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Respectfully,

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SYMBOLS

d	interatomic spacing
θ	angle between the incident beam and the reflecting plane
L	wavelength
a_o	lattice parameter
h,k,l	Miller indices
R	camera to specimen distance
S	radius of the diffraction circle
a	angle between the incident beam and the diffracted beam
ψ	angle between the incident beam and the normal to the specimen surface
p	subscript indicating perpendicular direction
v	Poisson's ratio
E	Young's modulus of elasticity
s	stress
e	strain

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By this time several investigators[6] were attempting to establish the accuracy of this method by measuring the stress in tensile or bending test specimens and comparing values thus determined with the calculated stresses. Invariably X-ray stresses were lower than calculated stresses. Since the mechanical stress was an average over the whole cross-section area, whereas the X-ray stress was that measured from several crystals oriented in certain directions, it was assumed that the discrepancy was

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Mounting is particularly important if the structure to be measured is large or immovable. In this work the tube was mounted on a stand consisting of a column supporting an adjustable carriage. Mounting the tube upon this carriage permitted movement of the tube and thus the beam direction in all planes. The photographs (Figures I, II) show this equipment and mounting.

Inasmuch as alignment of the plane of the camera with the plane of the specimen is important, a device to accomplish this is required. A simple one consists of a small telescopic rod, with a pointer attached, of such diameter and tapered so as to fit into the hollow shaft of the camera mounting block. The extended length should be such that when the device is in place and the pointer just touches the specimen, desired specimen-to-film distance approximately exists. Upon the shaft of the pointer is then mounted, with spring clip, a small angle plate, the edge of which is perpendicular or at 45 degrees to the pointer axis. Specimen and camera can be thus aligned either parallel or at an angle of 45 degrees in

FIGURE I

Equipment and Model

FIGURE II

Alignment of Camera

any plane. Figure II shows this device.

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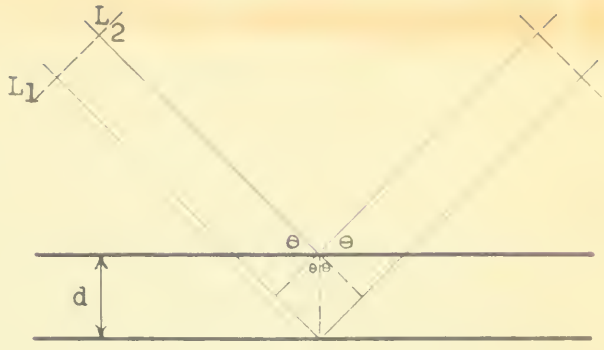

ILLUSTRATION OF BRAGG'S LAW OF REFLECTION
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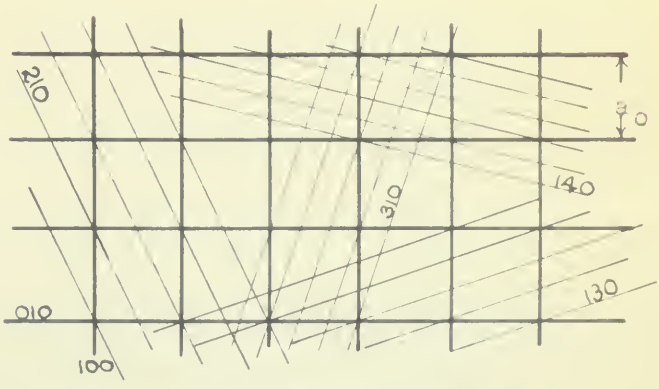
FIGURE IV



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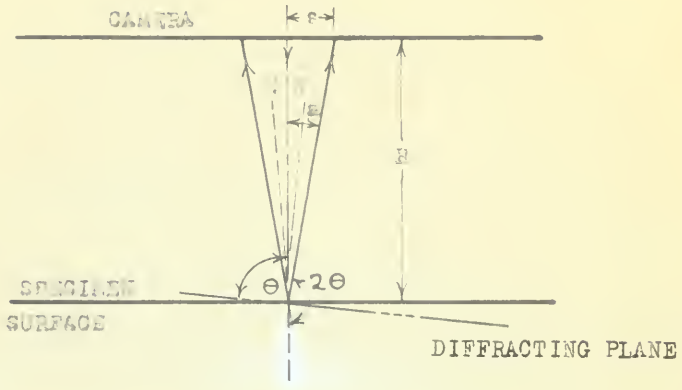

DETERMINATION OF TAN 2θ

Differentiating the Bragg equation:

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$$\Delta S = +2R \sec^2 2\Theta \tan \Theta \frac{\Delta d}{d} \quad \ldots\ldots \quad (1)$$

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where d_p is the interplaner distance measured in the stressed condition and d_o that in the unstressed condition.

$$\Delta S = + \left[2R \sec^2 2\Theta \tan \Theta \right] \left[- \frac{\nu}{E} (s_x + s_y) \right]$$

$$s_x + s_y = \frac{- E \Delta S}{2\nu R \sec^2 2\Theta \tan \Theta}$$

or,

$$s_x + s_y = K \Delta S \quad . . . . . \quad (2)$$

where K = pounds/inch^2 - mm.

ΔS = S(stressed) - S(unstressed) in mm.

This provides the sum of the principal stresses. It requires a measurement of d in the stressed and in the unstressed conditions.

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$$e_p - e_\psi = - \frac{1 + \nu}{E} s_x \sin^2 \Psi$$

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$$e_x + e_y = 2\Delta d \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots \quad (8)$$

where 2 = pounds/inch^2 - mm.

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$$\epsilon_p - \epsilon_\psi = \frac{d_p - d_o}{d_o} - \frac{d_\psi - d_o}{d_o} = \frac{d_p - d_\psi}{d_o} \approx \frac{d_p - d_\psi}{d_p} = -\frac{1+\nu}{E} s_x \sin^2 \psi$$

Since the difference $d_p - d_\psi$ is small compared to either d_o, d_p, or d_ψ, we may substitute d_p for d_o with negligible error. Substituting this in equation (1):

$$S_p - S_\psi = \left[2R \sec^2 2\theta \tan \theta \right] \left[-\frac{1+\nu}{E} s_x \sin^2 \psi \right]$$

$$s_x = \frac{E \ (S_p - S_\psi)}{2(1+\nu) \ R \sec^2 2\theta \tan \theta \sin^2 \psi}$$

or

$$s_x = F \ (S_p - S_\psi) \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots \quad (3)$$

where F = pounds/inch^2 - mm.

$S_p - S_\psi$ = mm.

