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for

Shell, HE, 76-mm, M42A1

with

Fuzes, PD, M48, M48A1, M48A2 and M51A4; TSQ, M54 and M55A3; MT, M43A5; and CP, M78

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SECTION I

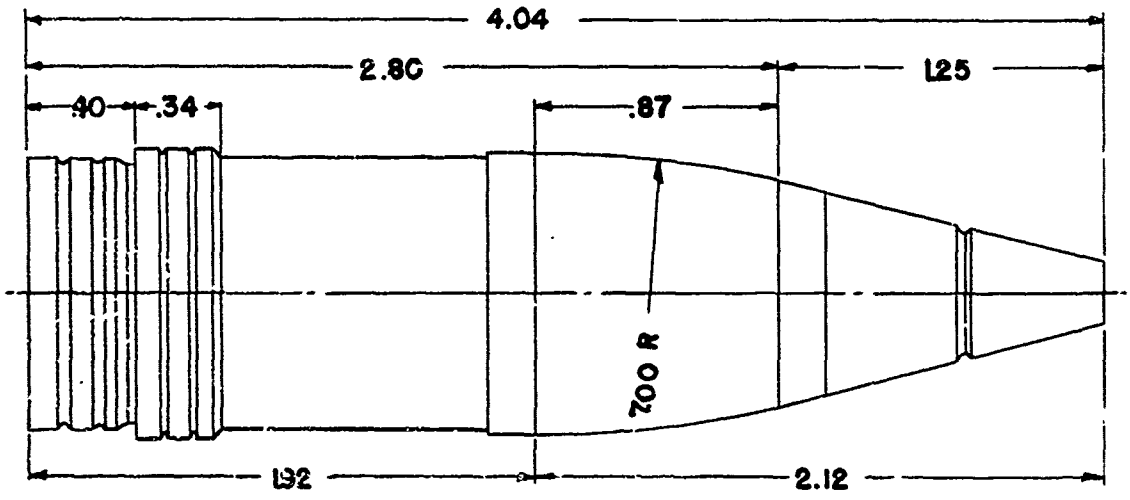
GENERAL

Paragraph

Purpose ---------- 1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 76-mm High Explosive Shell M42A1 with the Point Detonating Fuzes M48, M48A1, M48A2 and M51A4; the Time and Superquick Fuze M54; the Mechanical Time Fuze M43A5; and the Concrete Piercing Fuze M78. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.

DIMENSIONS IN CALIBERS
1 CAL = 3.000"



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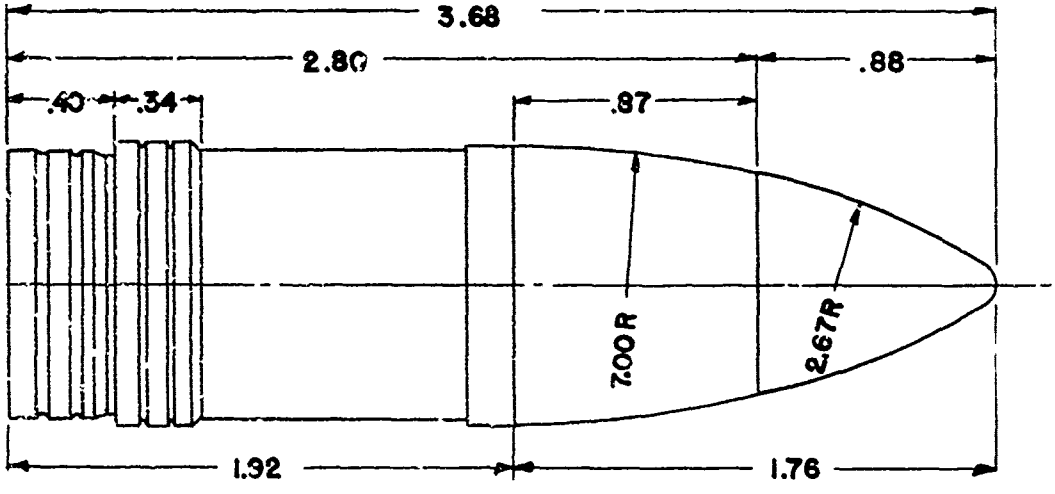
T SQ, M54; OR MT, M45A5



SHELL, HE, 76-MM, M42A1
FUZE, CP, M78

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Note: The MT, PD, and TSQ Fuzes require one of the boosters; but the CP Fuze contains their working parts. The TSQ Fuze M54 and the Booster M21A4 are components of the TSQ Fuze M55A3, dwg 73-3-155.

3. Dimensions.

Band: Width	0.34 cal
Distance from base	0.40 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.92 cal
Ogive: Length	0.87 cal
Radius of arc	7.00 cal
Shell, unfuzed: Length	2.80 cal
Fuze, PD, TSQ or MT:	
Outside length	1.25 cal
Shell and fuze	4.04 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.12 cal
Fuze, CP: Outside length	0.86 cal
Radius of ogival arc	2.67 cal
Shell and fuze	3.68 cal
Ogive and fuze	1.76 cal

4. Physical characteristics. The weight, location of center of gravity, and moments of inertia of the HE Shell M42A1 with any of the PD, TSQ or MT Fuzes are approximately the same as those of the HE Shell M42 with the MT Fuze M43A2. The physical characteristics of the HE Shell M42A1 with the CP Fuze is approximately the same as those of the HE Shell M42B2 with the inert Fuze T105 Type 6.

Shell			M42	M42B2
Fuze			M43A2	T105 Type 6
Mean weight:	Marking ■ (Standard)	lb	12.80	13.14
	Marking ■ ■	lb	13.00	13.34
	Marking ■ ■ ■	lb	13.20	13.54
Base to center of gravity		cal	1.540	1.546
Axial moment of inertia		$lb.ft^2$	0.1105	0.1098
Transverse moment of inertia		$lb.ft^2$	0.8092	0.8106

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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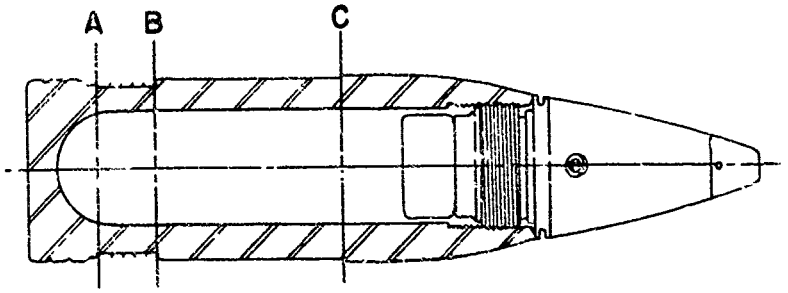
5. Stresses. The following table and the graphical representation on page 5 show the longitudinal, radial and tangential resultant stresses at each of three sections: (A) the rear corner of the band seat, (B) the front of the band seat, and (C) immediately behind the bourrelet.

Gun	76-mm M1A2
Twist of rifling	1/32
Cross-sectional area of bore	7.2776 sq in.
Rated maximum pressure	43,000 psi
Total weight of projectile	12.80 lb
Muzzle Velocity	2,700 fps
Density of filler (TNT)	0.057 lb per cu in.

Resultant Stress*	Section		
100 psi	A	B	C
Longitudinal	- 274	-736	-355
Radial	+ 630	+ 87	+ 59
Tangential	-1086	+480	+212

* + denotes tension, - denotes compression



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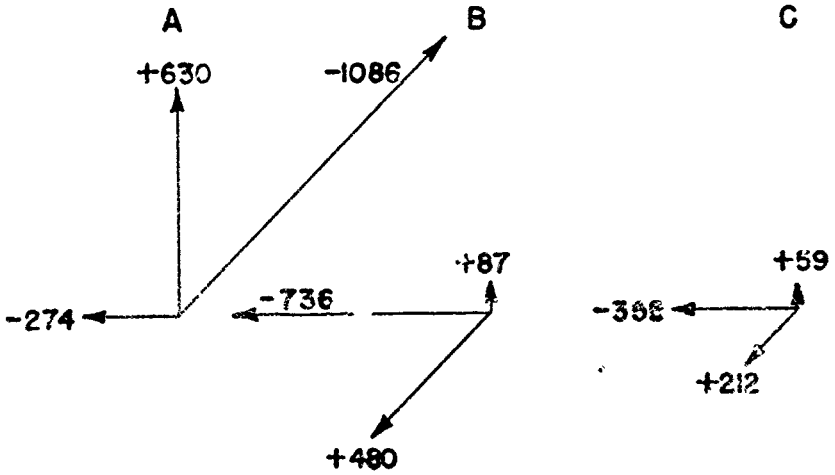

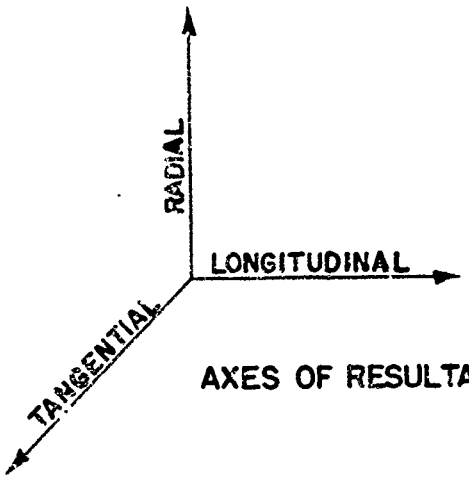

AXES OF RESULTANT STRESS

DIAGRAM OF RESULTANT STRESSES

6. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	7 min
Maximum	12 min

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7. Aerodynamic data. The aerodynamic data obtained with any of the PD, TSQ and MT Fuzes are applicable to all of them. The aerodynamic data obtained with the inert Fuze T105 Type 6 are applicable to the CP Fuze M78. The form factor given in this paragraph for the PD Fuze M48 was determined from resistance and range firings of the HE Shell M42 with the PD Fuze M48 and the MT Fuze M43A2. BRL Report No. 30, "Stability Factors of Projectiles" (Rev. Sep 1940) gives the stability factors and moment coefficients that were determined for the HE Shell M42 with the MT Fuze M43. BRL Report No. 298, "Stability and Resistance of 3-inch HE Shell M42A1 with PD Fuze T105 Type 6", gives the form factor and stability factor that were obtained in developing the CP Fuze. BRL Report No. 408, "Loss of Spin and Skin Friction Drag of Projectiles", gives the axial couple coefficient obtained from firings of the HE Shell M42 with a radio spin sonde in a dummy fuze having the same shape as the MT Fuze M43A2.

a. Drag.

Shell		M42	M42A1
Fuze		M48	T105 Type 6
Drag function		G_3	G_6
Muzzle Velocity	fps	2,700	2,680
Form factor		1.04	1.37
Ballistic coefficient		1.368	1.066
Drag coefficient, K_D		0.123	0.163

b. Stability.

Shell		M42	M42A1
Fuze		M43	T105 Type 6
Muzzle Velocity	fps	2800	2600
Mach number		2.50	2.39
Moment coefficient, K_M		0.991	0.794
Twist of rifling		1/32 1/40	1/32 1/40
Stability factor		2.03 1.30	2.45 1.57

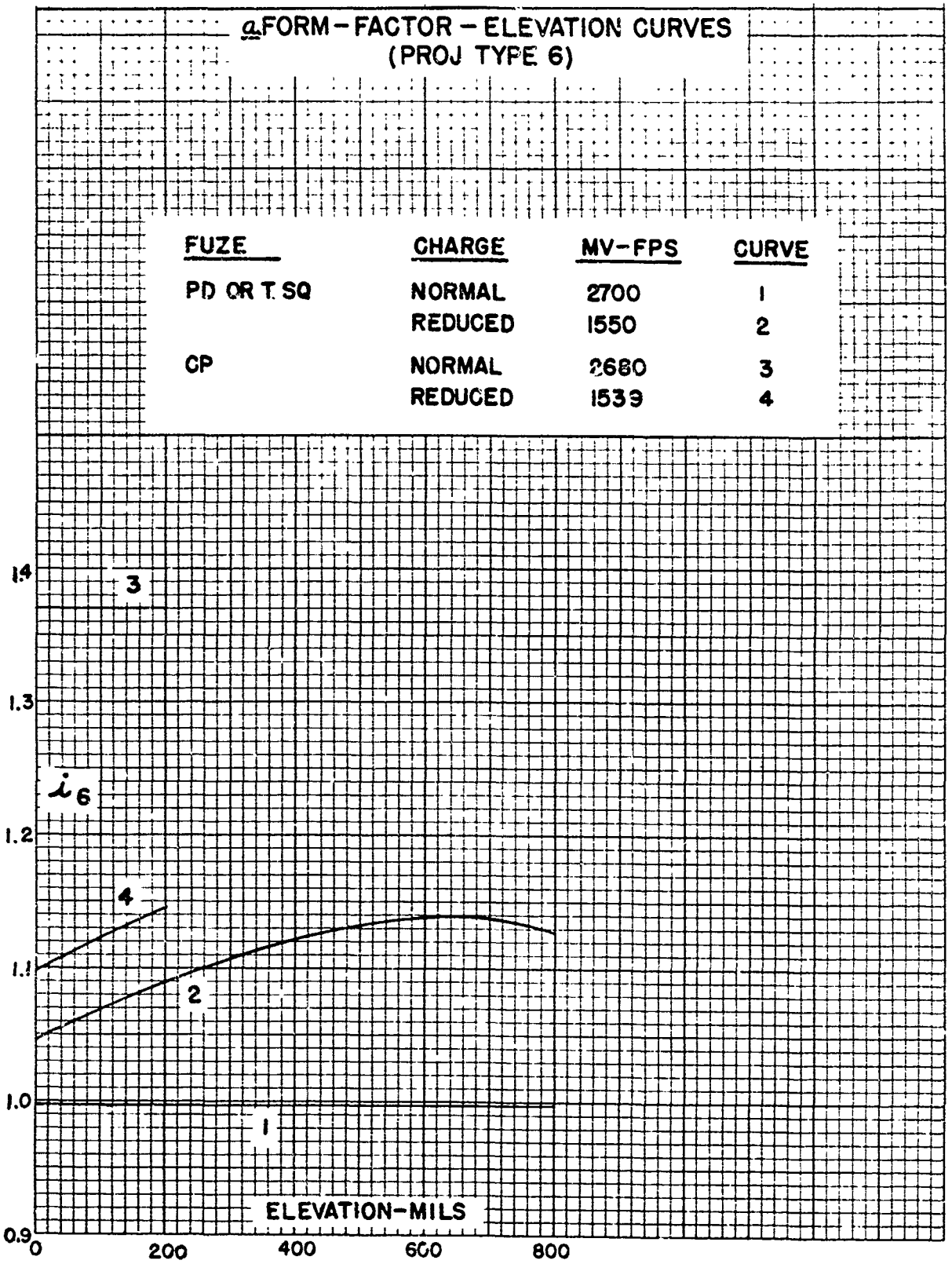
c. Axial couple.

Shell	M42
Fuze	Radio sonde
Average velocity	1800 fps
Reynolds' number (based on avg vel. and caliber)	2.75×10^6
Axial couple coefficient, K_A	0.00585
Surface (without base)	96.5 sq in
Skin friction drag coefficient, C'_{DF}	0.00218

8. Firing table data. FT 76-C-1

FT 76-A-6 (Range-elevation tables and Aiming Data charts).
Gun, 76-mm, M1A2 on Medium Tank M4 or Gun Motor Carriage M18.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.

OCM item 18656 standardized the HE Shell M42A1 for the 76-mm Gun M1. OCM item 25455 authorized the use of a reduced charge to give a muzzle velocity of approximately 1550 fps; the normal charge gives about 2700 fps. The 76-mm Guns M1 and M1A1, whose twist of rifling is 1/40, are now obsolete. FT 3-W-1 gives data for the 3-inch Gun M5, whose twist of rifling is 1/40, firing the HE Shell M42A1 at muzzle velocities of 1550 and 2800 fps.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(PROJ TYPE 6)
FUZE
CHARGE
MV-FPS
CURVE
PD OR T SQ
NORMAL
2700
1
REDUCED
1550
2
CP
NORMAL
2680
3
REDUCED
1539
4
i_6
1.4
1.3
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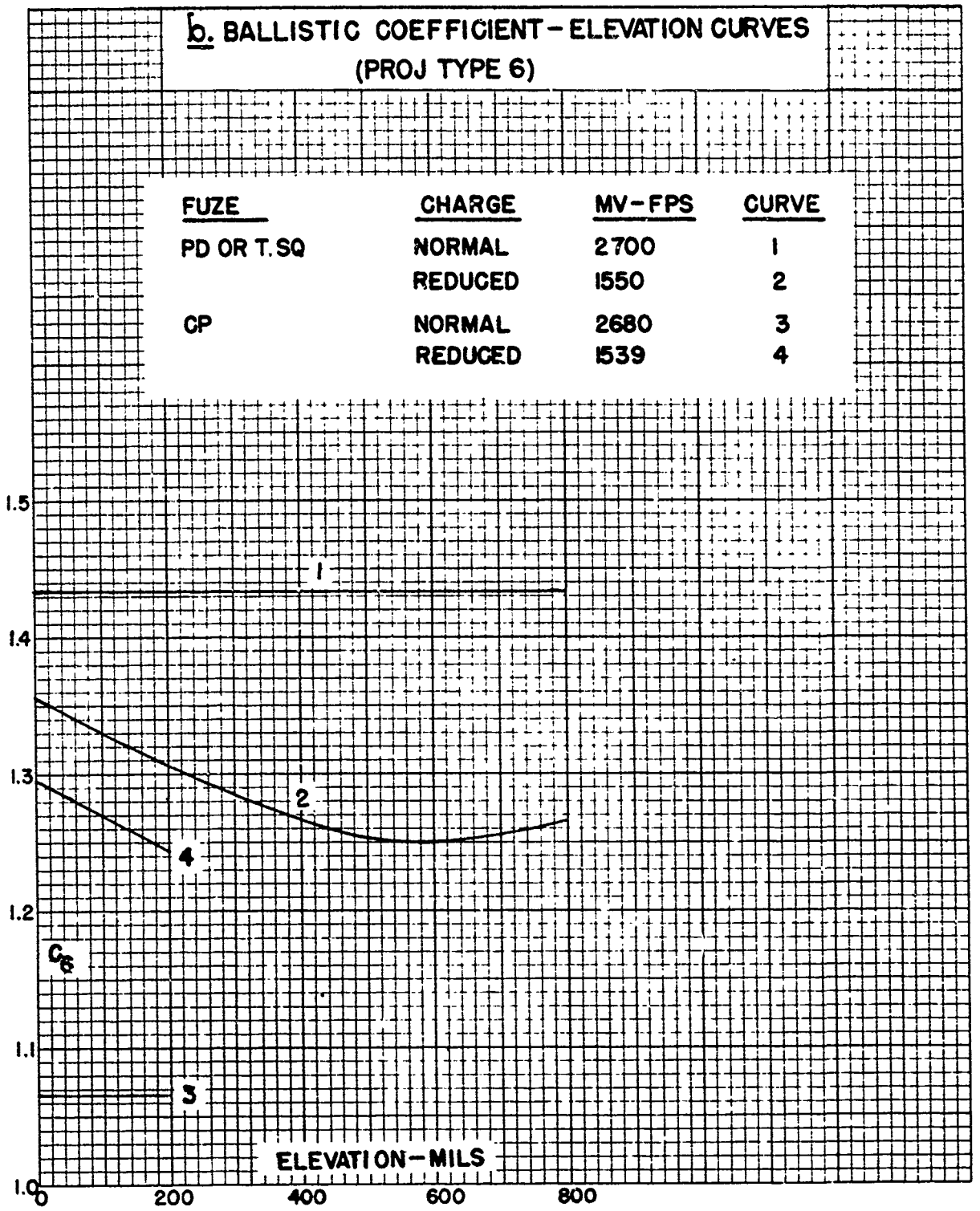
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(PROJ TYPE 6)
FUZE
CHARGE
MV-FPS
CURVE
PD OR T.SQ
NORMAL
2700
1
REDUCED
1550
2
CP
NORMAL
2680
3
REDUCED
1539
4
1.5
1.4
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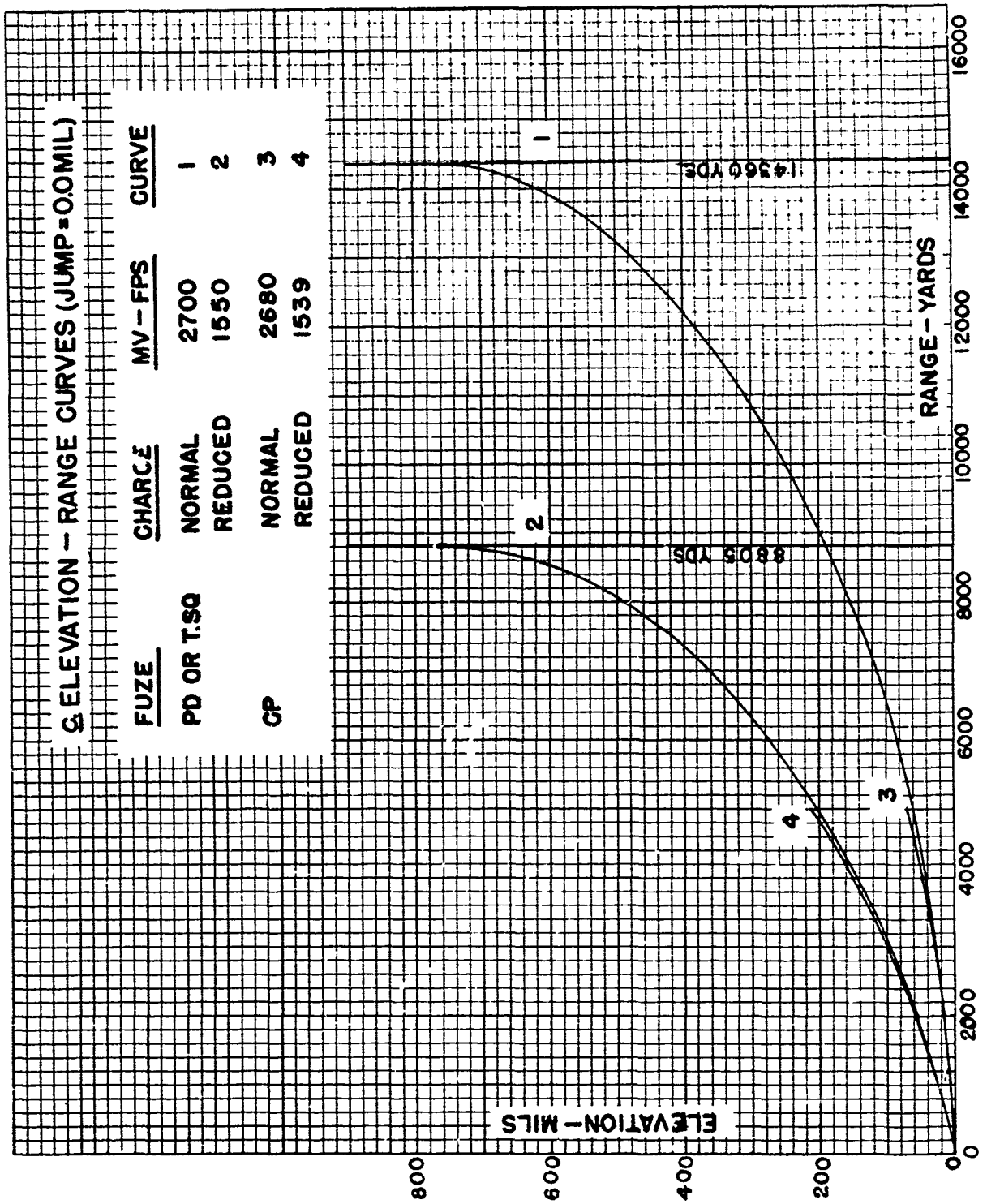
℄ ELEVATION – RANGE CURVES (JUMP = 0.0 MIL)
FUZE
CHARGE
MV – FPS
CURVE
PD OR T.SQ
NORMAL
2700
1
REDUCED
1550
2
GP
NORMAL
2680
3
REDUCED
1539
4
14360 YDS
8805 YDS
1
2
3
4
RANGE – YARDS
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ELEVATION – MILS
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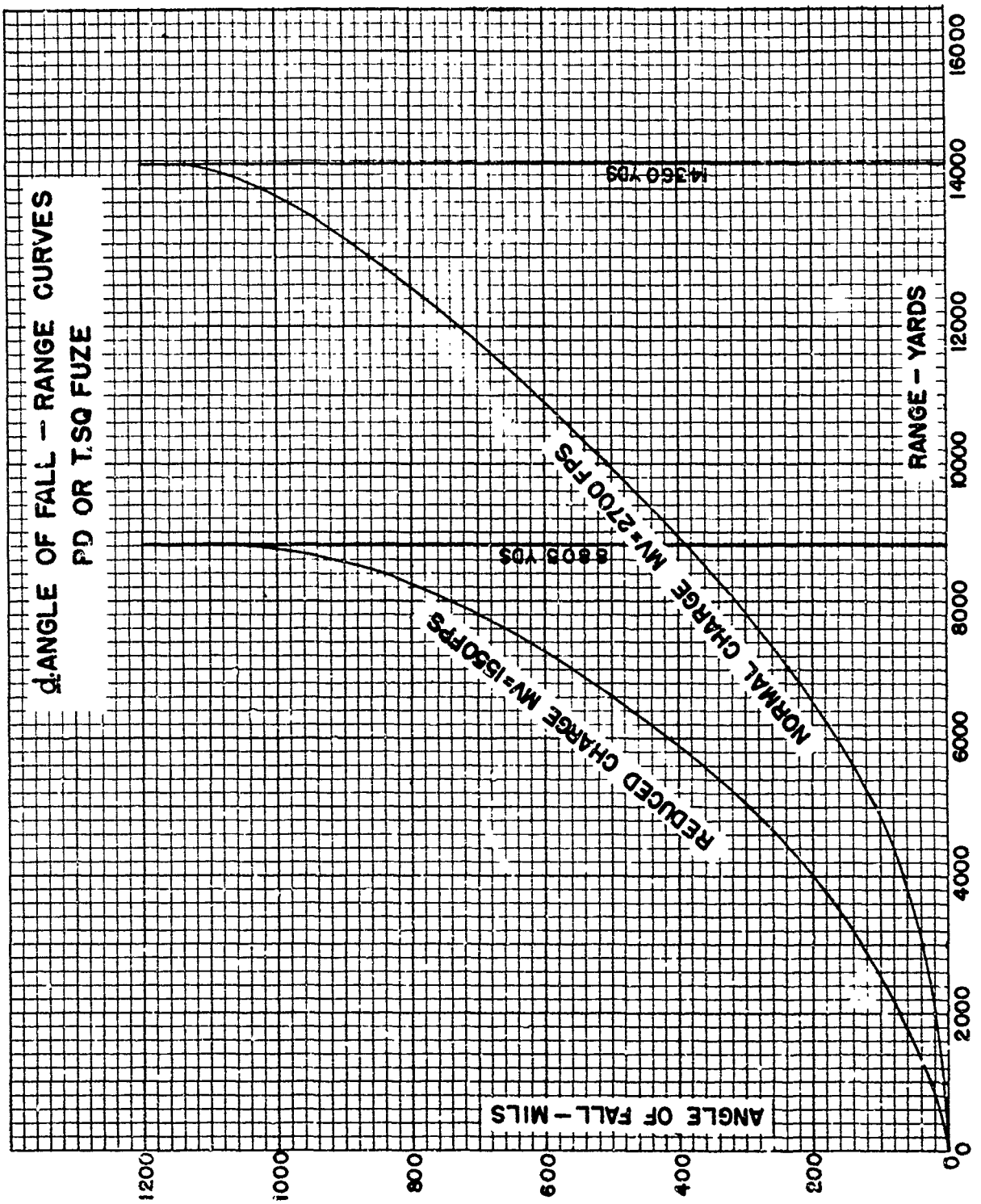
ANGLE OF FALL — RANGE CURVES
PD OR T.SQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV=2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV=1550FPS
14360 YDS
8805 YDS
RANGE — YARDS
ANGLE OF FALL — MILS
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200
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600
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1000
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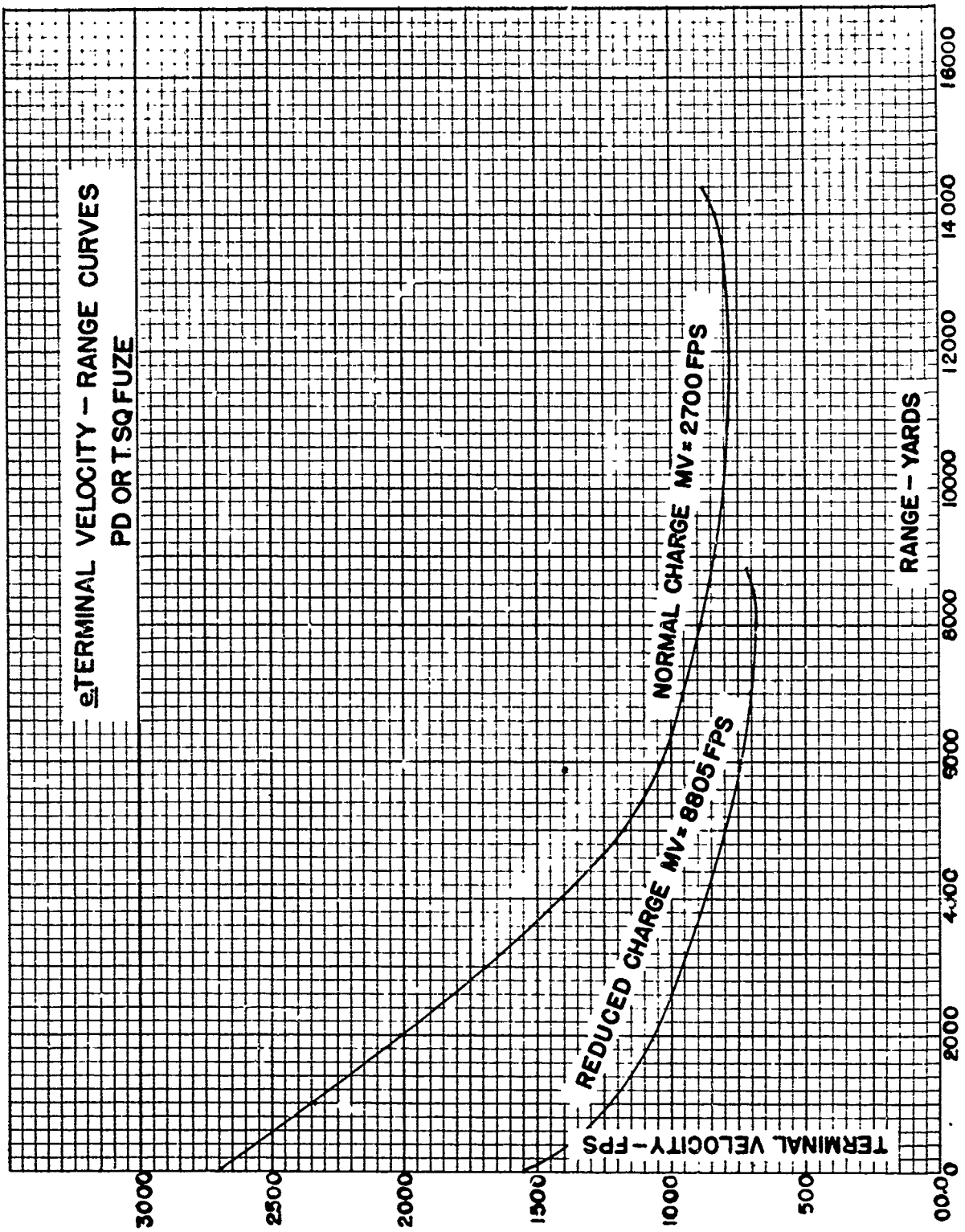
eTERMINAL VELOCITY – RANGE CURVES
PD OR T.SQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 8805 FPS
TERMINAL VELOCITY – FPS
RANGE – YARDS
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1000
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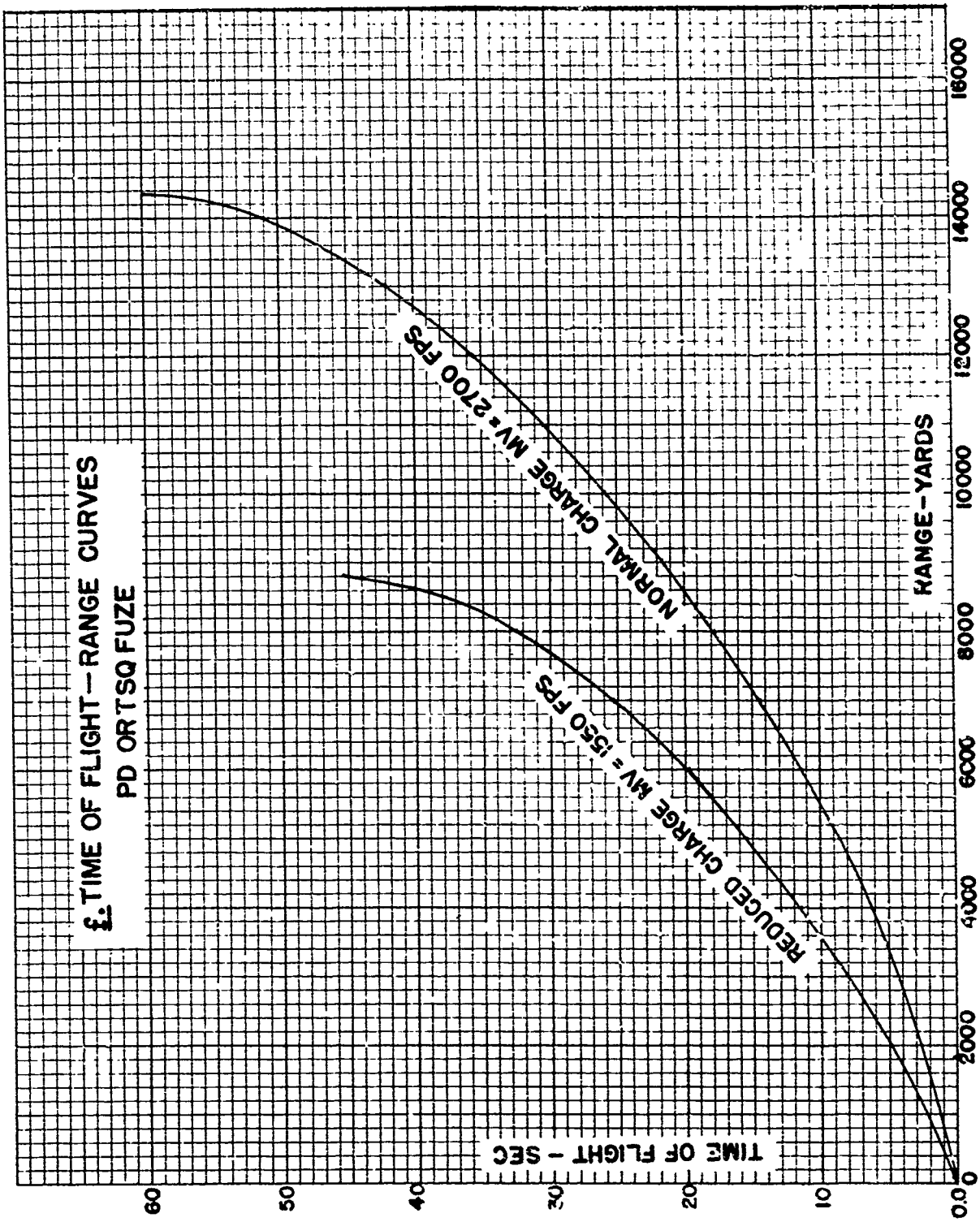
£. TIME OF FLIGHT—RANGE CURVES
PD OR TSQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE–YARDS
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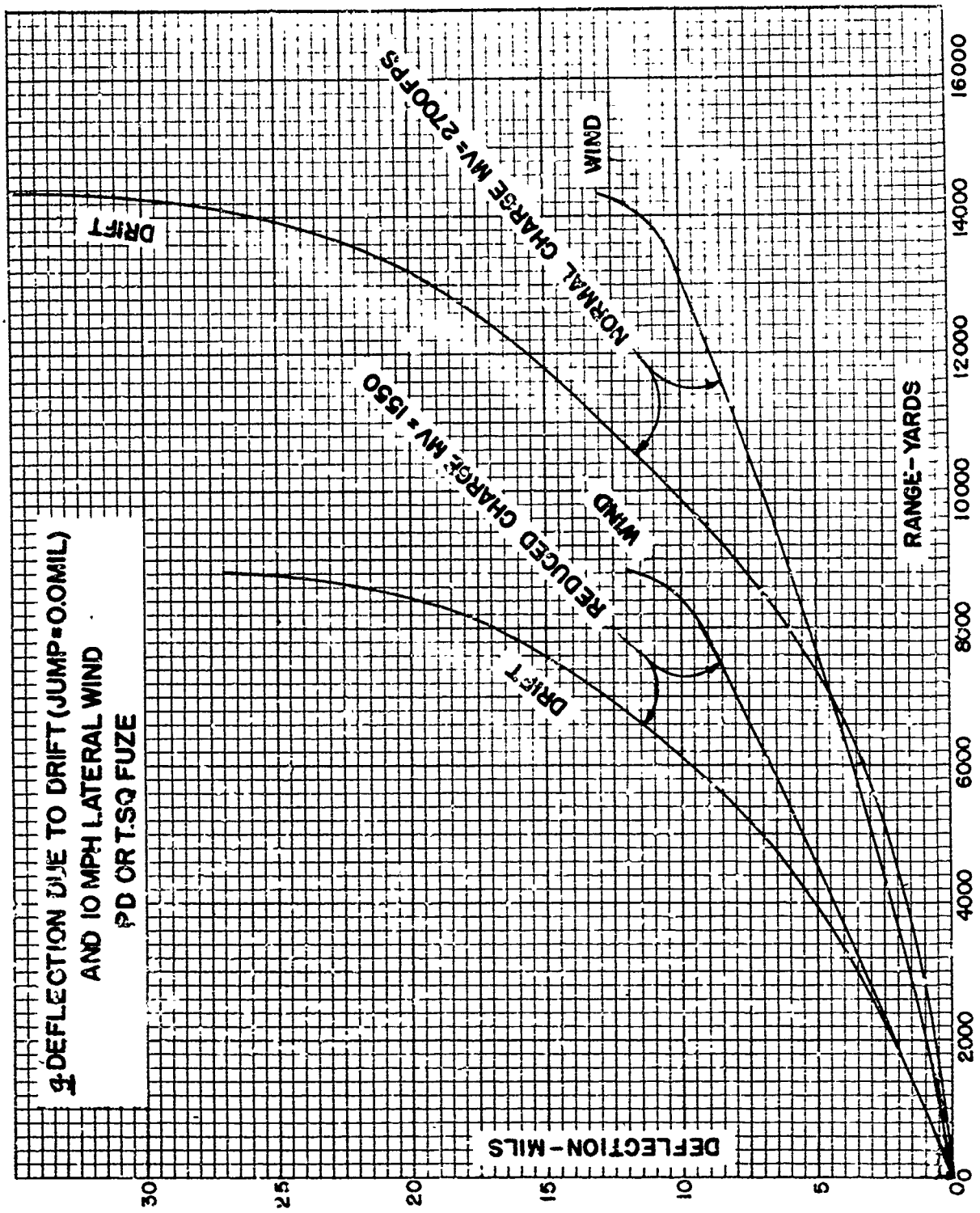
DEFLECTION DUE TO DRIFT (JUMP=0.0MIL)
AND 10 MPH LATERAL WIND
PD OR T.SQ FUZE
DRIFT
WIND
NORMAL CHARGE MV=2700FPS
DRIFT
WIND
REDUCED CHARGE MV=1550
DEFLECTION-MILS
RANGE-YARDS
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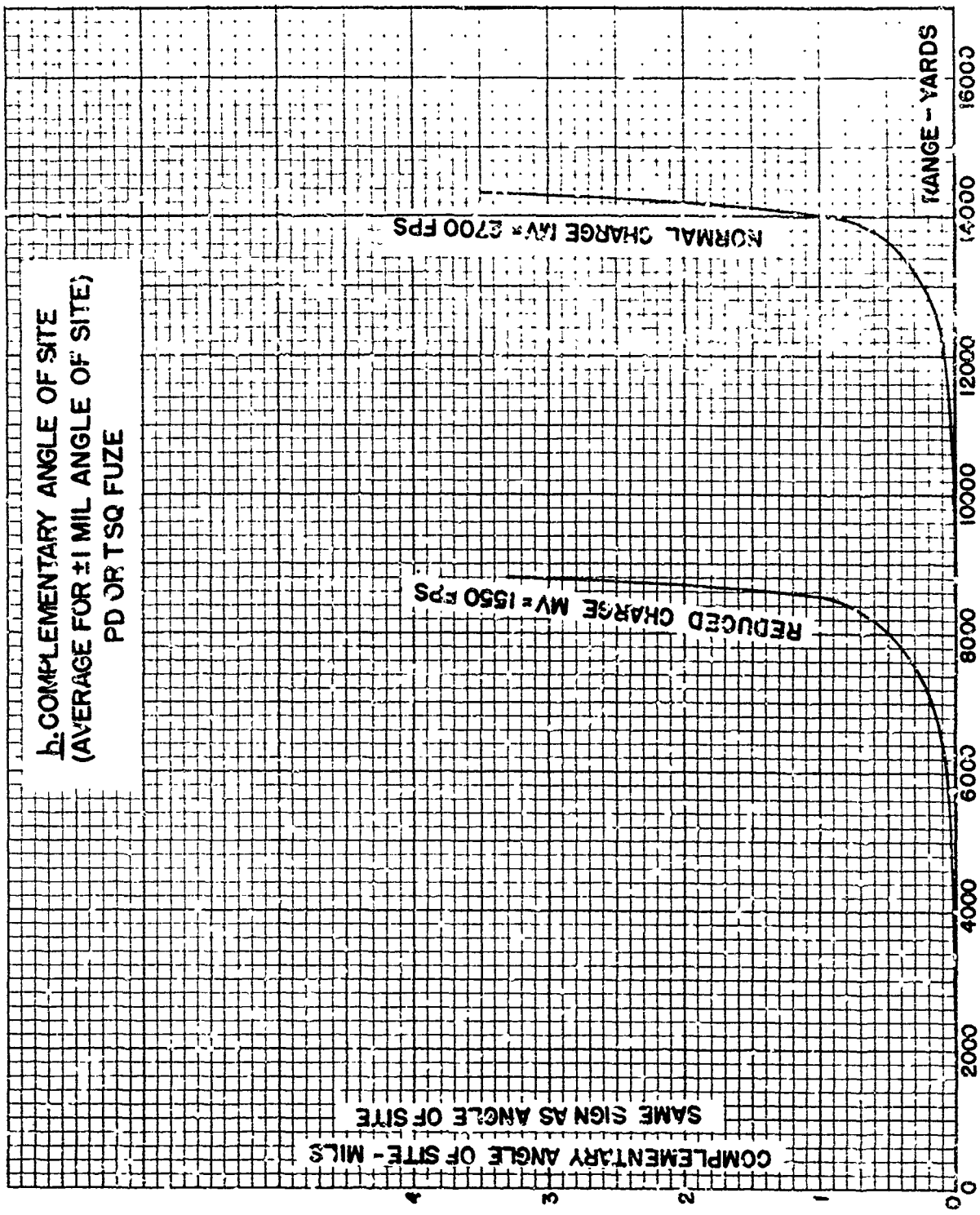
h. COMPLEMENTARY ANGLE OF SITE
(AVERAGE FOR ±1 MIL ANGLE OF SITE)
PD OR TSQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
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12000
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COMPLEMENTARY ANGLE OF SITE - MILS
SAME SIGN AS ANGLE OF SITE
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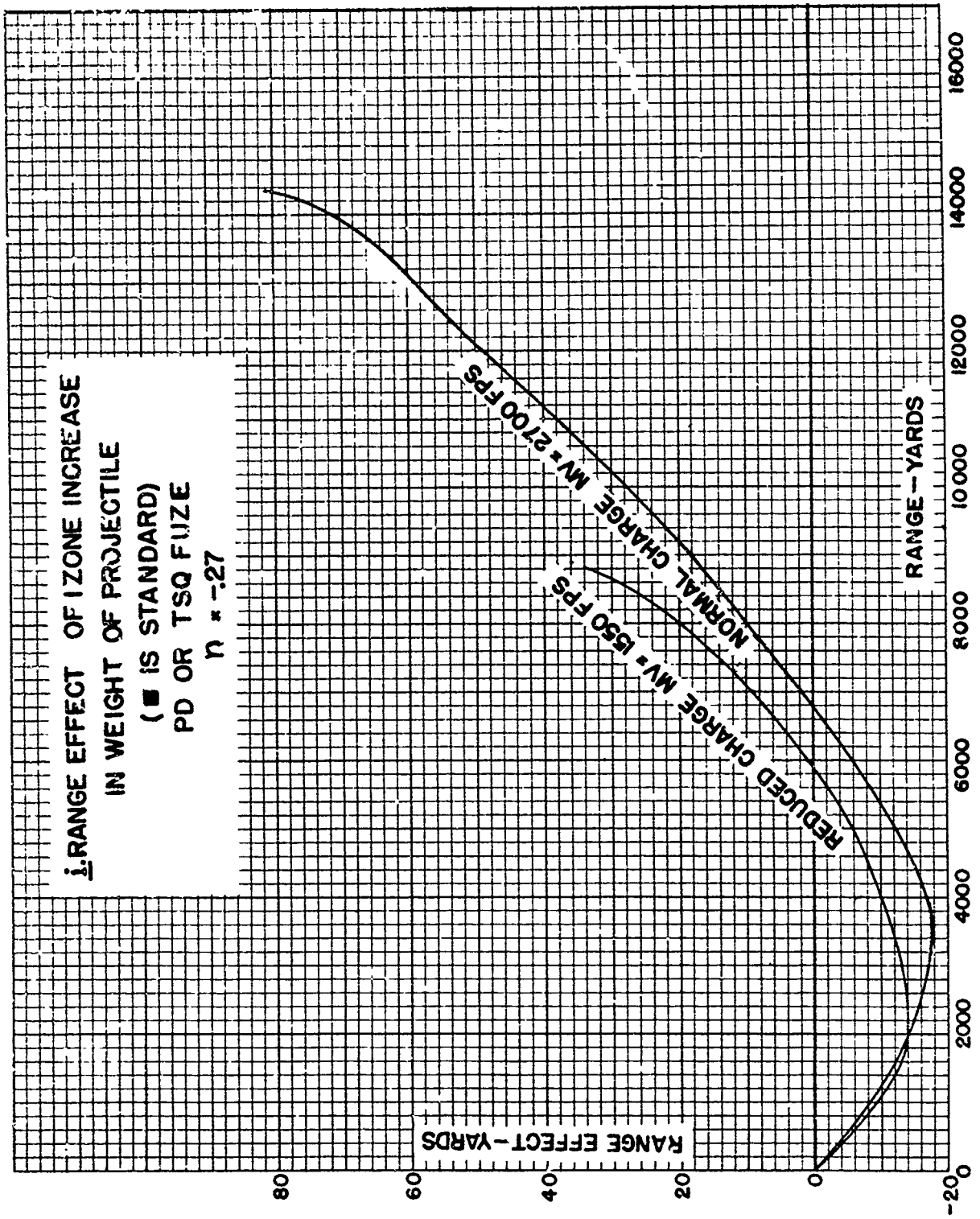
1. RANGE EFFECT OF 1 ZONE INCREASE
IN WEIGHT OF PROJECTILE
(■ IS STANDARD)
PD OR TSQ FUZE
n = -.27
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
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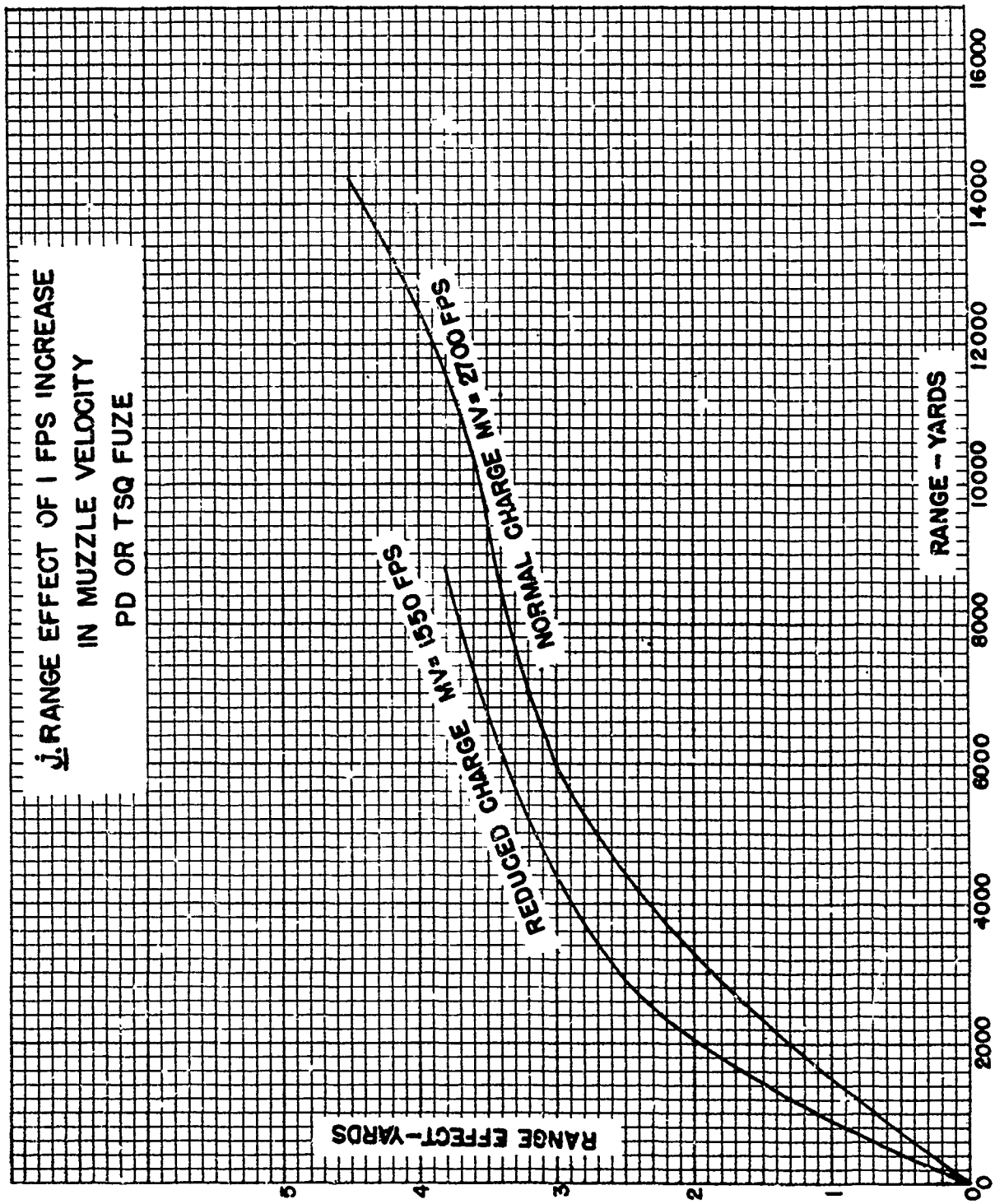
RANGE EFFECT OF 1 FPS INCREASE
IN MUZZLE VELOCITY
PD OR TSQ FUZE
REDUCED CHARGE MV= 1550 FPS
NORMAL CHARGE MV= 2700 FPS
RANGE EFFECT-YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
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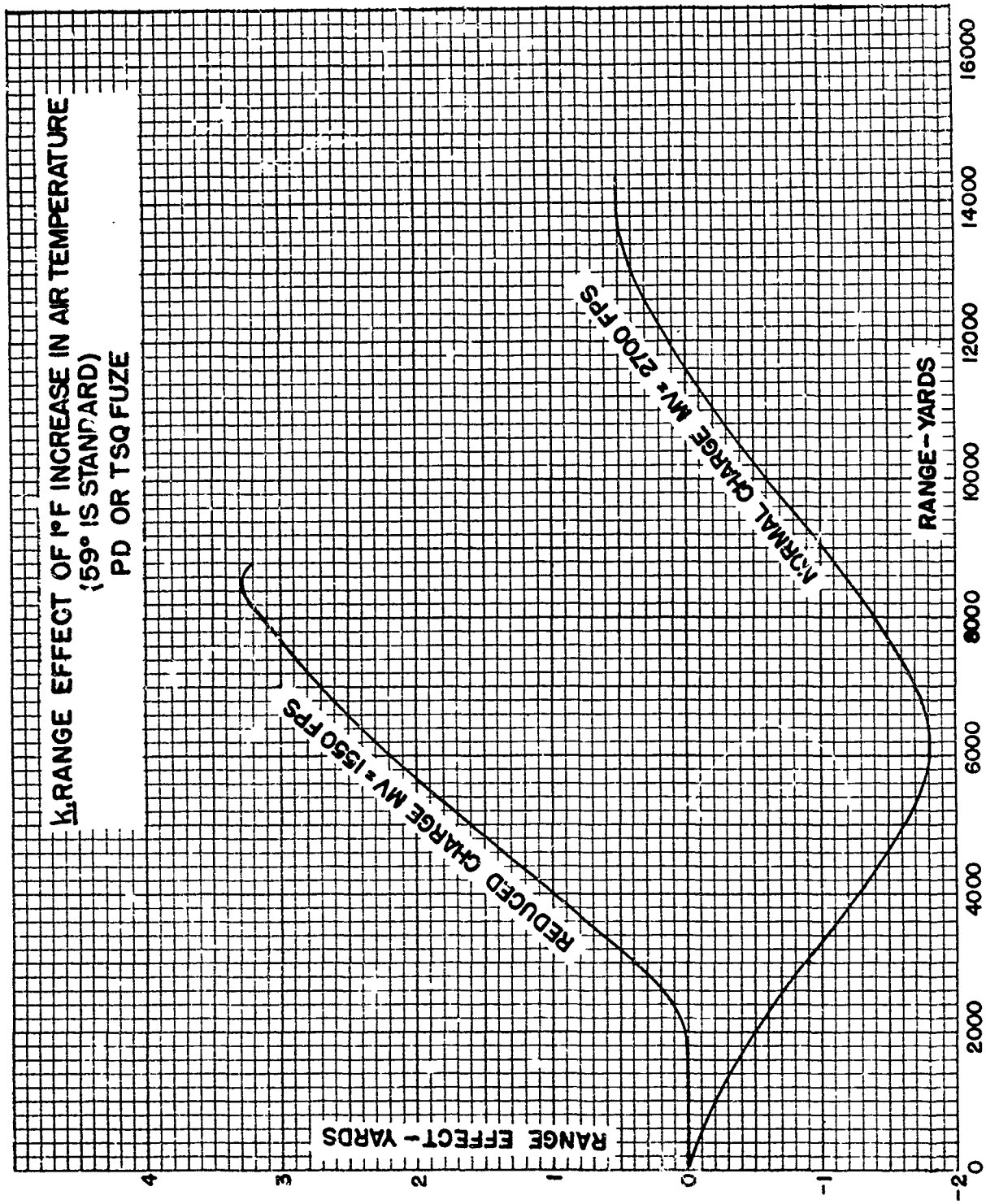
K, RANGE EFFECT OF 1°F INCREASE IN AIR TEMPERATURE
(59° IS STANDARD)
PD OR TSQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2700 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
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-1
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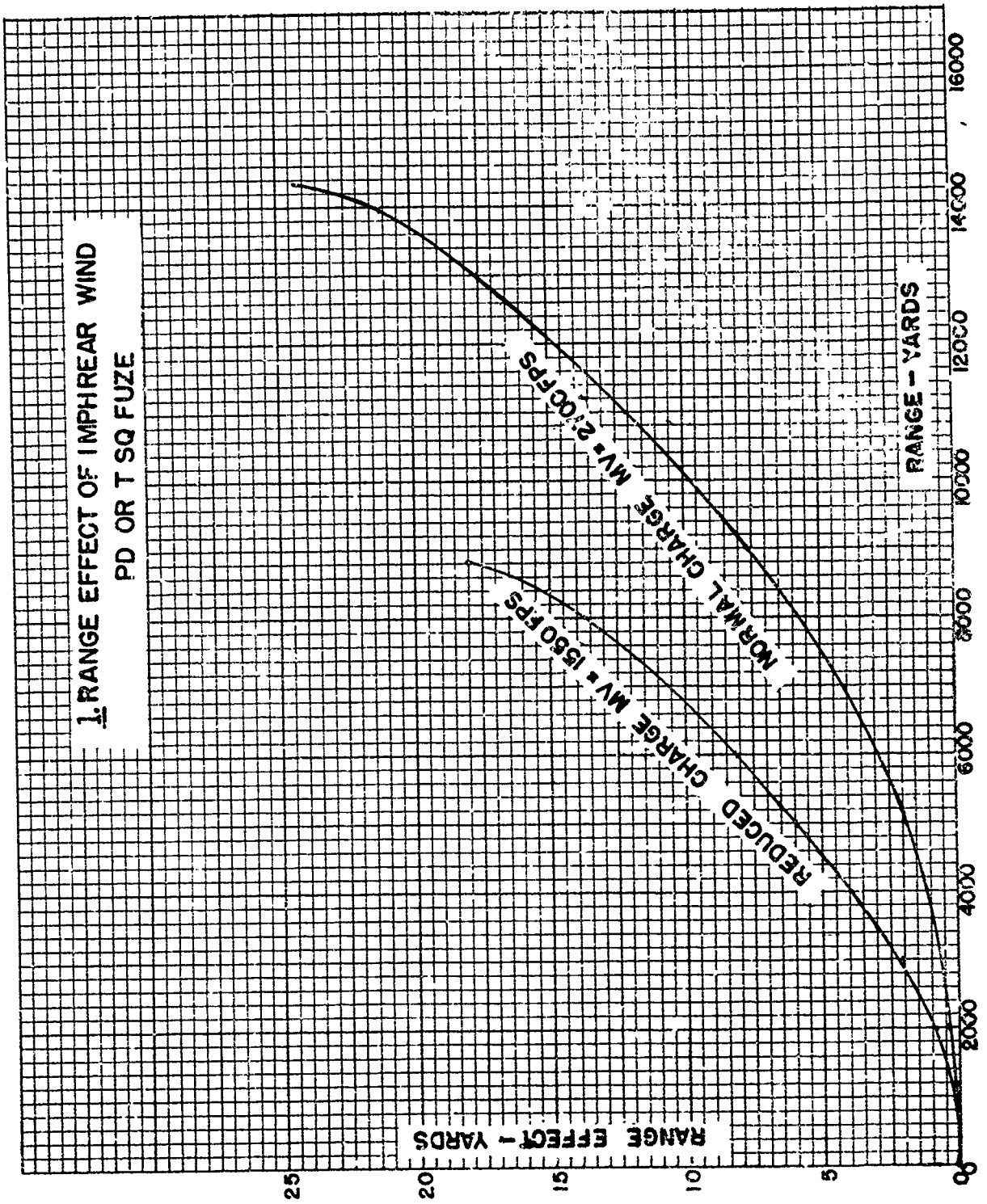
1. RANGE EFFECT OF 1 MPH REAR WIND
PD OR T SQ FUZE
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2100 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
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RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
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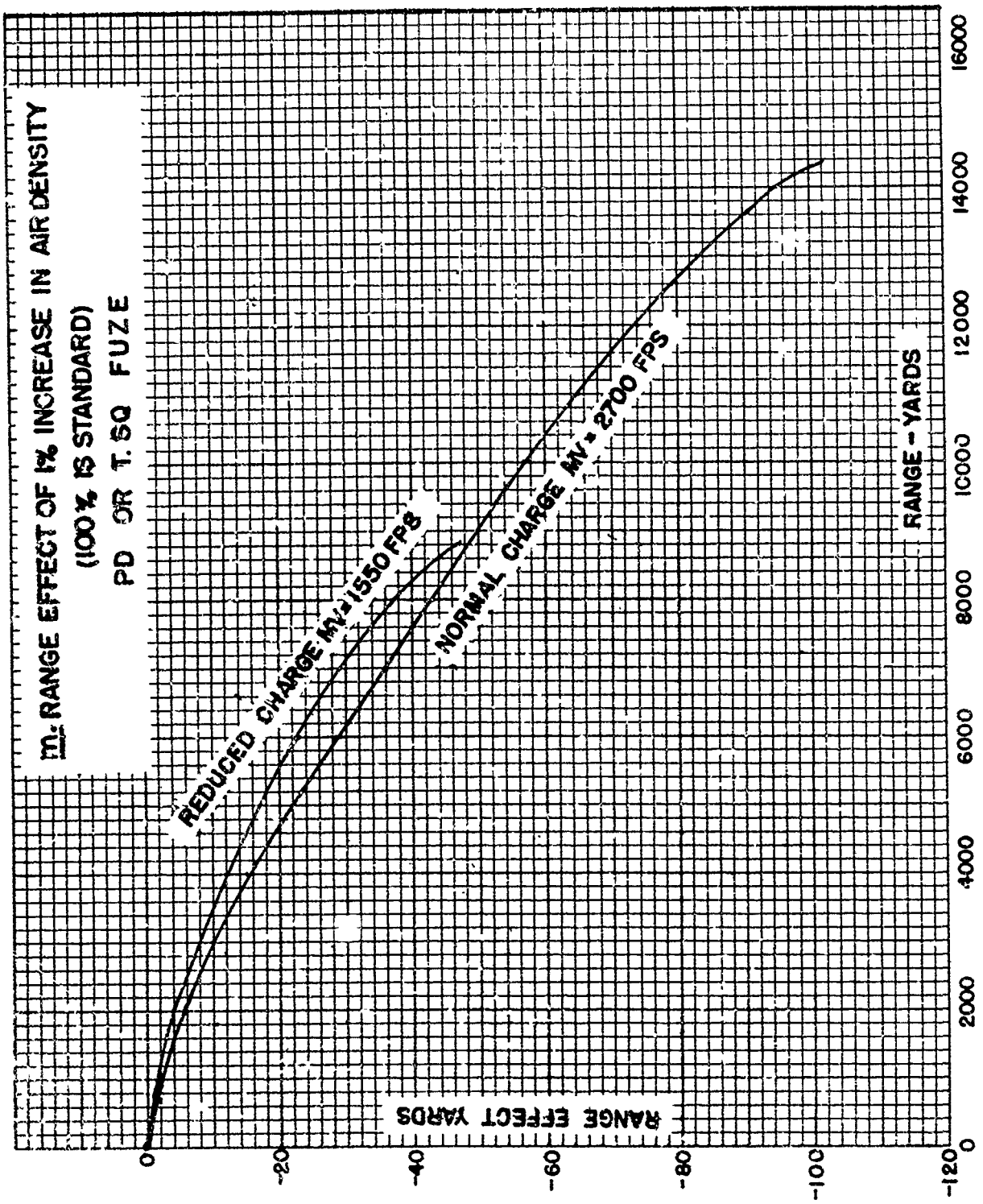
15
20
25


m. RANGE EFFECT OF 1% INCREASE IN AIR DENSITY
(100% IS STANDARD)
PD OR T.SQ FUZE
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NORMAL CHARGE MV=2700 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
RANGE EFFECT YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
0
-20
-40
-60
-80
-100
-120

SECTION V

EFFECT DATA

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9. Fragmentation. The data on fragmentation of the 76-mm HE Shell M42A1 were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition" (Sep 1944) and Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data" (Sep 1945). The initial fragment velocity is 2,260 fps.

