
<b>RAILWAY TUNNELS, ROCK PREDOMINANT</b>															
Arthur's Pass (Otira) New Zealand	Railway		5.5 mi.	15'x15'	Alternating slate and graywacke	A great deal. Max. 2000 gpm	2 (?)	Bottom heading 10' wide, 8' high							
Cascade, Washington	"	632,686,638, 640,647,648, 661,776,890, 881,851,838.	7.7 mi.	20'-10"x16"	Granite, quartz diorite	Max. 10,000 gpm	4	Center heading 10"x10" with ring drilling, 8"x9" pioneer heading outside main tunnel part of length	Pioneer bore 1167' per month. Enlarging 1220' per month.		Drifters mounted on carriage	Center heading 27' - 251' 60% NC. 8' to 10'. Enlarging dynamite center headings 29' - 8"x9" drift 22 to 36' per day.	7' to 9' for 8"x9" drift	Mayers-Whaley shovels for 4 shovels for 6	
Central Railway Peru	"	663	1640'	19.7"x15.8"	Very hard granite		4	Top heading enlarged to arch section for whole tunnel, then bench removed			Drifters on columns	16 to 20 in heading 6' deep.	Heading 50' of 75% dynamite. Max. 2 lb. of 75% NC G.C.	Hand and power	
Moffat Colorado and water	"	625,637,680, 651,1022,771, 783,861,747.	32160'	Railroad tunnel 16"x24"; water tunnel 8"x8"	Granite, gneiss and schist and conditions at west end	Considerable flows, one reaching 3,000 gpm		Water tunnel driven first, with cross connections to 8"x8" center bore, enlarged by radial drilling. Main bore enlarged by top heading and bench	25' per heading in east end	3 - 8 hrs. Many varieties		Various lengths	40% - 80% dynamite	Conway mud shovel and hand	
Musconetcong New Jersey	Railway	655	4840'	30"x25"	Syenite and limestone	800 gpm	2	Heading and bench. In soft ground crown drift and 2 wall plate drifts			Leyner-Ingersoll drifters on columns & tripods	42-474' heading per round; 26-245" bench per round		Air shovels	
Clark Hills, I.C.R.R. Southern Illinois	Railroad	635,664	A-800' B-6900' C-2600'	18"x26"	Sedimentary rock? Some shale	Some in B.	A-2 B-4 C-2	A- top heading B- center heading C- wall plate heading near S portal, then top heading, then top center heading with 2 benches	14' per day for 10"x10" heading (max. 16'). In C heading max. 625'; bench average 317'.	3 - 8 hrs. C - 2 of 10 hrs.	11' for center heading	4-75-40% dynamite per cu.yd. in center, 10"x10" heading		Air shovels	
Bogger's Pass (Connaught) (Sheikirk) Canada	Railroad	606,831	26400'	Double track				Two pioneer, 7"x8" tunnels							
Shimizu Japan	Railroad	629	31831	19.7"x16.0"	Diorite	Little	2	Bottom heading in soil, two benches in rock. Also modern Austrian method	20' per day after getting organized	2	Air drills of many makes	Benches 25-30 of 5'-6".	90% blasting gelatin and 60% dynamite	Hand and power	
Tanna Japan	Railway	613, 630	5 mi.	28"x22"	Agglomerate containing andesite, several dikes	Very bad 20' off	2	Usually bottom heading	During 1924; 7 ft. at one heading, 4.1 at other	3 of 7 hrs. Air driven			Dynamite		
<b>HIGHWAY, STREET-CAR AND SUBWAY TUNNELS. ROCK AND EARTH</b>															
Armstrong Pittsburgh	Highway		1299'	Double tube; one 22' wide, other 22' plus 4' wall. Both 23' high	Probably limestone and shale	Not mentioned	2 (?)								
Beaucatcher Asheville, N. C.	"	916	920'	39"-27x22' net. 48"x27' gross.				Lined section, 2 drifts 5"x8". Rock, center heading, widened and steepened							Power shovel
Hollywood-Glendale-San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, Calif.	Street-car		4225'	28' wide, 21.2' high	Blue shale, clay	Not mentioned		Two side drifts, two upper drifts							
Liberty Pittsburgh	Highway, street-cars and sidewalk	901, 961	5715'	Two tubes 26' wide	Horizontal, slightly fissured shale, clay, soft and hard sandstone	None	2 (?)	Top heading with very short bench	250'-260' per month	2	One-man drills Heading 6 Bench 4	Headings 20-45' of 11'-15' bench. 12-16 of 12' hole in heading 6' in bench. # per cu.yds.	Hand on led by 1/2 shovel		
Missionary Ridge Chattanooga, Tenn.	Highway	965	1000'	Two 22' bores with 25' pillar between mixed	Limestone and earth	Not mentioned	2	Top side headings (enlarged to top heading) and bench							
Sidney Australia	Subway		740'	Two 15' bores	Shale, large building near	Not mentioned	1	3 bottom headings, then top headings, then removed center core			Compressed air picks				
Sunset (Dabog) San Francisco	Street-cars	914, 951	4232'	25"x23"	Serpentine, sandstone and earth	Considerable at times	2	Crown and wall plate drifts			3 excavating 1 concreting				Air shovel
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TUNNELS</b>															
Rope Ship Tunnel Marseilles, France	Ship Canal	8, 72, 393, 42 mi.	Arch 72"x52"	Nearly fine grained lime stone, no faults	Flooded out, one 3 stone, no faults	Two side headings, top head enlarged to complete the arch. Center core removed after lining placed		Max. 450 cu.yds. per day for 460 men; 15 to 18' per day	3 of 8 hrs. Air drills			72' dynamite headings & hard rock. 57% in soft rock. Headings		Hand	

