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Tangential Strain Measurements of Naval Guns from 3" to 16"

PART A

SYNOPSIS

1. This report is a compilation of strain gage records and their measurements, together with firing information such as propellant, projectile, gun wear, velocity, pressure and special conditions of test. It is the first of a series of reports, which, when completed will contain a relatively complete collection of barrel strain records taken at the Naval Proving Ground.
2. It is not intended in this report to determine the effects of test variables on barrel strain, but rather to provide a convenient source of background information to assist in studies involving strains in gun barrels.

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PART B

INTRODUCTION

1. AUTHORITY:

The work reported herein was conducted under Task Assignment No. NPG-Re5a-30-1-52 as established by reference (a). Specific authority for the investigation is contained in reference (b).

2. REFERENCES:

- a. BUORD ltr NP9 (Re5a-30) of 8 June 1949
- b. BUORD ltr NP9 (Re5a-JHM:cmj) Ser 12840 of 20 September 1951
- c. NPG Report No. 23-43
- d. NPG Report No. 5-45

3. BACKGROUND:

a. During the past several years, strain measurements have been made at the Naval Proving Ground in conjunction with various firing tests. In general, the results were included in the reports of these tests and not reported individually as strain gage tests. As a result, there are on hand a great number of records which, if assembled and correlated with the test information, would aid in future studies involving barrel strains.

b. By reference (b), the Bureau of Ordnance requested tangential strain gage records and associated firing information on a wide variety of guns, to serve as background information in connection with current and future studies of strains in gun barrels.

c. References (c) and (d) are Naval Proving Ground Reports on strain gage measurements.

4. OBJECT OF TEST:

a. The object of the investigation was the compilation and organization of barrel strain information on a wide variety of guns and under varied test conditions together with reproductions of the applicable strain-time oscillograms.

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5. PROCEDURE:

a. The data reported herein were obtained during firings conducted under other test directives. These firings were conducted over a period of years dating back to 1943.

b. The strain records presented in this report were prepared and photographed immediately following the firing programs in which they were obtained and were reprinted for this report. In a great many instances they represent only a portion of the records taken on each program. The remainder of the records of these programs, as well as records from other programs, were never prepared for photographing. Presentation of the records from this second group will require considerable research in non-current files; it is contemplated that some or all of the additional information will be released in subsequent reports as time permits.

c. The system for obtaining barrel strain measurements has not fundamentally changed over the period of these tests. This system employs a resistance type strain gage (Baldwin SR-4) which is securely bonded to the barrel at the desired location and orientation. This gage forms one leg of a standard wheatstone bridge, the remainder of which is in the laboratory. The bridge output is amplified and applied across the deflection plates of a cathode ray tube. A recording camera is placed in front of the tube. Calibration is obtained by recording known resistance changes immediately before each firing test.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

a. The tangential strain gage records for sixty-one (61) rounds on guns 16"/50, 16"/45, 6"/47, 5"/38 and 3"/70 are contained in Appendix (B) (16 photographs). The strain gage records fall into two distinct patterns. The "normal" pattern shows a rather abrupt rise in strain, the expansion reaching a plateau and declining much more slowly than it rose. The "abnormal" pattern differs in that the strain rises abruptly to a peak value often considerably higher than the plateau, and then falls back equally sharply to the plateau. The customary slow decline in strain then follows. The plateau strains are in general proportional to powder pressure, while the oversize of the rotating band is responsible for the peak strains.

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b. The barrel strain measurements, together with firing information for each round, are tabulated in Appendix (B), Pages 1 through 9 inclusive. It is noted that a slightly different arrangement by rounds appears on the data sheets than on the records of Appendix (A). In arranging the data sheets, it was felt that the firing information could be more clearly presented by a grouping as to original firing programs, i.e., gun number and date. However, in reporting the projects for which the data was originally taken, it was desirable to group the rounds according to other criteria. A cross reference is provided at the bottom of each data sheet.

c. The Equivalent Service Rounds (E.S.R.) is given as an indication of the state of gun wear; these values are as of the completion of each program. The gage position column indicates the gage location as measured from the muzzle.

d. A large number of the strain measurements included in this report were fired in connection with studies of the effect of oily bores on band pressures. The column, "Conditions of Bore" indicates the type of oil, if any, with which the bore surface was coated.

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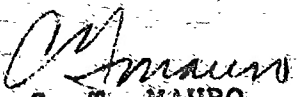
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INVESTIGATION OF TANGENTIAL BARREL STRAINS

Gun: 5"/38 MK 12 MOD 1
 Gun No: 4698
 Date: 12 & 14 JUNE 1946
 E. S. R. on Gun: SEE NOTES
 Other: _____

Rd.	Charge		Proj.		Pres. (cu) tons	Vel. ft/sec	Cond. of Bore	Gage Position	Strain Data		Notes
	Index	Wt. lbs.	Mk	Mod					Peak μin/in	Plateau μin/in	
12 JUNE	SPDN										
2	9818	1522	35	3	14.0	2481	NS 3065	6"		445	E.S.R. 1113.86 AT
14					14.3	2466	NS 1647	6"		440	COMPLETION OF
17					14.2	2454	DRY	6"		455	PROGRAM (20 RDS)
13 JUNE	SPDN										
2	9818	1522	35	3	-	2478	OS 1647	6"		435	E.S.R. 1153.86 AT
10					-	2463	DRY	6"			COMPLETION OF
15					-	2474	N.S. 3065	6"		440	PROGRAM (50 RDS)
25					-	2476	NS 3065	12"			
32					-	2460	NS 1647	12"		440	
37					-	-	DRY	12"		455	
14 JUNE	SPDN										
4	9818	1522	35	3	-	2483	OS 1647	12"		445	E.S.R. 1173.86 AT
6					-	2482	DRY	12"		460	COMPLETION OF
14					-	2470	NS 3065	12"		420	PROGRAM (20 RDS)
STRAIN RECORDS ON NPG PHOTOS 335876-33641 (PRINTS 263)											
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5"/38 MK12 MOD 1