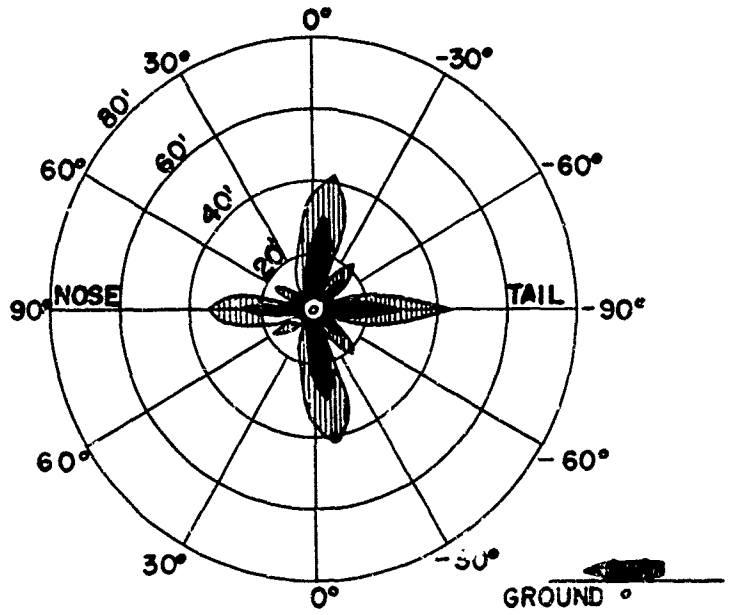
a. Casualties.

TABLE 40

CASUALTIES

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	547	0.109	0.026	1510
30	498	0.0440	0.033	1340
40	465	0.0231	0.040	1220
60	409	0.0090	0.055	1040
80	370	0.0046	0.067	943
100	331	0.0026	0.080	862
150	282	0.0010	0.108	742
200	244	0.0005	0.137	660
300	191	0.0002	0.197	549
400	149	0.0001	0.275	466

CASUALTIES



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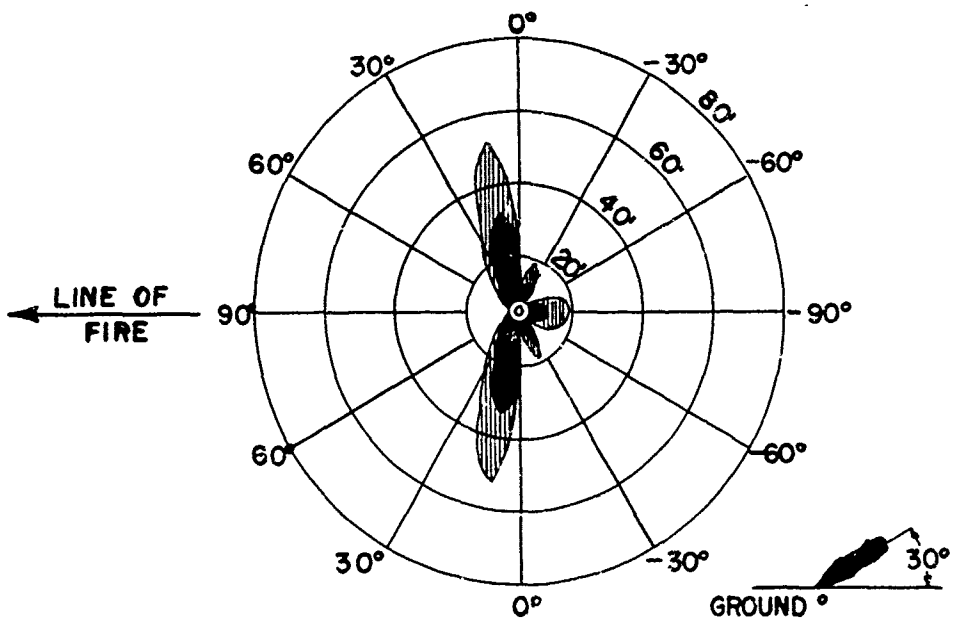
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS



AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

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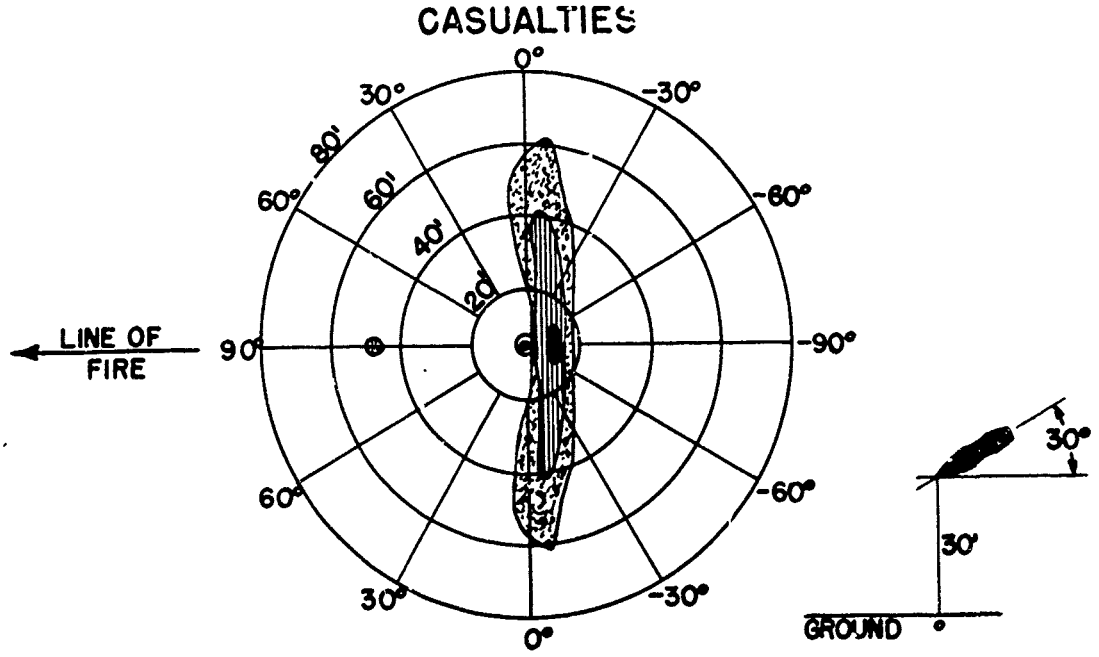
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

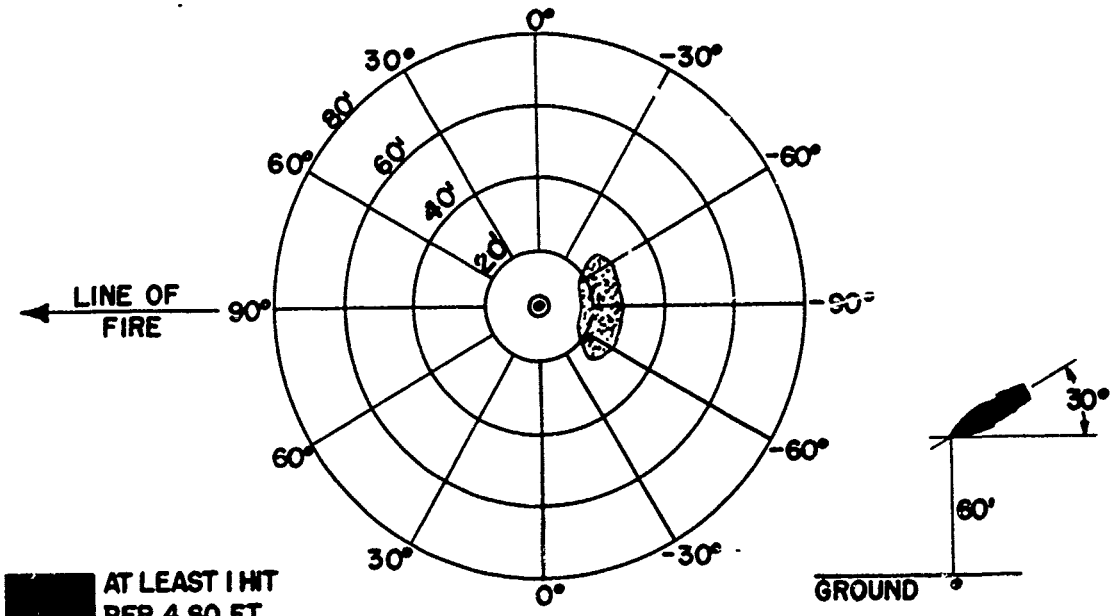
REMAINING VELOCITY 815 FPS



INCLINATION 30°

HEIGHT OF BURST 30 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 815 FPS



INCLINATION 30°

HEIGHT OF BURST 60 FT

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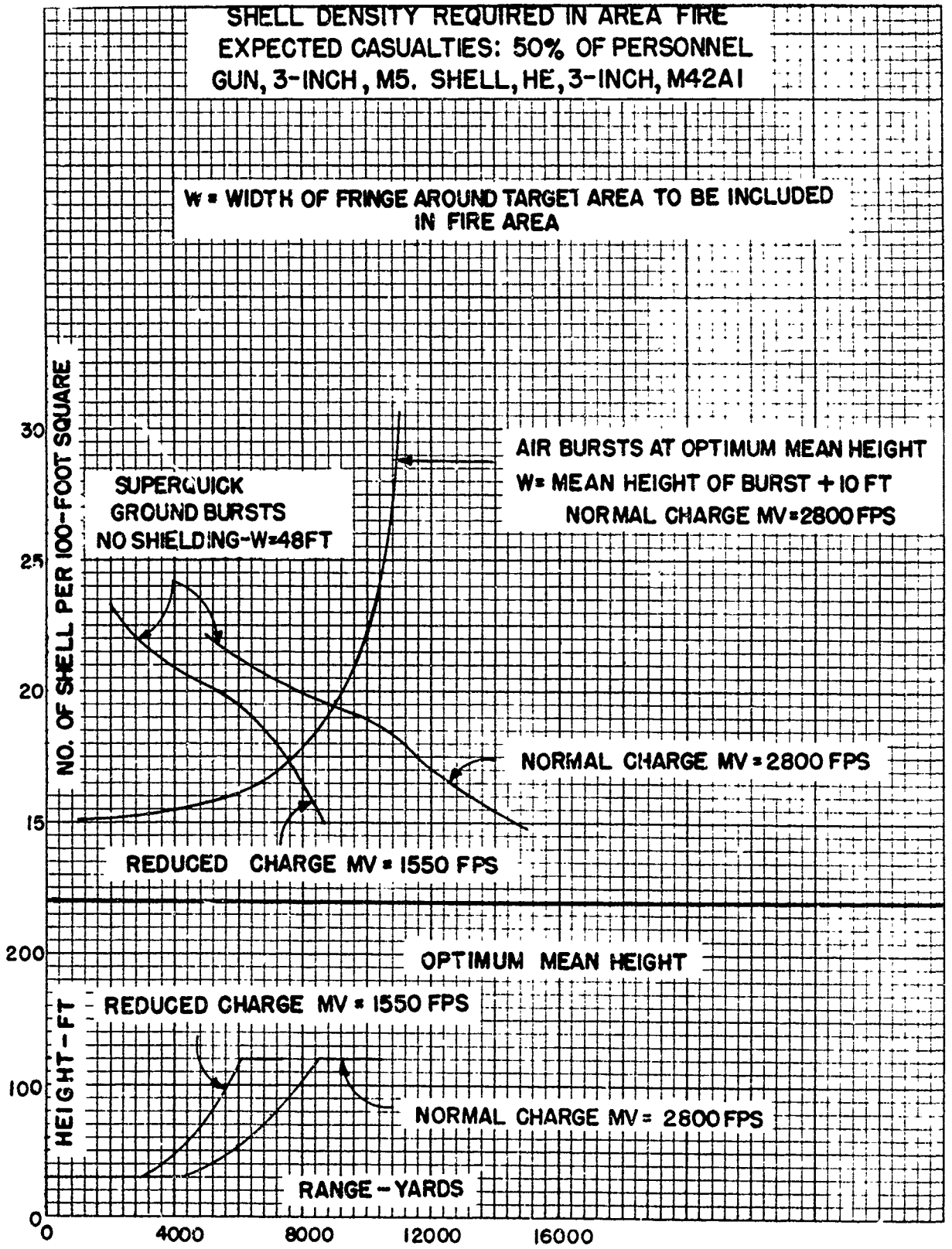

SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
GUN, 3-INCH, M5. SHELL, HE, 3-INCH, M42A1
W = WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
30
25
20
15
SUPERQUICK
GROUND BURSTS
NO SHIELDING-W=48FT
AIR BURSTS AT OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT
W= MEAN HEIGHT OF BURST + 10 FT
NORMAL CHARGE MV=2800 FPS
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2800 FPS
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT
HEIGHT-FT
200
100
0
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2800 FPS
RANGE-YARDS
0
4000
8000
12000
16000

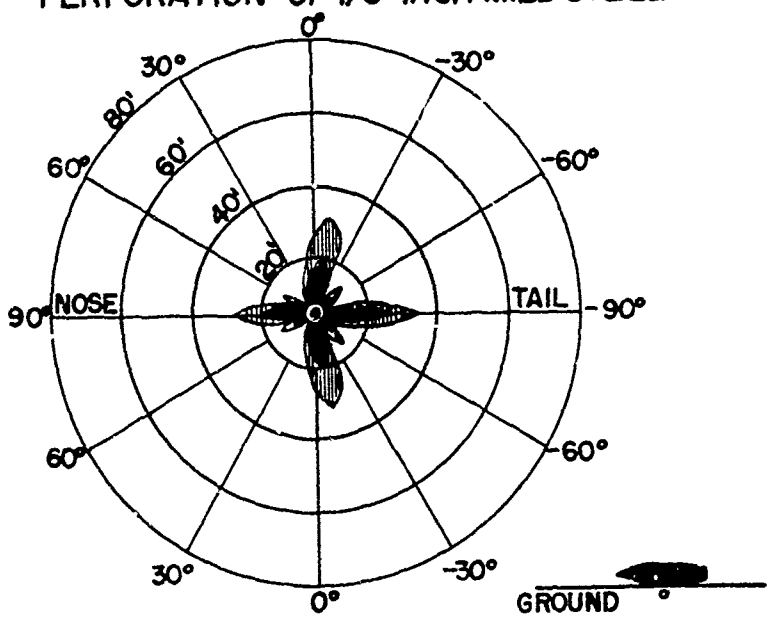
b. Perforation of 1/8-inch Mild Steel.

TABLE 41

PERFORATION OF 1/8 IN. MILD STEEL

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	284	0.0565	0.106	1,860
30	242	0.0214	0.139	1,740
40	205	0.0102	0.177	1,600
60	151	0.0033	0.270	1,400
80	113	0.0014	0.375	1,270
100	90	0.0007	0.480	1,180
130	64	0.0003	0.648	1,080
160	43	0.0001	0.825	1,020
190	28	0.0001	1.01	963

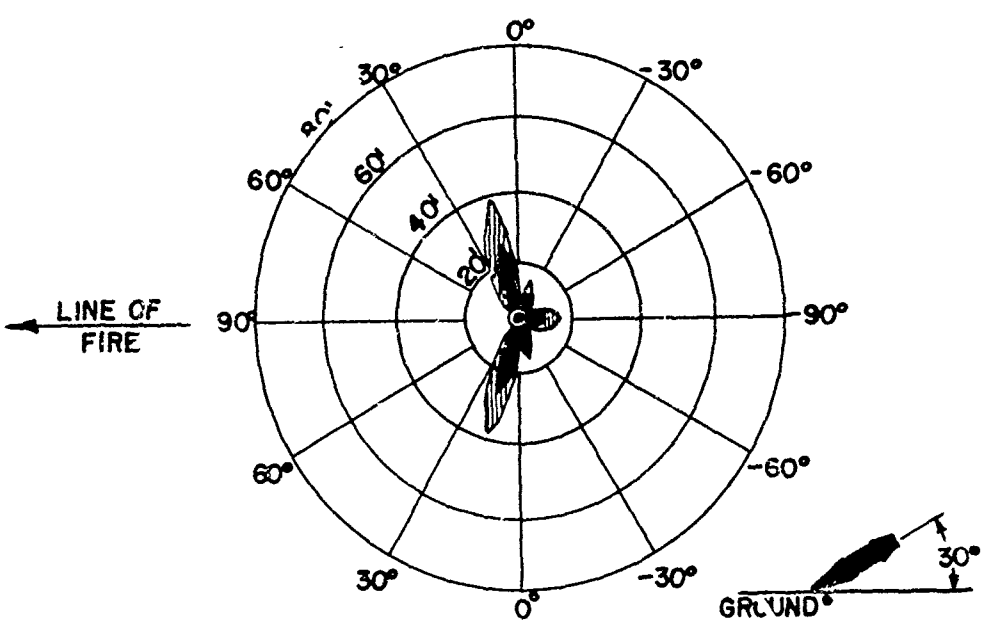
PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 0°

HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS



AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

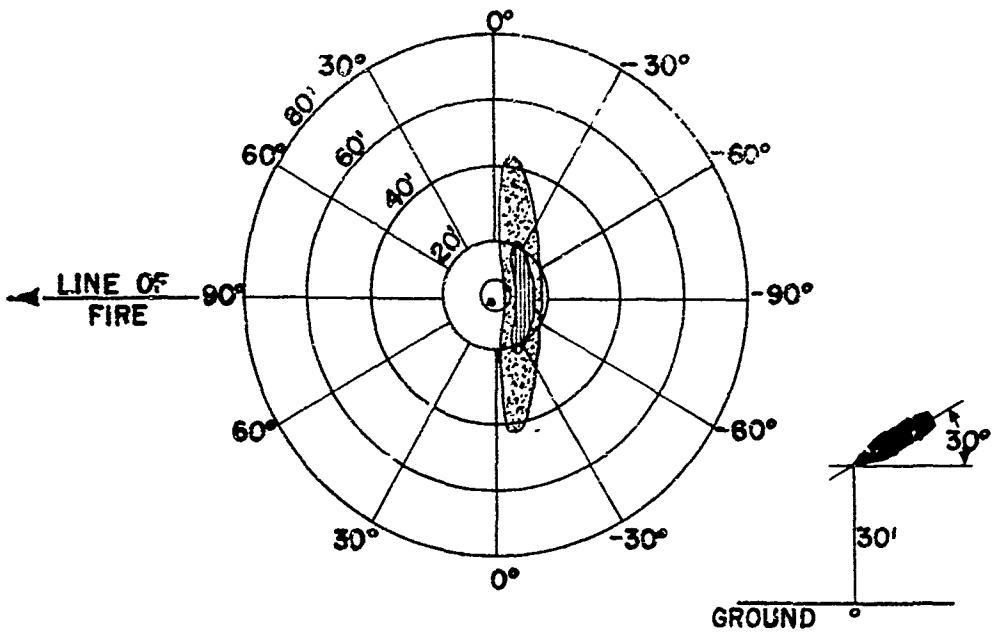
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

INCLINATION 30°

HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 815 FPS

PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



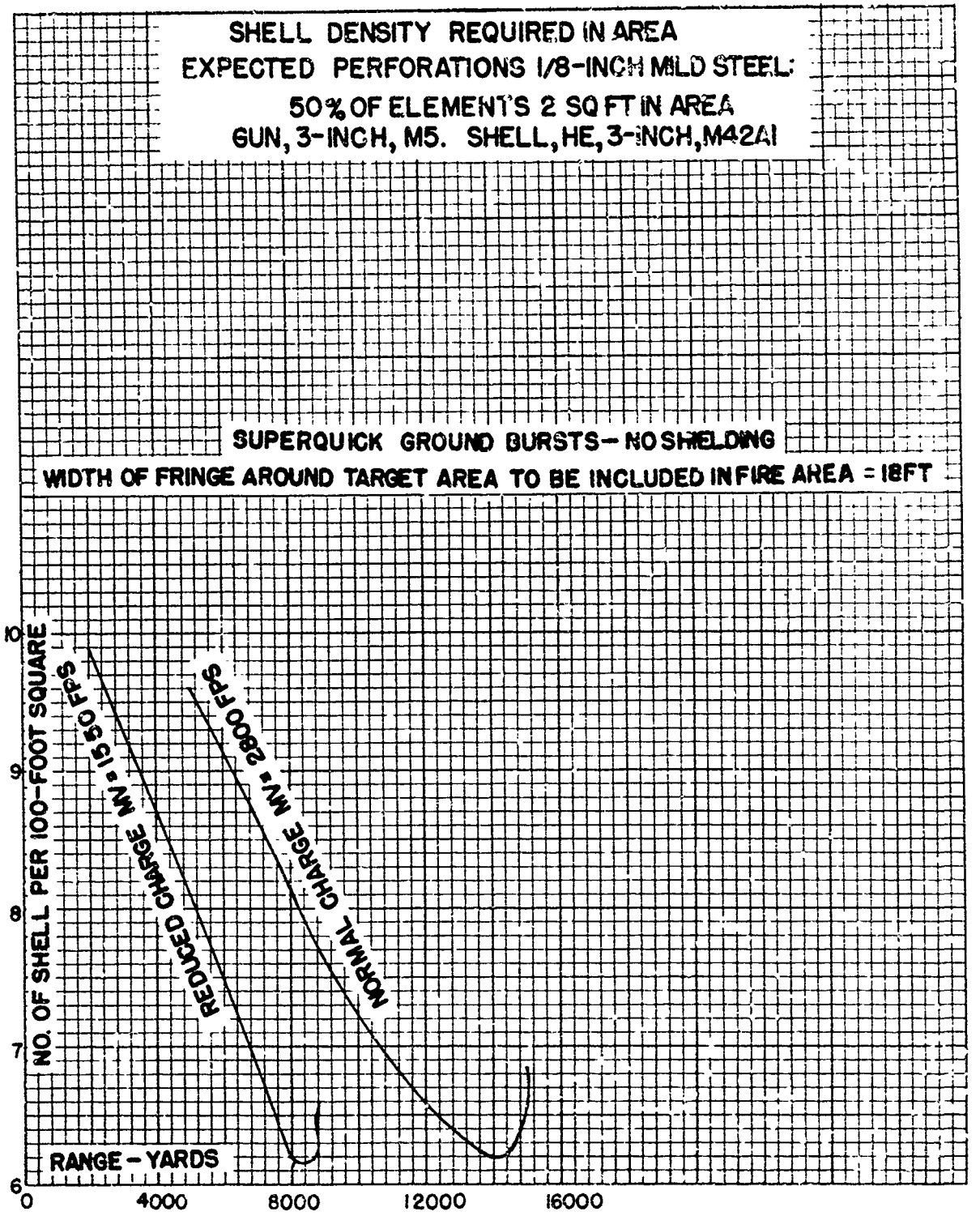
INCLINATION 30°

HEIGHT OF BURST 30 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 815 FPS

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 25 SQ FT


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
GUN, 3-INCH, M5. SHELL, HE, 3-INCH, M42A1
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA = 18FT
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
10
9
8
7
6
REDUCED CHARGE MV = 1550 FPS
NORMAL CHARGE MV = 2800 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
0
4000
8000
12000
16000

10. Effectiveness. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 76-mm HE Shell M42A1 with a PD, TSQ or MT Fuze, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2,700 fps.

NUMBER OF ROUNDS REQUIRED AGAINST ENEMY ARTILLERY FOR 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE EFFECTIVE HIT IN AIMED FIRE

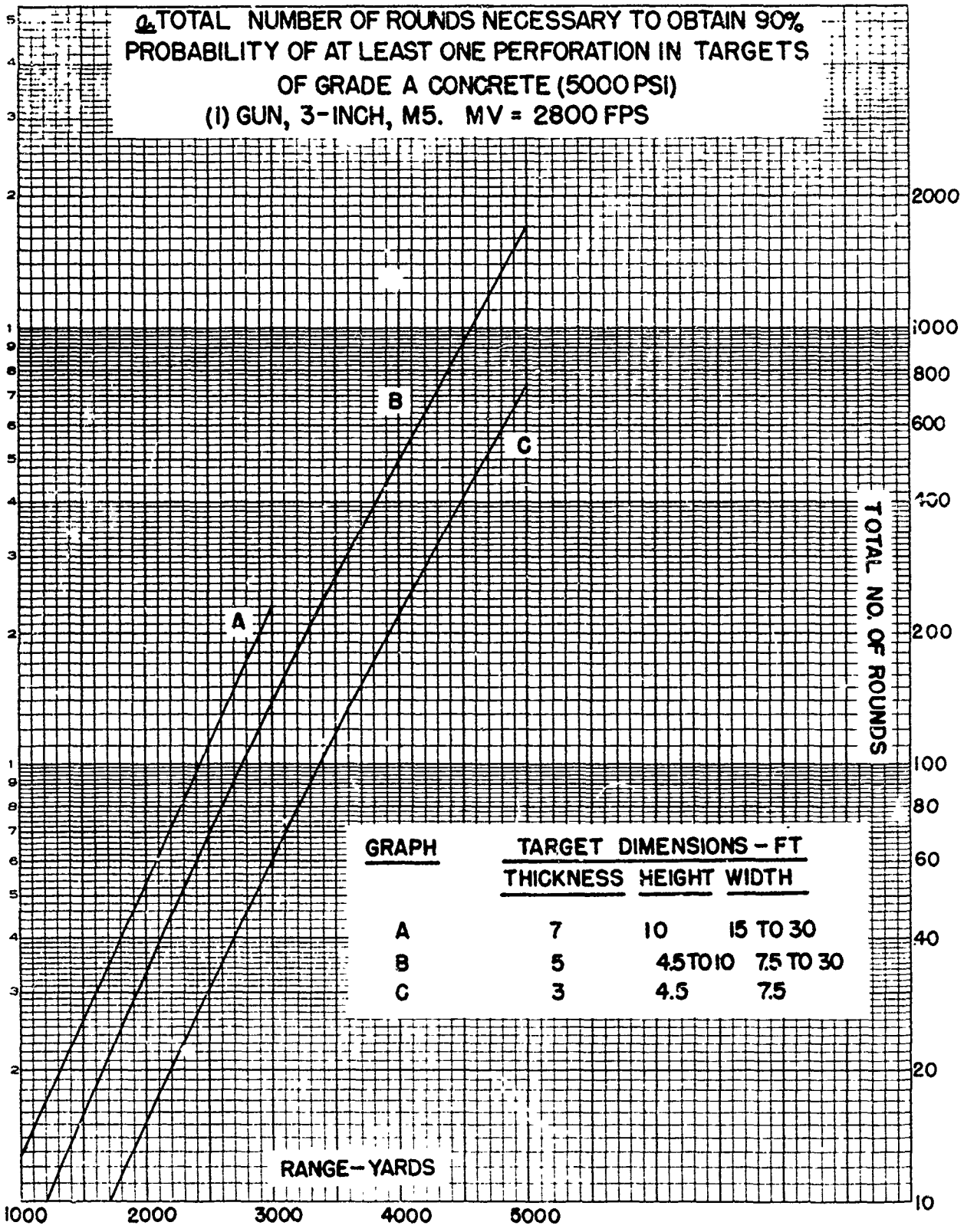
Range yd	Type of Fire: Impact	Time	Time and Impact
2000	6	270	13
5000	55	430	87

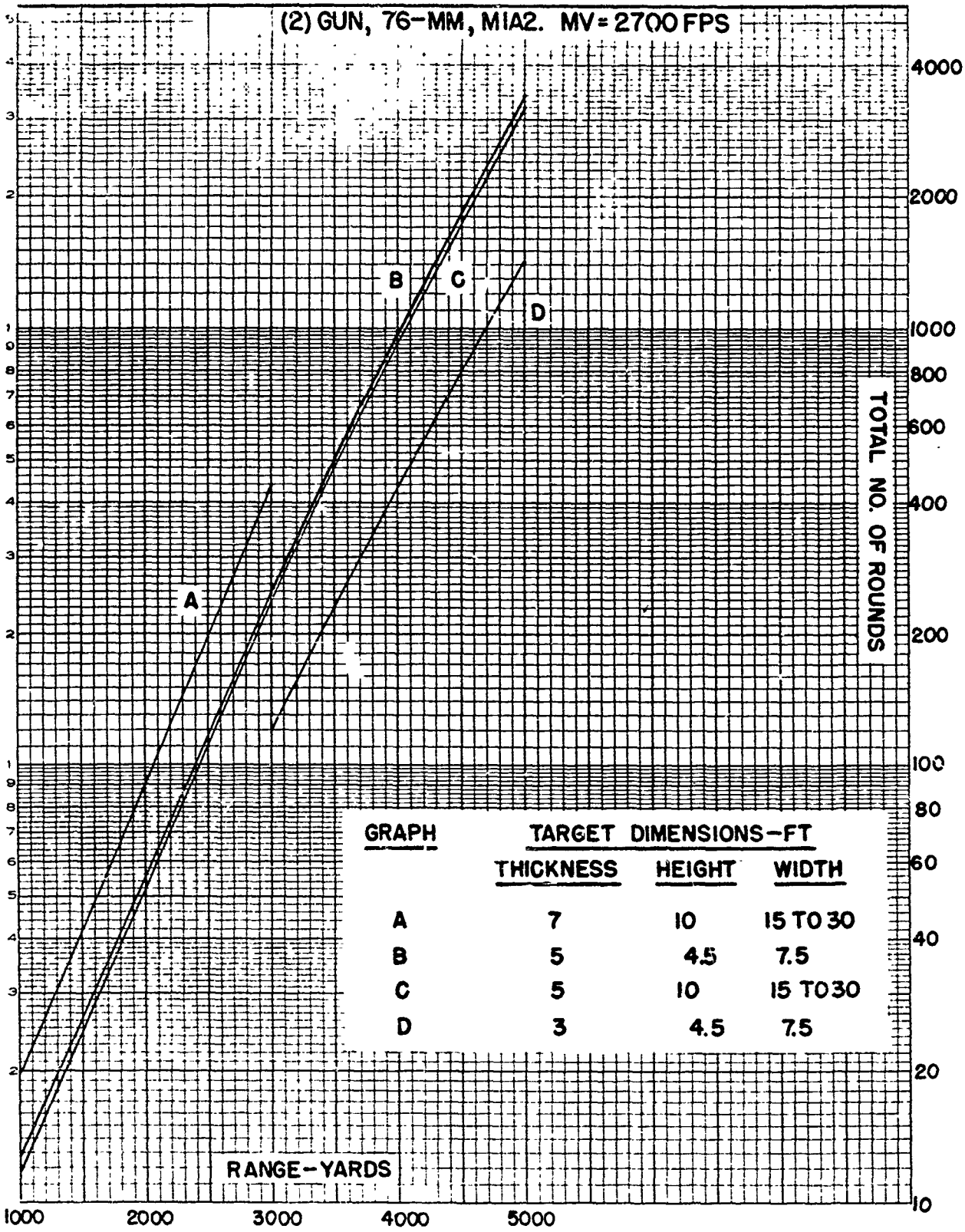
11. Ricochet Data. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 76-mm HE Shell M42A1 with the PD Fuze M48 set for 0.05 sec delay, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2,700 fps (the PD Fuzes M48A1, M48A2 and M51A4 have 0.15 sec delay).

TABLE 75

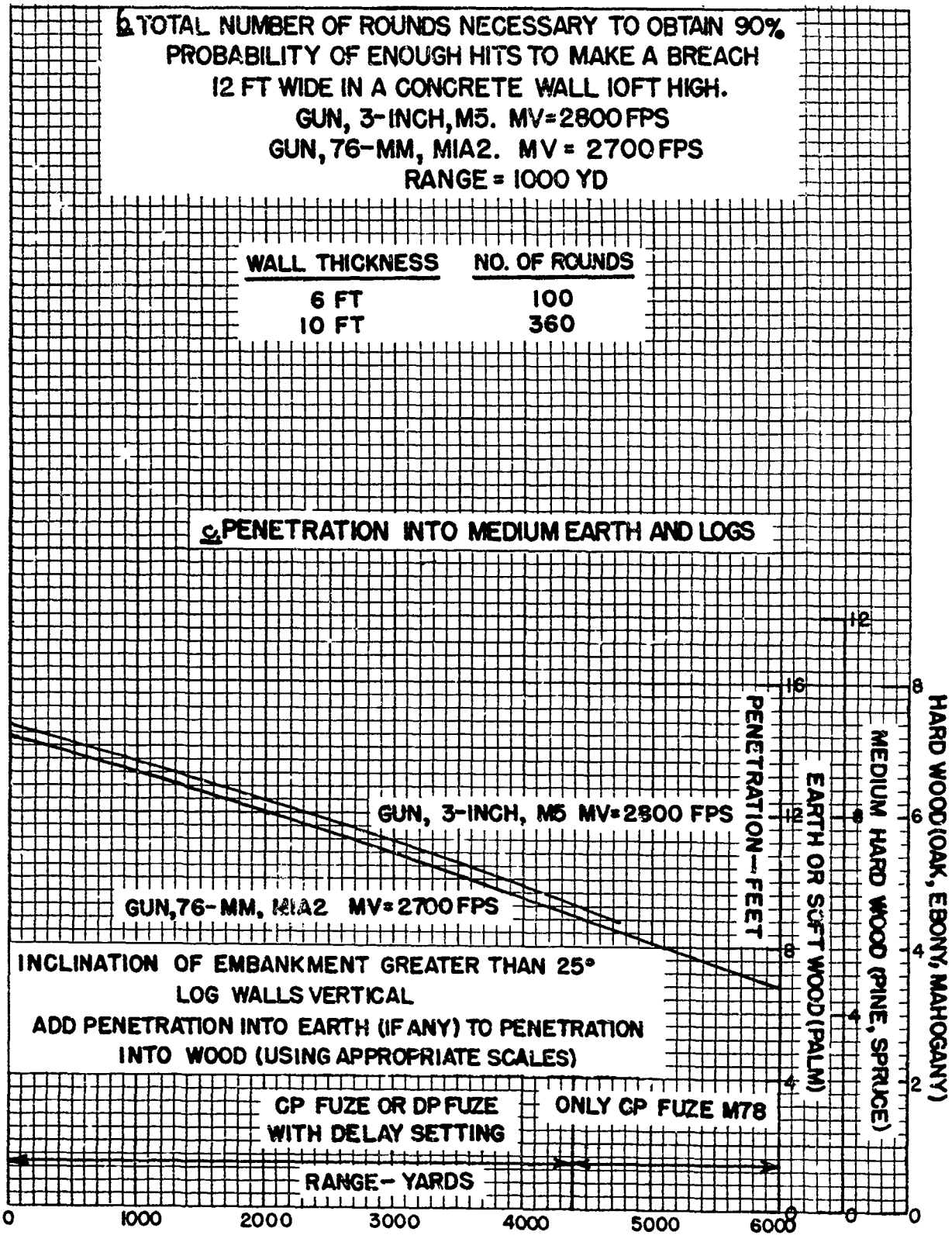
Range	Angle of Fall	Angle of Recovery	Impact to Burst	Height of Burst	PE in Height of Burst
yd	mils	mils	yd	ft	ft
1,000	8	20	40	3	0
2,000	20	35	33	4	1
3,000	38	60	26	5	1
4,000	65	100	21	6	1
5,000	106	150	16	7	1
6,000	163	210	12	7	2
7,000	233	260	9	7	2
8,000	315	300	6	6	1
9,000	407	315	4	4	1

12. Penetration. The data on penetration of concrete by the HE Shell M42B1 with the CP Fuze M78 were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition". The data on penetration into medium earth and logs by the HE Shell M42A1 with the DP or CP Fuze were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data".


a. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE PERFORATION IN TARGETS OF GRADE A CONCRETE (5000 PSI)
(1) GUN, 3-INCH, M5. MV = 2800 FPS
A
B
C
TOTAL NO. OF ROUNDS
2000
1000
800
600
400
200
100
80
60
40
20
10
RANGE—YARDS
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
GRAPH
TARGET DIMENSIONS – FT
THICKNESS HEIGHT WIDTH
A 7 10 15 TO 30
B 5 4.5 TO 10 7.5 TO 30
C 3 4.5 7.5



GRAPH	TARGET DIMENSIONS-FT		
	THICKNESS	HEIGHT	WIDTH
A	7	10	15 TO 30
B	5	4.5	7.5
C	5	10	15 TO 30
D	3	4.5	7.5


b. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF ENOUGH HITS TO MAKE A BREACH 12 FT WIDE IN A CONCRETE WALL 10FT HIGH.
GUN, 3-INCH, M5. MV=2800 FPS
GUN, 76-MM, M1A2. MV = 2700 FPS
RANGE = 1000 YD
WALL THICKNESS
NO. OF ROUNDS
6 FT
100
10 FT
360
c. PENETRATION INTO MEDIUM EARTH AND LOGS
GUN, 3-INCH, M5 MV=2800 FPS
GUN, 76-MM, M1A2 MV=2700 FPS
INCLINATION OF EMBANKMENT GREATER THAN 25°
LOG WALLS VERTICAL
ADD PENETRATION INTO EARTH (IF ANY) TO PENETRATION INTO WOOD (USING APPROPRIATE SCALES)
CP FUZE OR DP FUZE WITH DELAY SETTING
ONLY CP FUZE M78
RANGE - YARDS
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
6000
PENETRATION - FEET
EARTH OR SOFT WOOD (PALM)
MEDIUM HARD WOOD (PINE, SPRUCE)
HARD WOOD (OAK, EBONY, MAHOGANY)
16
12
8
4
0
12
8
4
0
8
6
4
2
0

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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA

for

Projectile, APC, 76-mm (3-inch), M62A1

with

Fuze, BD, M66A1

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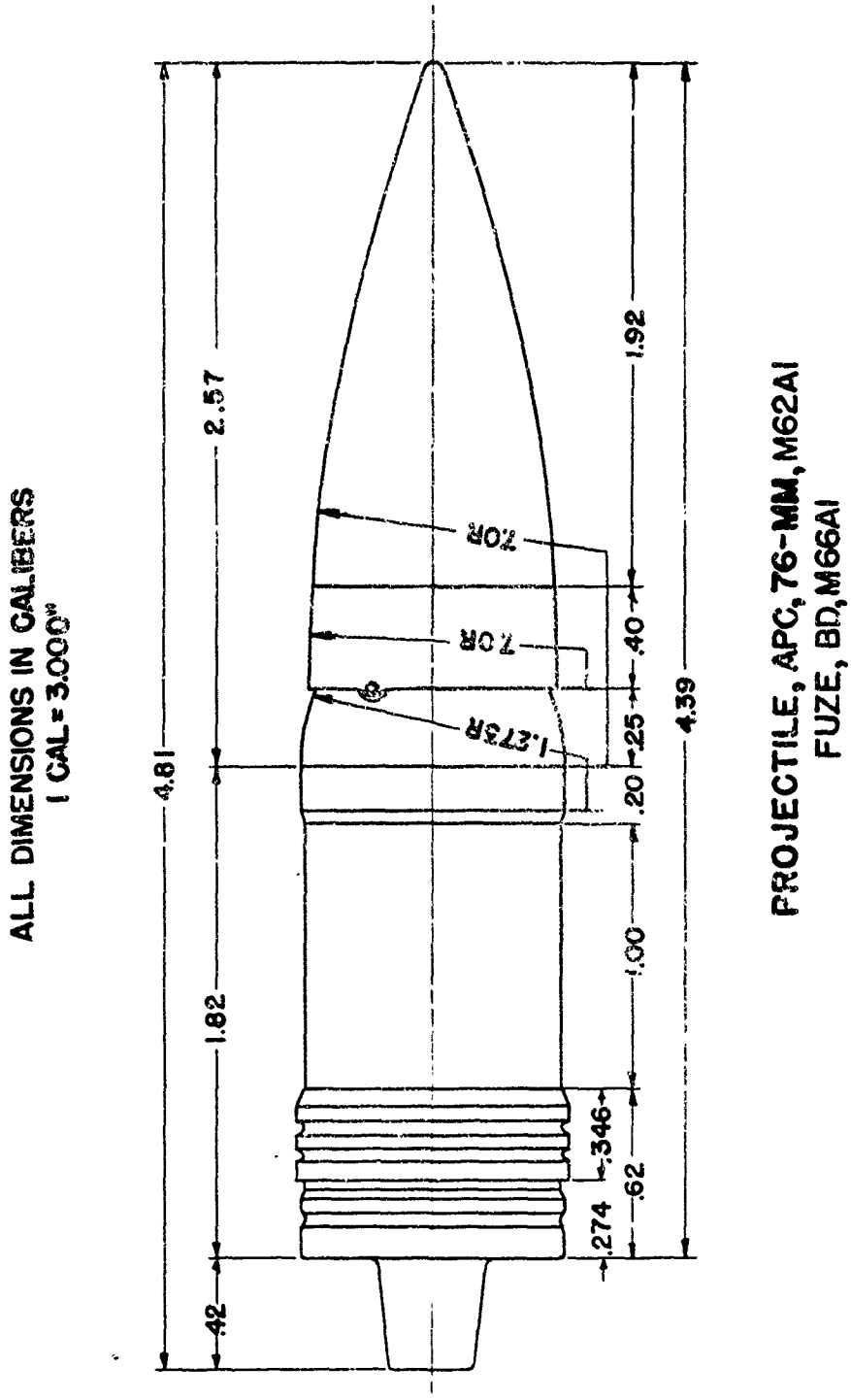
SECTION I
GENERAL

Paragraph

Purpose - 1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics, and effects of the 76-mm (3-inch) Armor-piercing Capped Projectile M62A1 with the Base Detonating Fuze M66A1, which contains a tracer composition. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.



FROJECTILE, APC, 76-MM, M62A1
FUZE, BD, M66A1

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DESCRIPTION

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2. Drawings.

Projectile: Metal parts assembly and details	75-2-292
Fuze: Assembly	73-2-178
Details	73-2-179
Details	73-2-180

3. Dimensions.

Fuze: Length (outside)	0.42 cal
Band: Distance from base	0.274 cal
Width	0.346 cal
Body: Cylindrical length	1.82 cal
Ogival length (outside)	0.25 cal
Radius of ogival arc	1.273 cal
Cap: Length (outside)	0.40 cal
Radius of ogival arc	7.00 cal
Windshield: Length	1.92 cal
Radius of ogival arc	7.00 cal
Length: Ogive	2.57 cal
Projectile without fuze	4.39 cal
Projectile and fuze	4.81 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	15.40 lb
Base of projectile to center of gravity	1.404 cal
Axial moment of inertia	16.97 lb. in.^{2}
Transverse moment of inertia	104.8 lb. in.^{2}

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	8 min
Maximum	13 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. The following results were obtained from resistance firings.

Muzzle Velocity fps	Drag Function	Form Factor i	Ballistic Coefficient C	Drag Coef. K_D
2000	G_6	1.052	1.627	0.157
2600	G_6	1.052	1.627	0.129

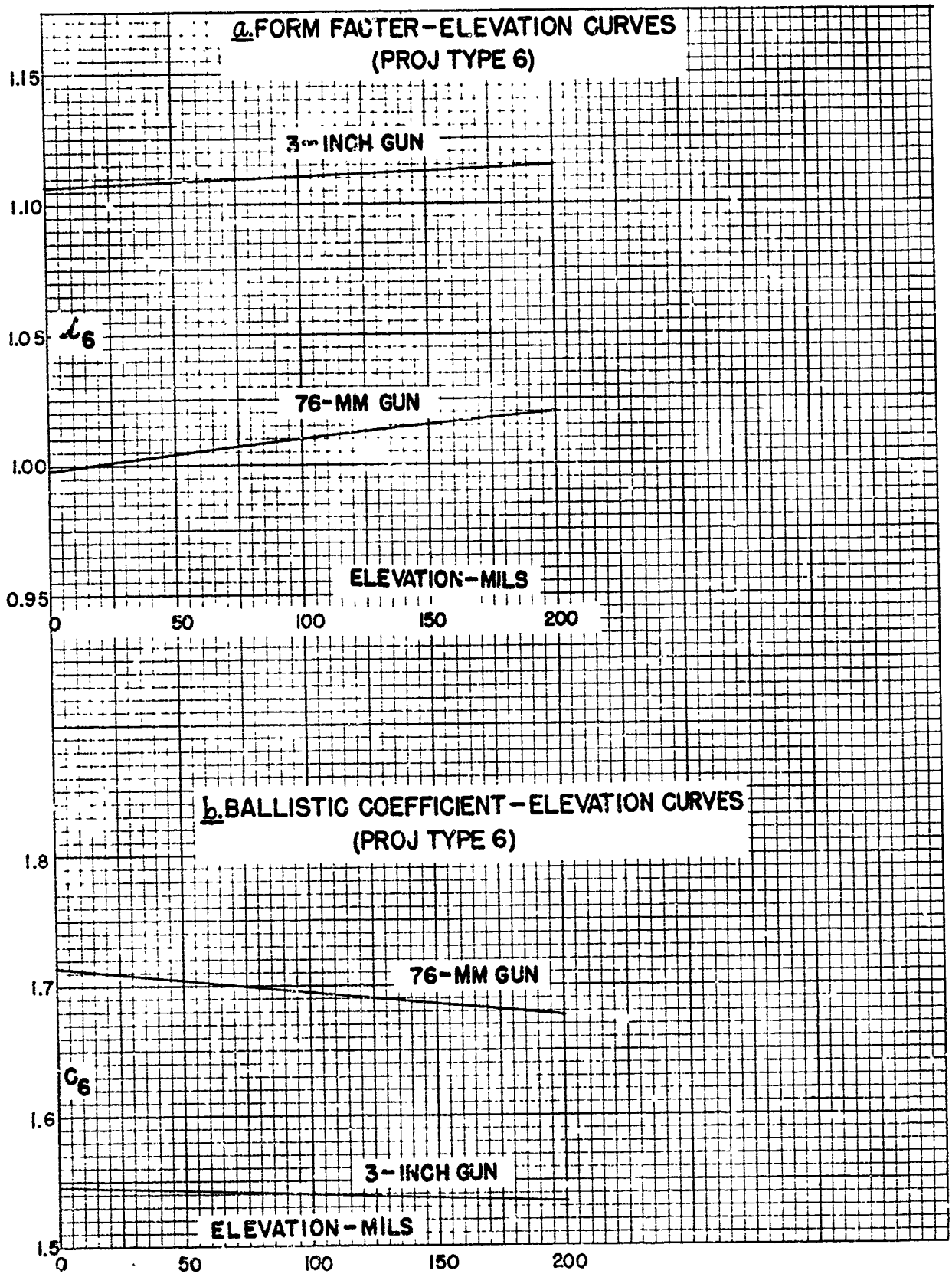
b. Stability. Ballistic Research Laboratory Report No. 427, "Stability of 3-inch Armor-piercing Projectiles", gives the results obtained from stability firings of the 3-inch APC Projectile M62 with BD Fuze M66A1 from the 3-inch Antitank Gun M5, whose twist of rifling is 1/40. The 76-mm Tank Gun M1A2 has a twist of rifling of 1/32.

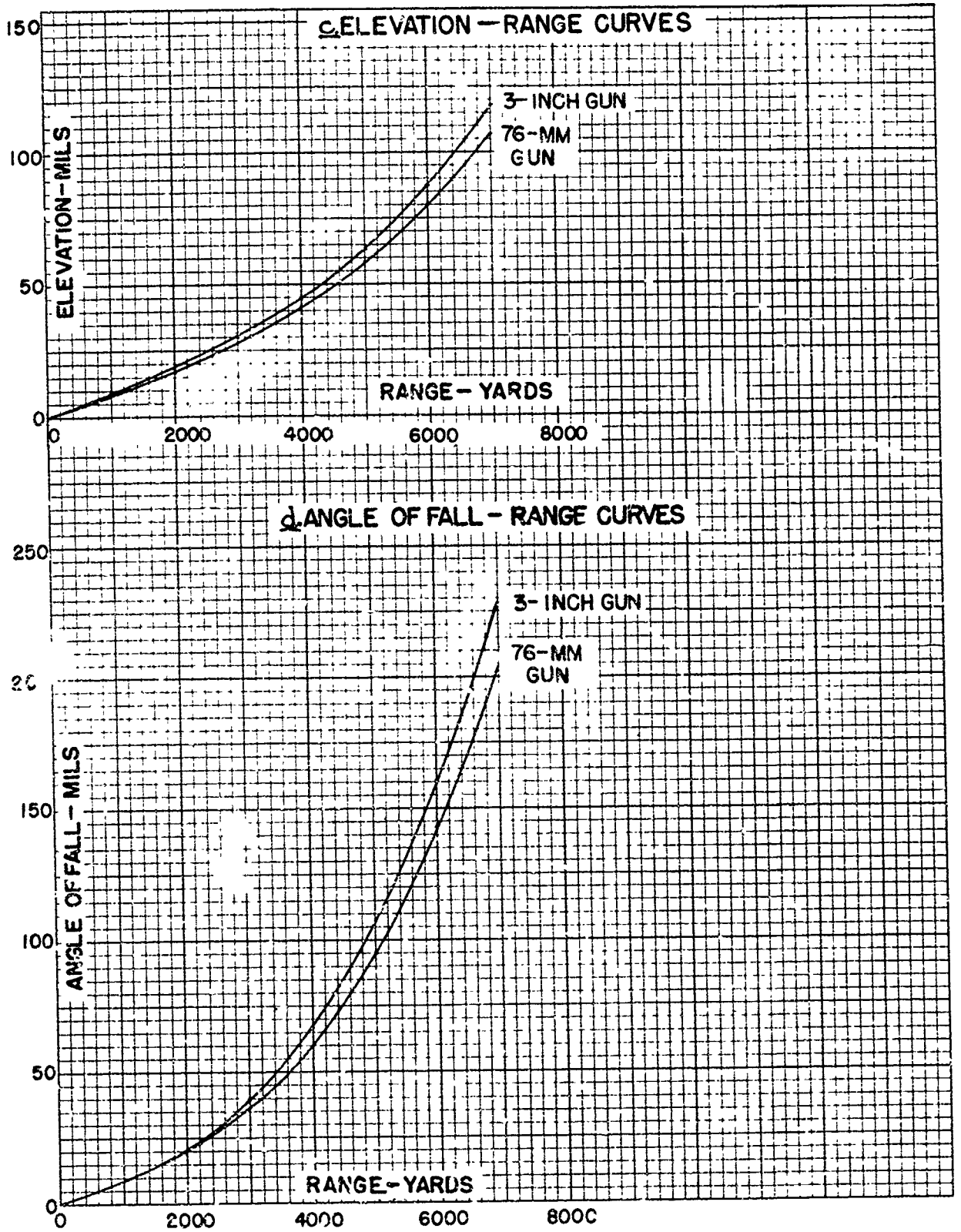
Muzzle Velocity fps	Moment Coefficient K_M	Stability Factor Twist of Rifling 1/40	1/32
1600	1.48	1.09	1.70
2600	1.41	1.14	1.78

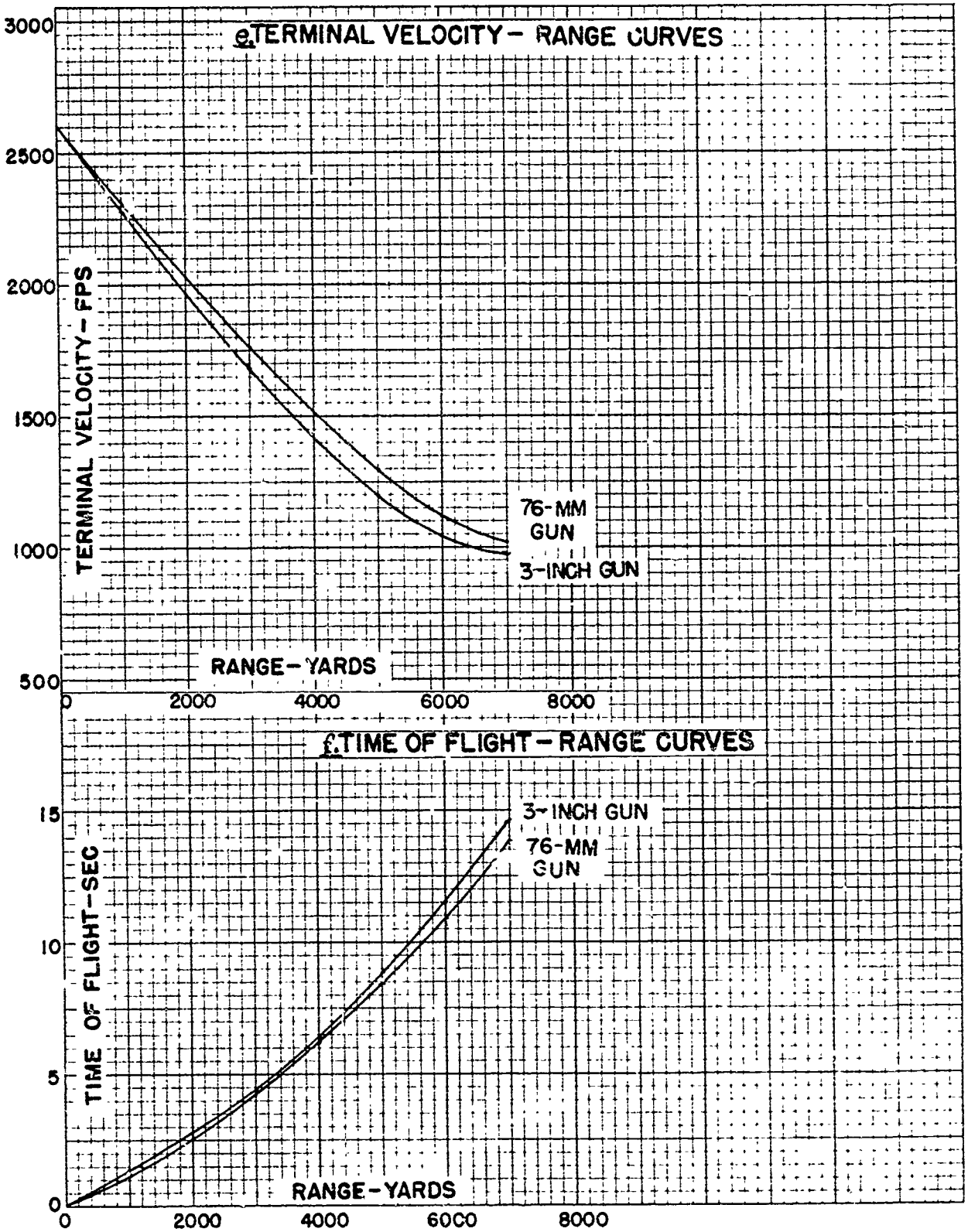
7. Firing table data.

