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HELMET'S

DEVELOPMENT OF A TEST FOR

HARFIELD MANGANESE STEEL HELMETS

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HELMETS

Development of a Test for
Hadfield Manganese Steel Helmets

The objective of this 1942
report was

OBJECT

To investigate the possibility of a nondestructive magnetic test for helmets, and to investigate the relation of other physical properties of helmet stock to the ballistic performance of helmets. *It was concluded that it*

REFERENCES

O.O. 350.05/65 (c) - W.A. 421/255 -
February 11,
1942

The correspondence pertaining to this report is submitted as Appendix A.

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CONCLUSIONS

1. It is not possible to devise a magnetic test which will distinguish in all cases between helmets which have different ballistic properties.
2. A sensitive magnet placed a few inches away from the helmets will pick out those which are badly

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decarburiized. It will not distinguish between helmets of any other variation of heat-treatment.

3. Sheet stock quenched from below 1500° F. will have low ductility and the finished helmets will have poor ballistic properties. The magnetic properties of these helmets are essentially the same as those which have been properly heat-treated.

4. The present difficulty experienced in deep drawing some lots of helmet stock appears to arise from quenching from temperatures below 1500° F.

5. According to the data obtained, helmets made from Hadfield manganese steel sheet having 30% elongation in 2" (Federal Specification QQM-151, Fig. 3) will have ballistic limits between 900 and 1000 f.p.s.

J. W. Holloman
2nd Lt., Ordn. Dept.

APPROVED:

H. H. Zornig
Colonel, Ordn. Dept.
Director of Laboratory

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INTRODUCTION

The correspondence (Appendix A) evidences some confusion regarding the interpretation of magnetic properties of steel helmets. In the correspondence, it is suggested that a correlation exists between the magnetic and ballistic properties of the helmets. On the basis of such a correlation, the Canadian Government is applying a magnetic test to finished helmets. Since the data concerning this correlation is meager, the use of a magnetic test for helmets had to be investigated.

The steel used for helmets contains approximately 13 per cent manganese and 1.3 per cent carbon. The phase diagram is presented as Figure 1. Cooling a steel of this composition fairly rapidly will cause the retention of the high temperature phases. Quenching this steel from above 1000° C. (1825° F.) will retain non-magnetic austenite at room temperature, whereas quenching from between 700° C. (1290° F.) and 1000° C. (1825° F.) will retain austenite and grain boundary carbide. Quenching from below 700° C. (1290° F.) will cause the retention of austenite, carbide and magnetic ferrite.

If carbide precipitates, it may cause the formation

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of some magnetic ferrite due to the straining of the material surrounding the precipitates. Cold-working of the austenite will bring about the formation of ferrite whether or not carbides are precipitated. The effects of the presence of grain boundary material and the decrease in carbon content of the austenite by its formation had to be investigated. Since a lower carbon content could quite possibly affect the ease of the transformation of austenite during cold working, de-carburization was a factor which had to be investigated.

In order to obtain more nearly reproducible results, the cold-working was performed by rolling sheets of helmet steel. The magnitude of the deformation was comparable to that occurring in the forming of helmets (Figure 2). The maximum reduction in thickness was approximately 30 per cent. The material used in the tests was obtained from the McCord Radiator Company, and consisted of circles approximately 20 inches in diameter, and .048 inches in thickness. Rectangles 18 inches x 18 inches were cut from the circles, heat-treated and cold-rolled. Ballistic, physical, and magnetic tests were performed upon the cold-rolled sheets.

²Hollomon, Bushel & Guff - Trans. Amer. Inst. of Mining and Met. Engr., Vol. 140, p. 368.

SCHEDULE OF TREATMENT

SHEET NO.

TREATMENT

1	quenched from 1475° F. in water, no reduction
2	" " 1475 F. " " 7%
3	" " 1475 " " " 10
4	" " 1475 " " " 11
5	" " 1475 " " " 16
6	" " 1475 " " " 20
7	" " 1825 " " " no
8	" " 1825 " " " 7%
9	" " 1825 " " " 9
10	" " 1825 " " " 10
11	" " 1825 " " " 16
12	" " 1825 " " " 20

The initial and final dimensions of the rolled sheets are presented as Inclosure A.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. MICROEXAMINATION

Characteristic photomicrographs of the heat-treated and rolled sheets are presented as Figures 3 to 6. Figures 3 and 5 illustrate the difference between the microstructures in two sheets quenched from 1475° F. and 1625° F. respectively. The former shows carbide on the grain boundaries, while the latter is free of such precipitation. Quenching from any temperature below 1600° F. would have caused carbide precipitation in an amount determined by the phase diagrams. In Figures 4 and 6, the microstructures are compared after about 20 per cent reduction by cold-rolling. These photomicrographs illustrate the deformation which has occurred due to the rolling operation.

In Appendix B are included photomicrographs of samples taken from three lots of helmet stock as received by the McGord Radiator Company. The microstructure of the sample from Lot 280 is comparable to that of Figure 3, indicating that at least some of the sheet received by the fabricator has been improperly heat-treated. The presence of these carbides leads to cracking during the deep drawing of the helmets.

2. Physical Tests

Specimens for tensile tests (Federal Specification QM-151, Figure 5) were cut from the rolled sheets. The results of the tests are presented as Figure 7 (the data are included as Inclosure 5). The effect of the grain boundary carbide is to decrease the tensile strength and per cent elongation while increasing the hardness as compared to the sheets quenched from 1425° F. The per-cent elongation of 12) properly heat-treated and undeformed sheet was about 35, while the sheet quenched from 1475° F. had an elongation of 10 per cent. The effect of the carbide precipitation is to make the material extremely brittle.

3. Ballistic Tests

In Figure 8 the ballistic limits are plotted as a function of the per cent reduction by cold-rolling. (Firing data may be found in Inclosure 6.) For the samples quenched from 1425° F., two curves are presented; 1) one, account has been taken of the variation of thickness by assuming the ballistic limit is a linear function of the thickness*. The greatest variation in ballistic properties between the sheets of different heat-treatment occurs after cold rolling, and it is to be noted that the difference in the ductility of the

sheet is most marked after deformation, as shown in Figure 7. The samples quenched from 1475° F. and cold-rolled have a ballistic limit less than 300 f/s, and an elongation less than 2 per cent, while for the samples quenched from 1825° F., the ballistic limit is greater than 750 f/s, and the per-cent elongation is greater than twenty. The difference between the type of penetration is illustrated in Figures 9 and 10. In Figure 9 the "as-quenched" samples are compared, and in Figure 10, the quenched and rolled sheets are compared. The sheets quenched from 1475° F. bulge very little and crack up around the holes. In order to illustrate more clearly the relation between ductility and ballistic properties, Figure 11 is presented in which the ballistic limits are plotted as a function of the per-cent elongation. All of the samples from which this curve was derived were quenched from 1825° F. The data from the one sheet quenched from 1475° F., from which a ballistic limit could be obtained, do not fall upon the straight line; however, both its ductility and ballistic limit were very low.

This sheet, such as that studied in these experiments, appears to fail by tension when struck by

ball ammunition. The shot strikes the sheet, bends it until it reaches maximum elongation, and then the sheet fails by tension. The ballistic limit would therefore depend primarily upon the thickness of the plate and the ductility.

4. Magnetic Tests

The detailed description of the magnetic tests is presented as Inclosure D, and the data, as Inclosure E. The theory of the magnetic measurement may be found in a text by Stoner². Samples were quenched from 1895° F. and 1475° F. and electrolytically etched in order to remove about .012 inches of the thickness and all decarburized material. Another set of samples was quenched from 1895° F. and etched to a depth just sufficient to remove all magnetic material, but not the entire decarburized layer. The samples were cold-rolled as indicated in Table IV. The magnetic susceptibility was then obtained by measuring the force on the samples in a magnetic field, and, from the susceptibility, the permeability was determined. The permeability at a given field strength (below saturation) measures the magnetism of the samples and is related to the

²Stoner, "Magnetic Measurements", London, 1934.

amount of magnetic material present. The results are plotted as Figures 12 and 13. The effect of quenching from 1475° F. is to introduce a small amount of magnetism, probably by means of the transformation of the strained material surrounding the precipitated carbides. The permeability of the cold-rolled steels quenched from 1825° F. and 1475° F. is essentially the same, indicating that the slight decrease in carbon content due to the precipitation of the carbides does not appreciably increase the tendency of the austenite to transform during deformation. The effect of carbon is to stabilize the austenite, but the loss of carbon may be just counteracted by the effect of the carbides on the extent of the plastic deformation.

When the carbon is definitely removed by decarburization, the amount of magnetic material produced by the deformation increases as illustrated in Figure 13. (It is to be noted that the scale of Figure 13 is much greater than that of Figure 12). The loss of carbon from the surface has definitely decreased the stability of the austenite and allowed an appreciable transformation by cold-rolling.

"Eustain "Alloys of Iron and Carbon", New York - 1936.

The tests indicate that if carbides are present on the grain boundaries and the material is cold-rolled, the magnetism will be only slightly different from a properly heat-treated steel, but the ballistic limit and ductility will be very much lowered. Decarburized sheet transforms easily upon cold-rolling, and its magnetism is very much greater than properly heat-treated sheet.

SUMMARY

The effect of heat-treatment on the ballistic, physical, and magnetic properties of cold-rolled Redfield manganese steel was determined. The effect of grain boundary carbides precipitated by quenching from temperatures below 1800° F. is to lower the ductility and ballistic limits as compared to samples quenched from above 1800° F. The magnetism induced by cold deformation appears to be unaffected by the precipitation of the carbides. If, however, decarburization occurs during heat-treatment, a relatively large amount of the austenite will revert to ferrite upon cold-rolling, and the magnetism will be increased correspondingly. It is virtually impossible to devise a magnetic test, the results of which can be correlated with the ballistic properties of the helmets since in some cases both good and bad helmets have the same magnetic properties. The ballistic limits may be correlated best with the ductility; the greater the ductility, the higher the ballistic limit.

