Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆O₆: C, 70.21; H, 4.29. Found: C, 70.03; H, 4.50.

2,3-Methylenedioxy-9-methoxy[2H-1]benzopyrano[3,4-b][1]benzopyran-12-one (14b).—The sample for analysis was recrystallized from chloroform-benzene: mp 225° dec; ir (CH-Cl₈) 3.56 (methylenedioxy), 6.05 (C=O), and 10.55 μ (methylenedioxy).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}O_6$: C, 66.67; H, 3.73. Found: C, 66.83; H, 3.86.

1,2,12,12a-Tetrahydro-2-isopropenyl-8,9-methylenedioxy[1]benzopyrano[3,4-b]furo[2,3-h][1]benzopyran-6(6aH)-one (Isomillettone, 1b) and 1,2,12,12a-Tetrahydro-2-isopropenyl-8,9methylenedioxy[1]benzopyrano[3,4-b]furo[2,3h][1]benzopyran (18).—The preparation was similar to a general method published previously¹⁵ and the crude product was chromatographed on neutral alumina. Compound 18 was recrystallized from benzenecyclohexane: mp 180°; ir (CHCl₈) 3.60 (methylenedioxy), 6.13 (C==C), 6.18 (C==C), 10.64 (methylenedioxy), and 11.00 μ (isopropenyl).

Ânal. Čalcd for C22H18O5: C, 72.92; H, 5.01. Found: C, 72.74; H, 4.99.

Isomillettone (1b) was recrystallized from ethanol: mp 166– 167.5°; ir (CHCl₃) 3.61 (methylenedioxy), 5.97 (C=O), 6.21 (the strongest band), 10.64 (methylenedioxy), and 11.04 μ (isopropeneyl); uv (EtOH) 237.5 (ϵ 10,800) and 297.5 m μ (ϵ 15,000); nmr (CDCl₃) see text; [α]²⁴D -87.5° (ϵ 2.10, benzene). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₅O₆: C, 69.83; H, 4.80. Found: C, 69.76; H, 5.08.

Methylenedioxy Analog of Munduserone. 2,3-Methylenedioxy-9-methoxy-6,6a-dihydro[1]benzopyrano[3,4-b][1]benzopyran-12(12H)-one (2b).—Eight hundred milligrams of 14b was converted into 2b in the usual manner.¹⁵ Without the use of chromatography, the product crystallized from 20 ml of benzene to give rise to 245 mg of colorless, long needles, mp 210–211.5°. From the mother liquor a second crop of 151 mg, mp 202°, was obtained. The final mother liquor deposited more crystalline product on standing for a few days. Total yield was at least 396 mg (49.2%). The first crop was used for analysis: ir (CHCl_a) 3.59 (methylenedioxy), 5.94 (C=O), 6.19 (the strongest band), and 10.65 μ (methylenedioxy); uv (MeOH) 231.5 (ϵ 14,880), 275.5 (ϵ 15,760), and 305 m μ (ϵ 11,750).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₆: C, 66.25; H, 4.32. Found: C, 66.07; H, 4.43.

Registry No.—1b, 22256-05-9; 2b, 22256-06-0; 3, 13668-86-5; 4, 22297-78-5; 5, 22252-99-9; 6, 22253-00-5; 7, 22253-01-6; 8, 22253-02-7; 9, 22253-03-8; 10, 22253-04-9; 11, 22253-05-0; 12, 22253-06-1; 14a, 22256-07-1; 14b, 22297-79-6; 18, 22256-08-2.

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Studies on Reactions of Isoprenoids. VII.¹ Acid-Catalyzed Hydrolysis of 5,5-Dimethylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-epoxyethane

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Although facile ring expansion of the bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-carbinyl cation (1) to the 1-norbornyl cation



(2) (eq 1) is documented as one of the general carbocyclic ring expansion reactions of Wagner-Meerwein type rearrangements,² the initial cationic species seems to be restricted mostly to the primary cation.³ In this paper we wish to describe the somewhat difficult ring expansion of a bicyclo [2.1.1]hexane-1-carbinyl to a 1-norbornyl system as the result of acidic hydrolysis of the title epoxide, in which the ring-enlargement aptitude is diminished by the intervention of a secondary cationic species and also by a possible cyclobutane ring fission facilitated by the presence of a *gem*-dimethyl group at C-5.

