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Re: Foundation Investigation
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California, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Project 113-10

Attached herewith is the foundation report for the above mentioned structure and work project which was requested recently. We will be glad to discuss this report with you should any queries arise.

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REPORT OF FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

FOR

The Crown Street Overpass Bridge

ON

J. B. W. Highway in St. Catharines

Site Plan No. C-3496-A

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INTRODUCTION

A bridge has been proposed for the intersection of S.W. 4 and Geneva Street in St. Catherine's. This bridge will be an overpassing structure over the street.

Subsoil investigation was therefore required on the proposed site to determine the most suitable method of foundation for the bridge footings.

Investigation was also extended to the approach sections on both sides of the bridge to determine the soil condition there for the retaining wall foundation and to check the stability of the earth fill.

PROCEDURE

The exploration on the above site was done with the aid of a corodrill machine mounted on truck. Undisturbed soil samples were secured by Shelby tubes on clayey soils except where standard penetration tests were necessary, as determined by the field engineer.

Altogether eighteen test holes were made. Nine are bore holes, the rest being penetration holes only. The time occupied for the whole operation in the field was from September 8 to October 15, 1955.

The location of all the test holes together with appropriate sectional profiles of the subsoil are shown in Drawing F-55-164. The logs of the boreholes together with the different test results are found under Appendix I.

SOIL CONDITIONS

The general soil profile of the foundation site is a thin layer of hard clay overlying medium to soft clay.

The topmost layer of hard clay is desiccated soil as a result of oxidation and loss of moisture. The composition of the soil is quite uniform throughout the area, except in the vicinities of S.W. 4 and S.W. 12 where this clay is slightly sandy in texture.

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Laboratory unconfined compressive tests indicated that the clay has shearing strength averaging about 2.0 tons/sq.ft.

The underlying layer of softer clay varies from about 50 ft. to 60 ft. in thickness. It has shearing strength which averages about 1,000 lbs./sq.ft. varying but very slightly with depth to about 800 lbs./sq.ft.

WATER CONTENT

The clay has water content about 10% to 15% in the top stratum varying to about 20% in the lower stratum. The soil material in both clay regions has a low void ratio of about 0.50, pores being saturated.

No water table was actually observed in the clay layers, except for the water which was left there from boring operations.

ANALYSIS OF TEST RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Bridge Foundation

Four bore holes were made at the location of the footings; two on each side. These borings showed that the topmost layer of soil is hard clay with medium to soft clay underlying it.

The shearing strength of the hard clay varies from about 1.5 tons/sq.ft. to as high as 2.5 tons/sq.ft. signifying that the soil in the topmost layer can provide a bearing capacity of atleast 3 tons/sq.ft.

However, since this relatively thin layer of hard clay just overlies softer clay, the pressures applying at the footing level would spread out with depth, and thus the induced pressures reaching the poorer material must not be larger than the safe bearing capacity there. These have been investigated according to the boring data as obtained from the four bore holes. In such case the lower layer of softer clay controls in the determination of the permissible magnitude of loading. The most unfavourable stresses in the

buried stratum of softer clay are at its surface.

The bottom of the footings have been proposed to place at El. 321.5. Assuming long footings with width 7 ft., it has been estimated by Dr. Meyerhof's formula for bearing capacity of cohesive soil that the allowable bearing capacity for the west footing is 2.5 tons/sq.ft. whilst for the east footing is only 1.6 tons/sq.ft. and no more. These estimations are based on cohesion of 1,000 lbs/sq.ft. for the buried stratum of softer clay. The safety factor provided is 3.

According to the geological condition of the foundation site, it has been observed that the clay material is highly impermeable, also there is no apparent draining stratum in either clay layers through which the pore water can escape once load is applied. It is therefore very doubtful if any settlement at all would occur under the footings. However, taking into consideration the soft clay only, the degree of ultimate settlement from both footings will be more or less the same, being between 2.5 inches and 3.5 inches approximately. If single-drainage is assumed the time required to reach 90% consolidation is as long as 15 to 20 years. The largest settlement will be on the East footing, but the greatest differential settlement is not expected to be larger than 1.0 inch. With these factors in view, if a uniform load of 1.6 tons/sq.ft. is used for design for all the footings the differential settlement is expected to be even much less than 1.0 inch. Under such condition a rigid framed structure can be built on the site.

If higher load should be used the width of the east footing must be increased accordingly.

Retaining Wall Foundation

The founding elevation of the retaining wall footing has been proposed at 301.0. If the width of the footing is 41 ft. the bearing pressure allowed on the soil at this elevation should not exceed 1.2 tons/sq.ft.

Due to eccentric loading of these footing it is difficult to evaluate the settlement. If uniform load of 1.2 tons/sq.ft. is assumed the footings are expected to settle about 1.0 inches ultimately. With increasing distance away from the bridge abutments, both the height of the fill and retaining wall diminishes. Consequently settlement becomes less as the pressure on the footings decreases. Due to such varying loads on the footings, construction joints should be provided for the retaining walls to take care of any possible differential settlement.

Stability of the Back-fill

The stability of the fill on the approaches has been examined with respect to failure by sliding. It has been found that the most dangerous case of failure lies within the layer of softer clay. Different cases of failure have been tried out, according to the data from S.H. 4 from which the strength of the clay has been found to be weakest. Figures 1, 2 and 3 are presented here under Appendix II. It appears that the most critical slip surface would extend to the soft clay and cut the top of the fill at the left-hand edge of the roadway. Assuming that the soft clay has only cohesion of 600 lbs/sq.ft. the factor of safety is about 1.26. There should, however, be no danger of sliding.

The settlement due to the soft clay under a fill of 21 ft. is expected to be about 10.0 inches ultimately. Also assuming single-drainage, the time required to reach 60% consolidation is about 25 years and a much longer time to get to 90%. This settlement is much greater than that under the footings of the bridge. For this reason, it is advisable that the fills be brought up to the required height before the construction of the bridge structure itself. It is equally important that the fills be brought up simultaneously on the two approaches. This procedure will counter-balance the fills onto each other, thus eliminating the possibility of sliding under the abutments in a lateral direction.

CONCLUSIONS

Bridge Foundation

The SL. 321.5 for founding the footings of the bridge is suitable. If the width of both the footings is to be maintained at 7 ft. the permissible bearing capacity of the soil at the founding elevation is 1.6 tons/sq. ft.

Both the footings are expected to settle between 2.5 inches to 3.5 inches ultimately. The largest differential settlement will not be greater than 1.0 inches. It will therefore be safe to adopt a rigid framed structure on the site.

Retaining Wall Foundation

The allowable bearing capacity of the soil at elevation 322.0 for the retaining wall footings should not exceed 1.2 tons/sq. ft.

Retaining Wall Foundation (continued)

For uniform loading of 1.2 tons/sq. ft. the footings are expected to settle about 4.0 inches ultimately, becoming less as both the height of the fill and the retaining walls decreases. Construction joints should be provided for the retaining walls to take care of any possible differential settlements.

The retaining walls should be first built to hold the fill to the required height before the construction of the bridge structures.

Stability of the Back-Fill

There should be no danger of sliding under a fill of 21 ft. held by the retaining wall. Ultimate settlement under the fill is expected to be about 10.0 inches.

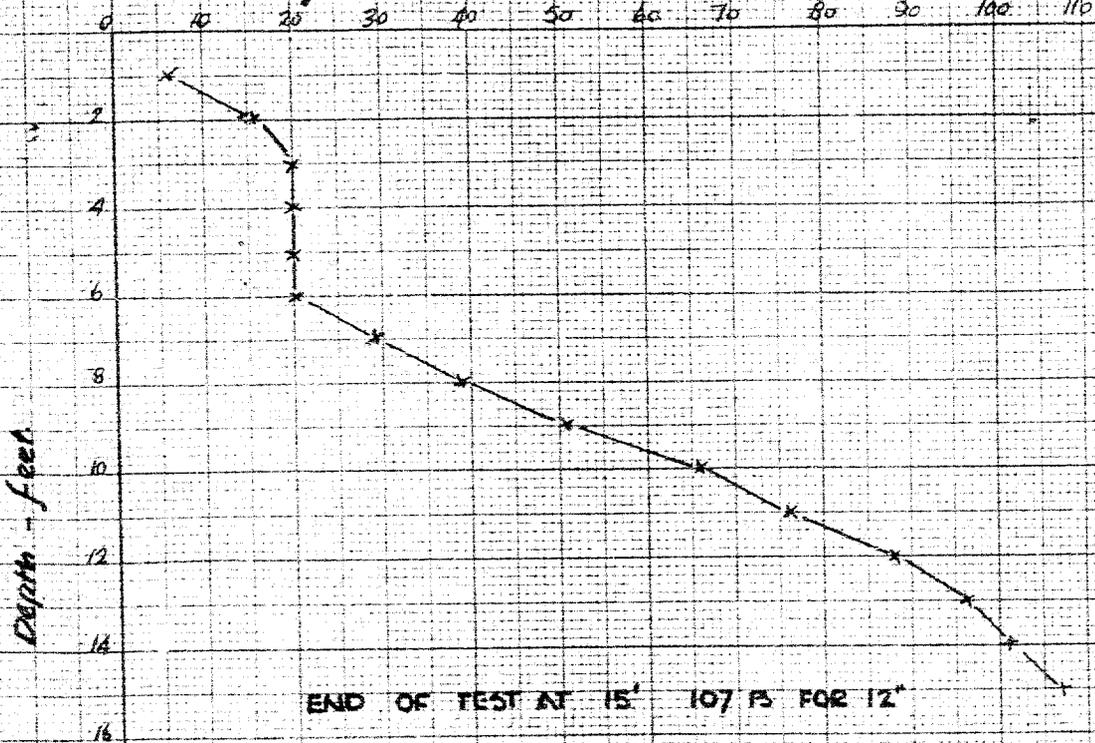
It is advisable to bring the fills up simultaneously on both the approaches to eliminate the possibility of sliding under the abutments in the direction of the highway.

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Foundation Engineer.