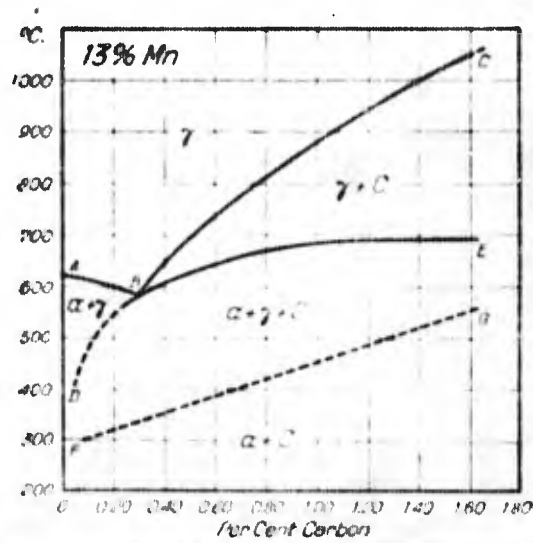
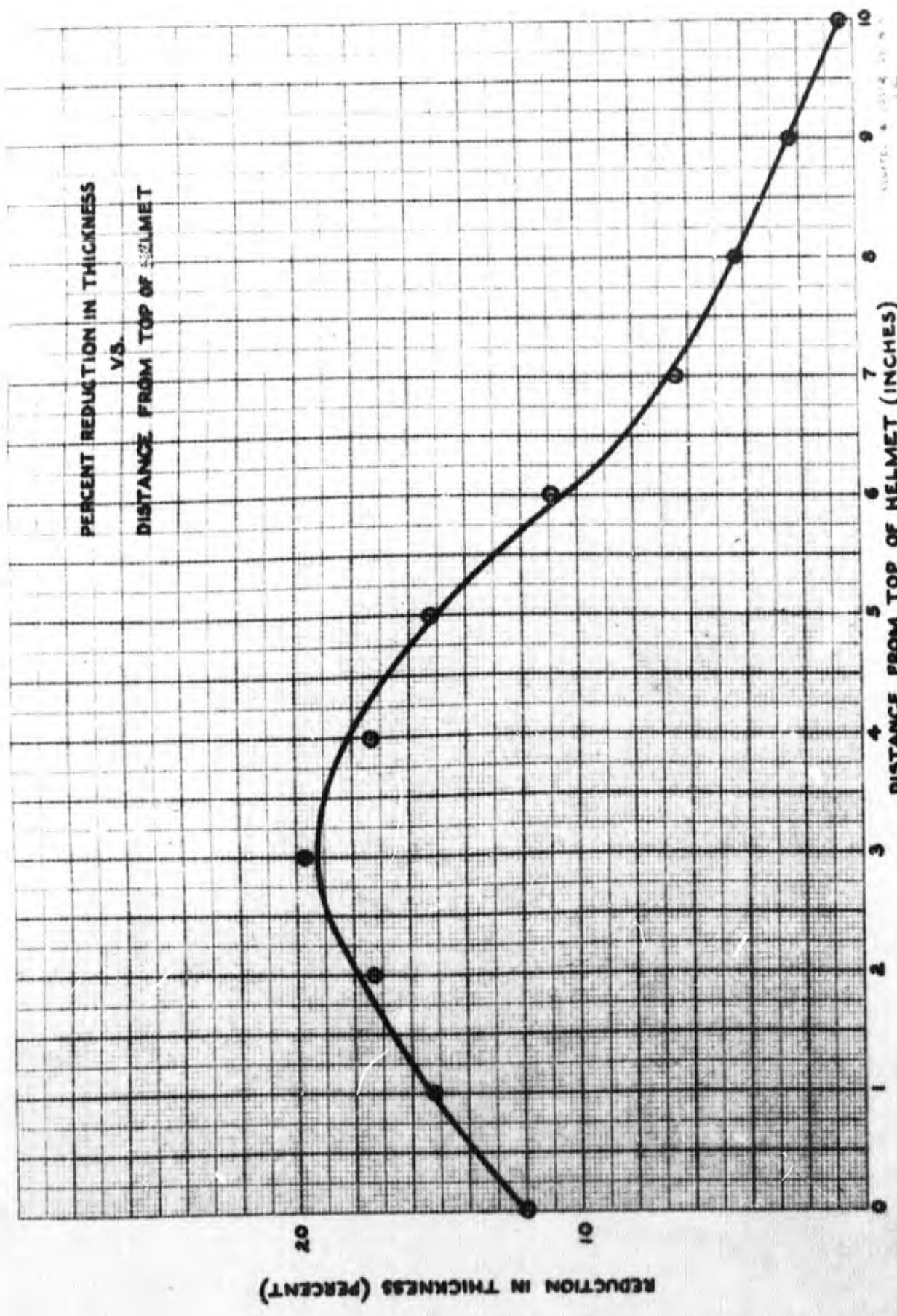


Figure 1. Phase Diagram of 13% Manganese Steel



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Figure 2

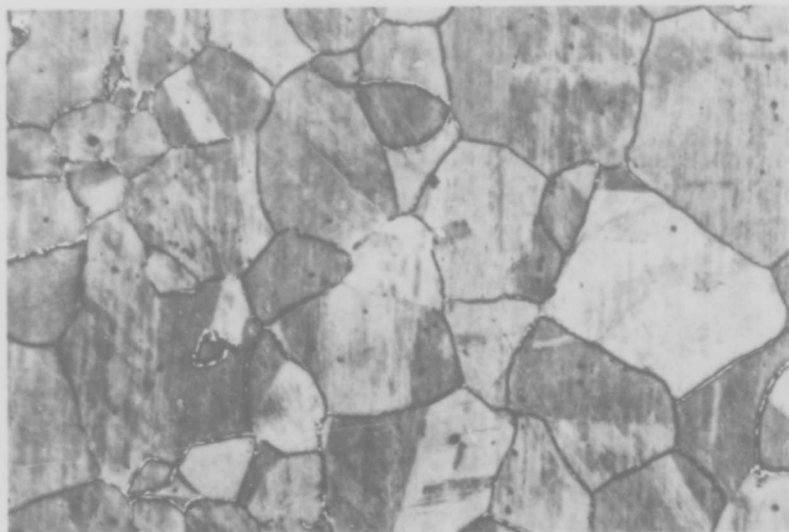


FIGURE 3 HELMET SHEET QUENCHED FROM
1475°F X 250



FIGURE 4 HELMET SHEET QUENCHED FROM
1475°F AND REDUCED 16% BY
COLD ROLLING X 250

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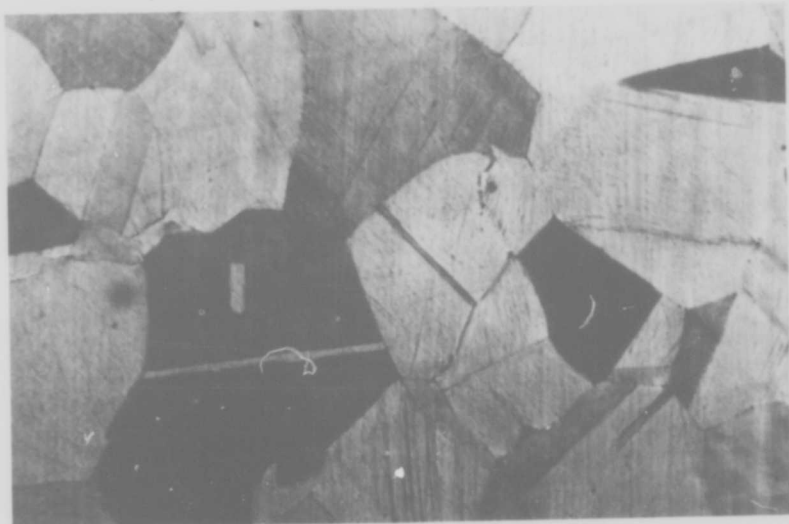