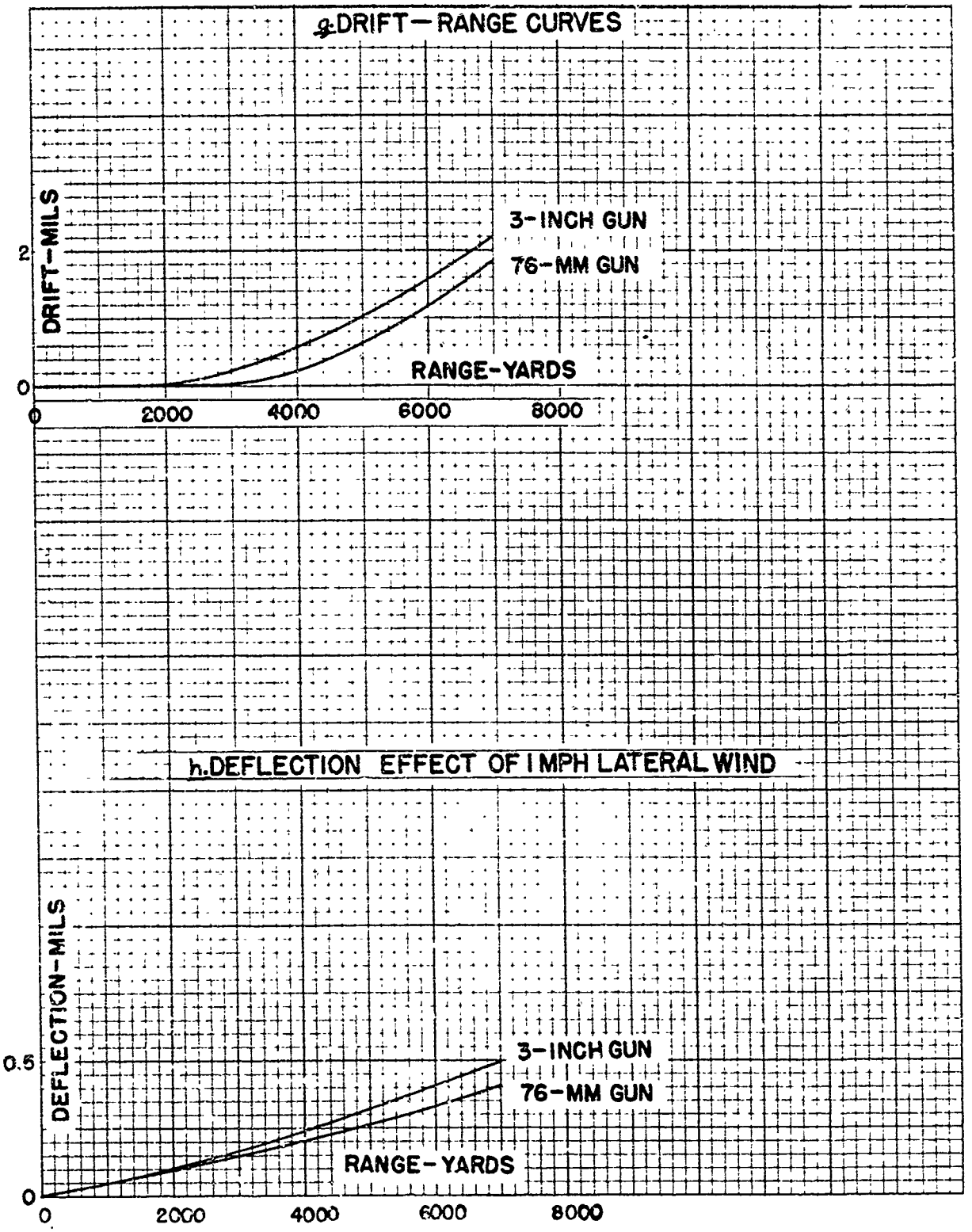
Gun	76-mm M1A2 (Tank)	3-inch M5 (Antitank)
Twist of rifling	1/32	1/40
Muzzle Velocity	2600 fps	2600 fps
FT	76-C-1	3-W-1

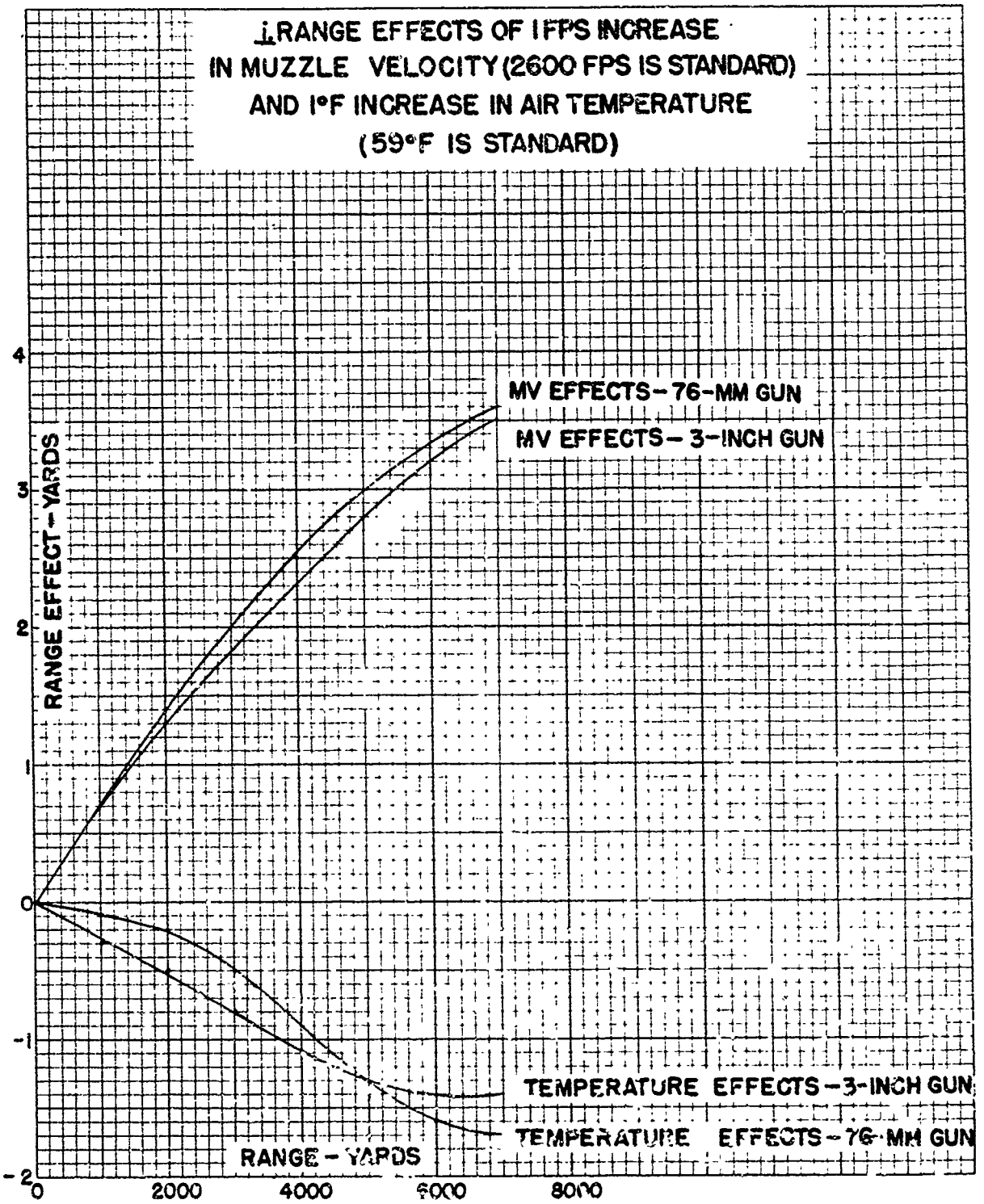
OCM item 16167 standardized the 3-inch AP Projectile M62, which was later called an APC Projectile. OCM item 18656 authorized its use in the 76-mm Gun M1. The 76-mm Guns M1 and M1A1, with 1/40 twist, are now obsolete.

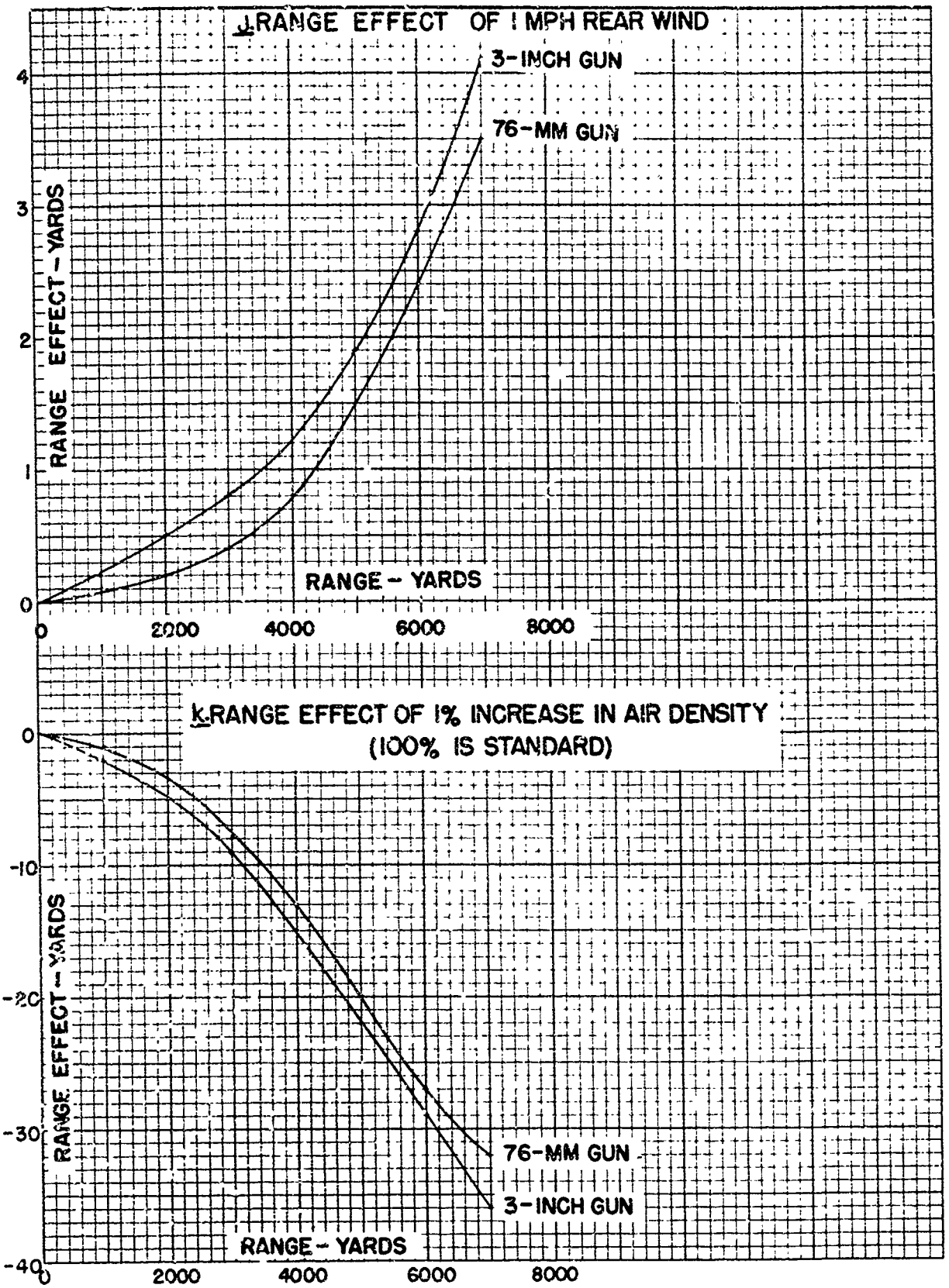

a. FORM FACTER-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE 6)
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
i_6
1.15
1.10
1.05
1.00
0.95
ELEVATION-MILS
0
50
100
150
200
b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE 6)
76-MM GUN
3-INCH GUN
C_6
1.8
1.7
1.6
1.5
ELEVATION-MILS
0
50
100
150
200


c. ELEVATION — RANGE CURVES
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
ELEVATION-MILS
RANGE-YARDS
0
50
100
150
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
d. ANGLE OF FALL - RANGE CURVES
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
ANGLE OF FALL - MILS
RANGE-YARDS
0
50
100
150
250
0
2000
4000
6000
8000


e. TERMINAL VELOCITY – RANGE CURVES
TERMINAL VELOCITY – FPS
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
76-MM GUN
3-INCH GUN
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
f. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
15
10
5
0
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000


g. DRIFT—RANGE CURVES
DRIFT—MILS
2
0
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
RANGE-YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
h. DEFLECTION EFFECT OF 1 MPH LATERAL WIND
DEFLECTION—MILS
0.5
0
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
RANGE-YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000


RANGE EFFECTS OF 1 FPS INCREASE
IN MUZZLE VELOCITY (2600 FPS IS STANDARD)
AND 1°F INCREASE IN AIR TEMPERATURE
(59°F IS STANDARD)
MV EFFECTS – 76-MM GUN
MV EFFECTS – 3-INCH GUN
TEMPERATURE EFFECTS – 3-INCH GUN
TEMPERATURE EFFECTS – 76-MM GUN
RANGE EFFECT – YARDS
RANGE – YARDS
4
3
2
1
0
-1
-2
0
2000
4000
6000
8000


j. RANGE EFFECT OF 1 MPH REAR WIND
3-INCH GUN
76-MM GUN
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
0
1
2
3
4
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
k. RANGE EFFECT OF 1% INCREASE IN AIR DENSITY
(100% IS STANDARD)
0
-10
-20
-30
-40
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
76-MM GUN
3-INCH GUN
RANGE - YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000

SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

Paragraph

Penetration - 8

8. Penetration.

a. Ballistic Limits of Armor Plate.

Plate			Ballistic Limit		Number in Average
Type	Thickness inches	Obliquity degrees	Type	fps	
Face	3	20	Navy	1742	26
Hardened	3	30	Navy	2027	1
Homo-	3	20	Army	1726	2
geneous	3	20	Navy	1852	2
	4	30	Navy	2391	1

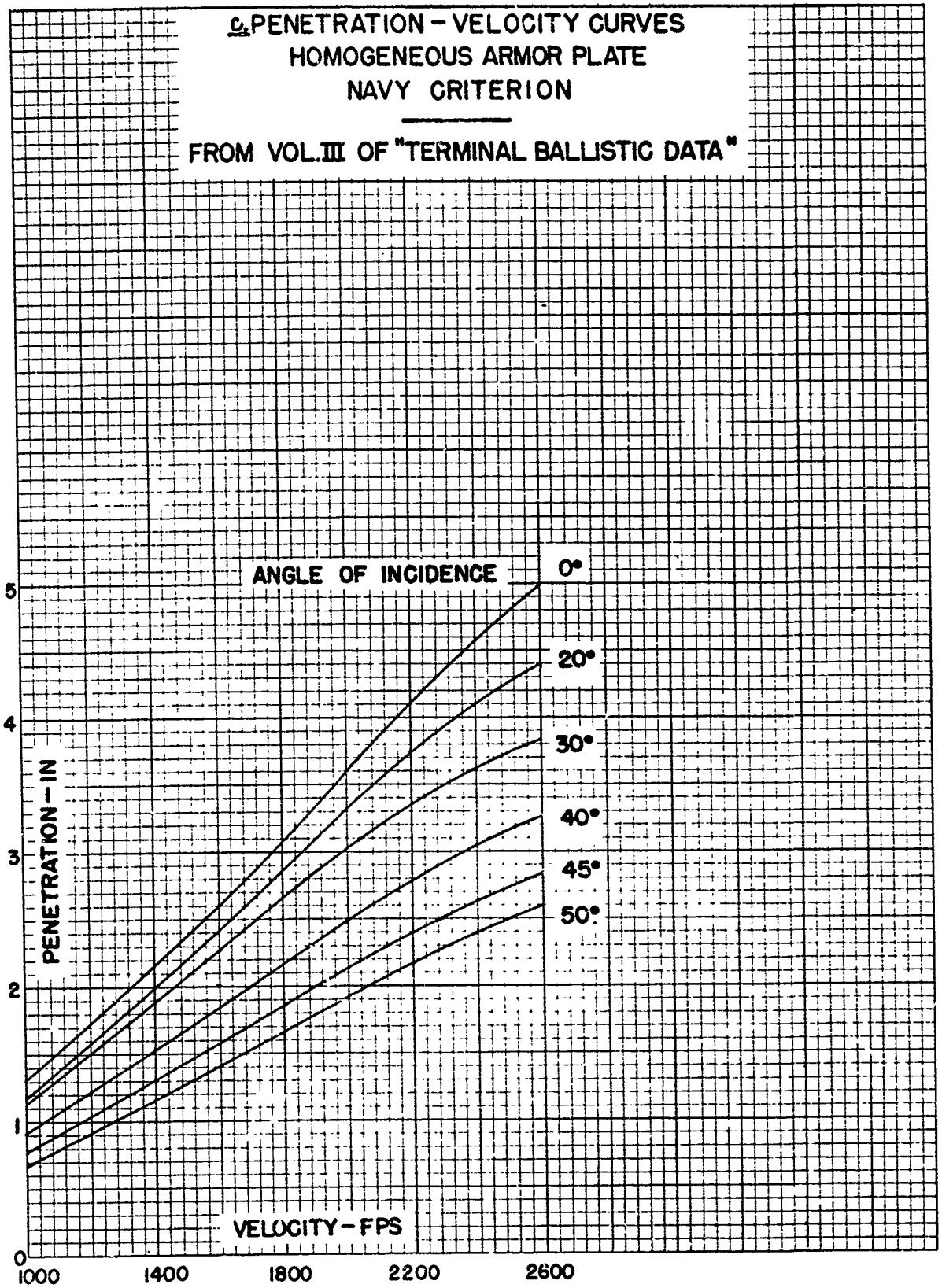
b. Vulnerability of German Tanks (Panzerkampfwagen)

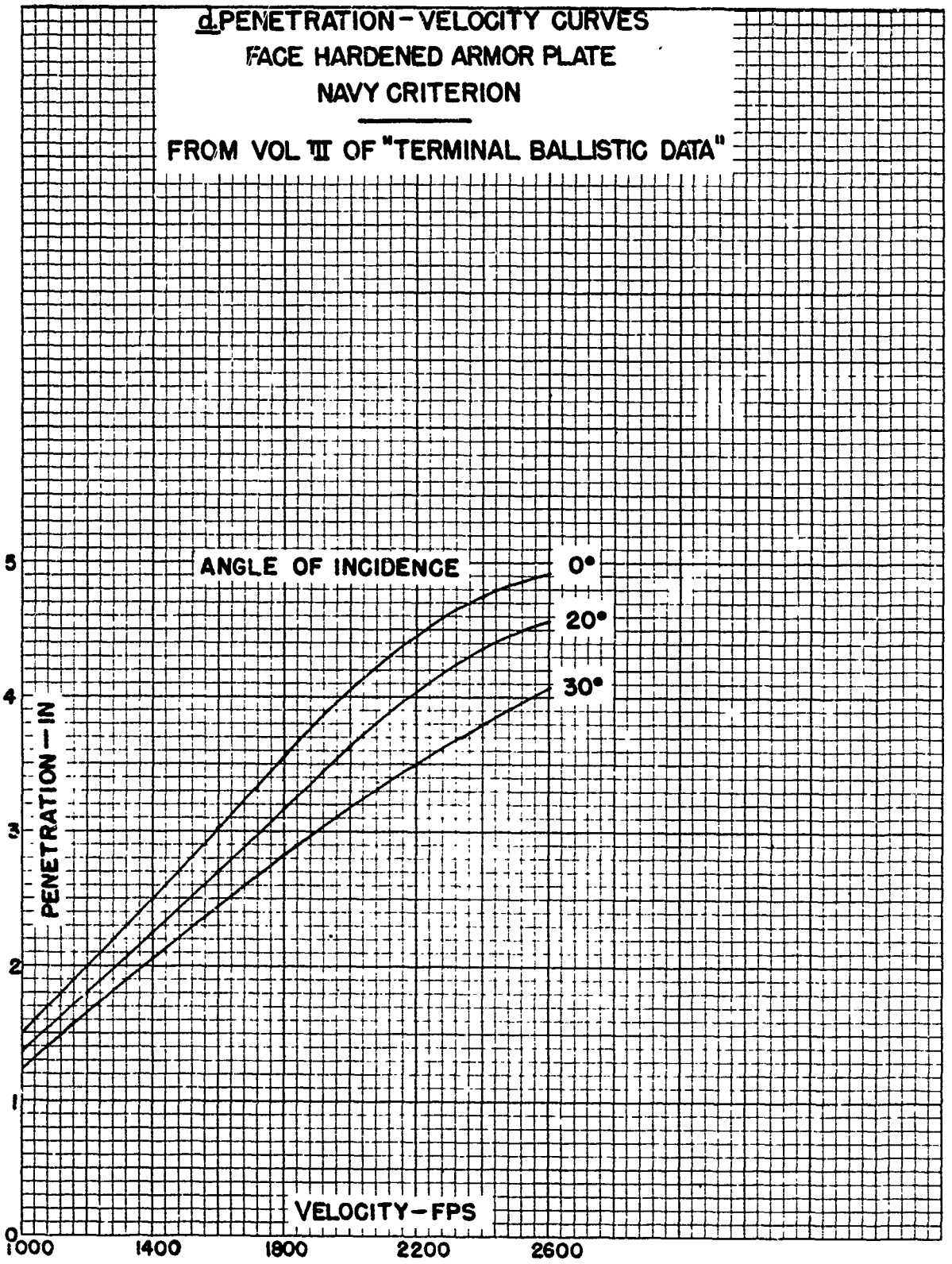
MV: 2600 fps. These data were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition".

Maximum Vulnerable Range - yd.

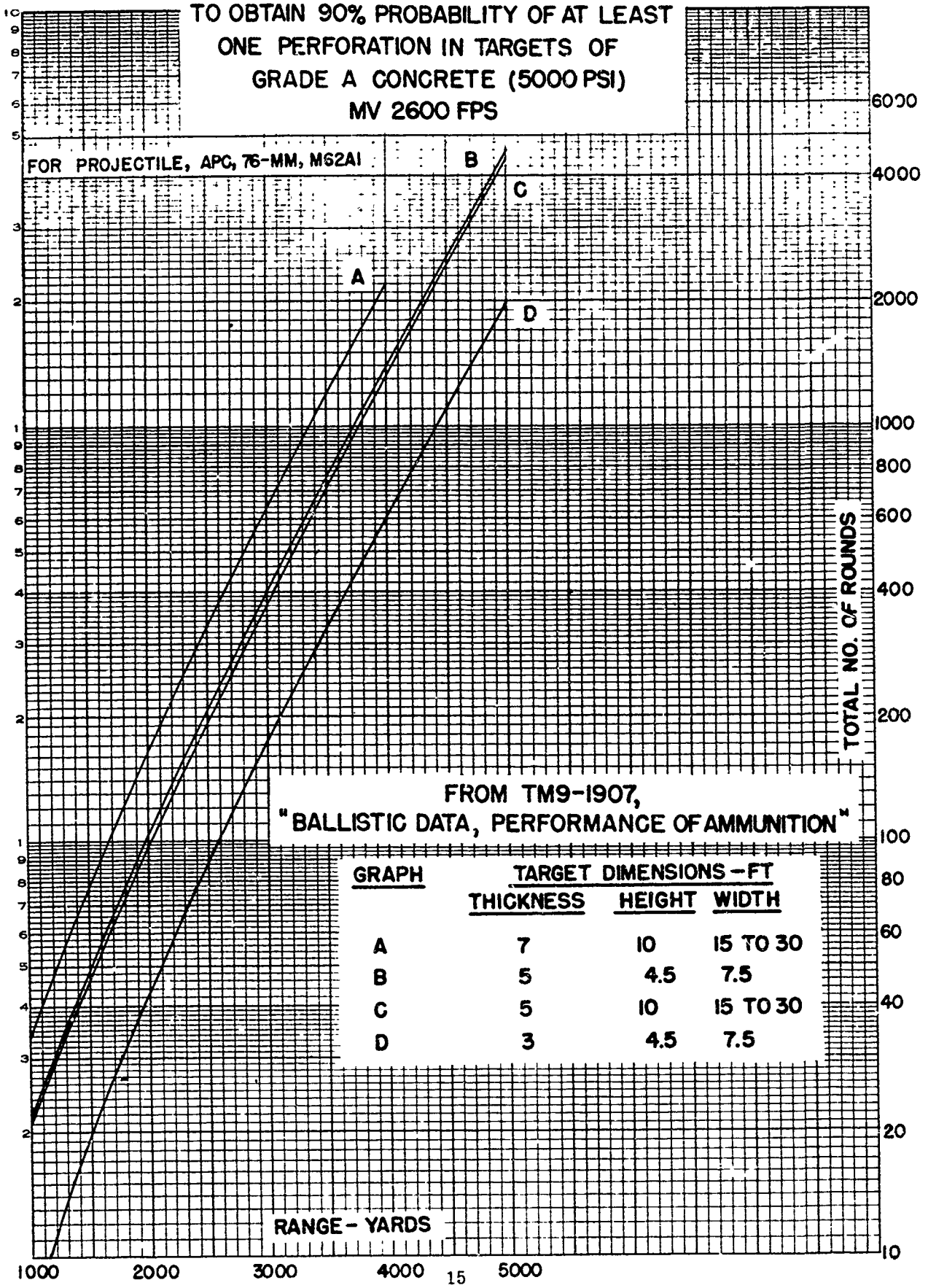
Tank Model		III		IV		VI	
Attack	Angle - deg	0	25	0	25	0	25
Frontal	Turret Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	2880	720
	Turret Rear	----	----	----	----	2880	720
	Turret Front	4020	2930	4220	3080	*	*
	Upper Hull Front	3230	1740	3300	1740	1020	*
	Lower Hull Front	2600	1180	3040	1600	*	*
Flank	Turret Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000	2880	720
	Turret Rear	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	2880	720
	Turret Front	4020	2930	4220	3080	*	*
	Upper Hull Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	2880	720
	Lower Hull Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	3980	3000
Rear	Turret Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	2880	720
	Turret Rear	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	2880	720
	Turret Front	4020	2930	4220	3080	*	*
	Upper Hull Rear	3900	2860	5000+	5000+	2200	550
	Lower Hull Rear	4220	3080	5000+	5000+	2200	550

*Not vulnerable.


c. PENETRATION - VELOCITY CURVES
HOMOGENEOUS ARMOR PLATE
NAVY CRITERION
FROM VOL. III OF "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"
ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
0°
20°
30°
40°
45°
50°
PENETRATION - IN
VELOCITY - FPS
0
1
2
3
4
5
1000
1400
1800
2200
2600


d. PENETRATION-VELOCITY CURVES
FACE HARDENED ARMOR PLATE
NAVY CRITERION
FROM VOL III OF "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"
ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
0°
20°
30°
PENETRATION — IN
VELOCITY — FPS
0
1
2
3
4
5
1000
1400
1800
2200
2600

e. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE PERFORATION IN TARGETS OF GRADE A CONCRETE (5000 PSI) MV 2600 FPS



FROM TM9-1907, "BALLISTIC DATA, PERFORMANCE OF AMMUNITION"

GRAPH	TARGET DIMENSIONS - FT		
	THICKNESS	HEIGHT	WIDTH
A	7	10	15 TO 30
B	5	4.5	7.5
C	5	10	15 TO 30
D	3	4.5	7.5

f. Total Number of Rounds Necessary to Obtain 90% Probability of Enough Hits to Make a Breach 12 Ft Wide in a Concrete Wall 10 Ft High. From TM 9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition".

MV	2600 fps
Range	1000 yd

Wall thickness	6 ft	10 ft
No. of rounds	100	180

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Shot, AP, 76-mm (3-inch), M79 with Tracer

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1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 76-mm (3-inch) Armor-piercing Shot M79 with Tracer. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition.

SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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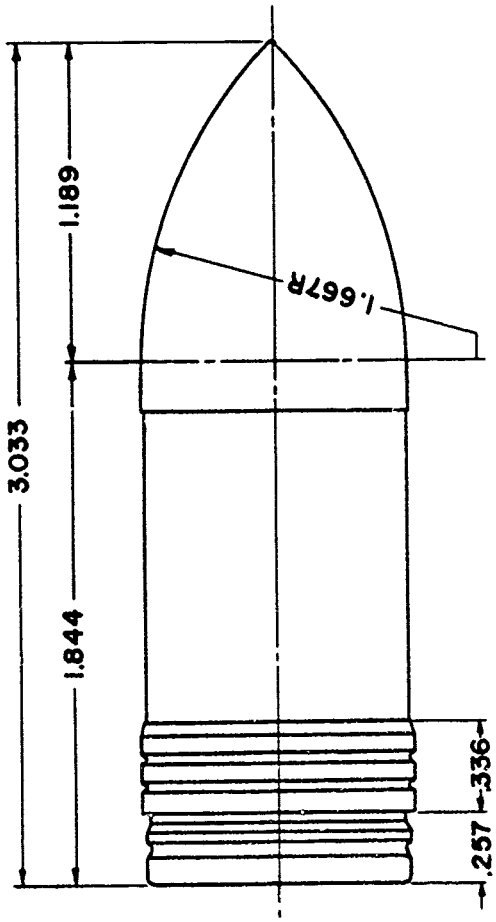
ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CALIBERS
1 CAL = 3.000"



SHOT, AP, 76-MM, M79

2. Drawing.

Shot: Metal parts assembly and details	75-18-45

3. Dimensions.

Band: Distance from base	0.257 cal
Width	0.336 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.844 cal
Ogive: Length	1.189 cal
Radius of arc	1.667 cal
Shot: Total Length	3.033 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	15.00 lb
Base to center of gravity*	1.33 cal
Axial moment of inertia*	15.90 lb.in^2
Transverse moment of inertia*	81.85 lb.in^2

*Estimated on the basis of measurements of the 37-mm AP Shot M80.

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	8 min
Maximum	12 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. A form factor of 1.05 relative to Projectile Type 1 was determined from resistance firings at a muzzle velocity of 2600 fps. The corresponding ballistic coefficient is 1.59 on the G_1 drag function. The drag coefficient is 0.229 at 2600 fps.

b. Stability. No stability firings have been conducted with the 76-mm AP Shot M79. The stability factor estimated from that of the 37-mm Armor-piercing Shot M80 (Ballistic Research Laboratory Report 438, "Yaw and Drift of 37-mm Armor-piercing Shots") at a muzzle velocity of 2600 fps and a twist of rifling of one turn in 40 calibers is 3.4.

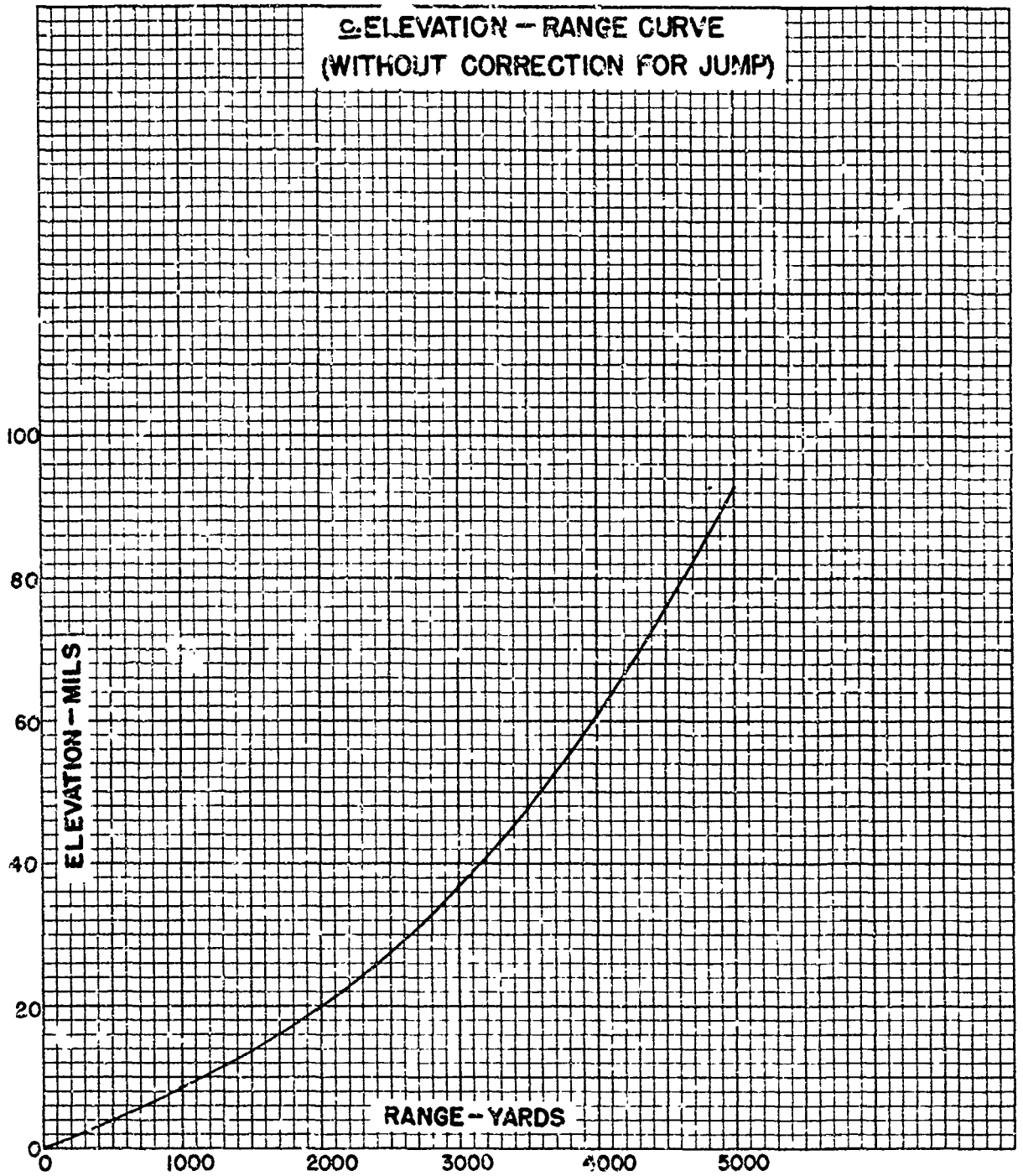
7. Firing table data.

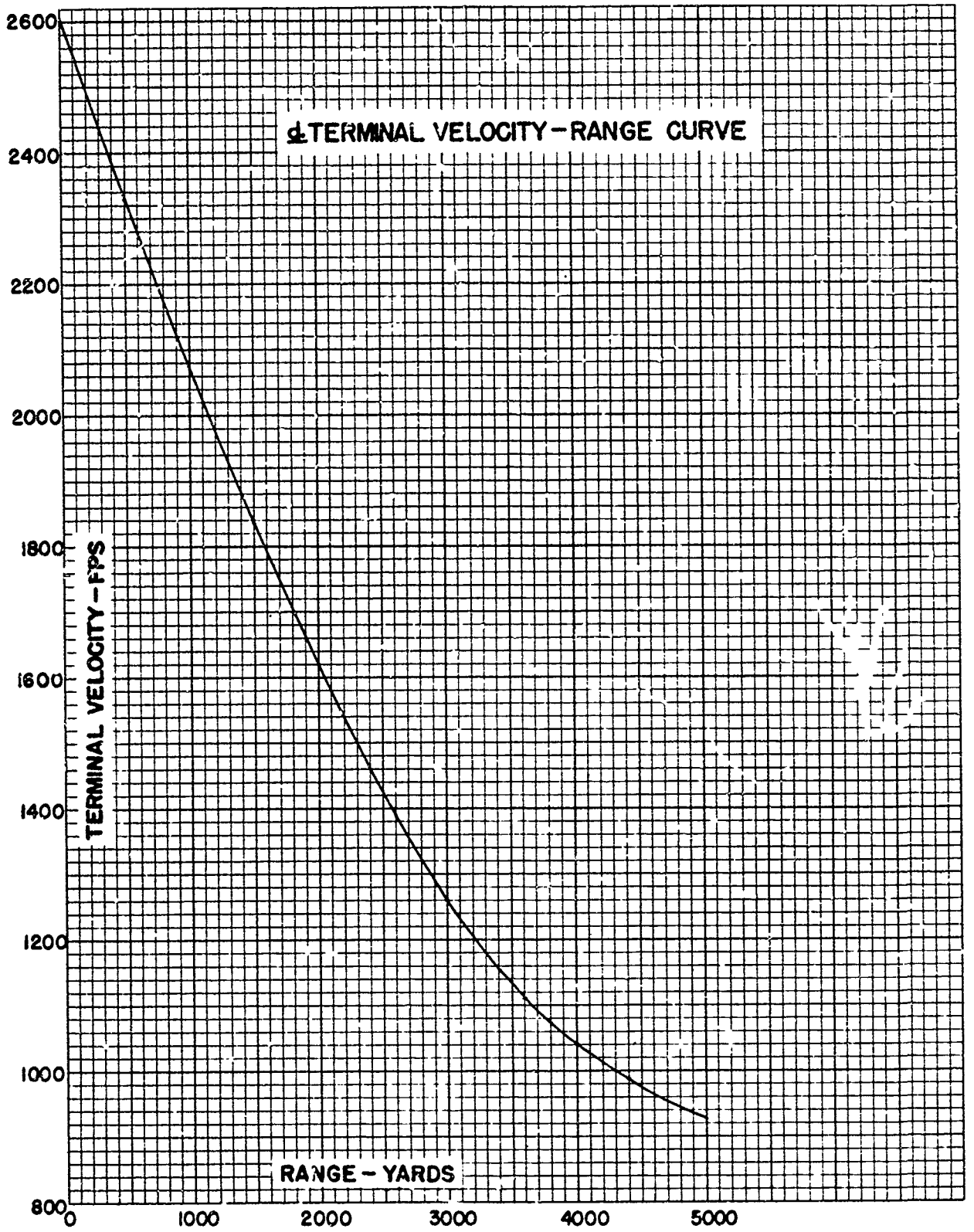
Gun	76-mm M1A2 (Tank)	3-inch M5 (Antitank)
Twist of rifling	1/32	1/40
Muzzle velocity	2600 fps	2600 fps
FT	76-A-6 (p. 18)	3-T-1 (Abridged)

OCM items 17458 and 17523 recommended and approved calssification of the 3-inch AP Shot M79 as substitute standard (the APC Projectile M62, which is more difficult to manufacture, is standard). OCM items 19052 and 19204 recommended and approved its use in the 76-mm Gun M1. The 76-mm Guns M1 and M1A1, with 1/40 twist, are now obsolete.

a. Form factor (Projectile Type 1): $i_1 = 1.05$.

b. Ballistic coefficient (Projectile Type 1): $C_1 = 1.59$.


ELEVATION – RANGE CURVE
(WITHOUT CORRECTION FOR JUMP)
ELEVATION – MILS
RANGE – YARDS
0
20
40
60
80
100
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000


TERMINAL VELOCITY-RANGE CURVE
TERMINAL VELOCITY-FPS
RANGE-YARDS
2600
2400
2200
2000
1800
1600
1400
1200
1000
800
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000

SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

	Paragraph
Penetration -	8

8. Penetration.

BALLISTIC LIMITS OF ARMOR PLATE

Homogeneous Plate		Ballistic Limit		Number in Average
Thickness inches	Obliquity degrees	Type	fps	
3	0	Army	1356	2
4	0	Army	1719	1
3	0	Navy	1512	2
4	0	Navy	1911	1

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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA
for
Shot, HVAP, 76-mm, M93 with Tracer

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GENERAL

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1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 76-mm Hypervelocity Armor-piercing Shot M93 with Tracer. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition and to earlier experimental models of the T4 series (the M93 Shot was designated T4F20).

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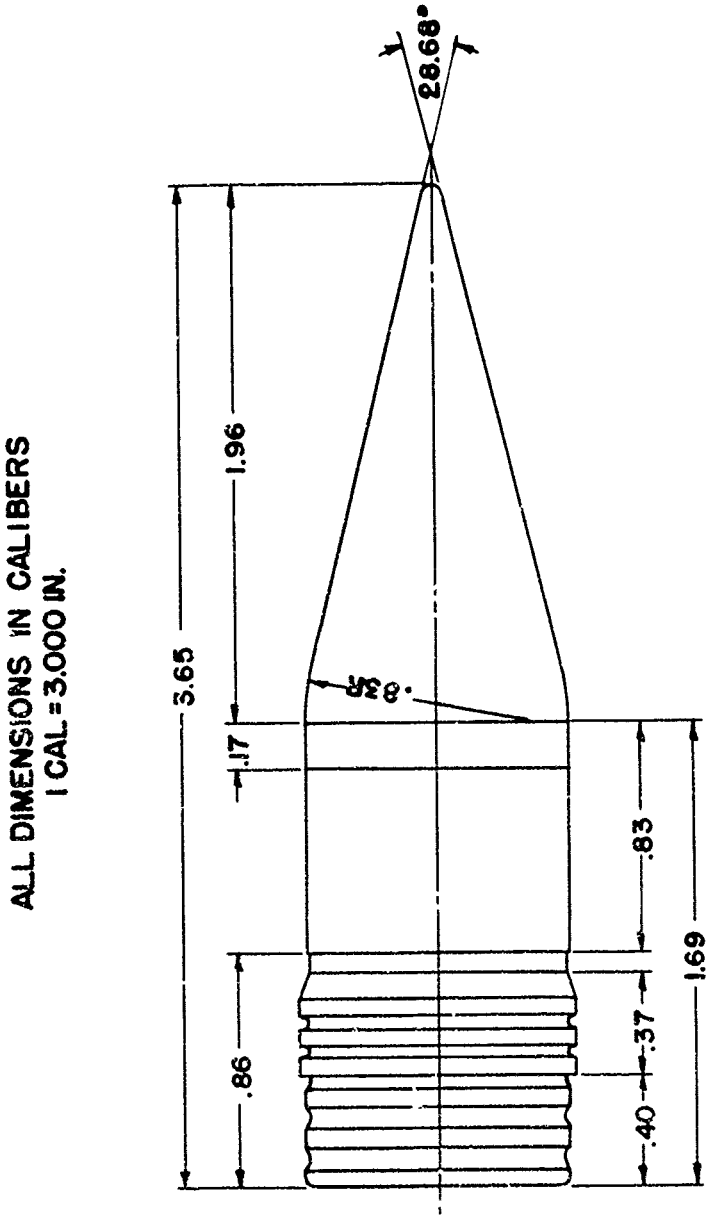

SHOT, HVAP, 76-MM, M93

2. Drawings.

Metal parts assembly	75-2-361
Metal parts details	75-2-362 and 363

3. Dimensions.

Band:	Distance from base	0.40 cal
	Width	0.37 cal
Base and body:	Length of base	0.86 cal
	Length of body and bourrelet	0.83 cal
	Length of bourrelet ring	0.17 cal
	Length of base, body and bourrelet	1.69 cal
Windshield:	Length	1.96 cal
	Radius of arc	0.83 cal
	Vertical angle of cone	28.68 deg
Shot:	Total length	3.65 cal
Core:	Diameter	1.50 in

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight of shot with tracer	9.31 lb
Weight of shot without tracer	9.30 lb
Weight of core	3.95 lb
Base to center of gravity*	1.178 cal
Axial moment of inertia*	8.54 lb. in^2
Transverse moment of inertia*	44.2 lb. in^2

*Calculated from the dimensions of the HVAP Shot T4E1, which is approximately the same shape as the M93 Shot, but weighs 9.97 lb and has a 3.98-lb core.

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

Paragraph

Theoretical yaw in bore - 5

5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	8.5 min
Maximum	13.6 min

SECTION IV
EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag.

Shot	T4E17	M93
Drag function	G_8	G_8
Muzzle velocity	3400 fps	3400 fps
Form factor (i_8)	1.175	1.165
Ballistic coefficient (C_8)	0.879	0.888
Drag coefficient (K_D)	0.111	0.110

b. Stability.

Shot	T4E17	
Muzzle Velocity	3440 fps	
Moment coefficient (K_M)	0.67	
Gun, 76-mm	M1A1	M1A2
Twist of rifling	1/40	1/32
Stability factor	1.44	2.25

7. Firing table data. FT 76-C-1. MV 3400 fps.

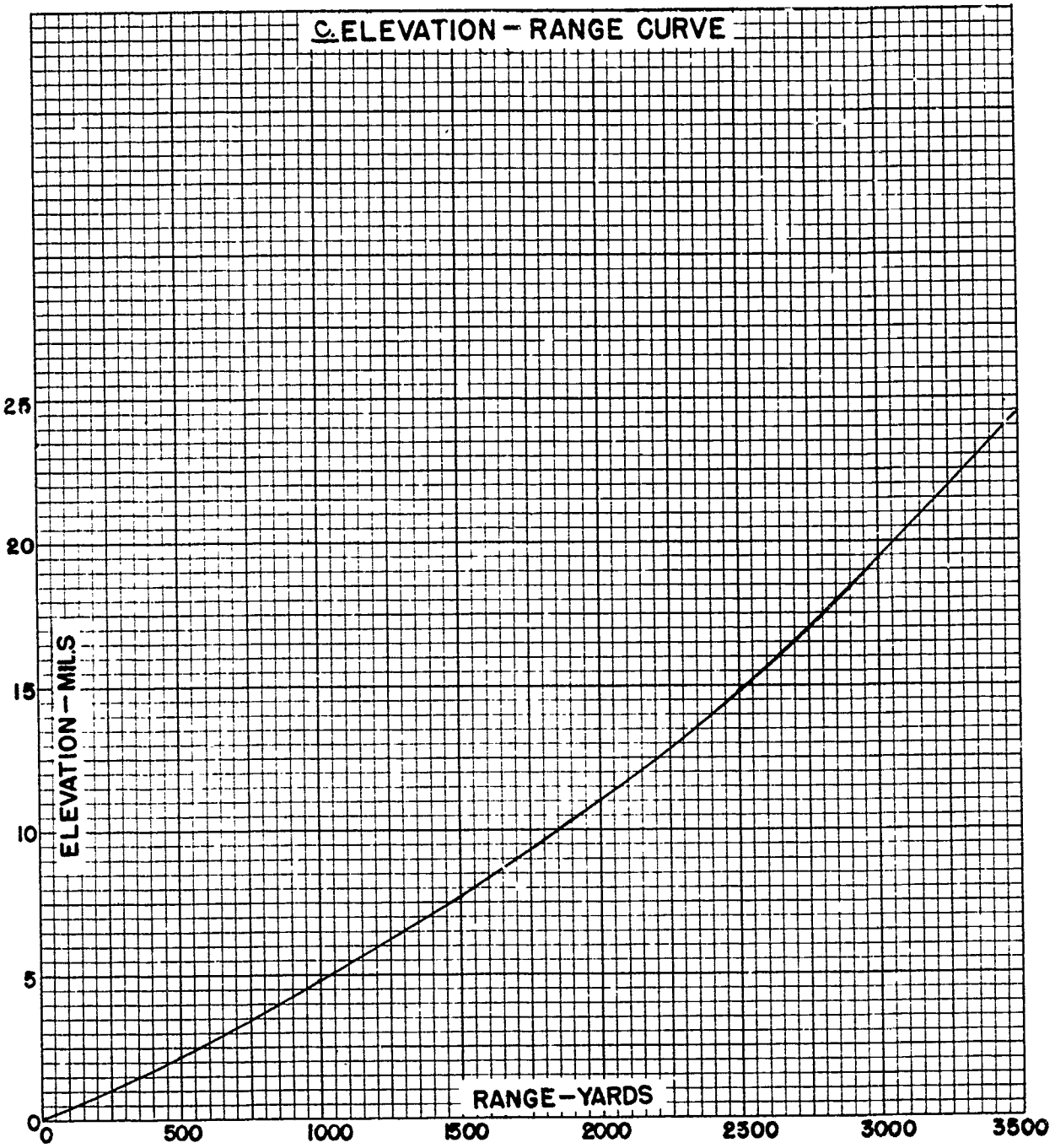
Gun, 76-mm, M1A2. Twist of rifling: 1/32. The 76-mm Guns M1 and M1A1, with 1/40 twist, are now obsolete.

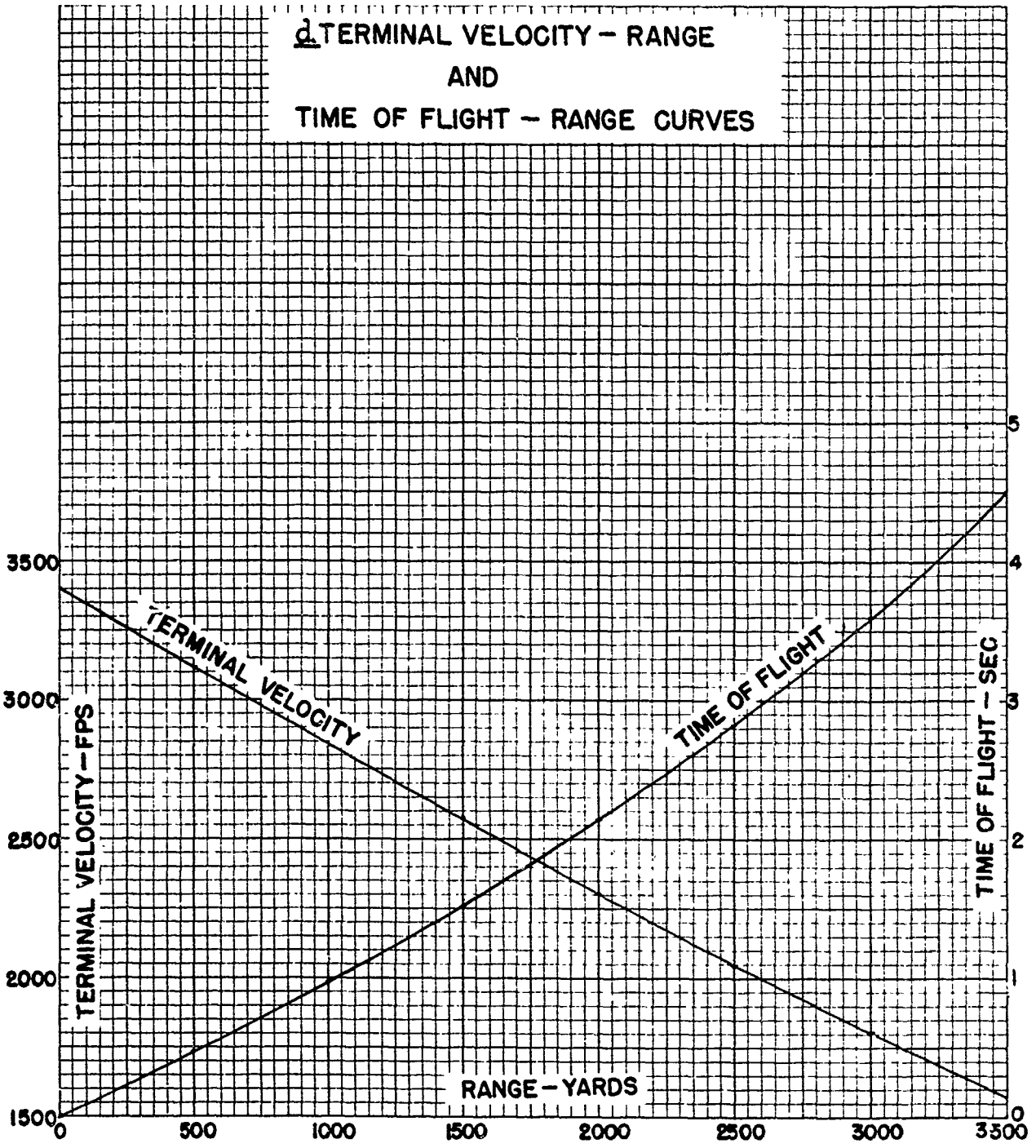
Standardization of the 76-mm HVAP Shot M93 with Tracer was recommended by OCM item 26551 and approved by OCM item 26841.

a. Form factor (Projectile Type 8): $i_8 = 1.175$

This value was determined by resistance firings of the AP Shot T4E17 with a mean instrumental velocity of 3337 fps.

b. Ballistic coefficient (Proj Type 8): $C_8 = 0.879$.


C. ELEVATION – RANGE CURVE
ELEVATION – MILS
RANGE – YARDS
0
5
10
15
20
25
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500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AND
TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
TERMINAL VELOCITY
TIME OF FLIGHT
TERMINAL VELOCITY – FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE – YARDS
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500
5
4
3
2
1
0

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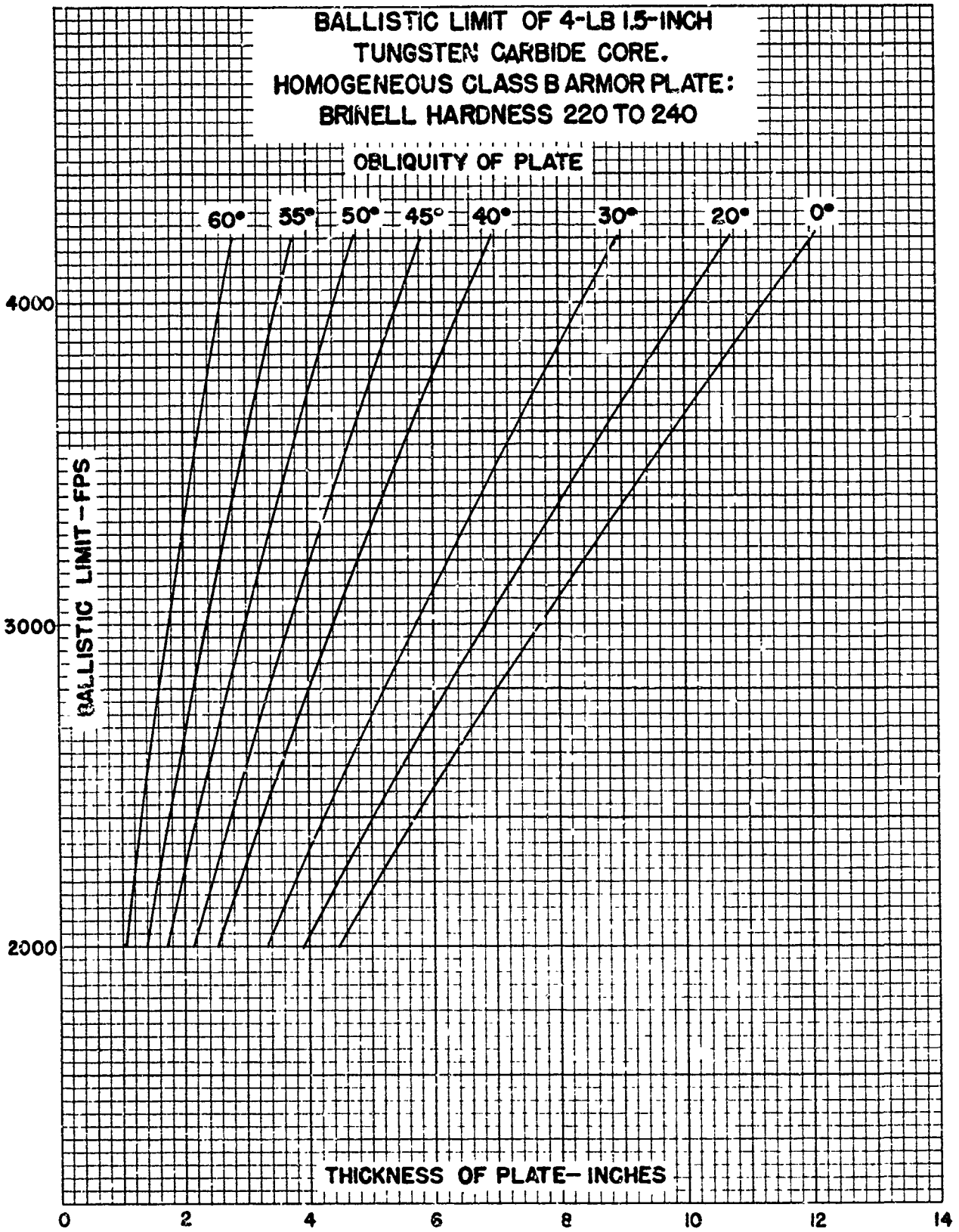
8. Penetration. The chart on page 8 was taken from Ballistic Research Laboratory Report No. 533, "Penetration of Armor by 76-mm and 90-mm HVAP Projectiles".


