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Subject: Field acceptance tests, on three pumping units furnished by the Morris Machine Works under specifications No. 1492-D, Pumping Plant "D" - Modoc Unit - Tule Lake Division, Klamath Project.

THE PUMPING PLANT AND ITS PURPOSE

In accordance with office letter of October 14, 1942, from Acting Chief Engineer to Superintendent, Klamath Falls, Oregon, acceptance tests were made together with a mechanical inspection of units 1, 2, and 3 at pumping plant "D", Tule Lake, California, during the period of October 21 to 30, inclusive, 1942.

The plant (figures 1A and 1B) is located on the west bank of Tule Lake, 5 miles west of the town of Tule Lake, California, and about 35 miles southeast of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Plant "D", although the largest, is one of a number of pumping plants which are used to control the level of Tule Lake. The lake, which at one time covered a vast area of swampy but very fertile land, has been gradually reduced and confined by dikes until it is now only a fraction of its original size and the reclaimed land resulting from the unwatering operations has been put under cultivation. This plant is necessary to insure against the water level overtopping the dikes during the wet season of the year. Plant "D" consists of three 450-horsepower units (figure 2). The pumps are of the vertical, single-suction type, measuring 24 inches in diameter at the suction throat and 30 inches at the discharge flange. They have a rated capacity of 50 second-feet each for a total pumping head of 64 feet and a speed of 600 r.p.m. (specifications

No. 1492-D), and were supplied by the Morris Machine Works. The pumps are directly connected to 2,300-volt, three-phase, 60-cycle synchronous motors which were supplied by the Electric Machinery Manufacturing Company. The motors are rated at 95 percent efficiency for unity power factor at full load. The pumps are rated at 87.0 percent efficiency when pumping 50 second-feet under a total pumping head of 64 feet, and the over-all efficiency of the units should therefore be 81.0 percent.

The pumps have individual suction tubes protected by single rack structures, which are supplied with water from a common unpaved intake canal (figure 1B). Each pump discharges through an expander from 30 to 36 inches in diameter, then through a short section of steel pipe to a reinforced concrete pipe. The three concrete pipes converge into a single three-barreled conduit, some 360 feet long, which conveys the water up an incline to a short section of open channel (figures 1E, 1F, and 2). To prevent the flow from reversing during a power outage, a 36-inch check gate is located at the outlet of each of the three conduits of the concrete barrel. These gates are also necessary during the priming operation. The short open channel section at the check gates serves as a transition to guide the water into a 5.75-foot horseshoe tunnel 6,700 feet in length. From this point on the flow is entirely due to the effect of gravity. The tunnel discharges into a trapezoidal canal from which the water can be routed to cultivated lands over the project for irrigation purposes or wasted into lower Klamath Lake and thence to the ocean via the Klamath River.

TEST SCHEDULE

To supply data for the efficiency determinations of the three units, the following measurements were taken:

- (a) Measurement of quantity of water pumped.

(b) Determination of the total pumping head defined in specifications as "the difference between the energy of the water inside the trashracks and the elevation corresponding to the pressure head plus the average velocity head measured at the pump discharge pipe."

(c) Measurement of power input to motor.

The following were secondary considerations:

(d) Measurement of trashrack losses.

(e) Measurement of pipe line losses.

(f) Measurement of check gate losses.

MEASUREMENT OF DISCHARGE

The discharge was measured over an 8-foot rectangular suppressed weir specially constructed for these tests and designed to strict accordance with the Standards of Hydraulic Institute code. This weir was located in the trapezoidal canal approximately 400 feet downstream from the outlet of the horseshoe tunnel a mile and a half from the plant as the crow flies, or 13 miles by road (figure 2). It was estimated that 25 minutes were required for a given volume of water passing through the pumps to reach the weir. Therefore, head measurements at the weir were commenced 25 minutes after corresponding observations were made at the pumps. The head on the weir was measured by some twelve observations, over a period of 30 minutes, by a hook gage reading to thousandths of a foot (figure 3C). The gage zero was determined immediately before and after the tests and was found to have changed but slightly during the period. Leakage past the weir together with canal seepage upstream was insignificant. Photographs of the weir are shown as figures 1C and 1D, and a discharge curve for this weir, computed according to the Hamilton Smith formula, is shown on figure 4. Nine runs were made on unit 3, seven on unit 2, and eight on unit 1. The head on the weir, discharge, and condition under which each run was made are shown in columns 3, 4, and 59, respectively, of table 4.

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DETERMINATION OF TOTAL PUMPING HEAD

The discharge head was observed from a mercury pot gage, connected in succession to four special taps, denoted as U.S.B.R. taps, located in the 30-inch pipe directly downstream from the pump (figure 3A). The suction head was taken as the difference between the center line of the pump and the energy of the water in the intake canal measured at gage 2 inside the trashracks (figure 3A). The total pumping head, H, was therefore determined as follows:

$$H = h_s + (13.56 h_d - f) + \frac{v_d^2}{2g}$$

where

h_s = actual suction lift to \bar{E} pump in feet of water,

h_d = discharge pressure obtained from pot gage in feet of mercury,

$(13.56 h_d - f)$ = discharge pressure in feet of water, corrected to read above \bar{E} of pump, and

$\frac{v_d^2}{2g}$ = velocity head at discharge taps in feet of water.

As a matter of interest the total pumping head was also determined from the manufacturer's suction and discharge taps located on the pump proper. The same mercury pot gage was employed to measure the discharge pressure but an additional mercury U tube (figure 3A) was required to observe the negative pressures at the suction throat of the pump. The method of computing the total pumping head in this case was as follows:

$$H_1 = (13.56 h_{s_1} + f_1) + (13.56 h_{d_1} - f) + \frac{(v_{d_1}^2 - v_{s_1}^2)}{2g}$$

where

h_{s_1} = suction pressure observed from manufacturer's suction tap in feet of mercury,

$(13.56h_{s1} + f_1)$ = suction pressure in feet of water,
corrected to \bar{L} of pump

h_{d1} = discharge pressure from manufacturer's discharge tap in feet of mercury,

$(13.56h_{d1} - f)$ = discharge pressure corrected to \bar{L} of pump in feet of water,

V_{d1} = velocity at manufacturer's discharge tap in feet per second, and

V_{s1} = velocity at manufacturer's suction tap in feet per second.

The total pumping heads as computed using the U.S.B.R. discharge taps and the actual suction lift are shown listed in column 14 of table 4, and the total pumping heads as obtained from the manufacturer's discharge and suction taps on the pump are listed in column 20 of the same table. It is interesting to note that the heads measured at the manufacturer's discharge taps are consistently 0.4 percent higher than those observed at the U.S.B.R. taps (columns 18 and 13, respectively, table 4); but the total pumping heads (columns 20 and 14) are consistently 1.4 percent lower than those obtained by the U.S.B.R. method. It is felt that this experience proves the point that accurate pressure readings cannot, as a rule, be obtained from suction taps located in close proximity to a rotating pump impeller. It can also be pointed out that only the loss in the pump proper was considered when measuring the head at the manufacturer's taps, while the loss in the suction tube was also included from the total pumping head as computed by the U.S.E.R. method.