FIGURE 5 HELMET SHEET QUENCHED FROM
1825°F X 250

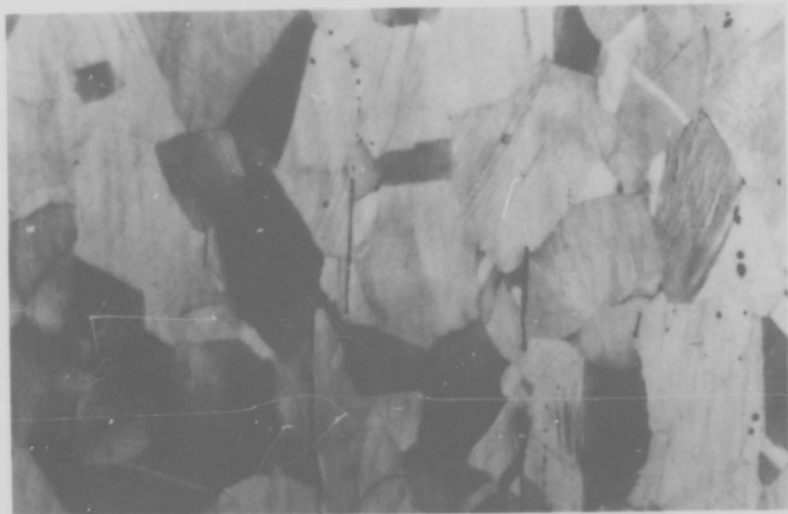


FIGURE 6 HELMET SHEET QUENCHED FROM
1825°F AND REDUCED 20% BY
COLD ROLLING X 250

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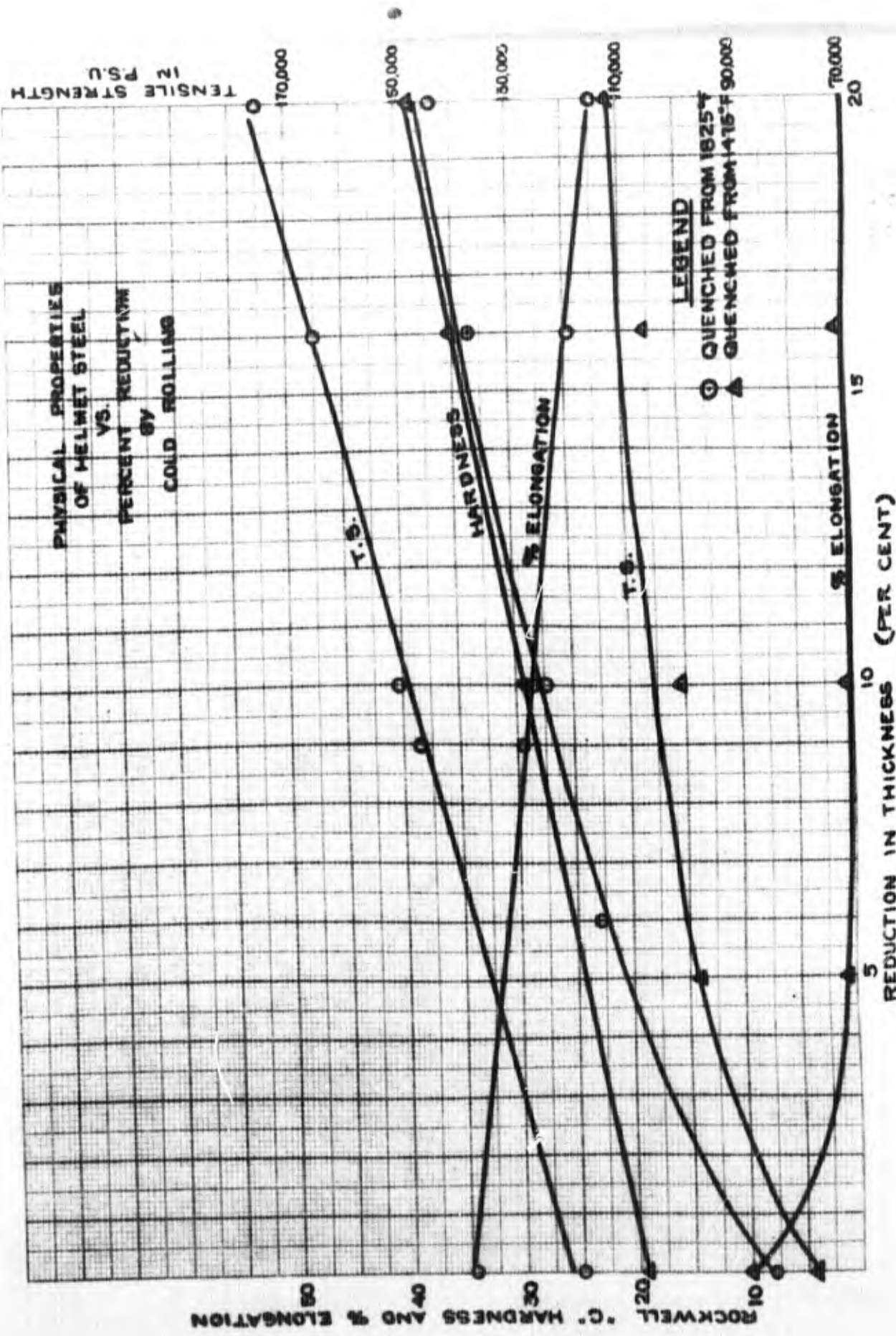
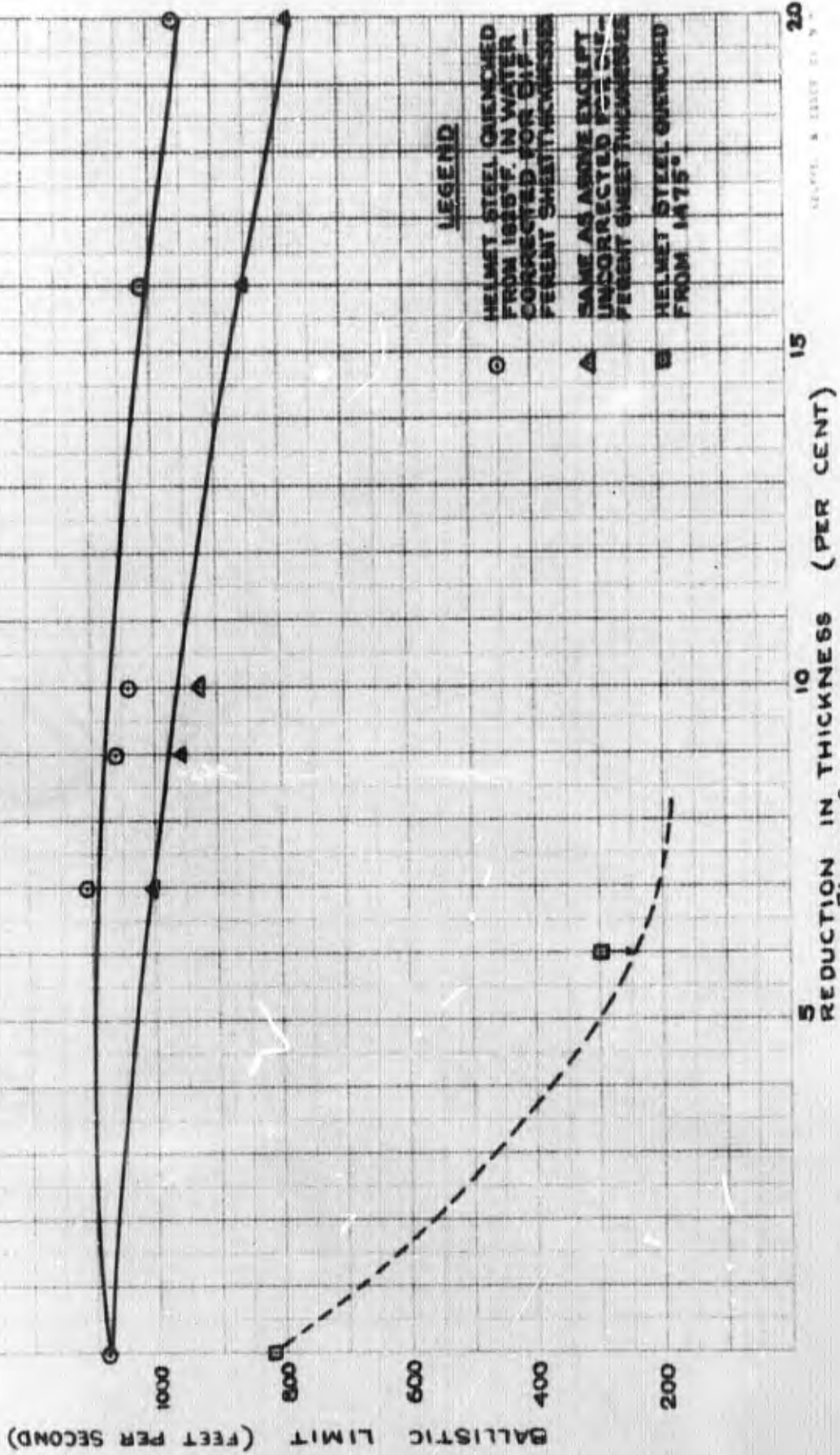
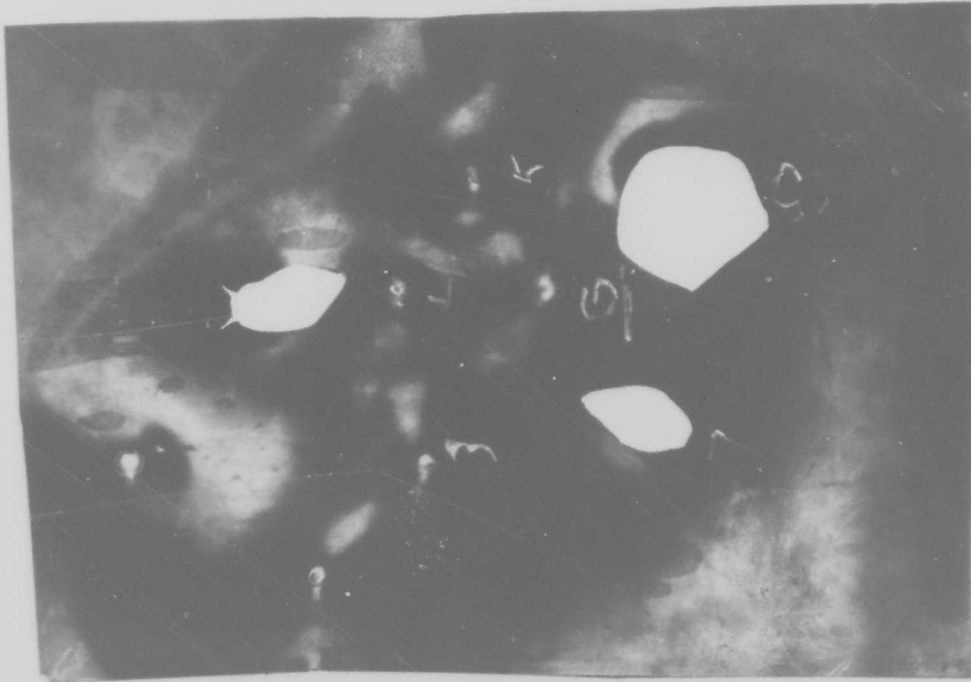


Figure 7

**BALLISTIC LIMIT
VS.
PER CENT REDUCTION BY COLD ROLLING**



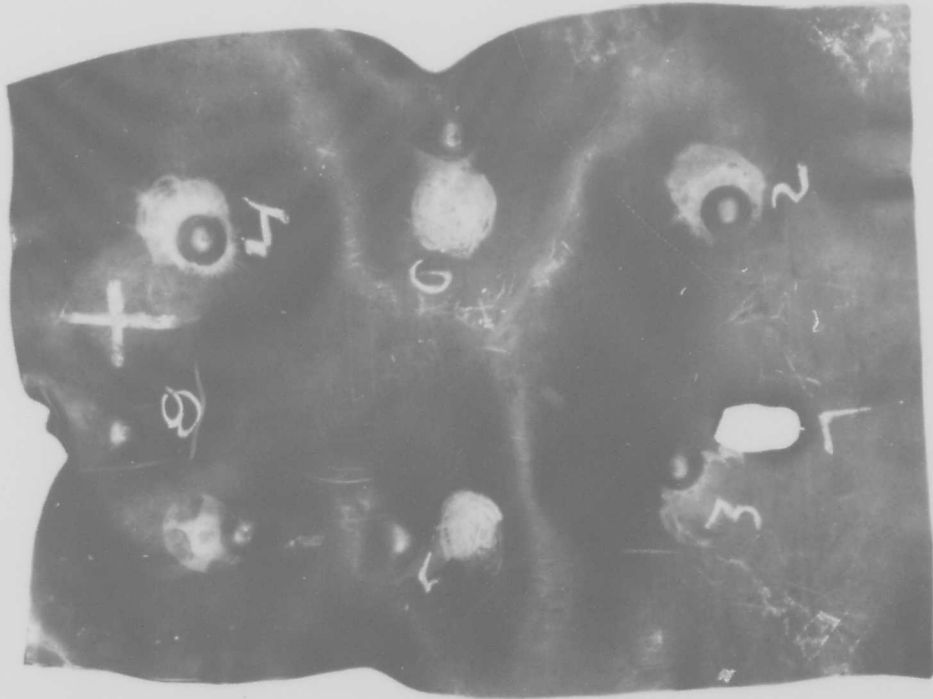
REDUCTION IN THICKNESS (PER CENT)
Figure 8



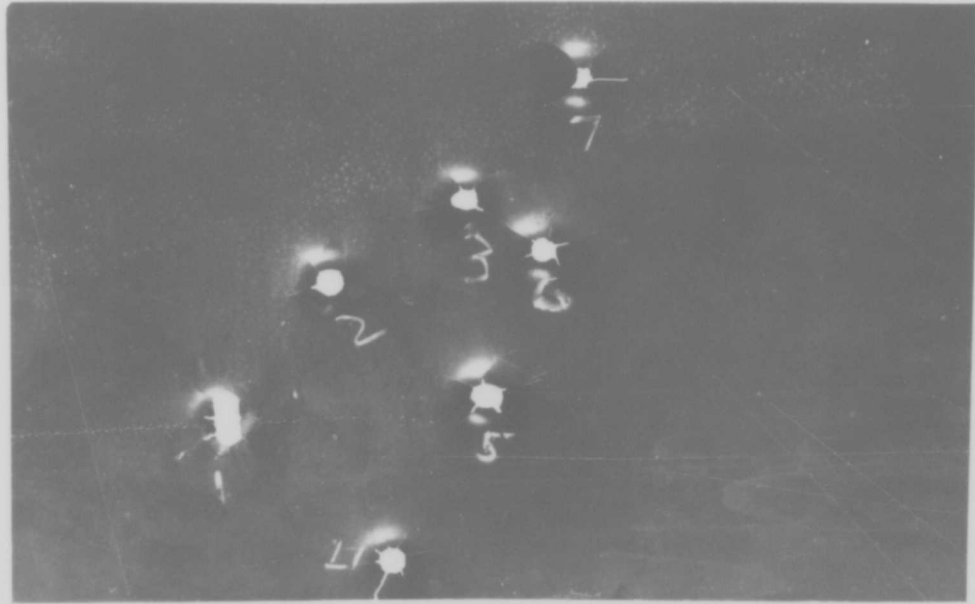
HELMET STEEL QUENCHED IN WATER FROM 1475°F
 BALLISTIC LIMIT 825 F.S. WITH .45 CAL. BALL
 AMMUNITION
 W.A. 710-1F08-2



1" 0
 1" 0
 1" 0



HELMET STEEL QUENCHED IN WATER FROM 1825°F
 BALLISTIC LIMIT 1090 FS WITH .45 CAL. BALL
 AMMUNITION



HELMET STEEL QUENCHED IN WATER FROM 1475°F
REDUCED 10% BY COLD ROLLING BALLISTIC
LIMIT LESS THAN 325 F.S. W.A.710-1807-2



HELMET STEEL QUENCHED IN WATER FROM 1325°F
REDUCED 10% BY COLD ROLLING BALLISTIC
LIMIT 1040 F.S.