APPENDIX I

CONE PENETRATION TEST

No of Blows / ft at Std. En = 4200 lb-in

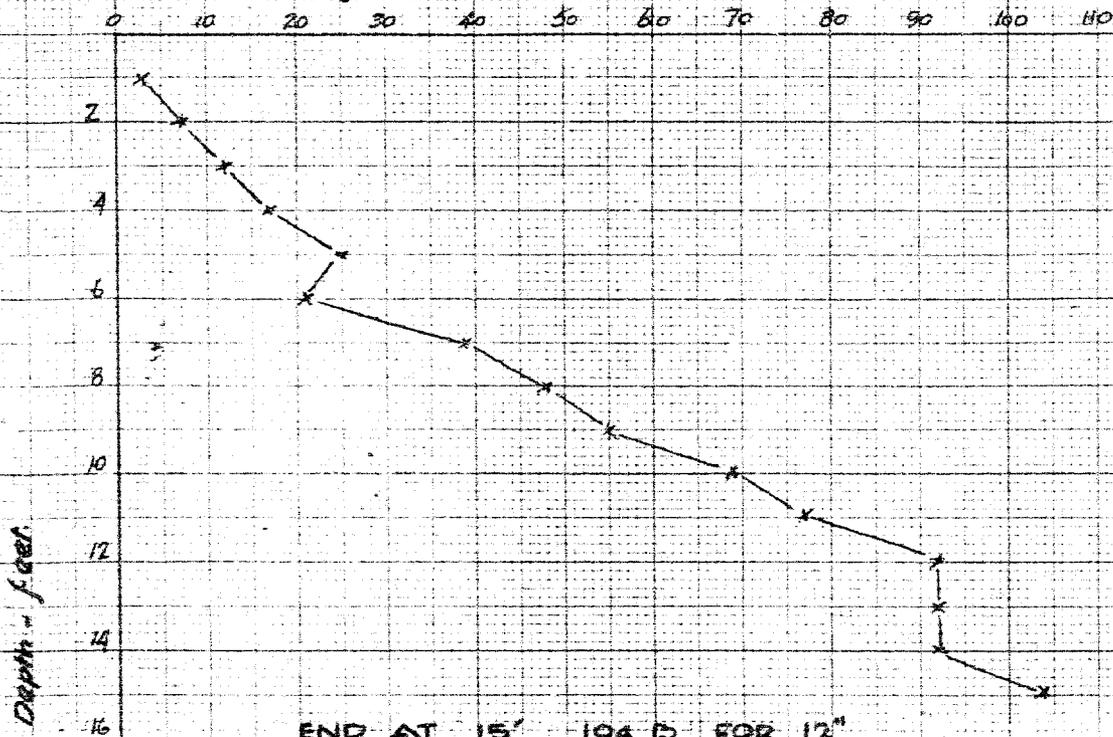


END OF TEST AT 15' 107 BS FOR 12"

STN 95+17 62.5' L

CONE PENETRATION TEST

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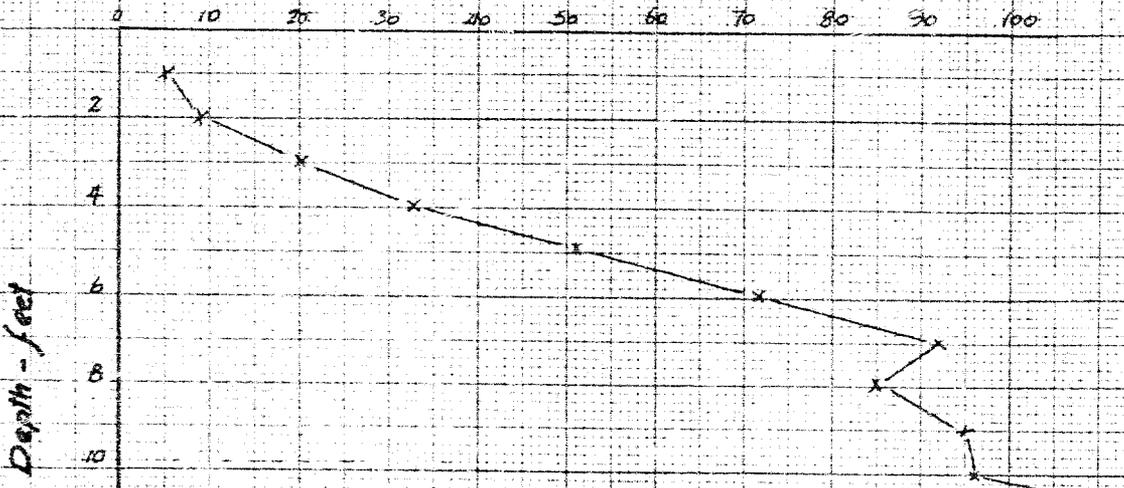


END AT 15' 104 B FOR 12"

STN 97-07 450' L

CONG. PENETRATION TEST

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END AT 10'-9" GIB FOR 9"

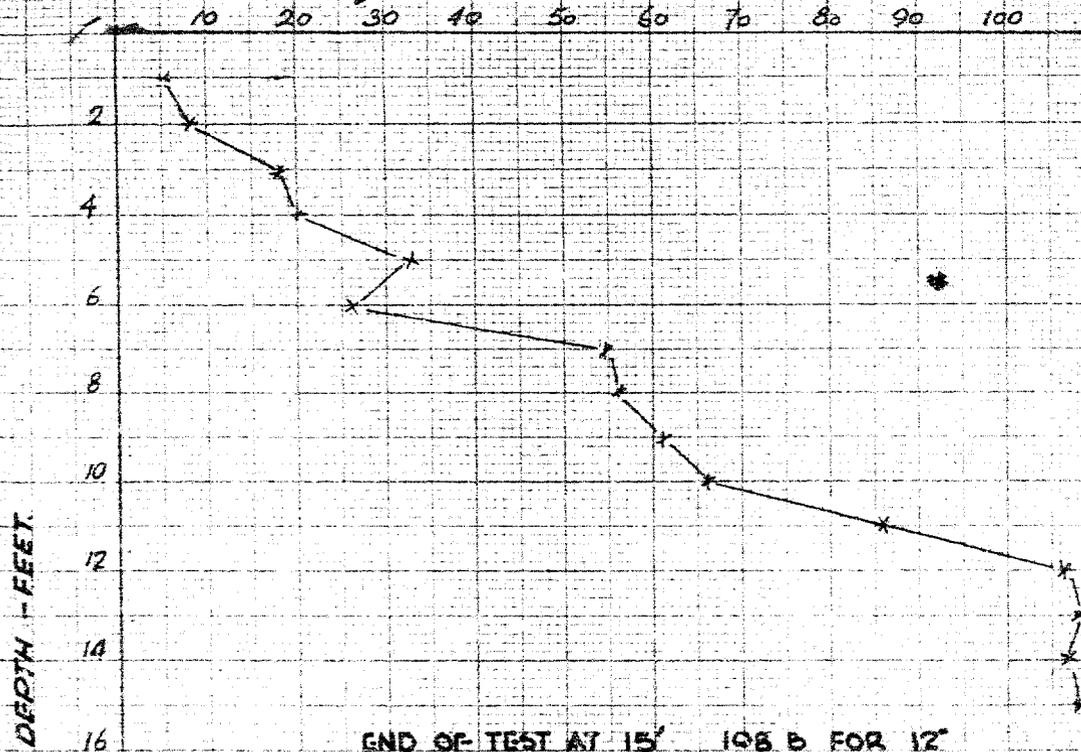
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62' 8"

20/11/51 B.H.

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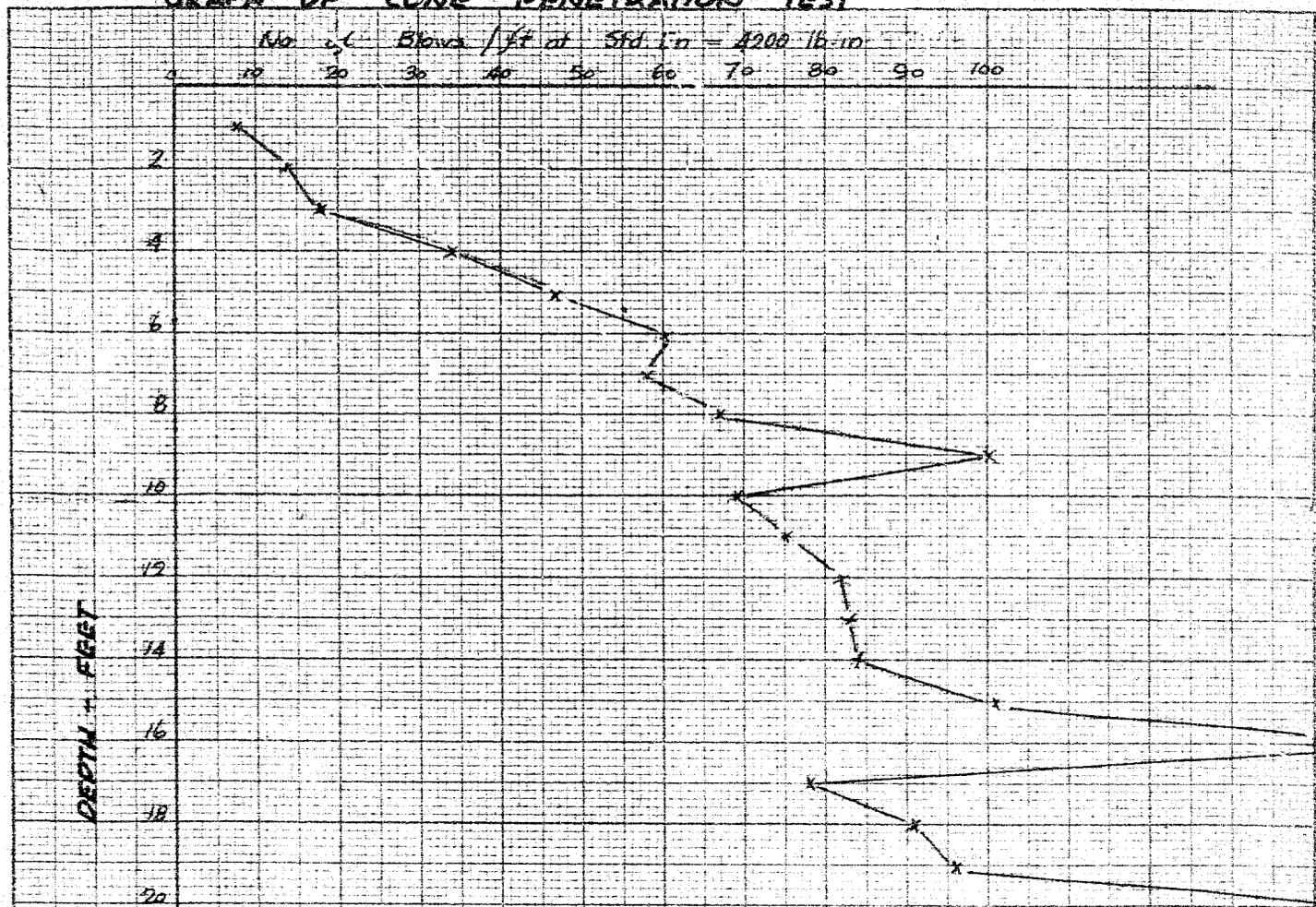
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END OF TEST AT 15' 108 B FOR 12'

