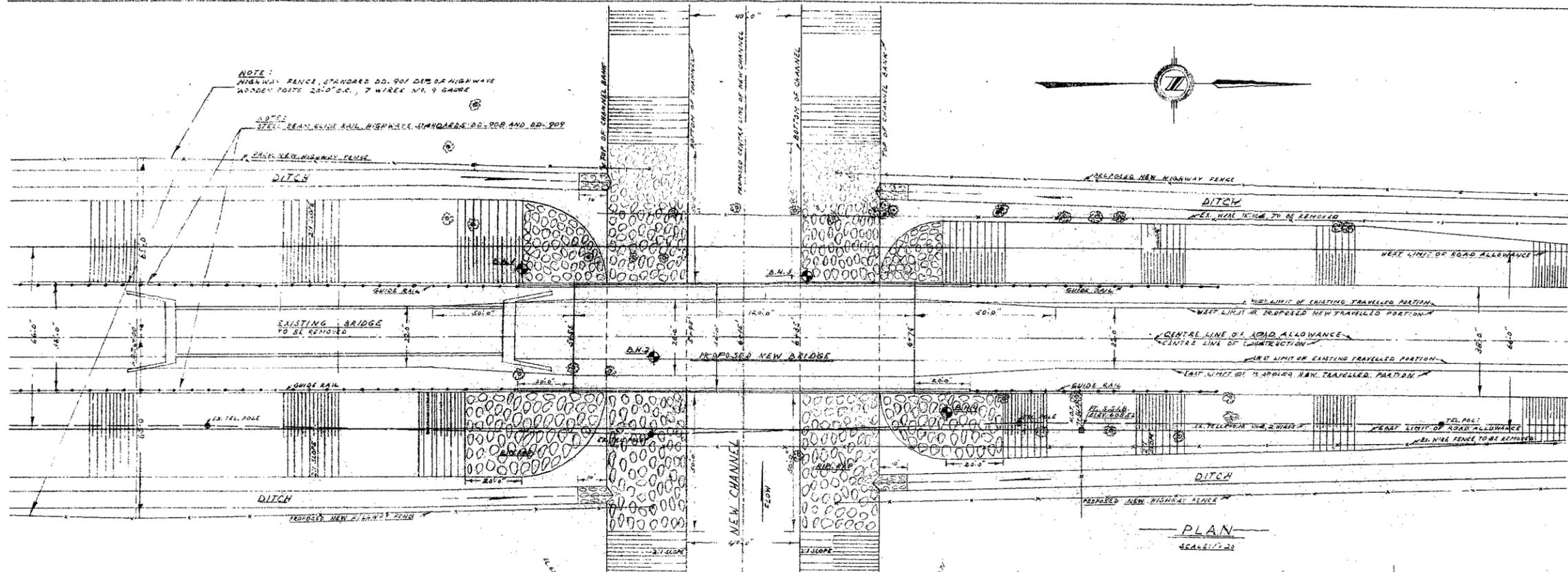


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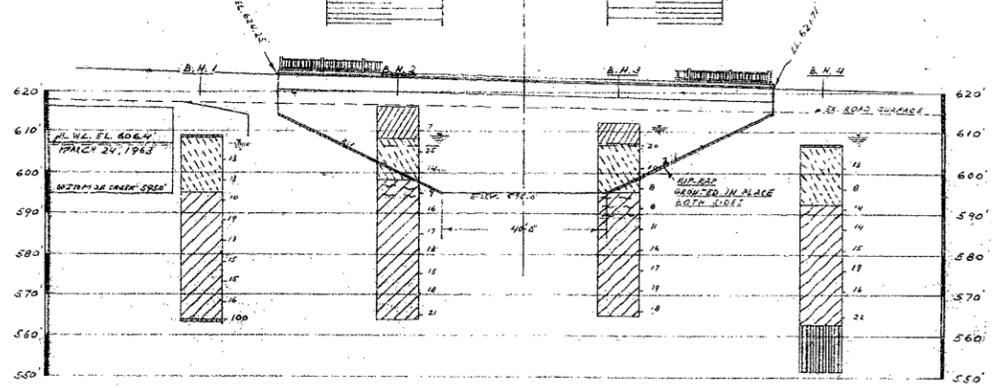
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LOT 1, CON. 8



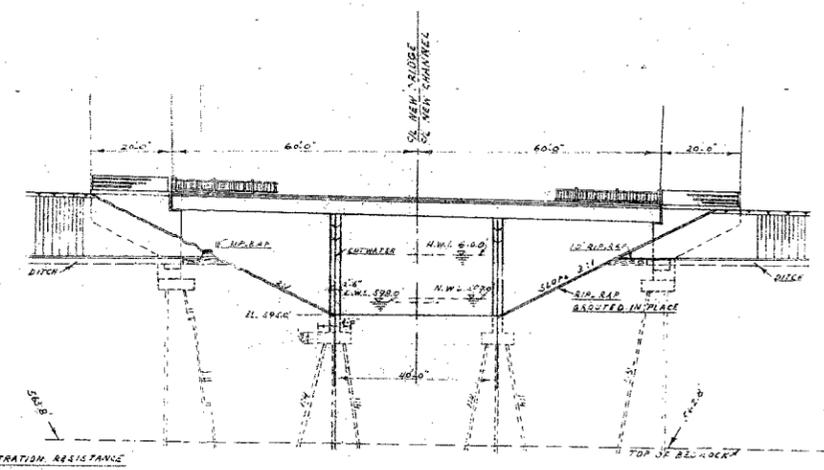
PLAN
SCALE: 1" = 20'