Figure 10

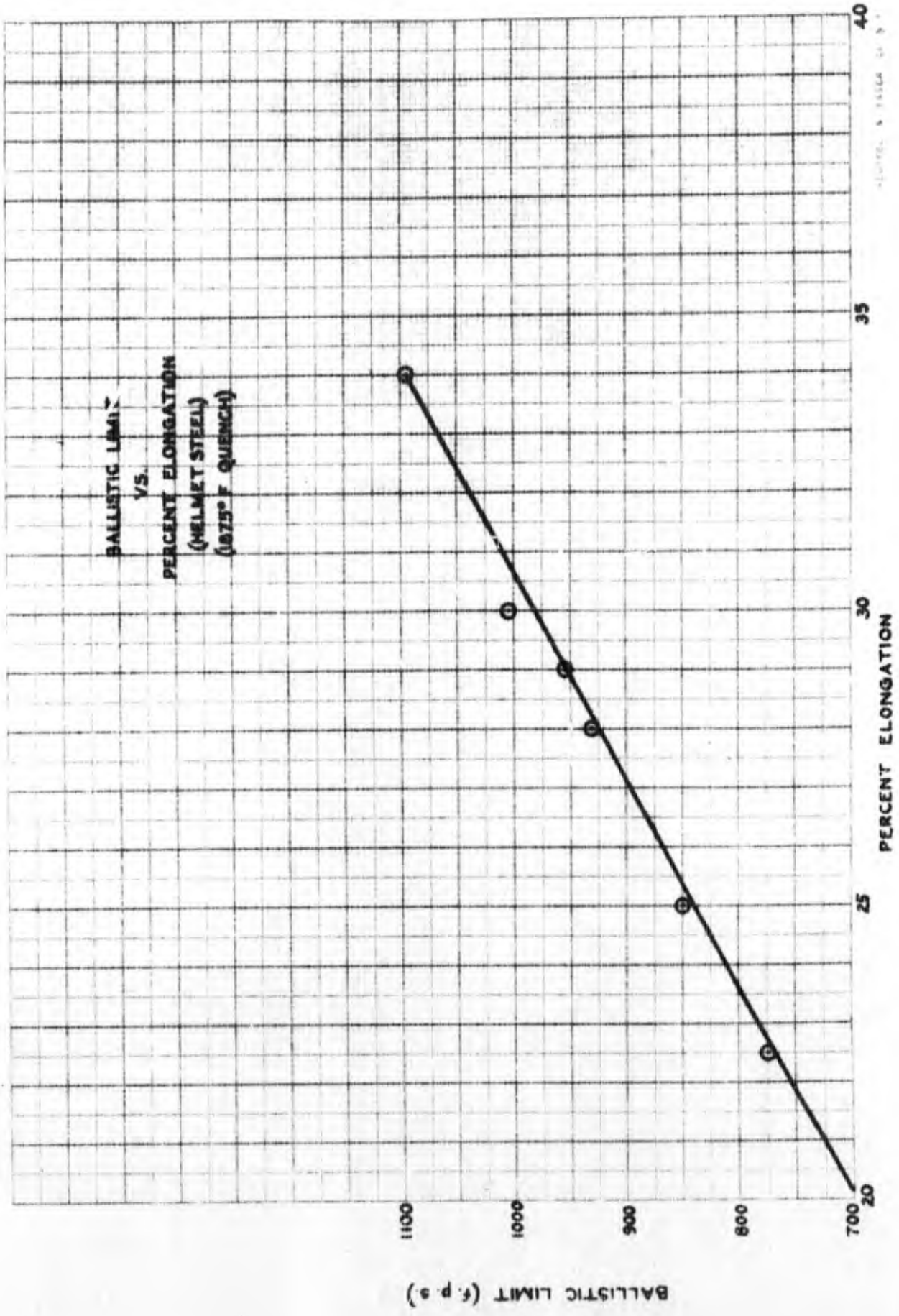
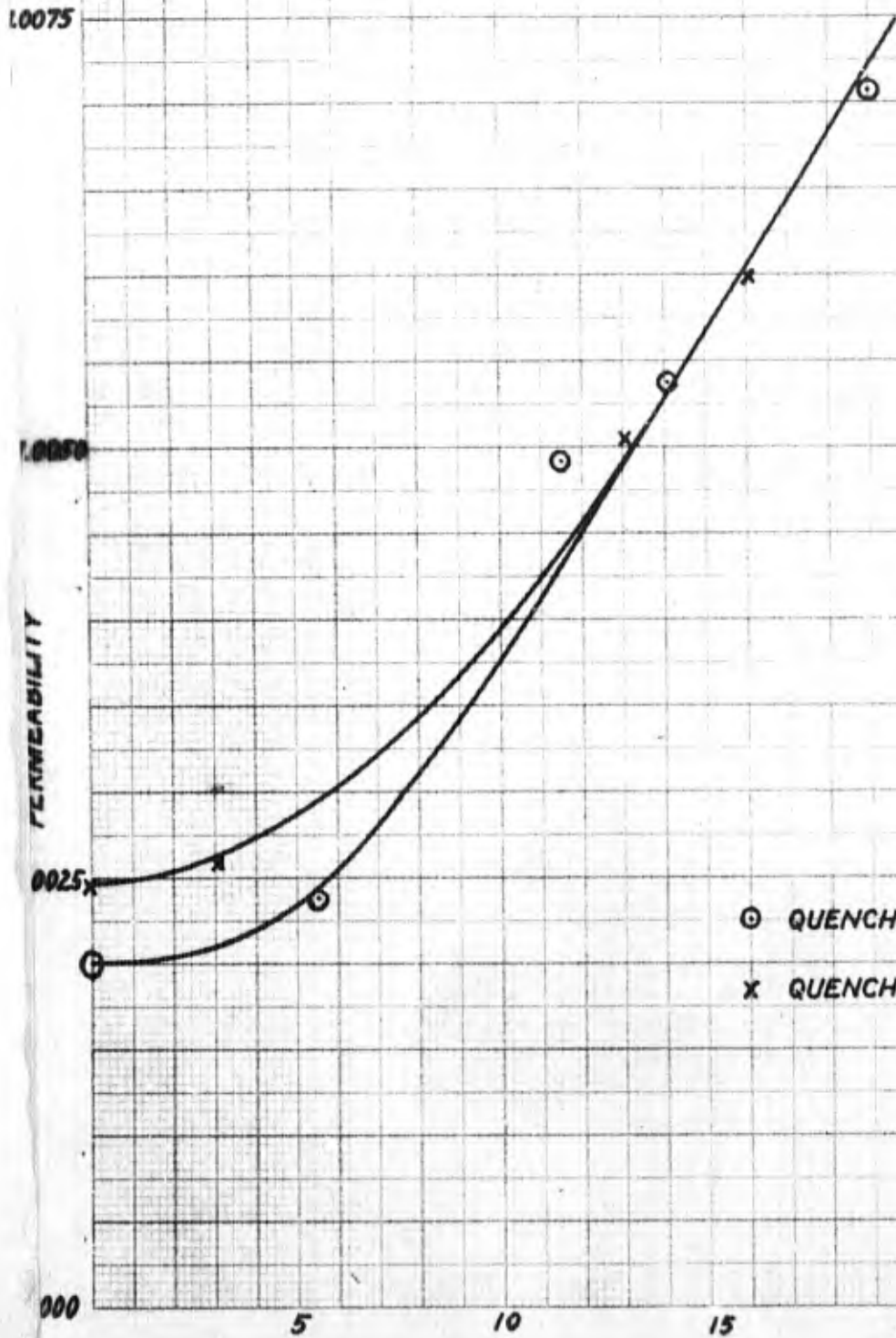


Figure 11

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PERMEABILITY
(2000 GAUSS)
VS.
REDUCTION IN THICKNESS



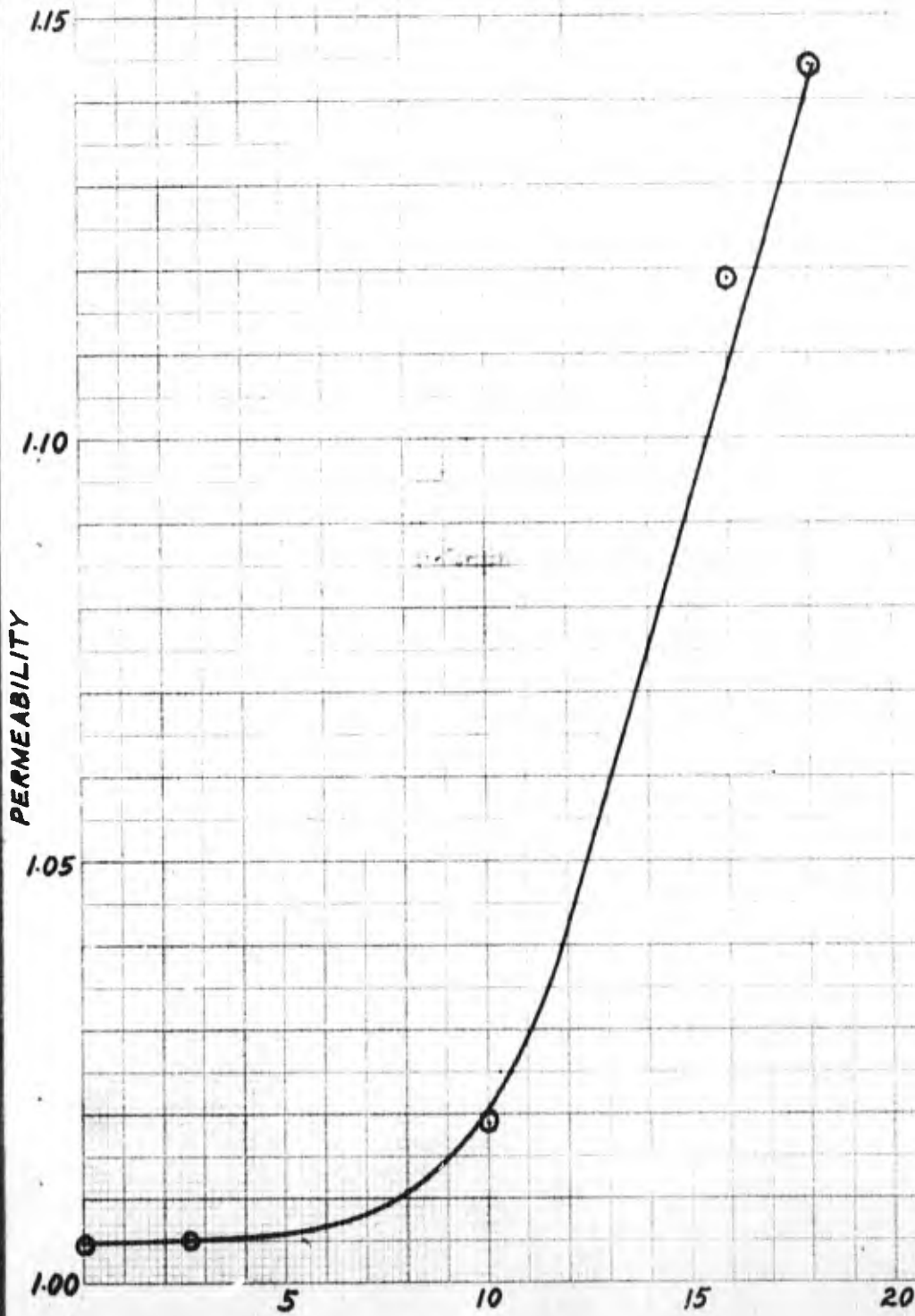
⊙ QUENCHED FROM 1825° F.

X QUENCHED FROM 1475° F.

PERCENT REDUCTION

Figure 12

PERMEABILITY
(2000 GAUSS)
VS.
PERCENT REDUCTION
(1825° F QUENCH)
(DECARBURIZED)



PERCENT REDUCTION
Figure 13

APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENCE

White/mex

February 11, 1942.

O.O. 350.05/45 (c)

Small Arms Division
Industrial Service

W.A. 481/285

Subject: Magnetic Test of Steel Helmets

To: Commanding General
Watertown Arsenal
Watertown, Massachusetts

1. It is desired to develop a non-destructive test for steel helmets that will give an indication of their ballistic properties. Some type of magnetic test seems to offer the most promising possibilities along this line.

2. In this connection, a copy of file O.O. 350.05/1141, on the subject of magnetic tests for steel helmets, is inclosed. Particular attention is drawn to the inclosure and the seventh and ninth increments of this file, wherein the practical application and theoretical justification of a magnetic test for ballistic performance are discussed.

3. It is requested that some form of magnetic test be developed to give a reliable indication of the physical properties of helmet steel after it has been formed into helmets. The method of a suspended Alnico magnet, used by the National Research Laboratory of Canada, should be investigated. Consideration should also be given to some means of passing the helmets through a coil or between the poles of an electro-magnet and registering the resultant change in magnetic field on a galvanometer. It is also possible that positive results may be obtained from the compass test now used by the Detroit Ordnance District Office in the inspection of helmets. Development of a magnetic helmet test need not be limited to the methods outlined however. These are offered merely as suggestions.

4. In conducting this investigation it should be borne in mind that the primary purpose of a magnetic

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Commanding General
Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass.

test is not to detect the presence of a slight degree of magnetism, as all helmets are magnetic to a certain extent, but is to determine that amount of magnetism indicative of poor physical characteristics. It is felt that such a test will greatly accelerate the inspection of steel helmets and at the same time give a more exact control of their quality.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

G. B. WILKES
Colonel, Ord. Dept.,
Assistant.

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File O.O. 589.05/1141
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G.O. 350.05/65 (a)
W.A. 481/255

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Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts, May 5, 1942
To: Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A., Washington, D.C.
Attn: SICIS

1. Reference is made to paragraph 3, 7th Indorsement, and paragraph 5, 9th Indorsement, of this file in which it is suggested that a magnetic test of finished helmets would give a satisfactory indication of their ballistic properties.

2. Experiments performed at Watertown Arsenal indicate that it is difficult to devise a satisfactory magnetic test to be applied easily to helmets. Preliminary tests indicate that the correlation of ballistic and magnetic properties may not be valid under all conditions. The number of variables may be too numerous to permit a satisfactory test.