STN 107+89 65'-5" L

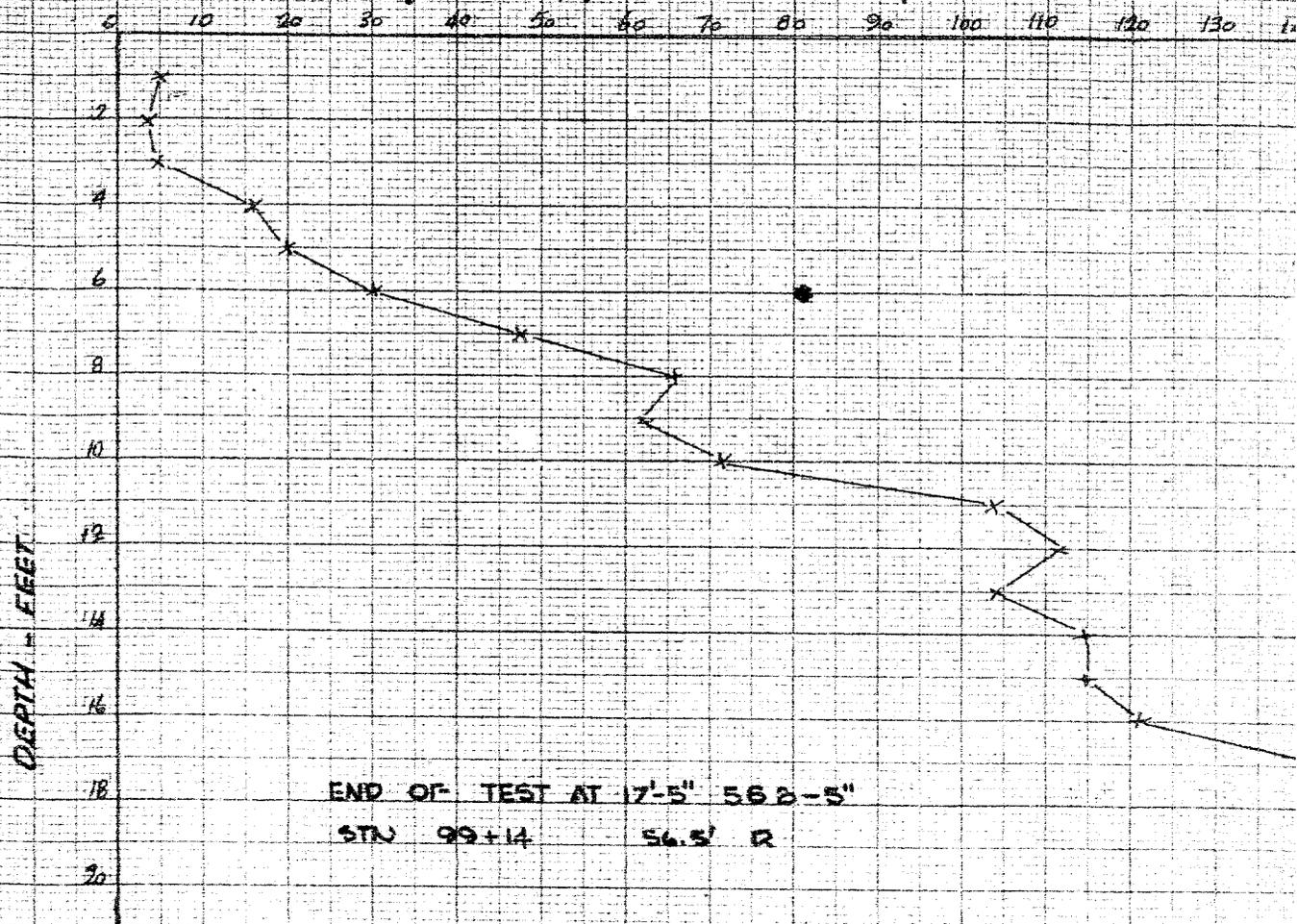
GRAPH OF CONE PENETRATION TEST



END OF TEST AT 20' 167B FOR 12"
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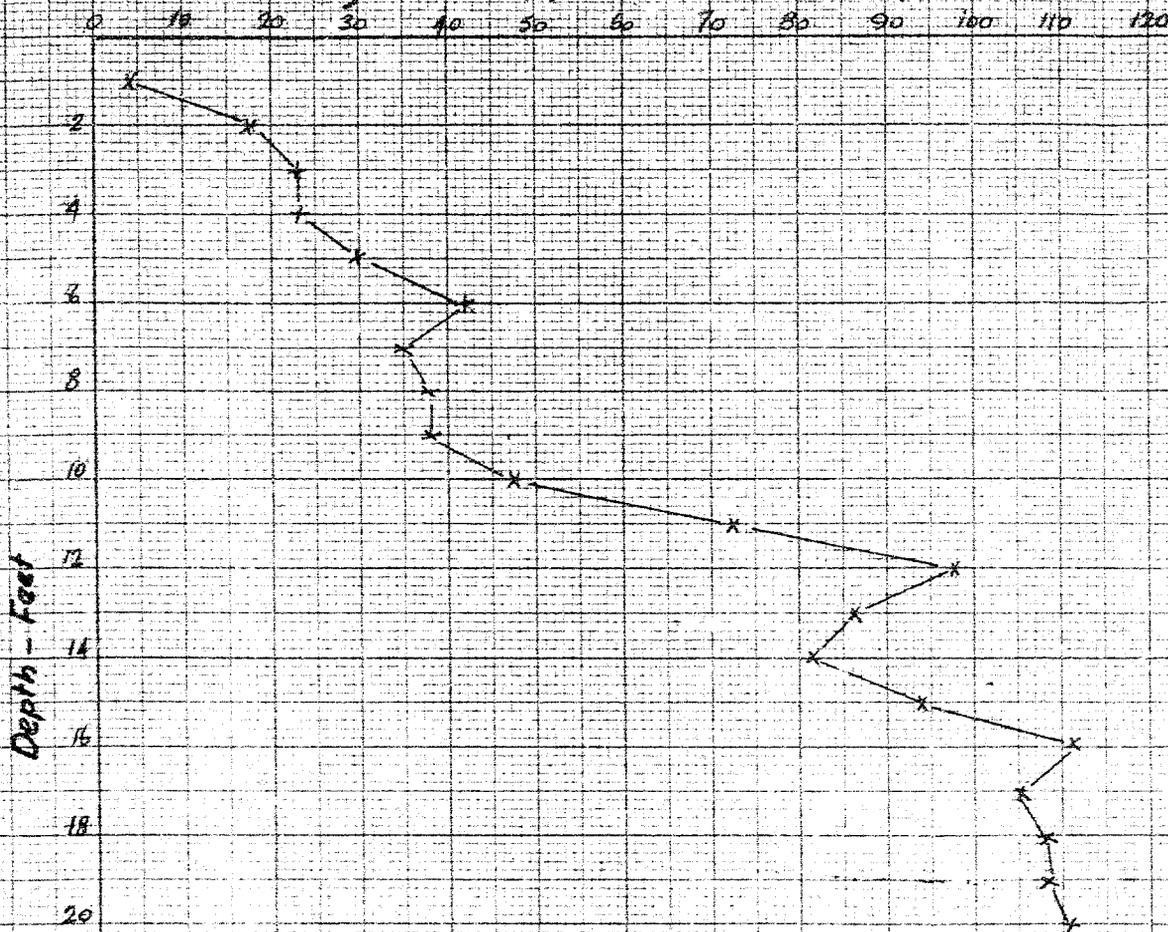
CONE PENETRATION TEST

No. of Blows/ft of Std. En. = 4200 lb-in.