MEASUREMENT OF POWER INPUT TO MOTOR

The power input to the motor was observed from two accurate test wattmeters which were calibrated before and after the test. These were connected in the main lines leading to the plant as shown on

figure 5, through accurate test potential and current transformers. The power as measured included the energy to operate the exciter and current losses in the rheostat as per specifications. The exciter rheostat was adjusted so as to balance the readings on two wattmeters to obtain unity power factor. The coarseness of the rheostat, however, prohibited obtaining exactly duplicate readings on the two meters; these are shown tabulated in columns 42 and 43, table 4. The power input in kilowatts obtained by this means of measurement is shown in column 44.

As the panel instruments could not be read accurately, a sensitive voltmeter and ammeter were connected into the circuit as shown in figure 5. These were read several times during each run and the average readings are listed in columns 50 and 51. Normally the line voltage ranged from 2,400 to 2,500 at this plant. By shifting taps on the transformers in the switchyard, it was possible to reduce the voltage during the tests to the values shown in column 50 which were considered satisfactory. The voltage remained quite steady during the day, except for the noon hour, at which time it showed an increase of as much as 50 volts. The power in kilowatts as computed from the test voltmeter and ammeter is shown in column 52. In addition, readings of the panel voltmeters and ammeters are recorded in columns 53, 54, and 55. These can be recalibrated over the normal operating range by comparing the readings with the test instruments. Also, these readings may assist the operator in his attempt to operate the units at unity power factor.

As a third check on the power consumed, the rotations of the station watt-hour meter disk were timed during each run and the power in kilowatts obtained in this way is listed in column 57.

A comparison of the power input obtained by the three methods of measurement (columns 44, 52, and 57) shows the results of the test voltmeter and ammeter combination to be as accurate as would be expected and the power input as obtained from the watt-hour meter

to be consistently low by approximately 1.1 percent.

DETERMINATION OF EFFICIENCIES OF UNITS

Using the power input obtained from the test wattmeters and the total pumping head, as measured by the U.S.B.R. method, the over-all efficiencies of the units are listed in column 22 for the various conditions under which the runs were made. It can be noted from column 59 that runs were made at low, medium, and high levels in the open transition section immediately downstream from the check gates. Figure 1E shows a view of the open transition section and check gates with no flow. Figure 1F shows the transition during the high level with unit 1 in operation. The water level was controlled by regulation of the needles in the temporary check dam shown in the foreground. Gage 5 is shown on the left and gate 6 in the center of figure 1F. In some cases, the check gates were operating in their normal positions and in other cases they were lifted completely out of the water. Then in other runs the gates were actually blocked in a partially closed position to increase the head on the pump.

As a matter of interest, the over-all efficiencies were computed using the head measurements obtained from the manufacturer's taps on the pump. These are shown in column 23 and are consistently 1.4 percent lower than the efficiencies obtained by the former method of head measurement.

From the motor manufacturer's test curve (figure 6) the actual horsepower delivered to the pump shaft, designated as B.H.P., was obtained and this is shown tabulated in column 46. The actual pump efficiencies are listed in column 24. The extent of the pump characteristics obtained from these tests is shown plotted, by full lines, for units 1, 2, and 3 on figures 7, 8, and 9, respectively. The dotted curves were taken from Morris Machine Works print No. 32254 which was submitted by the manufacturer prior to delivery of the pumps. Unit 1 is one percent less than the over-all guaranteed

efficiency, unit 2 exceeds the requirement by 1.3 percent, and unit 3 exactly meets the requirement for the rated head of 64 feet.

TRASHRACK LOSSES

The losses through the single trashrack structures were obtained from the difference in energy measured at gages 1 and 2 (figure 3A). These are quite small, amounting to an average of 0.012 foot of water or $1.6 \frac{V^2}{2g}$, where V equals average velocity computed across the section at gage 2. The losses as measured for each run are tabulated in column 10 of table 4.

PIPE LINE LOSSES

Using gage 6, which consisted of a water tube connected to the air valves immediately upstream from the check gates (figures 1F and 3B), the total loss between this point and gage 3 was determined for the runs on units 1 and 2. The total energy at the U.S.B.R. taps was in this case computed using a velocity head correction factor $\alpha = 1.20$, which was based on experiments on single suction pumps. The corrected velocity heads are shown in column 25 (table 4) and the true total energy heads, expressed in elevation, are listed in column 27.

The velocity head correction at gage 6 was chosen as $\alpha = 1.03$ based on various sources, the most recent of which was an article written by Victor L. Streeter¹. In this case the velocity distribution in the pipes in the vicinity of gage 6 was considered quite uniform. The corrected velocity heads at gage 6 are listed in column 30 and the total energy heads, expressed in feet of elevation, are shown in column 31.

¹ The Kinetic Energy and Momentum Correction Factors for Pipes and for Open Channels of Great Width, by Victor L. Streeter, Civil Engineering, April 1942, page 212.

The total losses measured between gages 3 and 6 for the various conditions of flow are tabulated in columns 32 and 33.

The expander and bend losses, as estimated for the two pipes, are summarized in column 34. Deducting the latter values from column 33, the resulting pipe losses (column 35) were obtained.

The friction factor "f", in the formula $h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$, for the combined length of concrete and steel pipe, ranges from 0.0138 to 0.0121 for Reynold's numbers ranging from 1,192,264 to 1,347,924 (columns 36 and 40, respectively). These figures would indicate exceptionally smooth concrete pipe.

CHECK GATE LOSSES

Two methods were used to measure the check gate losses, both of which showed comparable results. In the first case, the loss was considered as the difference in static head between gages 6 and 5 for runs in which the check gate swung free and a reading was visible on gage 6. In the second case, the tail-bay water surface at gage 5 was held as nearly constant as possible while the pressure at gage 3 was observed first for the check gate swinging free and then for it suspended above the water surface. The difference in pressure observed at gage 3 for the two conditions was considered as the check gate loss. The second method is not as reliable as the first. The check gate losses, in feet of water, are shown in column 38 (table 4) and these are expressed in velocity head in column 39, where V represents the velocity in the 36-inch conduit. The flap gate losses average $0.46 \frac{V^2}{2g}$ for the outside gates and $0.64 \frac{V^2}{2g}$ for the center gate. It so happens that the arms on the center gate were broken when the plant was first put in operation. The gate was repaired by welding and this may account for the difference in loss between this gate and the outer two.