The title epoxide **4** was readily prepared by oxidation of 5,5-dimethyl-1-vinylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane $(3)^4$ with perbenzoic acid (eq 2). The epoxide **4**, however



was shown to be an inseparable mixture (55:45) of two stereoisomers by vpc analysis⁵ and by the nmr spectrum (100 MHz), in which partly overlapping sets of multiplets in the typical ABX pattern were observed at τ 7.00–7.67 for three protons assignable to protons of the HC–O–CH₂ moiety and also two singlet signals

at τ 8.73 and 8.77 for three protons assignable to one of the methyl protons at C-5 were observed in a ratio of *ca.* 4:6. The formation of two isomeric epoxides is reasonable, because a new asymmetric carbon is produced on the epoxidation of **3**, though their separation was not successful.

Hydrolysis of 4 was carried out by refluxing an ether solution containing 5% sulfuric acid, and the reaction was followed on vpc (PG-6000). After 11 days, the conversion was 83%; then the products were purified by chromatography on a silica gel column to give 14% of recovered 4, 7.5% of oily vinyl ketone 5, and 72.5% of a semicrystalline glycol mixture. The recovered 4 had a different isomer ratio from the starting material (32:68 as compared with the original 55:45),⁵ indicating that one of the isomers reacted faster than the other.⁶

The structure of **5** was established as 3-(1,1-dimethyl-2-propenyl)cyclopentanone on the basis of the analytical data and the following spectral evidence: ir (neat) 1740 (cyclopentanone), 1643, 980, and 920 cm⁻¹ (vinyl); nmr (CCl₄) τ 3.60-5.10 (m of a typical ABX

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Figure 1.—Nmr spectrum (CDCl₂, 60 MHz) of the di-*p*-nitrobenzoate of **8**.

pattern, 3 H, CH=CH₂),⁷ 7.75-8.50 (broad and complex m, 7 H, methine and methylene protons), and 8.75 and 8.84 [each s, 6 H, C(CH₃)₂]; mass spectrum m/e (rel intensity, ion) 152 (4.5, M⁺), 137 (2.1, M⁺ - CH₃), 123 (27.6, M⁺ - C₂H₅), 96 (13.1, C₇H₁₂+), 82 (20.3, C₅H₆O⁺), 69 (60.3, C₅H₉+), and 55 (100, C₃H₃O⁺).

The glycol mixture obtained as the main product was treated with dichloromethane to give colorless prisms, mp 114-115°, which had the following spectral data: ir (KBr) 3440 (OH), 1108 (secondary OH), and 1045 cm⁻¹ (primary OH); nmr (DMSO- d_{θ}) τ 5.77 (t, 1H, J = 5.5 Hz, CH₂OH), 5.92 (d, 1 H, J = 4.5 Hz, CHOH), 6.45 (double t, 1 H, J = 7.0 and 4.5 Hz, CHOH), 6.75 (q, 2 H, J = 7.0 and 5.5 Hz, CH₂OH), 8.86 and 9.28 [each s, 3 H, C(CH₃)₂], 9.12 (d, 1 H, J = 7.0 Hz, the characteristic signal of an *endo* proton at a C-6 methylene bridge),⁴ and 7.90-8.70 (broad m, 6 H, other methine and methylene protons). These data indicated this product to be a 1,2-glycol (6) produced by simple hydrolytic ring opening of 4. The structural assignment of $\mathbf{6}$ was further confirmed by its chemical conversion to 5,5-dimethylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-aldehyde (7) and formaldehyde on treatment with lead tetraacetate. Compound 7 was identified as its 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone by comparison with a specimen prepared by direct ozonization of 3.