This equation meets the requirements of permitting calculation of a single stress from a perpendicular and an angle measurement of d in the stressed condition alone.

$$\delta^{\beta} - \delta^{\alpha}\psi = \frac{\partial^{\beta}\psi}{\partial x^{\beta}} - \frac{\partial^{\alpha}\psi}{\partial x^{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha}}\psi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha}}\phi = -\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda} \delta^{\alpha} \sin\varepsilon_2 \psi$$

Since the difference $\delta^{\beta}-\delta^{\alpha}\psi$ is small compared to either δ^{β} or $\delta^{\alpha}\psi$ we may substitute δ^{α} for δ^{β} and differentiate δ^{α} with respect to α. Multiplying both members of equation (1) by $\delta^{\alpha}\psi$ and substituting the value of $\delta^{\alpha}\psi$ from equation (2) we obtain

$$\delta^{\alpha} - \delta\psi = \left[\frac{(1+\sin\varepsilon_2)\sin\varepsilon_2 \cos\varepsilon}{\Sigma (\delta^{\alpha} - \delta^{\beta})} \right] \left[-\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda} \delta^{\alpha} \sin\varepsilon_2 \psi \right]$$

or

$$\delta^{\alpha} = \delta (\delta^{\alpha} - \delta\psi) \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots \quad (3)$$

where $\delta = \frac{(1+\sin\varepsilon_2)\sin\varepsilon_2 \cos\varepsilon}{\Sigma (\delta^{\alpha} - \delta^{\beta})}$.

$\delta^{\alpha} - \delta\psi = 0$.

Each equation means the existence of the diffracted image.

Since equation (3) is of the first degree in δ^{α} and ψ and not quadratic or of higher degree, it follows that only one diffracted image is obtained from the incident wave.

MODEL

The model used in this investigation was designed to present a simple problem of some value and at the same time to demonstrate the particular advantages of using this method of stress measurement. A dimensioned sketch of the model is shown in Figure XII and a photograph is presented in Figure XII-A. The plate was 5 pound (1/8") medium steel having the following specifications:

Federal Stock Catalogue
#48-S-5 Grade M

> These carbon steel sheets for hull construction work have an average minimum tensile strength of 60,000 pounds per square inch and maximum carbon content of 0.31%. These sheets can be readily fabricated and welded.

The Tee stiffener was a 4" x 2 3/8" T cut from a 4" x 2 3/8" x 7.7# I. The model was fabricated by the Boston Naval Shipyard.

PROCEDURE

If the reflected X-ray beam were allowed to strike stationary X-ray film a considerably diffused diffraction circle would result. In order to eliminate this diffusion and to give a distinct diffraction circle which is more easily read, the camera was oscillated through an angle of about 30 degrees by means of a small motor. Figure VI shows a diffraction circle caused by not oscillating the camera and Figure VII shows the diffraction circle from the same point when the camera is oscillated.

In order to obtain a true circle from the diffracted rays the X-ray beam must be perpendicular to the camera as it passes through the camera. The camera is mounted on the X-ray tube by means of four screws in oversized holes, thus permitting small movements of the camera relative to the tube. Perpendicular pictures were taken of unstressed tungsten powder and diameters 90 degrees apart were measured. When movement of the camera brought these two diameters within 0.1 millimeters the camera was assumed aligned.

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FIGURE VI

DIFFRACTION CIRCLE RESULTING
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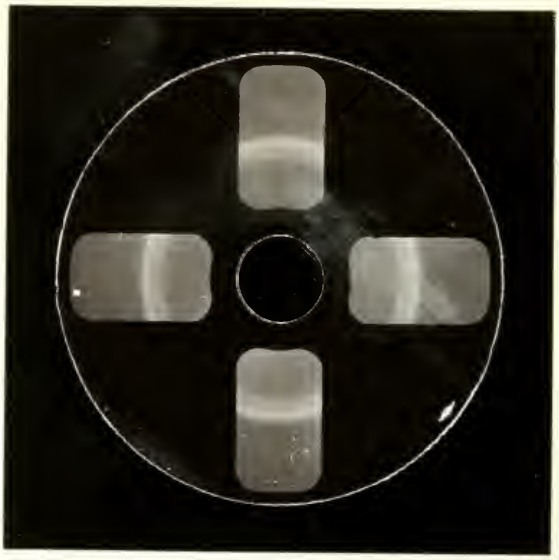

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FIGURE VIII

FILM RESULTING FROM EXCESSIVE
TUNGSTEN LAYER

FIGURE IX

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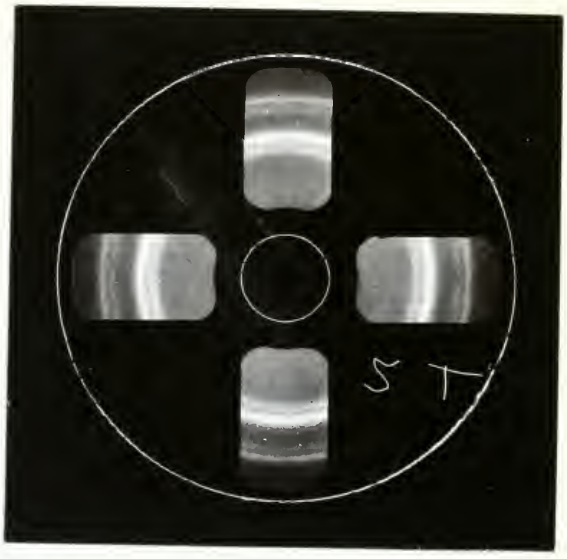
diameter as not to interfere with the iron diffraction ring and yet small enough to remain on the film. A light layer of vaseline was applied to the surface of the area to be investigated. Tungsten powder was then dusted on the surface with a small camel's hair brush. Care must be taken in applying the tungsten, as too much will obscure the iron ring and too little will make it difficult to determine the film-to-specimen distance. Figures VIII and IX illustrate these two conditions. The film-to-model distance selected for the determination of the constant in the stress equation was such as to give a tungsten diameter of 50 millimeters.

The X-ray tube and camera were mounted on the stand pictured in Figure I which allowed movement in all directions. The camera and tube were aimed by means of the distance piece and angle indicator shown in Figure II. Forty-five kilovolts with a current of 10 milliamperes was used. An exposure time of 12 minutes was found to give the most satisfactory results.

Having completed the exposure, the film is developed using standard photographic practices. Distances on the film are determined by the use of a measuring box. This device consists of a box topped by a frosted, light backed glass on which is mounted a scale (capable of readings to 0.020 mm.) and a traveling hair line. Readings are obtained by placing the hair line at the center of the diffraction line. Several readings were made of each line and

FIGURE X

Angle Exposure



Perpendicular Exposure

the results averaged.

As has been pointed out, in order to determine the stress in any one direction, two pictures must be taken, one perpendicular to the surface and one at an angle. The angle used was 45 degrees corrected by the angle between the incident ray and the normal to the reflecting plane. From these two pictures the difference $S_p - S_\psi$ in the stress equation was measured. The diffraction circle obtained from the angle picture is not an exact circle but has become slightly eliptical and, in addition, the side of the film closest to the camera gives a line which is narrower and more distinct. Figure X shows an angle picture as compared to a perpendicular picture.

In order to avoid the difficulties which would be encountered if it were necessary to measure the diameters of the diffraction circle directly, the Δ shown in Figure XI is read. The difference between the Δ read from the perpendicular film and that read from the angle film is exactly equal to $S_p - S_\psi$.