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TEMPERATURES

The following temperatures were measured during the four days of testing:

Table 1

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES - DEGREES C								
Location	:	Unit 1	:	Unit 2	:	Unit 3		
Water in forebay	:	5.9	:	5.0	:	6.6	:	7.2
Air in pump room	:	12.1	:	13.1	:	15.0	:	14.0
Air in motor room	:	23.5	:	23.1	:	25.0	:	27.2
Stator core	:	47.0	:	42.5	:	46.2	:	45.8
Oil in motor thrust bearing	:	47.4	:	47.9	:	52.7	:	52.0
Water at weir	:	5.0	:	4.8	:	5.8	:	5.0
Date	:	10-30	:	10-29	:	10-27	:	10-28
Time	:	8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.	:	8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	:	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	:	11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each pump was started the night before it was tested, thus providing at least 16 hours for the motors to warm up. It appears from the tabulation that all motors perform equally well from the standpoint of temperature. According to the operator this is not true in warm weather. The operator was alarmed that the motor on unit 3 ran considerably warmer than those of the other two units during the extreme heat of the past summer. Temperatures of the motor windings and cores were not measured during this period, therefore the actual extent of the heating is uncertain. The temperature of the armature windings, cores and mechanical parts in contact with insulation should not exceed 80 degrees C and the temperature of the field windings as determined by resistance should not exceed 100 degrees C. Apparent high motor temperatures during hot weather should be no cause for alarm unless the above limits are exceeded. It should also be mentioned that the motors can be operated at these limits without damage to the insulation. It is improbable that the temperature of unit 3 has ever reached this limit. The men on the

project attribute the heating of unit 3 to poor ventilation of the building. The prevailing wind is from the south, thus air enters the plant through the large south door which is undoubtedly open during the summer months, and leaves through the windows of the east wall and the louvers of the west wall. Unit 3 is more or less deprived of this cross ventilation as the north wall is solid. It is questionable whether this is a valid explanation for the additional heating of unit 3, however, the heating does exist and an investigation should be made to determine the actual cause. If this is a ventilation problem, the facts should be made available. Each motor is cooled by two sets of fan blades which force air from the pump room through the motor and out into the motor room.

Table 2 is a copy of the operator's record showing hourly temperatures, in degrees Fahrenheit, for the oil in the main thrust bearings of the three motors during six of the warmest days of 1942. The highest oil temperature recorded was 152 degrees F for unit 3 which consistently operated from 15 to 20 degrees warmer than unit 1, and 5 degrees warmer than unit 2. Table 1 shows the average oil temperature of unit 3 to be a few degrees C higher than for the other two units when operating with outside air temperatures from 12 to 15 degrees C. These thrust bearing oil temperatures should not be confused with temperatures of the motor windings as the two may be entirely different.

The fact that the thrust bearing on unit 3 runs warmer than the other two, may indicate that this unit is slightly misaligned. This, if true, could also account for the additional heating at the motor. It is, therefore, recommended that the alignment of unit 3 be checked and corrected if necessary. Then it is desired that a record be kept of the temperatures of the motor windings of the three units during the warmest days of 1943. Should the

TABLE 2

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Temperatures of oil - Main thrust bearings
Pumping Plant "D"
Degrees F.

Time	July 1, 1942	July 2, 1942	July 3, 1942	July 23, 1942	July 24, 1942	July 25, 1942
	Unit No.	Unit No.	Unit No.	Unit No.	Unit No.	Unit No.
	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3
1 AM	128 134	130 136 148	136 140 148	120 130 140	128 134 143	127 133 142
2	124 132 140	126 132 144	134 139 146	122 128 140	126 134 142	126 130 140
3	124 130 144	124 131 143	130 136 145	120 130 140	126 133 140	124 129 139
4	125 130 144	121 128 142	125 134 144	120 130 140	124 130 140	122 127 137
5	124 130 143	119 126 140	123 132 142	120 126 140	124 130 140	120 125 136
6	123 130 143	116 126 140	121 130 140	120 126 138	122 130 140	120 125 136
7	121 130 141	115 124 138	120 130 140	118 126 138	121 129 140	119 125 135
8	121 130 142	116 126 139	120 129 140	120 128 140	120 127 140	119 124 136
9	122 130 143	122 130 140	121 130 140	120 130 144	121 130 144	120 130 140
10	125 132 144	124 132 141	124 132 140	122 131 144	122 133 144	123 130 140
11	127 134 144	126 133 143	126 133 140	124 132 142	123 134 143	122 130 140
12 M	129 136 144	123 134 143	128 135 143	124 134 140	125 134 142	124 131 140
1 PM	132 138 146	131 137 144	129 136 144	125 138 143	126 136 143	123 130 140
2	132 138 146	135 140 147	129 136 146	130 137 144	128 136 144	125 131 143
3	134 139 147	137 141 149	129 137 147	130 138 145	144	128 133 144
4	136 140 148	139 142 149	138 138 145	133 140 147	134 142 148	132 138 146
5	138 141 150	140 144 150	130 147 147	135 142 149	136 146 150	134 140 148
6	138 142 150	140 144 150	128 145 148	137 144 150	136 144 149	135 142 150
7	139 143 150	140 144 150	125 140 148	138 146 152	135 142 150	134 141 149
8	139 143 151	140 144 150	130 140 144	137 146 152	135 143 150	134 141 149
9	138 143 152	140 144 150	130 140 148	137 144 150	134 142 148	130 138 148
10	136 141 152	140 144 150	130 140 148	137 141 150	132 140 147	129 136 146
11	135 140 152	138 144 150	130 140 146	132 138 147	130 137 146	126 133 144
12PM	134 138 150	137 141 149	130 138 142	128 134 143	128 136 143	125 130 140
Air temp. of Tule Lake, Cal.	Max. 93° Min. 51°	93° 50°	92° 51°	94° 52°	93° 51°	92° 46°

Note: Unit No. 3 operated with east half of floor plates removed to increase air circulation around motor. All doors, windows, and louvers in pumphouse open.

temperature of the motor on unit 3 continue to run considerably warmer than those on the other units, the records should be forwarded to the Denver office.

MECHANICAL INSPECTION OF PUMPS

Prior to testing, the inspection covers were removed from all three pumps and the inside pipe surfaces smoothed in the vicinity of the gage taps. The asphalt paint had peeled in spots immediately downstream from the pump but appeared to be in good condition further downstream. The pumps contain three-bladed bronze impellers with large water passages and all were found to be absolutely clean. In fact, there is some action produced by the tule growth that keeps the impeller surfaces highly polished and this does not appear to be abrasive luster. The clearances between impeller and pump cases were satisfactory for all three units. An attempt was made to adjust the packing glands so that all three impellers would turn with the same force for the tests. It was not possible to adjust unit 3 to turn with the same ease as units 1 and 2. The impeller and volute castings were rough in spots but in no case was this serious. The difference in shape and roughness between the three pumps, however, may account for the fact that unit 3 pumped two second-feet more water than unit 2, and two and one-half second-feet more than unit 1.