4186-8803-8325

16E 22 JUNE 17 JUL 1943

SEE NOTES

Others:

Rd.	Charge		Proj.		Pres. (cu) tons	Vel. ft/sec	Cond. of Bore	Gage Position	Strain Data		Notes
	Index	Wt. lbs.	Mk	Mod					Peak μin/in	Plateau μin/in	
16 JUNE											
1	1HBE 76	1200	35	6		2237	-	24"	942	337	E.S.R.: 1826 AT COMPLETION OF PROGRAM (20 PDS) GUN No. 4186
22 JUNE											
1	1HBE 76	1200	35	6		2236	-	24"	996	362	E.S.R.: 1810 AT
2	1	1452	35	6		2606	-	24"	-	429	COMPLETION OF PROGRAM (21 PDS) GUN No. 8325
17 JULY											
3	1HBE 76	114	35	3	120	2189	-	24"	725	345	E.S.R.: 3986 AT
4	1	114	31	E	117	2178	-	24"	465	345	COMPLETION OF PROGRAM (12 PDS) GUN No. 8803
STRAIN RECORDS ON NPG PHOTO 33639 (PRINT 4)											
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3"/70 TYPE A MOD. 1

24462

31 & 17 OCT. 1946

SEE NOTES

Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (C) and the experimental group (E). The control group (C) was divided into two subgroups: the control group (C) and the control group (C). The experimental group (E) was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (E) and the experimental group (E). The control group (C) was divided into two subgroups: the control group (C) and the control group (C). The experimental group (E) was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (E) and the experimental group (E).

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Gun No: 24461

E.S.R. on Gun: SEE NOTES

Other: _____

Rd.	Charge		Proj.		Pres. (cu) tons	Vel. ft/sec	Cond. of Bore	Gage Position	Strain Data		Notes
	Index	Wt. lbs.	Mk	Mod					Peak µin/in	Plateau µin/in	
5 MARCH											
1	PAE 1	775	32	0	21.2	3298	NS 3065	9"	4040	1175	ESR: 28.18 AT
2			32	0	21.6	3352	DRY NS			1085	COMPLETION OF
3			EX6		20.7	3247	3065		3330	1060	PROGRAM (12 Rcs)
4			6		20.7	3316	DRY NS			1040	
5			EX6	1	20.4	3264	3065		3650	1100	
6			6	1	20.5	3301	DRY NS	↓		935	
7		777	32	0	21.7	3321	3065	110"		455	
9			EX6		21.0	3316	3065 NS			495	
11	↓	↓	EX6	1	20.4	3275	3065	↓		490	↓
12 MARCH											
1	PAE 1	776	EX6	1	22.4	—	NS 3065	9"	3100	1000	ESR: 42.18 AT
3			32	0	24.1	3468			1850	1000	COMPLETION OF
5			EX6		22.9	3437			2440	950	PROGRAM (8 Rcs)
7	↓	↓	EX6	1	22.2	3435	↓	↓	2890	1030	↓
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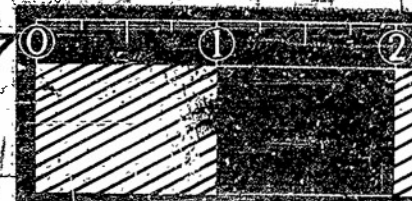
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STRAIN GAGE RECORDS

5/38 GUN No. 11557
SERVICE ROUNDS



1 July 1946
Gage 12" from muzzle
Oil N.S. 3065, Rd #1

1/60 Sec.

1 July 1946
Gage 12" from muzzle
Dry bore, Rd #6

1/60 Sec.

1 July 1946
Gage 24" from muzzle
Oil O.S. 1647, Rd #14

1/60 Sec.

2 July 1946
Gage 12" from muzzle
Oil O.S. 1647, Rd #1

1/60 Sec.