Since

$$2S_p = 2S_w - 2\Delta_p$$

$$2S_\psi = 2S_w - 2\Delta_\psi$$

All values having been corrected to the standard S_w, subtracting one equation from the other gives

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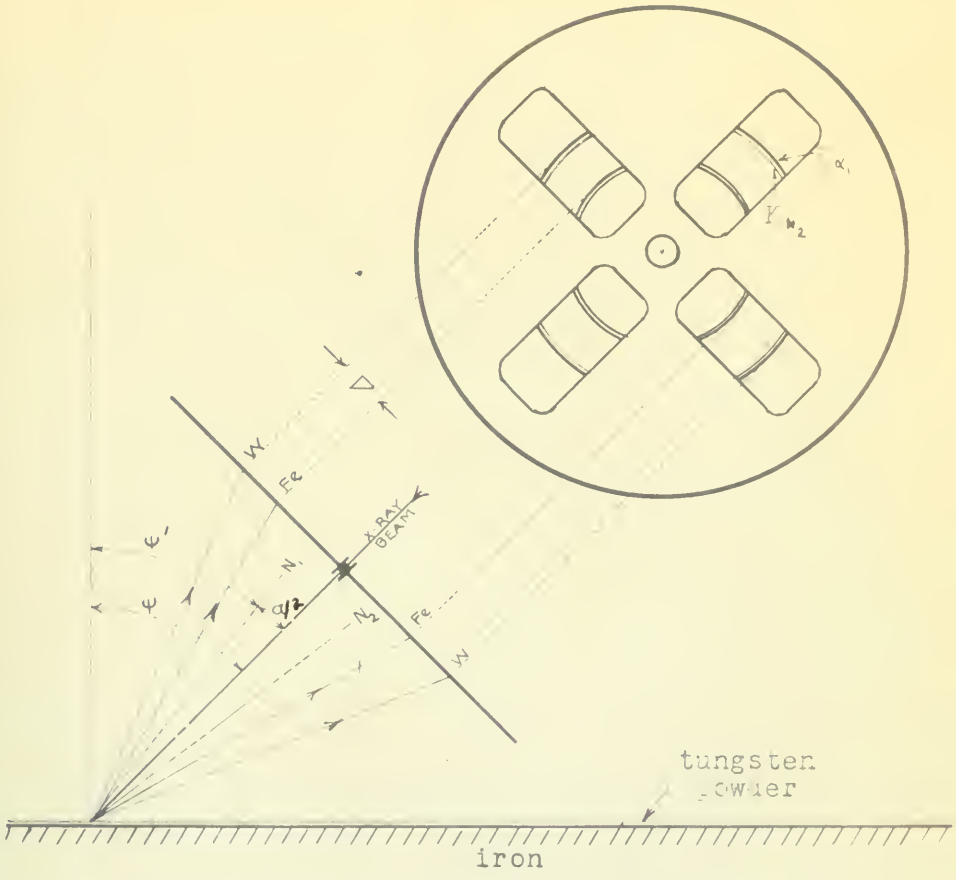
FIG. 3



DIFFRACTOMETER INCLINED AT 45°

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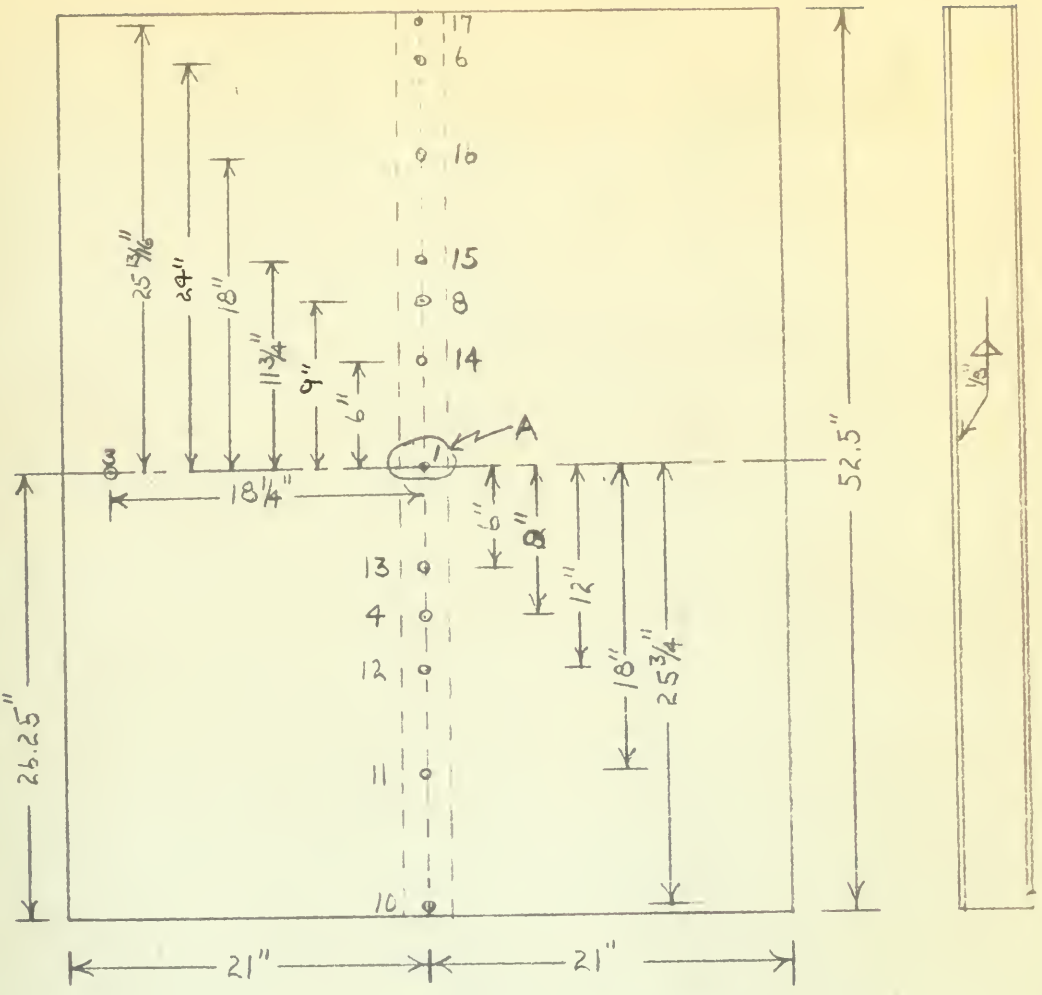
FIGURE XII