The remaining noncrystalline glycol mixture was treated with p-nitrobenzoyl chloride in pyridine and the crude p-nitrobenzoate was purified on a silica gel column to give two crystalline products. The first

(7) Appearance of this signal in the typical ABX pattern $(J_{AB} = 2.3 \text{ Hz}, J_{BC} = 17.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{AC} = 10.5 \text{ Hz})$ excluded the possibility of 2,2-dimethyl-3-allyleyclopentanone as the structure of **5**.

was identified as the di-*p*-nitrobenzoate of 6, mp 170–171°, by mixture melting point determination and the complete superimposition of the ir spectrum on that of an authentic specimen from 6.

The other product, with mp 158–160°, was identified as the di-*p*-nitrobenzoate of 3,3-dimethyl-2-hydroxymethylbicyclo [2.2.1]heptan-1-ol (8), a ring-expanded product, on the basis of analytical and spectral data.⁸ In the nmr spectrum (Figure 1), only one doublet at τ 5.58 (2 H, J = 6.0 Hz) appeared in the τ 3.0–7.0 region, which was assignable to the CHCH₂OH moiety. No signal characteristic of an *endo* proton of a bicyclo-[2.1.1]hexane ring was observed at *ca*. τ 9.1.⁴

The relative yield of the 1,2-glycol **6** to the 1,3-glycol **8** was determined as ca. 64:36 on the basis of the amounts of the corresponding di-*p*-nitrobenzoates and the free glycol **6** which were isolated. However, the ratio of nonrearranged product **6** to ring-expanded product **8** should actually be ca. 1:1, since vinyl ketone **5** can be regarded as a dehydration product of **8**.



Surprisingly an unsaturated alcohol like 9 which might be the result of cyclobutane ring fission of 4could not be isolated. Thus, the ring-enlargement aptitude of 4 under hydrolytic conditions is shown to be relatively small compared with the almost exclusive ring enlargement of bicyclo[2.1.1]heptyl-1 tosylate under acetolysis conditions.²



Experimental Section⁹

5,5-Dimethyl-1-vinylbicyclo[2.1.1] hexane (3).—This was prepared by the modified procedure of the method of Liu and Hammond.⁴ A 0.3 M solution of myrcene in benzene containing a small amount of benzophenone was irradiated with a 100-W high-pressure mercury lamp through a Pyrex filter and the crude product was treated with maleic anhydride in order to remove the remaining myrcene and distilled through a 40-cm Widmer column to give 3 in 35-50% yield: bp 150-151°; $n^{21.0}$ D 1.4654 (lit.⁴ bp 151°; $n^{19.2}$ D 1.4641). The structure was further confirmed by the ir and nmr spectra.

5,5-Dimethylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-epoxyethane (4).—To an ice-cooled solution of benzoic peracid (3.4 g, 0.025 mol) in 60 ml of chloroform was added 2.72 g (0.02 mol) of **3** with stirring and the mixture was allowed to stand for 24 hr at 20°. After removal of

(8) From the spectral data, the possibility of 7,7-dimethyl-2-hydroxymethylbicyclo [2.2.1]heptan-1-ol which might be produced by the alternate mode of ring expansion could not be ruled out. However, isolation of **5** supported the assigned structure.

(9) All boiling and melting points are uncorrected. Ir spectra were measured with a JASCO Model IR-S ir spectrophotometer. Nmr spectra were determined with a Varian Model A-60 spectrometer at 60 MHz, unless otherwise specified, and with a Varian Model HA-100 spectrometer at 100 MHz using TMS as an internal standard. Vpc analyses were carried out with a Vanagimoto gas chromatograph, Model GCG-220. Microanalyses were performed by Mr. Akiho Ishihara at our laboratory with a Vanagimoto C. H. N. Corder Model MT-1.