CONE PENETRATION TEST

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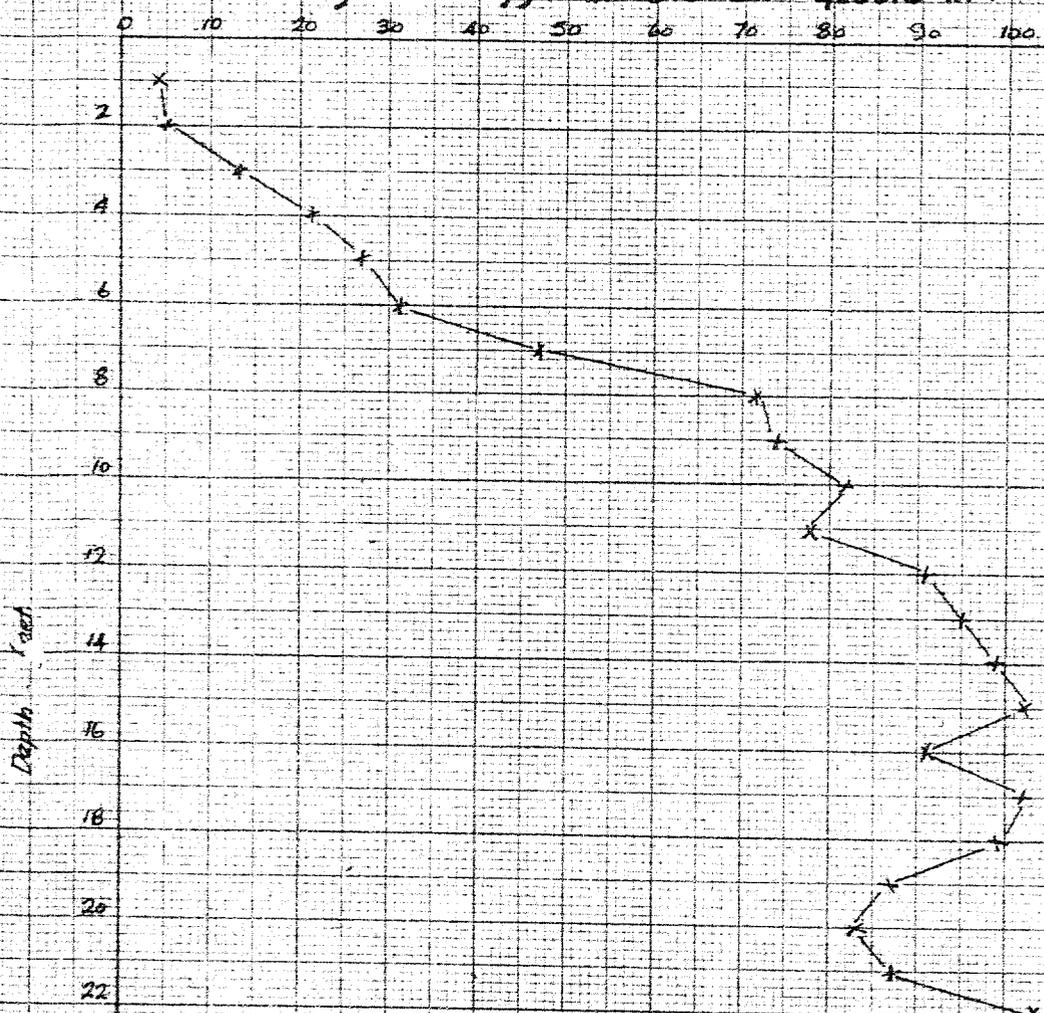


END AT 20'-0"

STN 103+76 56.5' R.

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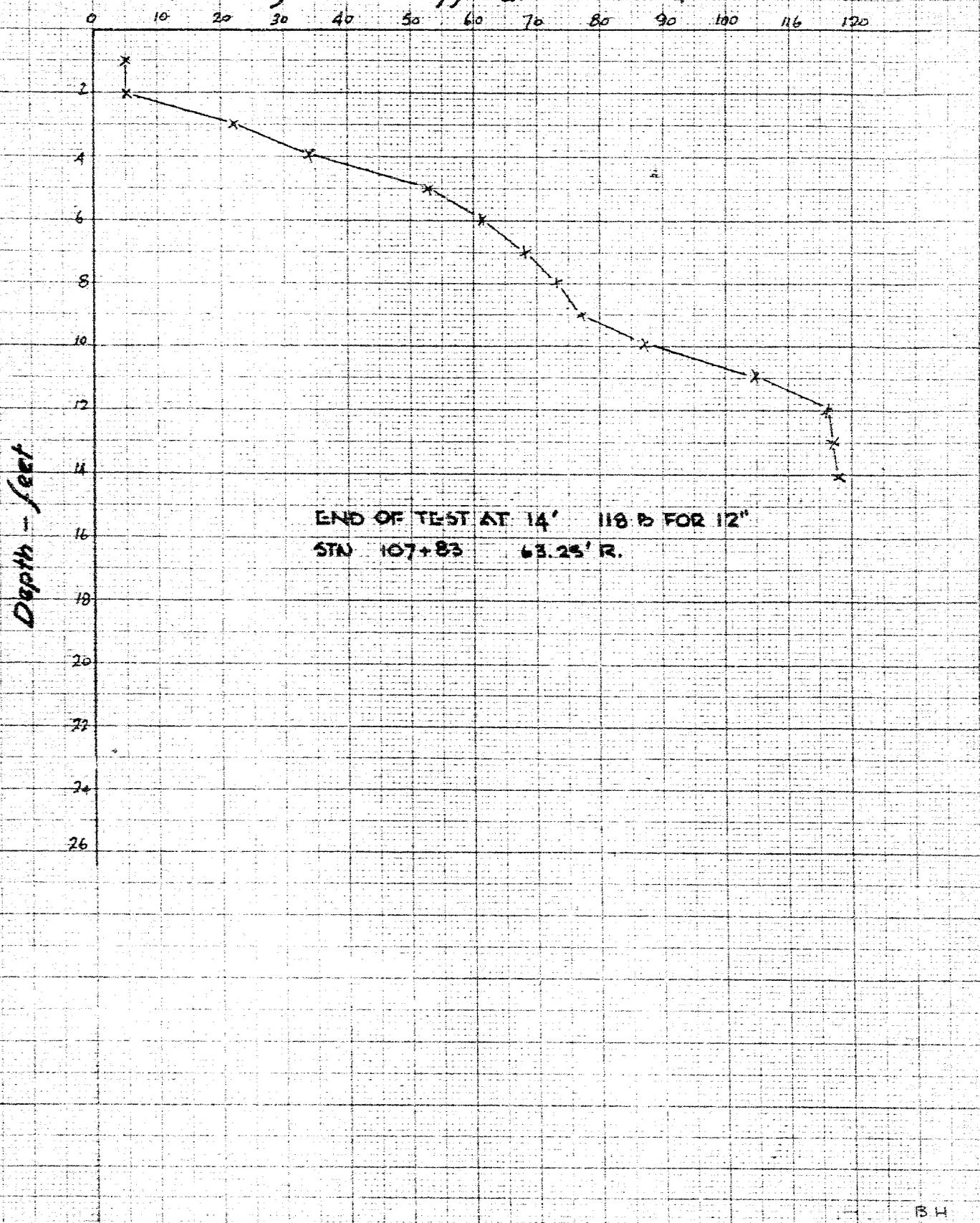
END OF TEST AT 22'
STN 105+77 60.75' R

60.75

34
B.H

CONE PENETRATION TEST

No. of Blows /ft at Std En = 4200lb-in



END OF TEST AT 14' 118 B FOR 12"
STN 107+83 63.25' R.

APPENDIX II

SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS (ASSUME $\phi = 0$ FOR ALL SOILS.) BASED ON BH#4 DATA

CASE I - THE SLIP SURFACE EXTENDS TO SOFT CLAY AND CUTS THE TOP OF FILL AT THE FARTHEST EDGE

CALCULATIONS -- LENGTH $\frac{3}{4} RC = \frac{\pi R \theta}{180} = 2164.9$

$L_1 = 22.7 \cdot W_1 = 15600$

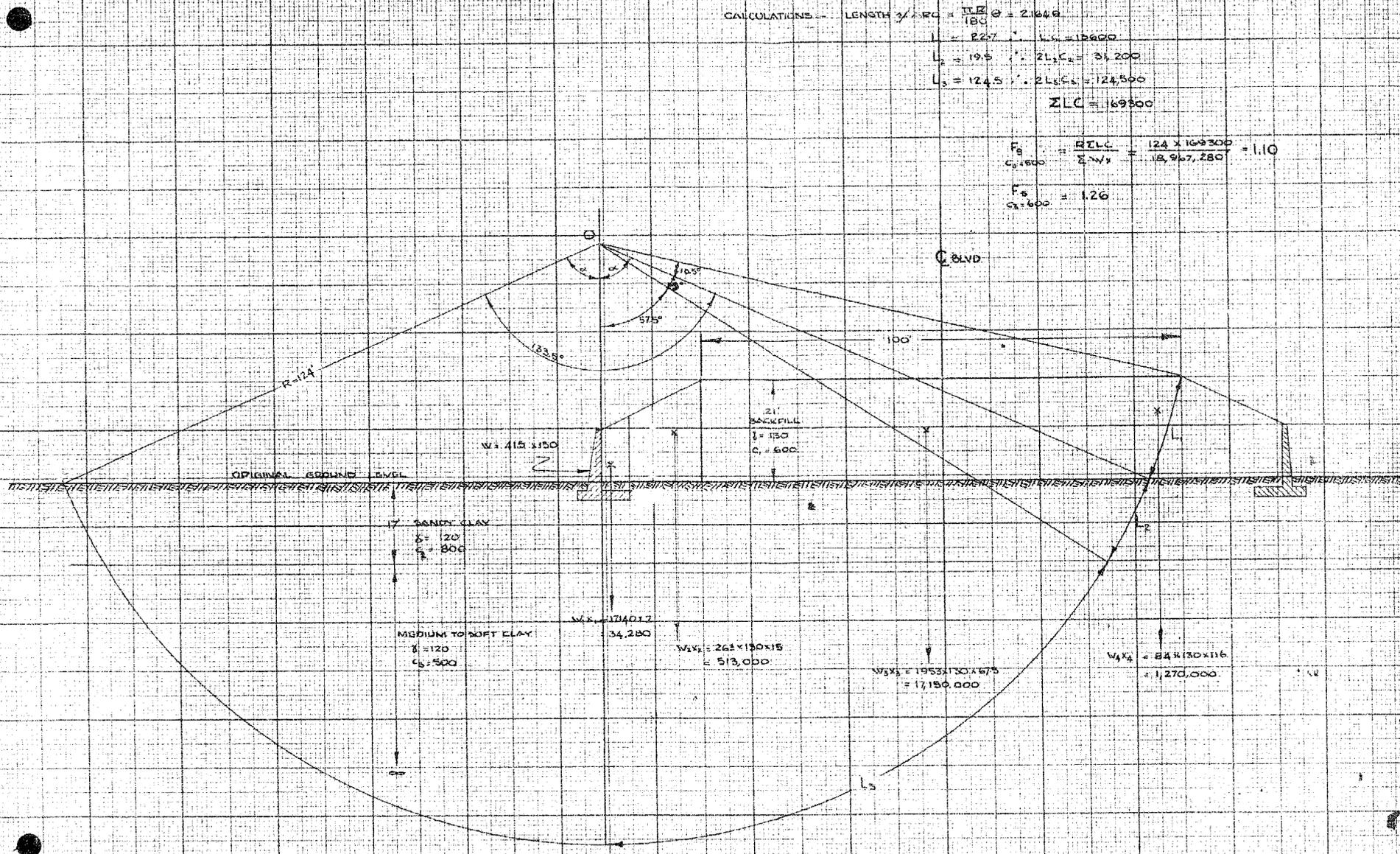
$L_2 = 19.5 \cdot 2L_2 C_2 = 31,200$

$L_3 = 124.5 \cdot 2L_3 C_3 = 124,500$

$ZLC = 169300$

$F_s = \frac{RZLC}{\sum W_x} = \frac{124 \times 169300}{18,967,280} = 1.10$

$F_s = 1.26$



CHECKED *McHenry*

SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS (ASSUME $\phi = 0$ FOR ALL SOILS)