The suction tube of unit 3 was unwatered and found to be clean and smooth; however, a small offset of perhaps 0.5 inch is present at the point where the concrete joins the steel suction pipe. This was attributed to the slippage of a concrete form and is not serious as the corners have been rounded. The impeller, as observed from the suction tube, was highly polished but showed no signs of cavitation after seven months of continuous operation. The suction tubes of units 1 and 2 were not unwatered as it was not considered

worth the necessary time and labor. Probing into tubes 1 and 2 with a rake indicated that no obstructions were present and this was also verified by the project construction superintendent and the operator, both of whom inspected the concrete work after its completion. The tube of unit 3 was supposedly the least desirable of the three.

The operator states that soon after the plant was set in operation the top pump bearing froze to the drive shaft on unit 3 and that the same bearing on the other two pumps ran hot. This particular bearing consists of two bronze sleeves; the center one, which has been shrunk on to the steel drive shaft, rotates inside the outer one making a bronze-to-bronze contact. Perhaps the proper clearances were not allowed for the additional bronze metal. According to the operator, the units were dismantled and an additional 0.016-inch clearance provided at each bearing. No further trouble has been experienced with these bearings.

INSPECTION OF MOTORS

Observed from the motor floor, units 1 and 2 perform without any noticeable vibration. Unit 3 does vibrate to some extent but not sufficient to be considered serious. This is undoubtedly a mechanical pulsation rather than the result of cavitation. The construction engineer stated that difficulty was encountered in alining the motor and pump on this unit. It appears that they may still be very slightly misaligned. This, together with the fact that the thrust bearing runs warmer on unit 3 than on the other units, would suggest that a check of the alinement may prove beneficial.

No difficulties have been encountered with the motor starting equipment or any of the panel control units, except for the panel ammeters and voltmeters which are crude and not very reliable.

INVESTIGATION OF PRIMING EQUIPMENT

The priming equipment consists of a Victor Acme blower

furnished by Roots-Connersville Blower Corporation, type R.F., size 5-2 L driven at a speed of 1,170 r.p.m. by a 15-horsepower General Electric motor. With the lake water surface at the present level, elevation 4,034.0 unit 1 primed in six minutes, unit 2 in four minutes, and unit 3 in five minutes. The time of priming, however, depended on the degree of seal obtained at the flap gates. The blower heated up considerably during the priming trials while the motor ran cool. Some difficulty was experienced with the ball valves in the air lines, however, which may account for a portion of the heating. The balls float in metal cups each of which had two 3/32-inch holes in the bottom for draining. It so happened that these holes were plugged with tulle growth, the cups remaining continually full of water, causing the balls to float very close to the valve seats. It was believed that at times the balls seated before the priming operation was completed; therefore, larger holes were drilled in the retaining cups.

As it only requires a negative pressure of 1.65 pounds per square inch for priming, with the lake water surface at the present level of elevation 4,034.0, it is impossible to tell when a unit is primed from the combination pressure and vacuum gage located on each pump. The gage scales are too large to indicate these pressures. It was found that listening to the blower was the best means of discerning when a pump was primed. When the ball valve closes the blower commences to labor, producing a different tone. The relief valve opens soon afterward as a second warning but neither of these can be heard when a pump is running. Timing the priming operation is not reliable as the period is dependent on the air leakage due to variable seating of the flap gates, packing gland leakage, and other factors which vary with the period that a pump has been out of operation. For short periods of shut-down

up to about 12 hours, the pumps will remain primed since a vent is not used in the discharge lines. For shut-down periods in excess of this amount it will be necessary to resort to the vacuum pump for priming.

To simplify the priming operation it is proposed that a vacuum gage reading to absolute zero or 26 inches of mercury be purchased for field installation in the 3-inch air header at the vacuum pump. Each pump should be primed separately and the procedure is outlined as follows: Open the 3-inch gate valve located in the air line directly below the Crispin valve (ball valve) of the pump to be primed. The corresponding valves on the two other units should be closed. The priming pump is then started which evacuates the air causing the water to enter the main pump and a portion of the discharge line. As the water level reaches the Crispin valve, the gage in the air line should register a vacuum of 6.5 inches of mercury with the lake level at 4,032.0 or 5.0 inches of mercury for the lake level at 4,034.0 feet. As the water level continues to rise, the ball in the Crispin valve floats into seating position after which the vacuum gage in the air line should rapidly register an increase in vacuum from 5.0 or 6.5 inches, depending on the lake level, to about 15 inches of mercury. At this point the 3-inch gate valve should be closed, the priming pump shut down and the main pump started. The relief valve in the air line should be adjusted to open at a vacuum of approximately 10 to 15 inches of mercury to prevent the priming pump from operating at full vacuum. There is no danger that the priming pump motor will become overloaded as the pump is motored to operate at complete vacuum. However, it will be found that the pump proper will heat considerably if run under this condition for any length of time.

Continue to utilize the combination gages connected to the main units to make certain that each unit is pumping water when on the line but ignore these gages so far as negative pressures

are concerned as they are unreliable. It will be necessary to open the 3-inch gate valve and start the priming pump before the pressure condition in a pump can be observed. Now that the combination gages will be limited to pressure observations it may prove convenient to extend the gage lines so that the gages can be placed upstairs in the motor room.

FLAP GATE OPERATION

The check gates at the end of the concrete barrel provide the only means of sealing the units for priming. The "music note" rubber seals provided at the end of the pressure pipes are excellent with the exception of the joint. The rubber has evidently shrunk longitudinally leaving a crack from $1/4$ to $3/8$ inch where the two ends meet. Sufficient air enters through these cracks to drain the pipe lines overnight. It is suggested that these seals be cut to length and the ends vulcanized together at the factory for future installations.

The check gates together with the "music note" seals perform perfectly during starting and shut-down. As the pumps are started the gates swing open easily with a steady motion. On shut-down, the motion is again slow and steady in the opposite direction until the bottom of the gate approaches four inches of the seat. From here on the motion is quick, and the gate slams with sufficient impact to insure a good seal with the rubber.

The gate has one drawback, however, that was discovered while priming the pumps. After two days shut-down not one of the pumps could be primed until the gates were pushed against the rubber seals. In other words, these gates do not necessarily seal when hanging in their natural closed positions. The lower lips of the gates appeared to hang from $1/2$ to $1/4$ inch from the seats. It is therefore recommended that this type of gate, in future installations, be either counterbalanced to a greater extent or that the end of the pipe line and rubber seal be set at a flatter angle than shown in figure 3B. It is also suggested that the present gates

be weighted so that sealing in their natural closed positions will be assured.

SHUT-DOWN CYCLE

An analysis of the hydraulic action in one of the pipe lines on shut-down is as follows: As the power is disconnected, the flow tends to reverse closing the check gate. During this short interval of time, a small volume of air may or may not enter the pipe previous to closure of the gate. As it is impossible for the water in the line to normally stand at a height greater than 29.2 feet above the intake surface, any trapped air expands as the water level in the pipe line rapidly falls. As the air expands and the pressure falls off to a value approaching absolute zero, the vapor pressure of water is reached and additional vapor is released from the water. This aids in filling the void space with gas and thus controls the rate at which the water level drops in the pipe line.