the solvent, the oily residue was distilled to give 2.2 g of 4 as an oil with a camphor-like odor: bp 82-83° (19 mm); $n^{21.0}$ D 1.4699; ir (neat) 895, 967, and 805 cm⁻¹ (epoxide ring); nmr (CDCl₃) τ 7.17 (unsymmetrical double q, 1 H, X portion of an ABX

pattern, HC-O-CH₂), 7.29-7.75 (complex m, 2 H, AB portion

of an ABX pattern, $HC-O-CH_2$), 8.73 and 8.77 (each s, 3 H, CH_3), 9.18 (s, 3 H, CH_3), ca. 9.13 (d, ca. 1 H, J = ca. 7.0 Hz, partly overlapped with the signal at τ 9.18, an endo proton of C-6 methylene bridge), and 7.90-8.60 (broad m, ca. 6 H, other methylene and methine protons). Vpc analysis on a 2-m PG-6000 column at 150° revealed two close but separated peaks, indicating this epoxide to be a 55:45 mixture (estimated from relative peak area) of two isomers.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O: C, 78.89; H, 10.59. Found: C, 78.68; H, 10.99.

Hydrolysis of 5,5-Dimethylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-epoxyethane (4).—A mixture of 4.0 g (0.0262 mol) of 4, 1.0 ml of 5% sulfuric acid, and 30 ml of ether was refluxed for 11 days. The organic layer was washed with 10 ml of water and 10 ml of 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate and dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was removed to give 4.5 g of oily residue which was purified on a silica gel (Mallinckrodt, 100 Mesh) column (2 \times 80 cm) by elution with dichloromethane, chloroform, and ethyl acetate, suc-From the first fraction, an oil was obtained after cessively. removal of the solvent, which amounted to 0.558 g (14.0%) and was identified as the recovered 4 on vpc (but with an isomer ratio of 32:68) and by the ir and nmr spectral comparisons.

From the second fraction, a volatile oil (0.30 g, 7.5%) of 3-(1,1-dimethyl-2-propenyl)cyclopentanone (5) was obtained

Anal. Caled for C10H18O: C, 78.89; H, 10.59. Found: C, 78.99; H, 10.55.

The third fraction afforded a sticky semicrystalline residue (3.46 g, 72.5%) after removal of the solvent in vacuo, which was assumed to be a glycol mixture from its ir spectrum (3440 and $ca. 1110 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). Three recrystallizations from dichloromethane afforded colorless prisms (300 mg, 6.2%) of 6, mp 114-115°.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈O₂: C, 70.54; H, 10.66. Found: C, 70.57; H, 10.88.

Di-p-nitrobenzoate of 6.-A mixture of 34 mg (0.187 mmol) of 6 and 90 mg (0.485 mmol) of p-nitrobenzoyl chloride in 5 ml of dry pyridine was stirred for 24 hr at room temperature. Addition of water to the reaction mixture resulted in precipitation. The precipitates were filtered, washed with water, and dissolved in 30 ml of benzene. Benzene solution was washed with 5%aqueous sodium bicarbonate and water and dried (Na₂SO₄). Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded faintly yellowish needles which were recrystallized from dichloromethane-n-hexane to afford 70 mg (80%) of fine needles of the di-*p*-nitrobenzoate of **6**: mp 170-171°; ir (KBr) 1725 (C=O), 1610, and 728 cm⁻¹ (phenyl); nmr (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 7 1.60-1.98 (m, 8 H, phenyl protons), 4.15 and 4.20 (two overlapped t, 1 H, J = ca. 5.5 Hz, OCOCHCH₂OCO), 5.43 and 5.45 (2 H, two overlapped d, 2 H, J = ca. 5.5 Hz, OCOCHCH₂OCO), 7.89 and 8.23 (each broad s, 6 H, methine and methylene protons), 8.68 and 8.70 (two overlapped s, 3 H, CH_3), 9.08 and 9.21 (each s, 3 H, CH_3), and 8.90 and 8.95 (two overlapped d, 1 H, J = ca. 7.0 Hz, endo proton of C-6 methylene bridge). All of these signals could be explained by assuming that the product was a mixture of two stereoisomers (ca. 1:1 ratio estimated from relative signal height). Anal. Calcd for C24H24O8N2: C, 61.53; H, 5.16; N, 5.98.