3. Ballistic properties have been correlated with heat-treatment and physical properties, after the helmet steel sheet has been cold deformed to a comparable extent as that encountered in the deep drawing operation. It is found that improperly heat-treated sheets have very low ballistic limits. It is essential that sheets be quenched from 1000° C. after heat-treatment in a neutral atmosphere furnace if optimum ballistic properties are to be obtained. The ballistic limit of properly fabricated helmets is about 1000 f.p.s. with Cal. .45 ball ammunition. Improper heat-treatment manifests itself in low ductility of the sheet stock. The sheets should have 30 per-cent transverse elongation in a two-inch gauge length by 1/2 inch wide specimen. Helmets manufactured from sheets having low ductility will have low-ballistic limits.

4. Reference is made to paragraph 5, 6th Indorsement, in which information is requested concerning the drawing properties of this material. Samples of helmets from heat-treatment lots which showed excessive breaking

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Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

in drawing, but which 70 per cent of the original sheets were accepted as helmets, showed microstructures similar to the sheets which had been incorrectly heat-treated. A sheet which has been properly heat-treated will not only be satisfactory ballistically, but will also exhibit good drawing characteristics.

B. Since the ballistic properties of the helmets are related to the heat-treatment, it is at least essential that a sufficient number of helmets from each heat-treatment lot be tested in order to prevent acceptance of helmets which exhibit poor ballistic performance.

For the Commanding General:

H. H. TORRIS
Colonel, Crd. Dept.
Director of Laboratory

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CANADA

11 November, 1941

Lt. Col. B. B. McMahon,
Military Intelligence, Division G-2,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. McMahon:

I am sending you one copy of report PEE-357, Mag-
netic Test of Steel Helmets - A. J. Grant.

Yours very sincerely,

A. G. Shenstone (signed)
A. G. Shenstone

AGS/MS

Inc.

Would you please sign and return the attached copy
which will serve as a receipt.

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Report No. PEE-357

21 October, 1941

For: The Director
Ref. Lab. Order 2061, August 1941
SUBJECT: MAGNETIC TESTING OF STEEL HELMETS
AUTHOR: A. J. GRANT

APPROVED

Steel helmets were needed urgently to equip troops, scheduled to sail at an early date.

The specification for steel helmets provides for a destructive test on a few helmets in each lot of a hundred, but since the imported steel used for the helmets was found to give a mixture of good and bad, a non-destructive test had to be found if the requirement for helmets was to be met (tests had to be made on the finished helmets as the processing affected the material).

It was found that the defective helmets were somewhat magnetic. Therefore, the helmets were divided into good and bad lots by passing each one near a suspended Alnico magnet. A deflection of the magnet indicated a magnetic, i.e. a defective helmet. Exhaustive destruction tests indicated that this method of sorting was satisfactory, and the troops sailed equipped with good steel helmets.

We understand the Inspection Board is continuing the magnetic test of steel helmets in addition to the destructive test called for by the specifications.

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DDO 400.163/551-939 1st Ind.
G-3, W. D., November 15, 1941 To: The Quartermaster
General, Attention of Lieut. Col. L. C. Grice, Standard-
ization Branch, and the Chief of Ordnance, IN TURN.

Report forwarded for your information.
Receipt has been accomplished by this office.

For the Acting A. C. of S., G-3:

S. B. McEhahn
Lieut. Col., General Staff Corps
Coordinating Section

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DDO 400.163/551-939
CG 350.05/1141
QM 491 G-3td. (Helmet, Steel) 2nd Ind.
War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D. C. November 19, 1941.
TO: Chief of Ordnance.

1. Noted.

For the Quartermaster General:

Lyle A. Clough, (Signed)
LYLE A. CLOUGH
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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O. O. 350.08/1141

Attn: Ind. Serv., Small Arms

QM 401 G-Std. (Helmets, Steel)

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Moore/ea

War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C.

November 24, 1941

To: Detroit Ordnance District Office, Detroit,
Michigan.

1. It is requested that the District outline what tests are made by the inspector in determining whether or not helmets manufactured by the McCord Reister Company are non-magnetic.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

W. T. Moore, (signed)
W. T. MOORE
Major, Ord. Dept.,
Assistant

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Attn: Ind. Serv., Small Arms
QM 421 S-Std. (Helmets, Steel)
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Detroit Ordnance District, 1852 National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan, November 28, 1941
To: Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., Industrial
Service Small Arms Division, Attention: Major W. T. MOORE.

1. In compliance with paragraph 1 of 3rd indorsement there is herewith inclosed a tentative specification which this office has been using in the inspection of Helmet Bodies. Your attention is invited to paragraph 7-9d.

2. Since receipt of basic letter, this office has carefully checked the magnetic qualities of the Helmet Bodies by various means, such as a compass or magnet which has been suspended by a string. It was found that practically all of the Helmets would slightly attract a powerful magnet held on a long string. It was further found that the edging, which is made of 16-8 stainless steel, was absolutely non-magnetic, whereas the loops, which are made of the same material, are slightly magnetic. The most magnetic part of the Helmet, which has been found, are the stainless steel loops. This office has a certified copy of the analysis of these loops which checks the material specifications. A sample is being sent to a local laboratory to check this analysis.

3. It is the understanding of this office that non-magnetic qualities are desired so that the Helmets will not affect a compass held in the wearer's hand. Based on the foregoing, this office has adopted the following method of inspecting for non-magnetic qualities:

"At least two per cent of the finished helmet bodies shall be tested for non-magnetic qualities by moving the helmet body around a sensitive compass in a circle with a radius of 2-1/2 inches. The compass shall not deflect."

A device has been built in the form of a non-magnetic wheel, with a 5" diameter, mounted on a non-magnetic upright with a sensitive compass mounted at

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Attn: Ind. Serv., Small Arms
QM 481 6-544. (Helmets, Steel)

DDO 400.153/531-959 (Cont.) 4th Ind. Scarborough/ea

the center. The compass is stationary and the helmet is tested by moving the helmet around the upright at a distance of 2-1/2" from the center of the compass. Considerable variation was found in the sensitiveness of various compasses. This office is using the most sensitive one that it has been able to obtain.

6. It is the opinion of this office that if the helmet will not affect a compass 2-1/2" away from the helmet, that the helmet will be satisfactory. It is requested that your office either concur with the method of testing shown in paragraph 3 or suggest another method. It should be borne in mind that all of the helmets are magnetic to some degree. It is felt that the test in the inclosed specification is not sensitive enough and that a magnet on a string is too sensitive.

For the District Chief:

J. D. Scarborough (Signed)
J. D. Scarborough,
2nd Lt., Ord. Dept.
Assistant

Incl: 1 Copy of Spec.

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Attn: S. A. Div., Ind.

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War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C.,

December 15, 1941.

To: Detroit Ordnance District Office, Detroit, Michigan,
and Commanding General, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock
Island, Illinois

IN TURN

1. The method of testing M1 helmets for magnetic properties, by the use of a sensitive compass, as outlined in 4th Indorsement to this file, appears to be satisfactory to this office, and its use is hereby confirmed.

2. The copy of tentative helmet specification prepared by the Detroit Office has been withdrawn.

3. This file is returned to the Detroit Office to confirm the use of the subject test method. It should then be forwarded to Rock Island Arsenal for their information and recording.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

W. F. MOORE,
Major, Ord. Dept.
Assistant

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Attn: Ind. Serv., Small Arms

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Detroit Ordnance District, 1832 National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan, December 20, 1941. To: Commanding
General, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois.

1. Forwarded to your Arsenal for information and recording, as per request of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

For the District Chief

J. D. SCARBROUGH (Signed)
J. D. Scarbrough
Snd Lt., Ord. Dept.
Assistant

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CO 351.05/1141
OK 421 4-Std. (Helmets, Steel)
DDO 400.143/031-339
NIA 421/757

7th Ind. DWM/m.jg

Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. January 7, 1948.

To: Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D.C.
ATTN: Industrial Service - Small Arms.

1. The contents of the attached report have been noted.
2. The original test mentioned in paragraph two of this report must have been for the determination of physical properties, by virtue of having been a destructive test. These physical requirements of the specification are not disclosed in the report but are assumed to be ballistic.
3. Inasmuch as any test for magnetism would be non-destructive, it seems evident that the Royal Research Laboratories were not originally concerned with the magnetic properties because of the effect on compass. Rather they had determined that excessive magnetism and low physical properties in a helmet are coincident. It is known in this country that austenitic helmet steel will have low ballistics if the manganese is below a certain point and this condition will also make the steel magnetic.
4. With reference to paragraph two of the fourth indorsement, it would seem that the higher magnetic properties of the helmet loops would not be significant so long as the helmet proper is satisfactory.
5. From the standpoint of possible effect of the helmet on direction finding equipment, the test outlined in the fourth indorsement is not considered pertinent so long as the soldier carries considerable equipment which is more magnetic than the helmet.
6. If it is desired to inspect our own helmets

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CO 331.05/1143

WE 491 A-Std. (Helmets, Steel)

DOB 400.163/331-239

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7th Ind. (Continued)

by this means, it will be necessary to get detailed data from the Royal Research Laboratories or conduct exhaustive tests to determine just how magnetic this steel can be while still possessing good ballistic properties. If carried on in conjunction with destructive tests, this method would give closer control over the material.

For the Commanding General:

ROBERT T. MYERS
1st Lt., Ord. Dept.,
Assistant

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G.O. 380.05/1141

Attn.: Ins. Div., Small Arms
RM 481 2-Std. (Helmets, Steel)
DDP 400.165/531-939
DIA 481/787
WA 481/244

8th Ind.

Moore/ea

War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C.,
January 12, 1949
To: Commanding Officer, Watertown Arsenal, Watertown,
Mass.

1. Forwarded for such information as the Watertown Arsenal Laboratory may have in connection with non-magnetic characteristics of steels. If the Arsenal has any information that would be beneficial in determining the ballistic characteristics of helmets through the use of magnetic instruments, it would be helpful in determining whether or not helmets which are accepted without test will be satisfactory. At the present time, samples from a lot of helmets are fired for ballistic characteristics, the selected sample being assumed to be representative of the lot. This might not be the case however.

2. The Arsenal may have information regarding the high manganese type of material such as is used in helmets which could be inspected prior to fabricating into helmets for drawing characteristics as well as the ballistic characteristics of the material after its fabrication.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

W. T. Moore (Signed)
W. T. Moore
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Assistant

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C.O. 880.05/1141
Attn: Ind. Serv., Small Arms
QM 401 5-510. (Helmet, Steel)
DDO 400.103/531-030
RIA 401/737
WA 401/244

9th Ind. MIL. GPT

Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts, January
24, 1948.

To: Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A., Washington, D. C.
Attn: Industrial Service, Small Arms Division.

1. Helmetts are made largely from "Hadfield" steel which contains 13 per cent or more of manganese. Such steels and also the chrome-nickel austenitic steels are not entirely stable, some of the austenite tending to revert to ferrite on plastic deformation.
2. The reversion to ferrite might occur due to shearing, punching, cold forming, accidental bending, hammering or a variety of other causes.
3. The steel seems to have its best ballistic properties when fully austenitic.
4. Austenite is nonmagnetic; ferrite is magnetic. The degree of reversion of the austenite to ferrite should be determinable by magnetic tests along the lines of those described as having been used in Canada.
5. It is considered that a properly devised magnetic test is probably the best one that could be found for testing for the relative amounts of ferrite in the austenite of the helmet steel, and hence, should be an excellent inspection test.

For the Commanding General:

H. H. Zornig (Signed)
H. H. ZORNIG
Col., Ord. Dept.,
Director of Laboratory

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Attn: Small Arms Div., Ind. Service

DDP 400.103/331-200

10th Ind. White/one

War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1942

To: Detroit Ordnance District Office, Detroit, Michigan

1. Reference is made to paragraph 3, 7th indorsement and paragraph 5, 8th indorsement, of this file, in which it is indicated that a magnetic test of helmets would give satisfactory indication of their ballistic properties.