BALLISTIC LIMIT OF 4-LB 1.5-INCH
TUNGSTEN CARBIDE CORE.
HOMOGENEOUS CLASS B ARMOR PLATE:
BRINELL HARDNESS 220 TO 240
OBLIQUITY OF PLATE
60°
55°
50°
45°
40°
30°
20°
0°
BALLISTIC LIMIT—FPS
4000
3000
2000
THICKNESS OF PLATE—INCHES
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA
for
Shell, HE, 81-mm, M43 and M43A1
with
Fuze, PD, M45, M52 and M52A1

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 81-mm High Explosive Shell M43 with the Point Detonating Fuze M45 and the 81-mm High Explosive Shell M43A1 with the Point Detonating Fuze M52 or M52A1. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.

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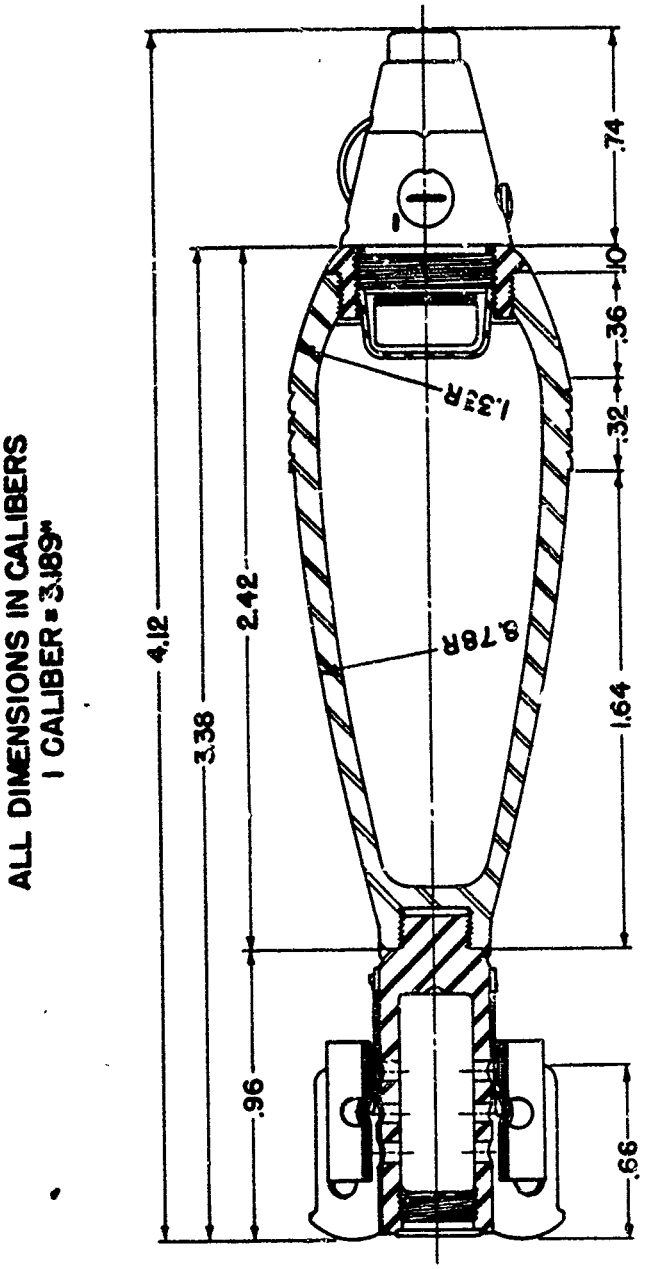

SHELL, HE, 81-MM, M43A1
FUZE, PD, M52

2. Drawings.

Complete round, HE Shell M43 with PD Fuze M45:	
Assembly and marking diagram	75-1-47
Complete round, HE Shell M43A1 with PD Fuze M52:	
Assembly and marking diagram	75-1-88
Shell: Metal parts assembly and details	75-2-261
Fins: Assembly and details	75-2-262
PD Fuze M45: Assembly	73-1-143
PD Fuze M52 or M52A1: Assembly and details	73-1-161

3. Dimensions.

Fins: Number	6
Length (omitting front slope)	0.66 cal
Length of assembly (outside)	0.96 cal
Shell: Radius of arc behind bourrelet	8.78 cal
Radius of arc in front of bourrelet	1.33 cal
Length of rear part	1.64 cal
Length of bourrelet	0.32 cal
Length of front part	0.36 cal
Length of adapter (outside)	0.10 cal
Total length	2.42 cal
Fuze: M45, outside length	0.73 cal
M52, outside length	0.74 cal
Length: Shell and fin assembly	3.38 cal
Shell, fin assembly, and fuze M45	4.11 cal
Shell, fin assembly, and fuze M52	4.12 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	6.92 lb
Center of gravity to point of fuze	1.92 cal
Transverse moment of inertia	68.97 lb.in^2

SECTION III

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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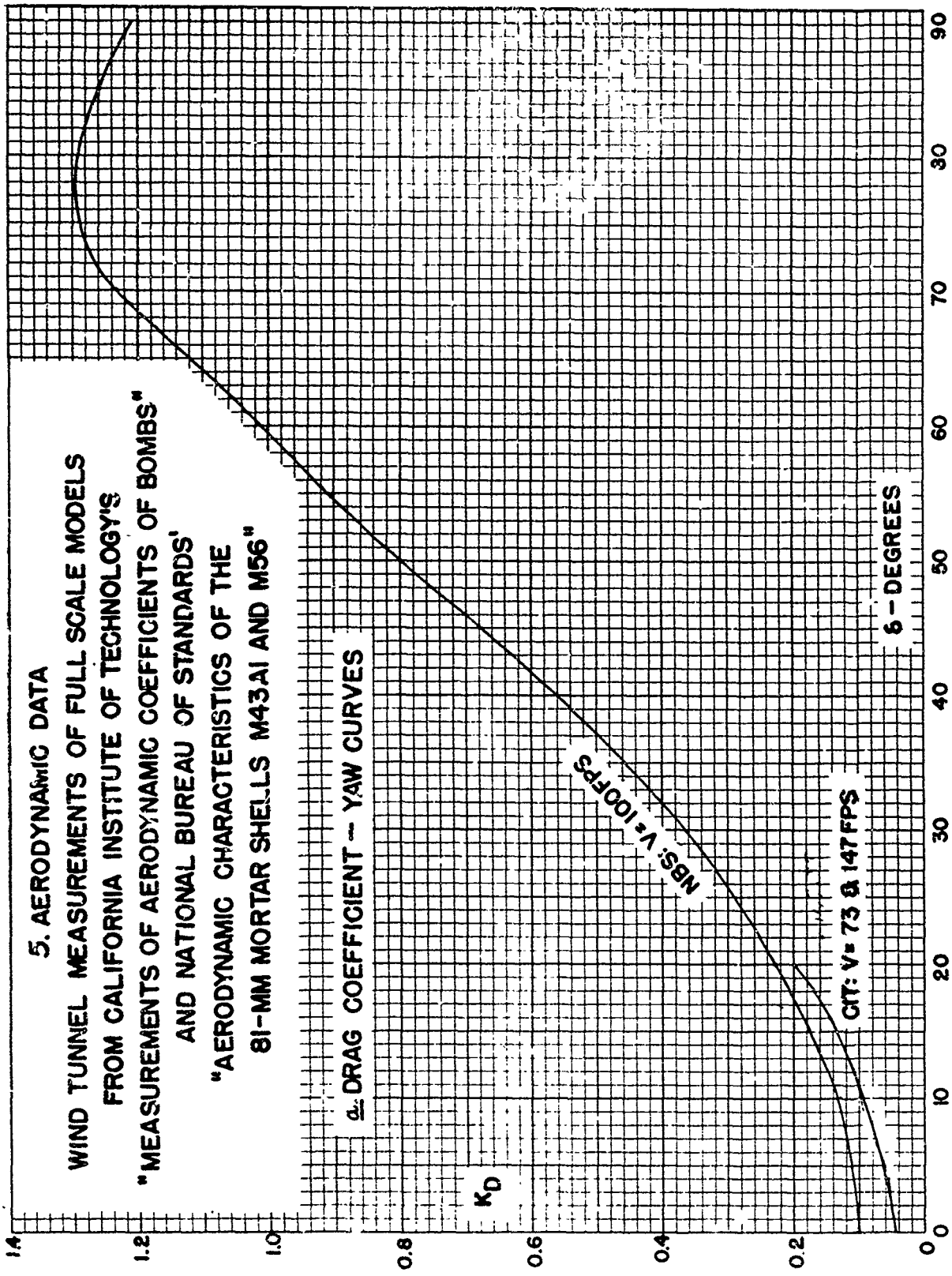
5. AERODYNAMIC DATA
WIND TUNNEL MEASUREMENTS OF FULL SCALE MODELS
FROM CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S
"MEASUREMENTS OF AERODYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS OF BOMBS"
AND NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS'
"AERODYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE
81-MM MORTAR SHELLS M43A1 AND M56"
α DRAG COEFFICIENT – YAW CURVES
K_D
NBS: V = 100 FPS
CIT: V = 73 & 147 FPS
δ – DEGREES
0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
1.2
1.4
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10
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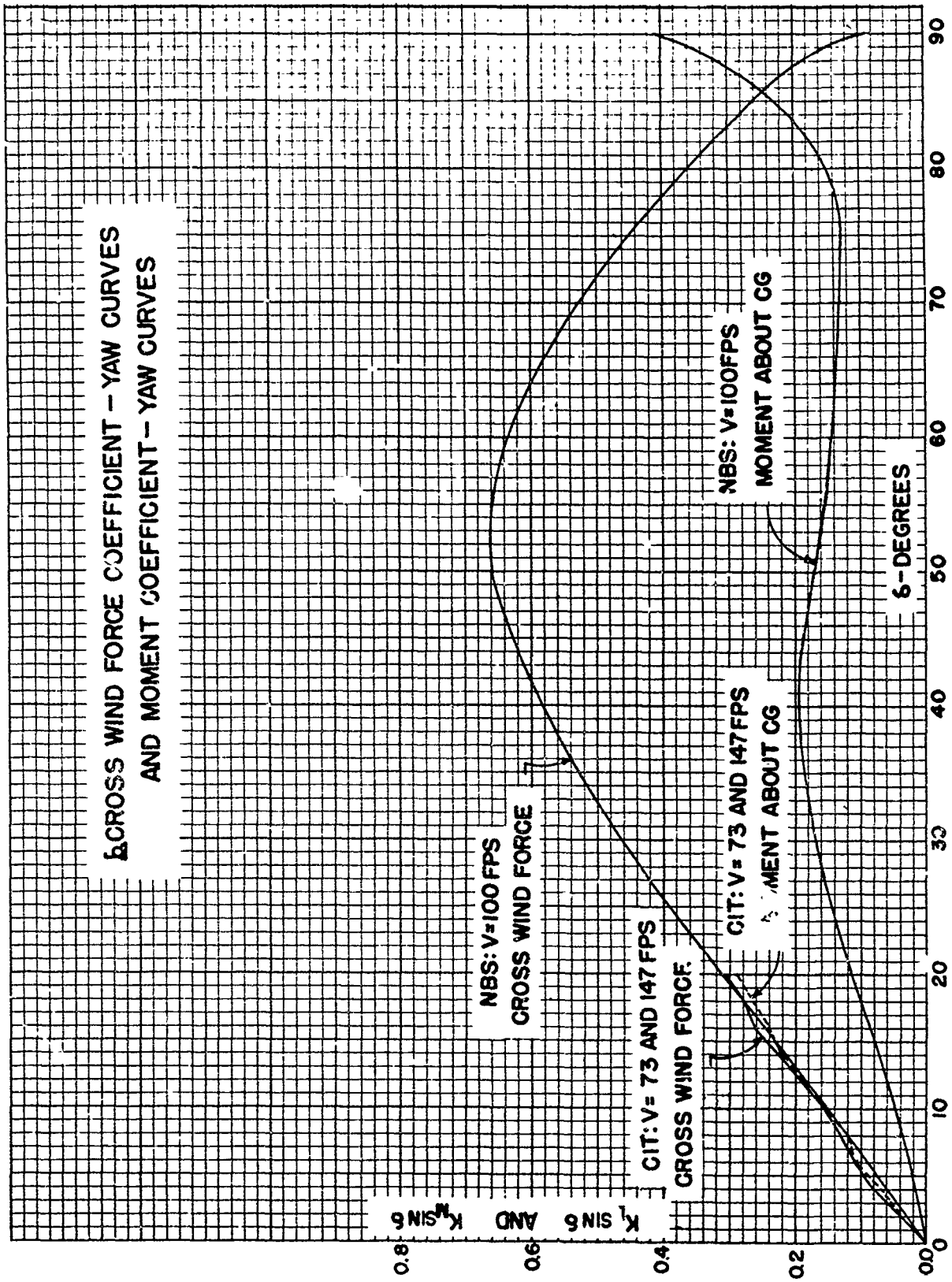
30
40
50
60
70
80
90


CROSS WIND FORCE COEFFICIENT – YAW CURVES
AND MOMENT COEFFICIENT – YAW CURVES
NBS: V=100 FPS
CROSS WIND FORCE
CIT: V= 73 AND 147 FPS
CROSS WIND FORCE
NBS: V=100FPS
MOMENT ABOUT CG
CIT: V= 73 AND 147 FPS
MOMENT ABOUT CG
δ-DEGREES
K_L SIN δ AND K_M SIN δ
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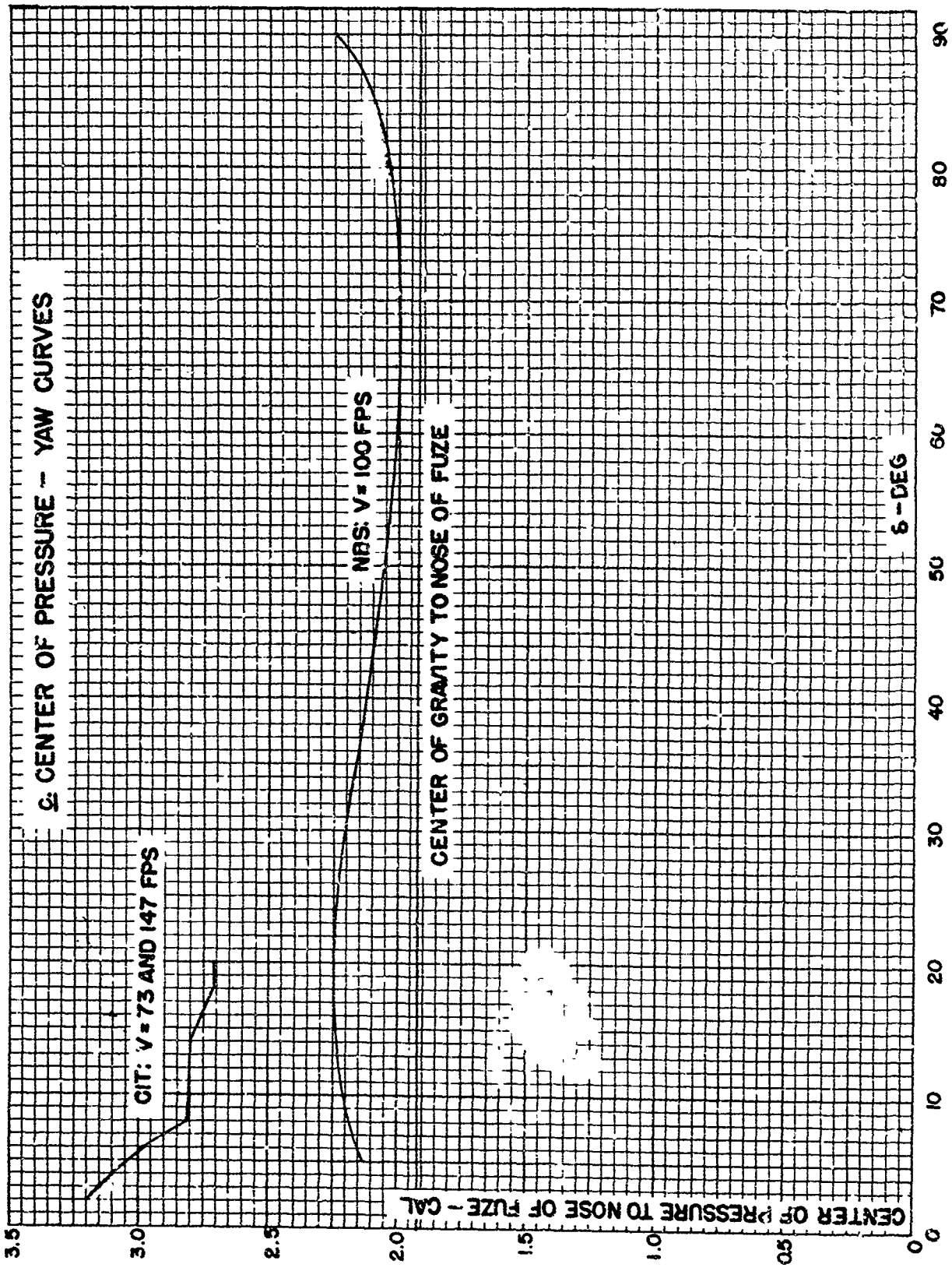

ℓ: CENTER OF PRESSURE – YAW CURVES
CIT: V = 73 AND 147 FPS
NBS: V = 100 FPS
CENTER OF GRAVITY TO NOSE OF FUZE
δ – DEG
CENTER OF PRESSURE TO NOSE OF FUZE – CAL
0
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0
2.5
3.0
3.5
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90

6. Firing table data.

FT 81-B-2 and FT 81-B-4 (abridged).

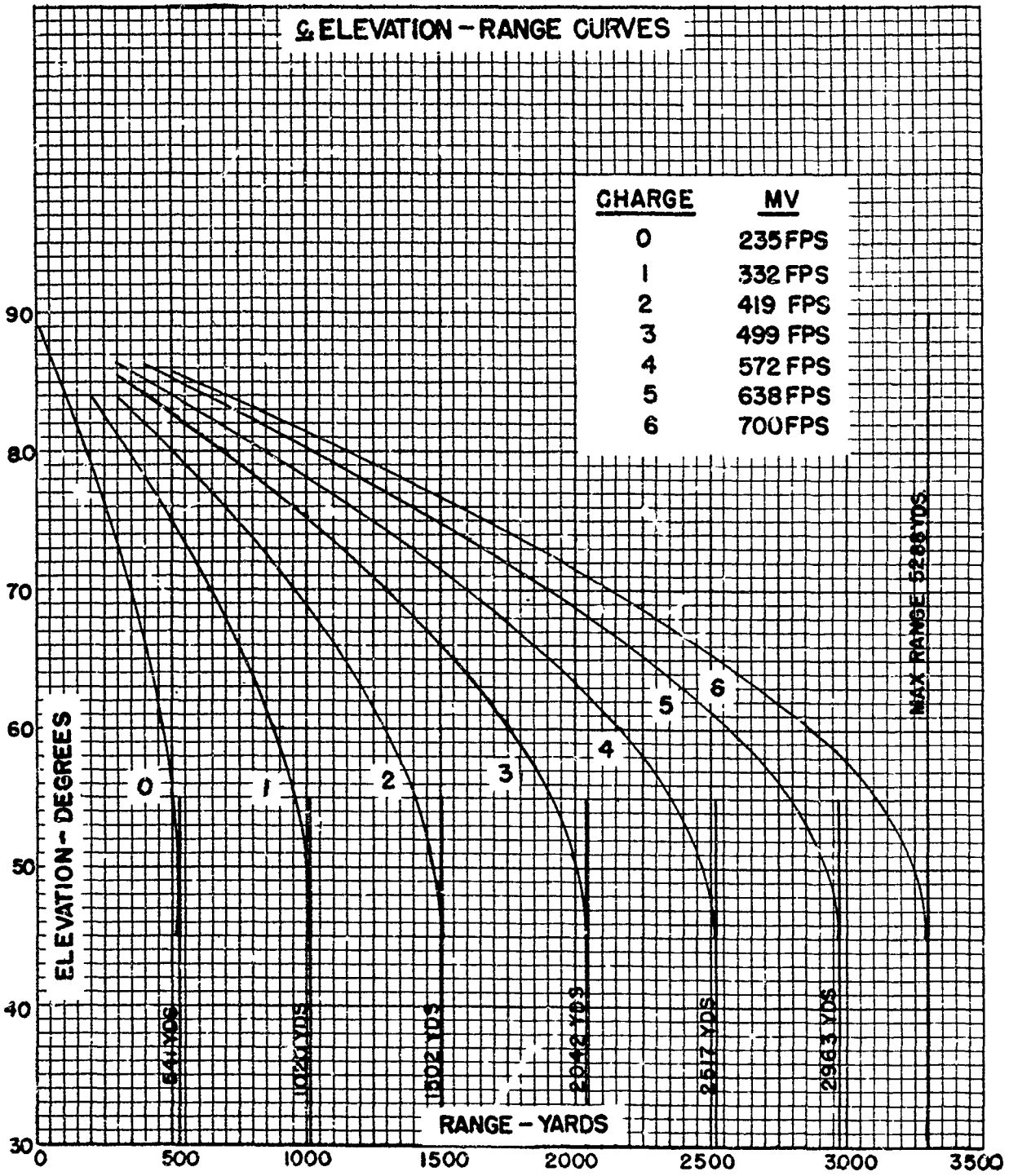
Mortars, 81-mm, M1 and M21; Mortar, Trench, 3-inch, Mark IA2. Smooth bore: muzzle loading. Projectile weight: 6.87 lb. OCM items 9909 and 10024 recommended and approved standardization of the HE Shell M43 for the 81-mm Mortar M1. OCM items 11703 and 11767 recommended and approved standardization of the HE Shell M43 for the 3-inch Trench Mortar Mark IA2 with charges 0 to 4, but not with the larger charges. OCM items 28162 and 28822 recommended and approved standardization of the HE Shell M43 for the 81-mm Mortar M21; OCM Item 31408 restandardized it after further development of the mortar. FT 81-R-1 (abridged) is a range-elevation table for the 81-mm Mortar T27, which is the M21 Mortar without the Extension Tube and is used with charges 0 to 3 at short ranges.

a. Form factor data. The following form factors relative to Projectile Type 1 were determined from the ranges tabulated in FT 81-B-2 for an elevation of 45°.

Charge	Muzzle Velocity fps	Form Factor i_1
0	235	.55
1	332	.69
2	419	.78
3	499	.72
4	572	.75
5	638	.77
6	700	.84

b. Ballistic coefficient data. The following ballistic coefficients relative to Projectile Type 1 were determined from the ranges tabulated in FT 81-B-2 for an elevation of 45°.

Charge	Muzzle Velocity fps	Ballistic Coefficient C_1
0	235	1.230
1	332	0.984
2	419	0.861
3	499	0.944
4	572	0.906
5	638	0.881
6	700	0.802


ELEVATION - RANGE CURVES
CHARGE
MV
0
235 FPS
1
332 FPS
2
419 FPS
3
499 FPS
4
572 FPS
5
638 FPS
6
700 FPS
ELEVATION - DEGREES
RANGE - YARDS
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
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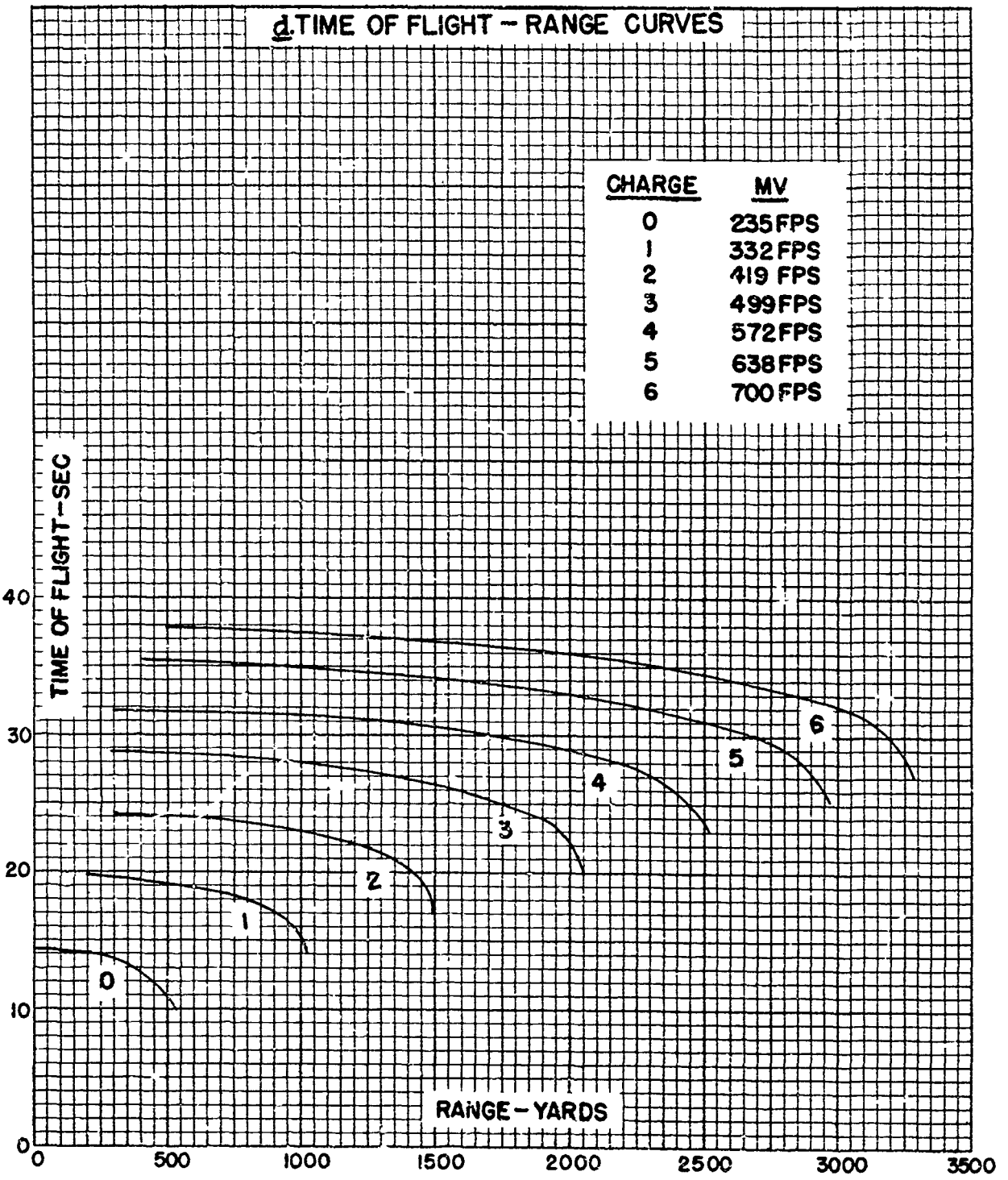
MAX RANGE 5288 YDS
1502 YDS
2042 YDS
2517 YDS
2963 YDS


d. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
CHARGE MV
0 235 FPS
1 332 FPS
2 419 FPS
3 499 FPS
4 572 FPS
5 638 FPS
6 700 FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE – YARDS
0
10
20
30
40
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500
0
1
2
3
4
5
6

SECTION IV
EFFECT DATA

Paragraph

Fragmentation - 7

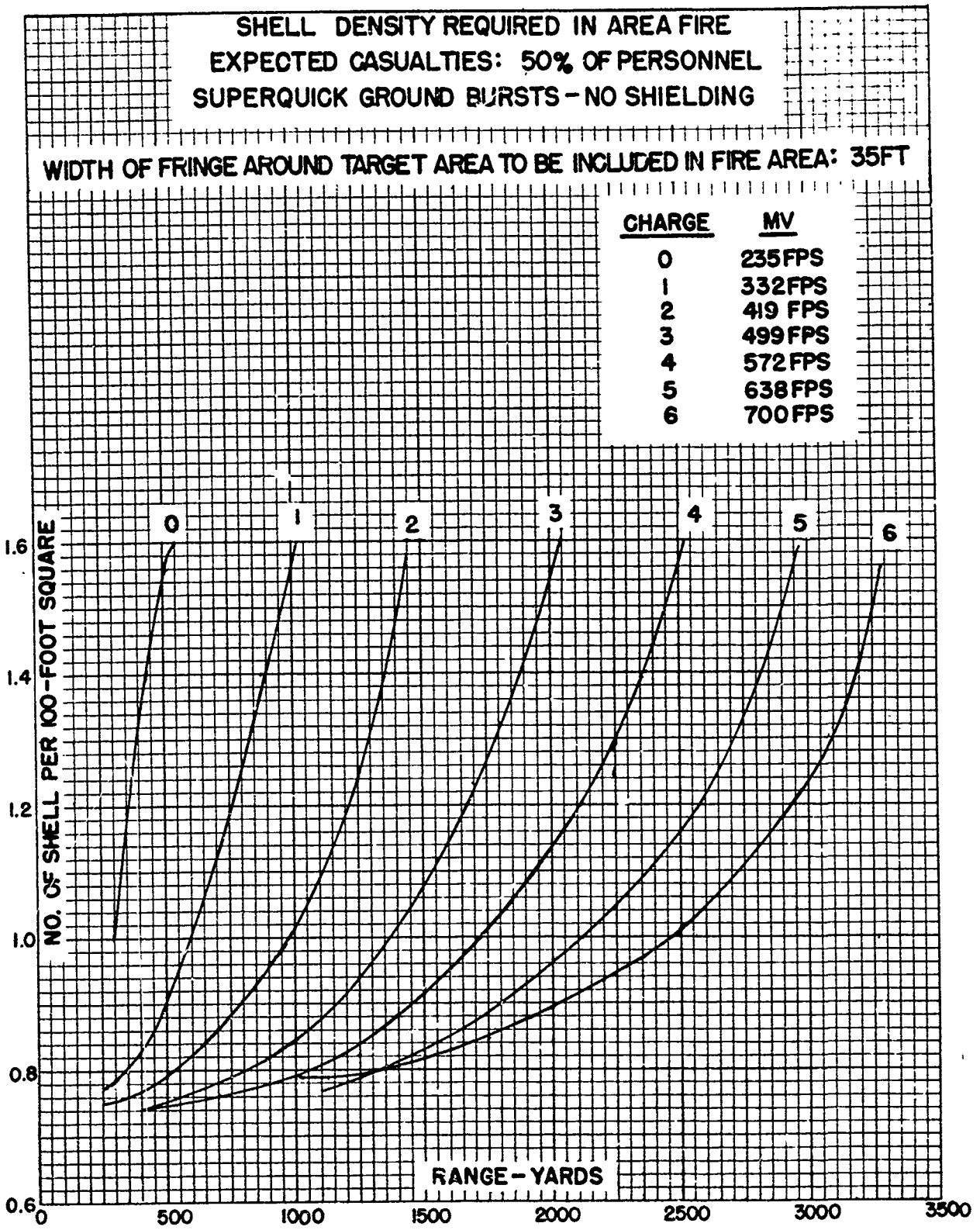
7. Fragmentation. The data on fragmentation of 81-mm HE Shell M43A1 were taken from "Terminal Ballistic Data", Vol. III. The initial fragment velocity is 3,930 fps.

a. Casualties.

TABLE 42

CASUALTIES

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	818	0.163	0.009	2570
30	695	0.0615	0.014	2060
50	645	0.0321	0.017	1870
60	541	0.0120	0.027	1480
80	459	0.0057	0.038	1250
100	384	0.0031	0.051	1080
150	267	0.0009	0.077	880
200	169	0.0003	0.104	758
300	76	0.0001	0.159	611

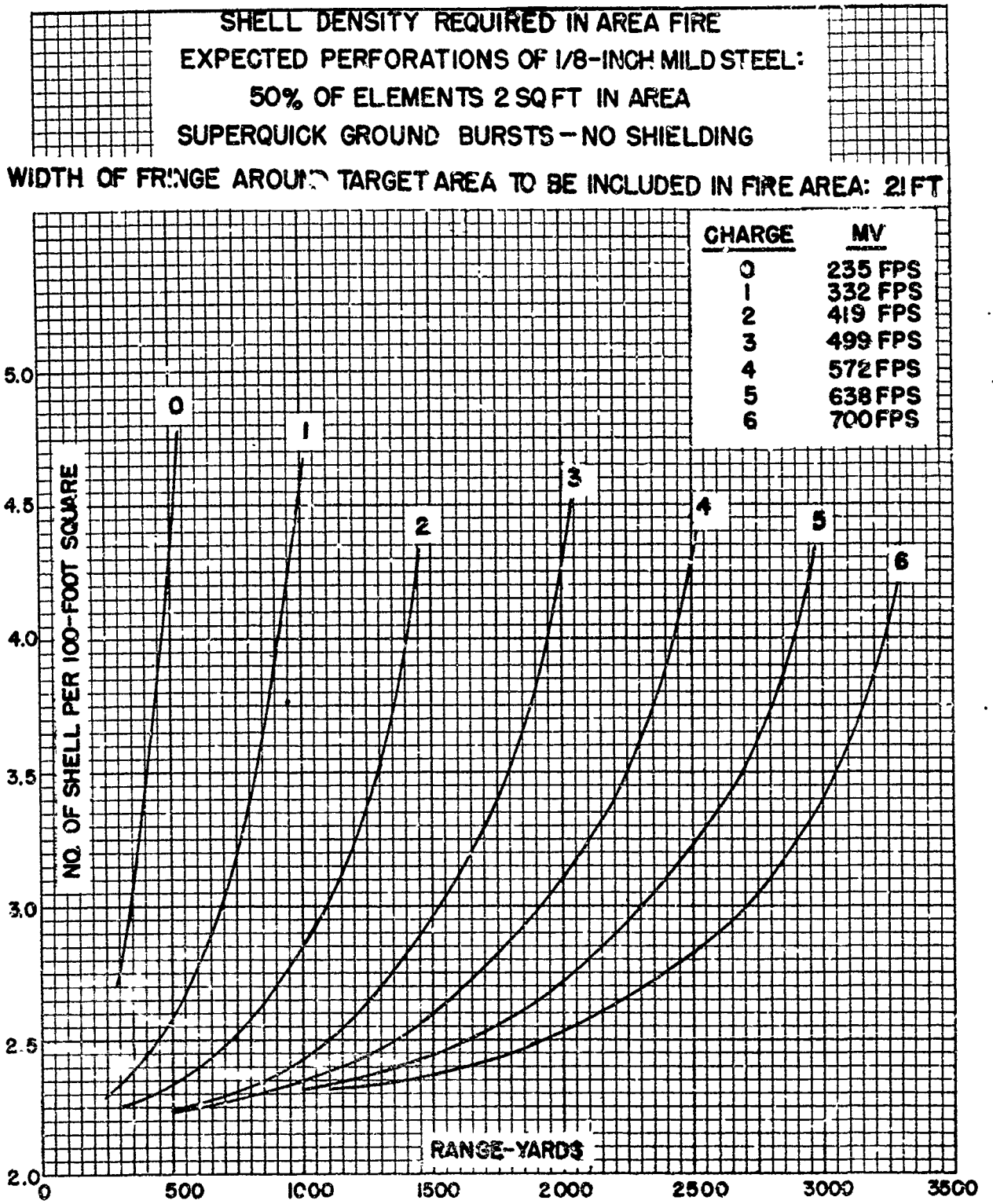

SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS - NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 35FT
CHARGE MV
0 235FPS
1 332FPS
2 419 FPS
3 499FPS
4 572FPS
5 638FPS
6 700FPS
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
1.6
1.4
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500

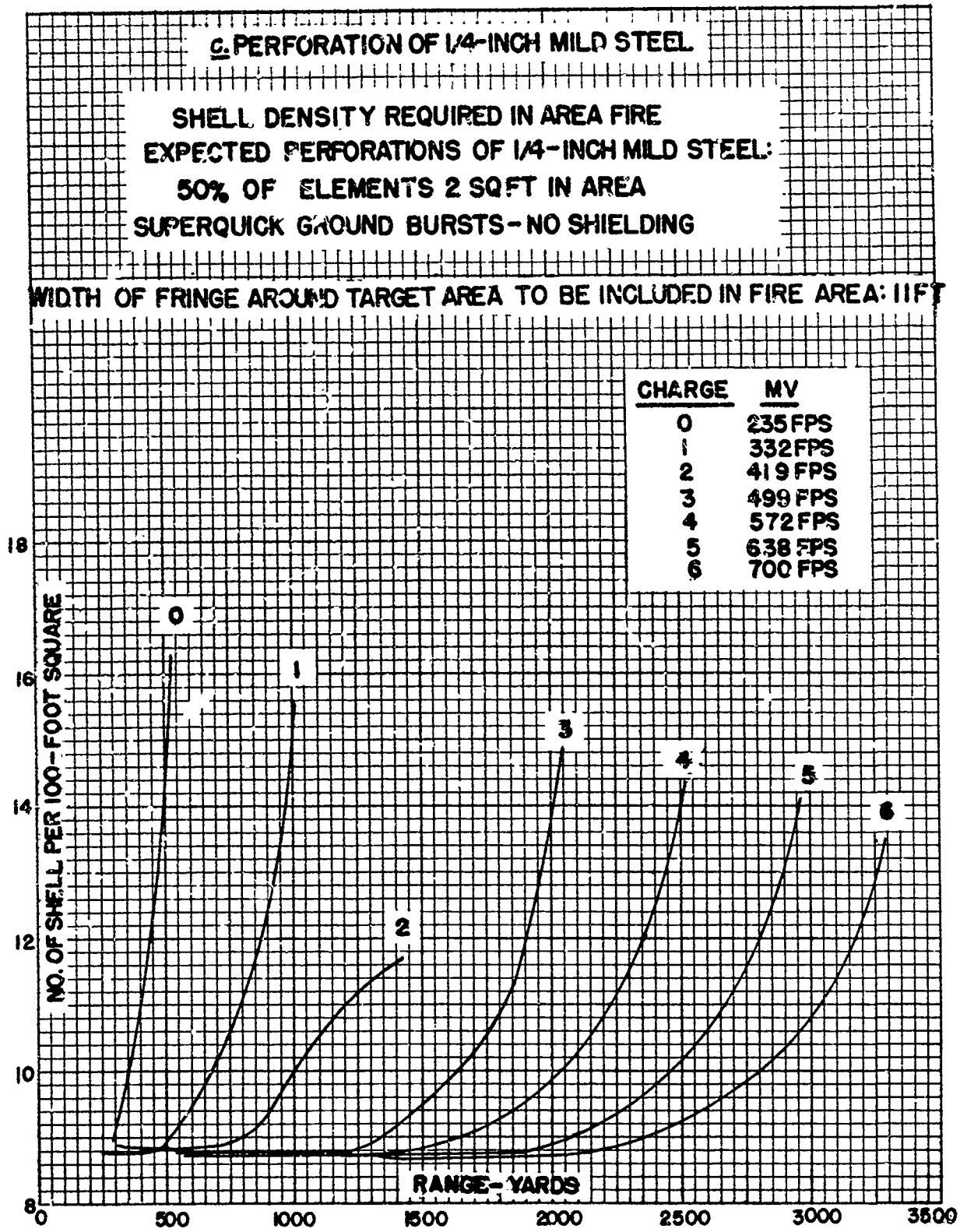
b. Perforation of 1/8-inch mild steel.

TABLE 43

PERFORATION OF 1/8 IN. MILD STEEL

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	541	0.108	0.027	2970
30	473	0.0418	0.036	2670
40	407	0.0202	0.047	2430
60	282	0.0062	0.073	2090
80	164	0.0020	0.105	1870
100	88	0.0007	0.146	1720
120	58	0.0003	0.197	1530
140	40	0.0002	0.258	1420
180	23	0.0001	0.399	1240


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS – NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 21 FT
CHARGE MV
0 235 FPS
1 332 FPS
2 419 FPS
3 499 FPS
4 572 FPS
5 638 FPS
6 700 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
5.0
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500


c. PERFORATION OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL
SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS - NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 11 FT
CHARGE MV
0 235 FPS
1 332 FPS
2 419 FPS
3 499 FPS
4 572 FPS
5 638 FPS
6 700 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
RANGE - YARDS
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500

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SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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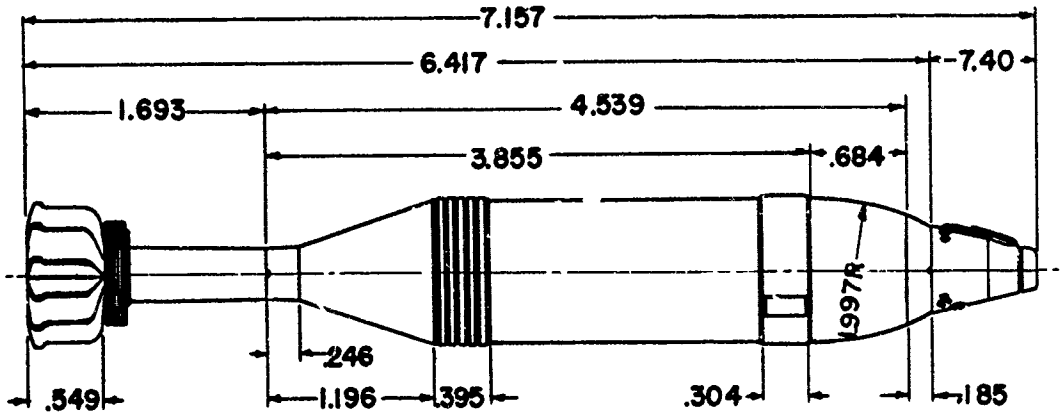
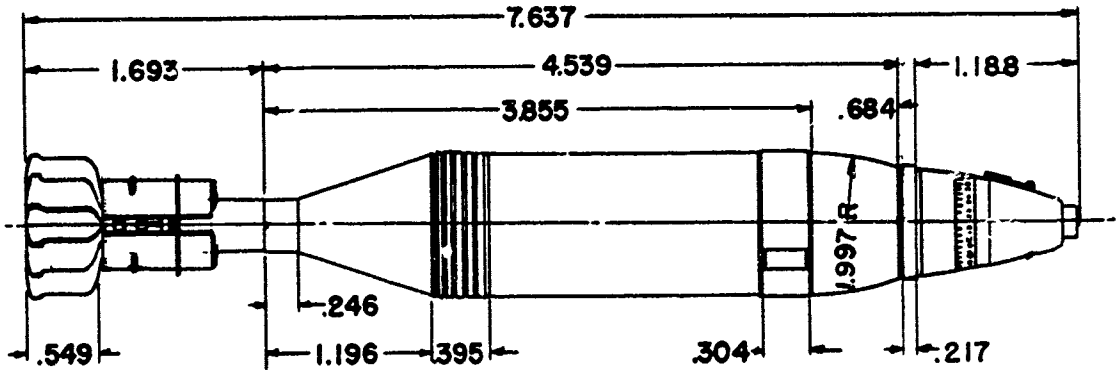


SHELL, HE, 81-MM, M56
FUZE, PD, M53



SHELL, HE, 81-MM, M56
FUZE, T SQ, M77

ALL DIMENSIONS IN CALIBERS
1 CALIBER = 3.189"

2. Drawings.

Shell: Metal parts assembly and details	75-2-283
Fins: Assembly and details	75-2-277
Increment, Propellant M2 or M2A1, and Holder:	
Assembly and details	71-12-16
Fuze M53 or M53A1: Assembly and details	73-1-165
Fuze M52A1: Assembly and details	73-1-161
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Complete Round: Assembly and marking diagram,	
With Fuze M53	75-1-97
With Fuze M77	75-1-197
Ring for adapting shell to Fuze M77	73-3-175M

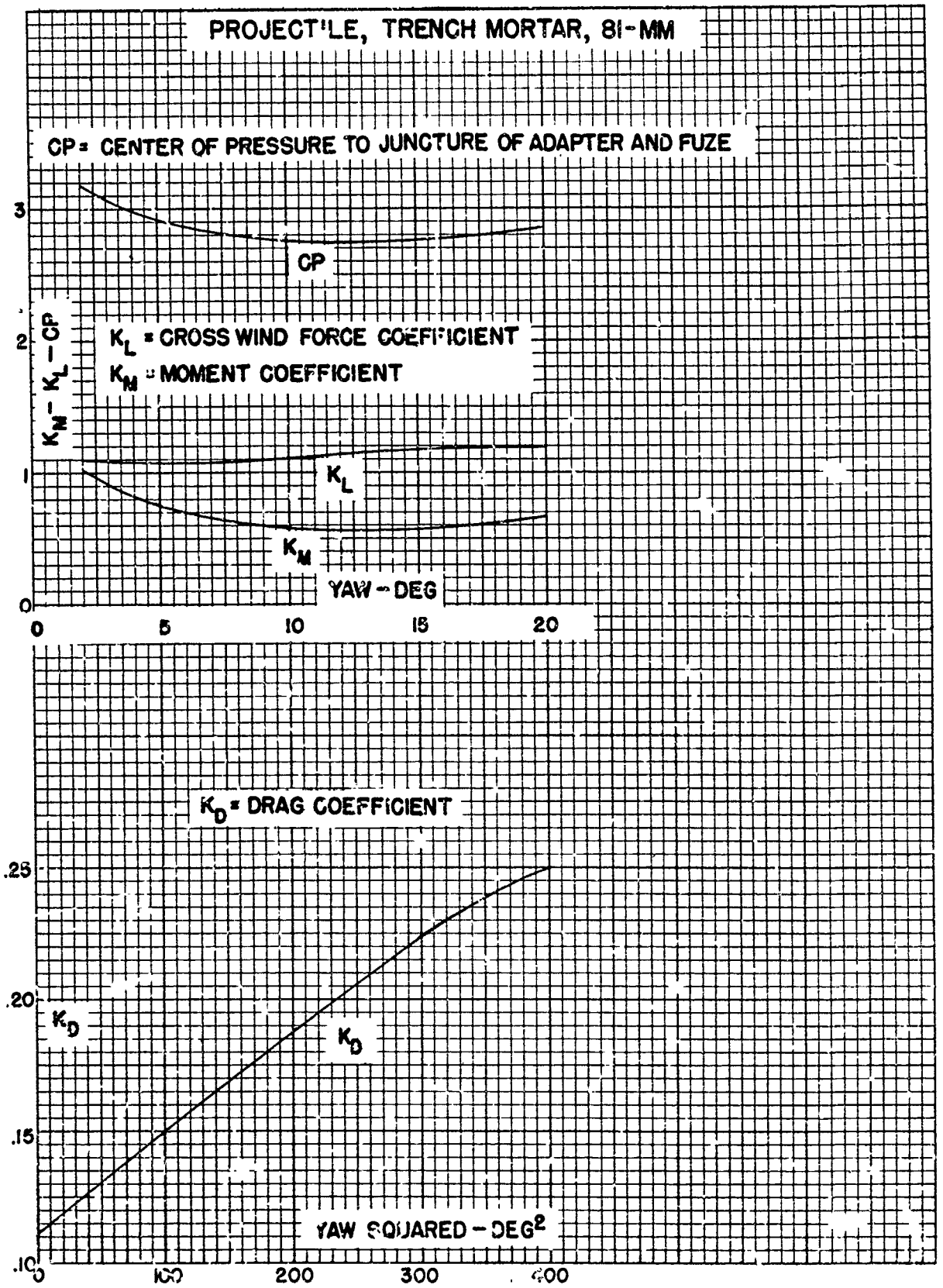
3. Dimensions.

Fins: Number	12
Length	0.549 cal
Length of assembly (outside)	1.693 cal
Shell: Length of rear part	1.196 cal
Length of rear bourrelet	0.395 cal
Length of front bourrelet	0.304 cal
Length of ogival part	0.684 cal
Radius of ogival arc	1.997 cal
Total length	4.539 cal
Adapter: Length (outside)	0.185 cal
Ring: Length	0.217 cal
Fuze: Length (outside) of M53	0.740 cal
M53A1	0.737 cal
M52A1	0.753 cal
M77	1.188 cal
Length: Shell, adapter, and fin assembly	6.417 cal
Same with Fuze M53	7.157 cal
Same with Fuze M77	7.637 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

With Fuze M53: Weight (standard)	10.62 lb
CG to juncture of adapter and fuze	2.324 cal*
With Fuze M77: Weight (standard)	11.62 lb

*The National Bureau of Standards located the center of gravity of a projectile filled with carbon tetrachloride, whose specific gravity is 1.61 at 22°C (Lyman J. Briggs, "Report on Aerodynamic characteristics of the 60-mm Mortar Projectile M49A2 and the 81-mm Mortar Projectile M56", N.B. of S. VI-4/64, 1942).


PROJECTILE, TRENCH MORTAR, 81-MM
CP = CENTER OF PRESSURE TO JUNCTURE OF ADAPTER AND FUZE
CP
K_L = CROSS WIND FORCE COEFFICIENT
K_M = MOMENT COEFFICIENT
K_M – K_L – CP
K_L
K_M
YAW – DEG
0
1
2
3
0
5
10
15
20
K_D = DRAG COEFFICIENT
K_D
K_D
YAW SQUARED – DEG^2
.10
.15
.20
.25
0
100
200
300
400

SECTION III
EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Aerodynamic data	5
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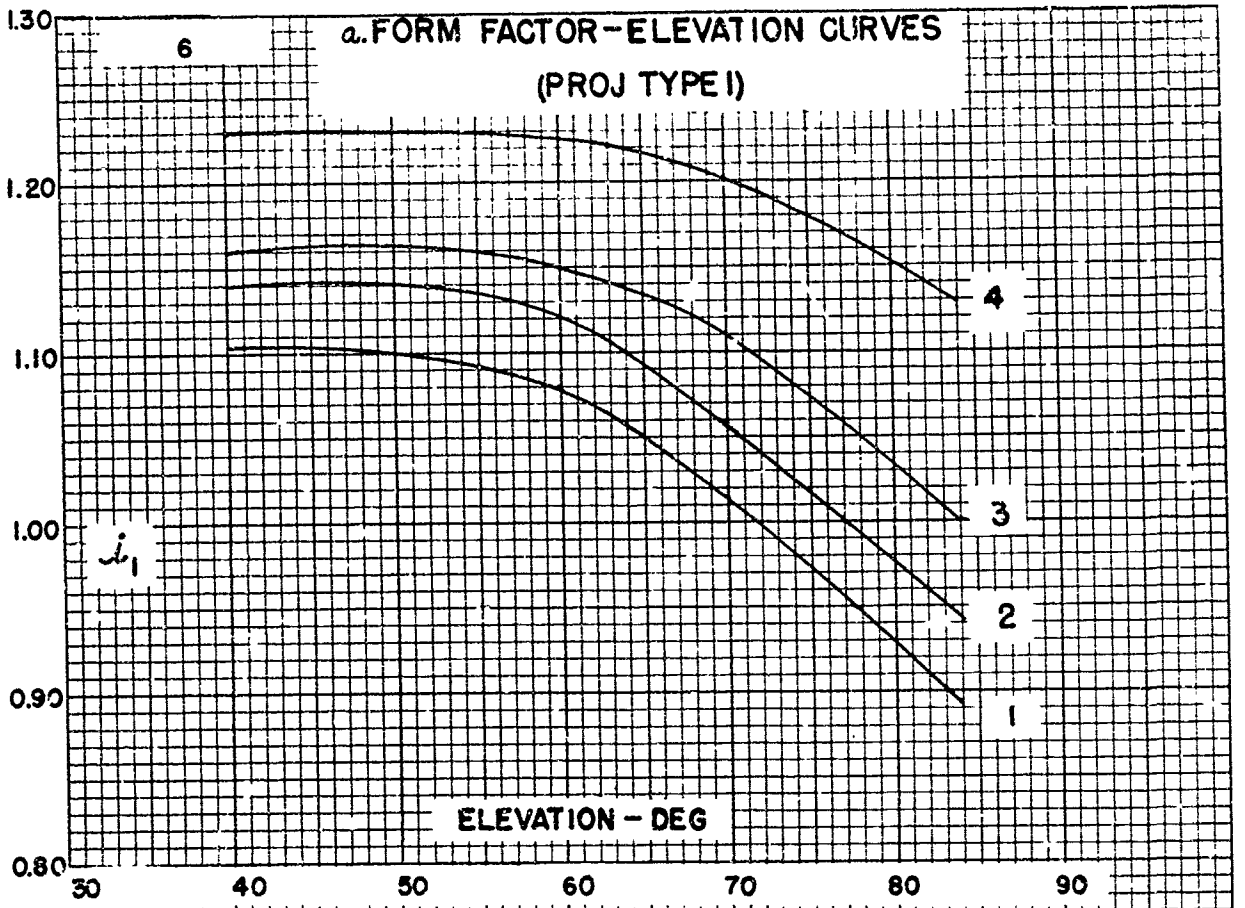
Firing table data: TSQ Fuze	7

5. Aerodynamic data. The aerodynamic coefficients shown graphically on page 4 were computed from the forces and torques measured by the Bureau of Standards in a wind tunnel at a velocity of 100 fps (see par. 4).

6. Firing table data: PD Fuzes.

FT 81-Q-2. (Part I).