Found: C, 61.78; H, 5.08; N, 6.07.

Di-p-nitrobenzoate of 8.-A 2.39-g portion of the glycol mixture from the mother liquid of the third fraction as described above was treated with 5.5 g of p-nitrobenzoyl chloride in 20 ml of dry pyridine for 2 days at room temperature. After addition of water, the mixture was extracted with five 40-ml portions of chloroform and the combined chloroform extracts were washed successively with two 30-ml portions of 5% sulfuric acid, 30 ml of water, two 30-ml portions of 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate, two 30-ml portions of water, and dried (Na₂SO₄). After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the crude product (3.5 g) was purified on a silica gel column $(2 \times 75 \text{ cm})$ by elution with benzene. From the first fraction, 1.07 g of faintly yellowish needles were obtained, mp 170-171° (dichloromethane-n-hexane), which was identified as the di-p-nitrobenzoate of **6** by mixture melting point determination and by the absolute superimposition of the ir spectrum on that of a specimen prepared directly from 6. From the second fraction, 1.23 g of faintly yellowish prisms, mp 158-160° (dichloromethane-n-hexane) was obtained, which was characterized as a di-p-nitrobenzoate of 8, though the stereochemistry of a hydroxymethyl group is uncertain: ir (KBr) 1725 (C=O), 1603, and 715 cm⁻¹ (phenyl); nmr, see Figure 1. Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}O_8N_2$: C, 61.53; H, 5.10; N, 5.98.

Found: C, 61.54; H, 5.15; N, 5.95.

Further fractions eluted with chloroform and ethyl acetate afforded p-nitrobenzoic acid and unidentified dark brown tar.

Lead Tetraacetate Oxidation of 1,2-Glycol 6.-Into a 50-ml, three-necked flask fitted with a dropping funnel and nitrogen inlet and outlet, which was immersed in a solution of 2.4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (2,4-DNP) reagent,¹⁰ was placed 443 mg (1.0 mmol) of lead tetraacetate (commercial, used directly). After addition of 91 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1,2-glycol 6 in 20 ml of dry benzene, a slow stream of dry nitrogen was passed into the reaction mixture at ca. 60° for 1 hr. Precipitates in the 2,4-DNP solution were filtered and recrystallized from aqueous ethanol to give 40 mg (38%) of yellow needles, mp 166-168°,11 which was identified as the 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone (2,4-DNP) of formaldehyde by mixture melting point and superposition of the ir spectrum on that of an authentic sample.

The reaction mixture in the flask was washed with water and treated with 2,4-DNP reagent to afford yellow precipitates, which were collected by filtration and dried. Purification on a silical gel column by elution with dichloromethane gave 50 mg (31.4%) of the 2,4-DNP of 7 as fine yellow needles, mp 171-172° identified by mixture melting point and superposition of the ir spectrum on that of an authentic sample.¹² Although 7 has been described in the literature,¹² its 2,4-DNP is not reported. It was prepared as follows: 1.0 g of 3 in 100 ml of methanol was cooled at -70° and ozone was passed through the solution until 3 had disappeared on thin layer chromatography. Nitrogen was bubbled into the solution, for a short time, 1.0 ml of dimethyl sulfide was added, and the mixture was stirred for 5 hr at room temperature. Removal of the solvent and excess dimethyl sulfide afforded an oil, aldehyde 7, a portion of which was treated with semicarbazine in the usual way to give the known semicarbazone of 7, mp 193-194° (lit.¹² mp 192-193.2°). Another portion of the oily 7 was converted to its 2,4-DNP, mp 171-172° (aqueous ethanol).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₄N₄: C, 56.59; H, 5.70; N, 17.60, Found: C, 56.39; H, 5.53; N, 17.26.

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