2. To secure further information regarding the suitability of a magnetic test for the determination of impact strength of helmets, it is suggested that ballistic tests be conducted on a representative sample of those helmets failing to pass the magnetic test outlined in paragraph 3 of the 4th indorsement. In addition, the magnetic test should be performed prior to firing on all helmets selected for the ballistic test.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

W. T. MOORE,
Lt. Col., Grd. Dept.,
Assistant

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APPENDIX B

MICROGRAPHS OF REPRESENTATIVE
HEAT-TREATMENT LOTS

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MLR/MAH/awr

Laboratory

November 18, 1941

Mr. F. L. Harter
Vice Chairman, Subcommittee for
Helmet Steels and Body Armor
McCord Radiator and Mfg. Co.
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Harter:

We are submitting on the attached data sheet the results of the metallographic examination on the samples of Hadfield Manganese Steel Nos. 288, 289, and 290 which were submitted with your letter dated October 14, 1941.

The results of this investigation indicate that failure was probably due to the presence of carbide stringers and grain boundary carbide in the material. It is believed that this condition can be corrected by a suitable quench, either an air blast or water spray, from 1800°F. or by finishing on the mill at a higher temperature followed by rapid cooling. Carbide stringers are considered objectionable since they are potential planes of weakness during the forming operation.

Sample No. 288 which was considered a good lot of steel was relatively free from carbide aggregations, see Figure I.

Sample No. 289, representing the average lot, showed the presence of some carbide stringers, see Figure II.

Sample No. 290, which represented a lot of poor forming steel contained numerous carbide stringers and some grain boundary carbides, see Figure III.

Sample No. 288 had an average Rockwell C hardness of 41, while samples Nos. 289 and 290 had an average Rockwell C hardness of 46.

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We are sending copies of these results to Major Moore, Mr. Goddrian, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., and to the Detroit Ordnance Office.

For the President of the Board:

Very truly yours,

G. L. Cox,
Major, Crd. Dept.,
Acting Chairman, Subcommittee
for Helmet Steels and
Body Armor.

2 Incls.
Data Sheet
Fig. I, II, III

cc. - Major W. T. Moore
Mr. J. A. Goddrian
Detroit Ordnance Office

DATA SHEET

FIGURE I

Microstructure representative of three helmets from Lot 86B of steel with good forming properties having a great deal of strain lines caused by the cold-working operation. Large stringers of inclusions were found in the specimen cut in the longitudinal direction. Small circular inclusions were found near the surface of the steel plate.

X1000

MA-3754

FIGURE II

Microstructure representative of two helmets from Lot 89A of steel with average forming properties containing banded precipitated carbides. There were no strain lines found in the austenite grains. Small circular inclusions were found near surface of plate.

X1000

MA-3757

FIGURE III

Microstructure representative of four helmets from Lot 88C of steel with poor forming properties containing banded precipitated carbides. No strain lines were found in the austenite grains. There were small circular inclusions near the surface of the plate.

X1000

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All specimens etched in Vilella's Reagent.

MICROSTRUCTURE OF HADFIELD STEEL

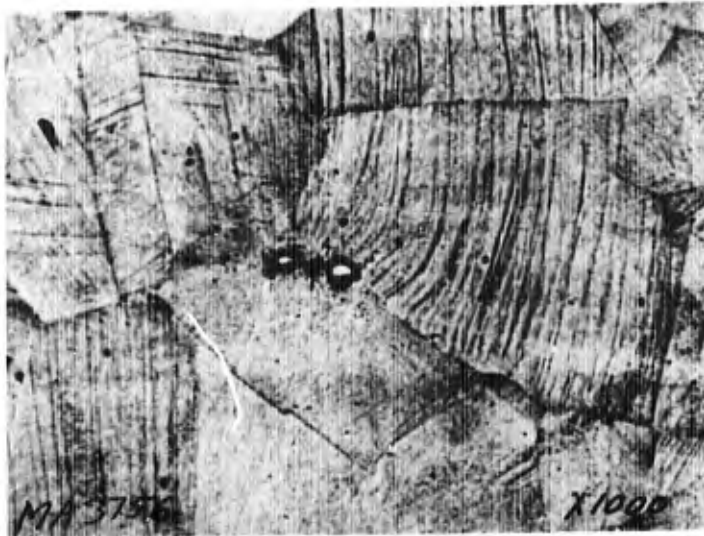


FIGURE 1
TYPICAL STRUCTURE OF GOOD
FORMING STEEL

LOT # C.I. 225299
MC C. 26B

VILELLA'S ETCH

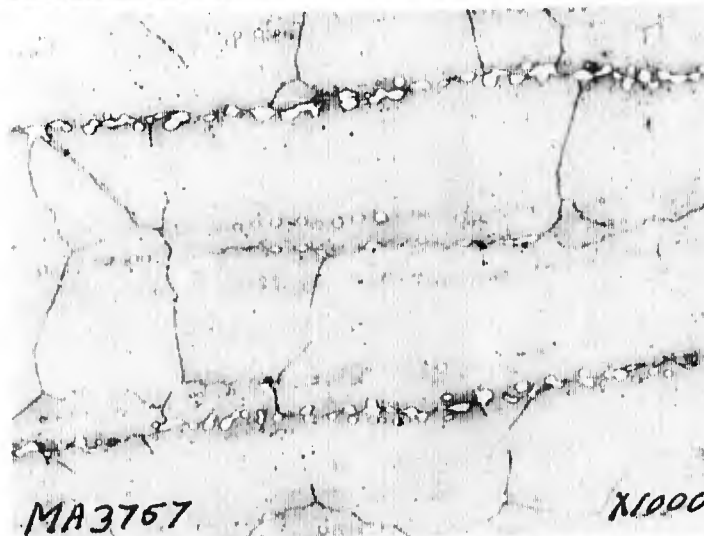


FIGURE 2
TYPICAL STRUCTURE OF AVERAGE
FORMING STEEL

LOT # C.I. 175764
MC C. 29A

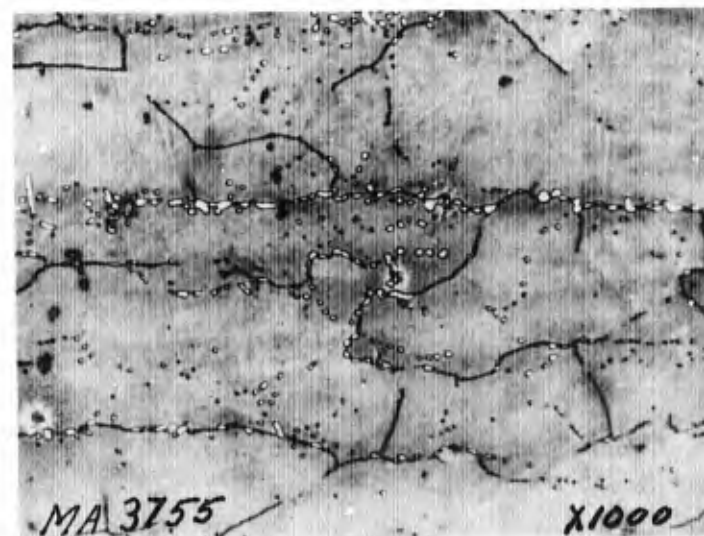


FIGURE 3
TYPICAL STRUCTURE OF POOR
FORMING STEEL

LOT # C.I. 254463
MC C. 28C

INCLOSURE A

OLD ROLLING DATA

TABLE I
GOLD ROLLING DATA

<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Original Thickness</u> (inches)	<u>Final Thickness</u> (inches)
1	.045	.045
2	.044	.041
3	.045	.0405
4	.047	.042
5	.043	.036
6	.045	.036
7	.046	.045
8	.044	.041
9	.0445	.0405
10	.045	.0405
11	.044	.037
12	.045	.036

ENCLOSURE B

PHYSICAL TEST DATA

TABLE II

Sample No.	Area	Rockwell E	Tensile Strength	% Elong. in 2"
1	.0214	19	79,000	10.
2	.0216	25	103,000	0.
3	.0217	29	101,300	0.
4	.0228	31	79,800	1.
5	.0199	34	103,000	1.0
6	.0183	40	113,700	1.0
7	.0205	6	130,400	34.5
7 a"	.0206	6	137,300	36.3
7 b"	.0208	6	131,300	36.0
8	.0200	09	131,300	37.
11	.0194	34.5	---	---
12	.0189	36.5	175,100	39.5

*These samples were cut from different sheets.

ENCLOSURE 2

FIRING DATA

TABLE III

All Firing with E. A. Du'nox and .45 cal. Ball Ammunition

<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Gun Round No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Striking Velocity</u>	<u>Result on Plate</u>
1.	76	3.0	Lost	P.P. - LB
	77	3.5	Lost	P.P. - LB
	78	4.0	Lost	P.P. - LB
	79	5.0	699	P.P. - LB
	80	5.5	765	P.P. - LB
	81	6.0	809	P.P. - LB
	82	6.5	899	G.P. - P.T.P.
	83	6.2	865	G.P. - P.T.P.
	84	6.1	844	G.P. - P.T.P.

Ballistic Limit = 825 f/s

2.	122	service	735	G.P. - P.T.P.
	123	4.0	549	G.P. - P.T.P.
	124	3.5	455	G.P. - P.T.P.
	125	3.0	Lost	G.P. - P.T.P.
	126	2.5	309	G.P. - P.T.P.

Lowest Complete = 309 f/s

4.	69	service	725	G.P. - P.T.P.
	70	4.9	649	G.P. - P.T.P.
	71	4.7	Lost	G.P. - P.T.P.
	72	4.4	Lost	G.P. - P.T.P.
	73	4.0	Lost	G.P. - P.T.P.
	74	3.5	435	G.P. - P.T.P.
	75	3.0	345	G.P. - P.T.P.

Lowest Complete = 345 f/s

TABLE III (continued)

<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Gun Round No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Striking Velocity</u>	<u>Result on Plate</u>
7.	114	7.0	922	P.P. - L.B.
	115	7.3	944	P.P. - L.B.
	116	7.4	956	P.P. - L.B.
	117	7.5	969	P.P. - L.B.
	118	7.7	987	P.P. - L.B.
	119	8.0	1038	P.P. - L.B.
	120	8.5	1090	G.P. - P.T.P.
	121	8.8	1016	P.P. - L.B.

Ballistic Limit = 1033 f/s

8.	102	Service W	789	P.P. - L.B.
	103	6.0	814	P.P. - L.B.
	104	6.5	832	P.P. - L.B.
	105	7.0	844	P.P. - L.B.
	106	7.3	856	P.P. - L.B.
	107	7.4	873	P.P. - L.B.
	108	7.5	Lost	G.P. - P.T.P.
	109	7.8	1007	P.P. - L.B.

Highest Partial = 1007 f/s

9.	85	6.5	Lost	P.P. - L.B.
	86	6.5	944	P.P. - L.B.
	87	7.0	927	P.P. - L.B.
	88	7.2	Lost	P.P. - L.B.
	89	7.5	966	G.P. - P.T.P.

Ballistic Limit = 955 f/s

TABLE III (continued)

<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Run Round No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Striking Velocity</u>	<u>Result on Plate</u>
10.	90	7.0	Lost	P.P. - L.B.
	91	7.2	Lost	P.P. - L.B.
	92	7.4	909	G.P. - P.T.P.
	93	7.2	947	G.P. - P.T.P.
	94	7.0	944	G.P. - P.T.P.
	95	6.9	950	P.P. - L.B.
	96	6.7	925	P.P. - L.B.

Ballistic Limit = 925 f/s

11.	110	Service W	790	P.P. - L.B.
	111	7.0	850	G.P. - P.T.P.
	112	6.5	871	G.P. - P.T.P.
	113	6.4	840	P.P. - L.B.

Ballistic Limit = 850 f/s

12.	97	7.0	909	G.P. - P.T.P.
	98	6.0	862	G.P. - P.T.P.
	99	Service W	789	G.P. - P.T.P.
	100	Service F A	740	P.P. - L.B.
	101	5.5	765	P.P. - L.B.