Mortars, 81-mm, M1 and M21; Smooth bore: Muzzle loading. Projectile weight: 10.62 lb. OCM items 15627 and 15674 recommended and approved standardization of the HE Shell M56 with PD Fuze M53 for the 81-mm Mortar M1. OCM items 28162 and 28822 recommended and approved standardization of this ammunition for the 81-mm Mortar M21; OCM item 31408 restandardized it after further development of the mortar. FT 81-Q-2 (abridged) is a range-elevation table for the 81-mm Mortar T27, which is the M21 Mortar without the Extension Tube and is used with charges 1 and 2 at short ranges. OCM items 24288 and 24598 recommended and approved the classification of the PD Fuze M52A1 as substitute standard for the HE Shell M56.


a. FORM FACTOR-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE I)
6
1.30
1.20
1.10
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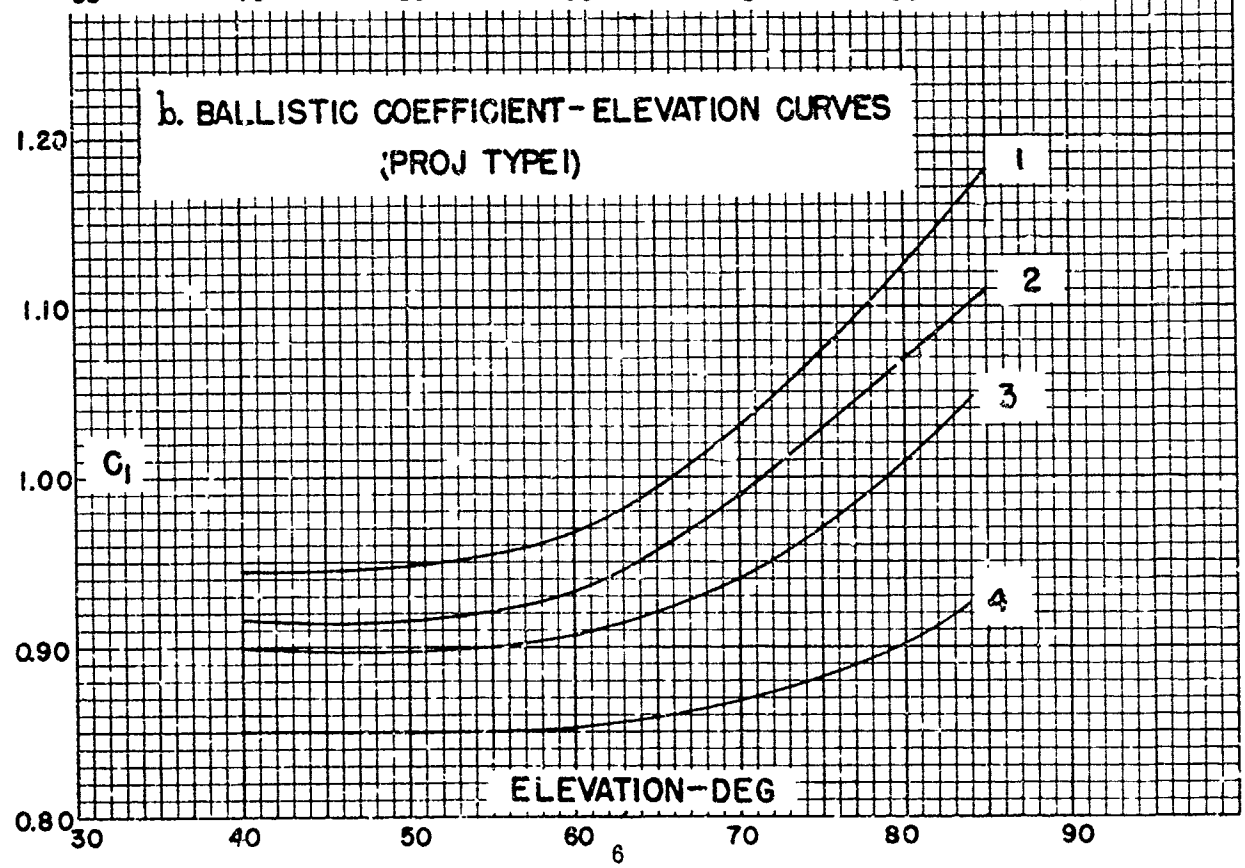
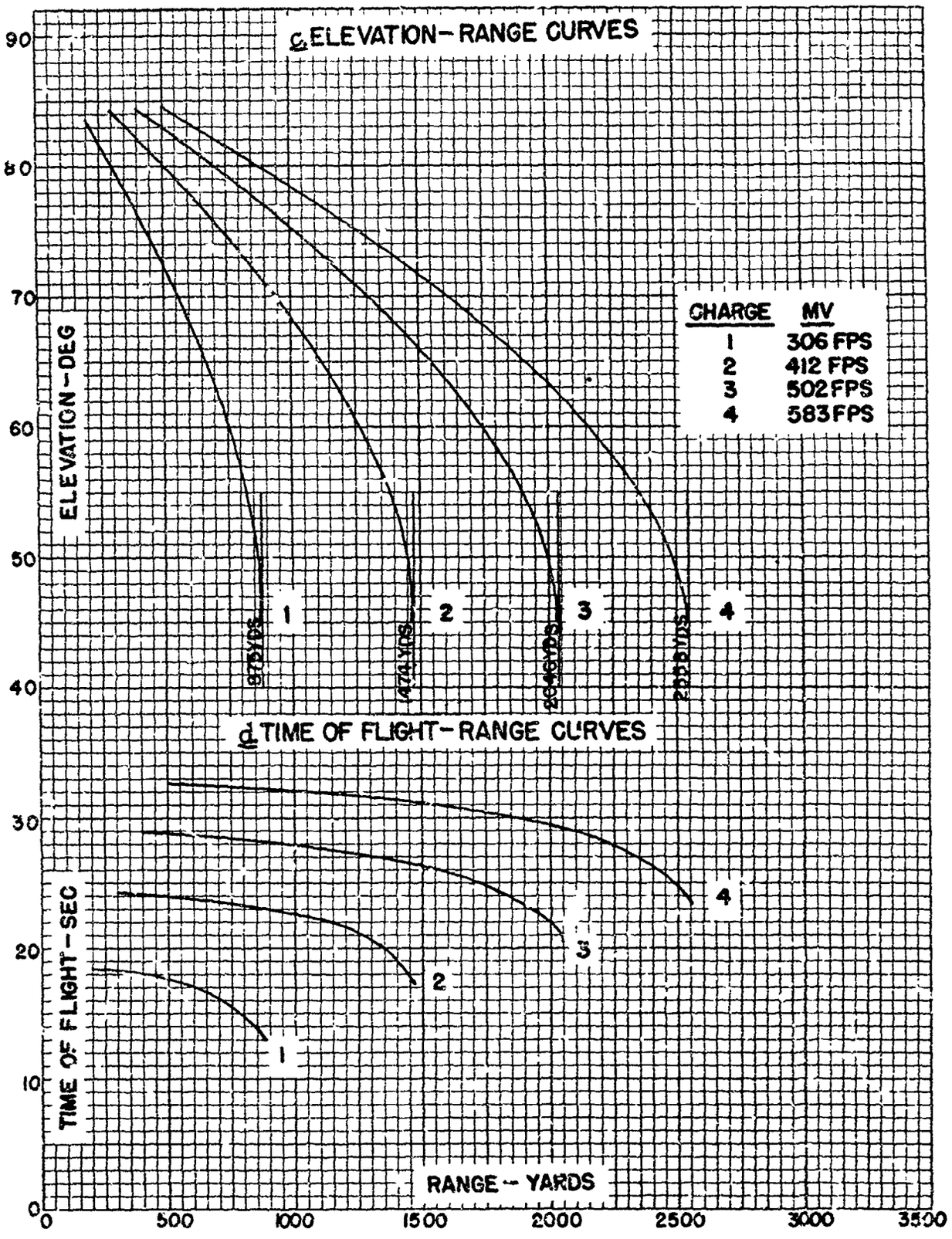
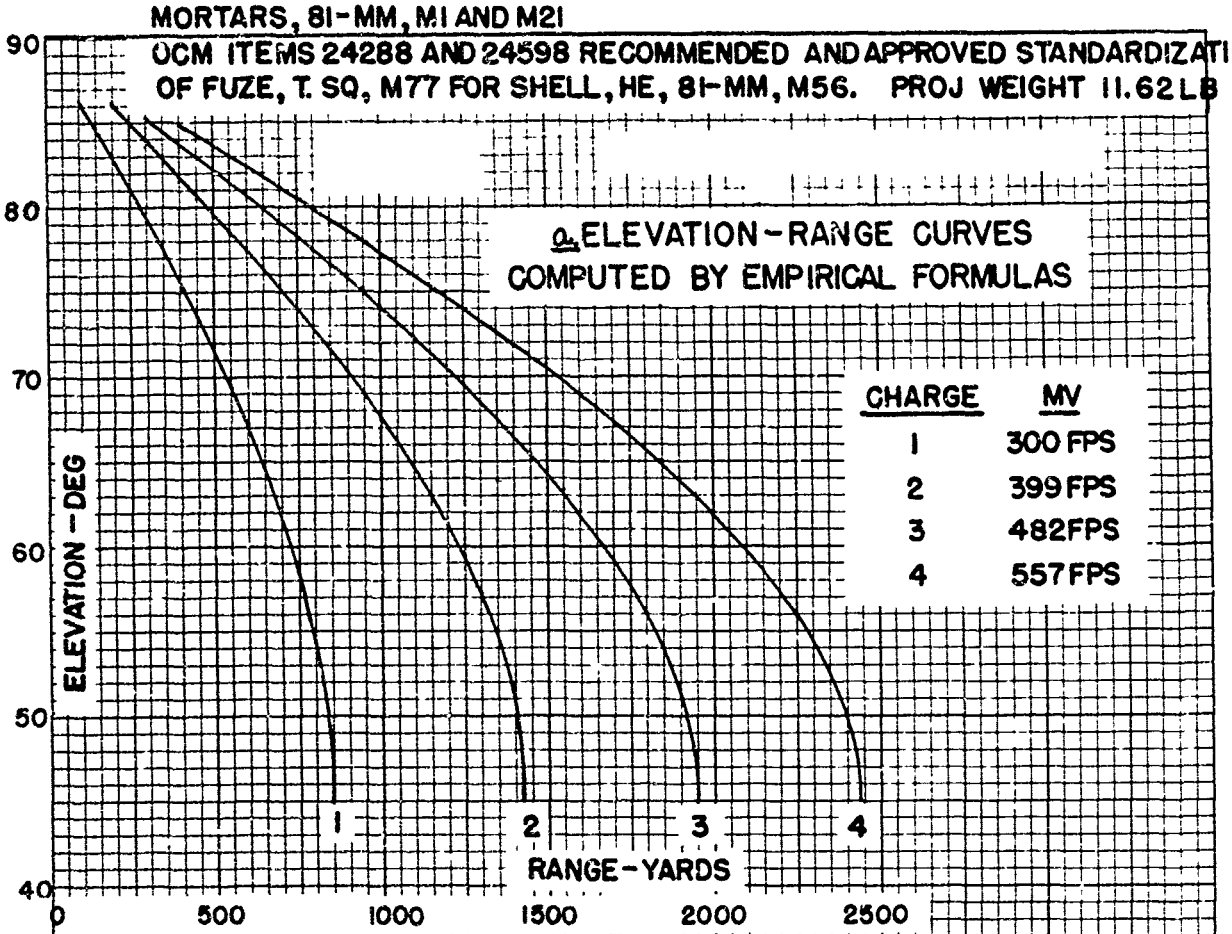
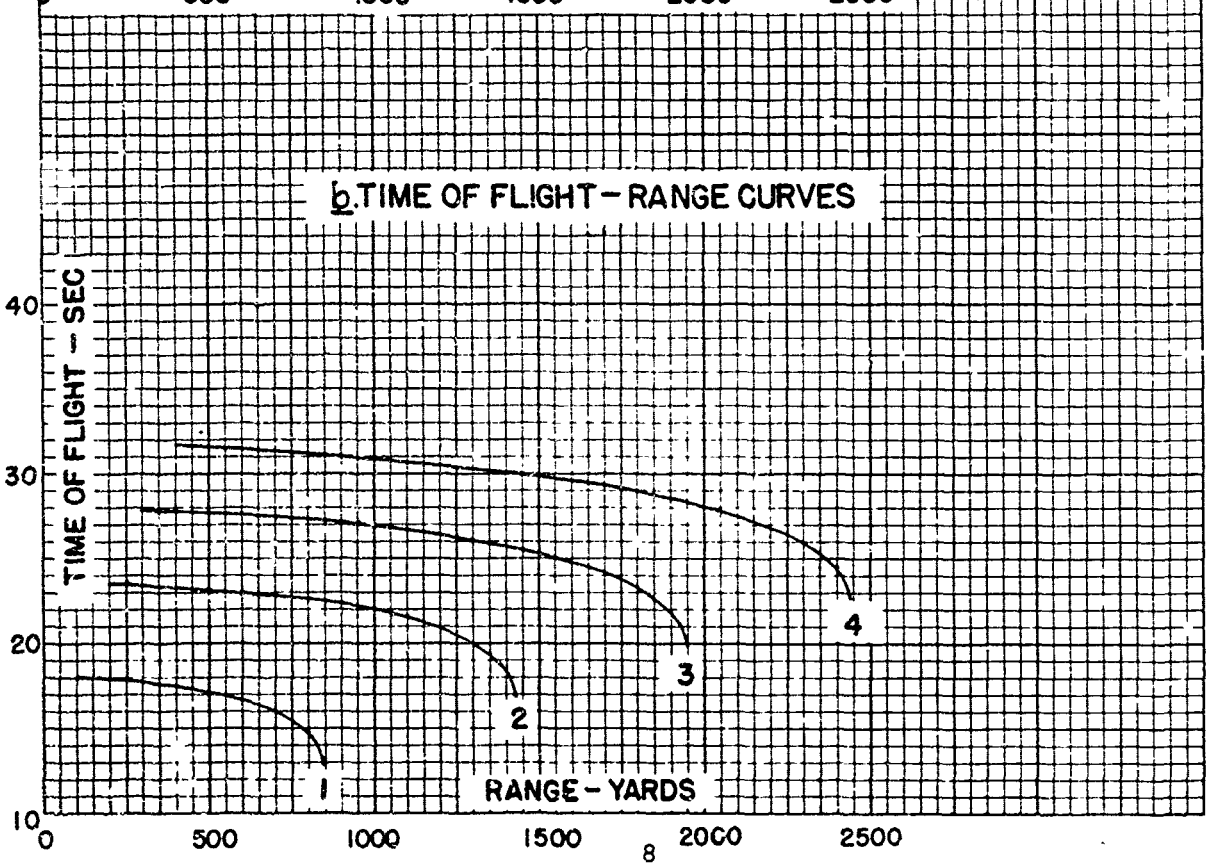
3
2
1
ELEVATION - DEG
30
40
50
60
70
80
90


b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE I)
1.20
1.10
1.00
0.90
0.80
C_1
1
2
3
4
ELEVATION-DEG
30
40
50
60
70
80
90


c. ELEVATION-RANGE CURVES
ELEVATION-DEG
CHARGE MV
1 306 FPS
2 412 FPS
3 502 FPS
4 583 FPS
875 YDS
1474 YDS
2046 YDS
2518 YDS
d. TIME OF FLIGHT-RANGE CURVES
TIME OF FLIGHT-SEC
RANGE-YARDS
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500

7. FIRING TABLE DATA: T. SQ. FUZE. FT 81-S-1 (ABRIDGED)
MORTARS, 81-MM, M1 AND M21
OCM ITEMS 24288 AND 24598 RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED STANDARDIZATION OF FUZE, T. SQ, M77 FOR SHELL, HE, 81-MM, M56. PROJ WEIGHT 11.62 LB





SECTION IV
EFFECT DATA

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Penetration	9

8. **Fragmentation.** The data on fragmentation of the 81-mm HE Shell M56 were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition" (Sep 1944) and Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data" (Sep 1945). The initial fragment velocity is 6,180 fps.

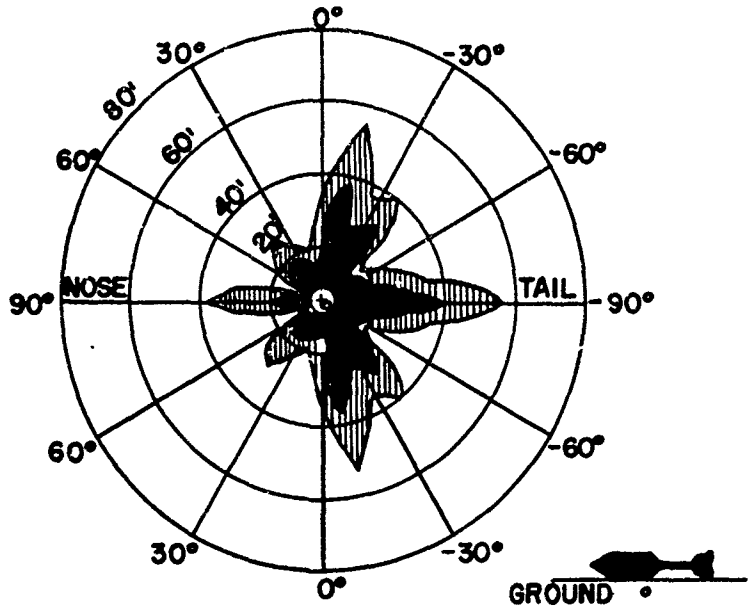
a. Casualties.

TABLE 44

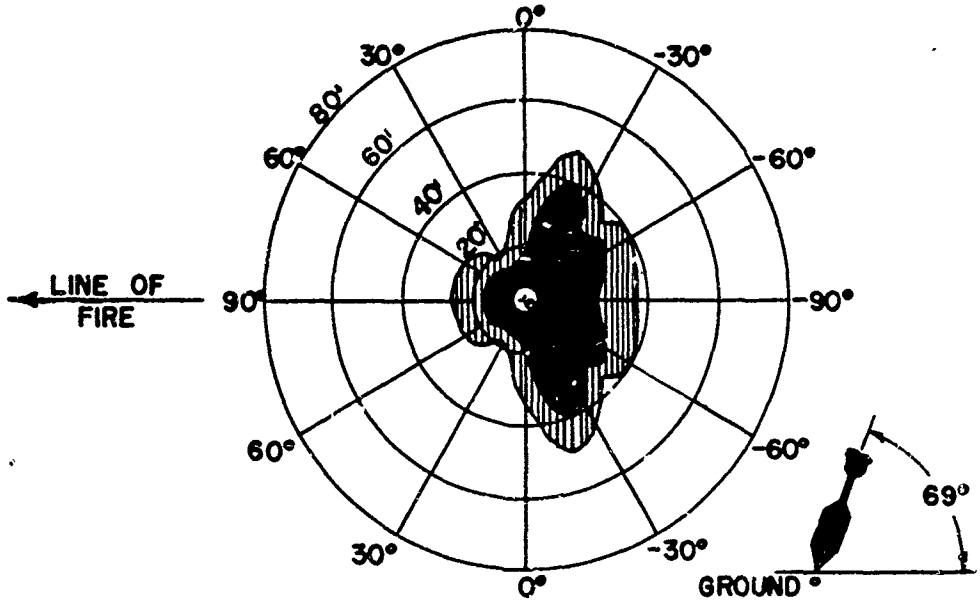
CASUALTIES

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	2580	0.513	0.004	3860
30	2060	0.182	0.006	3150
40	1680	0.0836	0.008	2720
60	906	0.0200	0.014	2060
80	614	0.0076	0.021	1680
100	412	0.0033	0.029	1430
150	170	0.0006	0.056	1030
200	112	0.0002	0.080	862
300	63	0.0001	0.128	682

CASUALTIES

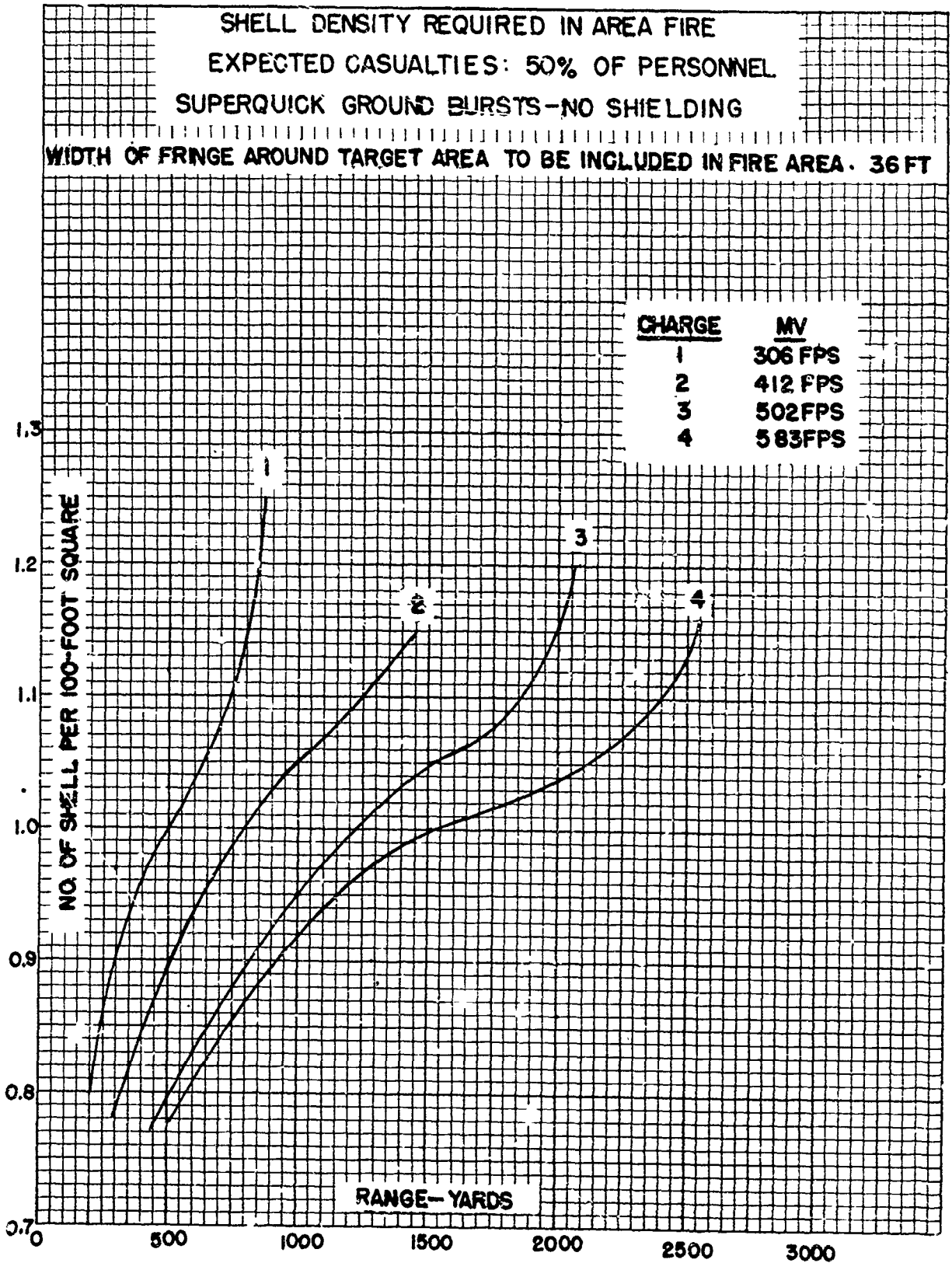


INCLINATION 0°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS



INCLINATION 69°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 459 FPS

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ. FT.
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ. FT.


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS-NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA. 36 FT
CHARGE MV
1 306 FPS
2 412 FPS
3 502 FPS
4 583 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
1.3
1.2
1.1
1.0
0.9
0.8
0.7
1
2
3
4
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000

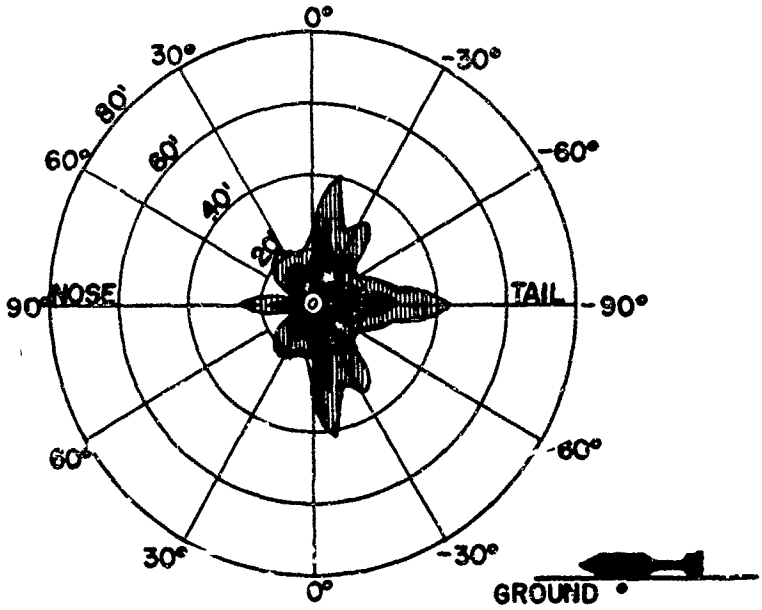
b. Perforation of 1/8-inch mild steel.

TABLE 45

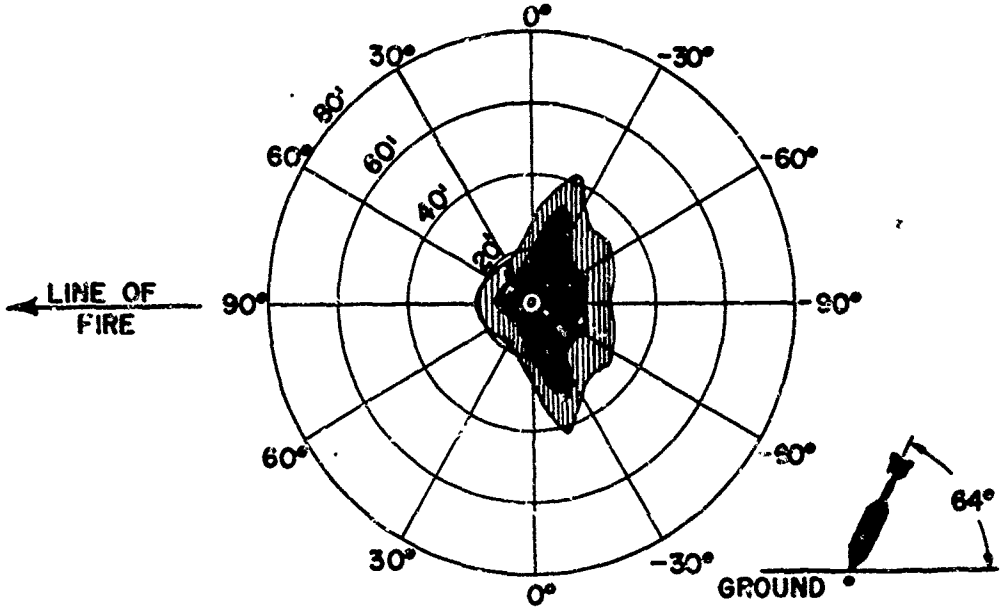
PERFORATION OF 1/8 IN. MILD STEEL

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	1040	0.208	0.012	4060
30	762	0.0674	0.017	3580
40	583	0.0290	0.022	3200
60	314	0.0069	0.035	2700
80	193	0.0024	0.051	2360
100	130	0.0010	0.071	2110
120	76	0.0004	0.097	1900
140	63	0.0003	0.128	1780
170	40	0.0001	0.188	1560

PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 0°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 0FPS



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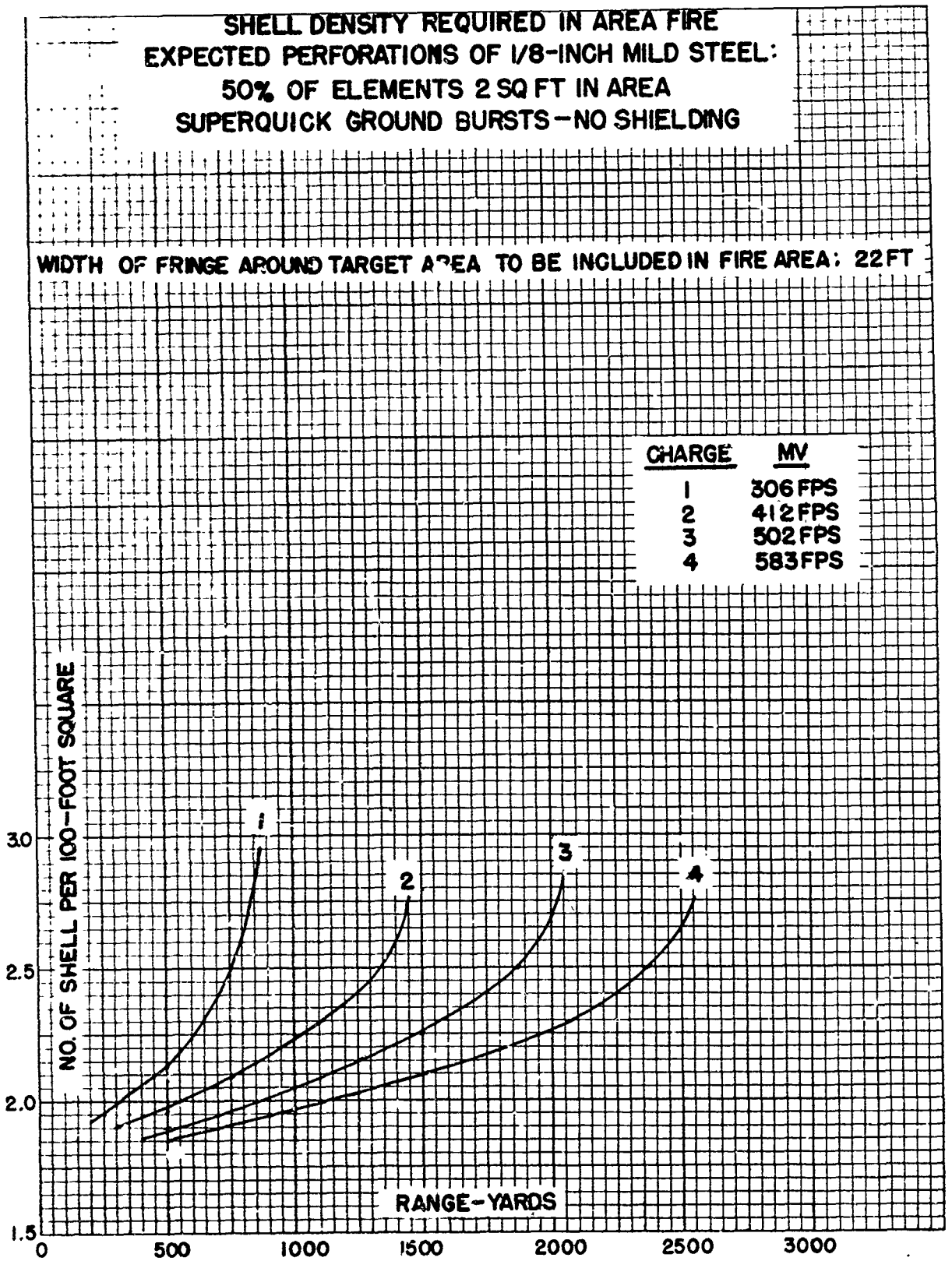
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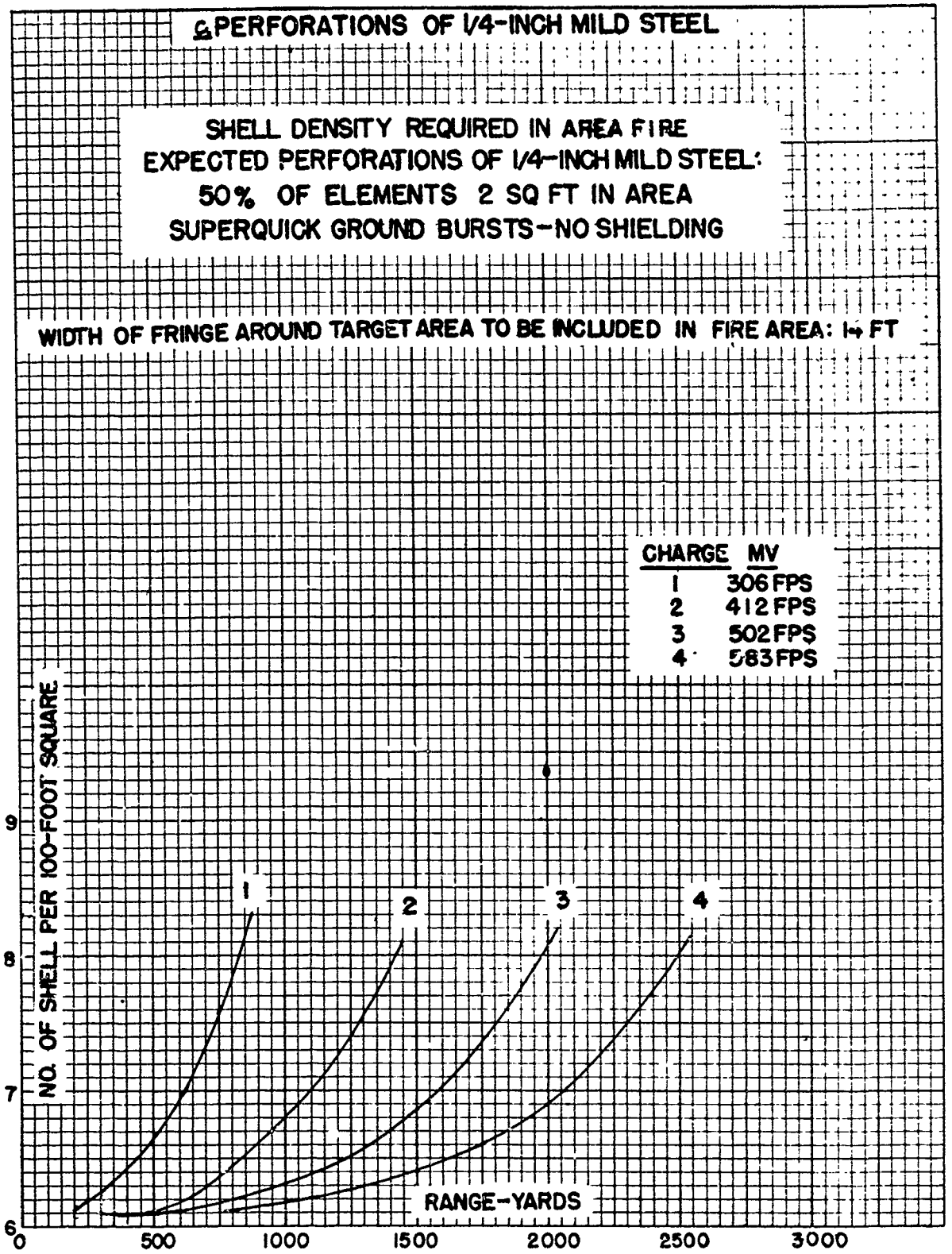
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 22 FT
CHARGE MV
1 306 FPS
2 412 FPS
3 502 FPS
4 583 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1
2
3
4
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000


PERFORATIONS OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL
SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 1½ FT
CHARGE MV
1 306 FPS
2 412 FPS
3 502 FPS
4 583 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
9
8
7
6
1
2
3
4
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000

9. PENETRATION

FROM VOL. III, "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"

PENETRATION INTO MEDIUM EARTH AND LOGS
PD FUZE

HORIZONTAL LOG ROOFS.
ADD PENETRATION INTO EARTH COVERING (IF ANY) TO PENETRATION INTO WOOD (USING APPROPRIATE SCALES)

CHARGE	MV
1	306 FPS
2	412 FPS
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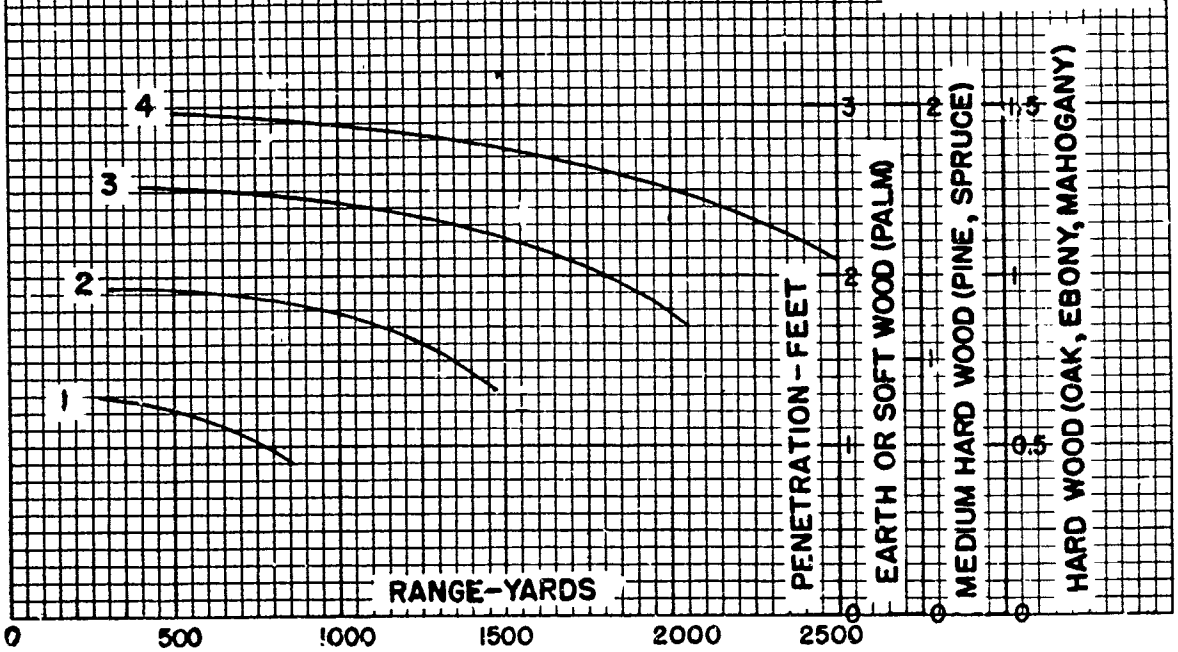

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for
Shell, Smoke, 81-mm, M57
with
Fuze, PD, M52 or M52A1, and Fuze, TSQ, M77

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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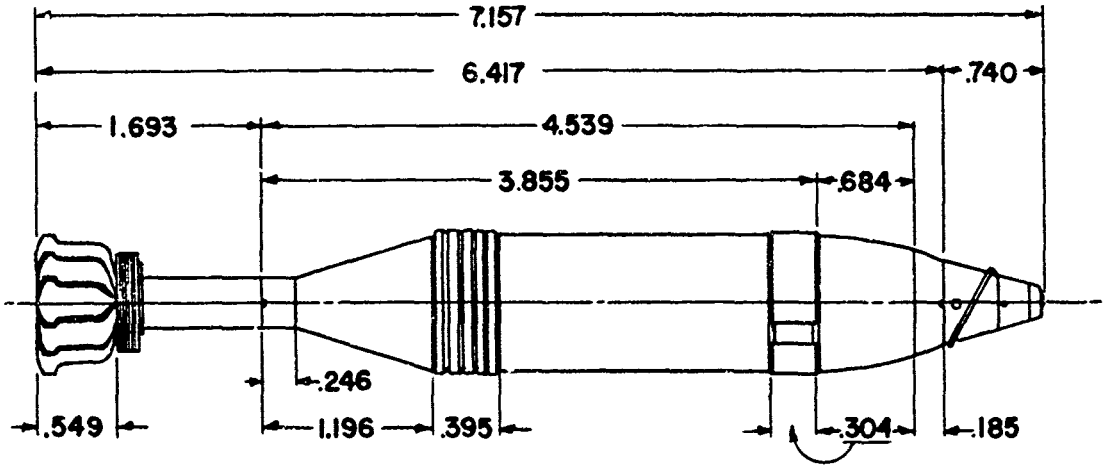
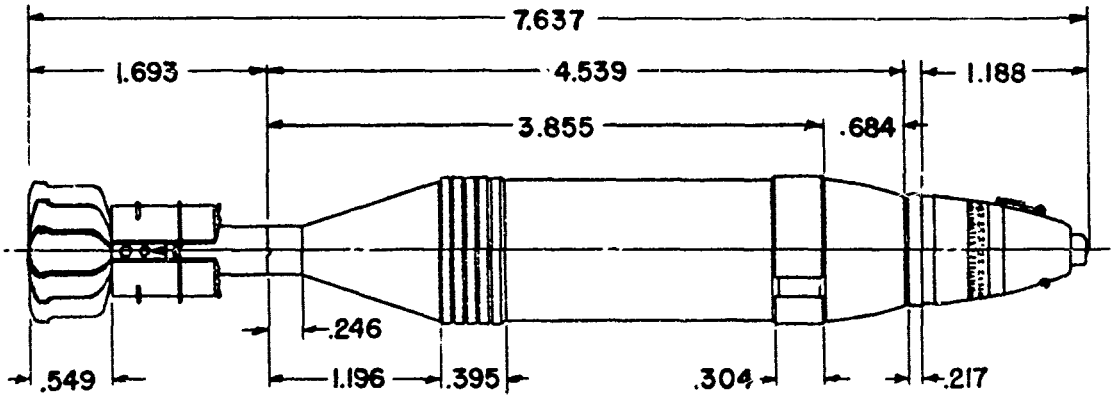


SHELL, SMOKE, 81-MM, M57
FUZE, PD, M52



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4. Physical characteristics.

a. Chemical charges.

(1) Fuming Spray: A liquid, which turns to smoke when released.

(2) White Phosphorus: A pale yellow solid. A layer of 1/8 inch of water is included in the charge. When released, this forms a white smoke, which is poisonous.

b. Weights. The standard weights of the fuzed projectiles are:

Charge	Fuze M52	Fuze M77
FS	11.86 lb	13.03 lb
WP	11.36 lb	12.53 lb

SECTION III

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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Aerodynamic data	5
Firing table data (FS) : PD Fuze	6
Firing table data (WP): PD Fuze	7
Firing table data (WP): TSQ Fuze	8

5. Aerodynamic data. Since the Smoke Shell M57 has the same shape as the High Explosive Shell M56, its drag coefficient and cross wind force coefficient should be the same. These are given in OH 81-1-56. The position of the center of gravity and consequently the moment coefficient may be different with the chemical charges from what they are with the high explosive charge; they have not been measured with the chemical charges.

6. Firing table data (FS): PD Fuze.

FT 81-C-2 (Part 2)

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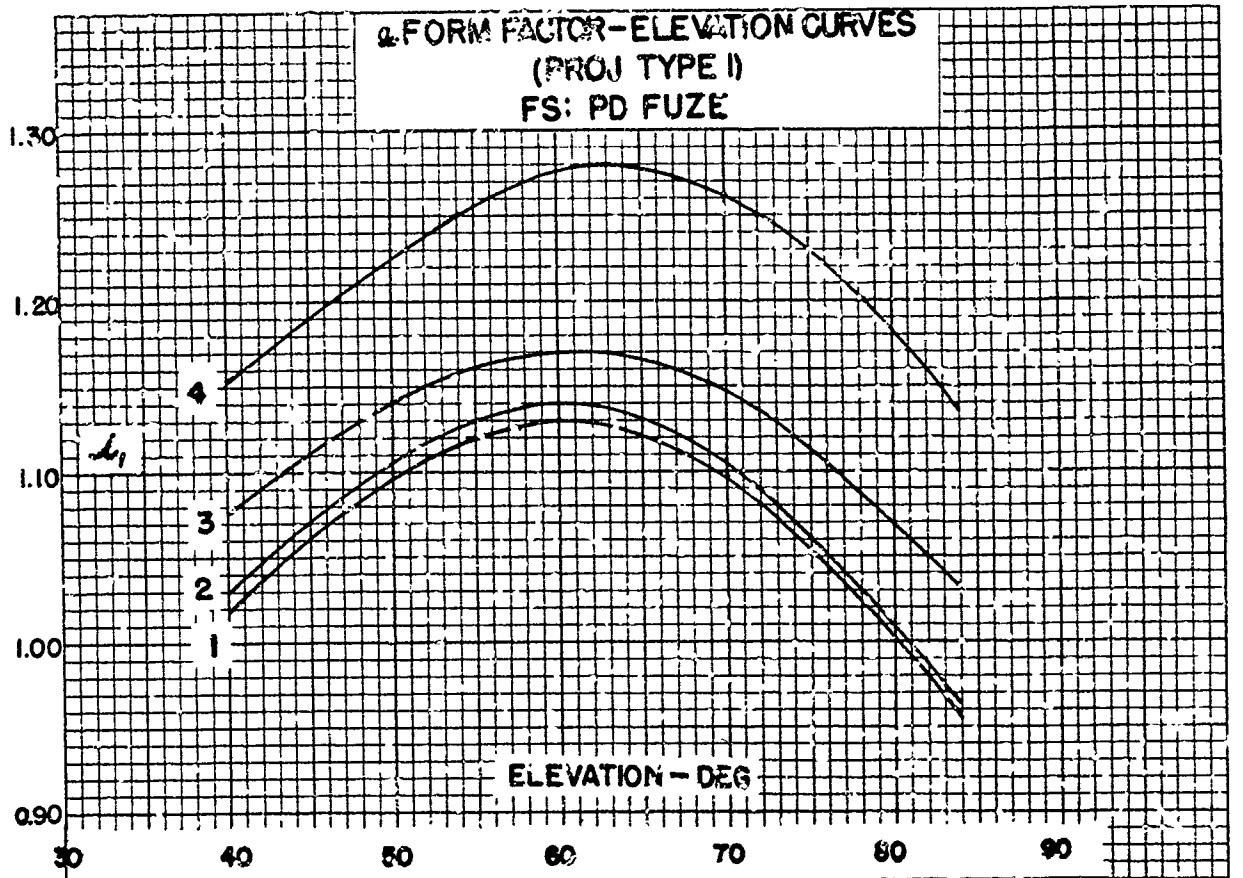
a. FORM FACTOR-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE I)
FS: PD FUZE
1.30
1.20
1.10
1.00
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i_1
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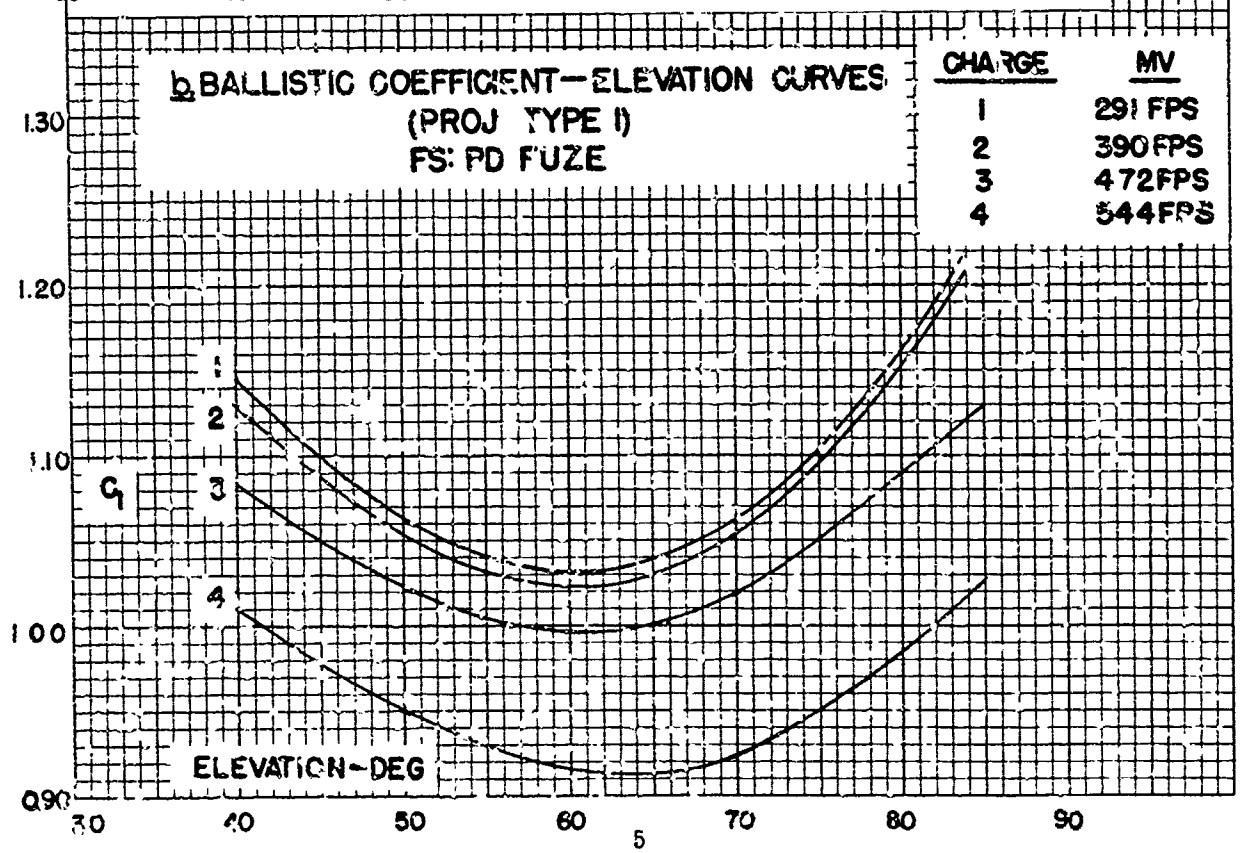
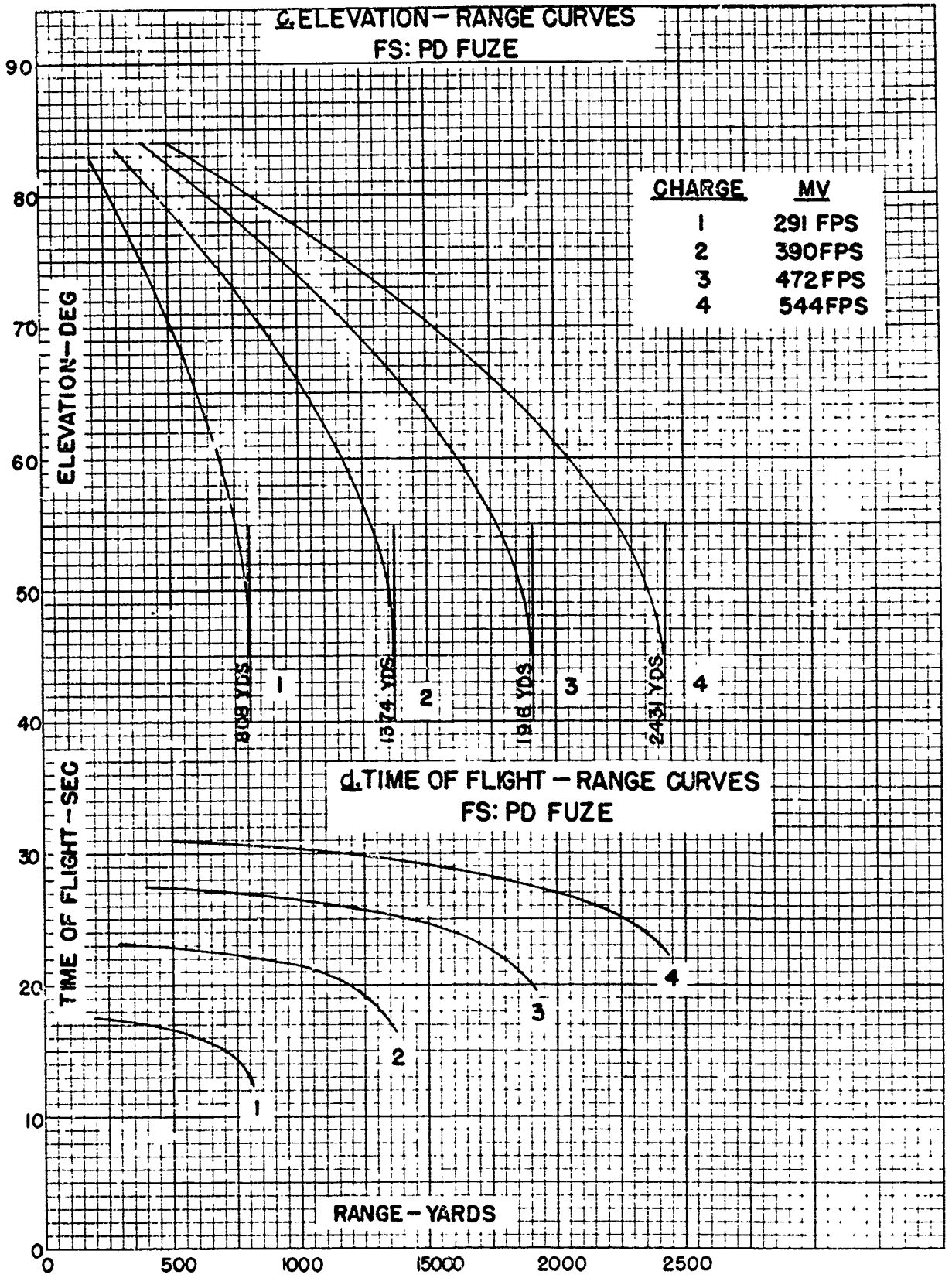
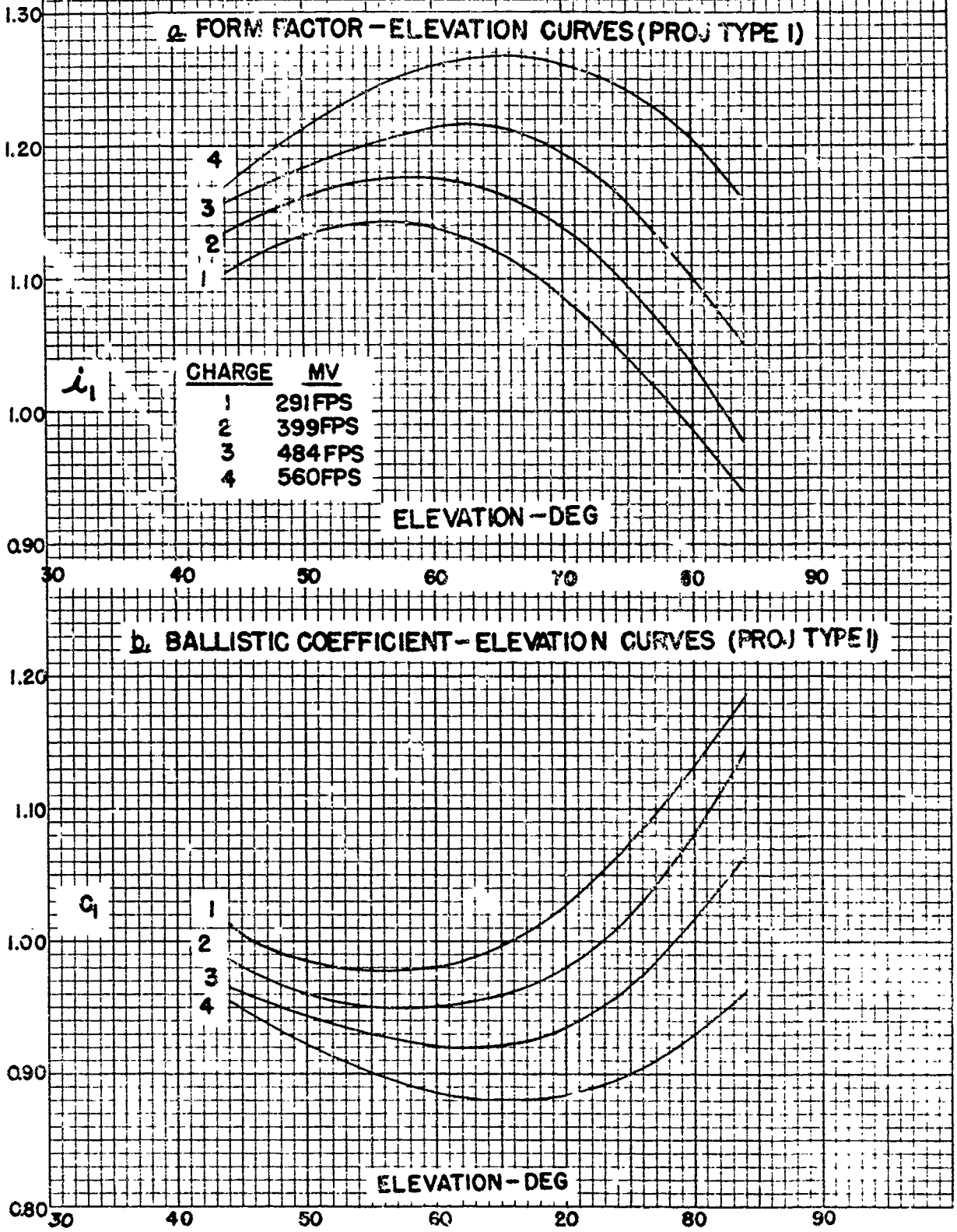
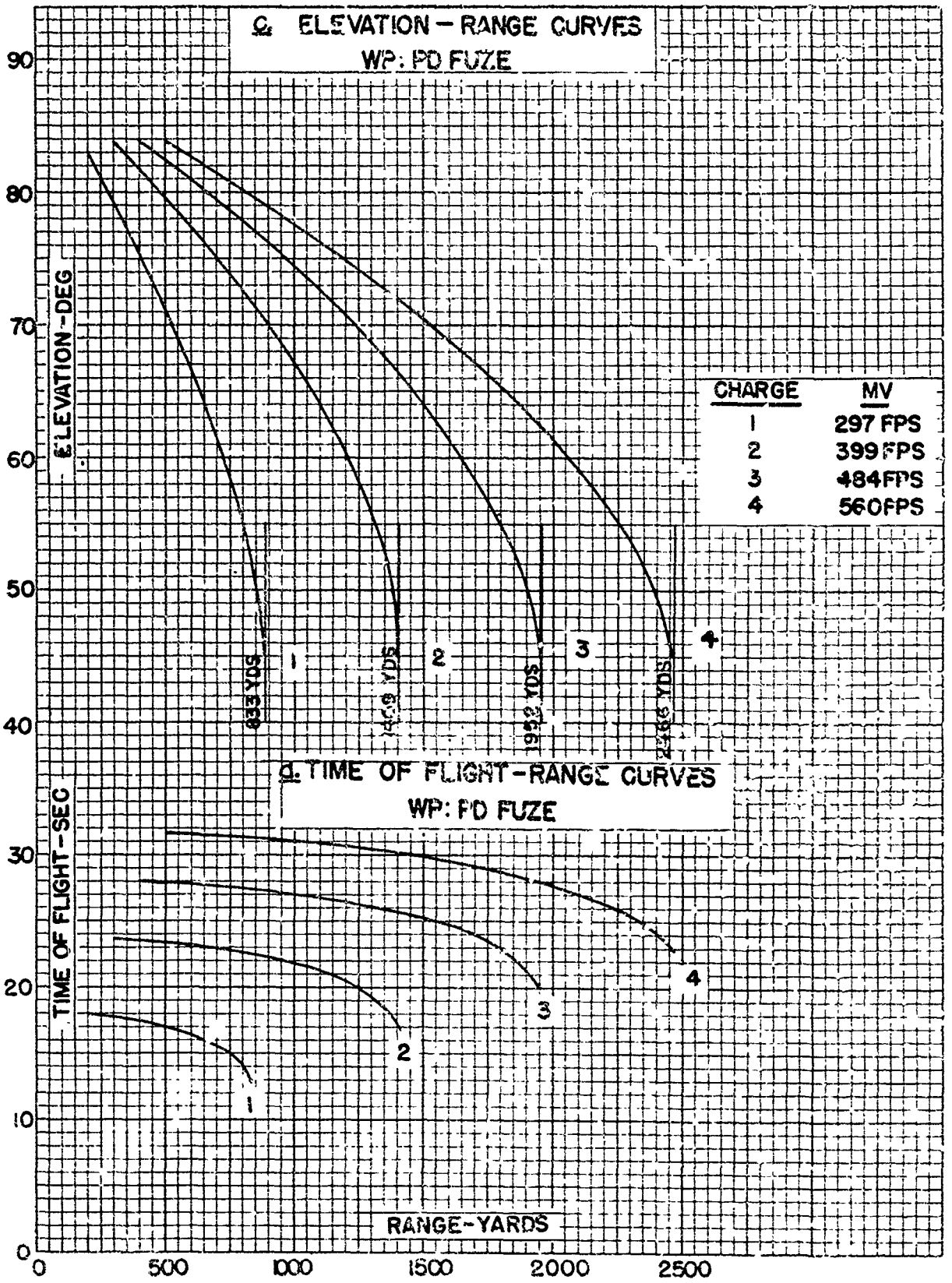
3
2
1
ELEVATION-DEG
30
40
50
60
70
80
90


b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT-ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ TYPE I)
FS: PD FUZE
CHARGE MV
1 291 FPS
2 390 FPS
3 472 FPS
4 544 FPS
1.30
1.20
1.10
1.00
0.90
C_1
1
2
3
4
ELEVATION-DEG
30
40
50
60
70
80
90


c. ELEVATION – RANGE CURVES
FS: PD FUZE
CHARGE MV
1 291 FPS
2 390FPS
3 472FPS
4 544FPS
ELEVATION – DEG
808 YDS
1374 YDS
1916 YDS
2431 YDS
d. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
FS: PD FUZE
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE – YARDS
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
500
1000
15000
2000
2500

7. FIRING TABLE DATA (WP): PD FUZE
FT 81-C-2 (PART III)
PROJECTILE WEIGHT: 11.36 LB.
(FOR MORTARS AND OCM ITEMS, SEE PAR. 6)




a. ELEVATION – RANGE CURVES
WP: PD FUZE
ELEVATION-DEG
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
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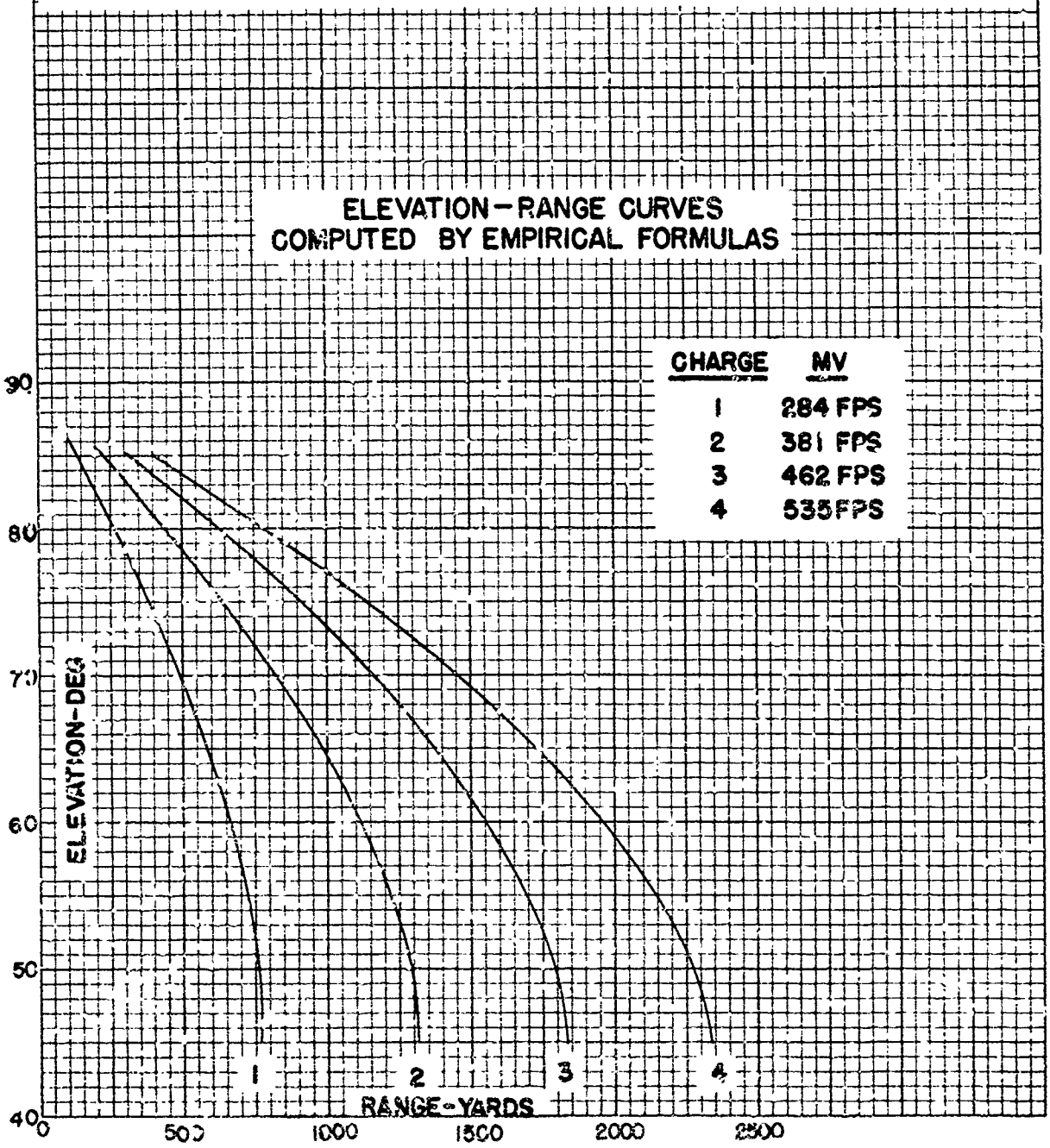
10
0
CHARGE MV
1 297 FPS
2 399 FPS
3 484 FPS
4 560 FPS
633 YDS
1409 YDS
1952 YDS
2486 YDS
1
2
3
4
b. TIME OF FLIGHT-RANGE CURVES
WP: PD FUZE
TIME OF FLIGHT-SEC
RANGE-YARDS
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500

B. FIRING TABLE DATA (WP): T.SQ.FUZE

FT 81-S-1 (ABRIDGED) PROJ WEIGHT 12.45 LB
MORTARS, 81-MM, M1 AND M21
OCM ITEMS 24288 AND 24598 RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED STANDARDIZATION OF FUZE, T.SQ.M77 FOR SHELL, SMOKE, 81-MM, M57.



