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OUTBURST of U SCORPII

Bateson of Carter Observatory telexes that Hull has observed an outburst of the recurrent nova U Scorpii located at $16^{\text{h}} 19^{\text{m}} 38^{\text{s}} -17^{\circ} 45' 17''$ (1950). Available visual magnitudes follow: Mar 23.7UT, 12.8v; 24.7UT, 12.5.

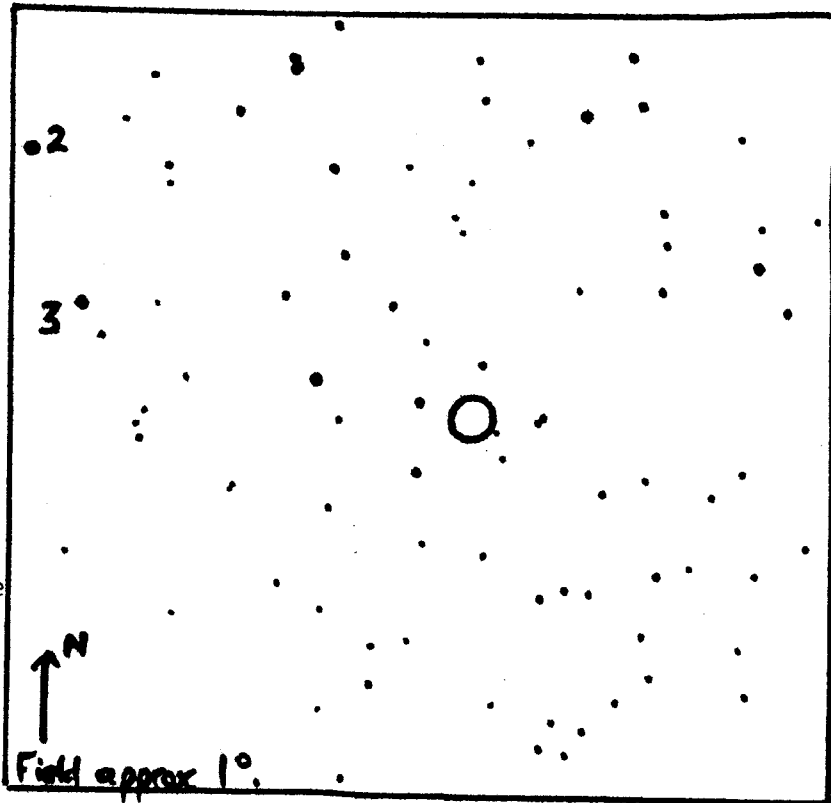
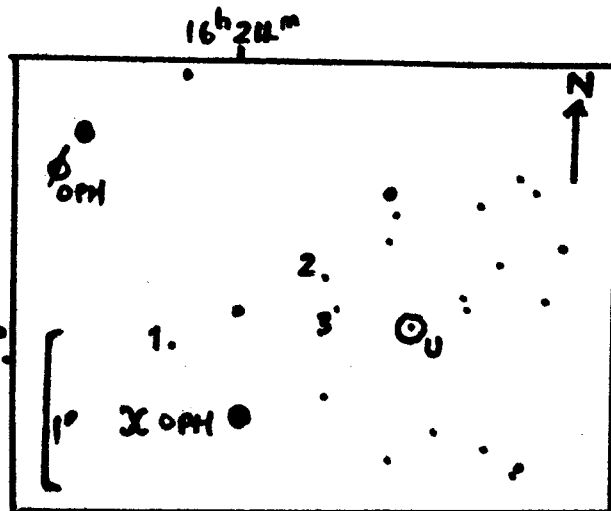
It is not known at this stage whether the nova is rising or in decline. Clearly observations would be very valuable. A finder chart by McNaught appears opposite with three designated SAO stars whose catalogued magnitudes are as follows: 1: 8.1; 2: 8.8; 3: 9.1. The second chart is drawn from a photo obtained with a 13-inch telescope at Lowell Observatory but at this stage no extended magnitude sequence is available.

Magnitude estimates should therefore be submitted in full together with drawing and labelled comparisons for subsequent reduction to the main Editor.

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