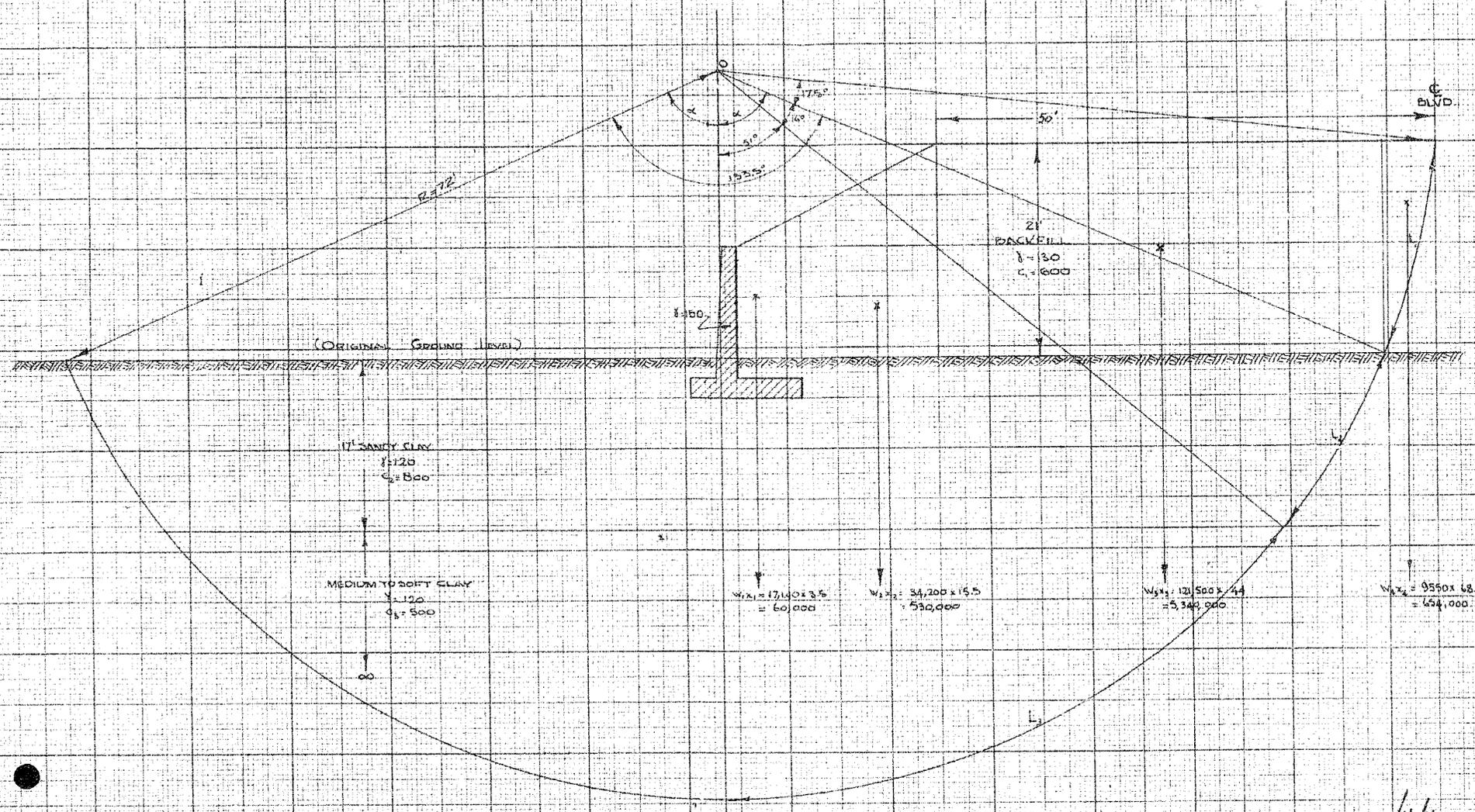
BASED ON BH #4 DATAS

CASE II THE SLIP SURFACE EXTENDS TO SOFT CLAY AND CUTS THE TOP OF FILL AT C OF BLVD.

CALCULATIONS: LENGTH OF ARC = $\frac{\pi R \theta}{180}$ $\theta = 125.8^\circ$
 $L = 221$ $\therefore L C_1 = 13,200$
 $L_1 = 20$ $2 L_1 C_2 = 32,100$
 $L_2 = 64$ $2 L_2 C_3 = 64,000$
 $ZLC = 109,300$

$$F_0 = \frac{2 ZLC}{C_1 \cdot 500} = \frac{72 \times 109,300}{658,000} = 1.20$$

$$F_1 = 1.33$$



$$W_1 X_1 = 17,100 \times 3.5 = 60,000$$

$$W_2 X_2 = 34,200 \times 15.5 = 530,000$$

$$W_3 X_3 = 120,500 \times 4.4 = 534,000$$

$$W_4 X_4 = 95,900 \times 6.85 = 654,000$$

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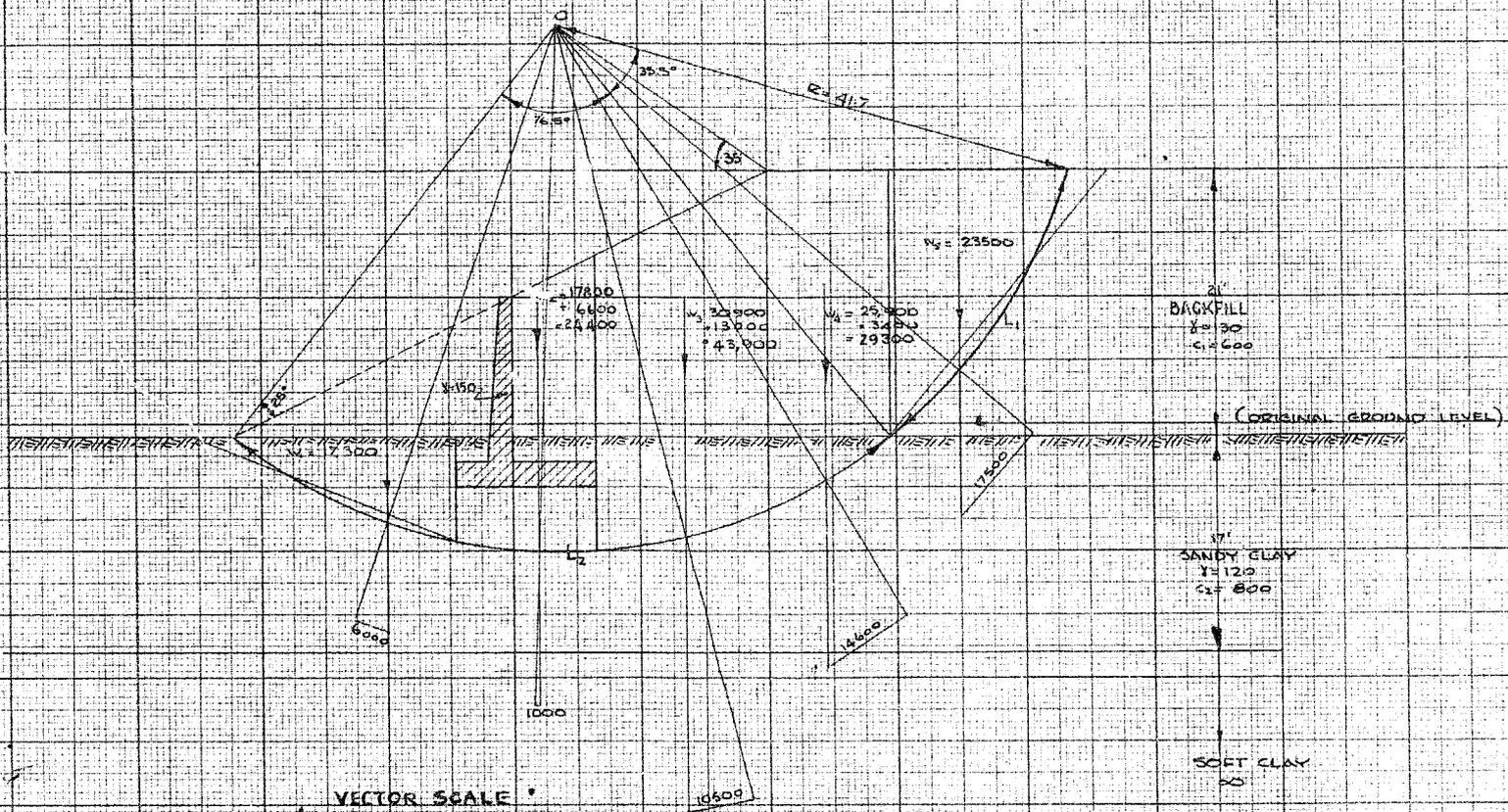
SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS

CASE III THE SLIP SURFACE ONLY CUTS THROUGH THE SANDY CLAY LAYER RESULTING AS A TOE FAILURE

CALCULATIONS:- LENGTH OF ARC = $\frac{\pi R \theta}{180} = 0.728 \times R$

$L_1 = 25.0$ $L_1 C_1 = 15,500$
 $L_2 = 55.6$ $L_2 C_2 = 41,500$
 $\Sigma LC = 57,000$

$$F_s = \frac{\Sigma LC}{\Sigma ET} = \frac{57,000}{35,100} = 1.70$$



VECTOR SCALE
1" = 20,000 lbs.