During this same period of time the pump slows down to a stop approximately 18 seconds after the switch is disengaged gradually reducing the pumping head to zero. It then reverses and spins in the opposite direction. During the interval from 10 seconds to 24 seconds after the circuit has been broken, the pump sets up a terrific clatter which is produced by cavitation. This action occurs while the pump is rotating slowly, stopping, and getting under way in the reverse direction. Twenty-four seconds after shut-down the noise abates and the pump coasts quietly in the reverse direction for approximately two minutes. It is evident from the complete characteristic curves obtained from the Grand Coulee pump experiments² that pumps of this type run with practically the same efficiency as turbines or pumps; therefore cavitation would be most severe during the period when the impeller was moving slowly or completely stopped. Quadrant IV (Figures 14 and 15 of

the above reference) shows typical pump characteristic curves during this reversal of speed for a constant head. In the case of the Modoc units the head is not constant after reversal.

Maximum reverse speeds were measured and are shown in table 3. The speed varied with the degree of submergence at the check gates. The speed was highest in cases where the unit tested was the only one running at the time, due to the fact that a small volume of air entered the discharge pipe prior to the closing of the check gate. This air allowed the water level in the pipe to fall off more rapidly than it would have had the air been absent. With two units operating a lesser quantity of air entered the pipe on shut-down, which is indicated by a lower speed. For three units running, the check gates were submerged; thus the air supply was eliminated, resulting in a still lower reverse speed of the pump.

Table 3

Maximum Reverse Speeds in R.P.M.

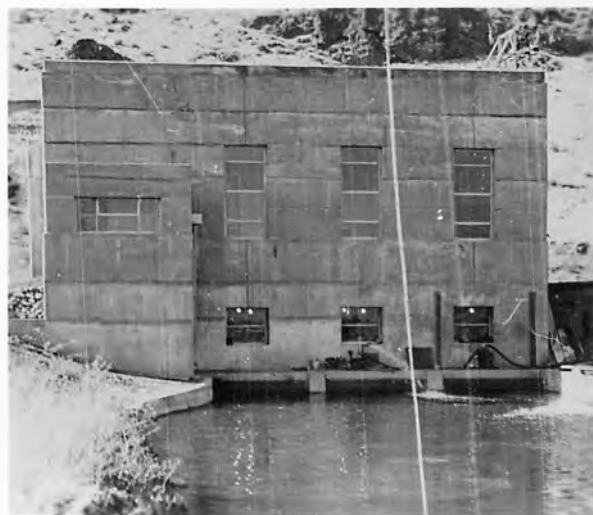
Unit	Speed	Condition
1	495	Units 2 and 3 operating
2	500	Units 1 and 3 operating
	577	Unit 1 shut down, unit 3 operating
	620	Units 1 and 3 shut down
3	515	Units 1 and 2 operating
	580	Units 1 and 2 shut down

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A - Pump house looking north.



B - Pump house and intake channel



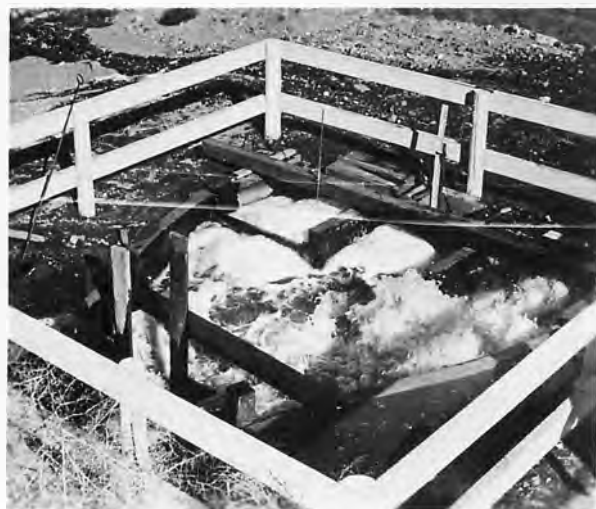
C - Weir structure in canal
looking downstream.



D - Eight-foot measuring weir.