Moffat Colorado	Railroad land water	625,637,650, 651,1022,771, 783,861,747.	32160'	Railroad tunnel 16'x24'; water tunnel 8'x8'	Marble, gneiss and schist as conditions at west end	Considerable flows, one reaching 3,000 gpm	Water tunnel driven first, with cross connections to 8'x8' center bore, enlarged by radial drilling. Main bore enlarged by top heading and bench	25' per heading in east end	3 - 8 hrs.	Many varieties	Various lengths	75% 20% 5%	40% - 60% dynamite	Variable	Conway mucker shovel and hand
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Duamish Waterway Seattle, Washington	Water Pipes	65	414'	8' diameter, 60' below water	Sand	Kept dry by compressed air	Compressed air	4 ft. per day	3						Hand

Number	Name	Description	Shoring	Timbering	Character	Mining Walls	Placing	Power	Compressors	Ventilation	Date	Miscellaneous
17 - 1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Trolley locomotives with 24" gauge and 10-ton trolley locomotives. Open trolley roadways and headings.	Temporary shoring through	Proprietary concrete blocks			Pneumatic and gravity	Electric		Exhaust, 4,000 cu ft each end		
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Electrically powered shuttle roadway	6-and 10-ton trolley locomotives. Open trolley roadways and headings.	Concrete	Steel and wood		Pneumatic and gravity	Electric pump, 400 cu ft	W. portal 20,000 cu ft	W. portal 20,000 cu ft	Will Creek shaft 22,000 cu ft in pump	
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Electrically powered shuttle roadway	Electrically powered trolley locomotives. Open trolley roadways and headings.	Steel				2000 cu ft				
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Battery and trolley locomotives. 10-ton t. and 6-toned, 24"	Heavily timbered in place. Steel used in places					Electric		2- 4000 cu ft min- ers at 4-ft. 2 inches, 12,000 cu ft at 4-1/2 cu ft		
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Electrically powered shuttle roadway	Required in places, not nearly 10'x12", also 10'x12" and steel rooms for main headings	Reinforced concrete. Proprietary concrete. Proprietary concrete for headings	Wood		Pneumatic from mining traveler. Not per- manently	Electric	2- 200 h.p., 2000 cu ft after exhauster	4,000 cu ft miners		
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Electrically powered shuttle roadway	2-12-ton trolley, 24" with battery locomotive	A large portion of B and C	2-12-ton trolley, 24" minimum C walls, proprietary plaster and plaster over	Wood	Gravity, pneumatic in rooms	2-100 h.p. 2-200 h.p. plus air with 570 cu ft air delivered at 1250 ft. in	6000 cu ft in 3 miners		2-75 h.p. and 1-150 h.p. generators operated by 2-200 h.p. Diesel used for fans, lighting and locomotives. 100 h.p. Diesel for hoist.	
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Hand and power	Hand and electric	Steel and wood with iron ribs	Concrete block. Wall sec- tions in wall, 100% only 10'x12" and steel rooms			Electric	2 compressors, 400 cu ft at each portal			
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Hand and power	Hand and electric	Hand and power	Hand			Steel re- placed by Electric	Fans 75 h.p.			
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Powerhouse	4-yd. std. gauge over 12-ton steam engine	Probably steel beams used	Concrete reinforced with rebar and structural steel						\$1,500,000 inc. property damage	Began in June, completed in Oct., 1940
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1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Powerhouse	Hand and bench all hand 144 by 144 ft. 40'- above	Heavy iron 10'-12" 5-car in some places further beaming required	Concrete 10'x12" - 12'x12'							
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Powerhouse	Hand and bench all hand 144 by 144 ft. 40'- above	Covered steel walls for arch with lagging be- tween	Walls arch, arch 10' concrete	Lagging suspended from curved rail timbering by bolts	Wood					