CHECK: *Asheung*

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Q.E.W. HWY.

IN ST. CATHERINES

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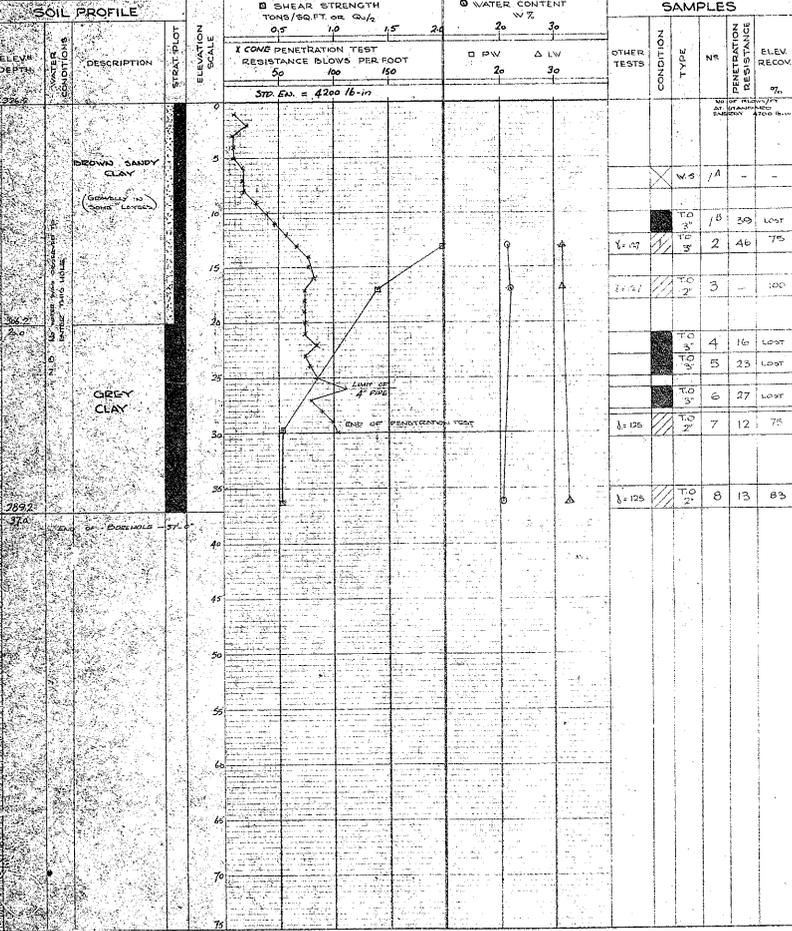
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 SAMPLER HAMMER WT - 250 DROPS - 8 INCHES COMPILED BY BH CHECKED BY H.M.W. BORING DATE SEPT 14-16, 1955

SAMPLE CONDITION
 [Symbol] DISTURBED
 [Symbol] GOOD
 [Symbol] LOOSE

SAMPLE TYPES
 C.C. - CHUNK
 O.C. - DRIVE OPEN
 D.F. - DRIVE FOOT VALVE
 T.O. - THIN WALLED OPEN
 W.S. - WASHED SAMPLE
 R.C. - ROCK CORE

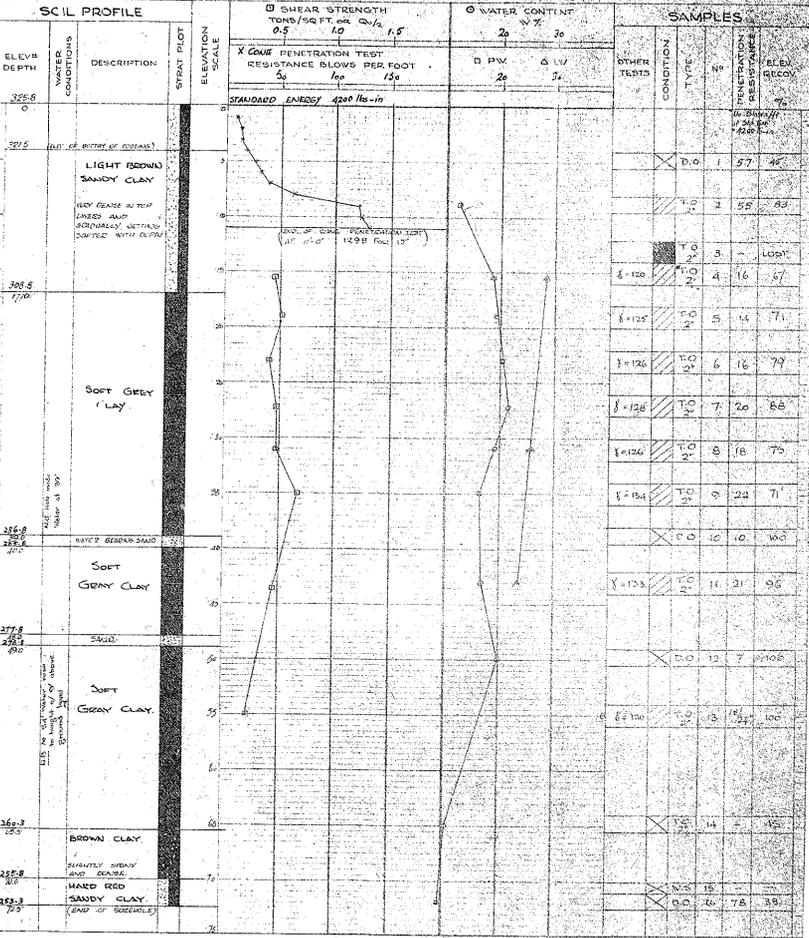
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 V - INSITU VANE SHEAR TEST
 M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS
 U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION
 Q - TRIAXIAL CONSOLIDATED QUICK
 S - TRIAXIAL SLOW
 Y - UNIT WEIGHT
 K - PERMEABILITY
 C - CONSOLIDATION
 CA - CASING
 WL - WATER LEVEL IN CASING
 WT - WATER TABLE IN SOIL

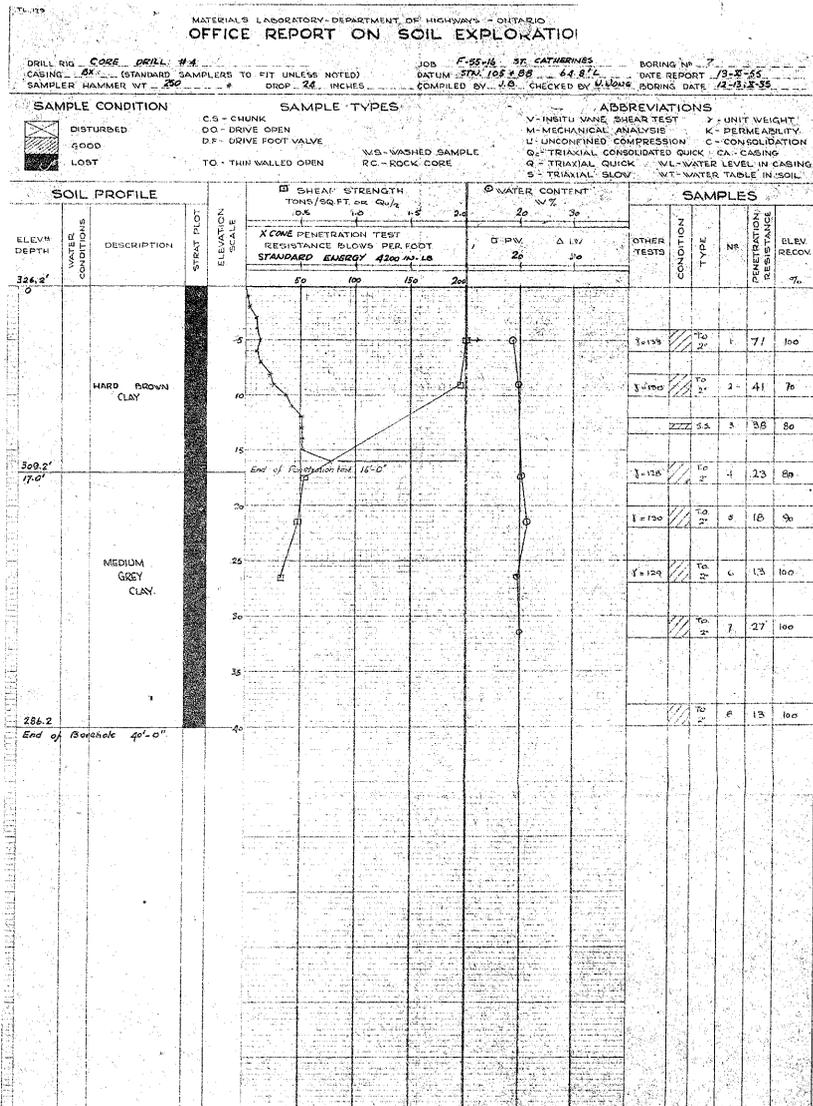
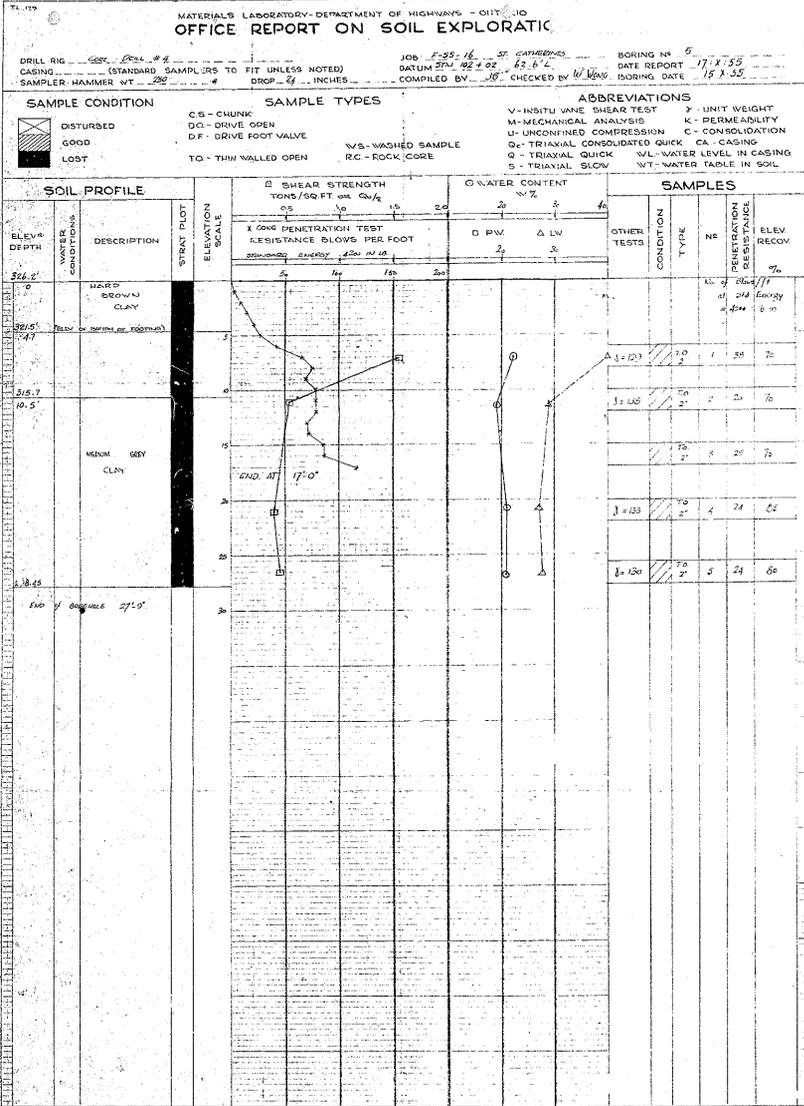


