Abstract

The chemical compositions of constituent minerals of metamorphic rocks of the area around Lützow-Holm Bay in Antarctica are described along with their optic properties. The mineralogy and paragenesis of metamorphic rocks are interpreted as that the metamorphic rocks in this terrane belong to the granulite facies.

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INTRODUCTION

The first Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition was organized for international collaboration during the I.G.Y. (1958-1959). Subsequently, the first and fourth wintering teams surveyed the geology of the bedrock area around Lützow-Holm Bay. The geological structure of this area has been described by TATSUMI and KIKUCHI (1959), and by KIZAKI (1962). Age determination of rockforming minerals was made by NICHOLAYSON, BUERGER, TATSUMI and AHRENS (1961), and SAITO, TATSUMI and SATO (1961).

In this paper, the chemical compositions of some rock-forming minerals from the metamorphic rocks of this area are presented, together with the petrography of the host rocks.

OUTLINE OF GEOLOGY AND PETROGRAPHY

The bedrocks of this area are metamorphic rocks and granites. The metamorphic rocks are classified into the following five groups:

- 1) Ultrabasic and basic granulites.
- 2) Pyroxene gneiss.
- 3) Garnet gneiss.
- 4) Marble.
- 5) Quartzite.

Among these five rock types, pyroxene and garnet gneisses are predominant. Basic and ultrabasic granulites occur as lenses in these gneisses. It is probable that the metamorphic rocks of this area were derived from a sequence of rocks consisting dominantly of shale and andesite, containing intercalated beds of ultrabasic and basic rocks, limestone and chert. Contact between the pyroxene and garnet gneisses and the basic granulites is usually concordant to the schistosity of the former.

The age of metamorphism, according to SAITO, TATSUMI and SATO (1961), is 470 million years as estimated from the average isotopic U-Pb age of euxenite from a granite pegmatite. NICHOLAYSON, BUERGER, TATSUMI and AHRENS (1961) have given 500 million years from the Rb-Sr ages of biotite from granite pegmatites and a basic granulite.

Mineral assemblages of the principal rock types are listed below:

- 1) Ultrabasic and basic granulites
- a. Clinopyroxene+hornblende+plagioclase+potasssium feldspar±quartz. (Here "±" means "present or absent".)
- b. Clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + hornblende + plagioclase + potassium feldspar \pm quartz.
- c. Clinopyroxene+orthopyroxene+garnet.
- d. Clinopyroxene+orthopyroxene+garnet+plagioclase.
- e. Clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + garnet + hornblende + plagioclase.
- f. Clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + hornblende + plagioclase + potassium feldspar \pm quartz.

Among 104 thin sections of basic granulites, 43 contain biotite, 15 contain garnet and only 28 contain quartz. Assemblage of diopside+garnet was observed in 6 samples which are free from quartz, and assemblage of hypersthene + plagioclase is quite common. This suggests that assemblage of clinopyroxene+garnet is stable in the terranes of granulite facies and that this assemblage does not serve as a criterion for distinguishing the granulite from eclogite facies, unless detailed chemical environments are known.

Assemblage of potassium feldspar+orthopyroxene+garnet, which is chemically equivalent to TiO_2 -free biotite, has not been observed.

2) Pyroxene gneisses

- a. $Clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + hornblende + plagioclase + biotite \pm quartz.$
- b. Clinopyroxene + hornblende + biotite + plagioclase + potassium feldspar \pm quartz.
- c. Orthopyroxene + hornblende + biotite + plagioclase + potassium feldspar \pm quartz.

Biotite occurs in most of the pyroxene gneisses, although its amount is subordinate. Pyroxene-free gneisses with andesitic compositions also occur in some parts of the area. Table 1 lists optical properties of the constituent nimerals of the pyroxene gneisses.

3) Garnet gneisses

- a. Garnet+biotite+plagioclase+potassium feldspar+quartz.
- b. Garnet+plagioclase+potassium feldspar+quartz.

Garnet-free pelitic gneiss with assemblage of biotite+plagioclase+potassium feldspar+quartz are often associated with garnet-bearing pelitic gneiss.

4) Marble

- a. Forsterite + diopside + pargasite.
- b. Forsterite+diopside+calcite.
- c. Diopside+pargasite+scapolite.
- d. Pargasite + phlogopite + scapolite + calcite.
- e. Phlogopite+spinel+calcite.

5) Quartzite

Quartzite in this region consists almost entirely of quartz with a minor amount of plagioclase.