2 July 1946
Gage 12" from muzzle
Dry bore, Rd #9

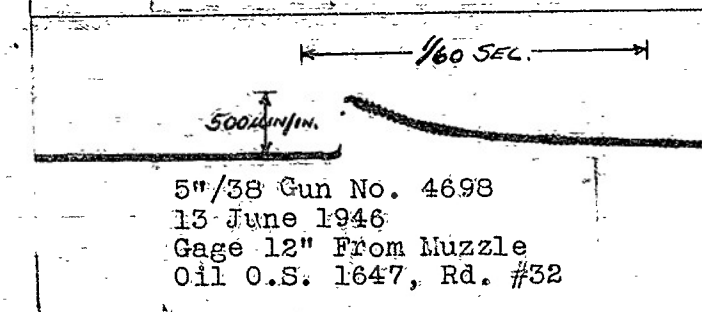
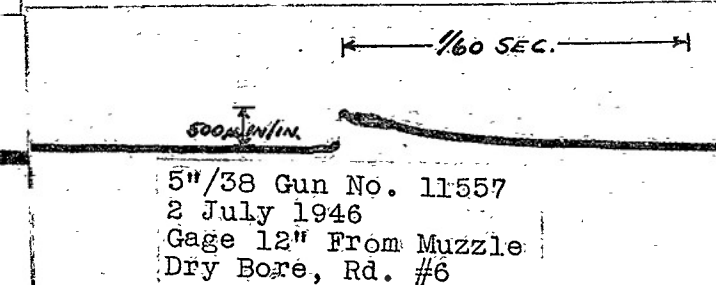
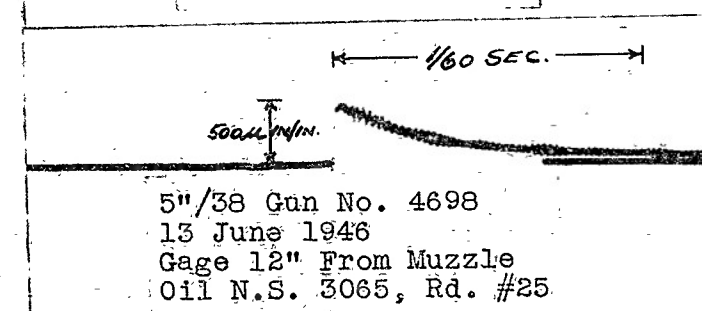
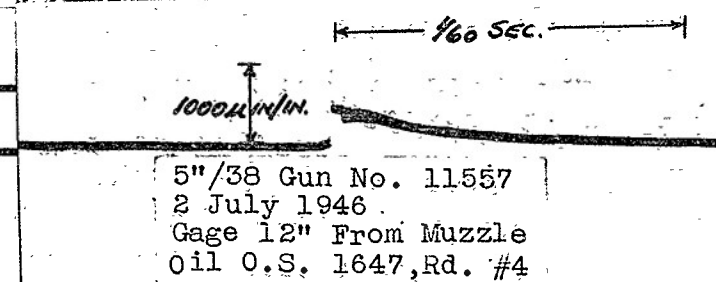
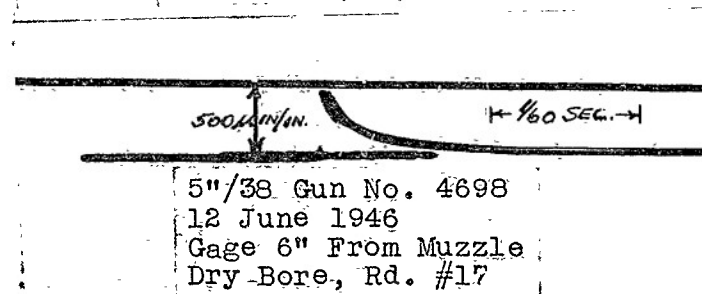
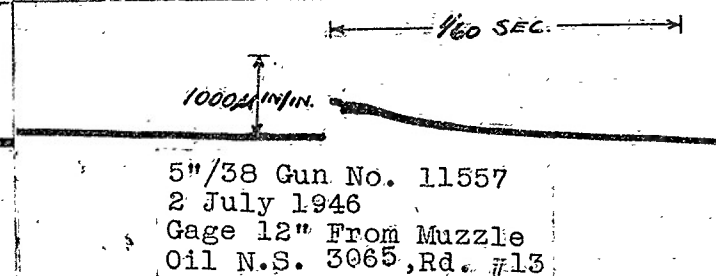
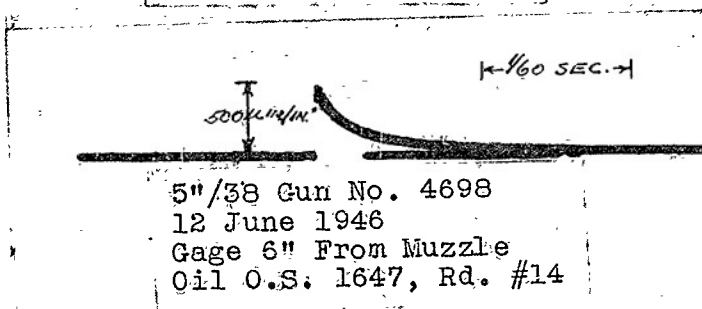
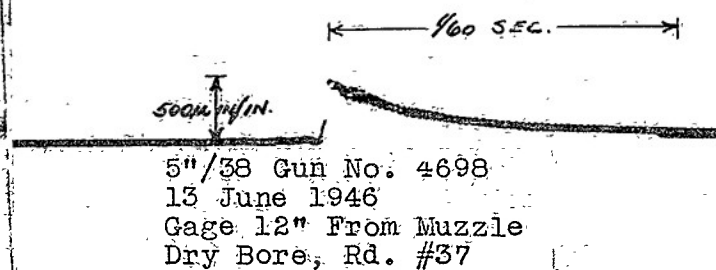
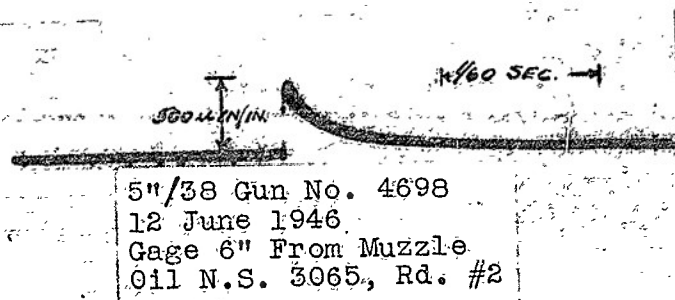
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2 July 1946
Gage 12" from muzzle
Oil O.S. 3065, Rd #11

1/60 Sec.

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TRAIN GAGE RECORDS 5"/38 GUNS SERVICE ROUNDS



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STRAIN GAGE RECORDS
5"/38 GUN No. 4698
SERVICE ROUNDS



13 June 1946
Gage 6" from muzzle
Oil O.S. 1647, Rd #2

1/60 SEC.

13 June 1946
Gage 6" from muzzle
Dry bore, Rd #10

1/60 SEC.

13 June 1946
Gage 6" from muzzle
Oil N.S. 3065, Rd #15

1/60 SEC.