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Air shovel	For concreting, gasoline locomotives and trucks	Proprietary entire length 7-segment arch 10'-12" timbered along length	Reinforced concrete	Steel	Pneumatic					
1940	10' 9" dia. 100' deep	Air shovel	Hand	Kerr-gauge railways, air and steam locomotives	little required	Limestone blocks in cal- careous natural cement mortar, designed for 444 per sq. in.	Wooden forms held by metal frames					
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1-1000 tonnage	Electric shovels	Battery and air power and hand	Battery and trolley locomotives. 50 cu. yds. and 4-cu.yd. carts	Heavily timbered in places. Steel used in places.	Electric			2- 4000 cfm blower at 4-10, 2 fans 12,000 cfm at 1/2 in.		
1-1000 tonnage	Air shovels and hand			Required in places, nor- mally 18"x12", also 12"x12" and steel beams for high mountains	Reinforced concrete, steel forms used in places for shoveling in concrete	Gravity from lifting traveler. Key proportionally	4- 200 h.p. 3000 cu.ft. after coolers	4,000 cfm blower		
1-1000 tonnage concrete machines	Excavators in S.	1-10-ton, carts with battery, hydrau- lic	A large portion of B and C	Concrete 12" min. with steel rebar, power, nail pastes and 3-cu. yds.	Gravity, pneumatic in tunnels	Oil engin	3-100 h.p. 3-200 h.p. Diesel set with 370 cu ft free air deliv- ered at 1250 ft. sq.in.	5000 cfm in S.		5.75 kva and 1-150 h.p. generators operated by 1-200 h.p. Diesels used for fans, lighting and compressors. 100 h.p. traveler for hoist.
100-tonne loaders and excavators	Shovel and power	Hand and electric	Wood and wood with iron ribs	Concrete block, nail sec- tions, timber, iron only timber, 12" min. with steel	Concrete	Electric	Compressor, 445 cfm at each traveler			
Dynamite		500 cu.yds. hand and 1000 cu.yds.	Explosive system. 500 cu.yds. explosives	Concrete explosives	Pneumatic	Powered by electric	Fans 75 h.p.			
1-1000 tonnage	Power shovel	5-cu.yd. std. gauge carts. 10-ton steam dumper	Probably steel plates used	Concrete reinforced with rods and expanded metal						\$1,500,000 Inc. property damage
1-1000 tonnage tunnels etc. in hard rock	Tunnel bench all hand 100' by 100' 100' thick	4-cu.yds. 5-cu.yds trains, electric locomotives	120° timbered	Concrete			W. portal 400 cfm with 100 h.p. electric motor. E. portal 220 cfm with 60 h.p.			Begun in Jan., completed in Oct., 1925
1-1000 tonnage				Concrete 12" min. reinforced						
1-1000 tonnage	Air shovels	For concreting, machine locomotives and trucks	Heavy timber 12" min. In some places further shoring required	Concrete 12" min. - 27" min.	Timber					Inv. 1925. Y. 1926. Cost 47.50. Contract price \$722 per ton. Tl. \$14,367.25.
			Curved steel rails for use with lagging be- tween	Rails black, max 10" concrete	Timber suspended from curved rail timbering by bolts					
			Partially cut off length 7 segments with 100' long timber sleepers	Reinforced concrete	Steel	Pneumatic				
100-tonne loaders and excavators etc. in hard rock	Shovel	Narrow-gauge railways, air and steam locomotives	Little required	Limestone blocks in cal- careous natural cement mortar, designed for 440 per sq. in.	Median forms held by metal frames					Length 240 ft. Cost probably Inv. 155,000,000
	Shovel		Timber lagging. No sets required	Concrete	Steel ribs with tim- ber lagging. Collap- sible	Hand				Excavation 60,000,000 cu.ft. Largest tunnel excavation in Europe.
										Bad air leakage. 4000 cfm used.



WATER CONVEYING AND SILVER TOWNSHIP, MARSH PREDOMINATING

12' 1000' three-jarrel, 40' sandstone with fine  
clastic clay

**WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER USE RIGHTS. WATER USE PLACEMENT**

Model 1910 single-line connection from undergrounding 110-volters. These lines may be disconnected, the 10 ohm resistors either side of the switch being omitted.