HOST ROCKS OF ANALYZED MINERALS

Chemical analyses were made for 3 rocks and 16 rock-forming minerals. Chemical compositions of the analyzed rocks are listed in Table 2. The host rocks of the analyzed minerals are described below.

Ultrabasic and basic granulites

Specimen JARE 57110905: Hypersthene-hornblende-garnet rock from Skarvnes, containing subordinate green spinel, ilmenite, pyrite and pyrrhotite. The whole rock (No. 3 in Table 2) and the garnet (No. 2 in Table 8) were analyzed.

Specimen JARE 57012501: Pyroxenite from Ongul Island consisting almost entirely of diopside and bronzite. The diopside (No. 1 in Table 5) and bronzite (No. 1 in Table 3) were analyzed.

Specimen JARE 57020905: Basic granulite from Langhovde. The rock consists of hypersthene, salite, hornblende and plagioclase. The hypersthene (No. 3 in Table 3) and hornblende (No. 3 in Table 6) were analyzed.

Pyroxene gneiss

Specimen JARE 57110802: Pyroxene gneiss from Skarvnes. The rock consists of hypersthene, salite, hornblende, biotite, andesine, potassium feldspar (perthite) and subordinate apatite, ilmenite, pyrrhotite and pyrite. The whole rock (No. 1 in Table 2) and constituent hypersthene (No. 5 in Table 3), salite (No. 2 in Table 5), hornblende (No. 2 in Table 6) and biotite (No. 3 in Table 9) were analyzed.

Specimen JARE 57112402: Pyroxene gneiss from Langhovde. The rock is composed of hypersthene, hornblende, salite, potassium feldspar and andesine, with subordinate apatite, ilmenite, pyrrhotite and pyrite. The hypersthene (No. 4 in Table 3), hornblende (No. 1 in Table 6) and biotite (No. 2 in Table 9) were analyzed.

Specimen JARE 57012602: Pyroxene gneiss from Ongul Island. The rock is composed of hypersthene, hornblende, biotite and andesine with subordinate ilmenite, pyrite and pyrrhotite. The hypersthene (No. 2 in Table 3) was analyzed.

Garnet gneiss

Specimen JARE 57110506: Garnet gneiss from Langhovde. The rock is composed of garnet, biotite, potassium feldspar, plagioclase and quartz. The whole rock (No. 2 in Table 2), garnet (No. 1 in Table 8) and biotite (No. 1 in Table 9) were analyzed.

In addition to these, a crystal of ferrohypersthene, specimen HK 57072502 (No. 6 in Table 3), was analyzed. The specimen was collected by a member of

the first Expedition Party.

CHEMISTRY OF MINERALS

Pyroxenes

Six orthopyroxenes and two clinopyroxenes were analyzed. The analyses of the orthopyroxenes are shown in Table 3, and their atomic ratios and optic properties in Table 4. The analyses, atomic ratios and optic properties of the clinopyroxenes are shown in Table 5. The analyzed orthopyroxenes are not associated with garnet and this may be the reason why they are poor in Al_2O_3 as compared with more typical orthopyroxenes of granulite facies rocks. The distribution coefficients of Mg and Fe^{2+} between coexisting ortho- and clinopyroxenes, i. e.,

$$K = \left(\frac{X_{Mg}}{X_{Fe}}\right)_{\text{clinop}} \times \left(\frac{X_{Fe}}{X_{Mg}}\right)_{\text{orthopyroxene}}$$

are 2.0 for specimen JARE 57012501 and 1.7 for specimen JARE 57110802, agreeing with the values given by BARTHOLEMÉ (1962) for metamorphic pyroxene assemblages.

Hornblende

Three hornblendes were analyzed. Their analyses are shown in Table 6, and their atomic ratios, molecular compositions and optic properties are shown in Table 7. All analyzed hornblendes have a similar composition as expressed below:

$$(Na, K)_{0.7}Ca_2Mg_2Fe^{2+}Ti_{0.2}Al_{0.8}VIA!_{1.9}IVSi_{6.1}O_{22}(OH)_2$$
(Fe³⁺ is included in Al)

This composition is close to the ideal formula of hastingsite, i. e., NaCa₂ (Mg, Fe)₄ AlAl₂Si₆O₂₂(OH)₂.

Garnet

Two garnets were analyzed; one is from a garnet gneiss and the other from an ultrabasic granulite. Their analyses, atomic ratios and physical constants are shown in Table 8. The garnet from the basic granulite contains a fairly large amount of MgO.

Biotite

Three biotites were analyzed. Biotite occurs rather commonly in various kinds of gneisses and basic granulites. The analyses, atomic ratios and optic properties are shown in Table 9. As can be seen in the table, all of the analyzed biotites contain a fairly large amount of TiO_2 and have low $Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Mg)$ ratios.