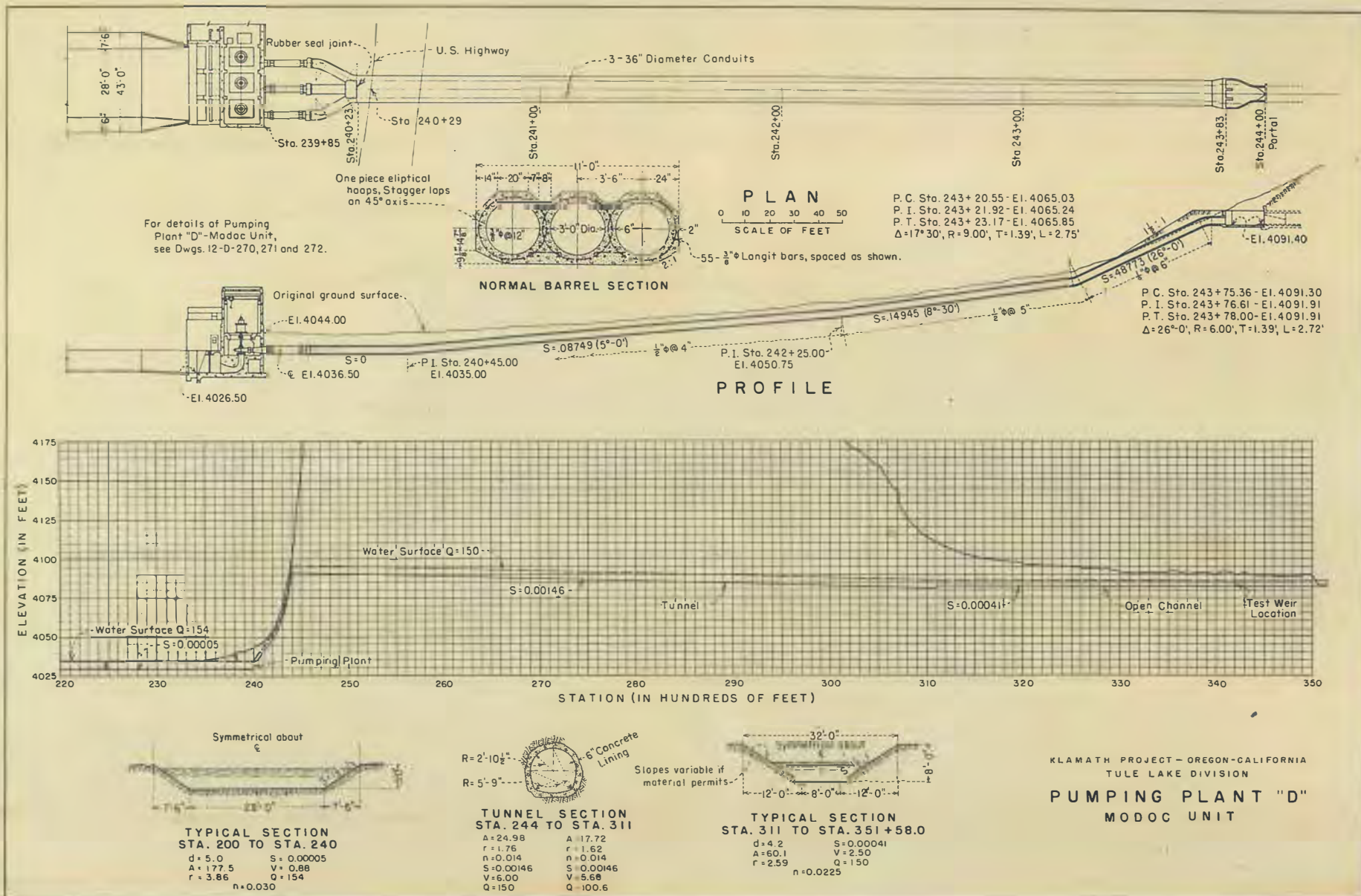


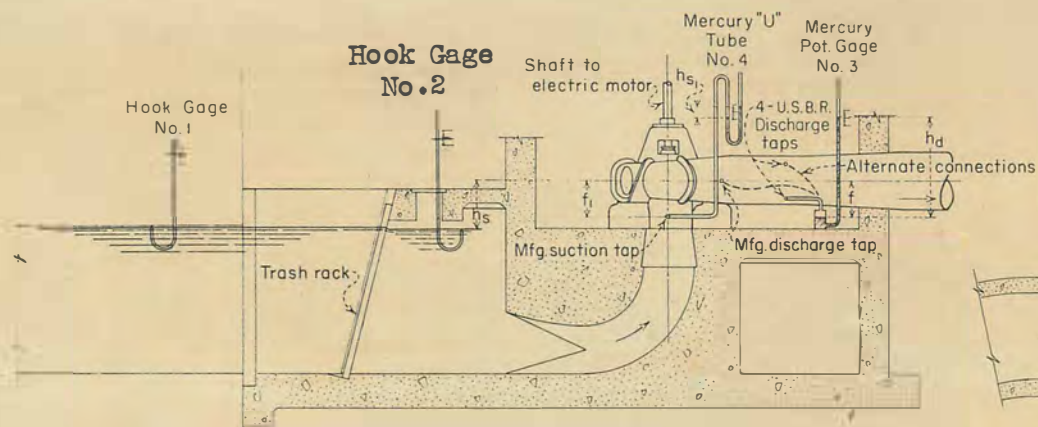
E - Open transition and 36-inch
check gates.



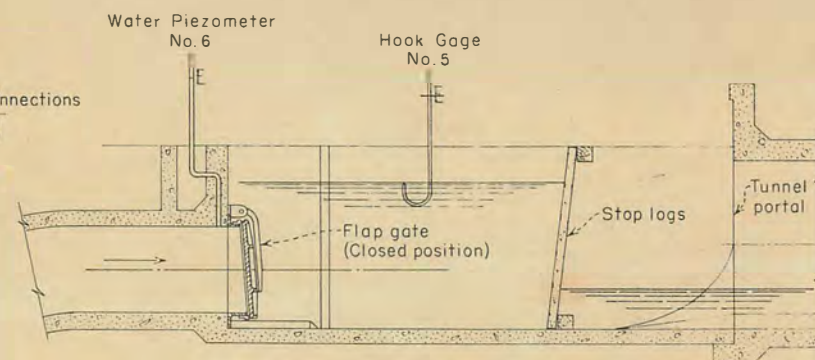
F - Open transition showing gages and
temporary needle dam. Unit No. 1
in operation.

FIGURE 1 - PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTS AT PUMPING PLANT "D"-
MODOC UNIT - TULE LAKE, CALIFORNIA.

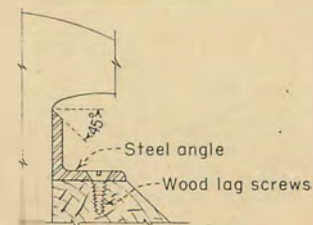




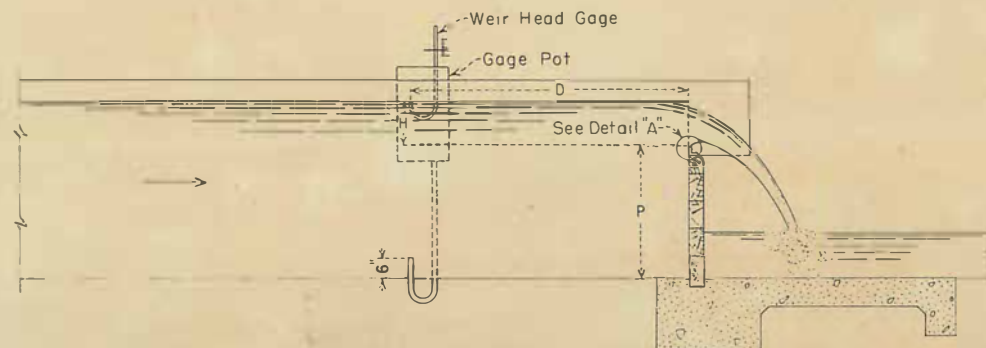
A-SECTION OF PUMP



B-SECTION OF TUNNEL TRANSITION



DETAIL "A"