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	DISTURBED	C.S. - CHUNK		V. - VISIBLY WASHED	SH. - SHIM TEST
	GOOD	D.O. - DRIVE OPEN		M. - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS	W. - WATER
	LOST	D.F. - DRIVE FOOT VALVE		U. - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	C. - CONSOLIDATION
		T.O. - THIN WALLED OPEN		Q. - TRIAXIAL CONSOLIDATED QUICK	T. - TRIAXIAL CASING
			W/S - WASHED SAMPLE	Q. - TRIAXIAL QUICK	W. - WATER LEVEL IN CASING
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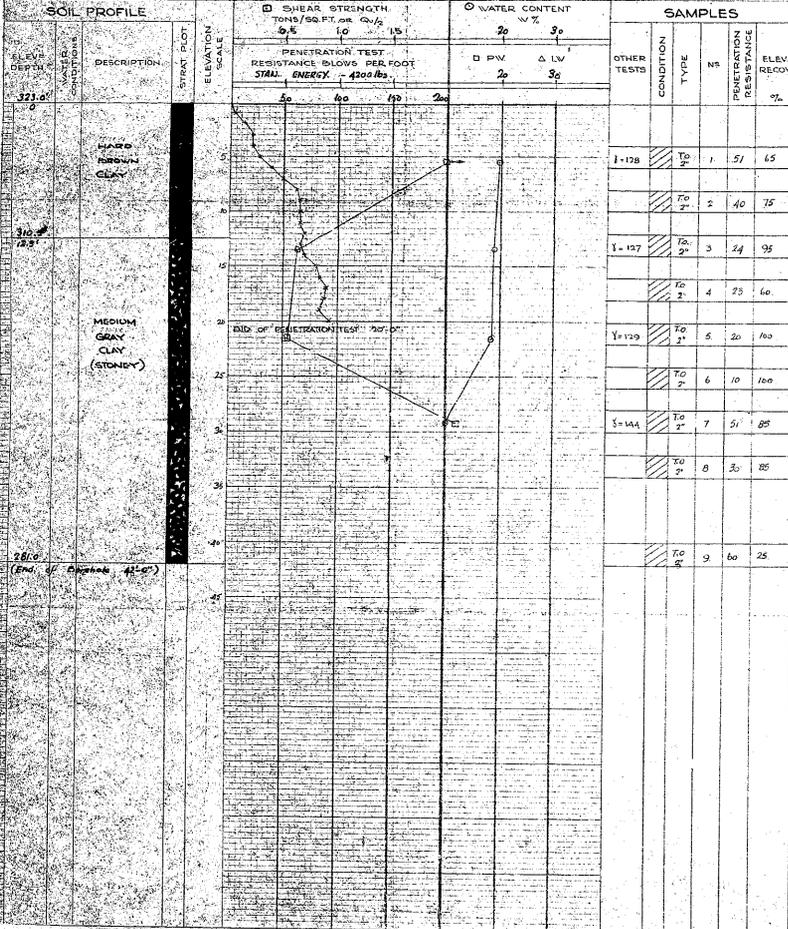




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SAMPLER: *HAMMER WT. 220* * *GOOD 24* INCHES COMPILED BY: *V.G.* CHECKED BY: *S.J. WILSON* BORING DATE: *22-11-55*

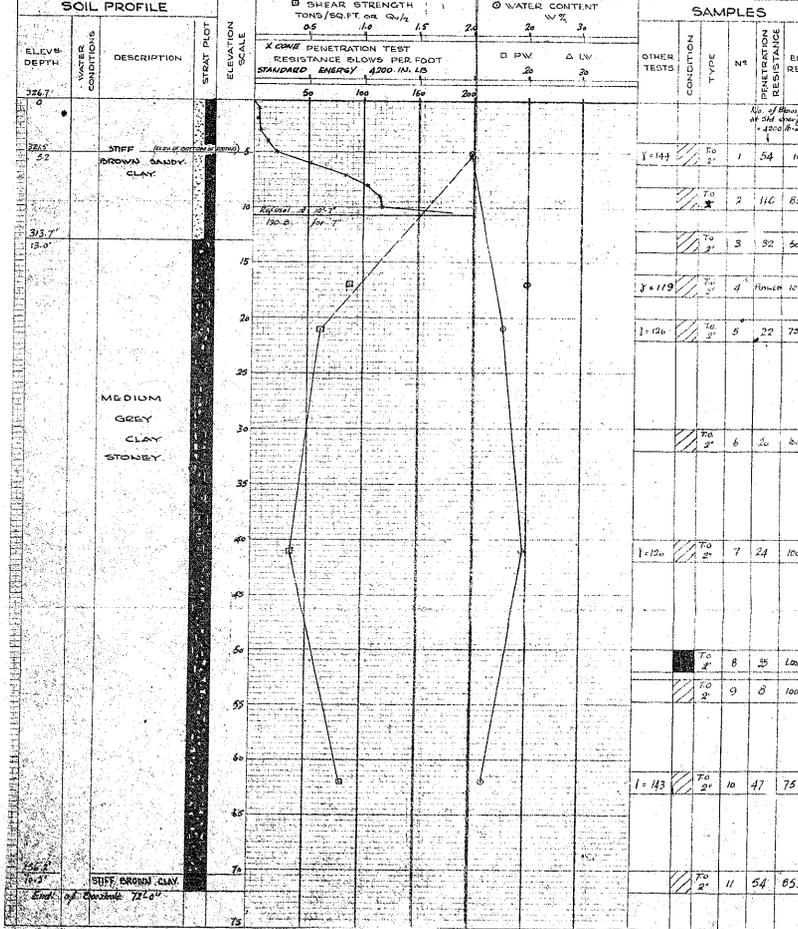
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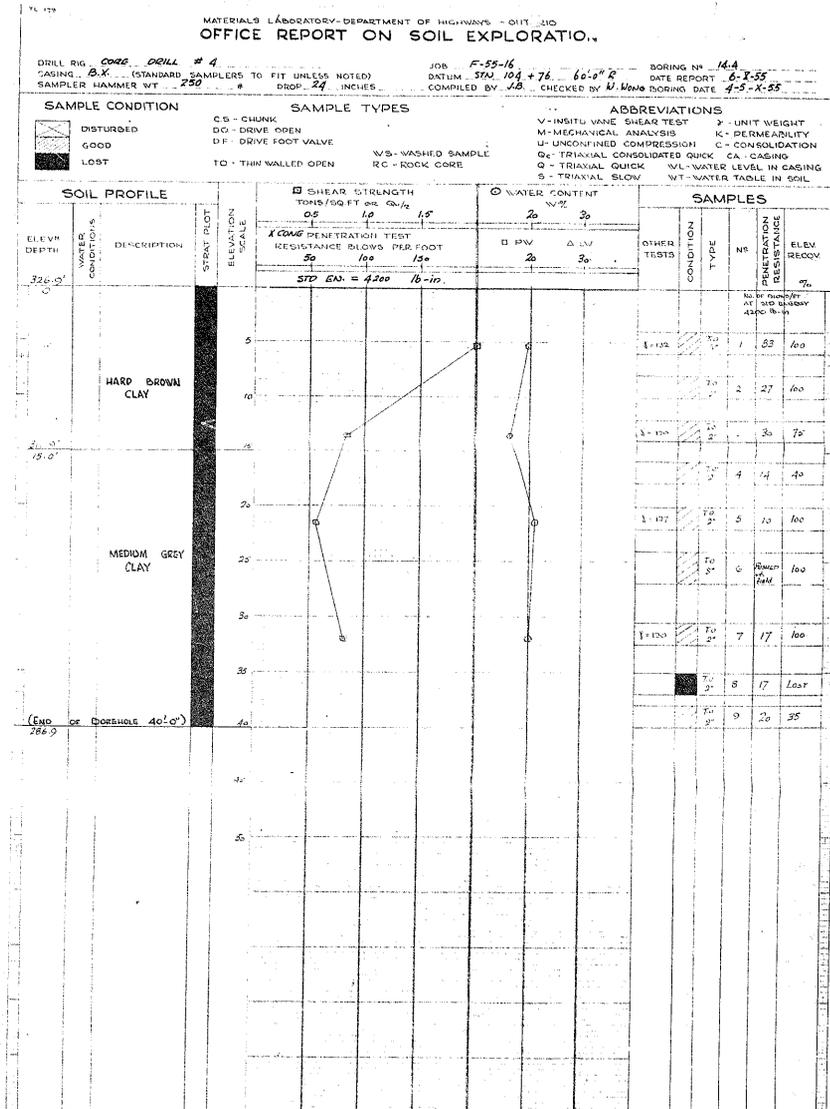
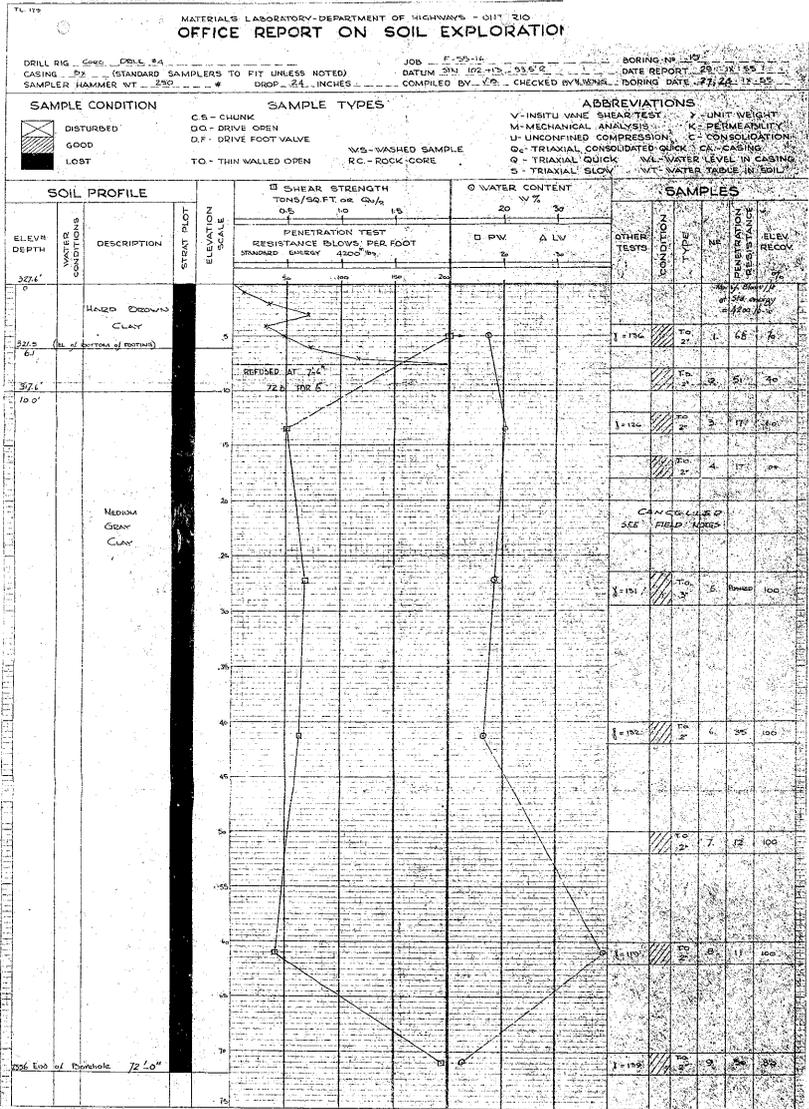