Feldspars

Potassium feldspar is orthoclase, with $2V_X$ ranging from 40° to 70° . The value of $2V_X$ is variable even in one and the same crystal. Usually, the core has a lower value of $2V_X$ than the rim, and this suggests that retrograde transition from orthoclase to microcline occurs in the periphery of potassium feldspar crystal. Perthite is common.

In plagioclase, antiperthite structure is commonly observed.

Opaque Minerals

The most common oxide mineral is ilmenite with exsolution intergrowths of hematite. Hematite, magnetite, and rutile have not been observed.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Our petrological study of the area adjacent to Lützow-Holm Bay was made chiefly on rocks of basic and intermediate compositions. Thus our knowledge is too limitted to discuss the petrology of this area in regard to the granulite facies problem.

The geological significance of this area in reference to a subdivision of the granulite facies has been discussed in another paper in which more date on pelitic gneisses are presented (BANNO, TATSUMI, OGURA, and KATSURA, 1964). The relationship between the alumina content in orthopyroxene and the mineral assemblages in the granulite facies has also been discussed in a separate paper (BANNO, 1964).

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C1 N-		Hornblende		Orthopyroxene		Clinopyroxene	K-feldspar		- · ·	0
Sample No.	Sample No. $\gamma = 2V_{2}$		Z axial color	$\gamma = 2VX$		2Vz	2Vx	Plagioclase	Biotite	Quartz
57110402	1.698	54°	dark brownish green	1. 728	n.d.	54°	58°, 55°, 53°	+	+	+
57110802	1.697	48°	light olive	1.712	53°	55°	54°	+	+	
57112105	1.705	63°	light olive	abs	ent	a bsent	45°, 36°	+	+	+
57110602	1.705	66°	light olive	n.d.	n.d.	absent	55°	+	+	+
57110401	1.702	66°	light olive	n.d.	50°	n.d.	63°	+	+	+
57102701	n.d.	n.d.	olive	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	77°, 73°, 73°–61°*	+	+	+
57112301	n.d.	47°	dark green	1. 733	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	+		+
58011001	n.d.	n.d.	grass green	1. 725	n.d.	absent	n.d.	+	+	+
57112402	1.702	44°	dark brown	1. 724	69°	n.d.	n.d.	+	+	
57110801	1.704	62°	dark brown	1.727	54°	57°	53°	+	+	+
57110601	1.704	62°	olive	1.719	51°	absent	52°-60°*	+	+	+
57080901	1.703	n.d.	dark yel. green	1.727	52°	absent	50°, 45°, 42°	+	+	+
57110905	1.688	66°	light olive	1.729	62°	absent	absent		÷	+
57112401	n.d.	76°	yellowish brown	n.d.	50°	n.d.	n.d.	+	+	

Table 1. Optical properties of constituent minerals of pyroxene gneiss and associated basic granulites.

+ present

– absent

n.d. present but not measured

* 2V is variable in single crystal.

			Analyst: T. Katsura
	1	2	3
SiO ₂	56. 81	64. 32	40. 47
TiO2	1.01	0.83	1.29
Al_2O_3	17.33	15.56	11.50
Fe_2O_3	1.87	1.15	5. 87
FeO	5. 55	6. 57	15.26
MnO	0.13	0.11	0. 24
MgO	3.46	5. 22	16.64
CaO	6. 55	2.24	5.86
Na_2O	3. 54	1.82	1.29
K₂O	2. 24	1.64	0.30
H ₂ O	0.85	0. 45	1. 27
H_2O	0.14	0.11	0. 17
P_2O_5	0. 26	0. 18	0.16
Cr_2O_3	n.d.	0. 045	1
Total	99. 74	100. 24 ₅	100. 32
1. IARE 571108	02 Pyroxene gneiss.		
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2. JAKE 3/1103	o Garnei gneiss.		

Table 2. Chemical compositions of pyroxene gneiss, garnet gneiss and basic granulite.

