**ITEM 5801**

**MYSTERY MINE PHOTOS**

**Circa 1936**

Seven pages containing 30 black and white photographs. Photos have no markings or dates. Donor unknown.

Photos researched by GHS and captions by Norm Colvin. Comments or clarification welcome. Individual entries for each photograph (as digital copy) from items 7100 to 7122

**Page 1**

Photo 1 (top left): Group of well-dressed men pose with plane. Plane “Loila” (DeHavilland) operated by Holyman’s Airways Pty Ltd. “Loila” was operational in 1935, which helps to date the photographs. Holyman’s Airways became Australian National Airways in 1936 following a merger with Adelaide Airways. Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_National_Airways#The_Holyman%27s_Airways_period>

Photo 2 (top right): Scrub, possibly native heath

Photo 3 (middle left): Dairy with workers outside – milk cans can be seen both inside and outside the timber building

Photo 4 (bottom left): Windlass, digging unknown substance. Some men in photo are dressed as workmen and others as businessmen in suits

Photo 5 (bottom right): Panning for unknown substance. Possibly tin if in northern Tasmania.

**Page 2**

Photo 1 (top left): 10-head stamper battery for crushing ore

Photo 2 (top right): Steam plant for crusher

Photo 4 (bottom left): 10-head stamper battery for crushing ore (different angle)

Photo 5 (middle right): Steam plant for crusher (different angle)

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Photo 1 (top left): Shed lined with hessian. Water tank in shed.

Photo 2 (middle left): Washing table for ore concentrate

Photo 3 (bottom left): Washing table for ore concentrate (different angle)

Photo 4 (middle right): Checking sediment in washing table

**Page 4**

Photo 1 (top left): Building staff quarters - start

Photo 2 (middle left): Same building with tripod set up for lifting

Photo 3 (bottom left): Building staff quarters – nearing completion

Photo 4 (middle right): Building nearing completion with men standing outside.

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Photo 1 (top): workers at top of shaft – ladder at centre of photo

Photo 2 (bottom left): Workers posing – one with a pan and one with a rock on his shoulder.

Photo 3 (bottom right): Panning

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Photo 1 (top left): Larger buddings – building the crusher plant to crush ore

Photo 2 (top right): Building the crusher plant (different angle). Hopper (centre left) to feed crusher

Photo 3 (middle left): Crusher plant with walls and winch track right of centre to pull truck to hopper at top

Photo 4 (bottom left): Crusher plant with walls (different angle)

Photo 5 (bottom right): Inside to 10-head crushing plant

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Photo 1 (top left): Shaft and pulley bring ore out of mine and tip into cart (wide angle view)

Photo 2 (top right): Shaft and pulley bring ore out of mine and tip into cart (wide angle view)

Photo 3 (bottom left): Shaft and pulley bring ore out of mine and tip into cart (different angle)

Photo 4 (middle right): Shaft and pulley bring ore out of mine and tip into cart (wide angle view)

Photo 5 (bottom right): Dairy herd on property