SKETCH OF MODEL SHOWING POSITION OF POINTS



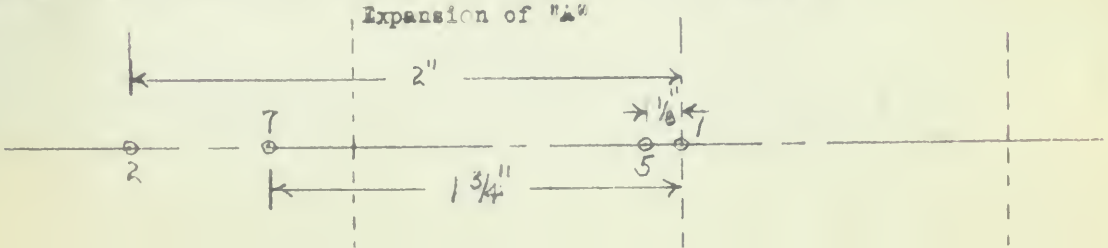


FIGURE XIII-A

Model

TABLE I

STRESS MEASUREMENT DATA

Point	PERPENDICULAR (⊥) $2S_w$	Δ'_p	Corr.	Δ_p	TRANSVERSE (A) $2S_w$	Δ'_A	Corr.	Δ_A	$\Delta_p - \Delta_A$	s_A	LONGITUDINAL (L) $2S_w$	Δ'_L	Corr.	Δ_L	$\Delta_p - \Delta_L$	s_L
1-A	54.74	5.71	-0.50	5.21	54.92	6.31	-0.58	5.73	-0.52	-23,798	53.88	5.95	-0.43	5.52	-0.31	-14,187
1-B	53.79	5.59	-0.39	5.20	52.48	5.98	-0.28	5.70	-0.50	-22,883	52.24	5.90	-0.25	5.65	-0.45	-20,595
1-D	51.49	5.80	-0.17	5.63	52.66	6.10	-0.31	5.79	-0.16	- 7,323	52.80	5.60	-0.30	5.30	+0.33	+15,103
1-E	52.62	5.91	-0.30	5.61	52.92	6.06	-0.34	5.72	-0.11	- 5,034	53.72	5.62	-0.39	5.23	+0.38	+17,391
1-F	51.71	5.72	-0.19	5.53	51.72	5.96	-0.20	5.76	-0.23	-10,526	50.50	5.28	-0.05	5.23	+0.20	+ 9,153
1-G	51.74	5.74	-0.19	5.55	50.84	5.82	-0.10	5.72	-0.17	- 7,730	51.44	5.48	-0.15	5.33	+0.22	+10,069
1-H	50.40	5.48	-0.04	5.44	49.22	5.70	+0.09	5.79	-0.35	-16,018	51.42	5.32	-0.15	5.17	+0.27	+12,355
1-J	49.45	5.46	+0.06	5.52	50.18	5.84	-0.02	5.82	-0.30	-13,730	49.76	5.30	+0.03	5.33	+0.19	+ 8,696
1-K	50.04	5.50	0.00	5.50	51.65	5.90	-0.19	5.71	-0.21	- 9,611	52.30	5.46	0.24	5.22	+0.28	+12,814
1-M	50.52	5.64	0.06	5.58	51.90	5.96	-0.22	5.74	-0.16	- 7,323						
2	53.30	5.62	-0.35	5.27	52.96	6.08	-0.34	5.74	-0.37	-16,933						
3	52.15	5.75	-0.24	5.51	52.28	5.66	-0.25	5.41	+0.10	+ 4,577	52.42	5.72	-0.26	5.46	+0.05	+ 2,288
4	52.37	5.72	-0.26	5.46	52.96	6.70	-0.38	6.32	+0.14	+ 6,407	52.60	5.36	-0.26	5.10	+0.36	+16,476
4-A	48.13	5.26	+0.20	5.46	50.98	5.94	-0.11	5.83	-0.37	-16,933	50.44	5.38	-0.05	5.33	+0.13	+ 6,850
4-B	50.70	5.54	-0.08	5.46	46.38	5.48	+0.43	5.91	-0.45	-20,595	51.44	5.38	-0.15	5.23	+0.23	+10,526
5	48.63	5.28	+0.15	5.43	52.52	6.13	-0.29	5.84	-0.41	-18,764	51.84	5.60	-0.20	5.40	+0.03	+ 1,373
6	52.48	6.14	-0.29	5.85	50.48	5.54	-0.05	5.49	+0.36	+16,476	53.80	5.96	-0.42	5.54	+0.31	+14,187
7	51.04	5.74	-0.12	5.62	52.08	5.90	-0.24	5.66	-0.04	- 1,831	52.32	5.66	-0.25	5.41	+0.21	+ 9,611
8	48.15	5.47	+0.21	5.68	50.28	5.46	-0.03	5.43	+0.25	+11,442	53.20	5.98	-0.36	5.62	+0.06	+ 1,373
8-A	50.82	6.20	-0.10	6.10	50.80	5.62	-0.09	5.53	+0.57	+26,087	50.72	5.48	-0.08	5.40	+0.70	+32,036
10	50.42	5.25	-0.04	5.21	49.72	5.72	+0.03	5.75	-0.54	-24,714	51.44	5.62	-0.16	5.46	-0.25	-11,442
11	48.66	5.50	+0.15	5.65	49.94	5.74	+0.01	5.75	-0.10	- 4,577	51.16	5.46	-0.12	5.34	+0.31	+14,187
12	50.00	5.70	0.00	5.70	50.36	5.98	-0.04	5.94	-0.24	-10,984	48.00	5.06	+0.21	5.27	+0.43	+19,679
13	50.96	5.97	-0.11	5.86	54.08	5.94	-0.45	5.49	+0.37	+16,933	49.96	5.36	0.00	5.36	+0.50	+22,883
13-A	50.27	5.80	-0.03	5.77	51.90	5.78	-0.21	5.57	+0.20	+ 9,153	52.28	5.66	-0.25	5.41	+0.36	+16,476
14	50.67	5.62	-0.07	5.55	52.00	6.08	-0.23	5.85	-0.30	-13,730	50.98	5.44	-0.10	5.34	+0.21	+ 9,611
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17	50.96	5.44	-0.10	5.34	50.34	5.82	-0.04	5.78	-0.44	-20,137	50.30	5.52	-0.03	5.49	-0.15	- 6,865