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Oil O.S. 1647, Rd #4

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Dry bore, Rd #6

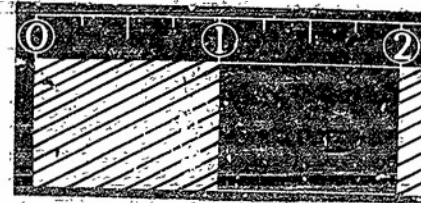
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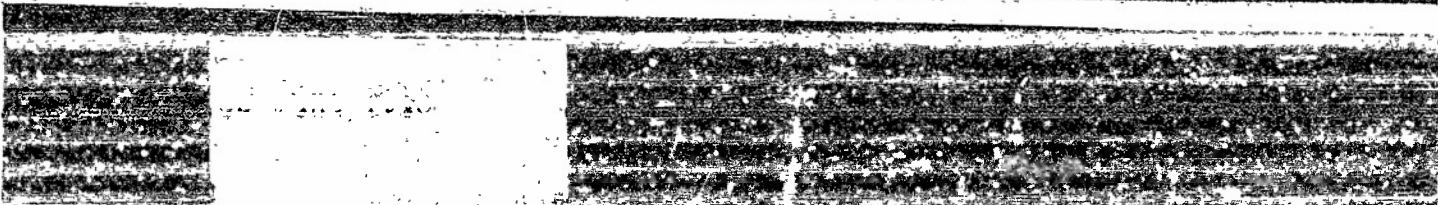
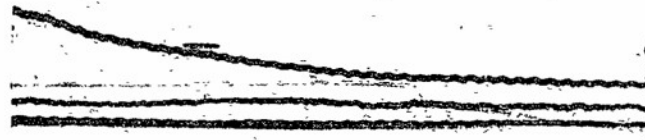
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STRAIN GAGE RECORDS
5"/38 GUNS



5"/38 Gun No. 4186
16 June 1943
Round No. 1
2 Ft. From Muzzle
Reduced Round

5"/38 Gun No. 8803
17 July 1943
Rounds Nos. 3 and 4
2 Ft. From Muzzle
Reduced Round



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STRAIN MEASUREMENTS

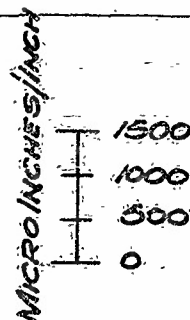
3" 70 GUN #24462

31 OCT. 1946

OILY BORE N°S 3065

CIRCUMFERENTIAL GAGES 6" FROM MUZZLE

SERVICE CHARGES



RD. #3 PROJECTILE MK.32

RD. #2 PROJECTILE EX.6

RD. #1 PROJECTILE EX.10 MOD.1

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SECONDS

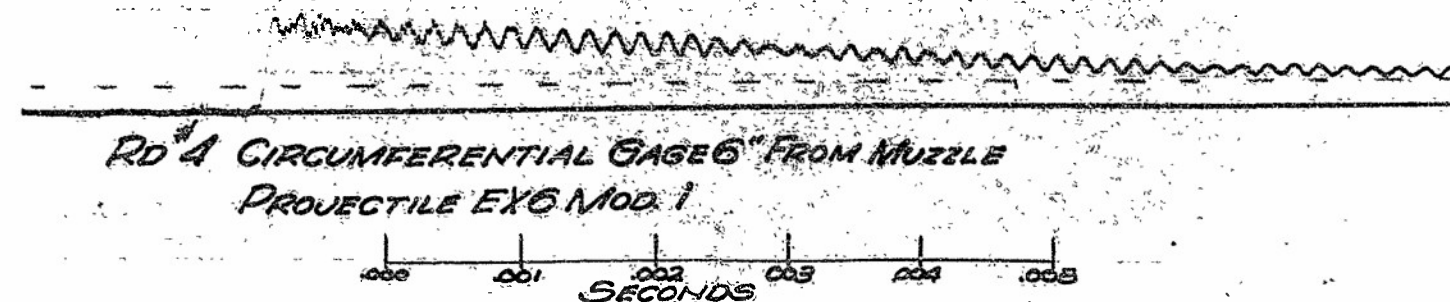
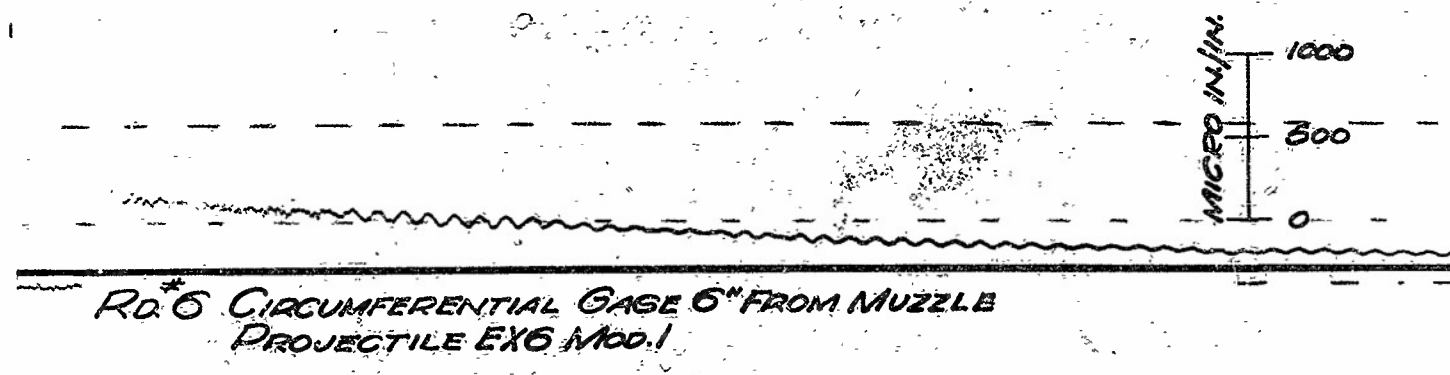
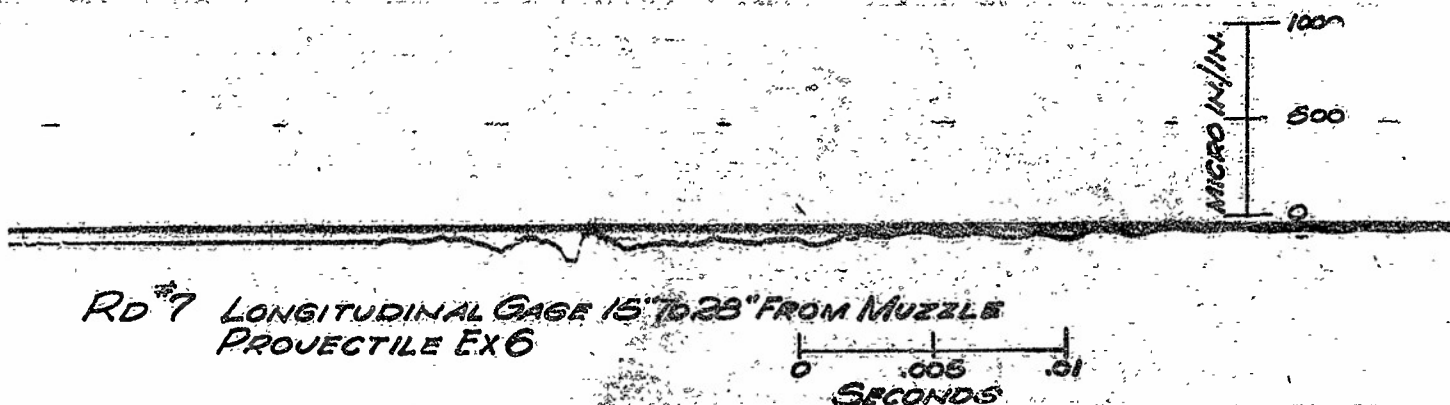
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3"70 GUN *24452