C-SECTION OF WEIR

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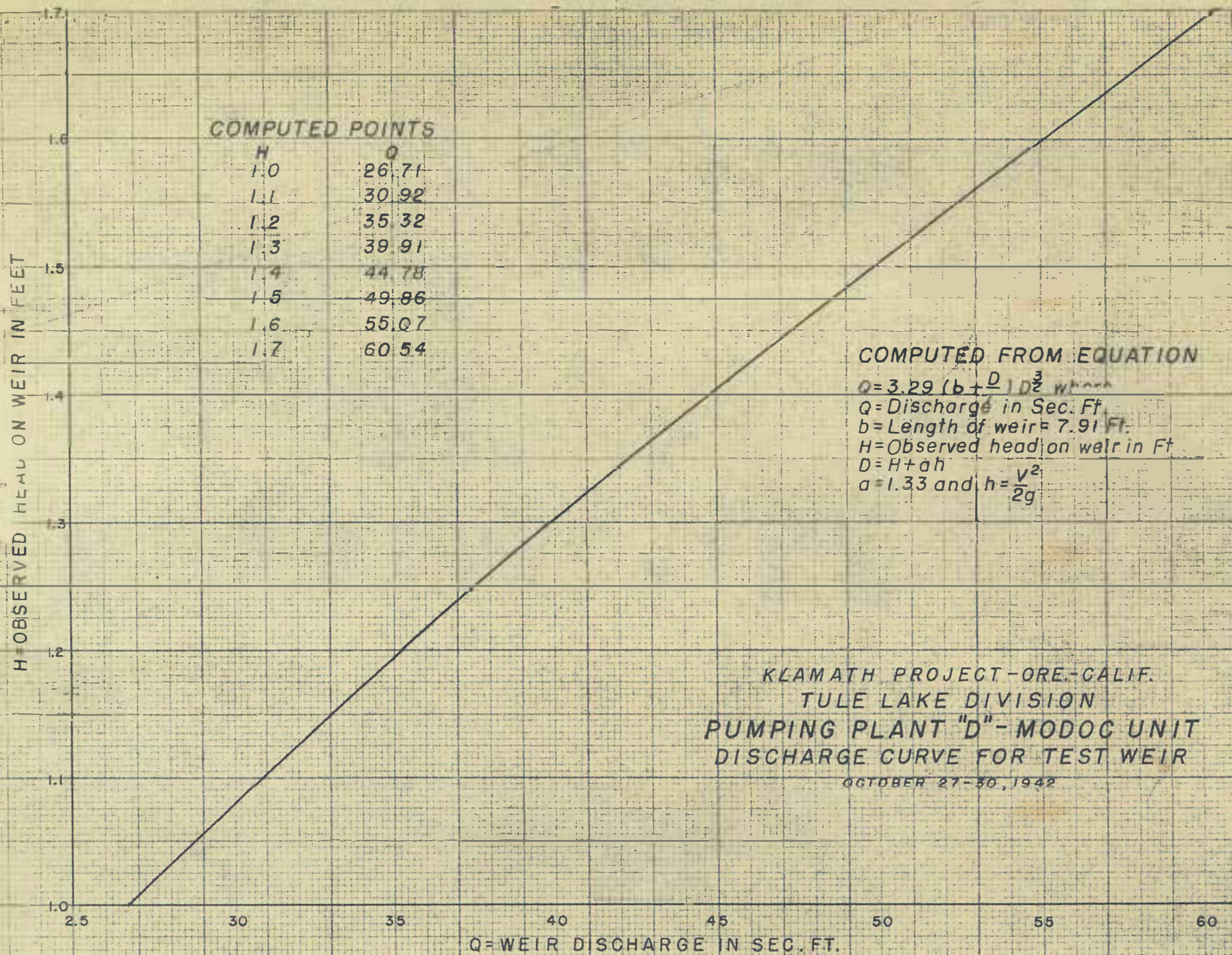


FIGURE 4

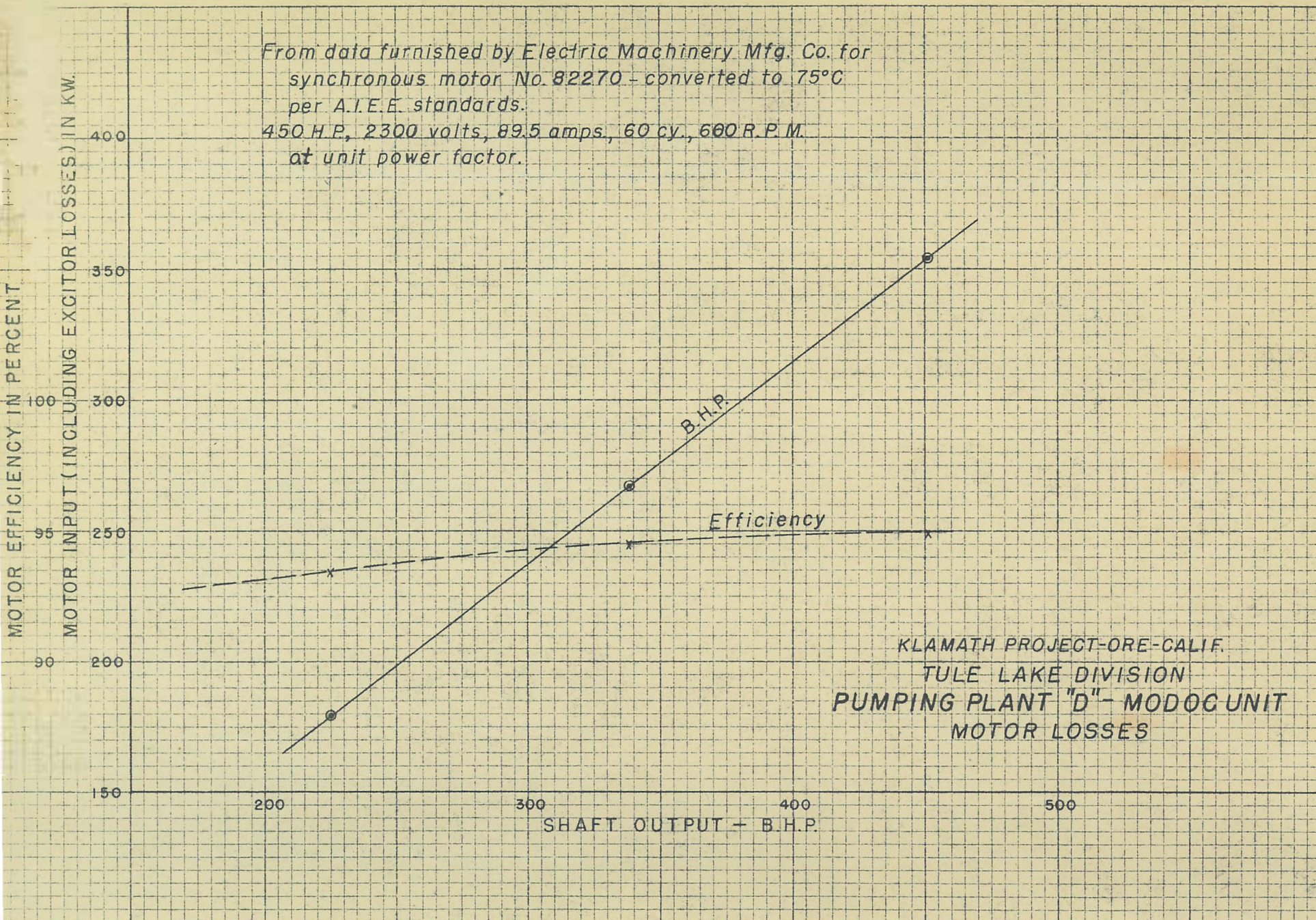
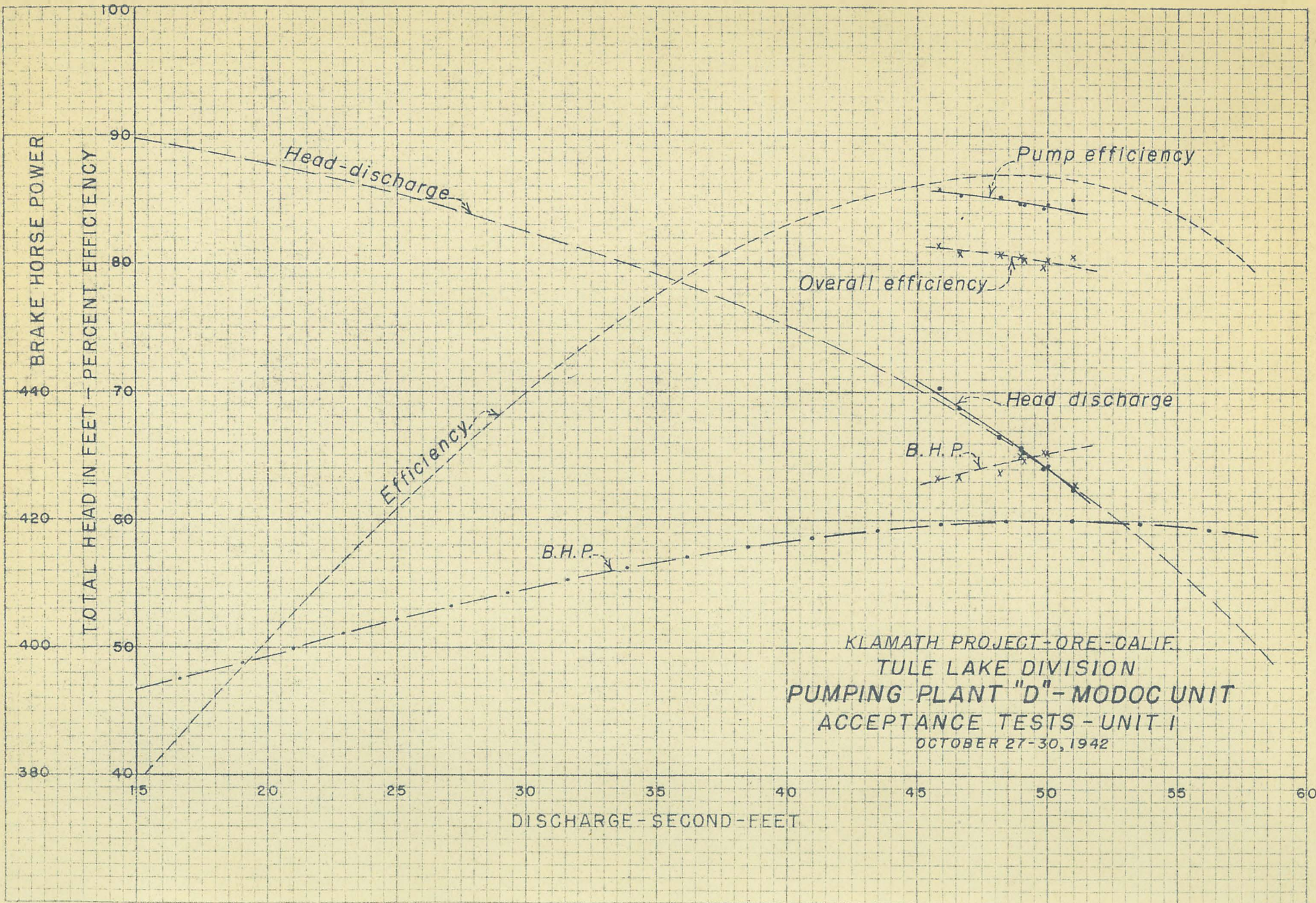