FIGURE XIII

TRANSVERSE & LONGITUDINAL STRESS MEASUREMENTS

OF POINT NO. 1

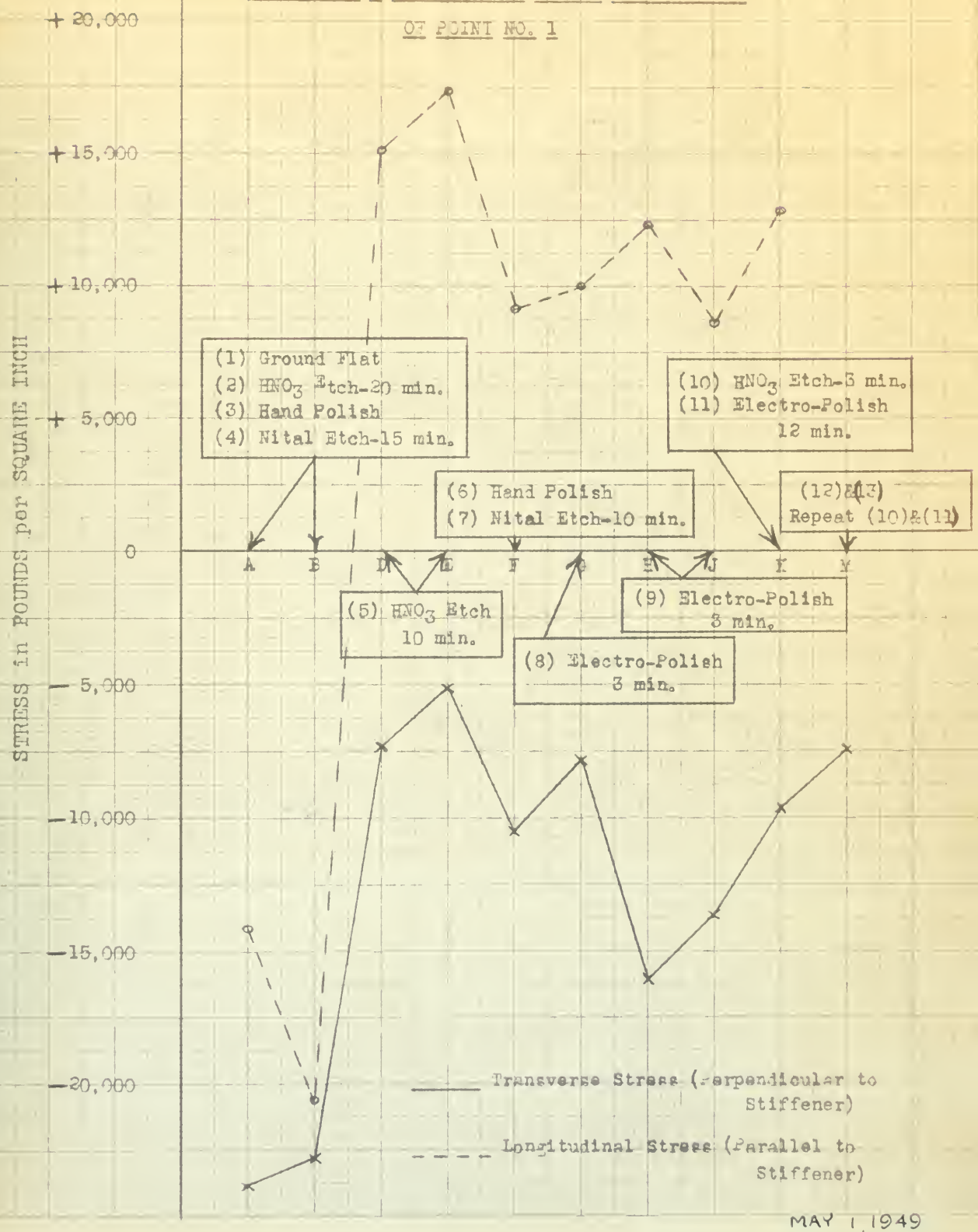

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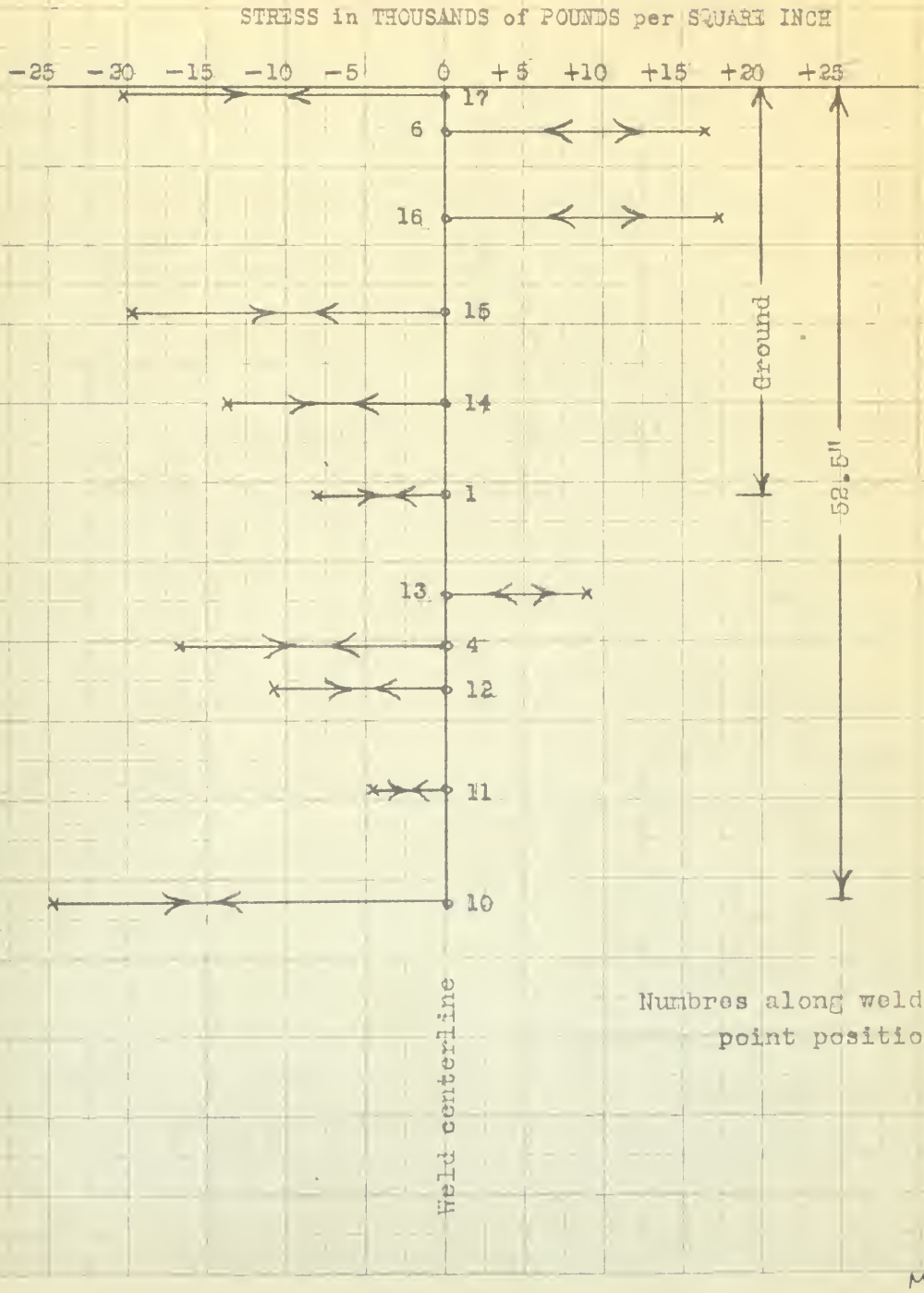
FIGURE XIV

TRANSVERSE STRESS IN PLATE ALONG WELD
ON SIDE OPPOSITE STIFFENER



Numbres along weld indicate point positions.