17 OCT 1946

DRY BORE
SERVICE CHARGES

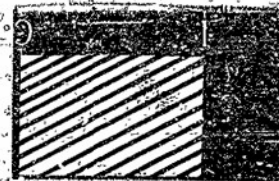


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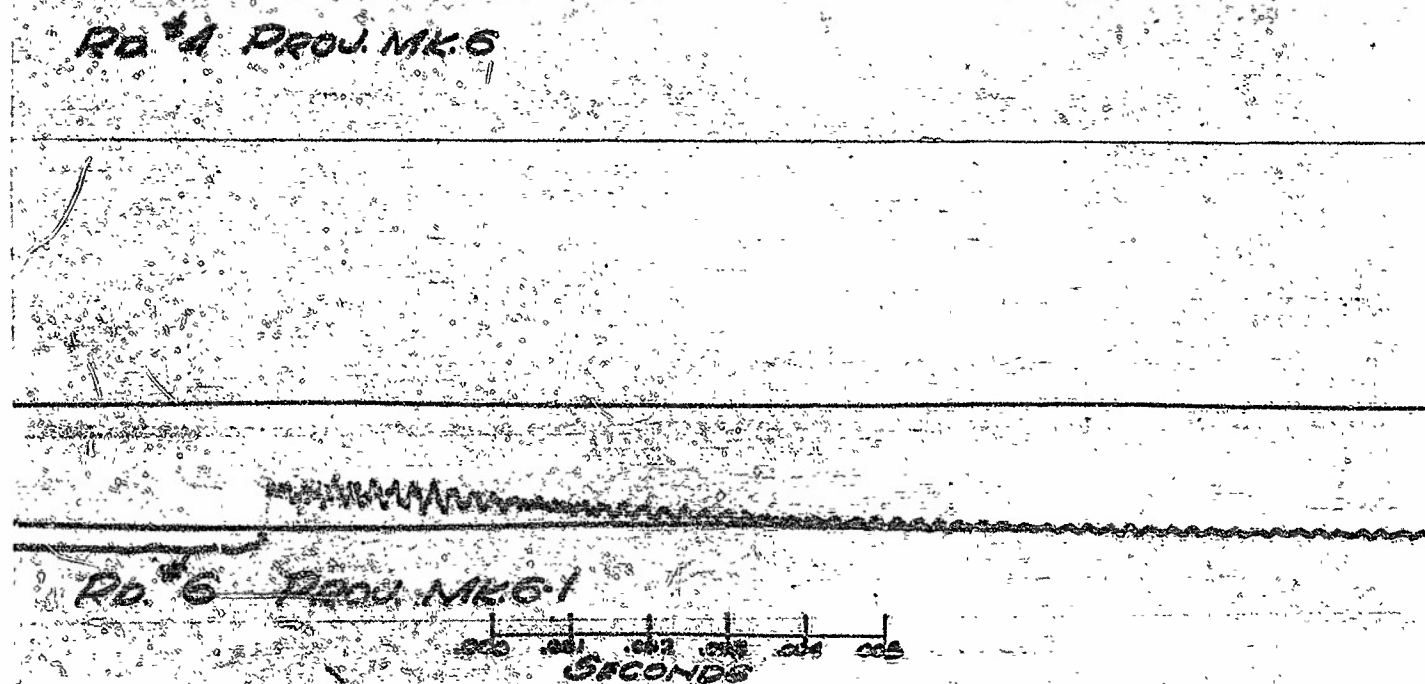
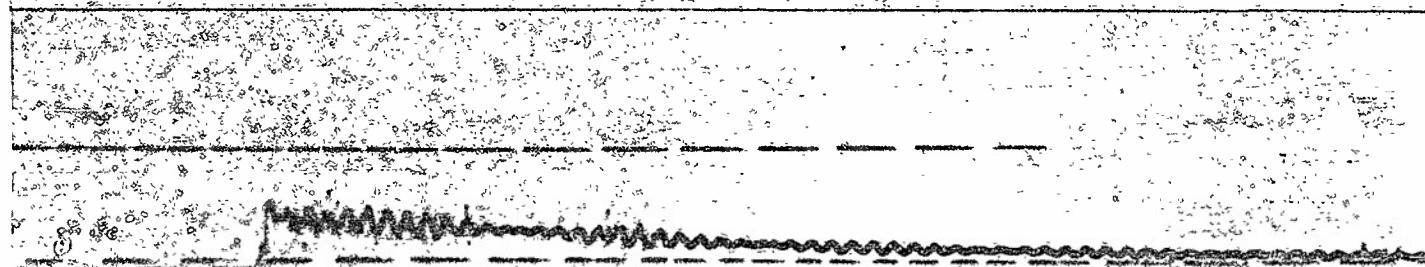
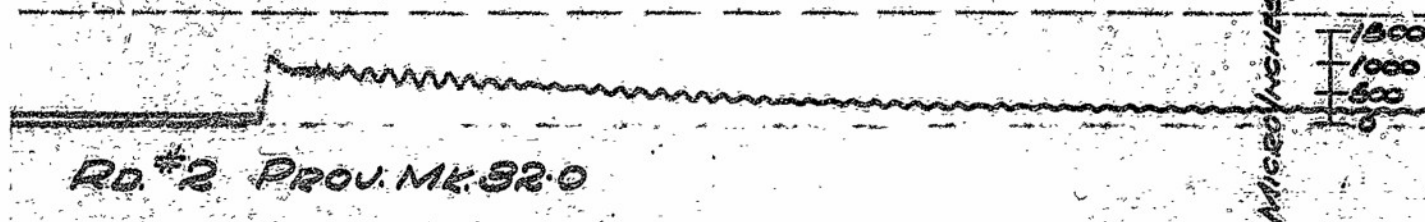
3"/70 GUN No. 24461