Ballistic Limit = 777 f/s

ENCLOSURE B

MAGNETIC TAPING

Details of Manganese Testing

Samples were cut from cold-rolled strip and were placed in a homogeneous magnetic field (gradient of the field was constant over the sample). The gradient was maintained constant, but the field strength was varied from 800 gauss to 1900 gauss. The force on the sample was determined by weighing the sample with the field on and the field off. The difference in the weights determines the force on the sample at any given field strength. The details of the testing may be found in Stoner.

The force on the sample is:

$$F = m \sigma \frac{dH}{dx}$$

where F is the force; m , the mass; $\frac{dH}{dx}$ the gradient of the field strength; and σ the intensity of magnetization. From the constant of the magnet employed:

$$\frac{dH}{dx} = 23.4 \text{ gauss/cm.}$$

Thus, if F is in grams (difference in weight),

$$\sigma = \frac{200.7}{23.4 m}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = 41.9 \frac{F}{m}$$

From σ the permeability may be obtained:

$$\mu = 1 + 4\pi \frac{\sigma}{H} \rho$$

where μ is the permeability and ρ the density.

List of Symbols

m = mass of sample in grams

F = force on the sample in grams

$\frac{dH}{dx}$ = gradient of magnetic field in gauss/cm

σ = magnetic intensity per unit mass

H = field strength in gauss

μ = permeability

ρ = density, 7.81 gms./cc.

INCLOSURE 2

MAGNETIC DATA

TABLE IV

Treatment of Samples for Humidity Tests

Number	Original	Final	Per Cent Reduction
<u>Quenched from 1400° F.</u>			
1	.039	.039	0
2	.039	.033	11.5
3	.039	.033	5.5
4	.039	.029	19.
5	.0365	.0305	14.
<u>Quenched from 1475° F.</u>			
6	.045	.045	0
7	.045	(.043 - .044)	(2.2 - 4.5) = 3
8	.045	.039	15.5
9	.045	.041	8.9
10	.044	(.038 - .039)	(15.7 - 17.) = 4
<u>Quenched from 1400° F. Resublimed</u>			
11	.036	.036	0
12	(.039 - .040)	(.0245 - .0255)	(9.2 - 11.2) = 10
13	.037	.035	5.7
14	.036	.032	11.
15	.043	.035	18.

TABLE V

Magnetic Data

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Mass.</u>	<u>dl</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>Balance Reading</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
1	2.6442	23.4	39.7351	.0027	.040	1932
		23.4	39.7353	.0019	.030	1349
		23.4	39.7345	.0011	.017	965
		23.4	39.7339	.0005	.005	483
		23.4	39.7334			0
2	2.7914	23.4	39.7813	.0066	.099	1932
		23.4	39.7804	.0057	.0895	1349
		23.4	39.7795	.0048	.072	965
		23.4	39.7783	.0036	.054	483
		23.4	39.7707			0
3	2.8526	23.4	27.8702	.0026	.0415	1932
		23.4	27.8715	.0021	.035	1349
		23.4	27.8707	.0013	.021	965
		23.4	27.8702	.0008	.013	483
		23.4	27.8694			0
4	2.6121	23.4	39.6081	.0091	.146	1932
		23.4	39.6070	.0081	.125	1349
		23.4	39.6057	.0067	.107	965
		23.4	39.6045	.0054	.090	483
		23.4	39.6020			0

TABLE V (Cont.)

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>dx</u>	<u>Balance Reading</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>δ</u>	<u>II</u>
5	0.6188	23.4	39.6182	.0065	.104	1939
		25.4	39.6184	.0067	.091	1349
		23.4	39.6172	.0045	.072	966
		25.4	39.6162	.0035	.056	463
		23.4	39.6127			0
6	3.3473	23.4	26.5914	.0059	.0468	1939
		25.4	26.5905	.0058	.0360	1349
		23.4	26.5894	.0019	.0228	966
		25.4	26.5880	.0005	.0063	463
		23.4	26.5675			0
7	4.1092	23.4	29.3448	.0066	.069	1939
		23.4	29.3426	.0053	.054	1349
		23.4	29.3400	.0056	.0366	966
		23.4	29.3391	.0020	.0204	463
		23.4	29.3373			0
8	3.6136	23.4	26.7606	.0062	.0975	1939
		23.4	26.7594	.0066	.0785	1349
		23.4	26.7577	.0049	.0585	966
		23.4	26.7557	.0019	.0346	463
		23.4	26.7508			0
9	3.5753	23.4	26.6137	.0046	.054	1939
		23.4	26.6131	.0040	.047	1349
		23.4	26.6115	.0004	.0361	966
		23.4	26.6102	.0011	.013	463
		23.4	26.6091			0

TABLE Y (Cont.)

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>gH Ar</u>	<u>Balance Reading</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
10	0.3283	23.4	28.4782	.0104	.135	1932
		23.4	28.4786	.0090	.117	1349
		23.4	28.4751	.0013	.0945	966
		23.4	28.4731	.0053	.0686	483
		23.4	28.4676			0
<u>1825° F. Luanah Recarburized</u>						
1A	3.7076	23.4	28.9527	.0048	.0541	1932
		23.4	28.9500	.0041	.0463	1349
		23.4	28.9502	.0023	.0260	966
		23.4	28.9485	.0006	.0066	483
		23.4	28.9479			0
2A	3.3326	23.4	28.5806	.0280	.352	1932
		23.4	28.5769	.0245	.306	1349
		23.4	28.5735	.0209	.262	966
		23.4	28.5682	.0156	.196	483
		23.4	28.5626			0
3A	3.6567	23.4	28.8085	.0049	.0561	1349
		23.4	28.8050	.0034	.039	966
		23.4	28.8034	.0018	.0206	483
		23.4	28.8009	.0058	.0755	1932
		23.4	28.8018			0

TABLE V (Cont.)

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>SI</u> <u>is</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Reading</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
4A	K. 3058	23.4	28.8701	.1400	1.778	1540
		23.4	28.8680	.1319	1.07	966
		23.4	28.8621	.1280	1.55	728
		23.4	28.8584	.1058	1.335	485
		23.4	28.8125	.0824	1.045	342
		23.4	28.8201			
5A	K. 6119	23.4	40.7313	.8122	2.505	1540
		23.4	40.7055	.1904	2.21	966
		23.4	40.6870	.1719	1.99	728
		23.4	40.6619	.1488	1.70	485
		23.4	40.6277	.1166	1.305	342
		23.4	40.6181			

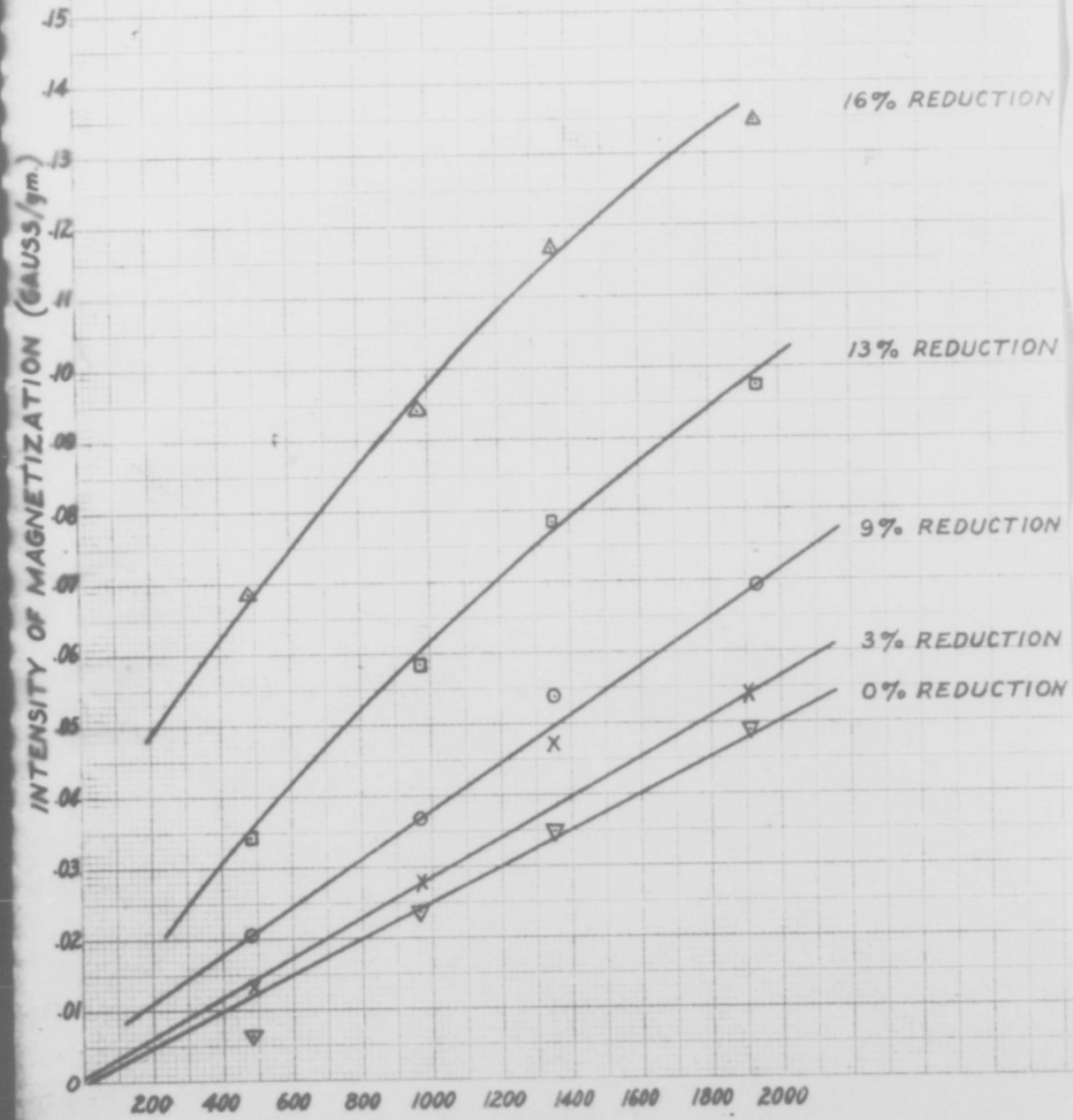
TABLE VI

Calculation of Essential Firmability

$$\eta = 1 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{f}{\rho}$$

Field Strength	Essential Firmability				
	η	η	η	η	η
	(100% F. strength)				
	η	η	η	η	η
400	1.00175	1.00320	1.0118	1.0183	1.0206
600	1.00197	1.00340	1.0085	1.0069	1.0130
1200	1.00304	1.00328	1.00872	1.00765	1.0402
1400	1.00304	1.00326	1.00875	1.00805	1.0084
2000	1.00308	1.00288	1.00495	1.00521	1.0074
	(147% F. strength)				
	η	η	η	η	η
400	1.00345	1.00398	1.00443	1.00756	1.00158
600	1.00345	1.00383	1.00398	1.00448	1.00108
1200	1.00345	1.00378	1.00366	1.00373	1.00373
1600	1.00345	1.00378	1.00366	1.00358	1.00358
2000	1.00345	1.00358	1.00348	1.00301	1.00308
	(182% F. strength Recrystallized)				
	η	η	η	η	η
400	1.00345	1.00384	1.0449	1.305	1.308
600	1.00345	1.00368	1.0098	1.194	1.300
1200	1.00345	1.00348	1.0049	1.148	1.198
1400	1.00345	1.00344	1.0000	1.111	1.164
2000	1.00345	1.00344	1.0177	1.092	1.144

MAGNETIC INTENSITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(QUENCHED FROM 1475°F)



FIELD STRENGTH (GAUSS)

Figure 14

MAGNETIC INTENSITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(QUENCHED FROM 1825°F.)