- LEGEND**
- CLAY FILL
 - BROWN SILTY CLAY
 - GREY SILTY CLAY
 - BEDROCK (SHALE)
 - WATER LEVEL
 - ORIGINAL GROUND

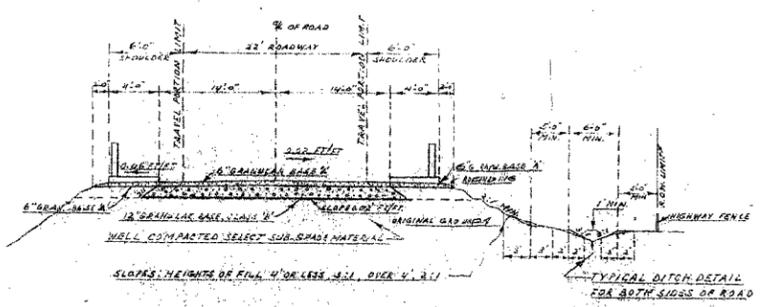


BORE HOLE RESULTS
SCALE: 1" = 20'

NOTE
FIGURES AT BORE HOLES DENOTE STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE
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ELEVATION
SCALE: 1" = 20'



A-A TYPICAL ROADWAY X-SECTION
BETWEEN CHANNELS 9+00 AND 10+50
SCALE: 1" = 10'

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**PROPOSED BRIDGE
OVER BEAR CREEK**

OWNER: CO. OF LAMBTON MUNICIPAL DIST. No. 1
CO. OF LAMBTON ROAD No. TOWN LINE
TWP. OF MOORE LOT 1 CON. B
TWP. OF ENNISKILLEN LOT 1 CON. B

GENERAL LAYOUT

DATE: DECEMBER 1963
DESIGN ENGINEER: JAMES D. NISBET

BRIDGE NAME: NONE

LOADING: H.R.D. S. 16
BRIDGE NO.: P.W.P. 1
D.W.G. NO.: E-63-20

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Report on
SOIL INVESTIGATION
for
BEAR CREEK BRIDGE, TWP 1,
MOORE - ENNISKILLEN TOWNSHIP LINE
COUNTY OF LAMBTON

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SUMMARY

The strata are stiff cohesive glacial deposits, extending to sound bedrock at El. 563 feet, or approximately 50 feet below the present road surface.

In the prevailing soil conditions, the structure can either be supported on spread footings or on piles. Both types of foundation are technically satisfactory, and the choice will be governed by cost, time, availability of materials and other factors.

For spread footings a maximum design pressure of 3000 p.s.f. is recommended for footings with widths of 10 to 15 feet. The estimated consolidation settlement under a 10-foot wide footing is 1.4 inches.

For a piled structure, concrete-filled pipe piles, open-ended pipes, precast concrete piles or H-piles are all satisfactory. The maximum working load will depend on the material chosen, and the settlement of the structure will arise mainly from the elastic deflection of the piles.

No unusual construction problems are anticipated.

I INTRODUCTION

Verbal authorization was received from Mr. R. Letham to carry out a soil investigation at the site of a proposed new bridge on the road allowance between the townships of Moore and Enniskillen. A visit was made to the site by Mr. Letham and the writer on the 12th of March 1963, and the requirements of the investigation were discussed.

The new bridge is intended to be a 3-span structure with an overall length of 120 to 150 feet. Its transverse centre-line is assumed to be 75 to 80 feet to the north of the north abutment of an existing single-span structure which presently carries the road across Bear Creek. The existing bridge will be demolished and the creek will be realigned to the new position. The total design loads for abutments and piers will be approximately 750 and 900 kips respectively for a 35-foot wide, freely-supported structure (assuming a spread footing design.).

The purpose of this investigation was to reveal the subsurface conditions and to determine the necessary soil properties for the design and construction of foundations.

II PHYSIOGRAPHY

The site lies centrally in the Lambton Clay Plain which is part of the extensive physiographic region known as the St. Clair Clay Plains. In this part of the region the clay soil is generally classified as a "till" in that it is commonly a stiff, over-consolidated, glacial deposit. It is sometimes covered by thin deposits of normally-consolidated lacustrine clay.

The area is one of low surface relief. The creek is a branch of the Sydenham River which flows southward with a gentle gradient to join the main stream at Wallaceburg. The shallow valley in which the site is located is not classed as a spill-way by Chapman and Putnam, but nevertheless has apparently been occupied by a much larger stream. It is many times the width of the present stream, and traces of sandy and organic material were found in a seam some distance below the present ground surface.