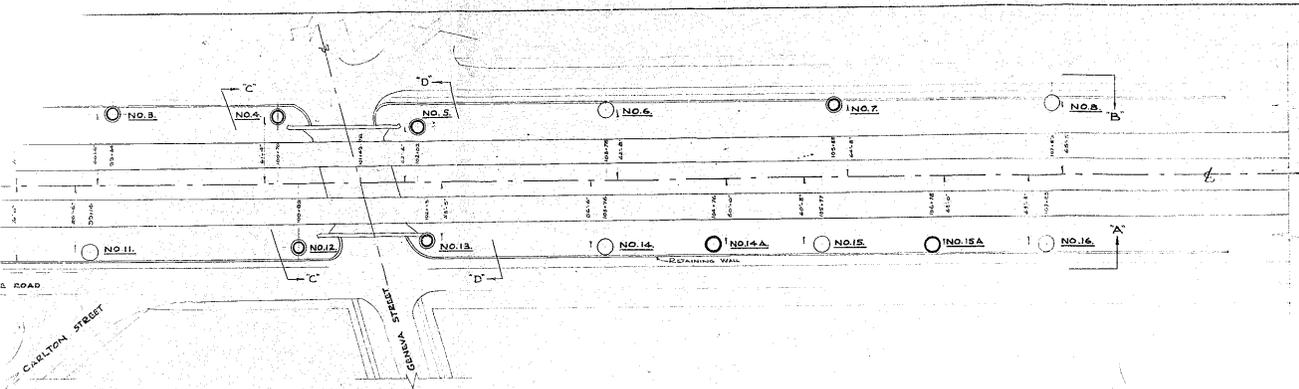
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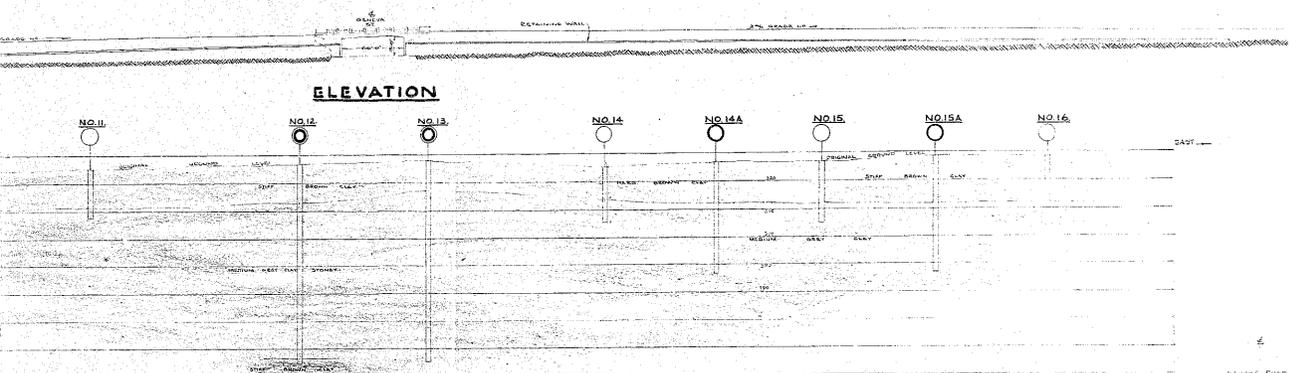
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	LOST	D.F. - DRIVE FOOT VALVE	U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	C - CONSOLIDATION	U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION
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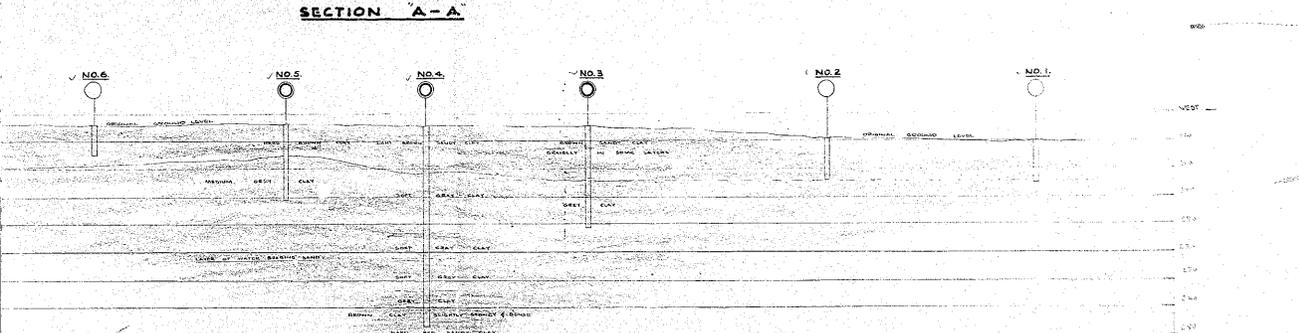




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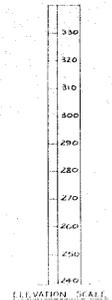
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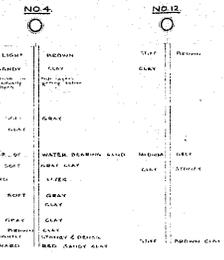
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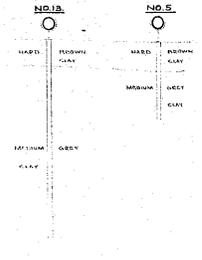
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ELEVATION SCALE



SECTION C-C



SECTION D-D

LEGEND

- PENETRATION HOLE
- BORE HOLE
- ⊙ PENETRATION & BORE HOLE

R.W.Y.
O.E.W.

TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH APPROACHES

SCALE 1 IN = 10 FT

SCALE VERT. 1 IN = 20 FT
HOR. 1 IN = 50 FT



EQUIPMENT OF HIGHWAYS CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED	
GENEVA STREET OVER-PASS	
THE ABOVE HIGHWAY IS	O.E.W.
LINCOLN	
GRANTHAM	
16 & 17 14 & 15	
LOCATION OF BOREHOLES AND SOIL PROFILES	
APPROVED	
PROJECT ENGINEER	CHECKED BY
D.J.D.	<i>[Signature]</i>
F-55-16A	