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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA

for

Shot, AP, 90-mm, T33

with

Tracer

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GENERAL

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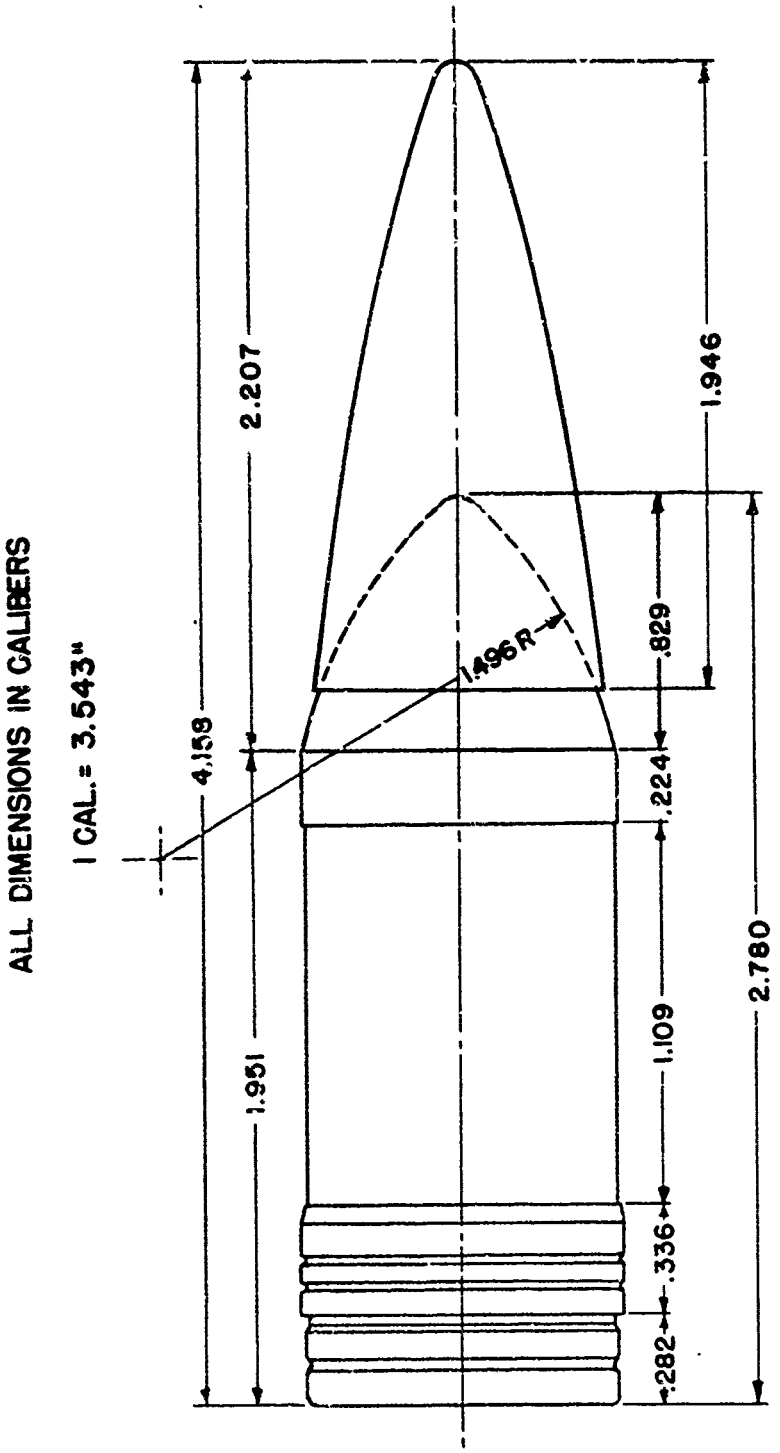
Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics, and effects of the 90-mm Armor-piercing Shot T33 with Tracer. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.



SHOT, AP, 90-MM, T33

SECTION II

DESCRIPTION

	Paragraph
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Dimensions	3
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2. Drawings.

Shot: Metal parts assembly and details	75-2-388
Body	75-18-44A
Windshield	75-18-51A

3. Dimensions.

Band: Distance from base	0.282 cal
Width	0.336 cal
Body: Cylindrical length	1.951 cal
Ogival length	0.829 cal
Radius of ogival arc	1.496 cal
Windshield: Length	1.946 cal
Radius of ogival arc	9.015 cal
Length: Ogive	2.207 cal
Shot	4.158 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	24.06 lb
Base to center of gravity	1.241 cal
Axial moment of inertia	35.64 $lb.in^2$
Transverse moment of inertia	191.4 $lb.in^2$

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Theoretical yaw in bore	5

5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	3.0 min
Maximum	5.5 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. The following data were obtained by resistance firings (see Ballistic Research Laboratory Memorandum Reports 336, "Ballistics of 90-mm AP Shot T33", and 347D, "Stability Factor of 90-mm Shot T30E15, and Form Factors of 90-mm Shot T30E15, APC Projectile M82, and AP Shot T33").

Velocity fps	Drag Function	Form Factor	Ballistic Coefficient	Drag Coefficient
2666	G_6	1.01	1.90	.121
3029	G_7	1.81	1.81	.108

b. Stability. Ballistic Research Laboratory Memorandum Report 336, "Ballistics of 90-mm AP Shot T33", gives the results obtained from stability firings of this projectile from the 90-mm Gun M1

Muzzle velocity	2700 fps
Moment coefficient	1.24
Twist of rifling	1/32
Stability factor	2.12

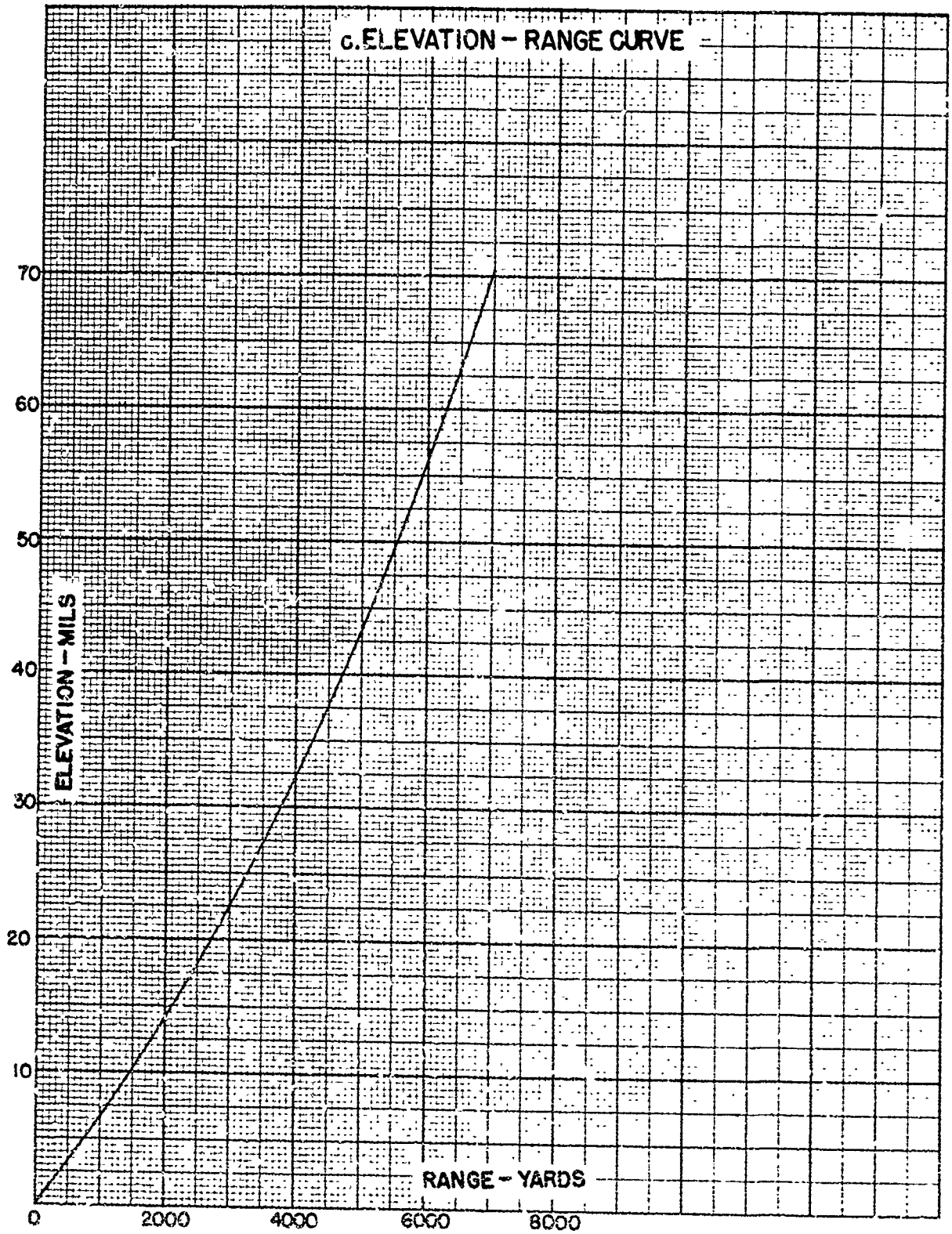
7. Firing table data. FT 90-F-1

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1, M2, M3 and M26.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.
Muzzle velocity: 2800 fps.
Projectile Weight: 24.0 lb.

OCM item 29999 recommended that the AP Shot T33 be classified as limited standard; by item 30181, it was made limited procurement type.

a. Form factor (Proj Type 7). $i_7 = 0.97$.

b. Ballistic coefficient (Proj Type 7): $C_7 = 1.98$.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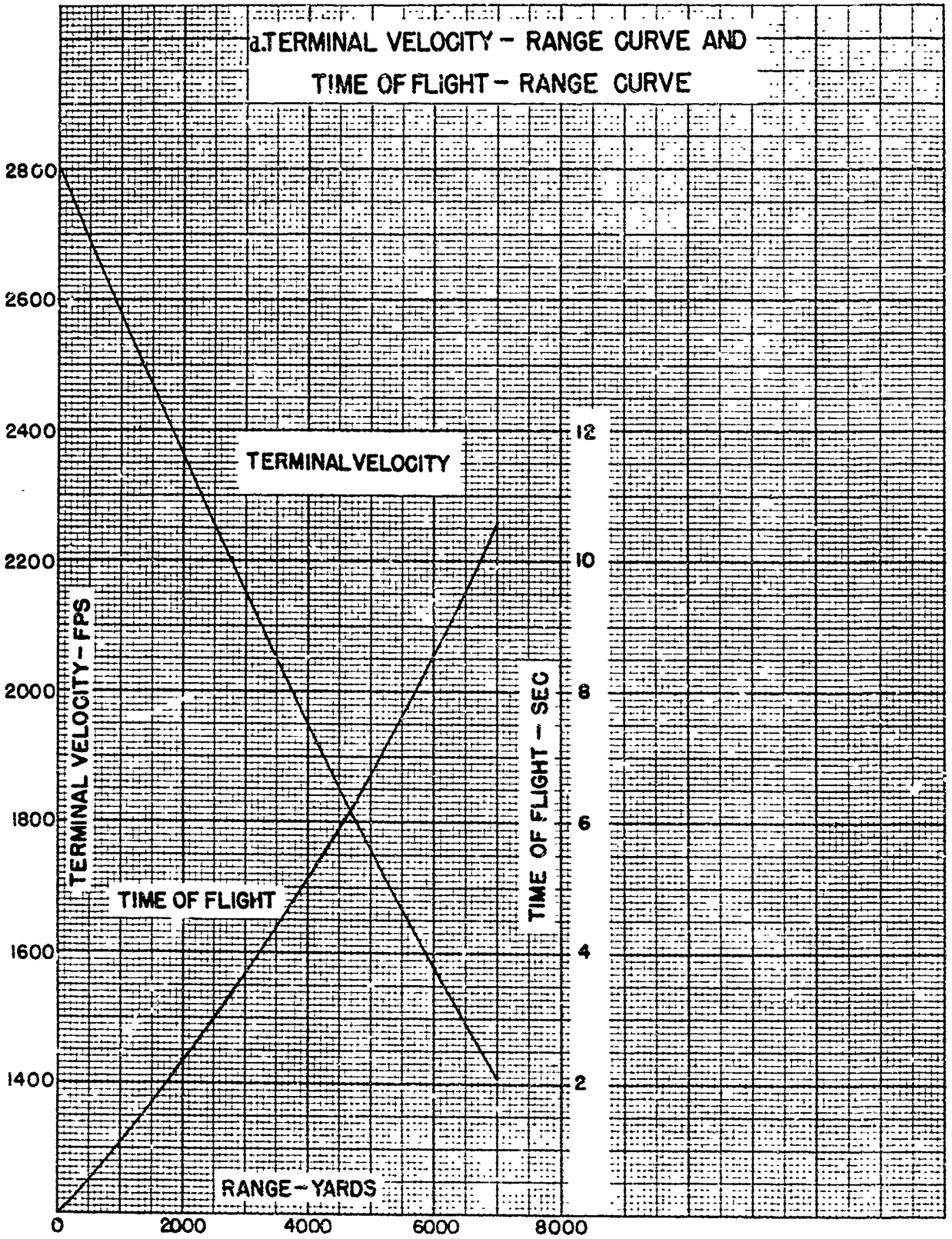
RANGE – YARDS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TIME OF FLIGHT - RANGE CURVE
TERMINAL VELOCITY
TIME OF FLIGHT
TERMINAL VELOCITY - FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT - SEC
RANGE - YARDS
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2400
2200
2000
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1400
12
10
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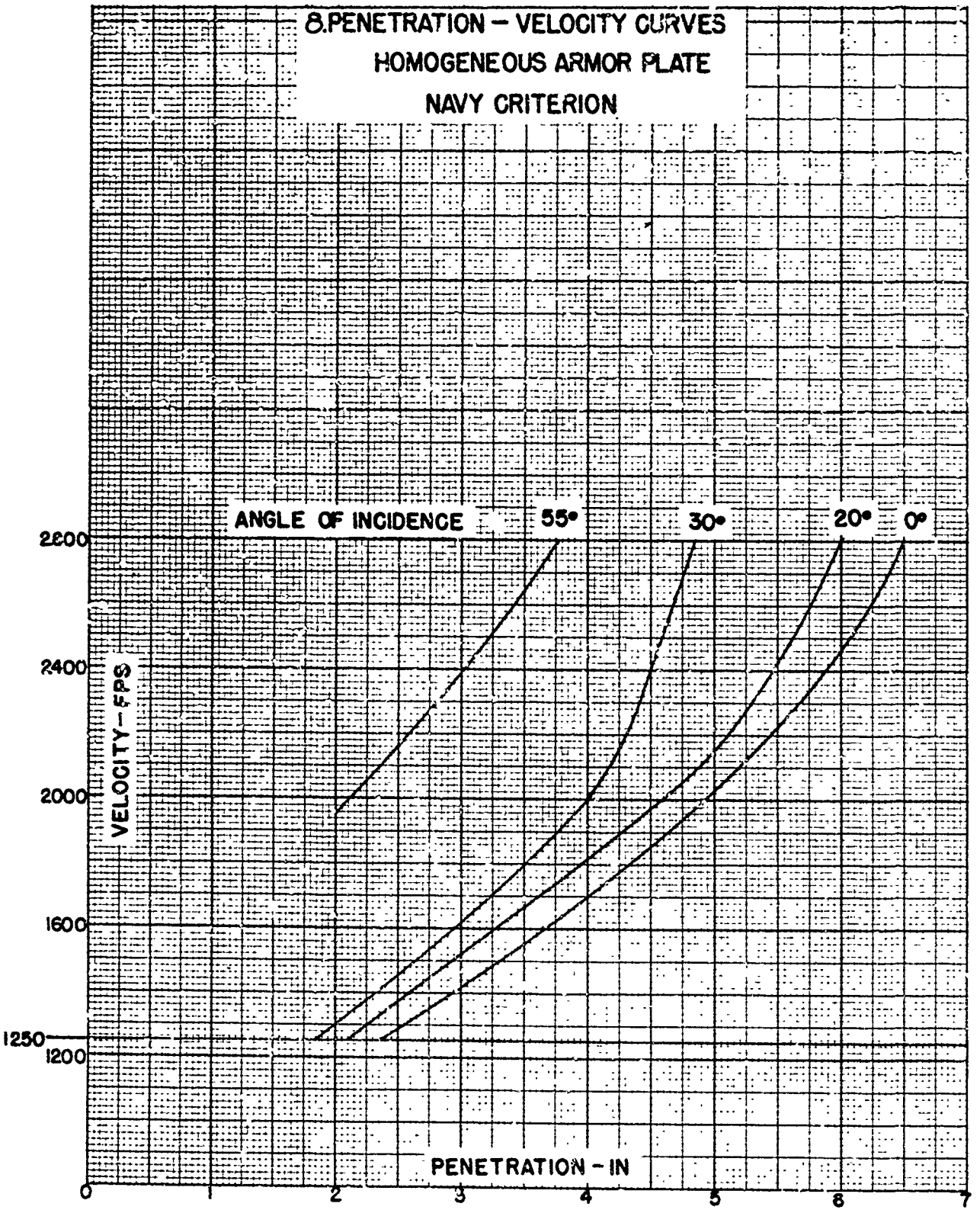
SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

	Paragraph
Penetration	8

8. Penetration. According to OCM item 26320, the 90-mm AP Shot T33 with a muzzle velocity of 2800 fps will penetrate the front glacis plate of the German 'Panther' Tank (Panzerkampfwagen V). The armor plate penetration – velocity curves, taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data", are shown on the next page.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ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
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4
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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA

for

Shell, HE, 90-mm, M58 and M58B1

with

Fuze, MT, M43A5

Section		Paragraphs
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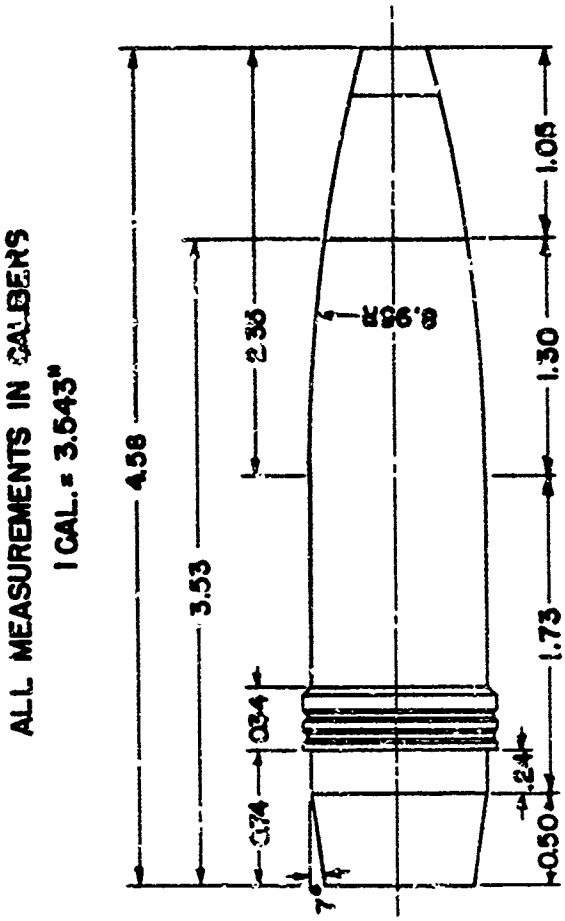
SECTION I

GENERAL

	Paragraph
Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics and ballistics of the 90-mm High Explosive Shell M58 and M58B1 with the Mechanical Time Fuze M43A5. This information is collected from the drawings, reports and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition.



SHELL, HE, 90-MM, M58 AND M58B1
FUZE, MT, M43A5

SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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Physical characteristics	4

2. Drawings.

Shell: Metal parts assembly and details	75-18-39
Booster M20: Assembly and details	73-2-112
Fuze: Assembly and details	73-7-29

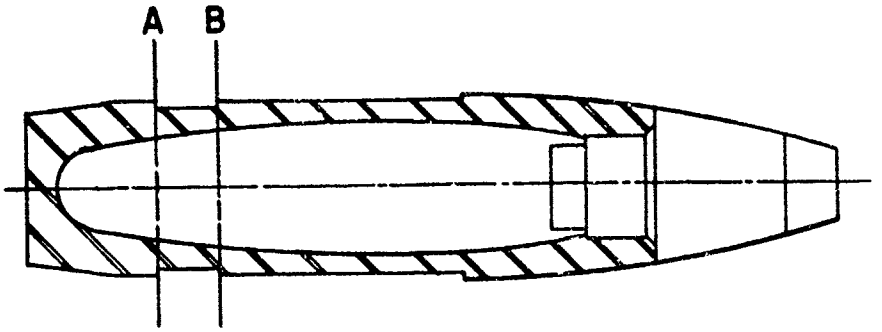
3. Dimensions.

Boattail: Angle	7°00'
Length	0.50 cal
Band: Width	0.34 cal
Distance from base	0.74 cal
Distance from boattail	0.24 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.73 cal
Ogive: Length	1.30 cal
Radius of arc	8.95 cal
Fuze: Outside length	1.05 cal
Length: Shell	3.53 cal
Shell and fuze	4.58 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.35 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Mean weight: Marking ■		20.67 lb
Marking ■ ■	(Standard)	21.00 lb
Marking ■ ■ ■		21.33 lb
Base to center of gravity*		1.789 cal
Axial moment of inertia*		0.2528 lb.ft^2
Transverse moment of inertia*		2.499 lb.ft^2

*From Ballistic Research Laboratory Report No. 165.



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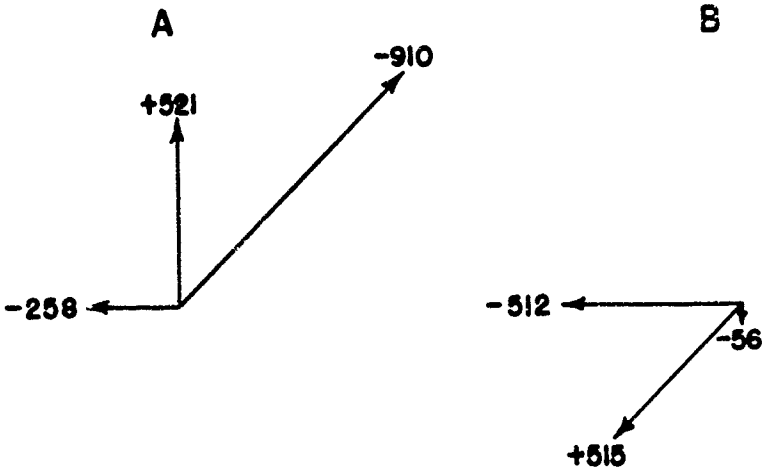
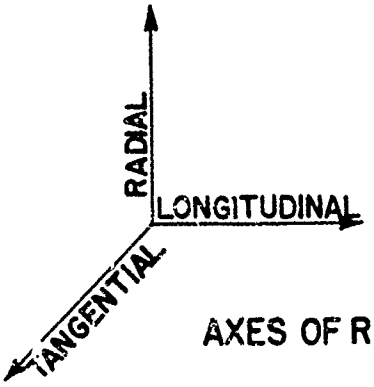




AXES OF RESULTANT STRESS

DIAGRAM OF RESULTANT STRESSES

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Stresses	5
Theoretical yaw in bore	6

5. Stresses. The following table and the graphical representation on page 4 show the longitudinal, radial and tangential resultant stress at each of two sections: (A) the rear corner of the band seat and (B) the front of the band seat.

Guns, 90-mm	M1, M1A1, M2
Twist of rifling	1/32
Cross-sectional area of bore	10.114 sq in.
Rated maximum pressure	38,000 psi
Total weight of projectile	21.00 lb
Muzzle velocity	2,800 fps
Density of filler (TNT)	0.057 lb per cu in.

Resultant Stress* 100 psi	Section A	Section B
Longitudinal	-258	-512
Radial	+521	- 56
Tangential	-910	+515

* + denotes tension, - denotes compression.

6. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	3 min
Maximum	5 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Aerodynamic data	7
Firing table data	8

7. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. The trajectories for the 90-mm Guns M1, M1A1 and M2, on antiaircraft mounts, were based on the G_2 drag function. The form factors, determined from range firings, are given in paragraph 8a.

b. Stability. Ballistic Research Laboratories Report No. 165, "Stability of 90-mm Shell T3", gives the results of stability firings of the HE Shell M58 (T3) with inert Fuze M48 from the 90-mm Gun T2, which was rifled with a twist of one turn in 30 calibers. From these results, the following data were calculated for the HE Shell M58, with MT Fuze M43, fired from the 90-mm Guns M1, M1A1 and M2:

Muzzle Velocity	2800 fps
Twist of rifling	1/32
Stability factor	1.33
Moment coefficient, K_M	1.10

c. Drift. The deflection due to drift, for a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps and a twist of rifling of one turn in 32 calibers, is tabulated in FT 90AA-A-1, Part 2, Tables C-1 and C-2.

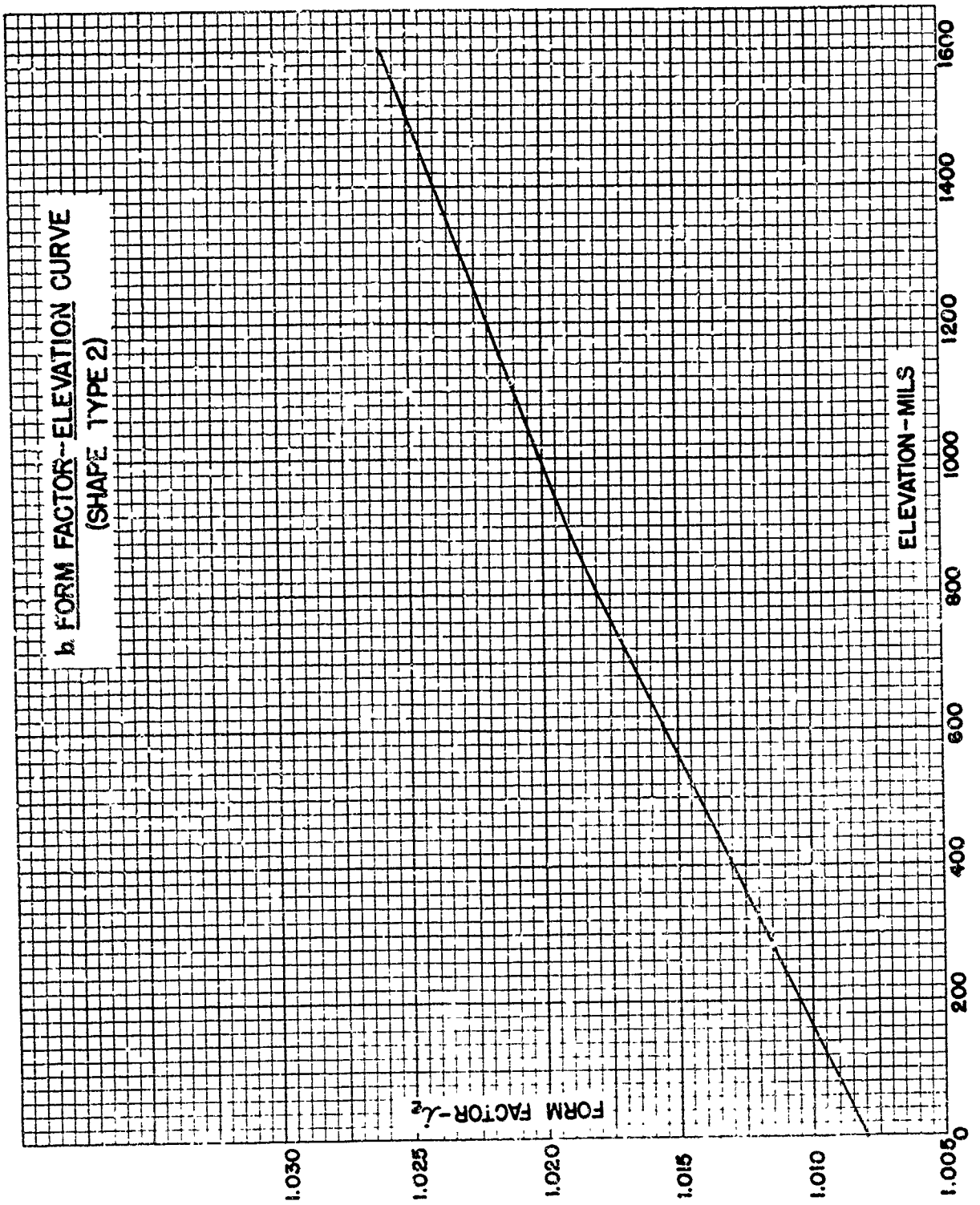
8. Firing table data. FT 90AA-A-1

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1 and M2 on antiaircraft mount.
Twist of rifling: uniform 1/32.
Muzzle velocity: 2700 fps.

OCM item 15646 standardized the 90-mm HE Shell M58 for the 90-mm Gun M1. OCM item 15876 standardized the complete round, including the HE Shell M58 and the Cartridge Case M19, for the 90-mm Gun M1. Reclassification of the HE Shell M58 as limited standard was recommended by OCM item 16844 and approved by OCM item 16962. The characteristics of the 90-mm Guns M1A1 and M2 are the same as those of the 90-mm Gun M1.

a. Trajectory data. Trajectory and fuze setter curves for a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps are given on TC 90AA-A-1. With the fuze set "safe":

Maximum horizontal range	17,580 yd
Maximum ordinate	12,375 yd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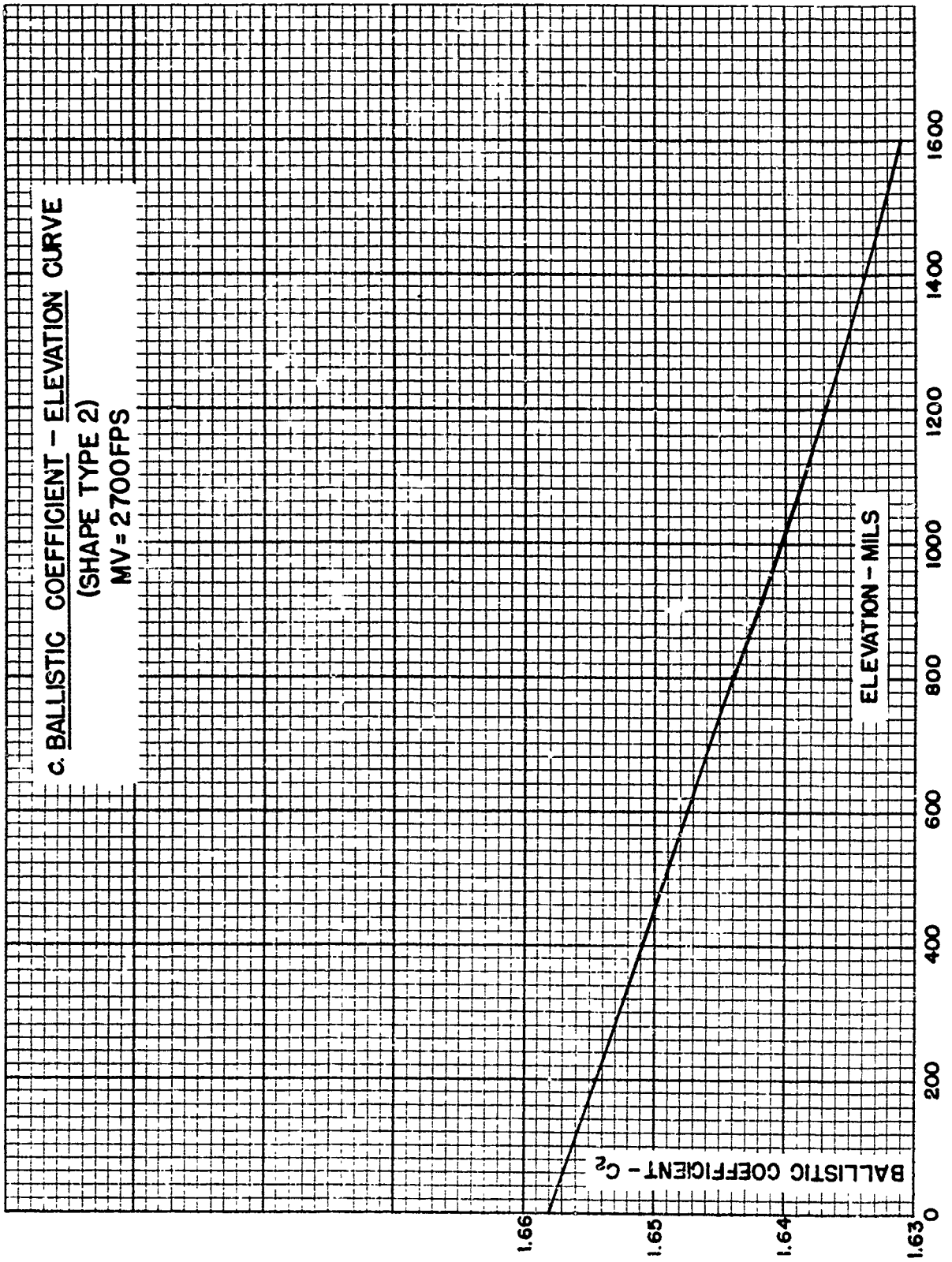
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(SHAPE TYPE 2)
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ELEVATION – MILS
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1400
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for

Shell, HE, 90-mm, M71

with

Fuzes, MT, M43A5; PD, M48, M48A1, M48A2,
and M51A4; TSQ, M54 and M55A3; and CP, M78

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SECTION I

GENERAL

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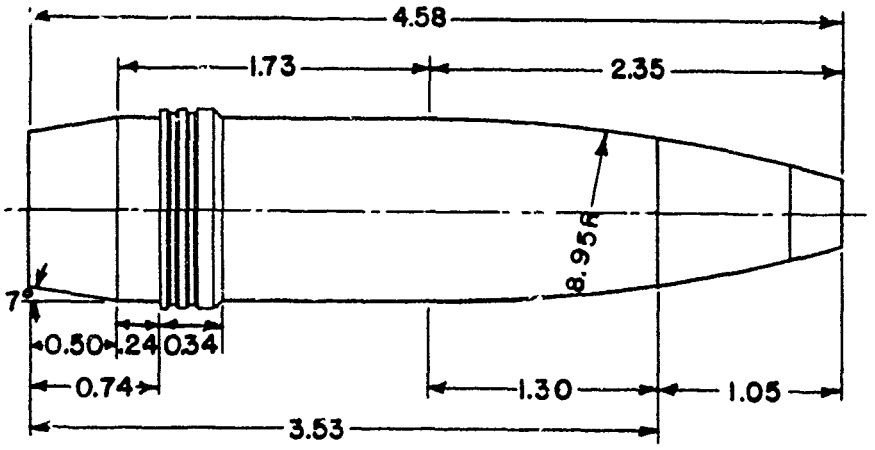
1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 90-mm High Explosive Shell M71 with the Mechanical Time Fuze M43A5, the Point Detonating Fuze M48, M48A1, M48A2 or M51A4, the Time and Superquick Fuze M54, and the Concrete Piercing Fuze M78. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.



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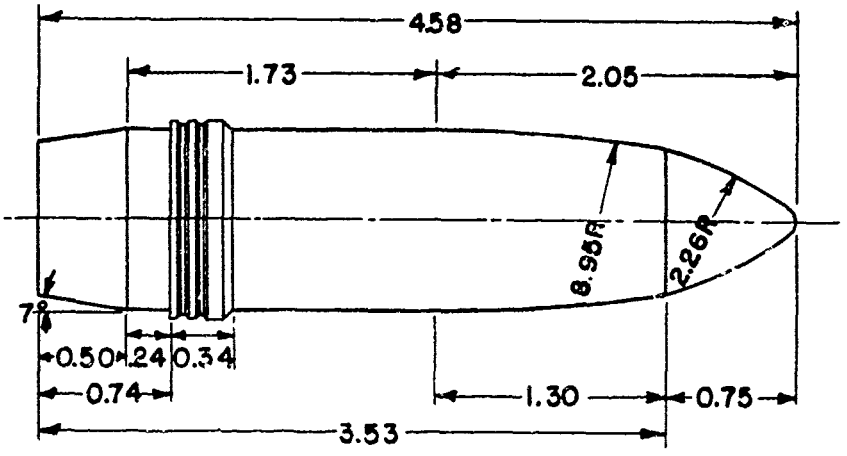
FUZE, MT, M43A5; PD, M48, M48A1 OR M48A2; OR TSQ, M54



SHELL, HE, 90MM, M71
FUZE, CP, M78

ALL DIMENSIONS IN CALIBERS
1 CALIBER = 3.543"

SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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2. Drawings.

Shell: Metal parts assembly	75-18-42
Booster, M20A1: Assembly and details	73-2-112
Booster, M21A4: Assembly	73-2-154
Fuze, MT, M43A5: Assembly and details	73-7-29
Fuze, PD, M48, M48A1 and M48A2: Assembly	73-2-140
Fuze, PD, M51A4: Assembly	73-2-145
Fuze, TSQ, M54: Assembly	73-3-154
Fuze, CP, M78: Assembly and details	73-2-214

Note: The MT, PD, and TSQ Fuzes require one of the Boosters; but the CP Fuze contains their working parts. The TSQ Fuze M54 and the Booster M21A4 are components of the TSQ Fuze M55A3, dwg 73-3-155.

3. Dimensions.

Boattail: Angle	7°00'
Length	0.50 cal
Band: Distance from boattail	0.24 cal
Distance from base	0.74 cal
Width	0.34 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.73 cal
Ogive: Length	1.30 cal
Radius of arc	8.95 cal
Shell, unfuzed: Length	3.53 cal
Fuze, MT, M43A5; PD, M48, M48A1, M48A2 or M51A4; or TSQ, M54:	
Outside length	1.05 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.35 cal
Shell and fuze	4.58 cal
Fuze, CP, M78: Outside length	0.75 cal
Radius of arc	2.26 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.05 cal
Shell and fuze	4.28 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

a. MT, PD and TSQ Fuzes. The weight, location of center of gravity, and moments of inertia of the HE Shell M71 with any of these fuzes are approximately the same as those of the Shell M71 (T8) with the MT Fuze M43, which are tabulated below.

Mean weight:	Marking ■		23.07 lb
	Marking ■ ■	(standard)	23.40 lb
	Marking ■ ■ ■		23.73 lb
Base to center of gravity			1.742 cal
Axial moment of inertia			0.2753 lb.ft^2
Transverse moment of inertia			2.627 lb.ft^2

b. CP Fuze. The HE Shell M71 with the CP Fuze weighs 0.34 lb more than with the other fuzes. Its other characteristics would also be slightly different, but have not been measured.

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

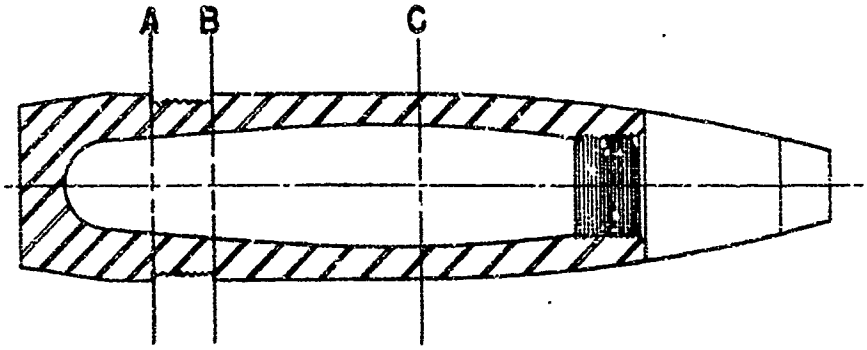
	Paragraph
Stresses	5
Theoretical yaw in bore	6

5. Stresses. The following table and the graphical representation on page 5 show the longitudinal, radial and tangential resultant stresses at each of three sections: (A) the rear corner of the band seat, (B) the front of the band seat, and (C) immediately behind the bourrelet.

Guns, 90-mm	M1, M1A1, M2, M3
Twist of rifling	1/32
Cross-sectional area of bore	10.114 sq in.
Rated maximum pressure	38,000 psi
Total weight of projectile	23.40 lb
Muzzle velocity	2,700 fps
Density of filler (TNT)	0.057 lb per cu in.

Resultant Stress* 100 psi	Section A	Section B	Section C
Longitudinal	-192	-345	-310
Radial	+328	- 53	- 19
Tangential	-625	+354	+291

* + denotes tension, - denotes compression.



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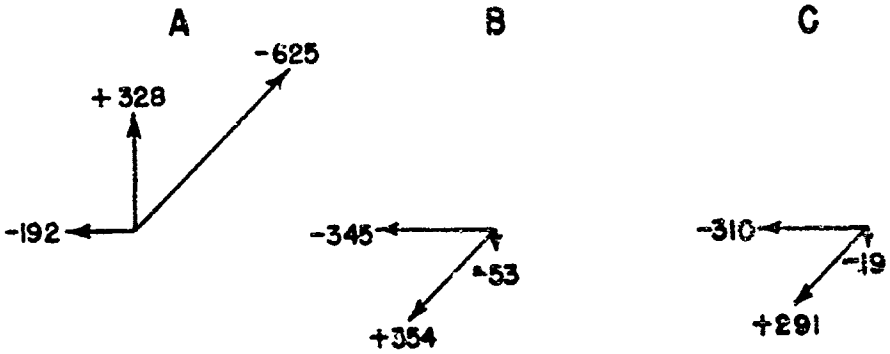
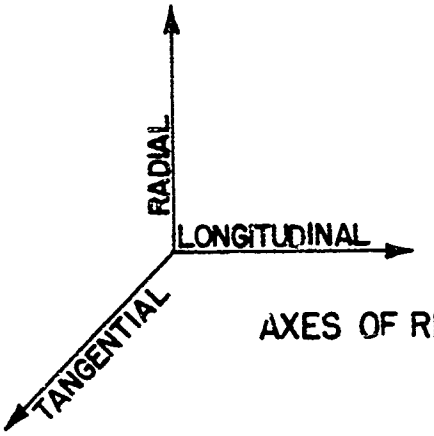




AXES OF RESULTANT STRESS

DIAGRAM OF RESULTANT STRESSES

6. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	3 min
Maximum	5 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Aerodynamic data	7
Antiaircraft firing table data	8
Ground firing table data	9

7. Aerodynamic data.

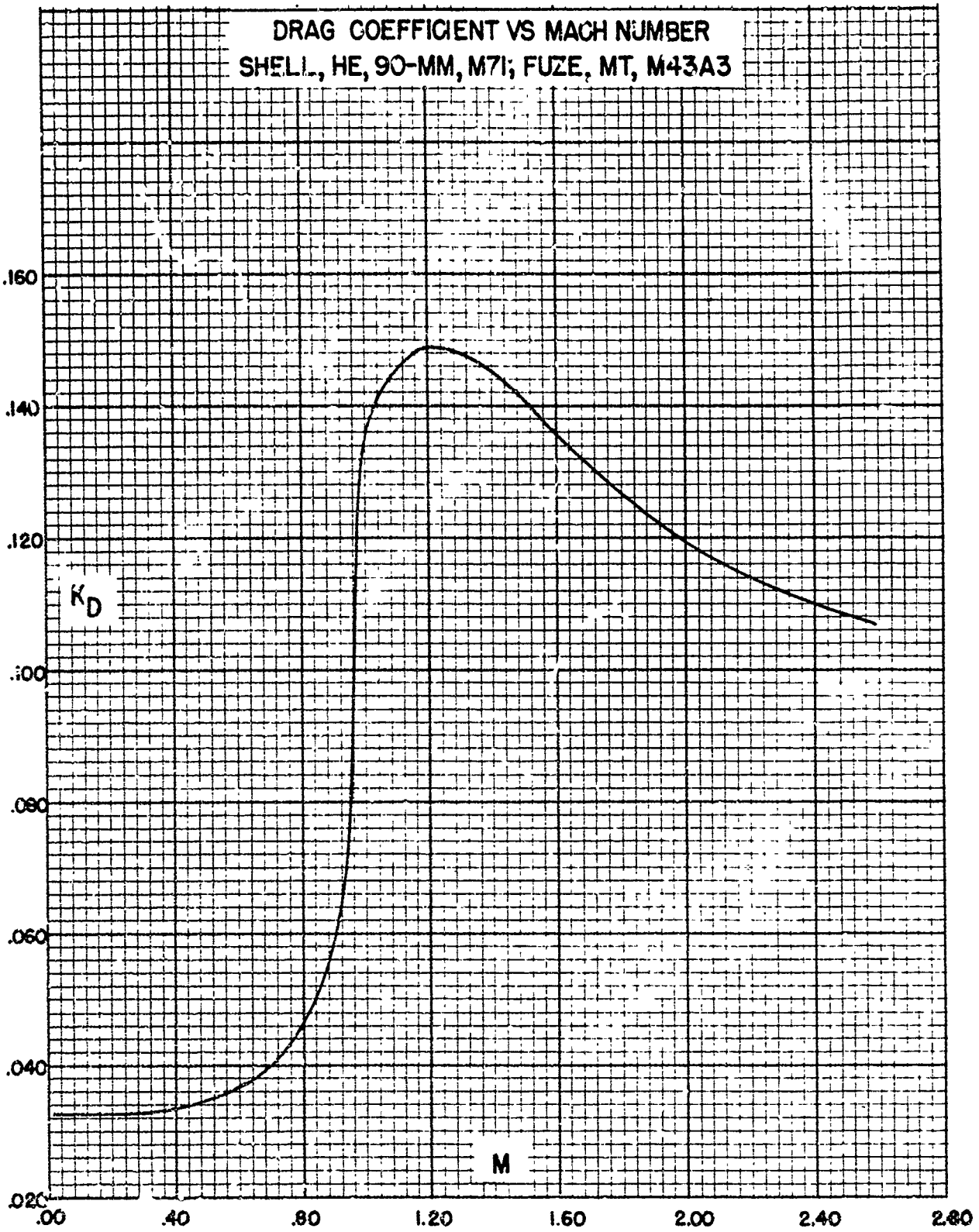
a. Drag.

(1) The antiaircraft trajectories were computed with the drag coefficient shown on page 7, which was determined by AA range firings of the HE Shell M71 with the MT Fuze M43A3 as explained in BRL Report No. 507, "The Experimental Basis and Computing Methods used in the Preparation of Firing Table FT 90AA-B-3". The form factor relative to this drag coefficient is 1.000; hence the ballistic coefficient is 1.864.

(2) The trajectories for the HE Shell M71 with the PD and TSQ Fuzes were based on the G_2 drag function. The form factor and ballistic coefficient are shown in par. 9a and b; at the muzzle:

Velocity	2700 fps
Ballistic Coef. C_2	1.79
Form Factor, i_2	1.041
Drag Coef. K_D	0.109

(3) Comparative firings at 3° elevation showed that the range-elevation relation for the HE Shell M71 with the CP Fuze M78 could be obtained from that with the PD Fuze M48 by decreasing the muzzle velocity 27 fps and applying an effect equal to that of an increase of 12.16 per cent in air density. The numerical average of the effects due to an increase and a decrease in density (see par. 9n) was used for this purpose.


DRAG COEFFICIENT VS MACH NUMBER
SHELL, HE, 90-MM, M71; FUZE, MT, M43A3
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.040
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K_D
M
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.40
.80
1.20
1.60
2.00
2.40
2.80

b. Stability. BRL Report No. 236, "Stability of 90-mm Shell T8", gives the results obtained from stability firings of inert-loaded Shell M71 (T8) with the MT Fuze M43 from the 90-mm Gun M1:

Muzzle Velocity	2700 fps
Moment coef. K_M	1.25
Twist of rifling	1/32
Stability factor	1.32

c. Axial couple. BRL Report No. 408, "Loss of Spin and Skin Friction Drag of Projectiles", gives the results obtained from firings of a 90-mm HE Shell M71 with a radio spin sonde in a dummy fuze having the same shape as the MT Fuze M43:

Average velocity	1640 fps
Reynolds' number (based on avg vel. and caliber)	2.95×10^6
Axial couple coefficient, K_A	0.0059
Surface (without base)	149.3 sq in.
Skin friction drag coefficient, C'_{DF}	0.00198

8. Antiaircraft firing table data. FT 90AA-B-3.

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1 and M2 on AA Mounts.
Twist of rifling: 1/32
Muzzle velocity: 2700 fps
Fuze: MT M43A5

OCM items 16844 and 16962 recommended and approved standardization of the HE Shell M71.

a. Form factor. i = 1.000 relative to the drag coefficient for the 90-mm HE Shell M71 (see p. 7).

b. Ballistic coefficient. C = 1.864 relative to the drag coefficient for the 90-mm HE Shell M71 (see p. 7).

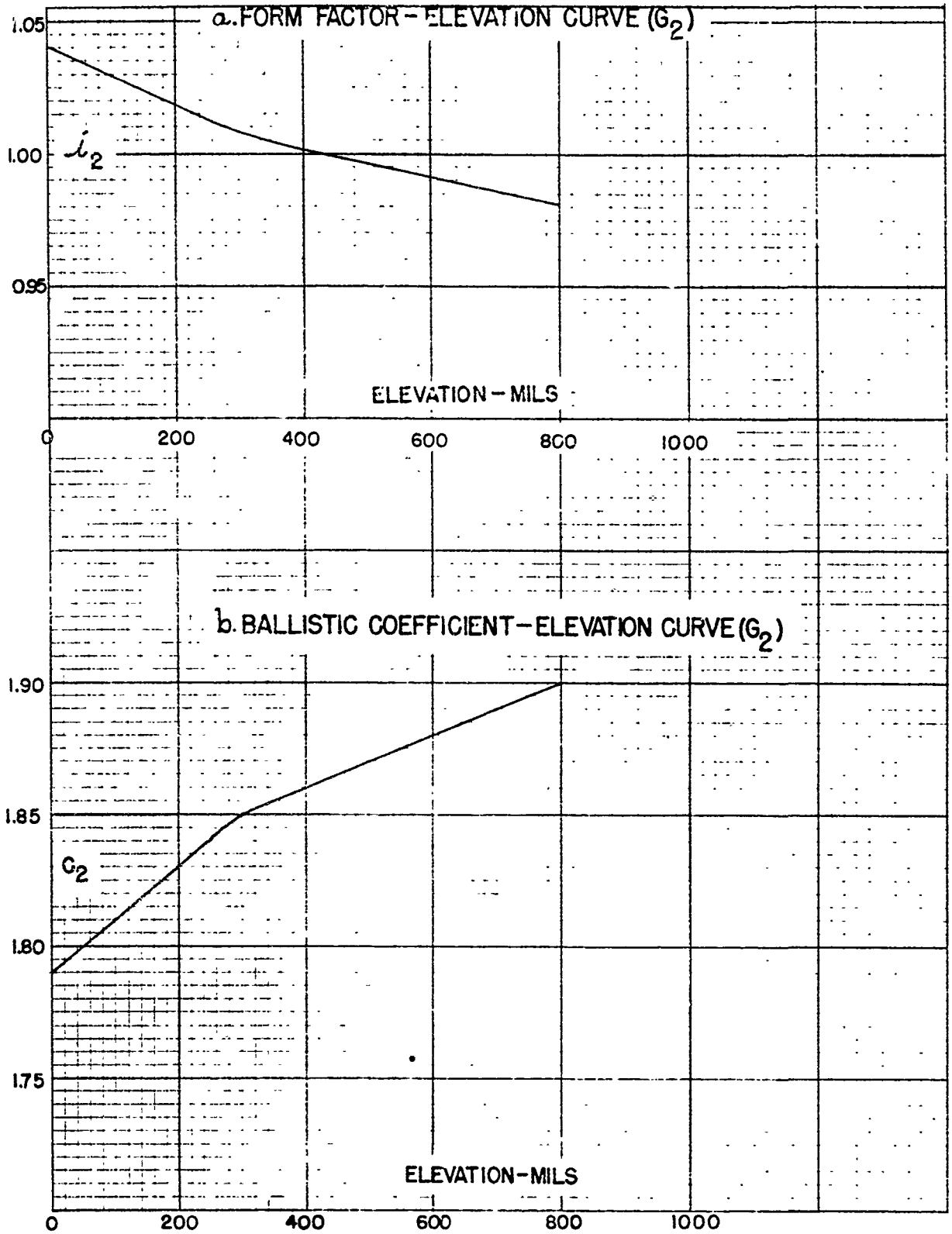
c. Trajectory data. A Trajectory and Fuze Setter Chart is included with the firing table. With the fuze set 'safe':

Maximum horizontal range	19,560 yd
Maximum vertical range	13,426 yd

9. Ground firing table data.

FT 90AA-B-3, FT 90-C-3, and FT 90-F-1.
Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1, M2, M3 and M26 on AA Mounts, Gun Motor Carriages, or Tanks.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.
Muzzle Velocity: 2700 fps
Fuzes: PD, M48, M48A1, M48A2 and M51A4; TSQ, M54: and CP, M78 (except as noted, the data in this paragraph do not pertain to the CP fuze).