3. JARE 57110905 Basic granulite.

					Analyst :	Т.	Katsura
	1	2	3	4	5		6
SiO ₂	54.59	51.99	50. 59	49.49	49.76		48.06
TiO,	0.04	0.04	0.16	0.25	0.19	i	0.15
$Al_2\tilde{O_3}$	0.25	0.21	0.50	1.62	0.73		1.21
Fe_2O_3	2.17	1.51	1.71	1.19	1.70		1.23
FeO	12.52	23.38	27.10	28.01	28.54		37.37
MnO	0.47	0.52	0.82	0.57	0.76		1.16
MgO	29.28	21.10	18.23	17.88	17.47		10.41
CaO	0. 21	0.47	0.40	0.00	0.10		0.43
Na_2O	0.20	0. 05	0.07	0. 00	0. 08		0.13
K₂Õ	0.00	tr.	0.00	tr.	0.03		0.05
$H_2O +$	0.13	0.27	0.09	1.01	0.65		0.12
$H_2O =$	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.17	0.07		0.02
P_2O_5	0.004	tr.	0.006	n.d.	n.d.		tr.
Total	99. 86 ₄	99. 58	99. 76 ₆	100.19	100.08		100.34

Table 3. C	C he mical	compositions	of	orthopyroxenes.
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1. JARE 57012501 Bronzite from pyroxenite.

2. JARE 57012602 Hypersthene from pyroxene gneiss.

3. JARE 57020905 Hypersthene from basic granulite.

4. JARE 57112402 Hypersthene from pyroxene gneiss.

5. JARE 57110802 Hypersthene from pyroxene gneiss.

6. HK 57072502 Ferrohypersthene. Crystal.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Si	1. 960	1.964	1.982	1.927	1.942	1.937
Aliv	0. 011	0.010	0.018	0.073	0.034	0.058
Fe ^{3+1V}	0.029	0. 026			0.022	0.005
Alvi			0.005	0.001		
Fe ^{3+VI}	0.019	0.017	0.050	0.035	0.028	0.032
Ti	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.007	0.005	0.005
Fe ²⁺	0.0375	0.739	0.888	0.912	0.931	1.275
Mn	0.014	0.016	0.027	0.019	0.025	0.040
Mg	1.564	1.215	1.064	1.037	1.015	0.633
Ca	0.008	0.019	0.017	0.000	0.004	0.018
Na	0.014	0.003	0.005	0.000	0.006	0.005
К	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002
a	1.678	n.d.	1.708	1.709	1.712	1.731
β	1.682	n.d.	1.721	1.721	1.727	1.742
Ŷ	1.692	n.d.	1.724	1.724	1.729	1.747
2Vx	104°	n.d.	56°	69°	53°	n.d.

Table 4. Atomic ratios (0=6) and optic properties of orthopyroxenes.

Table 5. Chemical compositions, atomic ratios (0=6) and optic properties of clinopyroxenes. Analyst: T. KATSURA

	Wt %		Atomi	c ratios	and optic	; proj	perties
· · · · · ·	1	2			1	•	2
SiO_2	52.61	49.60					
TiO_2	0.11	0.25	Si		1.963		1.917
Al_2O_3	0. 90	1.37	Fe ³⁺		0.057		0.021
Fe_2O_3	0.44	3.00			0.002		
FeO	4. 33	10.55	Ti		0.000		0. 007
MnÖ	0. 23	0.33	Fe ²		0.112		0.341
Mg()	17.17	12.32	Mg		0.951		0.710
CaO	22.91	20.53	Ca		0.915	I	0.850
Na_2O	0.00	0.41	K K		0.000		0.028
K ₂ O	tr.	0.04					
H ₂ O +	0. 72	1.20					
$H_2O -$	0.09	0.05	a		1.682		1.695
Cr_2O_3	0. 27	n.d.	β		n.d. 1.702		1.705 1.719
Total	99.78	99.65	2Vz		58°	:	54°

1. JARE 57012501 Diopside from pyroxenite.

2. JARE 57110802 Salite from pyroxene gneiss.

				Analyst :	Т. К.	ATSURA
1	1		2		3	
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Table 6. Chemical	compositions	of	hornblendes.
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1. JARE 57112402 2. JARE 57110802	Hornblende from Hornblende from	pyroxene gneiss. pyroxene gneiss.	
Total	100. 59	100. 33	100.02
H₂O —	0. 22	0.14	0.13
H₀O +	2.01	1.88	1.66
K ₂ O	1.76	1.64	1, 29
Na ₉ O	1.44	1.40	2.03
CaŬ	11.40	11.08	10.93
MgO	9.91	9.55	9.42
MnO	0.15	0.20	0.30
FeO	14.12	14.42	15.08
Fe_2O_3	3.57	5.05	4.58
Al_2O_3	12.67	i 2. 18	13.57
TiO_2	2.49	2.24	1.88
SiO_2	40.85	40.55	39.15