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DRY BORE

CIRCUMFERENTIAL GAGES 9" FROM MUZZLE
SERVICE CHARGES



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STRAIN MEASUREMENTS

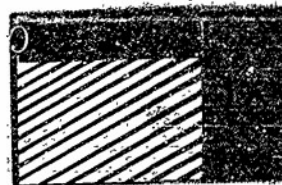
3 1/2" GUN No. 24461

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OILY BORE NS 3065

CIRCUMFERENTIAL GAGE 110" FROM MUZZLE

SERVICE CHARGES



MICRO INCHES/INCH

1000
500
0

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Rd. #9 PROV. EX6

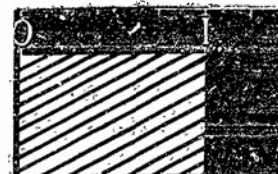
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SECONDS

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STRAIN MEASUREMENTS 3 1/2" 70 GUN No. 24461



OILY BORE N.S. 3065
CIRCUMFERENTIAL GAGES 9" FROM MUZZLE
SERVICE CHARGES

MICRO INCHES/INCH
4000
3000
2000
1000
0

12 MAR. 1947 RD.#1 PROJ. EX6-1

5 MAR. 1947 RD.#1 PROJ. MK.32-0

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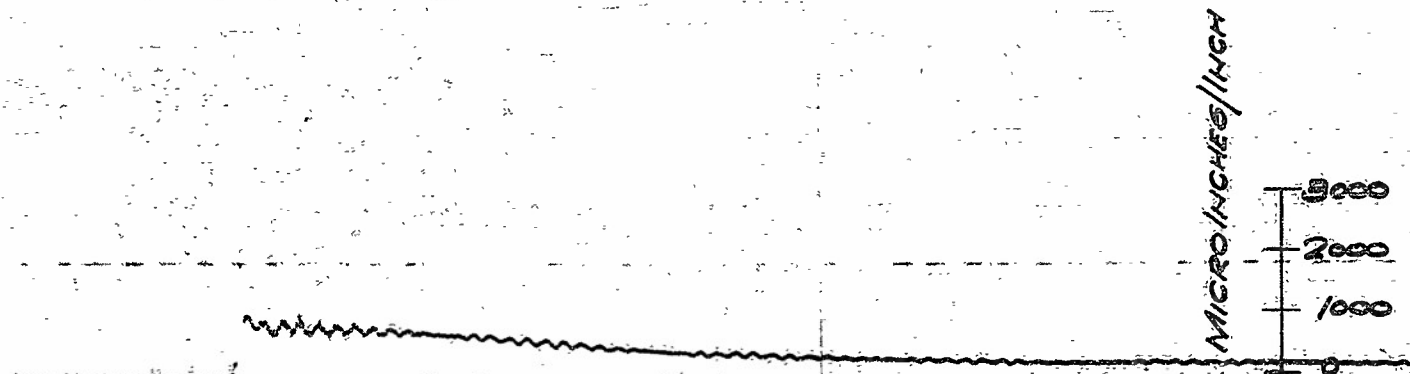
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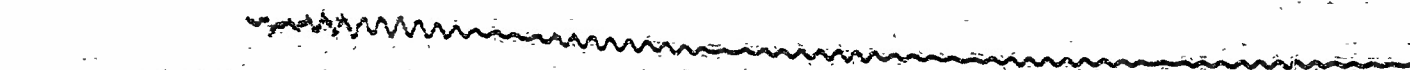
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SERVICE CHARGES



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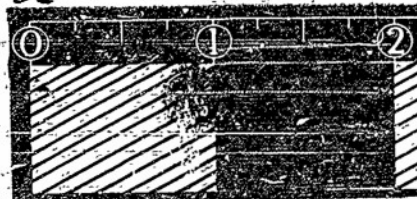
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SECONDS

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STRAIN GAGE RECORDS

6"/47 Gun No. 977



1/60 SEC.