III FIELD WORK

Field work was carried out during the period 21st to 24th March 1963, and consisted of 4 boreholes at the locations shown on enclosure 2. One dynamic cone penetration test was performed adjacent to borehole 2, the first hole to be made (The holes were bored in the order 2 - 3 - 1 - 4.). The water in the creek rose rapidly during the night of 24th March and it became necessary to abandon this hole before the bedrock could be explored to a sufficient depth. The drill returned to this position approximately 10 days later, and further core samples were recovered.

The field tests consisted of Standard Penetration tests using a 2-inch O.D. split spoon, and insitu vane shear tests using a 2-inch diameter 4-bladed vane. Undisturbed samples were recovered in 2-inch diameter thin-walled tubes for examination in the laboratory.

The results of the field tests are shown on geotechnical data sheets comprising enclosures 3 to 6. Elevations have been referred to a local datum, viz. "top of northwest corner of northwest wingwall of existing bridge" which is assumed to have the geodetic elevation 615.90 feet.

IV SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Details of the stratification at each borehole are shown on the data sheets, and a general picture of the subsurface conditions is given by the profile on enclosure 2.

Boreholes 2 and 3 both passed through some depth of embankment fill which consists of the local brown silty clay. This latter material, and the grey clay stratum below it, are both glacial deposits or "tills". They are dense, over-consolidated, and of stiff to very stiff consistency. They contain traces of fine granular particles.

A seam of material at the top of the grey clay layer in boreholes 2 and 3 was found to contain traces of sand and organic matter. This apparently marks an earlier surface elevation or, more probably, the bed of a previous water-course.

The bedrock is a brownish-black, horizontally laminated shale. In 11 feet of drilling at borehole 4, the recovery of core was

better than 90%, indicating a sound, fairly hard material. There is a difference of 1 foot in the elevations at which the bedrock was encountered at boreholes 1 and 4. Boreholes 2 and 3 did not reach the rock surface (whose proximity was not known at the time they were drilled), but apparently were terminated within 1 to 2 feet of it. It can reasonably be assumed that the rock surface is almost flat at El. 563±.

The water level in the creek varied by several feet during the period of the field work, and by flooding some of the borehole locations, masked the true equilibrium groundwater conditions. From such observations as were possible, it is deduced that the normal water table probably fluctuates between Els. 602 and 607 feet.

V LABORATORY TESTS

A series of laboratory tests has been performed on samples of the grey silty clay stratum in which footings will bear if such a design is used. This enabled a much closer examination to be made of the physical properties of the soil than is possible in the field.

Atterberg limits were determined for 4 samples as a means of classification and as a guide to the probable behaviour of the soil.

One *consolidation test* was performed to determine the compressibility of the soil and enabling settlement calculations to be made. The test results are shown on enclosure 7.

Unconfined compression tests were performed on 4 samples in an attempt to confirm the field vane shear strength values. This test yielded very scattered results of 420, 863, 1190 and 1420 p.s.f., compared to an average value of 1980 p.s.f. for the vane results between Els. 590 and 580. The sample with the lowest value of 420 p.s.f. showed signs of slight disturbance and the other physical properties (void ratio, bulk density) are quite inconsistent with the low strength value. This value is therefore rejected. The remaining values from this test have an average of 1157 p.s.f. and the discrepancy between this and the average vane value of 1980 is believed to be the result of vertical fissures in the soil. These are not uncommon in stiff clays and are caused by dessication at some time in the earlier history of the soil deposit. When the confining

pressures of the soil mass are removed, the fissures (which may be too small to be seen by the naked eye) can open, and thereby give a misleadingly low result in an unconfined compression test.

To examine this hypothesis further, *triaxial compression tests* were performed on undrained unconsolidated samples. The tests were performed at confining pressures of 15 p.s.i. (the natural overburden pressure), 20 p.s.i. and 25 p.s.i. and the results are shown on enclosure 8. The material has a small friction angle as shown by the increase in shear strength with confining pressure. For the purpose of bearing capacity calculations it will be assumed that the clay is a frictionless material with a shear strength of 1600 p.s.f.

The test series, together with the field results, have shown the material to be a stiff, lean, overconsolidated, silty clay of intermediate plasticity. It has a sensitivity of approximately 2 and the liquidity index is 0.3 to 0.5.

A summary of the laboratory test results is given on enclosure 9.

VI

FOUNDATIONS

The present level of the bed of the creek is at approximately El. 596 suggesting a footing level of 589 to allow for scour. At this elevation the clay is stiff and can provide adequate support for a spread footing design. Also, sound bedrock was encountered at elevation 563 (\pm), only 26 feet below the proposed footing level, so that the use of relatively short end-bearing piles is also worth consideration.

(a) Footings

Assuming the shear strength of the soil to be 1600 p.s.f., the ultimate bearing capacity of a footing 10 feet x 35 feet is calculated by Meyerhof's theory to be 8800 p.s.f. A design pressure of 3000 p.s.f. would thus give a factor of safety of 2.9. *The value 3000 p.s.f. is recommended as the maximum gross design pressure for footings of 10 to 15 feet in width.*

The long-term consolidation settlement which will occur below a 10 foot x 35 foot footing carrying a dead load of 2500 p.s.f. is estimated to be 1.4 inches. The calculated time periods

for 50% and 90% of this consolidation to occur are one year and 7 years respectively. The assumed loading condition is probably more severe than will be realized, and especially in view of the long time periods, such a settlement should be tolerable in a freely-supported structure. In the very uniform soil conditions the differential settlement between supports is not expected to exceed 0.5 inch.