OCM items 18696 and 18930 recommended and approved authorization of the HE Shell M71 with the PD Fuze M48 for use with the 90-mm Gun M1 on a self-propelled mount.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b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT - ELEVATION CURVE (G_2)
1.90
1.85
1.80
1.75
C_2
ELEVATION - MILS
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600
800
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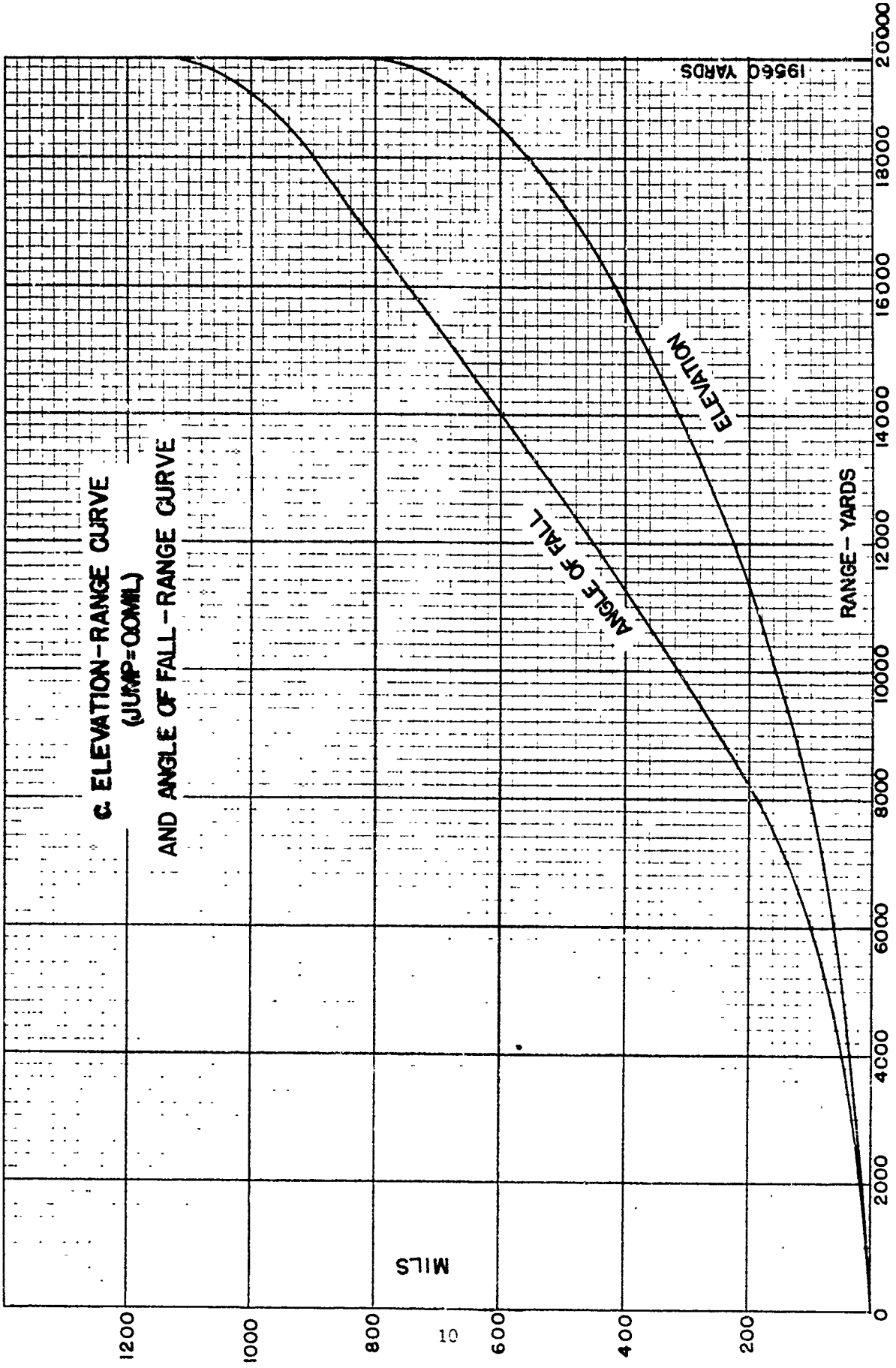
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(JUMP=0.0MIL)
AND ANGLE OF FALL-RANGE CURVE
ELEVATION
ANGLE OF FALL
19560 YARDS
RANGE-YARDS
MILS
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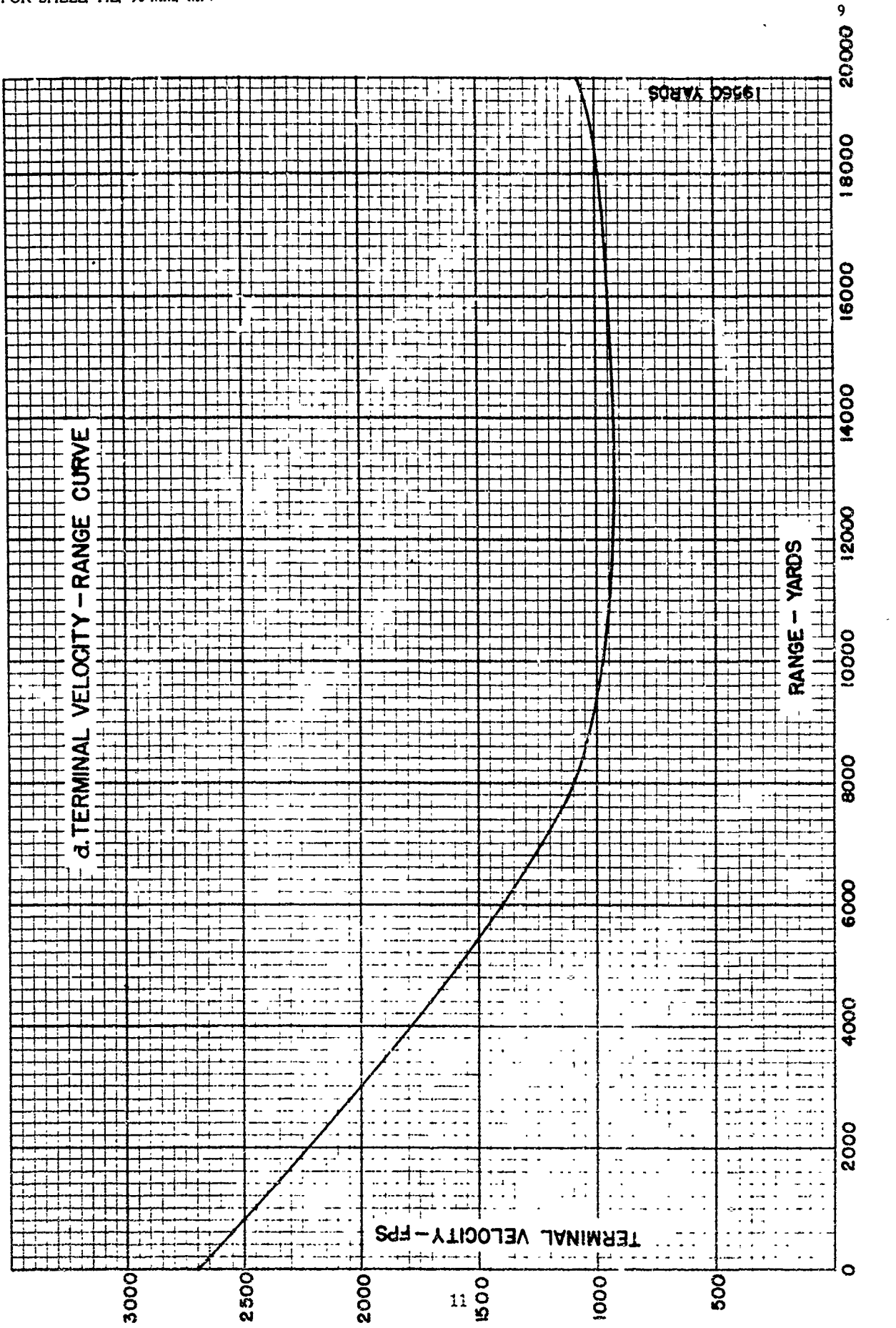
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TERMINAL VELOCITY – FPS
RANGE – YARDS
19560 YARDS
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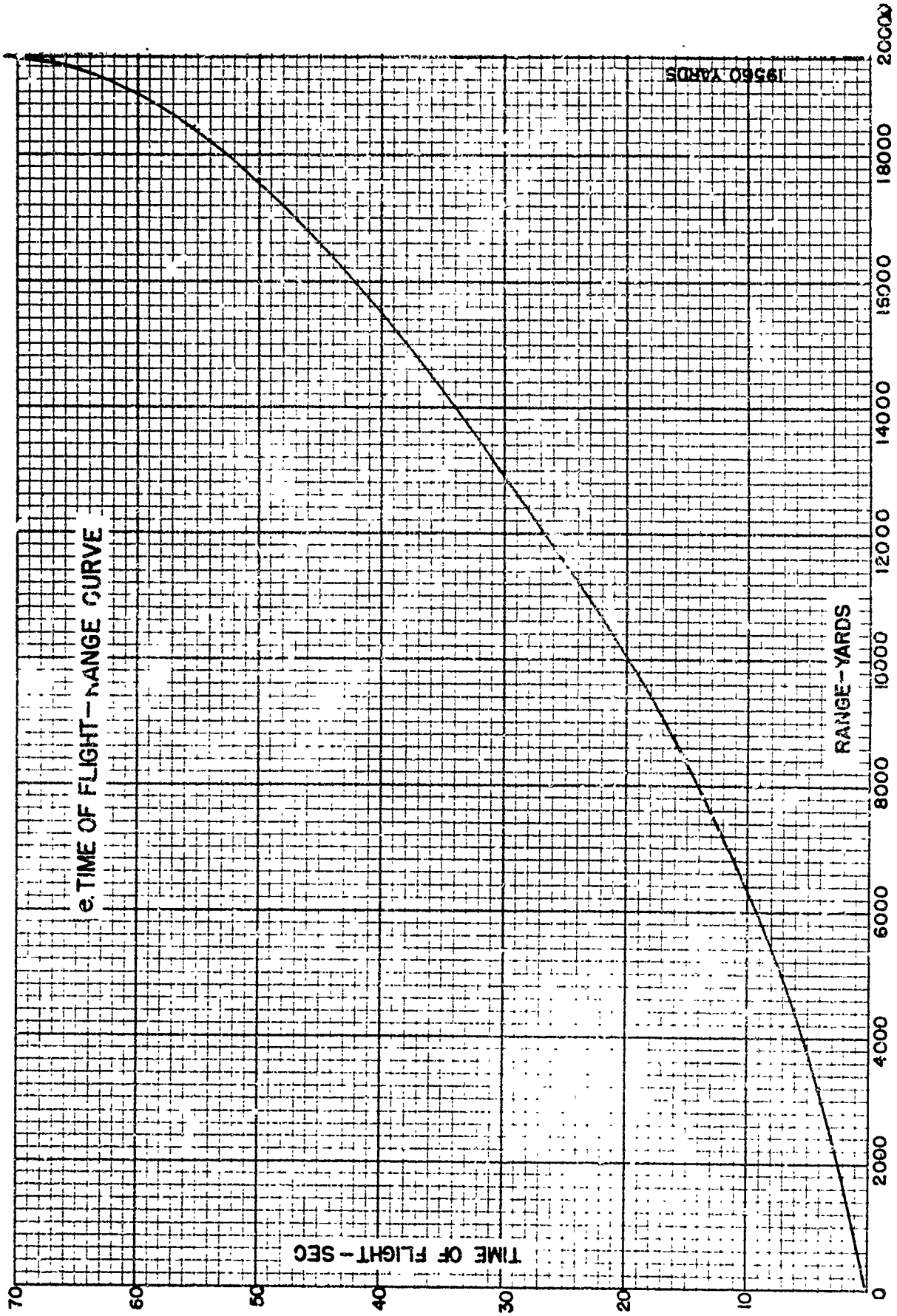
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TIME OF FLIGHT—SEC
RANGE—YARDS
19560 YARDS
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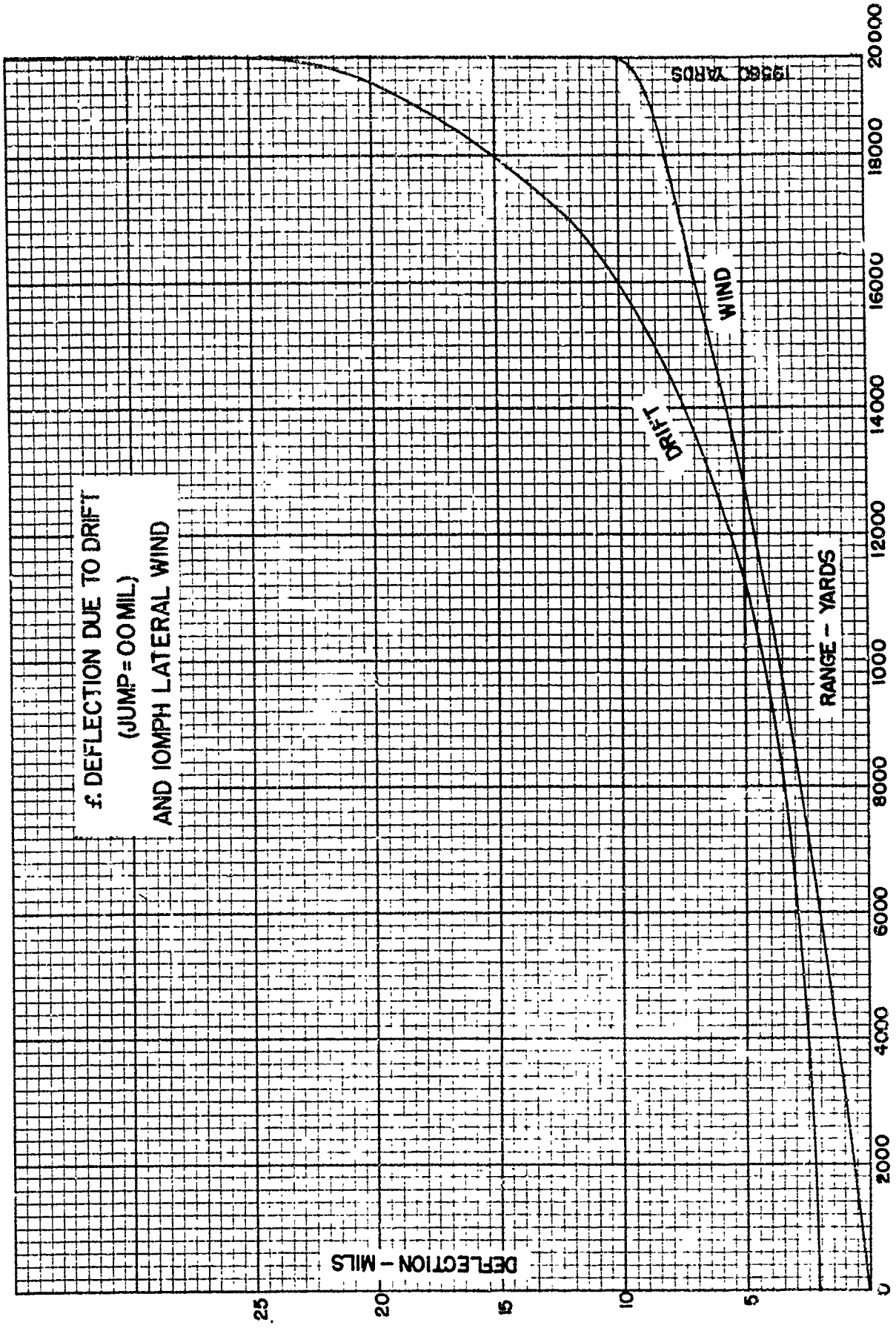
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(JUMP = 00 MIL)
AND 10MPH LATERAL WIND
DRIFT
WIND
19960 YARDS
RANGE – YARDS
DEFLECTION – MILS
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4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
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18000
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5
10
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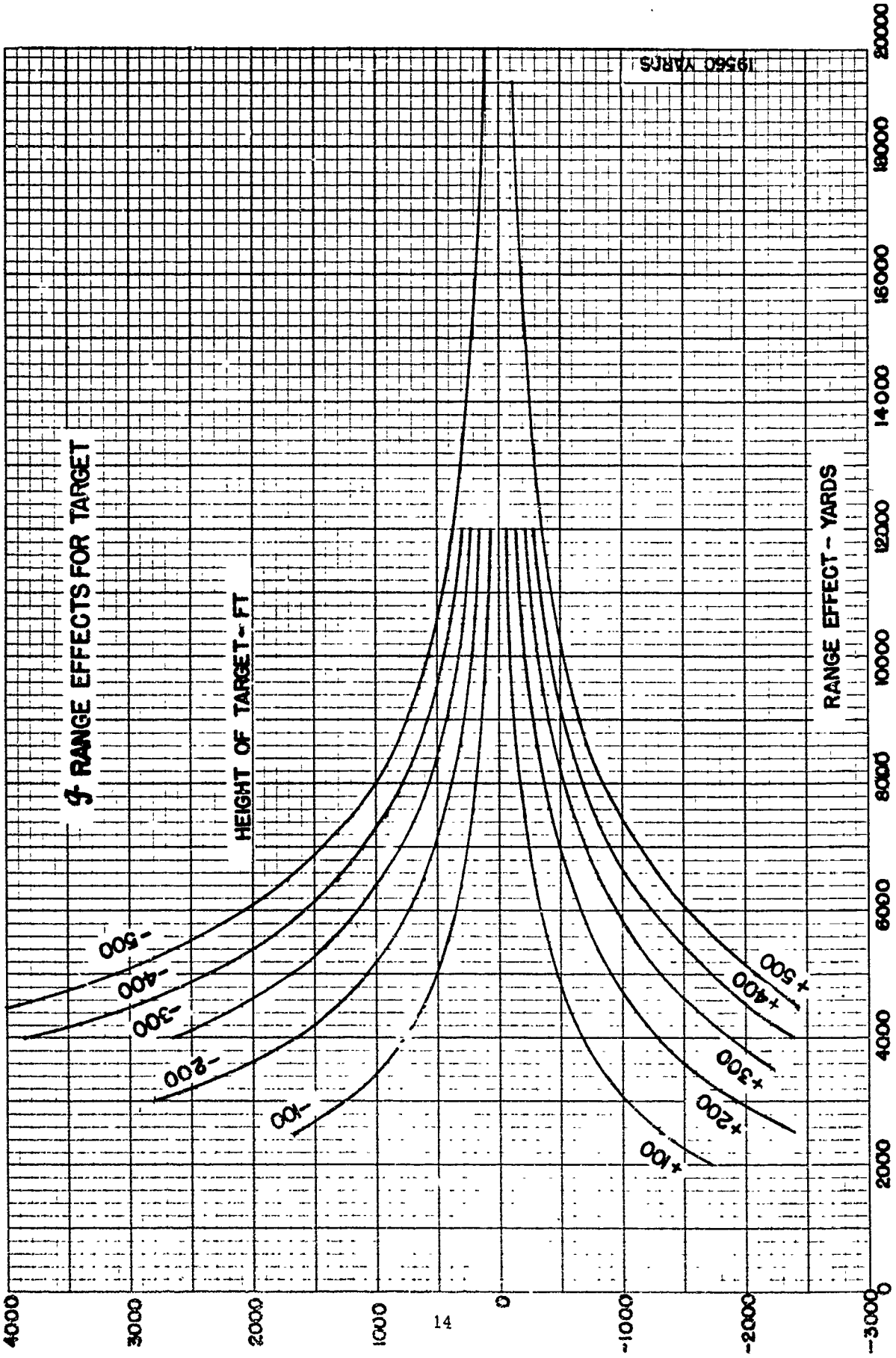
19560 YARDS
RANGE EFFECTS FOR TARGET
HEIGHT OF TARGET - FT
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
-500
-400
-300
-200
-100
+100
+200
+300
+400
+500
0
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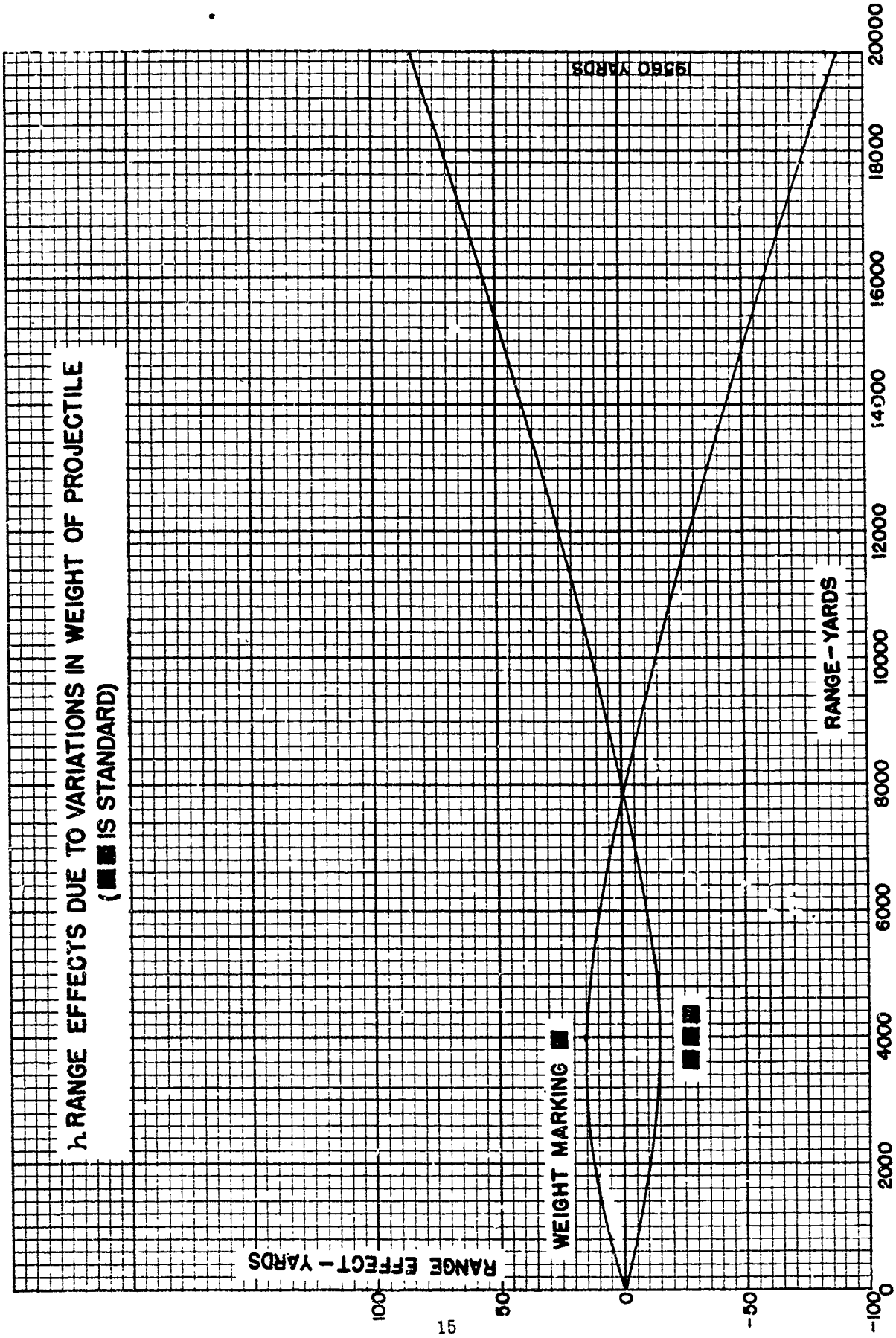
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([redacted] IS STANDARD)
RANGE EFFECT – YARDS
100
50
0
-50
-100
WEIGHT MARKING [redacted]
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19360 YARDS
RANGE – YARDS
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2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
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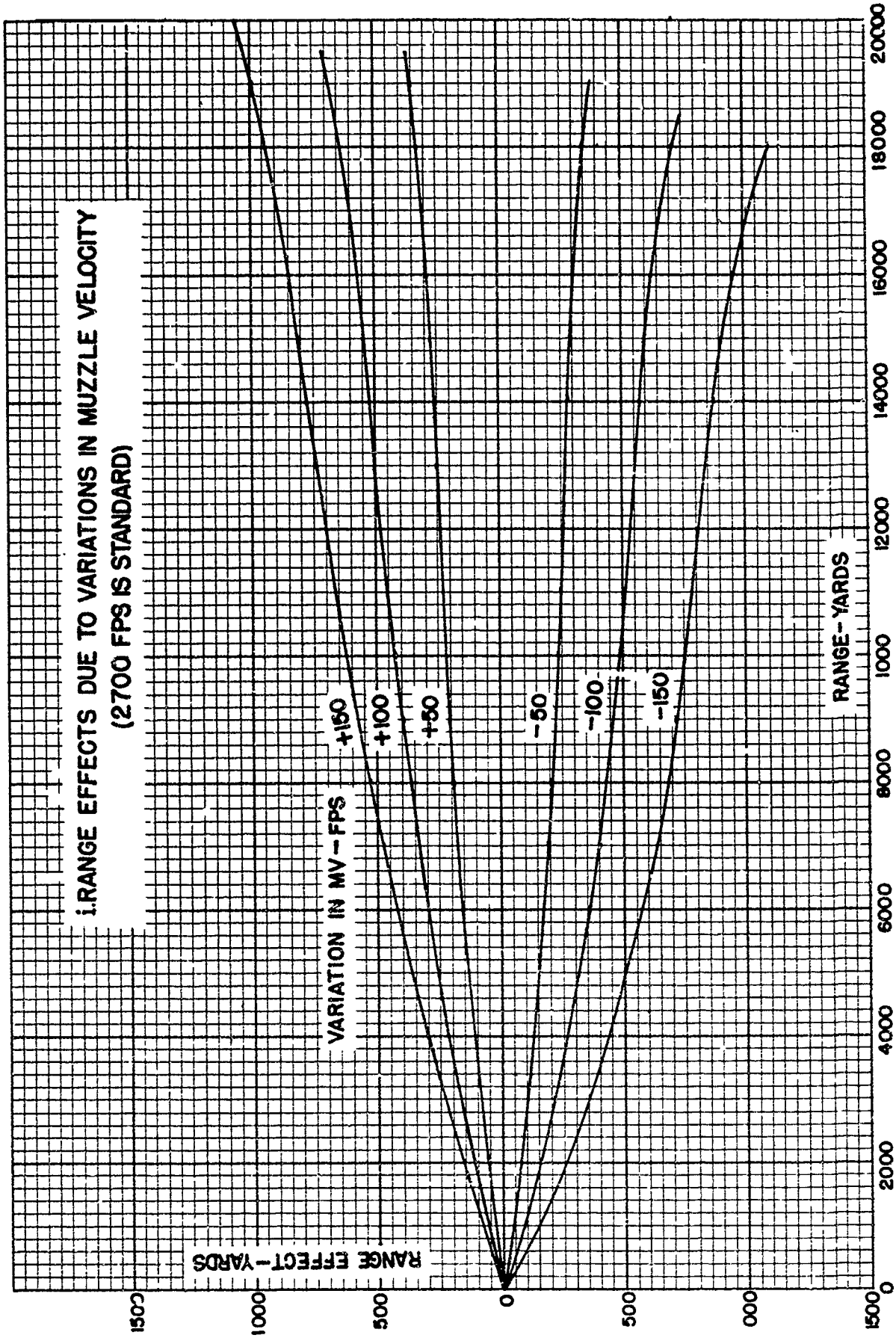
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(2700 FPS IS STANDARD)
VARIATION IN MV – FPS
+150
+100
+50
-50
-100
-150
RANGE EFFECT – YARDS
RANGE – YARDS
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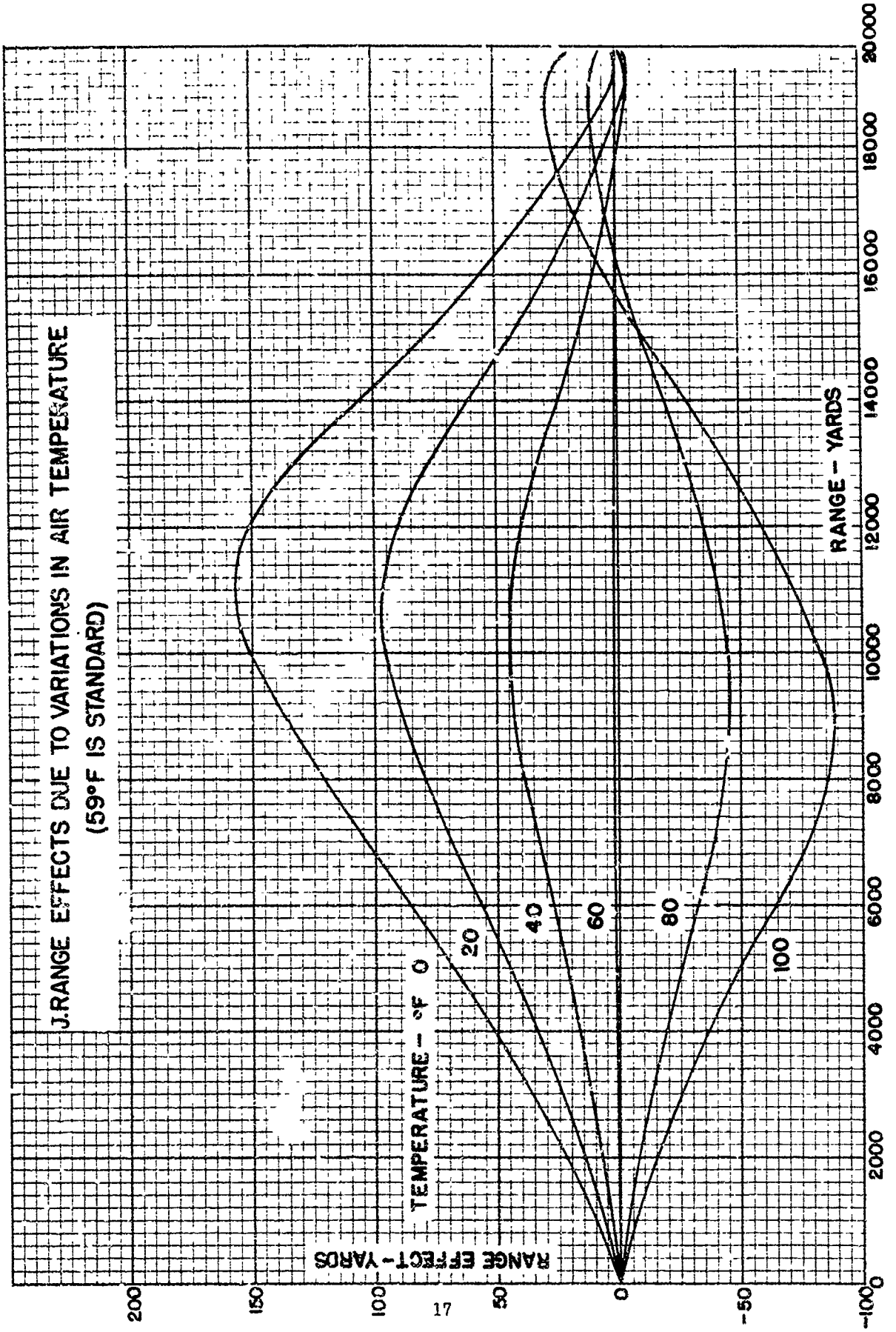
1000
1500
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
18000
20000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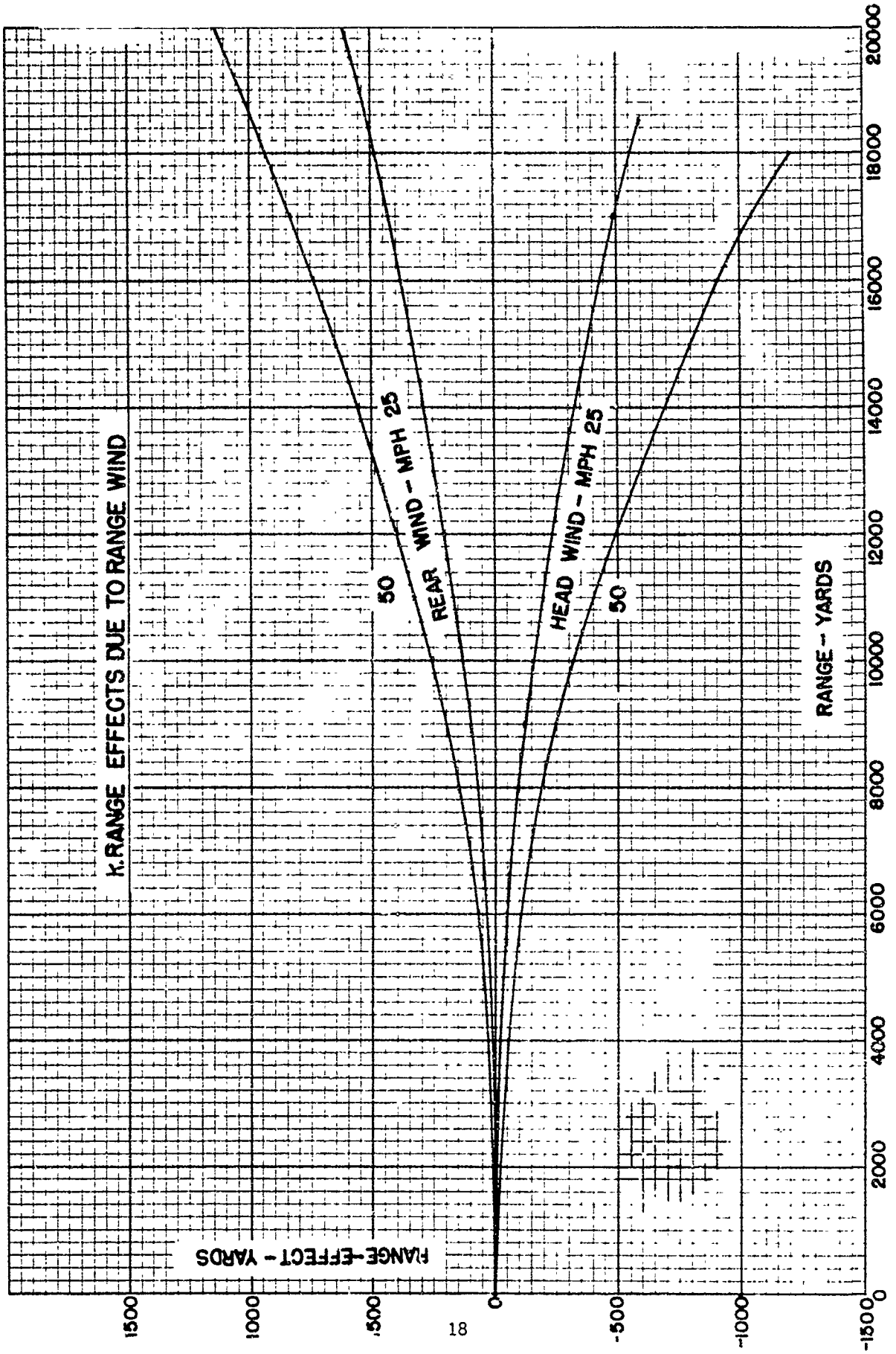
(59°F IS STANDARD)
TEMPERATURE - °F
0
20
40
60
80
100
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
200
150
100
50
0
-50
-100
RANGE - YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
18000
20000


K. RANGE EFFECTS DUE TO RANGE WIND
REAR WIND - MPH 25
50
HEAD WIND - MPH 25
50
RANGE - YARDS
RANGE-EFFECT - YARDS
0
2000
4000
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10000
12000
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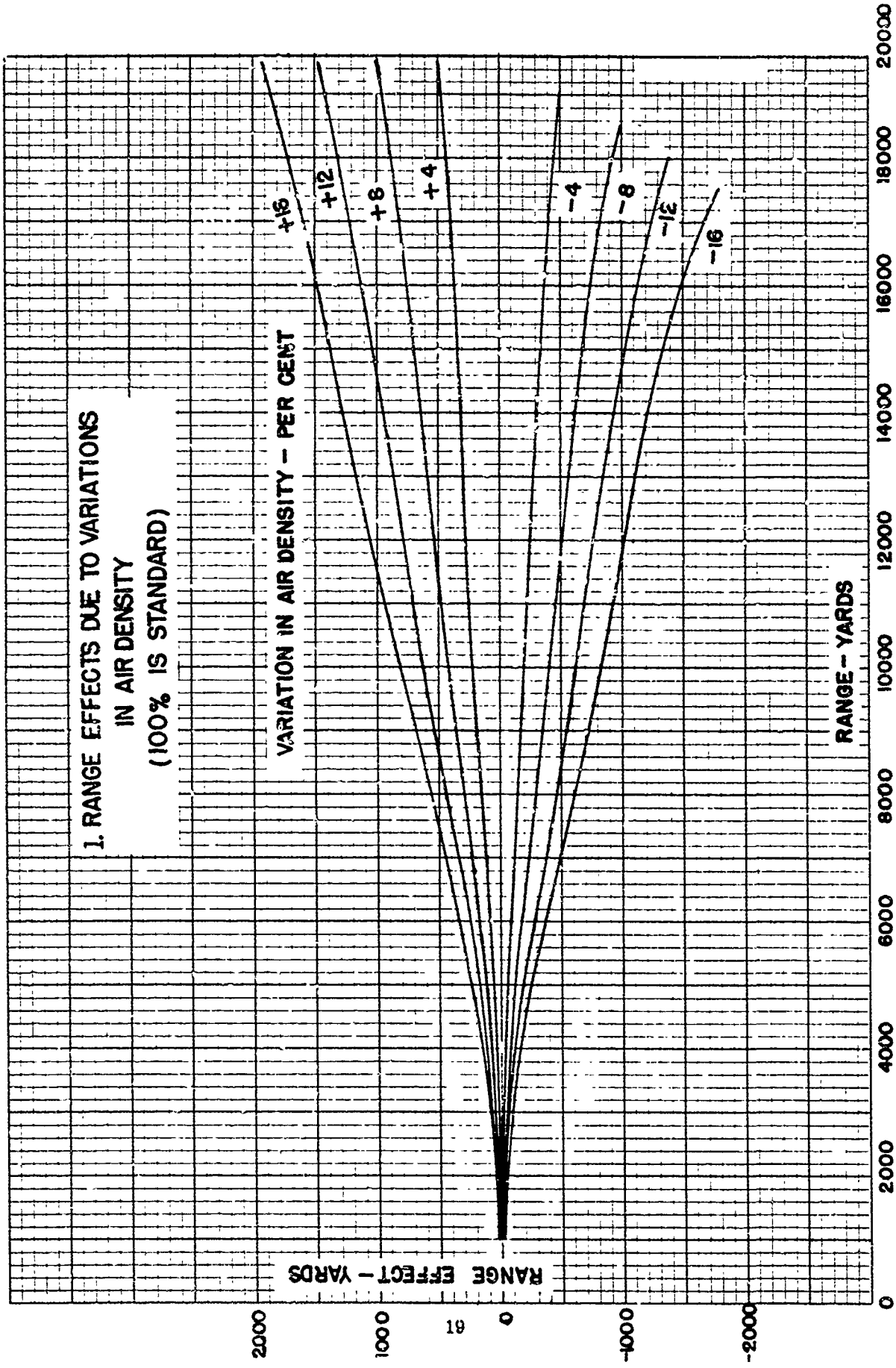
20000
1500
1000
500
0
-500
-1000
-1500


1. RANGE EFFECTS DUE TO VARIATIONS
IN AIR DENSITY
(100% IS STANDARD)
VARIATION IN AIR DENSITY – PER CENT
+16
+12
+8
+4
-4
-8
-12
-16
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
18000
20000
RANGE EFFECT – YARDS
2000
1000
0
-1000
-2000

SECTION V

EFFECT DATA

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10. Fragmentation. The data on fragmentation of the 90-mm HE Shell M71 were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition" (Sep 1944) and Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data" (Sep 1945). The initial fragment velocity is 2900 fps.

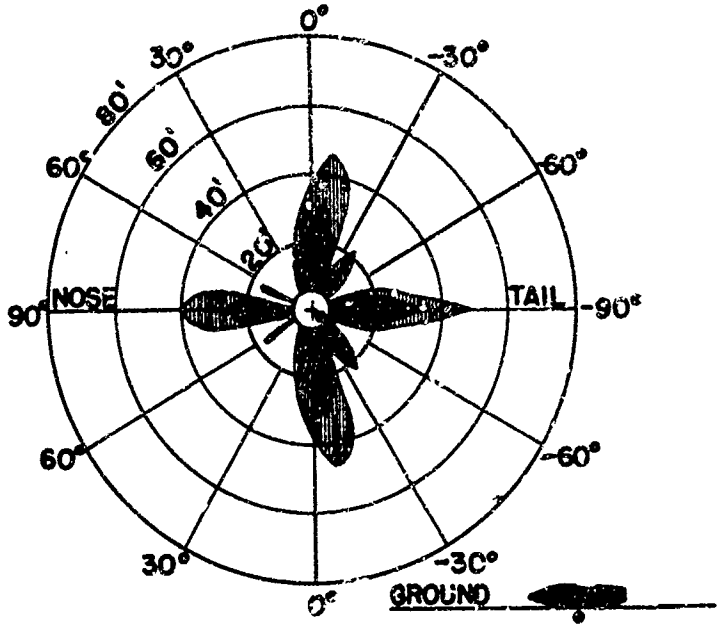
a. Casualties.

TABLE 46

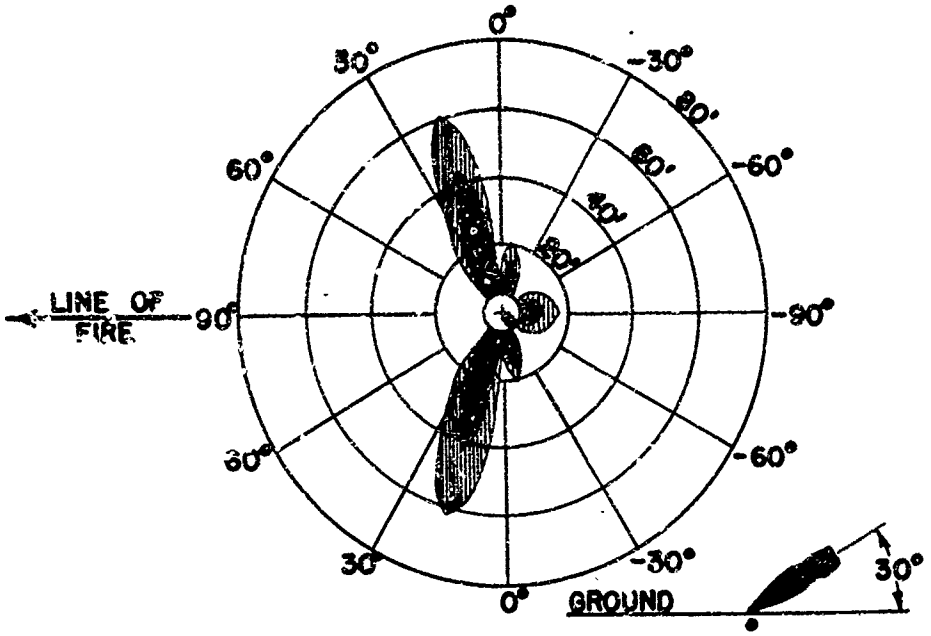
CASUALTIES

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	668	0.133	0.015	1990
30	594	0.0525	0.022	1640
40	547	0.0272	0.028	1460
60	474	0.0105	0.041	1210
80	427	0.0053	0.055	1040
100	398	0.0032	0.067	943
150	347	0.0012	0.094	796
200	319	0.0006	0.120	705
300	264	0.0002	0.180	575
500	208	0.0001	0.340	418

CASUALTIES



INCLINATION 0°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS

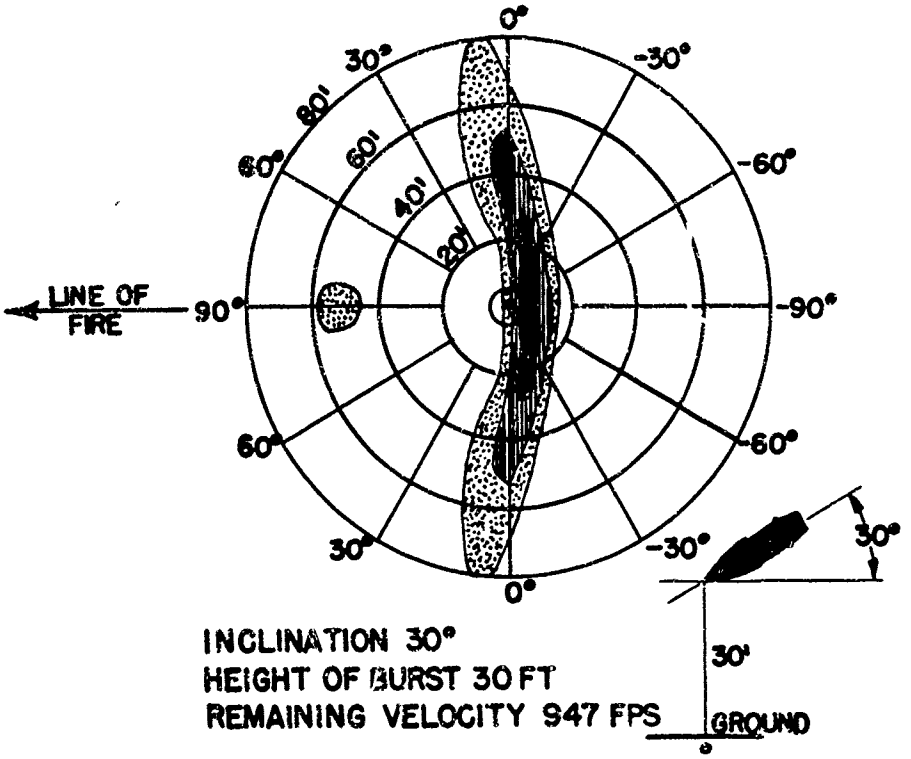


INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 947 FPS

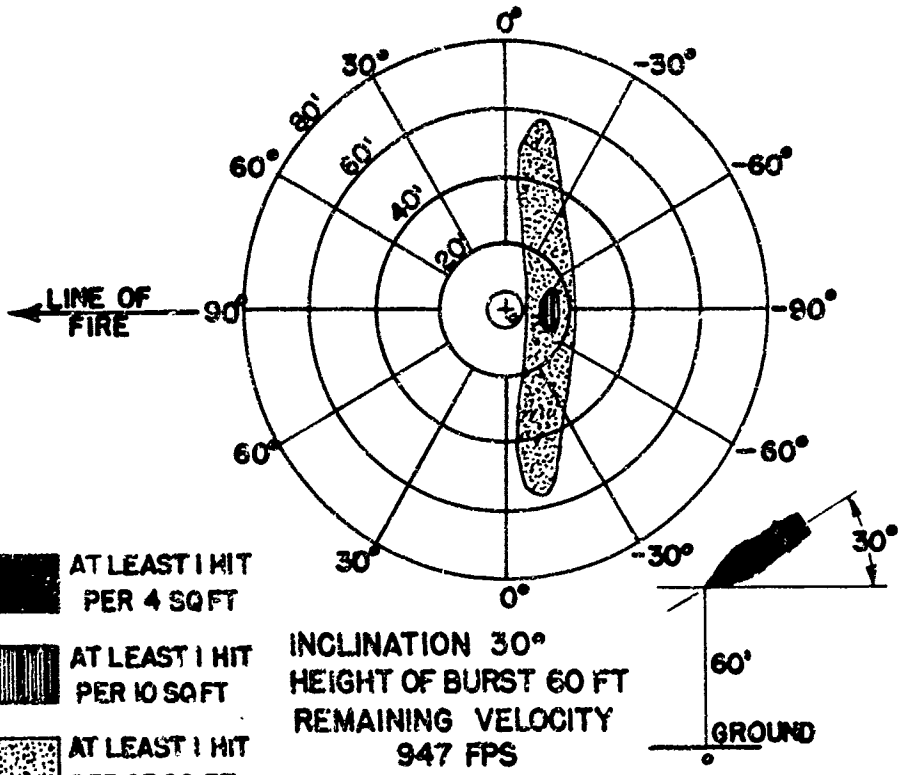
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

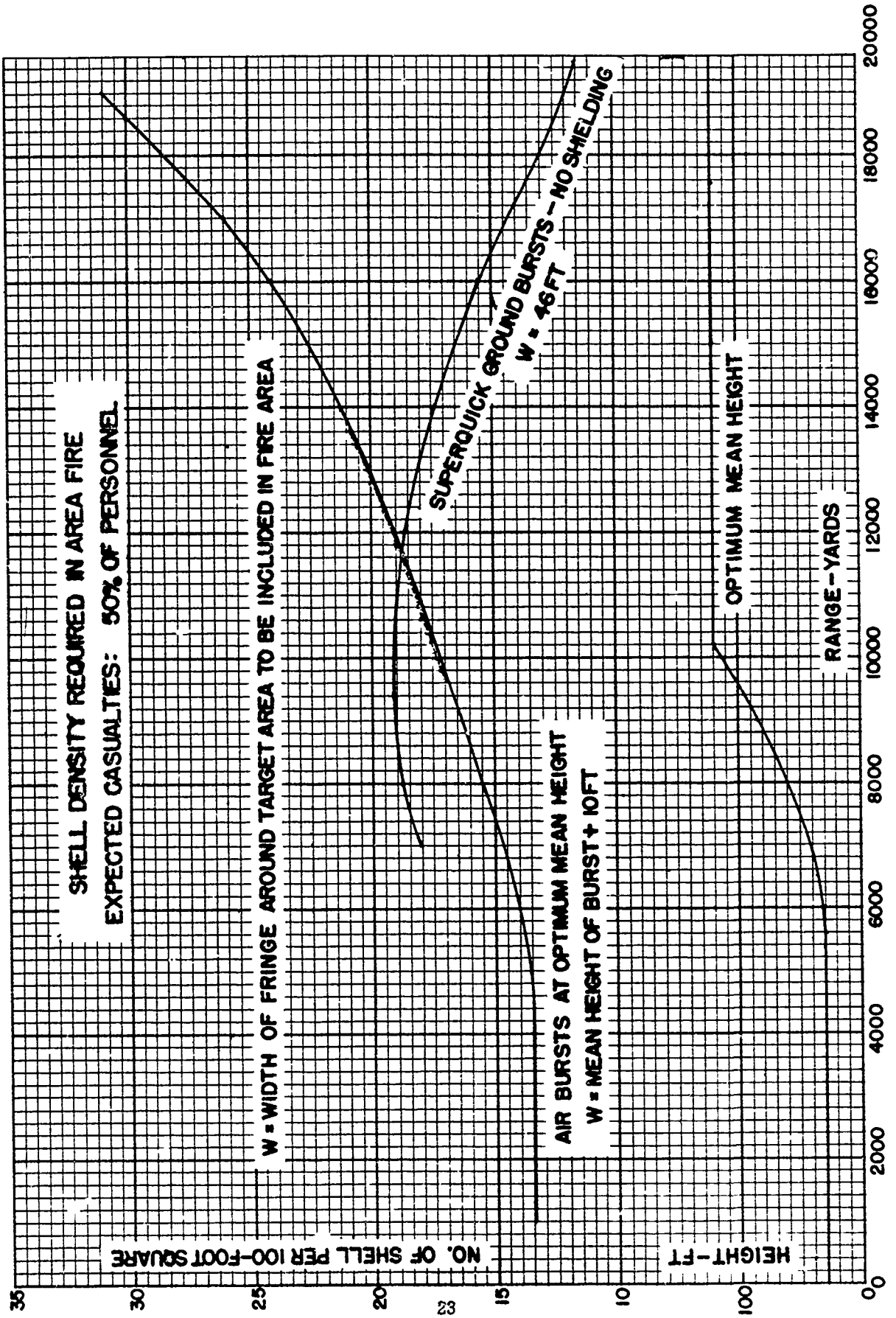
CASUALTIES



INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 30 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 947 FPS



INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 60 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY
947 FPS

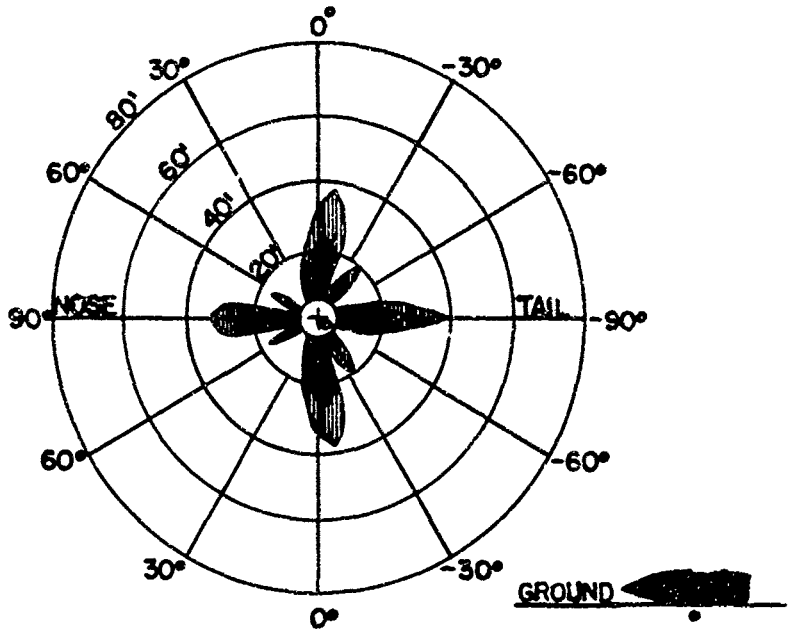

SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
W = WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS – NO SHIELDING
W = 46 FT
AIR BURSTS AT OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT
W = MEAN HEIGHT OF BURST + 10 FT
OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
35
30
25
20
15
10
HEIGHT – FT
100
0
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
18000
20000

b. Perforation of 1/8-inch Mild Steel.