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FIGURE XV

LONGITUDINAL STRESS IN PLATE ALONG WELD

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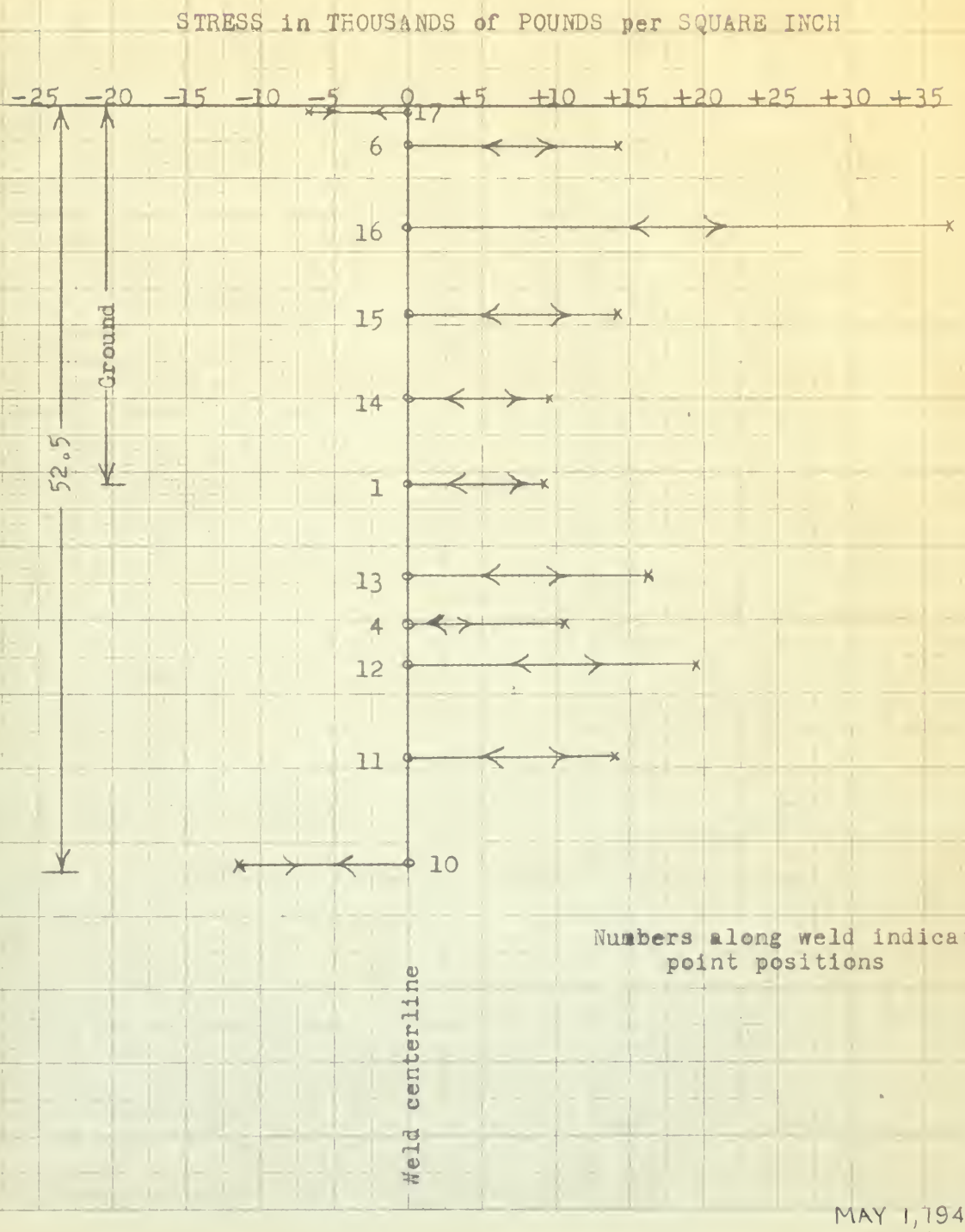

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TABLE II

SURFACE PREPARATION CALIBRATION

METHOD	TIME (Minutes)	READING (Inches)	DEPTH OF CUT (Inches)	CURRENT DENSITY (Amps/cm^2)
Start	0	0.120	-	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch[a]	20	0.117	0.003	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	10	0.116	0.001	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	10	0.115	0.001	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch(new)	10	0.113	0.002	-
Start	0	0.1105	-	-
Nital Etch[b]	20	0.1093	0.0012	-
Nital Etch	5	0.1088	0.0005	-
Start	0	0.120	-	-
Electro-Polish (Nital)	3	0.11925	0.00075	3
Electro-Polish (Nital)	3	0.11825	0.001	3
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Start	0	0.121	-	-
Electro-Polish (Nital)	15	0.120	0.001	4
Start	0	0.120	-	-
Electro-Polish (H_3PO_4)[c]	3	0.120	0	1.5
Start	0	0.120	-	-
Electro-Polish (H_3PO_4)	10	0.119	0.001	3
Start	0	0.121	-	-
Electro-Polish (H_3PO_4)	10	0.120$^-$	0.001$^+$	4
Start	0	0.121	-	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	10	-	-	-
Electro-Polish (Nital)	10	0.115	0.006	3
Start	0	0.120	-	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	10	-	-	-
Electro-Polish (H_3PO_4)	10	0.114	0.006	4
Start[d]	0	0.120	-	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	5	-	-	-
Electro-Polish (Nital)	15	0.1105	0.0095	3
Start[e]	0	0.120	-	-
30% Nitric Acid Etch	3	-	-	-
Electro-Polish (Nital)	12	0.116	0.004	3

(a) 30% concentrated nitric acid, 70% water.
(b) 6% concentrated nitric acid, 94% alcohol.
(c) 30 parts by volume of sulphuric acid
70 " " " " phosphoric acid
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In general, the results are adequate to permit formulation of conclusions as to the feasibility of using this stress measurement method. As previously pointed out, the model was designed to present residual stress which could not be determined by a non-destructive test. Unfortunately, it was not expected that the stress distribution would be so complex. Rather, simple tensile stresses were anticipated with sharp gradients across the plate in the vicinity of the weld. This complexity precluded the complete analysis of stress distribution in the plate. However, sufficient experience and data were obtained to point out the advantages and the disadvantages, and to indicate the requirements of equipment and technique necessary to adapt the method to efficient use in the field.

Alignment of the camera so that the X-ray beam was perpendicular to the plane of the camera was required in our equipment. In equipment specifically designed for stress measurement, this alignment need be done only once, at time of manufacture, and the camera attached permanently on the tube in the proper position. Thus, this procedure would be eliminated entirely in normal use.

Previous literature indicated the critical nature of the problem of surface preparation. Therefore, considerable attention had to be given to this phase of the method. It was expected that the plate had a layer of cold worked

Results and Conclusions

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The greatest difficulty in the Ersoz method lay in the hand polishing of the drastically etched surface. Such polishing had to be done with very fine polishing paper to avoid cold working again, and therefore required several hours. In an effort to overcome this disadvantage,

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The greatest difficulty in the Grant method lay in the hand polishing of the drastically stubed surface. Such polishing had to be done with very fine polishing paper to avoid cold working again, and therefore required several hours. In an effort to overcome this disadvantage,

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Undoubtedly the single electro-etching process holds the best promise for a surface preparation method. Although the compromise method served our immediate purpose, it is felt that to adapt the X-ray method to general use the single electro-etch process should be developed.