(b) Piles

The use of driven end-bearing piles may have attractive advantages in saving time and cost. The length of piles can be predicted quite accurately and will be practically constant across the site. Also, because the deflection of a piled structure under load in these conditions will be negligible, a continuous beam design could be employed.

Timber piles are not the most suitable because the stiff clay will necessitate hard driving and the piles may become damaged.

Concrete-filled pipe piles, open-ended pipes, or precast concrete piles are all expected to set between elevations 561 and 563. H-piles may go as far as El. 559. The working loads are limited only by the permissible working stresses in the materials, although for working loads of more than 60 tons per pile, the shells and driving equipment may be less easily available.

Pipe piles could be used to act as columns at the pier supports, thus considerably simplifying the design. H-sections would be easier to drive because they cause less displacement, although details of their incorporation into the structure would be more complex.

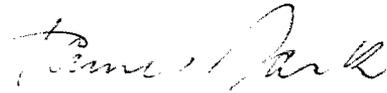
The choice of type of pile, or the decision whether to use piles at all, will be largely influenced by factors such as cost, time, design arrangement and the availability of materials and equipment, which are beyond the scope of this project. Both spread-footing and pile designs will be satisfactory in the prevailing conditions. The stiff impervious soil will permit excavations to be made without special bracing or dewatering procedures. Seepage should be accumulated in sumps dug in the bottom of the excavation. In the case of a footing design it is recommended that the grade should be covered with a concrete

blanket to prevent disturbance as soon as it has been inspected and approved. Disturbed material at the grade level should be replaced with lean concrete.

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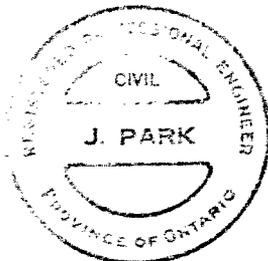
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LIST OF SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND NOMENCLATURE.

SOIL COMPONENTS AND GROUND WATER CONDITIONS.

BOULDER	COBBLE	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT	CLAY	ORGANICS	BEDROCK	GROUND WATER LEVEL	DEPTH OF CAVE-IN
		COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE			NO SIZE LIMIT			
Ø	> 8"	3"	3/4"	4.76mm	2.0	0.42	0.074	0.002	>			
U.S. Standard Sieve Size :		No.4	No.10	No.40	No.200							

SAMPLE TYPES.

AS Auger sample CS Sample from casing ChS Chunk sample	RC Rock core % Recovery SS Split spoon sample	TP Piston, thin walled tube sample TW Open, thin walled tube sample WS Wash sample
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SAMPLER ADVANCED BY static weight : w " pressure : p " tapping : t	OBSERVATIONS MADE WHILE CORING Steady pressure No pressure Intermittent pressure	Washwater returns Washwater lost
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PENETRATION RESISTANCES.

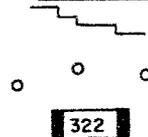
DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE : to drive a 2" ϕ , 60° cone attached to the end of the drilling rods into the ground, expressed in blows per foot.

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE, -N- : to drive a 2" outside dia, split spoon sampler 1 foot into the ground, expressed in blows per foot.

EXTRAPOLATED -N- VALUE

The energy for the penetration resistances is supplied by a 140 lb. hammer falling 30 inches

SYMBOL :

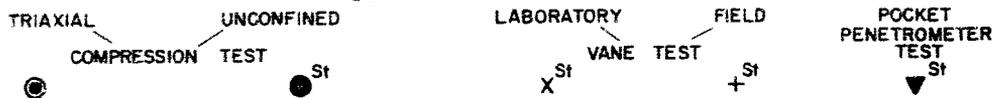


SOIL PROPERTIES.

W % Water content LL % Liquid limit PL % Plastic limit PI % Plasticity index LI Liquidity index	γ_s Natural bulk density (unit weight) e Void ratio RD Relative density C_v Coeff. of consolidation m_v Coeff. of volume compressibility	k Coeff. of permeability C Shear strength in terms of total stress ϕ Angle of int. friction C' Cohesion ϕ' Angle of int. friction in terms of effective stress
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UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH.

- DERIVED FROM -



Strain at failure is represented by direction of stem
 20%
 15% + 5%
 10%

St : sensitivity = $\frac{\text{shear strength in undisturbed state}}{\text{shear strength in remoulded state}}$

SOIL DESCRIPTION.