FIGURE 6



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FIGURE 7

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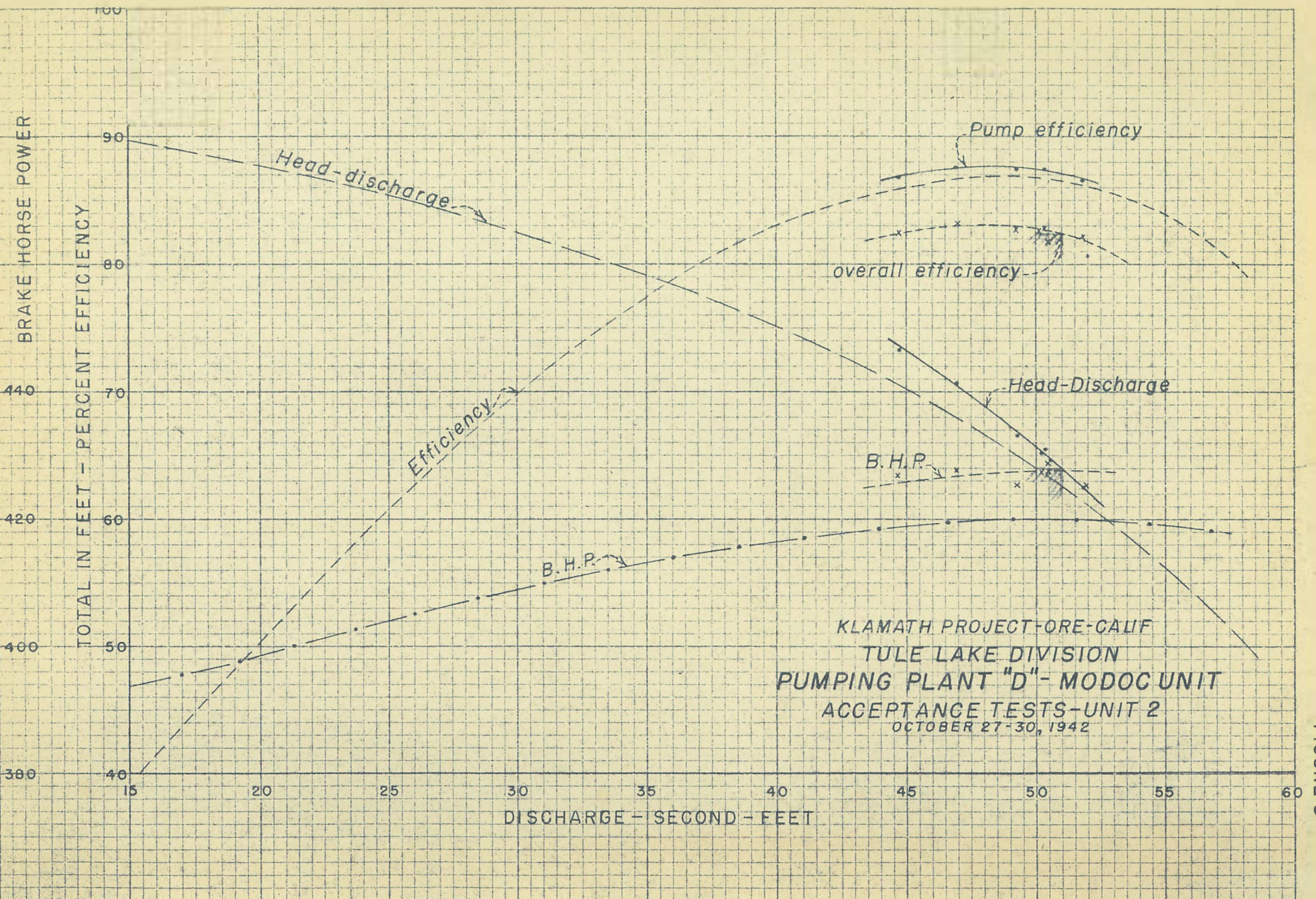


FIGURE B