In the process of testing the electro-etching solutions, further measurements were taken on Point 1. (1-G, 1-H, 1-J.) In addition, measurement of Point 5

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This points out the fact that the error in the X-ray method is dependent upon the error in reading the distances between the diffraction lines. This error in reading bears no relation to the distance between the lines, the reading error being of constant magnitude. Therefore, regardless of magnitudes of stresses measured, the error is constant. Thus, on a percentage basis, the error decreases as the measured magnitudes increase. The method has small percentage error at high values and larger percentage error as magnitudes decrease.

With the above accuracy limitations in mind, the values of the stress at the points indicated in Figure XIV and XV are considered good, with the exception of Points 10 and 17. Since both of these indicate compressive stress, longitudinally and transversely, it is suspected that cold

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In considering the above factors, it becomes apparent that several of the disadvantages cannot be entirely overcome at the present stage of development of

the method. However, it is equally apparent that they are not disqualifying. Furthermore, no disqualifying feature in the technique was uncovered by our procedures for which we could not foresee a possible solution by proper design of equipment or development of field technique. Therefore, we are led to the positive conclusion that the method is entirely feasible for use in analyzing naval structure. In fact, the definite advantage of the method in analyzing actual naval structures subjected to loadings which cannot be reproduced in models and the analyzing of metal models of high degree of indeterminancy without resorting to plastics and photo-elasticity make the method worthy of consideration.

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APPENDIX

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DIFFRACTION THEORY

Previous mention was made of the "scattering" of the X-ray beam by the atoms in the specimen surface. This phenomenon requires some explanation. The beam of X-rays passing over an atom accelerates the atom into a state of vibration. Such oscillation sets into motion a series of electromagnetic waves of the same frequency and wavelength as the incident beam. This is "coherent scattering." When this radiation is superimposed upon similar radiation from atoms in the same space lattice, reinforcement occurs and the diffracted beam is formed. "Scattering" is thus a transfer of radiant energy from the primary beam to scattered beams originating in the atoms of the material being measured. A second type, "modified scattering," occurs simultaneously, but has no bearing on stress measurement.

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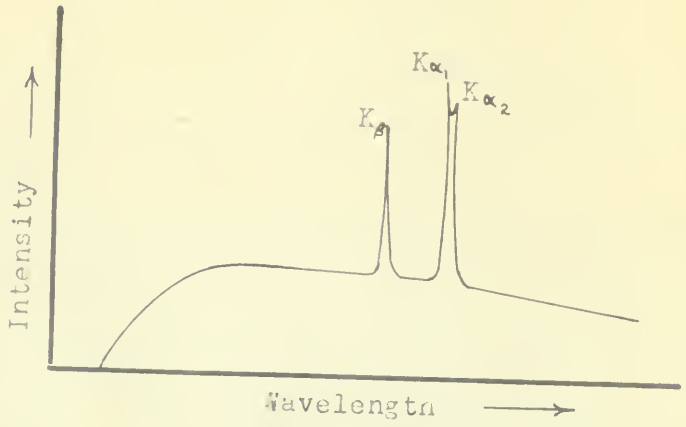
FIGURE XVI



TYPICAL X-RAY SPECTRUM OF A METAL

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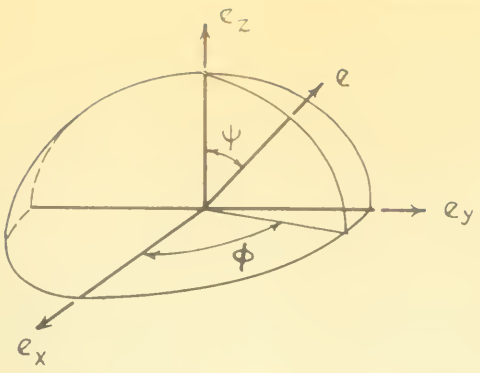

DEVELOPMENT OF "ELLIPSOID OF STRAIN"

The normal strain in any direction is given by the equation for the ellipsoid of strain -

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where; $a_1 = \sin\psi \cos\phi$

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Since $a_z = 0$,

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$$e_\perp - e_\psi = -\frac{\sin^2\psi}{E}\left[s_x(\cos^2\phi - v\sin^2\phi + v) + s_y(-v\cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi + v)\right]$$

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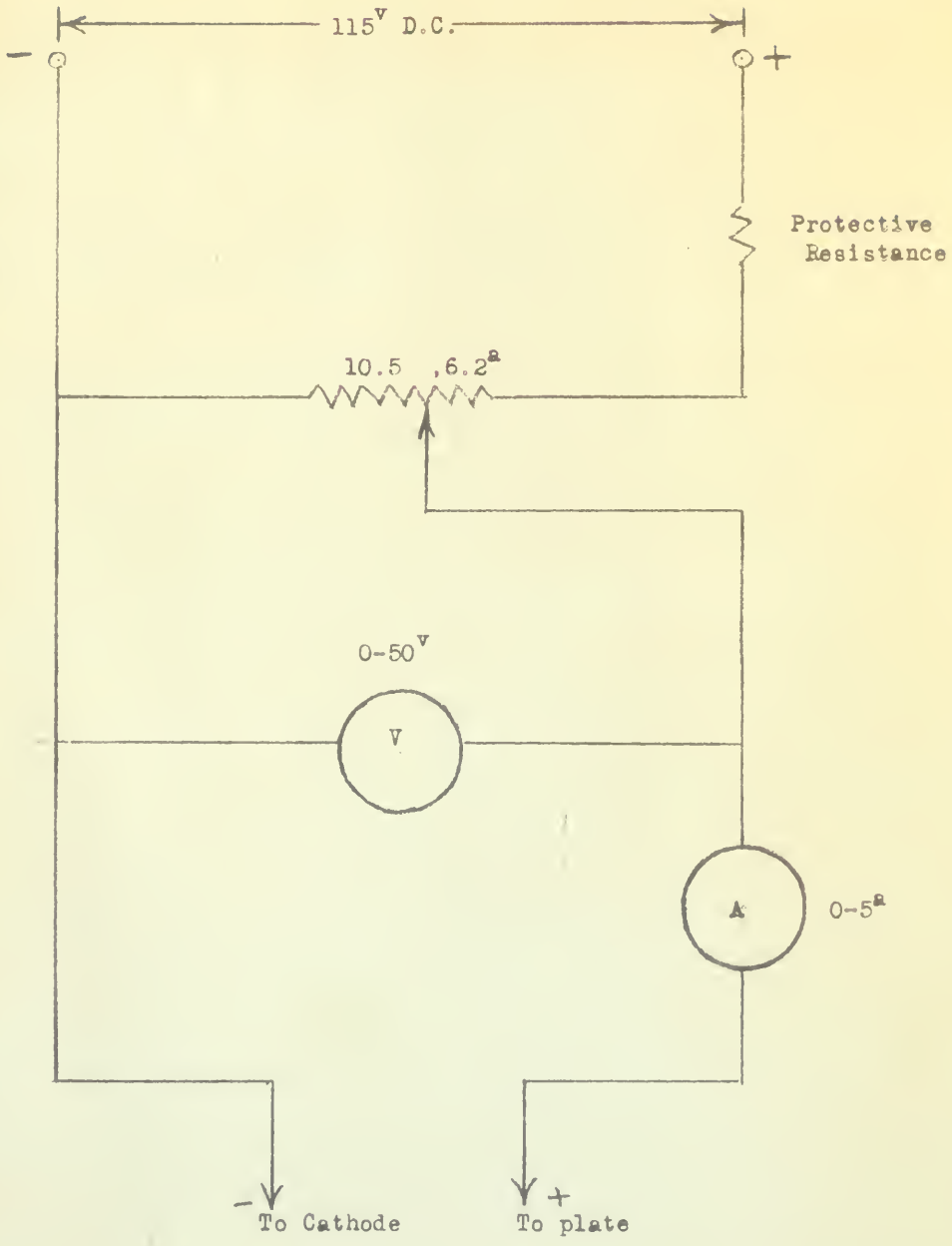