COHESIONLESS SOILS : Very loose 0 - 15 % Loose 15 - 35 % Compact 35 - 65 % Dense 65 - 85 % Very dense 85 - 100 %	COHESIVE SOILS : Very soft less than 250 Soft 250 - 500 Firm 500 - 1000 Stiff 1000 - 2000 Very stiff 2000 - 4000 Hard over 4000
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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE

SOIL INVESTIGATION NO. 3-3-L4

OWNER: Mr. J.D. Nisbet
 PROJECT: Bear Creek Bridge TWP 1
 LOCATION: Moore - Enniskillen Twp. Line
 LAYOUT DRAWN BY: Gendetic

TESTING METHOD: Washboring
 SIZE OF BOREHOLE: 8x (3-inch)
 DATE: 23 Mar 63

ENCLOSURE NO. 3

ELEVATION FT	DEPTH FT	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE (Blows per foot)					CONSISTENCY (Water content %)				REMARKS		
			NO.	TYPE	DEPTH FT	20	40	60	80	100	10	20	30	40			
608.8	0	Ground surface Topsoil				1000	2000	3000	4000	5000							
	5	Stiff brown silty clay	1	SS	13	⊙									WL E1, 606.8 24 Mar 63		
	10		2	SS	13	⊙											
594.8	15	Grey silty clay (stiff to very stiff)	3	SS	10	⊙									*Triaxial test sample		
				vane												St=2.2	
	20		4	TW	p												
			5	SS	19	⊙											St=5.0
				vane													
	25		6	TW	p	●											
			7	SS	13	⊙											St=2.5
				vane													
	30		8	TW	p	*											
			9	SS	15	⊙											St=1.7
			vane														
	35	10	TW	p													
		11	SS	15	⊙										St=2.0		
			vane														
	40	12	SS	16	⊙										St=1.7		
			vane														
563.845	45	Soft brown shal	13	SS	176										Details of Extrapolated N-value Sa.#13 88/6"		
563.3	3	End of borehole															

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN. TO 5 FT

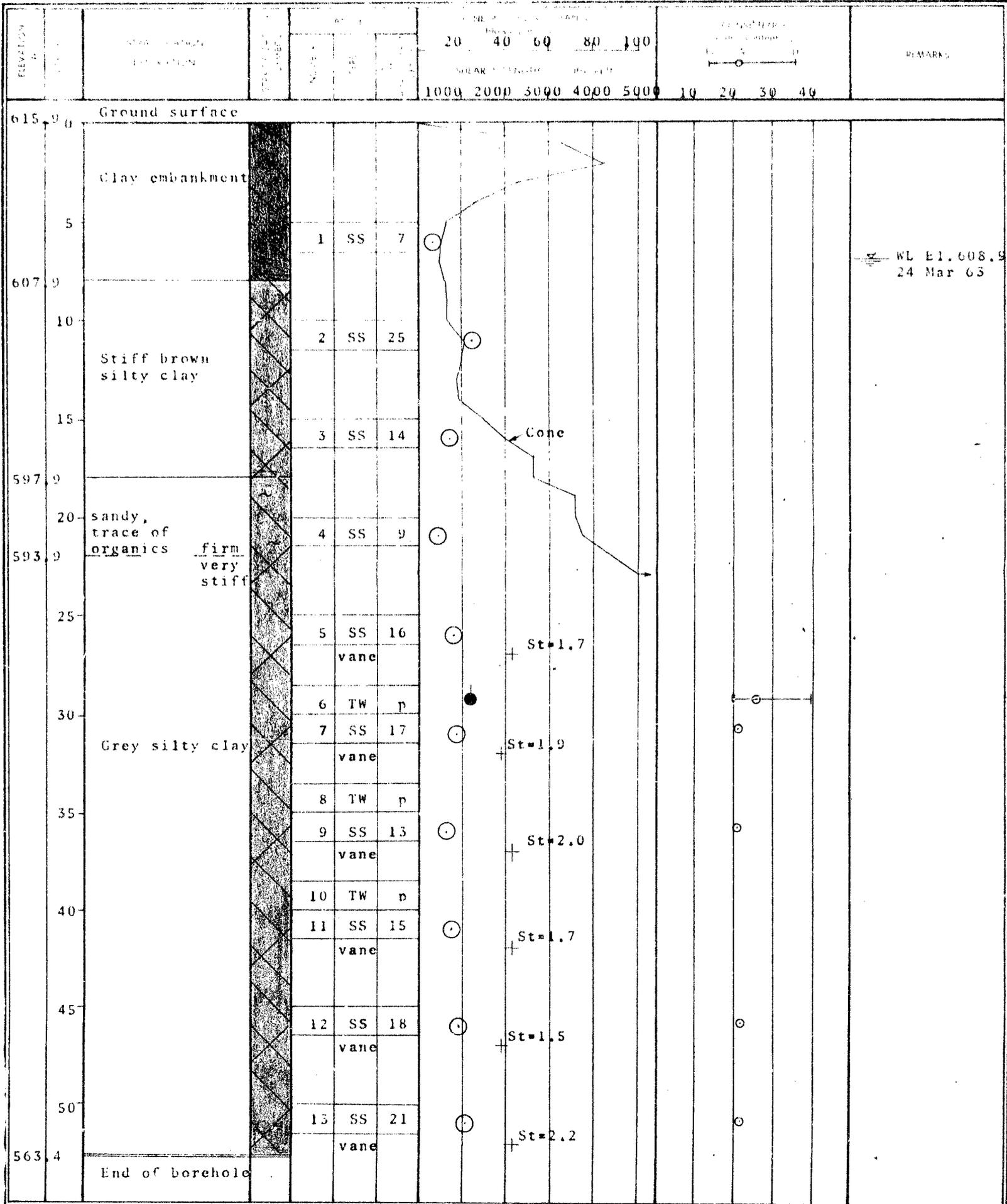
GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE

3-5-14

Mr. J.D. Nisbet
 Bear Creek Bridge TWP 1
 Moore - Inniskillen Twp. Line
 Geodetic

Washboring
 5-inch
 20/21 Mar 63

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WL E1.608.9
 24 Mar 63

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE

DATE REFERRED TO: 3-5-64

CLIENT: Mr. J.D. Nisbet
 PROJECT: Bear Creek Bridge TWP 1
 LOCATION: Moore - Inniskillen Twp. Line
 DATUM ELEVATION: Geodetic

DEPTH OF BORING: Washboring
 DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE: 3-inch
 DATE: 22 Mar 63

ENCLOSURE NO: 5

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE NO.	SAMPLE			UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT					CONSISTENCY				REMARKS
				NO.	TYPE	DEPTH	20	40	60	80	100	PE	W	LI	FL	
612.20		Ground surface					1000	2000	5000	4000	5000	10	20	30	40	
		Clay embankment														
607.25			1	SS	20											WL El. 610.9 24 Mar 63
	10	Brown silty clay (stiff to very stiff)	2	SS	10											
598.2	15	sandy	3	SS	8											
595.2	20	Stiff grey clay thin sand seams wood fragments	4	SS	8											
589.2	25		5	SS	11											
				vane												St=2.5
	30	Very stiff grey silty clay	6	TW	p	**										**Consolidation test sample
			7	SS	16											
				vane												St=1.9
	35		8	TW	p	*										* Triaxial test sample
			9	SS	17											
				vane												St=2.0
	40		10	TW	p											
			11	SS	19											
				vane												St=1.9
	45		12	SS	18											
				vane												St=2.0
564.7		End of borehole														
	50															

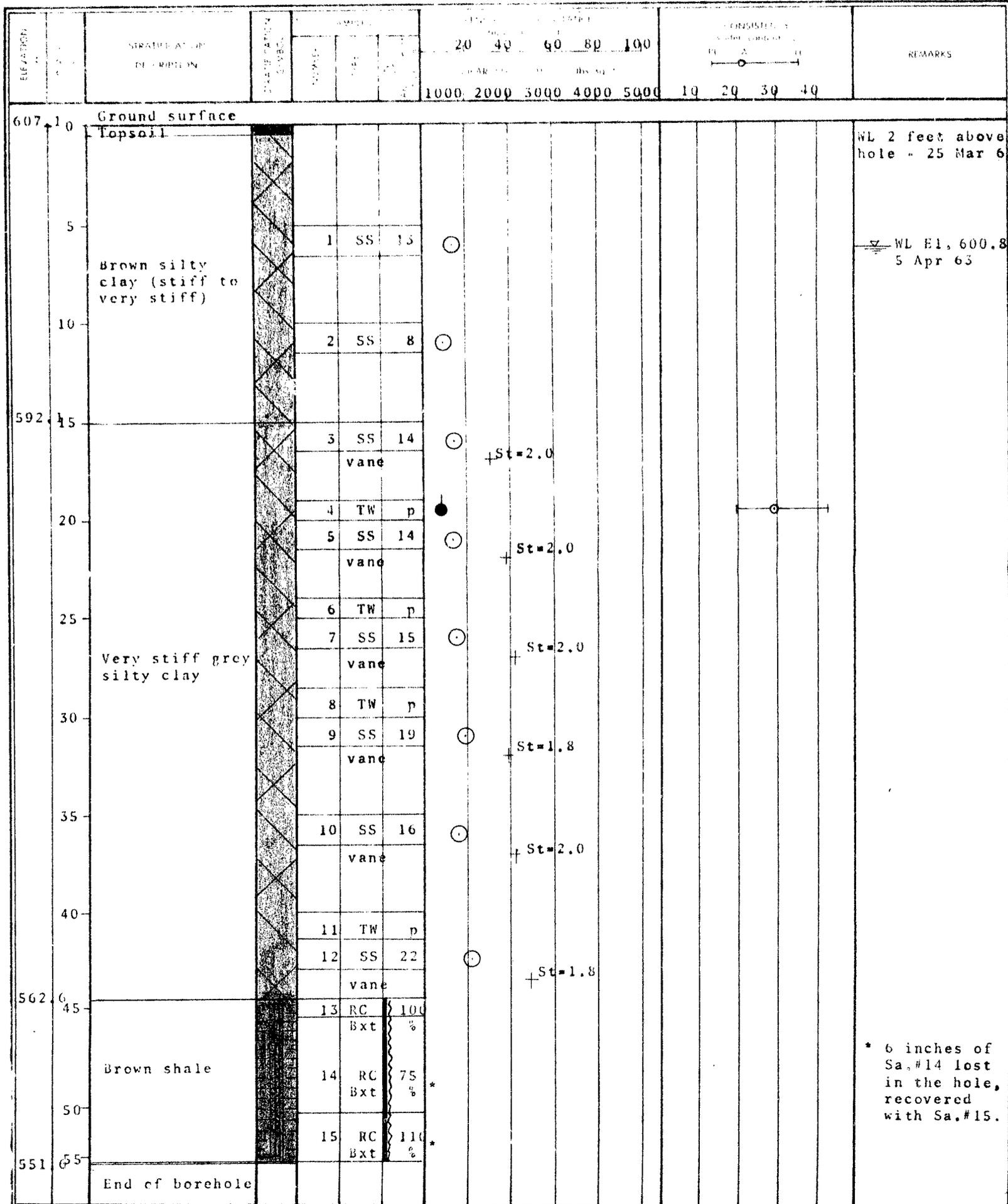
GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 4