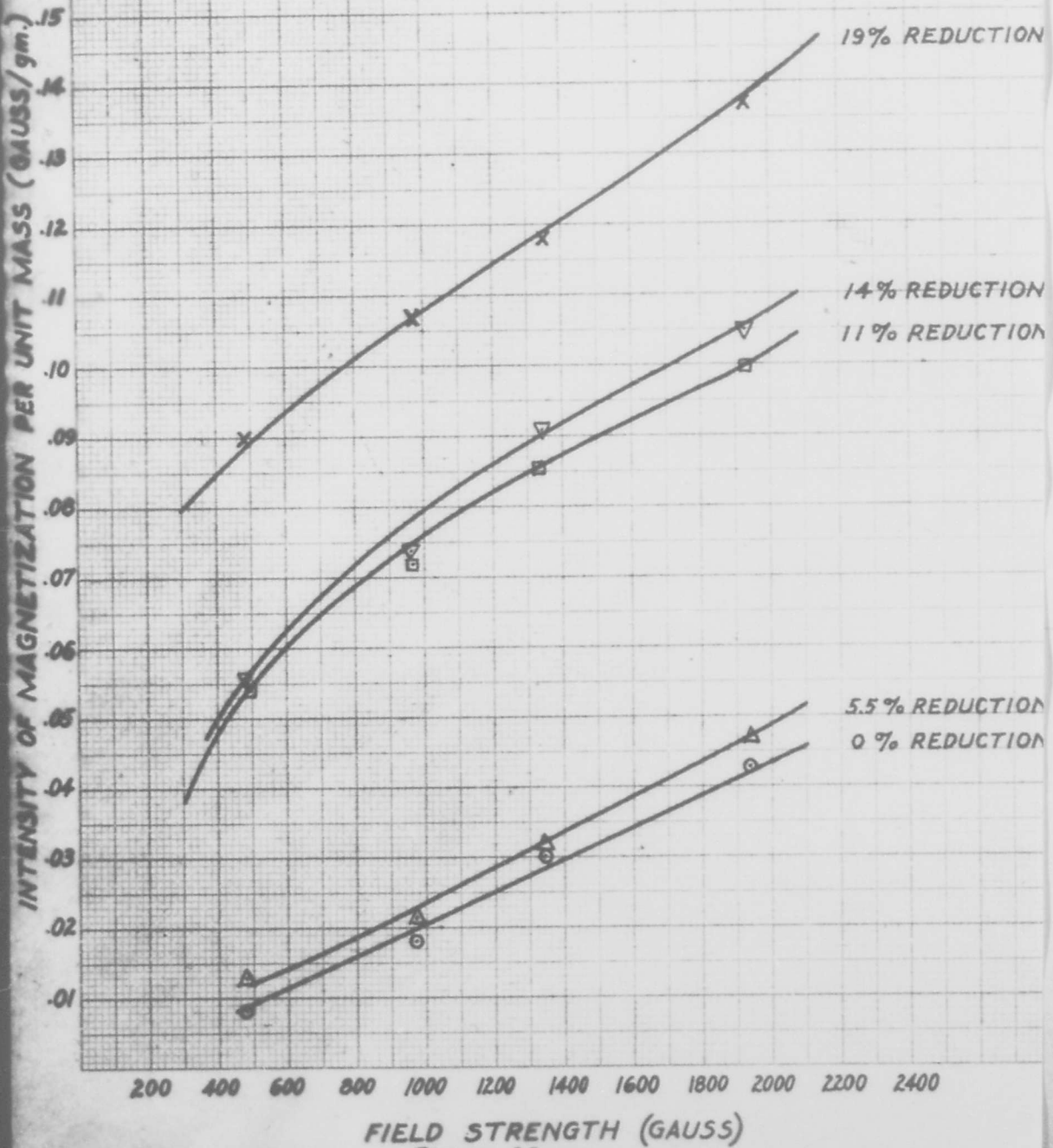


Figure 15

MAGNETIC INTENSITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(QUENCHED FROM 1825°F)
(DECARBURIZED)

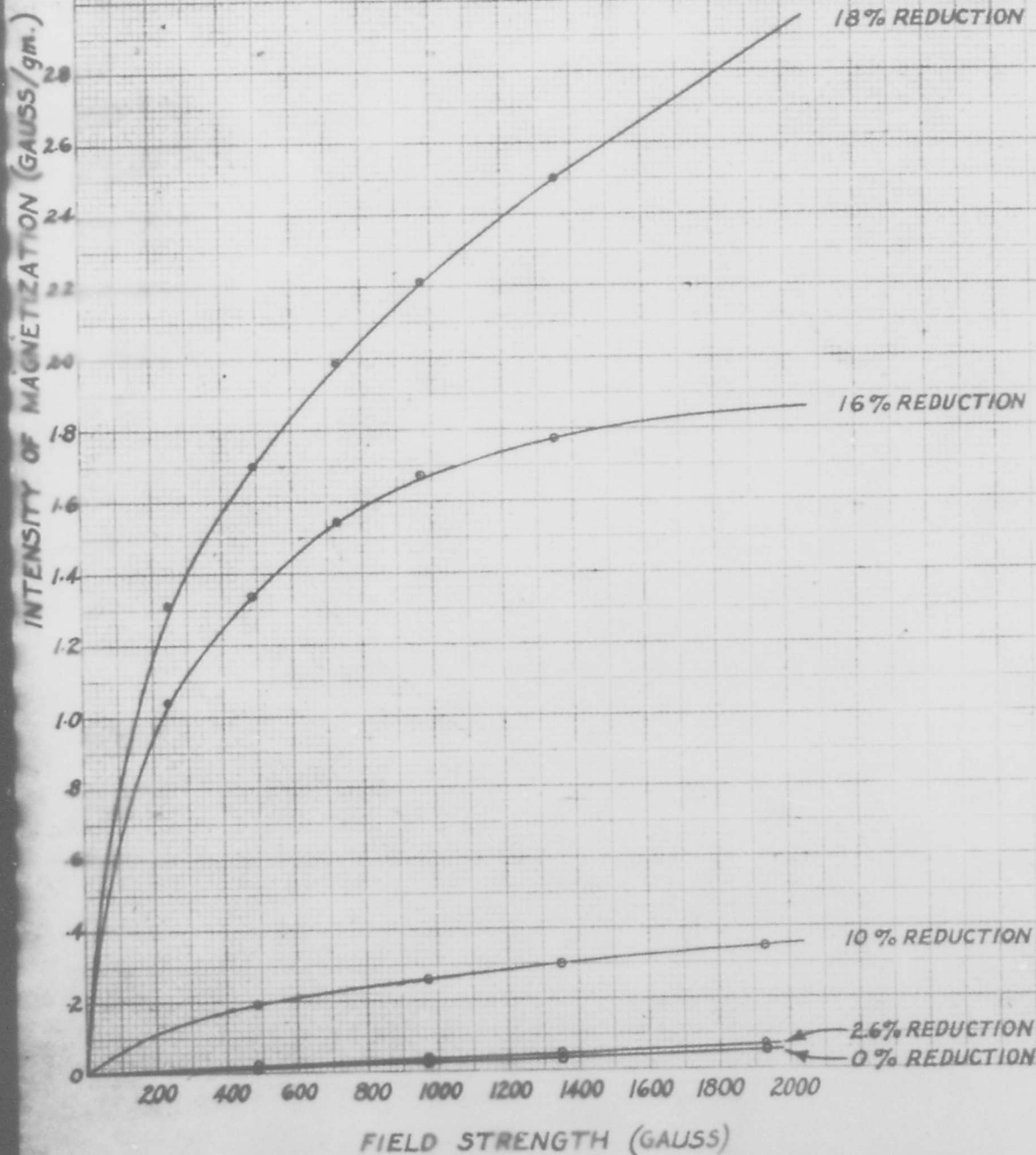


Figure 16

PERMEABILITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(1475°F. QUENCH)

1.0190

1.0100

PERMEABILITY

1.0050

1.0000

200

400

600

800

1000

1200

1400

1600

1800

2000

FIELD STRENGTH (GAUSS)

16% REDUCTION

13% REDUCTION

9% REDUCTION

3% REDUCTION

0% REDUCTION

Figure 17

PERMEABILITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(1825°F. QUENCH)

1.0150

1.0100

1.0050

1.0000

PERMEABILITY

200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000

FIELD STRENGTH (GAUSS)

19% REDUCTION

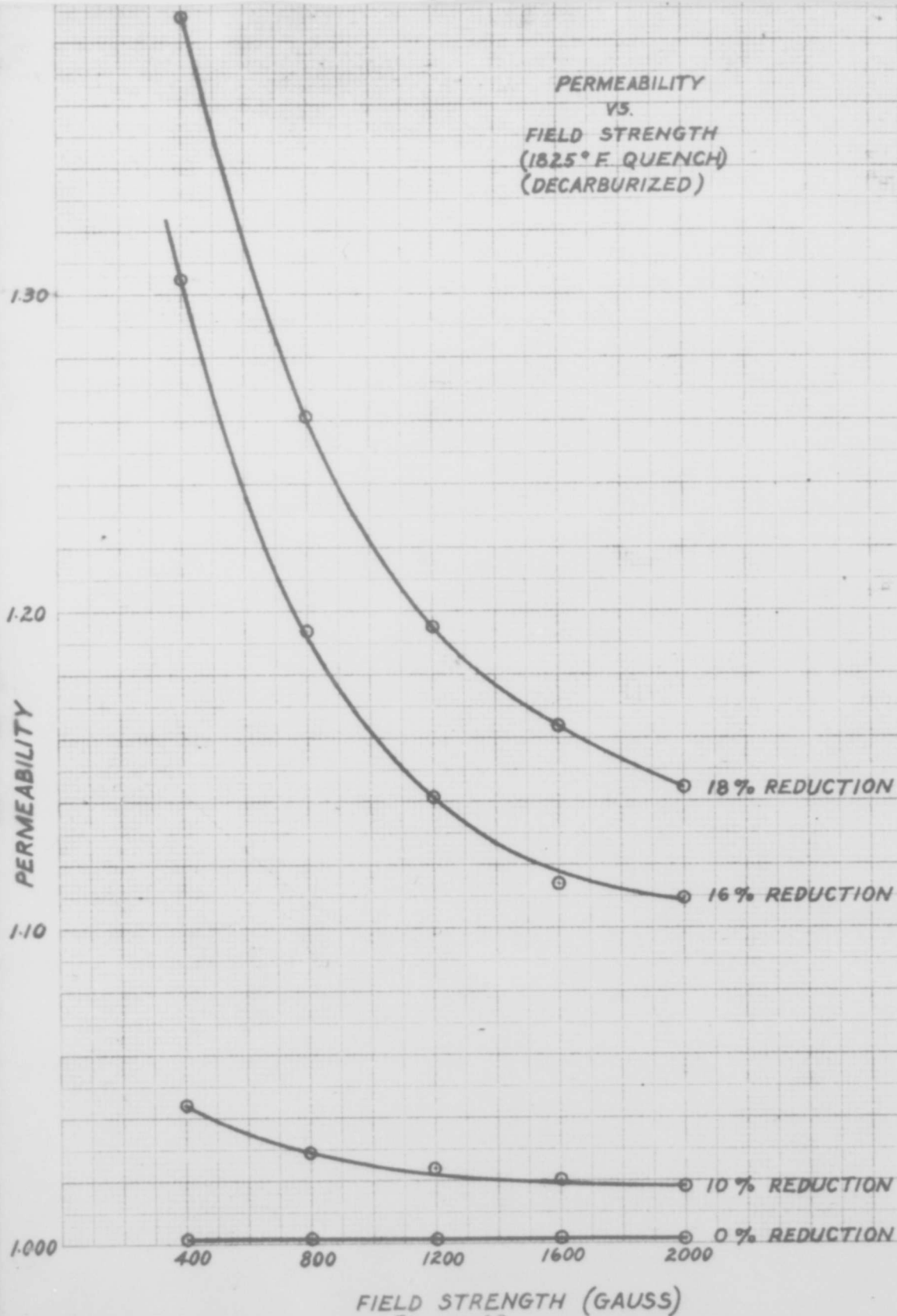
14% REDUCTION

11.5% REDUCTION

5.5% REDUCTION

0% REDUCTION

PERMEABILITY
VS.
FIELD STRENGTH
(1825° F QUENCH)
(DECARBURIZED)



FIELD STRENGTH (GAUSS)
Figure 19