

27th. May 1948.

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for your letter. I am writing at once on the single point of the treatment of the days of double sampling. I am returning the sheet which you sent, giving the details of what happened on those days, and as regards what was done on the afternoons I am making the following assumption, which, of course, may not be accurate; namely that, when an insect caught in the morning is recaptured and released, as one male was on the afternoon of 28th., it is released with only a single mark of the colour and position appropriate to 28th., and not with two such marks. In the same way, on the afternoon of 29th., of the seven marked insects captured, four bore only marks put on that morning, and were, I presume, released bearing these marks only, while the other three, which ~~was~~ caught bore marks for 22nd., 24th. and 26th., were, I assume, released bearing in addition marks for 29th.

On this view the succession of numbers of new marks released would be for males 27, 0, 26, 3, and for females 21, 1, 25, 1, the last entry referring to a female captured on the afternoon of 29th. and already having two marks for 24th. and 28th., to which I am presuming a third mark was then added.

If this is right, the ~~only~~ corrections I ought to make are for males and for the mornings of 28th. and 29th. only, when I had

supposed 28 and 27 new marks to have been released, instead of, as now appears, 27 and 26.

This series I will at once recalculate if you send me a postcard that this is correct, and shall then be able to send you the completed tables for these three areas.

Yours sincerely,