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Client: Mr. J.D. Nisbet
 Location: Bear Creek Bridge TWP 1
 Road: Moore - Enniskillen Twp. Line
 Agency: Geodetic

Method: Washboring
 Size of Borehole: 3-inch
 Date: 24 Mar 65 and
 4 and 5 Apr 65

Sheet No. 0



VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN TO 5 FT.
 Scale changes at 50 feet

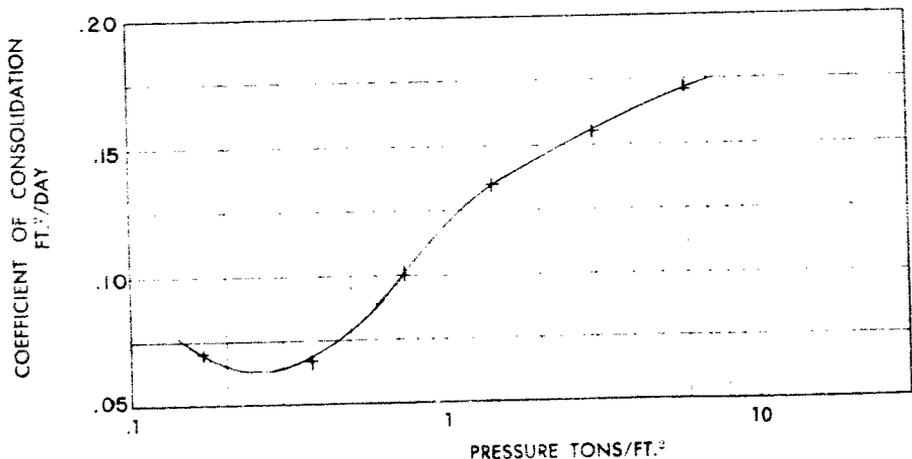
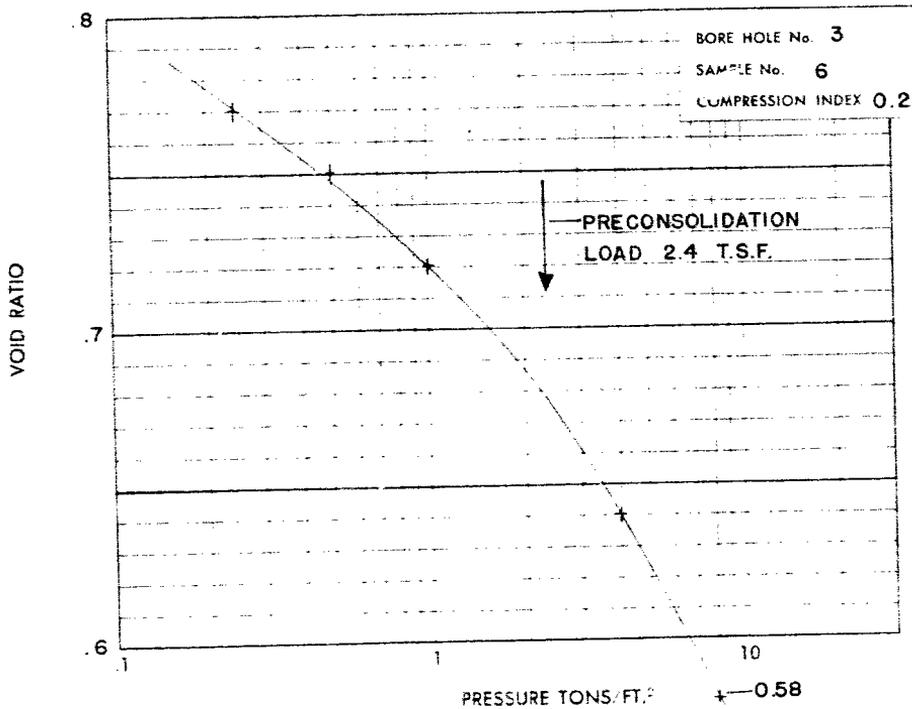
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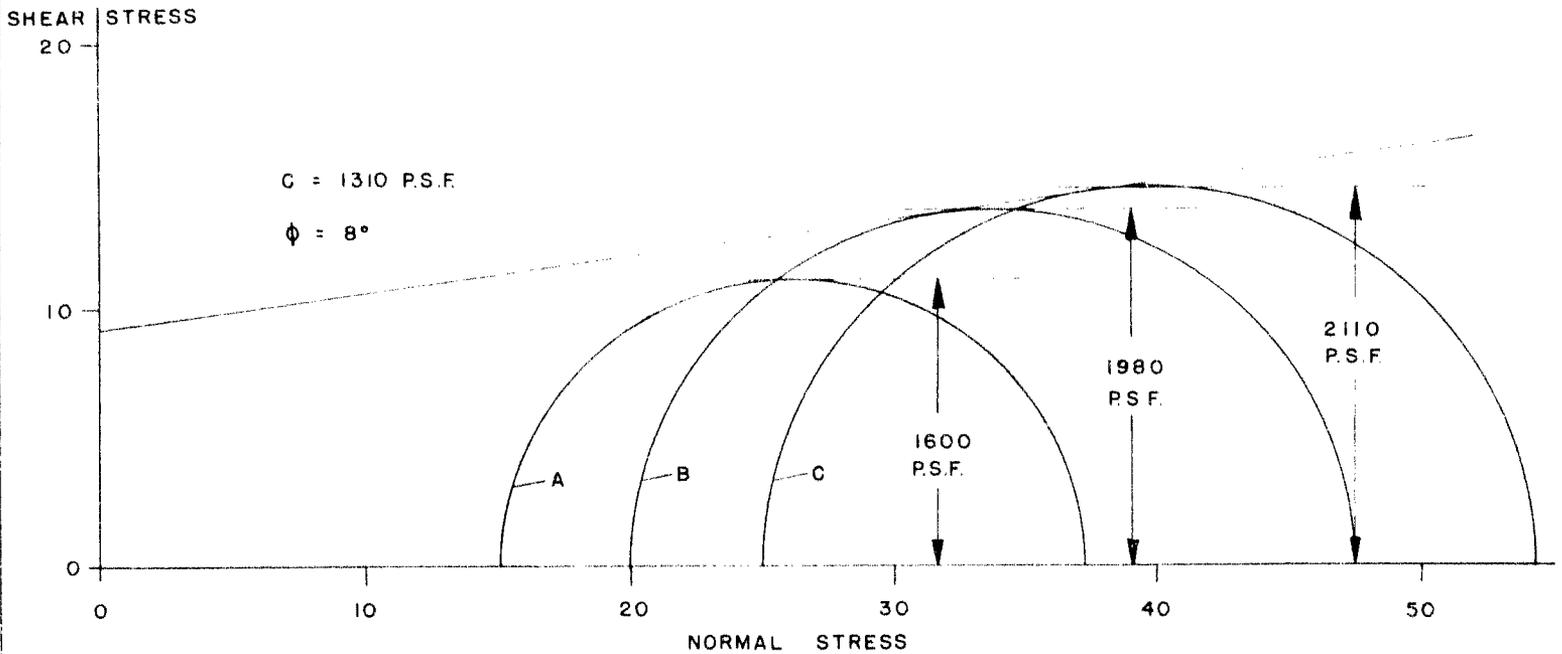
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* 6 inches of Sa.#14 lost in the hole, recovered with Sa.#15.