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SAMPLE CALCULATION

Determination of R for a tungsten ring of 50 mm. in diameter:

Cobalt radiation: λ_{Co} ($K_{\alpha 1}$) = 1.7889 Angstroms

Unstressed tungsten: a_o = 3.1647 Angstroms

Reflecting plane: h,k,l = 222

2S = 50 mm

S = 25 mm.

$$d_{222} = \frac{a_o}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2+l^2}} = \frac{3.1647}{\sqrt{4+4+4}} = 0.91357$$

$$\lambda = 2 d \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2d} = \frac{1.7889}{1.82714} = 0.979072$$

$$\theta = 78^\circ\ 15.4'$$

$$2\theta = 156^\circ\ 30.8'$$

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{S}{R} = -0.43509$$

$$R = -\frac{25}{0.43509} = -57.4595 \text{ mm.}$$

Determination of constant F:

$$F = -\frac{E}{2(1+V)R \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta \sin^2 \Psi}$$

where

E = 30 x 10^6 psi

V = 0.28

R = 57.4595

Reflecting plane = 310

a_o(Fe) = 2.867 Angstroms

Answer Explanation

Determine $\sin\theta$ for a tangent ring of 50 mm.

In diagram:

Opposite radius: $r = 50$ mm

Hypotenuse: $R + r = 250$ mm

$$\sin\theta = \frac{50}{250} = 0.2$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.2) \approx 11.537°$$

Determine $\cos\theta$:

$$\cos\theta = \sqrt{1 - 0.2^2} = \sqrt{0.96} \approx 0.9798$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{0.2}{0.9798} \approx 0.2041$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$:

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1 - 0.9798}{0.2} = \frac{0.0202}{0.2} = 0.101$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$ using half-angle identity:

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{1 + \cos\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.0202}{1.9798}} \approx 0.1010$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$ using $\tan\theta$:

$$\tan\theta = \frac{2\tan\frac{\theta}{2}}{1 - \tan^2\frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$0.2041\left(1 - \tan^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = 2\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$0.2041 - 0.2041\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} = 2\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$0.2041\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} + 2\tan\frac{\theta}{2} - 0.2041 = 0$$

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 0.1664}}{0.4082} = \frac{-2 \pm 2.0408}{0.4082}$$

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = 0.1010$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$ using $\sin\theta$:

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\sin\theta}{1 + \cos\theta} = \frac{0.2}{1.9798} = 0.1010$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$ using $\cos\theta$:

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{1 + \cos\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.0202}{1.9798}} \approx 0.1010$$

Determine $\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$ using $\tan\theta$:

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2}

$$d_{310} = \frac{2.867}{\sqrt{9+1+0}} = 0.90662$$

$$\sin \Theta = \frac{L}{2d} = \frac{1.7859}{1.81324} = 0.986576$$

$$\Theta = 80.6013^\circ$$

$$2\Theta = 161.2026$$

$\frac{\alpha}{2}$ = correction for normal to reflecting plane

(see Figure XI)

$$= \frac{180-2\Theta}{2} = 9.3987^\circ$$

$$\Psi = 45^\circ + \frac{\alpha}{2} = 54.3987^\circ$$

$\sec 2\Theta = -0.10563$

$\sec^2 2\Theta = 0.0111576$

$\tan \Theta = 6.041361$

$\sin \Psi = 0.8130865$

$\sin^2 \Psi = 0.66111$

$$F = -\frac{30 \times 10^6}{2(1.28)(0.0111576)(6.041361)(0.66111)(57.4595)}$$

$= -45,765.7$ lbs./in.^{2}/mm.

Determination of stress:

Point 1-F

	A	L
$2\Theta_W = 51.71$	$2\Theta_W = 51.72$	$2\Theta_W = 50.50$
$\Delta'_P = 5.72$	$\Delta'_A = 5.96$	$\Delta'_L = 5.38$
corr $= -\frac{1.71}{51.71} \times 5.72 = -0.19$	corr $= -\frac{1.72}{51.72} \times 5.96 = -0.20$	corr $= -\frac{0.50}{50.50} \times 5.38 = -0.0$
$\Delta_P = 5.53$	$\Delta_A = 5.76$	$\Delta_L = 5.33$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{28}{r} = \frac{3.7139}{3.5150} = 0.8491$$

$$\theta = 58.0515^{\circ}$$

$$\text{DN} = 121.1085$$

$\frac{\zeta}{\sigma}$ = correction for normal to inclining plane

$$= \frac{180-\text{DN}}{2} = 29.4457^{\circ}$$

$$\Psi = \phi_2 + \frac{\zeta}{\sigma} = 87.5972^{\circ}$$

$$\sec 2\theta = -3.1080$$

$$\sec^2 \text{DN} = 3.4113$$

$$\tan \Psi = 0.0139$$

$$\sin \Psi = 0.9999$$

$$\sin^2 \Psi = 0.9997$$

$$r = \frac{\qquad\qquad}{\qquad\qquad} \qquad \text{DN} = 121.0$$

$$= 3.7139 \text{ inches.}$$

Determination of stress:

Point 1-2

$\text{DN} = 32.72$ $\qquad$ $\text{DN} = 32.72$ $\qquad$ $\text{DN} = 90.00$

$\nabla_b' = 3.72$ $\qquad$ $\nabla_c' = 3.94$ $\qquad$ $\nabla_r' = 3.94$

$\text{DNN} = \frac{32.72}{2}$ $\sin^2 45.72 = 0.72$ $\cos = \frac{32.72}{2}$ $\sin^2 45.72 = 0.50$ $\sin = \frac{90.00}{2}$ $\sin^2 45.72 = 0.50$

$\nabla_b = 3.33$ $\qquad$ $\nabla_c = 3.76$ $\qquad$ $\nabla_r = 3.33$

$$s_A = -F\left[-(\Delta_p - \Delta_A)\right] = -45{,}766 \times 0.23 = -10{,}526 \text{ psi}$$

$$s_L = -F\left[-(\Delta_p - \Delta_L)\right] = +45{,}766 \times 0.20 = +\ 9{,}153 \text{ psi}$$

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