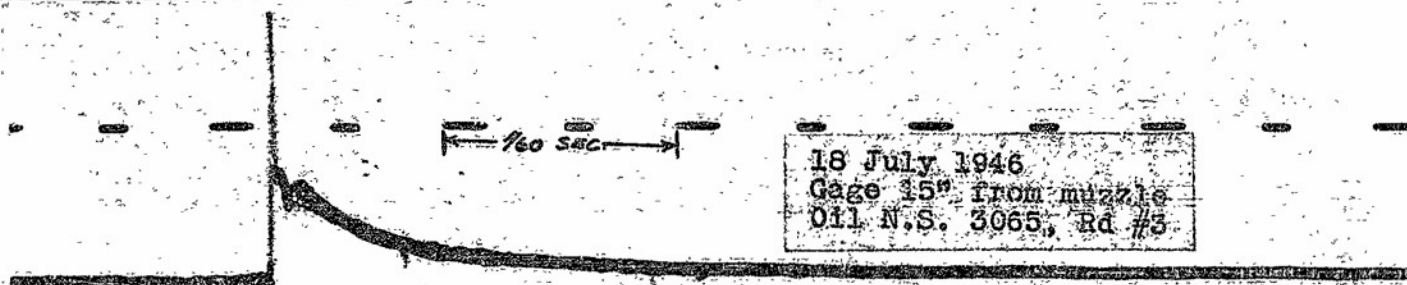
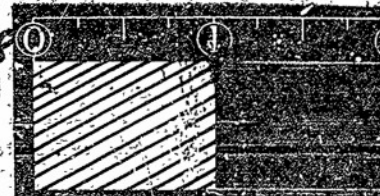
6"/47 Gun No. 977
17 January 1946
Round No. 3
15 in. From Muzzle
Service Round

1/60 SEC.

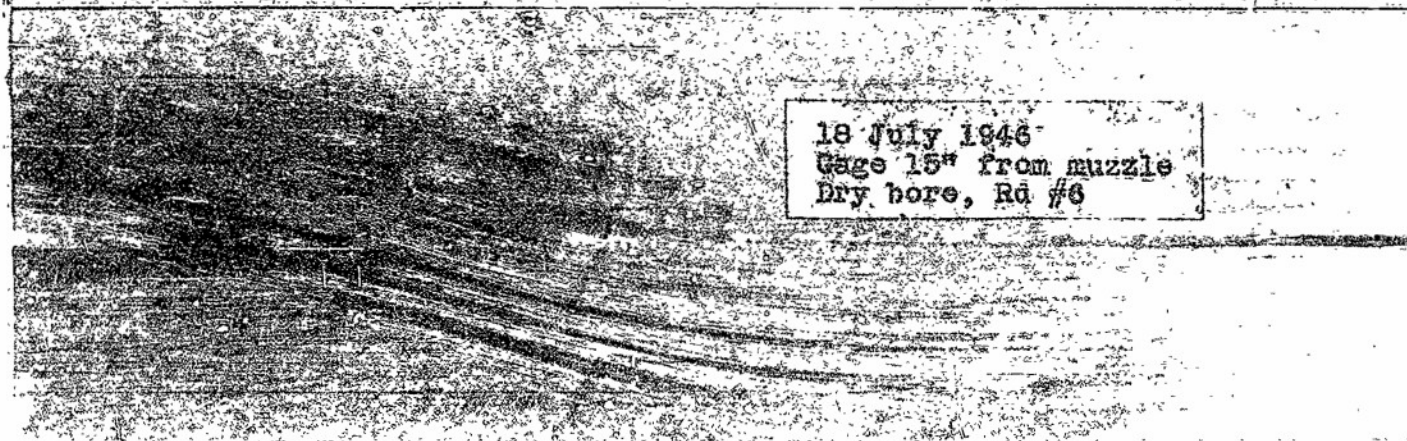
6"/47 Gun No. 977
17 January 1946
Round No. 5
15 in. From Muzzle
Service Round