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CONSOLIDATION TEST





UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL TEST RESULTS

MATERIAL: GREY FISSURED SILTY CLAY

LL = 40%

PL = 20%

PI = 20%

LI = 0.3 TO 0.5

TEST DATA:

CIRCLE DESIGNATION	A	B	C
BOREHOLE NO./SAMPLE NO.	1/8	3/8	3/8
SPECIMEN LENGTH X DIA.	3" X 1.5"	3" X 1.5"	3" X 1.5"
UNIT WEIGHT P.C.F.	122	123	124
WATER CONTENT %	28	27	23
VOID RATIO	0.79	0.73	0.68
DEGREE OF SATURATION	96.0	98.5	94.0
CONFINING PRESSURE P.S.I.	15	20	25
MAX. TOTAL DEVIATOR STRESS P.S.I.	22.3	27.5	29.3
STRAIN AT FAILURE %	20	20	20
SHEAR STRENGTH AT FAILURE P.S.F.	1600	1980	2110

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST DATA

Borehole No.	1	2	3	4	1	3
Sample No.	4	4	4	4	8	8
Liquid limit (%)	40.3	39.8	40.0	42.7	-	-
Plastic limit (%)	20.8	20.0	20.0	19.9	-	-
Plasticity index (%)	19.5	19.8	20.0	22.8	-	-
Liquidity index	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	-	-
Natural moisture (%)	28.5	26.2	29.4	29.0	28	25
Void ratio	0.78	0.69	0.74/0.80	0.72	0.79	0.70
Bulk density (p.c.f.)	120	124	123	124.8	122	124
Cohesion (from unconfined compression test) p.s.f.	863	1190	1420	420	-	-
Compression index	-	-	0.2	-	-	-
Coefficient of consolidation (square feet per day)	-	-	0.07-0.17	-	-	-
Group Symbol	CI	CI	CI	CI	-	-
% Saturation					96	96

Borehole	Sample	Natural Moisture (%)
1	4	28.5
	8	28.0
2	4	26.2
	7	21.2
	9	21.0
	12	21.7
	13	21.6
3	4	29.4
	7	22.7
	8	25.0
	9	21.5
	11	21.8
	12	20.3
4	4	29.0