3. JARE 57020905 Hornblende from basic granulite.

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	1	1	2	3		
Si		6.129	6.119	5, 938		
Aliv		1.871	1.881	2, 062		
Alvi		0.369	0. 285	0. 362		
Fe ³⁺		0.404	0.573	0.522		
Ti		0.281	0.254	0. 214		
Fe ²⁺		1.771	1.819	1. 911		
Mn		0.019	0.025	0. 038		
Mg		2.215	2.147	2.128		
Ca		1.832	1.790	1.775		
Na		0.418	0.409	0. 597		
K		0. 337	0.315	0.249		
(H_2O)		1.001	0. 946	0. 839		
a		1 672	1. 673	1 682		
8		1.691	1 690	1.693		
2		1.702	1.697	1.701		
2νx		48°	54°	70°		
			1			
Cm		0. 562	0.403	0.700		
Tiam'		0.236	0.508	0.428		
St'		0.436	0.428	0.200		
Ed'		0.537	0. 570	0.746		
Ts'		1. 232	1.376	1.420		
Tr		4.985	4.755	4. 500		

Table 7. Atomic ratios (0=22, anhydrous basis), optic properties andmolecular compositions of hornblendes.

	Wt %		Atomic ratio and phys. prop.				
	1	2		1	2		
,			Si	2.937	3.002		
SiO ₂	38.74	38. 53	Al	1.974	1.979		
Al_2O_3	22. 09	22.12	Fe ³⁺	0.169	0.095		
Fe_2O_3	2.97	1.66	Ti	0.004	0.005		
MnO	23.23 0.47	25. 55 0. 98	Fe ²⁺	1.473	1.610		
MgO	11.20	8.12	Mn	0.030	0.029		
Na ₂ O	0.23	0.18	Mg	1.265	0.918		
K ₂ O	0.11	0.04	Ca	0.089	0.260		
$H_2O + H_2O -$	0.03	0. 56	Na	0.034	0.027		
Cr_2O_3	0.07	n.d.	К	0.011	0.004		
			nD	1.80	1.81		
Total	100.35	100.72	ao	11.53	11.52		

Table 8. Chemical compositions, atomic ratios (O=12) and physical properties of garnets. Analyst: T. KATSURA

1. JARE 57110506 Garnet from garnet gneiss.

2. JARE 57110905 Garnet from basic gramite.

					Ana	lyst: T. H	XATSURA
	Wt %	-			Atomic ratios (C	O=22) and	Ιγ
	1	2	3		1	2	3
$\begin{array}{l} SiO_{2} \\ TiO_{2} \\ Al_{2}O_{3} \\ Fe2O_{3} \\ FeO \\ MnO \\ MgO \\ CaO \\ Na_{2}O \\ K_{2}O \\ H_{2}O \\ H_{2}O \\ H_{2}O \\ Cr_{2}O_{3} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 37.\ 66\\ 4.\ 86\\ 17.\ 09\\ 0.\ 77\\ 9.\ 71\\ 0.\ 00\\ 17.\ 59\\ 0.\ 00\\ 0.\ 22\\ 9.\ 30\\ 2.\ 53\\ 0.\ 04\\ 0.\ 16 \end{array}$	36. 33 5. 22 14. 46 1. 40 17. 30 0. 07 12. 28 0. 00 0. 19 8. 96 3. 29 0. 47 n.d.	36. 51 5. 22 13. 75 2. 74 17. 47 0. 13 11. 62 0. 05 0. 28 8. 93 2. 84 0. 32 n.d.	Si Altv Alvi Fe ³¹ Ti Fe ²¹ Mn Mg Ca Na K (H ₂ O) Cr γ	5. 373 0. 627 2. 248 0. 082 0. 521 1. 158 0. 000 3. 740 0. 000 0. 062 1. 692 1. 118 0. 015 n.d.	$\begin{array}{c} 5.\ 460\\ 0.\ 540\\ 1.\ 681\\ 0.\ 159\\ 0.\ 589\\ 2.\ 174\\ 0.\ 009\\ 2.\ 750\\ 0.\ 000\\ 0.\ 055\\ 1.\ 717\\ 1.\ 558\\ \hline 1.\ 655\\ \end{array}$	$5.512 \\ 0.488 \\ 1.958 \\ 0.311 \\ 0.592 \\ 2.114 \\ 0.016 \\ 2.613 \\ 0.016 \\ 0.082 \\ 1.719 \\ 1.429 \\ 1.651 $
Total	99.93	99. 97	99.86	1			
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Table 9. Chemical compositions, atomic ratios (O=22, anhydrous basis) and γ refractive indices of biotites.

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1. JARE 57110506 Biotite from garnet gneiss.

2. JARE 57112402 Biotite from pyroxene gneiss.

3. JARE 57110802 Biotite from pyroxene gneiss.