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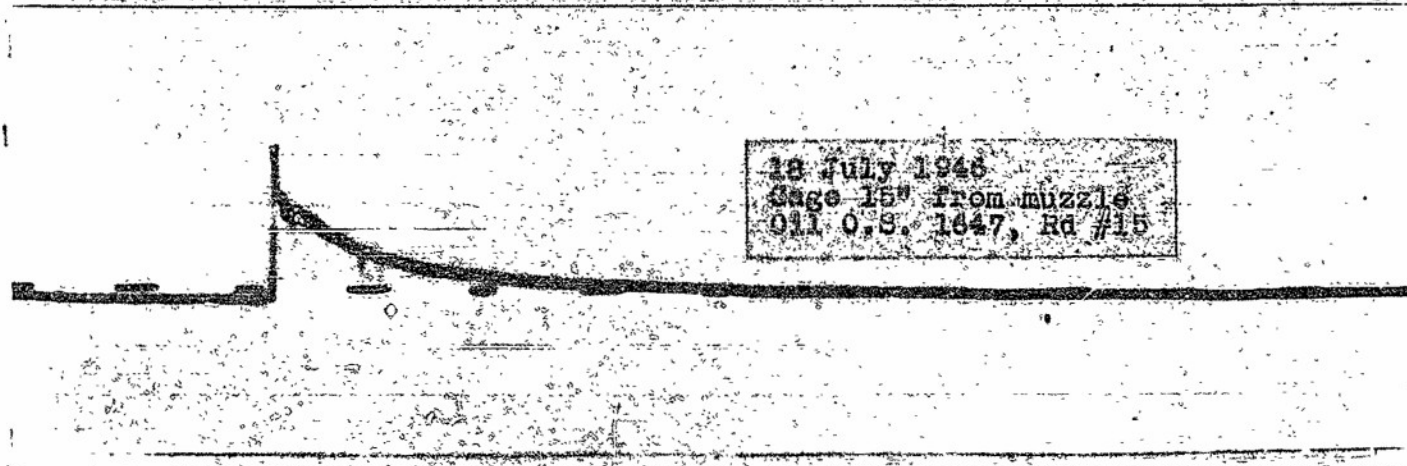
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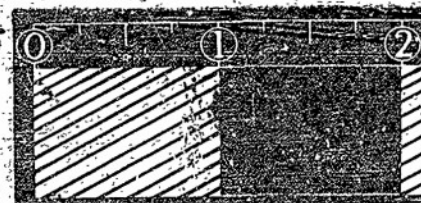
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2 July 1943
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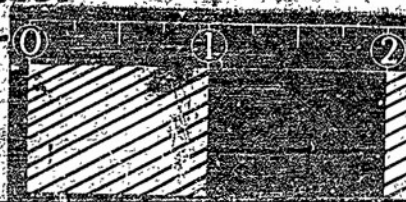
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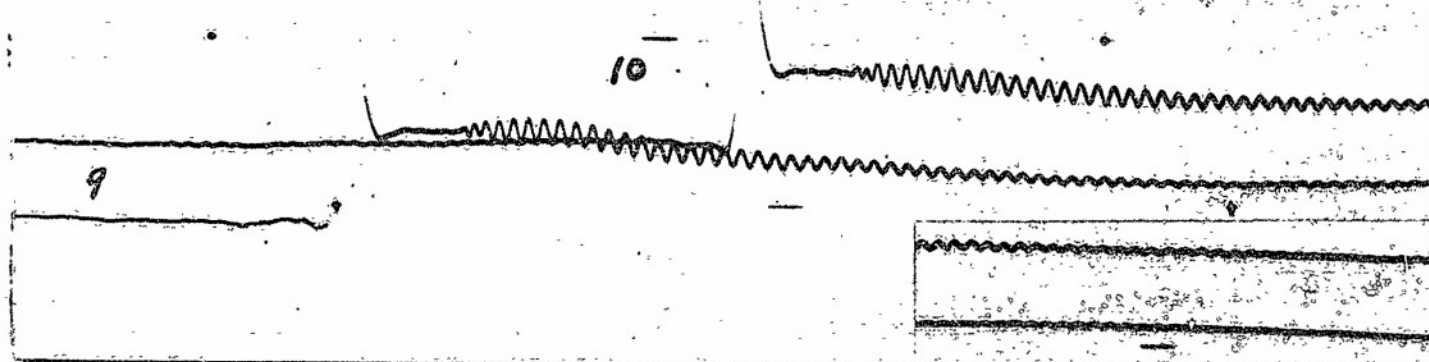
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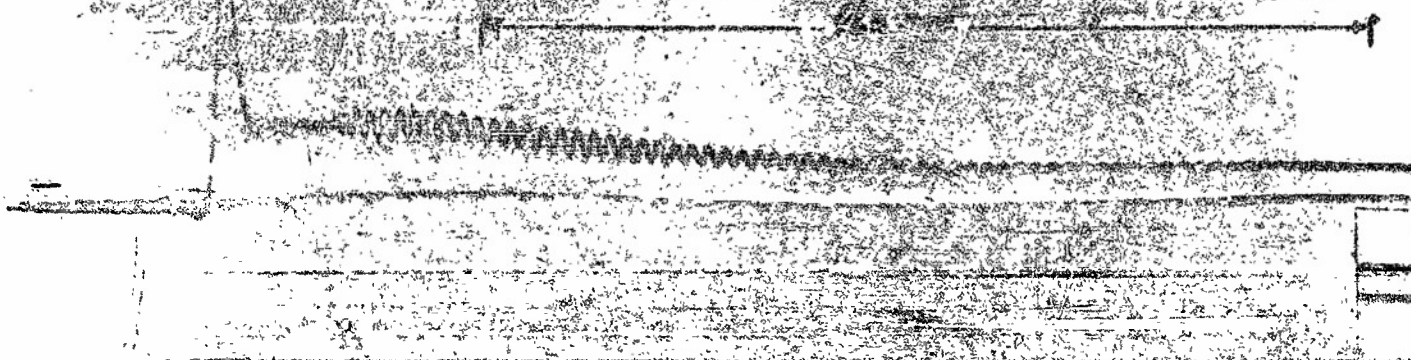
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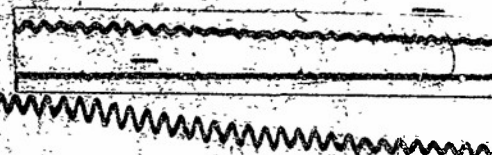
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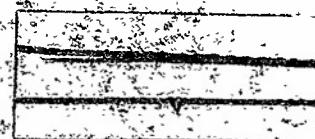
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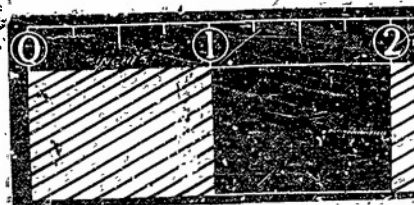
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Round No. 2
5 Ft. From Muzzle
Service Round



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STRAIN GAGE RECORDS
16"/45 Gun No. 262



16"/45 Gun No. 262
25 May 1943
Round No. 4
5 Ft. From Muzzle
Service Round

16"/45 Gun No. 262
25 May 1943
Round No. 5
5 Ft. From Muzzle
Service Round

16"/45 Gun No. 262
25 May 1943
Round No. 6
5 Ft. From Muzzle
Reduced Round

16"/45 Gun No. 262
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Round No. 9
5 Ft. From Muzzle
Reduced Round

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