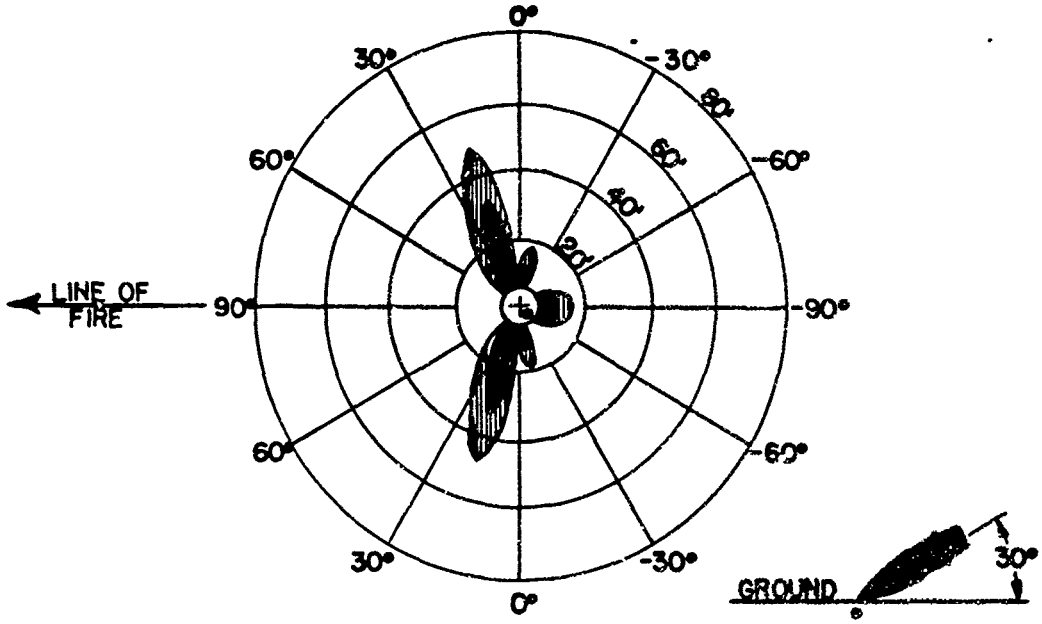
TABLE 47
PERFORATION OF 1/8 IN. MILD STEEL

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	424	0.0844	0.057	2,270
30	380	0.0336	0.075	2,080
40	345	0.0172	0.095	1,920
60	288	0.0064	0.147	1,710
80	243	0.0030	0.210	1,500
100	222	0.0018	0.287	1,370
120	203	0.0011	0.377	1,260
150	163	0.0006	0.519	1,150
200	113	0.0002	0.772	1,040
275	59	0.0001	1.16	935

PERFORATION 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 0°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS

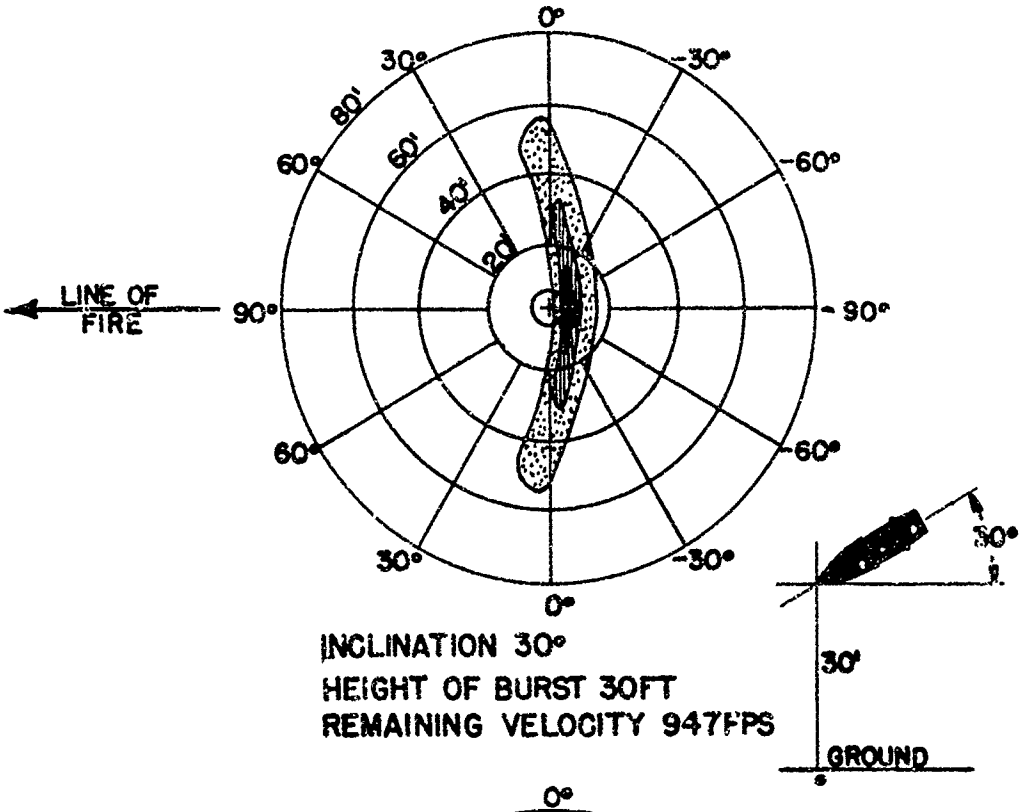


AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

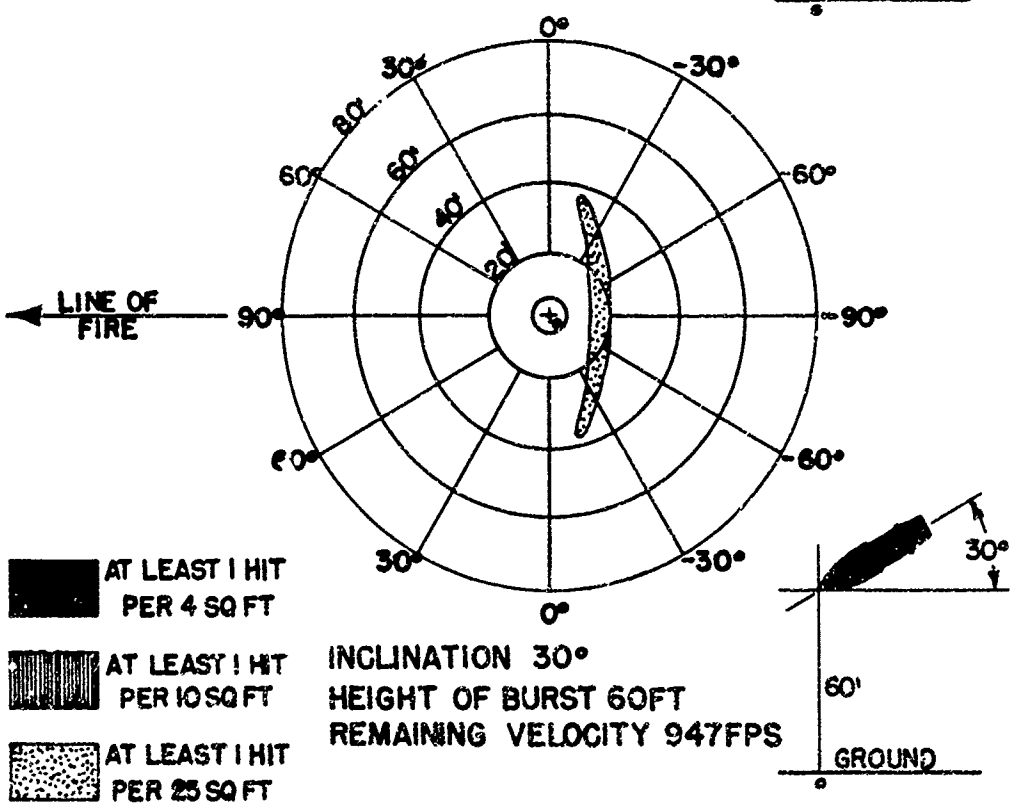
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 947 FPS

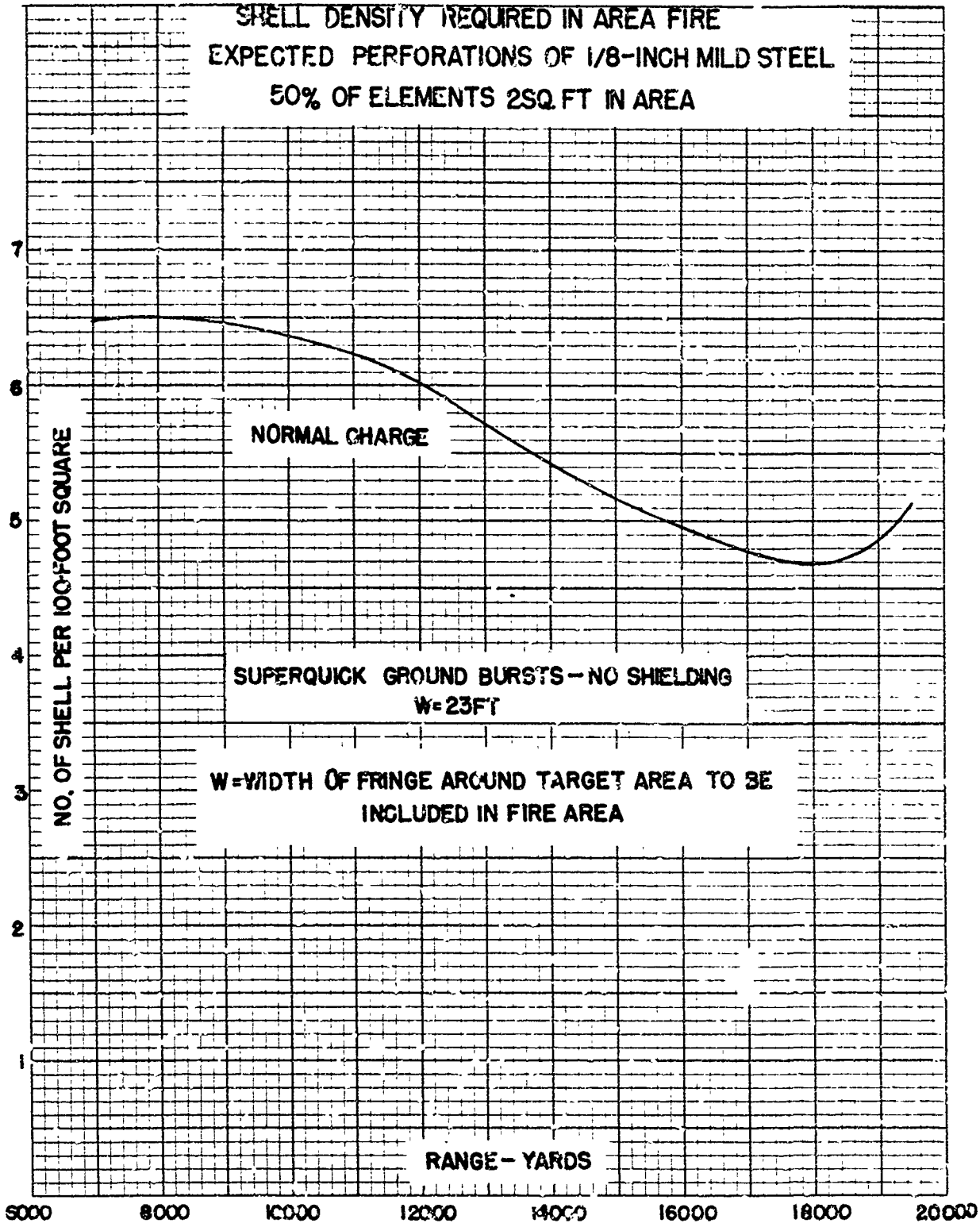
PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 30FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 947FPS



INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 60FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 947FPS


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL
50% OF ELEMENTS 2SQ. FT IN AREA
NORMAL CHARGE
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
W=23FT
W=WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
RANGE—YARDS
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
16000
18000
20000

11. Effectiveness. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 90-mm HE Shell M71 with an MT, PD or TSQ Fuze, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps.

NUMBER OF ROUNDS REQUIRED AGAINST ENEMY ARTILLERY FOR 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE EFFECTIVE HIT IN AIMED FIRE

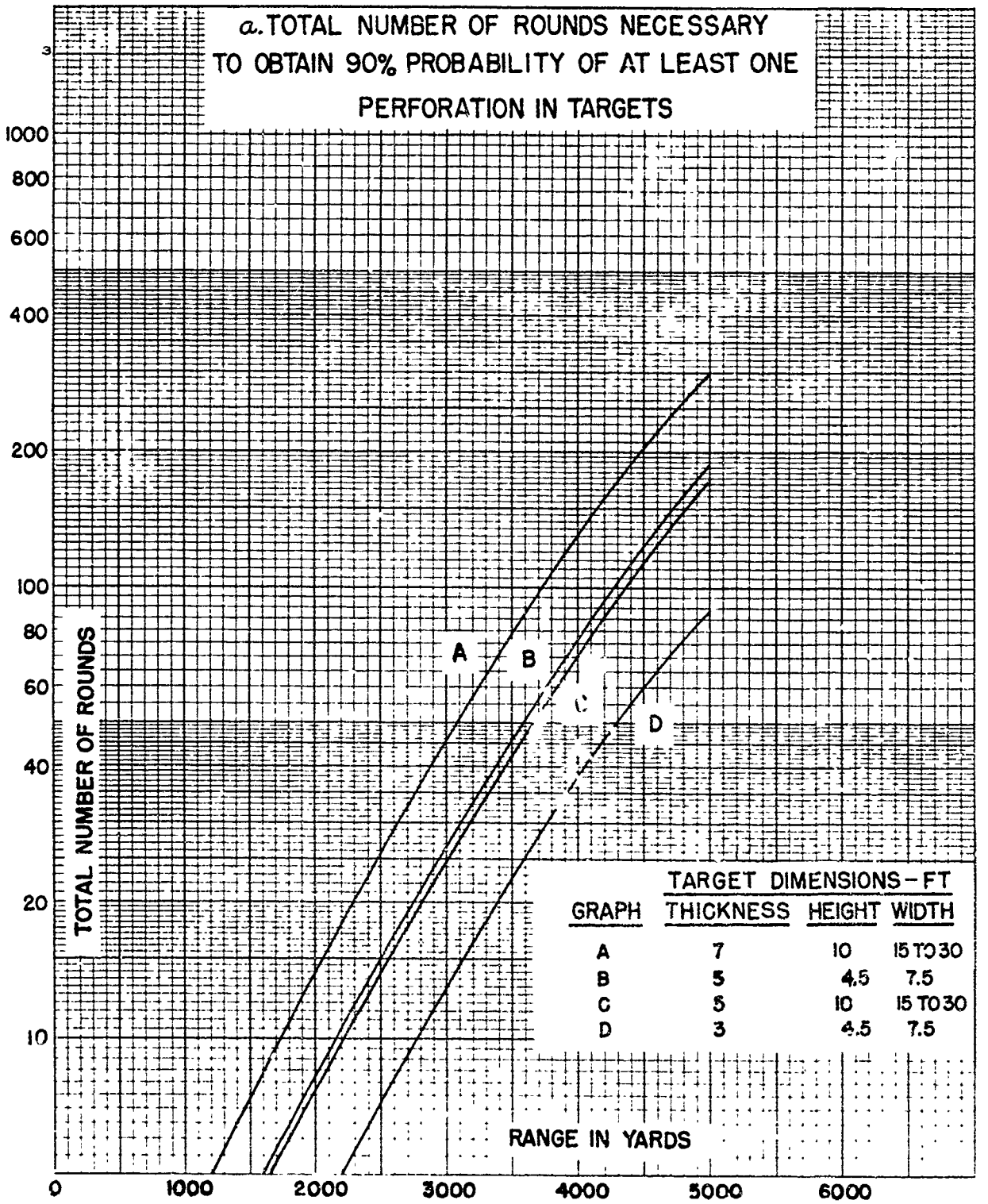
Range yd	Type of Fire: Impact	Time	Time and impact
2,000	3	260	7
5,000	42	360	68
10,000	770	1400	730

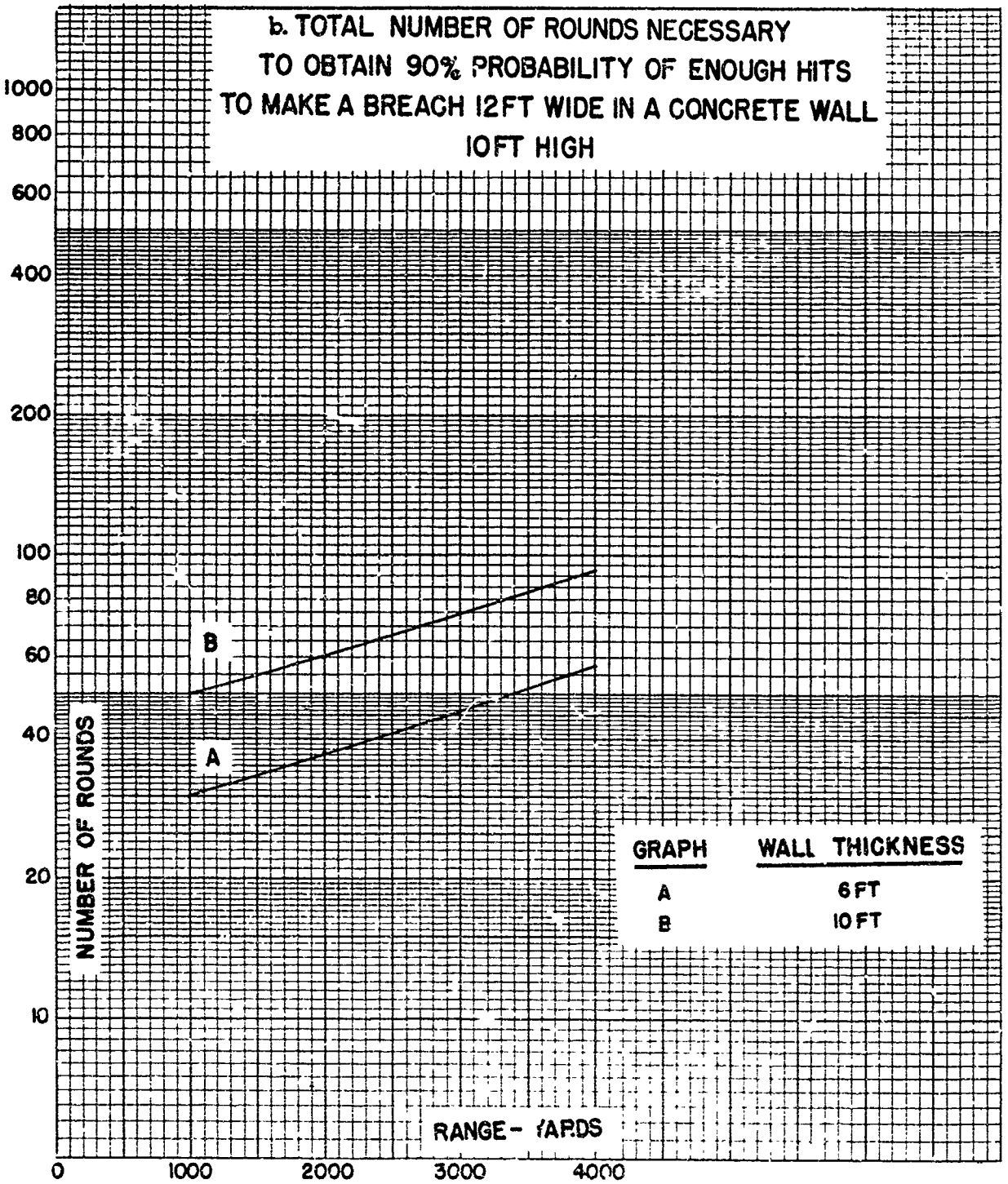
12. Ricochet Data. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 90-mm HE Shell M71 with the PD Fuze M48 set for 0.05 sec delay, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps (the PD Fuzes M48A1, M48A2 and M51A4 have 0.15 sec delay).

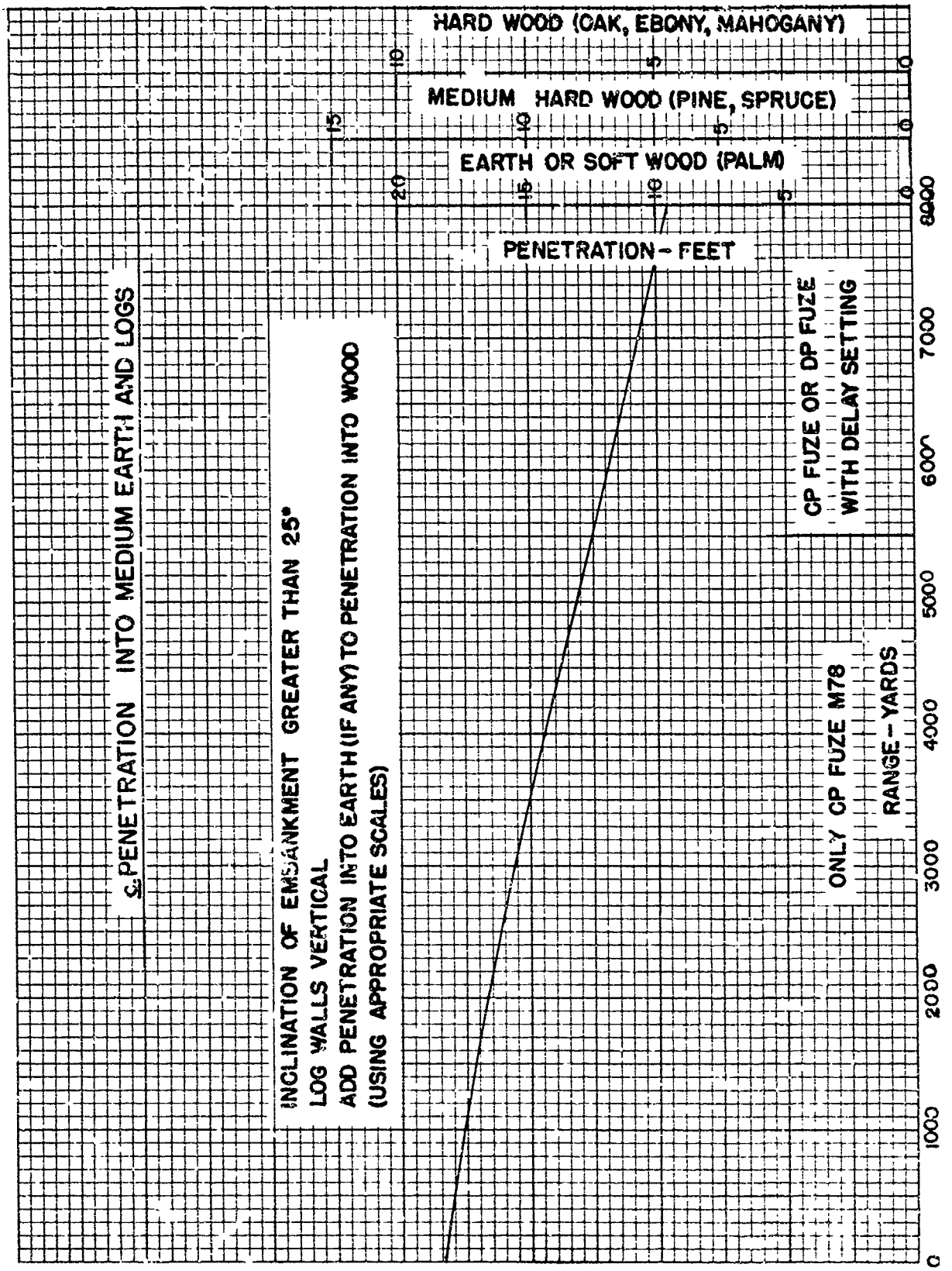
TABLE 76

Range yd	Angle of Fall mils	Angle of Recovery mils	Impact to Burst yd	Height of Burst ft	PE in Height of Burst ft
1,000	7	20	41	2	0
2,000	17	30	36	3	1
3,000	30	50	32	5	1
4,000	47	75	28	6	1
5,000	69	105	23	7	1
6,000	98	140	19	8	2
7,000	136	180	15	8	2
8,000	187	230	12	8	2
9,000	249	270	9	8	2
10,000	314	300	7	6	2

13. Penetration. The data on penetration of concrete by the HE Shell M71 with the CP Fuze M78, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps, were taken from TM 9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition". The data on penetration into medium earth and logs by the HE Shell M71 with any DP or CP Fuze, fired at a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps, were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data".


a. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE PERFORATION IN TARGETS
TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS
RANGE IN YARDS
1000
800
600
400
200
100
80
60
40
20
10
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
6000
A
B
C
D
TARGET DIMENSIONS – FT
GRAPH THICKNESS HEIGHT WIDTH
A 7 10 15 TO 30
B 5 4.5 7.5
C 5 10 15 TO 30
D 3 4.5 7.5


b. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY
TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF ENOUGH HITS
TO MAKE A BREACH 12FT WIDE IN A CONCRETE WALL
10FT HIGH
NUMBER OF ROUNDS
1000
800
600
400
200
100
80
60
40
20
10
B
A
GRAPH
WALL THICKNESS
A
6 FT
B
10 FT
RANGE- YARDS
0
1000
2000
3000
4000


PENETRATION INTO MEDIUM EARTH AND LOGS
INCLINATION OF EMBANKMENT GREATER THAN 25°
LOG WALLS VERTICAL
ADD PENETRATION INTO EARTH (IF ANY) TO PENETRATION INTO WOOD
(USING APPROPRIATE SCALES)
HARD WOOD (OAK, EBONY, MAHOGANY)
MEDIUM HARD WOOD (PINE, SPRUCE)
EARTH OR SOFT WOOD (PALM)
PENETRATION - FEET
CP FUZE OR DP FUZE
WITH DELAY SETTING
ONLY CP FUZE M78
RANGE - YARDS
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
6000
7000
8000
20
15
10
5
0

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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA
for
Shot, AP, 90-mm, M77
with Tracer

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics, and effects of the 90-mm Armor-piercing Shot M77 with Tracer. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition.

SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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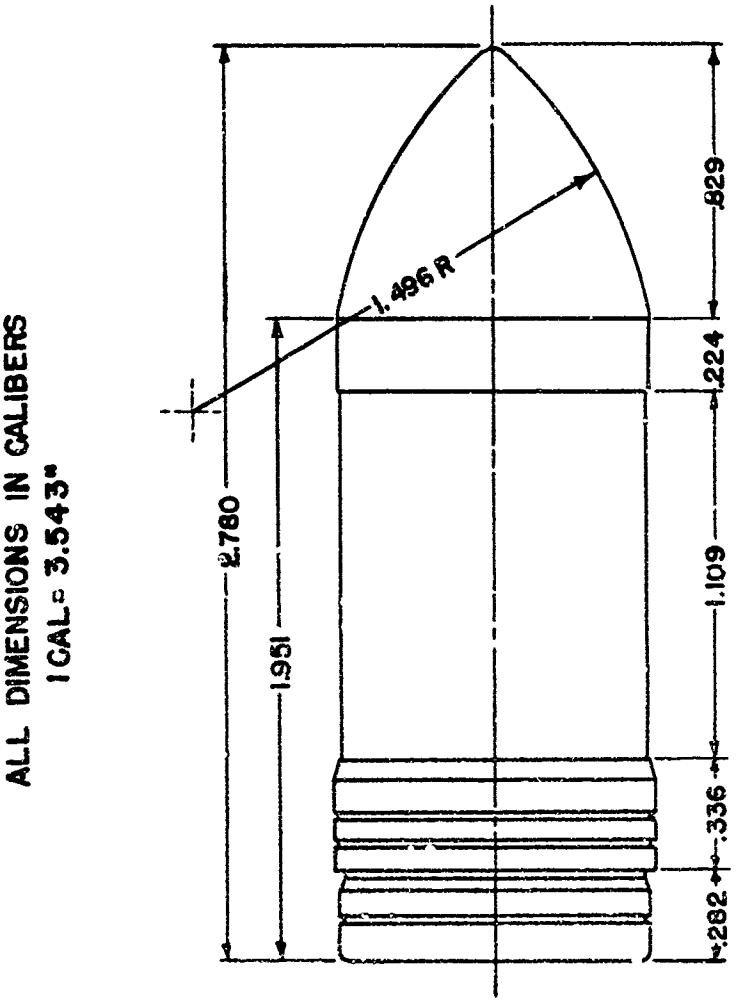

SHOT, AP, 90-MM, M77

2. Drawings.

Shot: Metal parts assembly and details	75-18-14

3. Dimensions.

Band: Distance from base	0.282 cal
Width	0.338 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.951 cal
Ogive: Length	0.829 cal
Radius of arc	1.496 cal
Shot: Total length	2.780 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	23.40 lb
Base to center of gravity*	1.22 cal
Axial moment of inertia*	34.6 $lb.in^2$
Transverse moment of inertia*	152 $lb.in^2$

*Estimated on the basis of measurements of the 37-mm AP Shot M80.

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Theoretical yaw in bore	5

5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	3.0 min
Maximum	5.5 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. The form factor relative to Projectile Type 1, determined from resistance firings, is 1.19. The corresponding ballistic coefficient is 1.564 on the G_1 drag function. The drag coefficient is 0.256 at a velocity of 2700 fps.

b. Stability. No stability firings have been done with this projectile. The stability factor, estimated from that of the 37-mm Armor-piercing Shot M80 (Ballistic Research Laboratory Report 438), at a muzzle velocity of 2700 fps and a twist of rifling of one turn in 32 calibers, is 6.4.

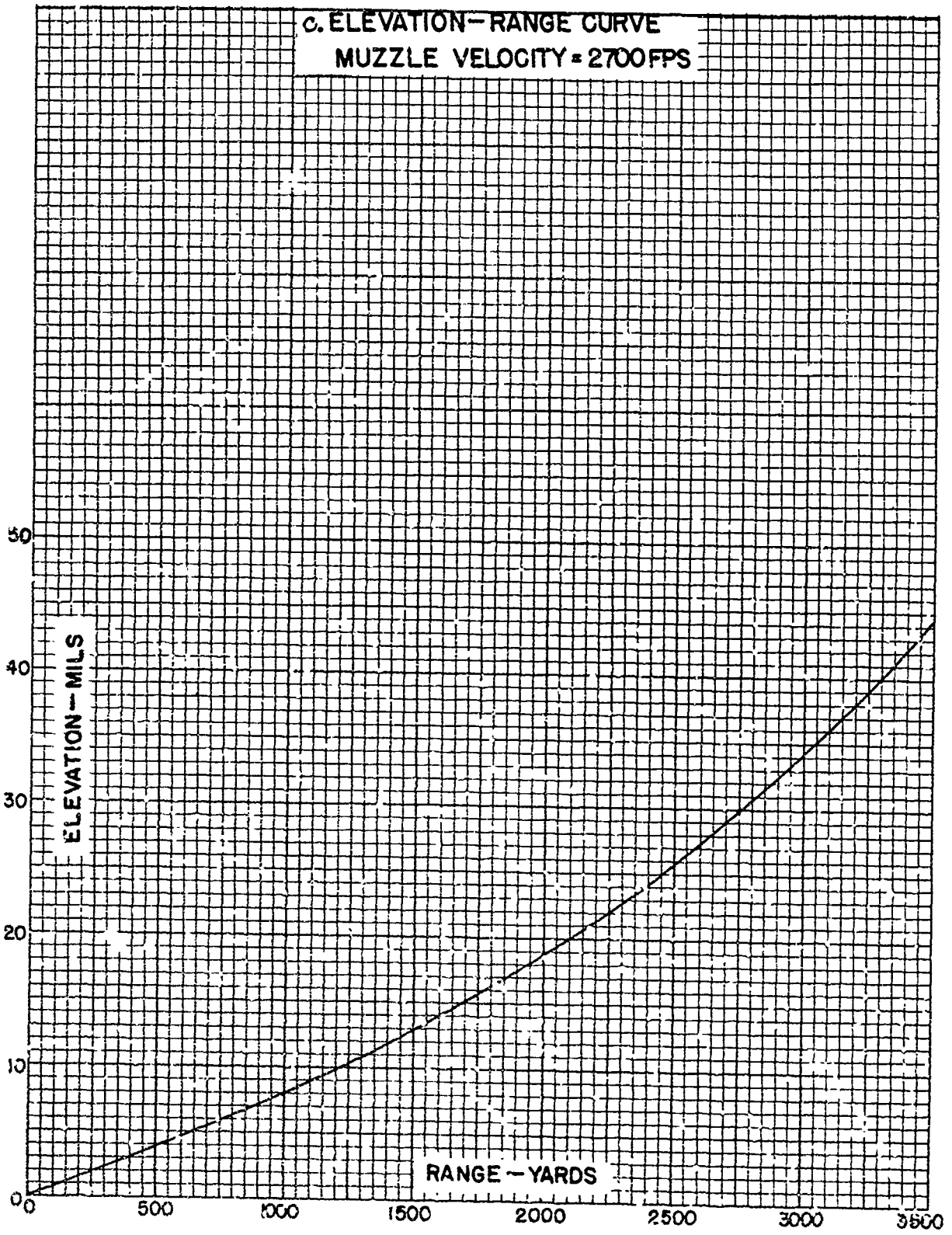
7. Firing table data. FT 90-D-2 (Abridged).

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1, M2, M3 and M26.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.
Muzzle velocity: 2700 fps.

This Shot was standardized by OCM item 17528; its designation was changed from Semi-armor-piercing to Armor-piercing by OCM item 17699.

a. **Form factor** (Proj Type 1). $i_1 = 1.19$.

b. **Ballistic coefficient** (Proj Type 1). $C_1 = 1.564$.


c. ELEVATION—RANGE CURVE
MUZZLE VELOCITY = 2700 FPS
ELEVATION—MILS
RANGE—YARDS
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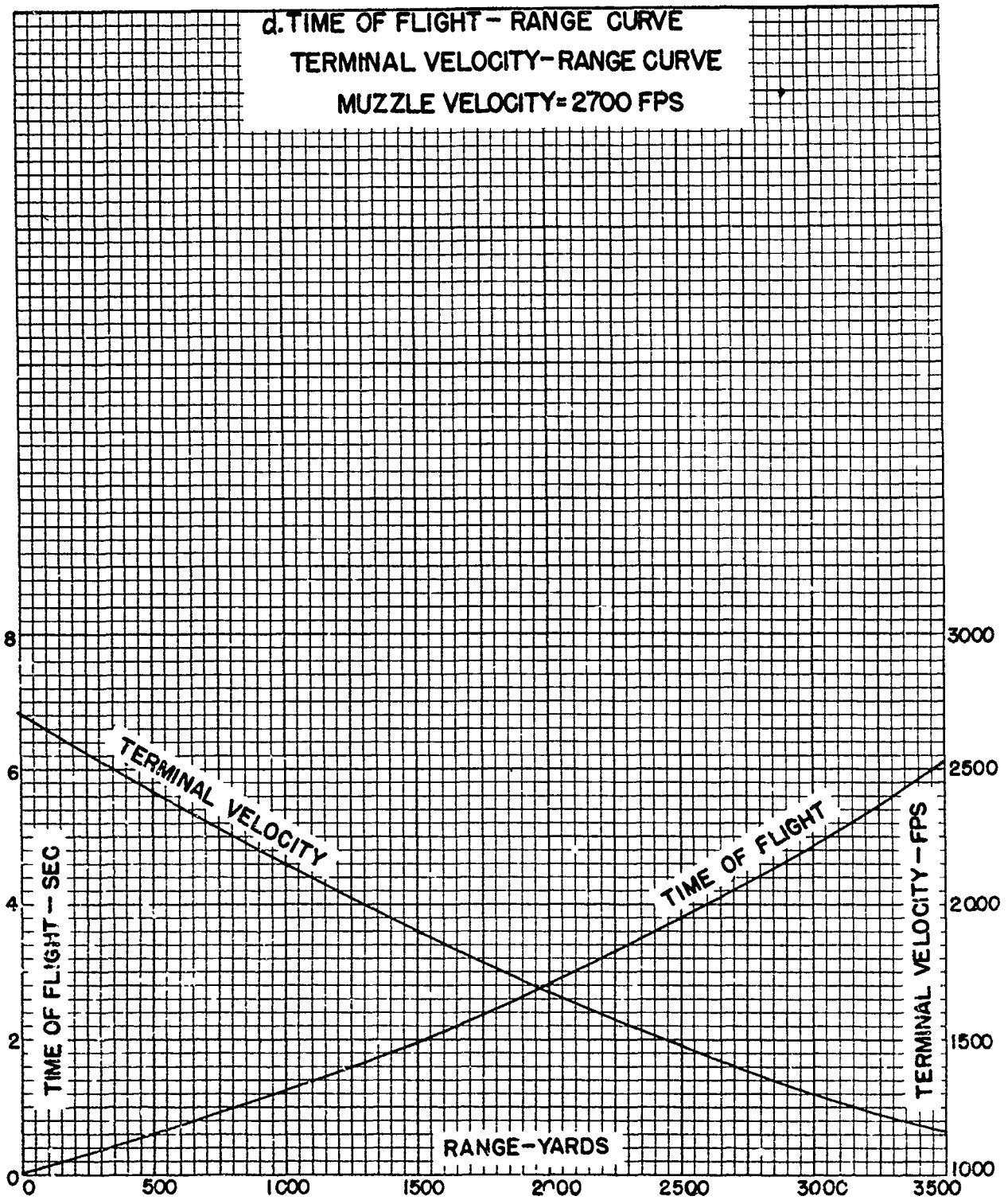
2000
2500
3000
3500


d. TIME OF FLIGHT - RANGE CURVE
TERMINAL VELOCITY-RANGE CURVE
MUZZLE VELOCITY= 2700 FPS
TERMINAL VELOCITY
TIME OF FLIGHT
TIME OF FLIGHT - SEC
TERMINAL VELOCITY - FPS
RANGE-YARDS
0
2
4
6
8
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500

SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

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8. Penetration.

Homogeneous Plate			Ballistic Limit		Number in Average
Thickness inches	Brinnell Number	Obliquity degrees	Type	fps	
3	270	0	Army	1166	2
4		0	Army	1679	2
4		0	Navy	1763	2

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for
Projectile, APC, 90-mm, M82
with
Fuze, BD, M68

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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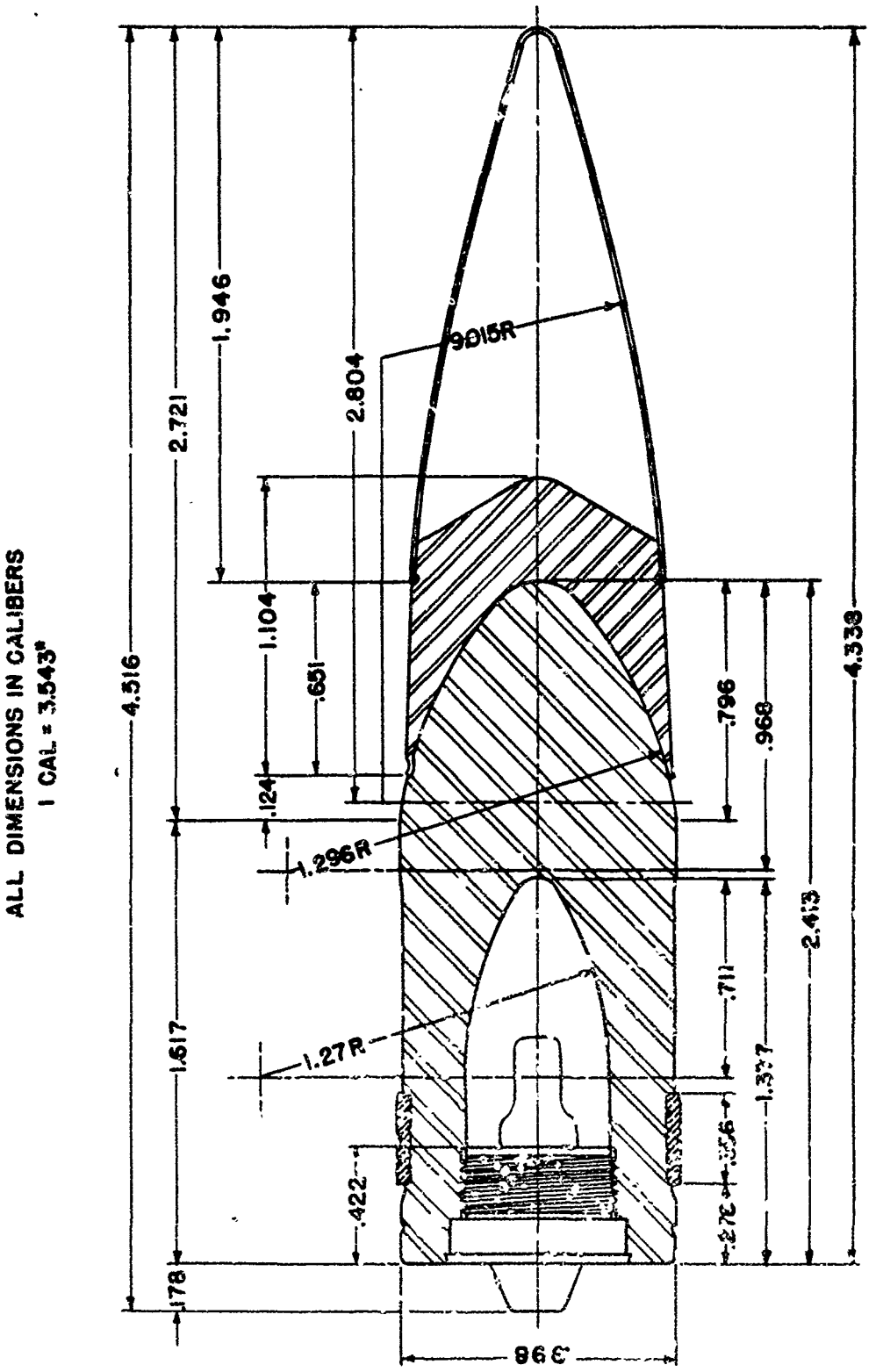
1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics, and effects of the 90-mm Armor-piercing Capped Projectile M82 with the Base Detonating Fuze M68, which contains a tracer composition. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.



PROJECTILE, APC, 90-MM, M82
FUZE, BD, M68

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2. Drawings.

Projectile:	Metal parts assembly	75-18-46
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	Details	75-18-51
Fuze:	Assembly	73-2-181
	Details	73-2-182

3. Dimensions.

Fuze:	Length (outside)	0.178 cal
Band:	Distance from base	0.278 cal
	Width	0.356 cal
Body:	Cylindrical length	1.017 cal
	Ogival length (outside)	0.124 cal
	Radius of ogival arc	1.296 cal
Cap:	Length (outside)	0.651 cal
Windshield:	Length	1.946 cal
	Radius of ogival arc	9.015 cal
Length:	Ogive	2.721 cal
	Projectile without fuze	4.338 cal
	Projectile and fuze	4.516 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	24.11 lb
Base to center of gravity*	1.145 cal
Axial moment of inertia*	35.9 $lb.in^2$
Transverse moment of inertia*	198 $lb.in^2$

*Estimated on the basis of measurements of the 3-Inch Armor-piercing Capped Projectile M62 with Base Detonating Fuze M66A1.

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5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	4 min
Maximum	7 min

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6. Aerodynamic data.

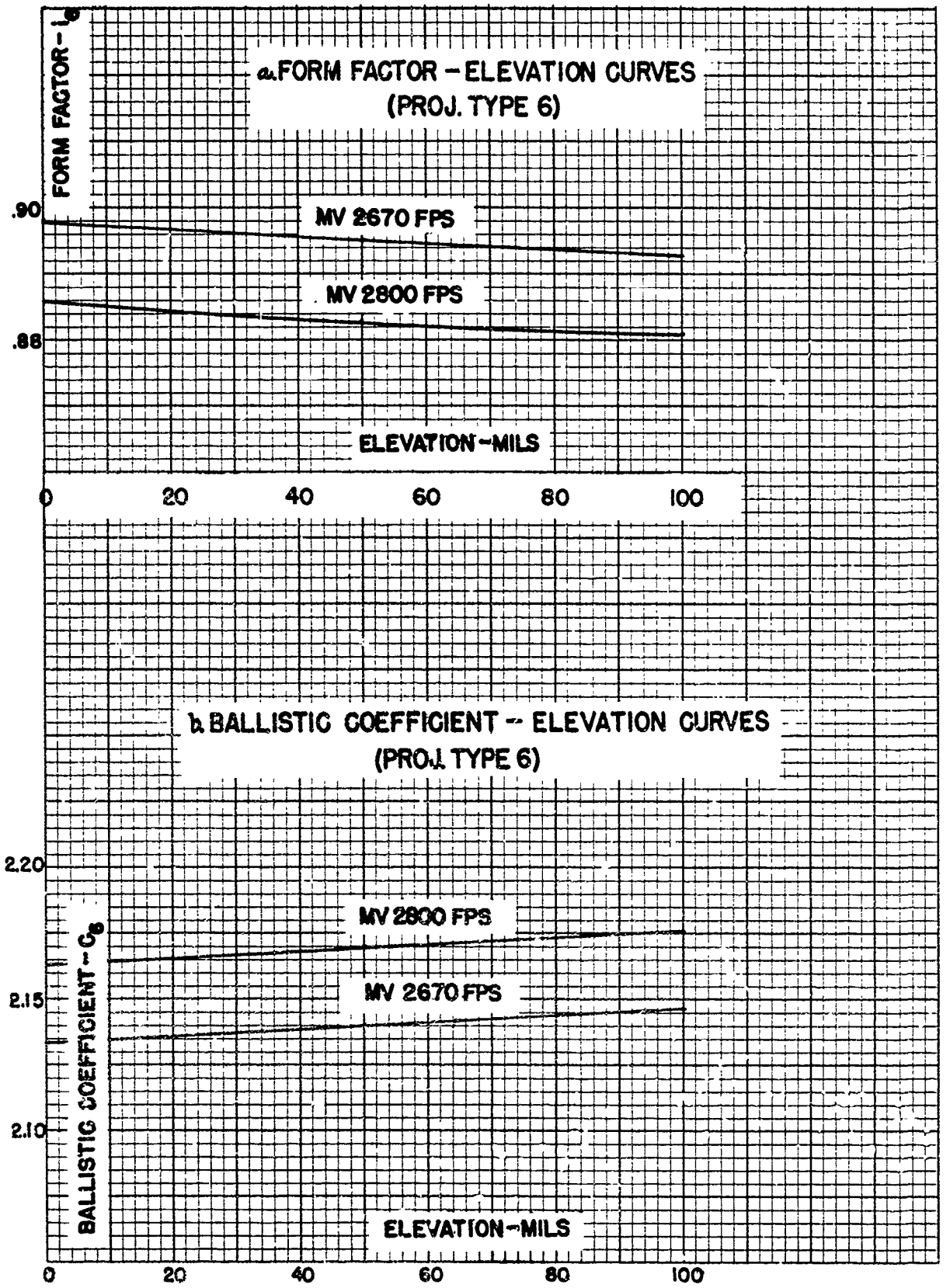
a. Drag. A form factor of 0.90 relative to the G_6 drag function was determined from resistance firings at velocities from 2000 to 2660 fps. The corresponding ballistic coefficient is 2.134. The drag coefficient is 0.135 at 2000 fps and 0.108 at the standard muzzle velocity of 2670 fps.

b. Stability. No stability firings have been done with the 90-mm APC Projectile M82. The stability factor, estimated from that of the 3-inch Armor-piercing Capped Projectile M62 with Base Detonating Fuze M66A1 at a muzzle velocity of 2600 fps (Ballistic Research Laboratory Report 427), for a twist of rifling of one turn in 32 calibers is 1.58.

7. Firing table data. FT 90-F-1

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1, M2, M3 and M26.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.
Muzzle velocity: 2670 fps and 2800 fps. Projective Weight: 24.06 lb

Standardization of the APC Projectile M82 with the BD Fuze M68 was recommended by OCM item 18386 and approved by OCM item 18496.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(PROJ. TYPE 6)
FORM FACTOR – i_6
.90
.88
MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS
ELEVATION – MILS
0
20
40
60
80
100
b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT – ELEVATION CURVES
(PROJ. TYPE 6)
BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT – C_6
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2.15
2.10
MV 2800 FPS
MV 2670 FPS
ELEVATION – MILS
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60
80
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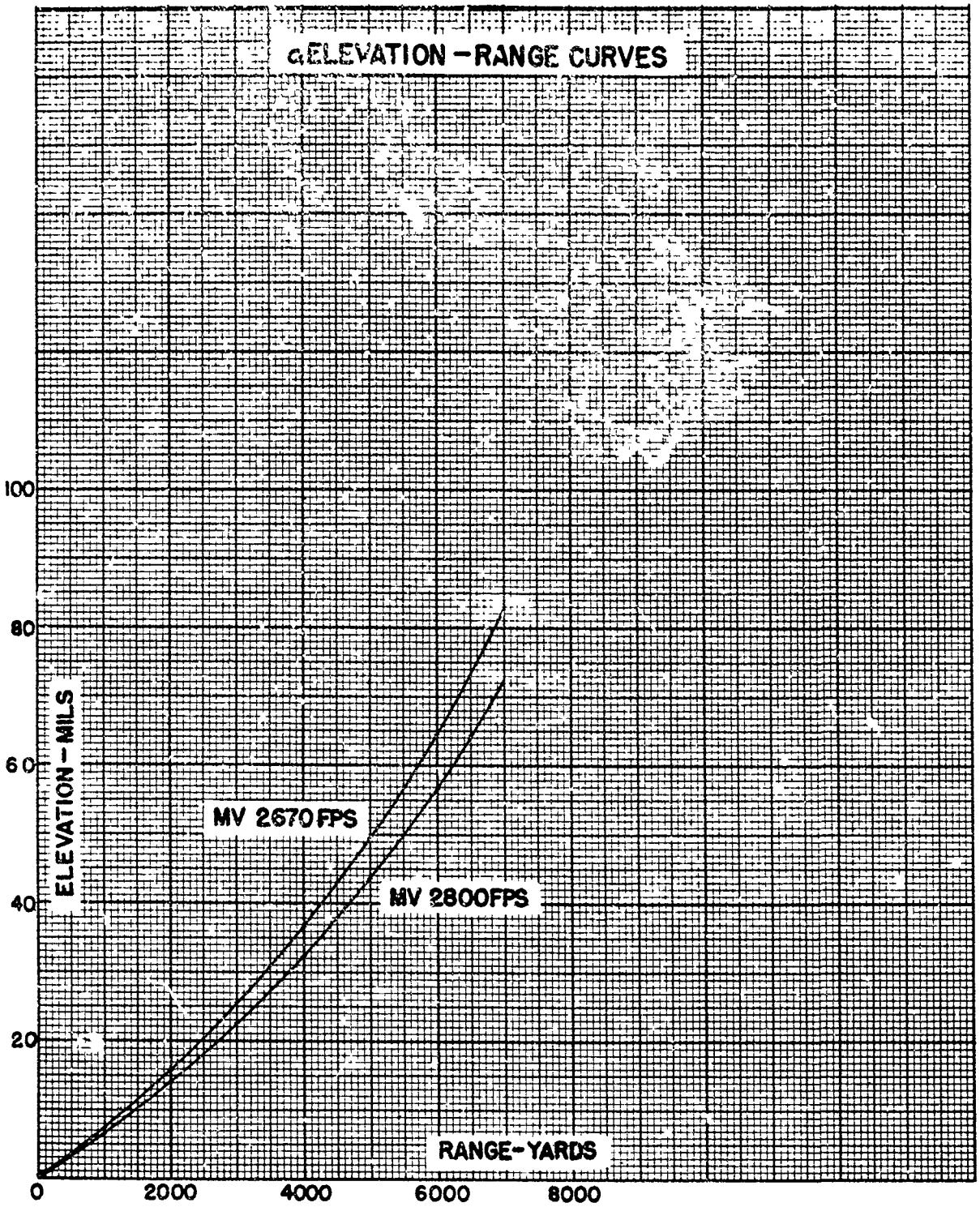
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ELEVATION – MILS
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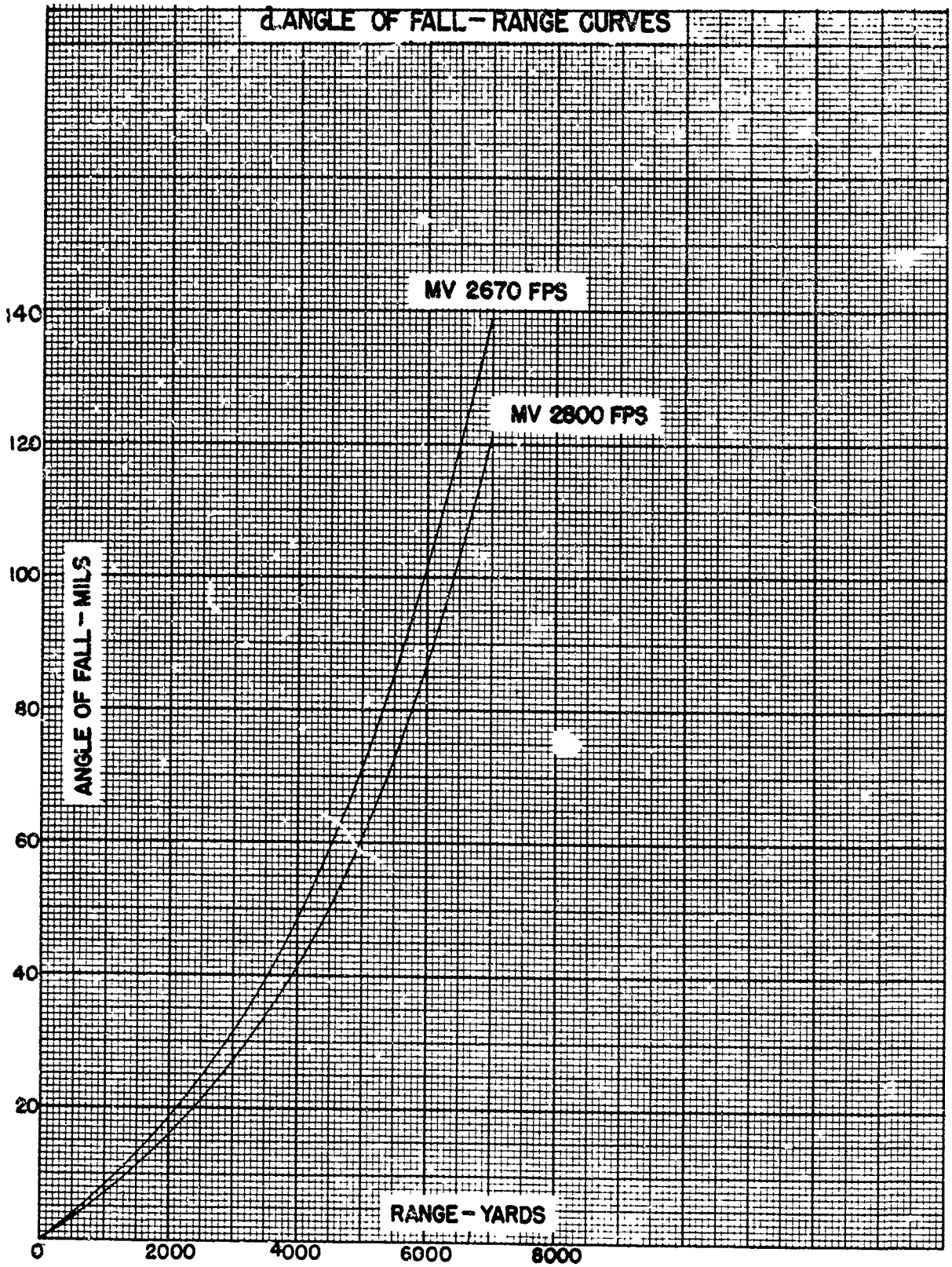
8000
RANGE-YARDS
MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS


d. ANGLE OF FALL – RANGE CURVES
MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS
ANGLE OF FALL – MILS
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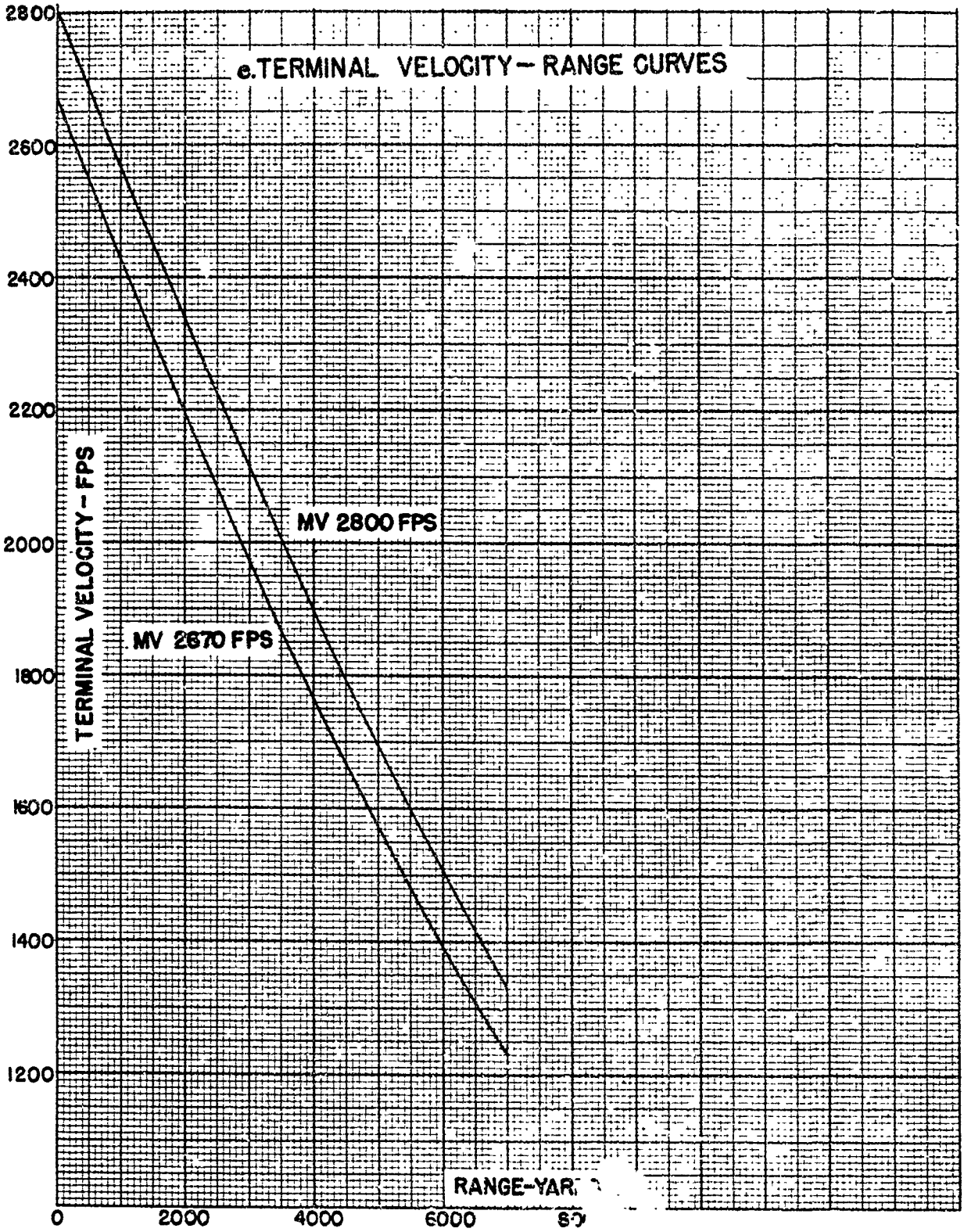
RANGE – YARDS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TERMINAL VELOCITY — FPS
2800
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MV 2800 FPS
MV 2670 FPS
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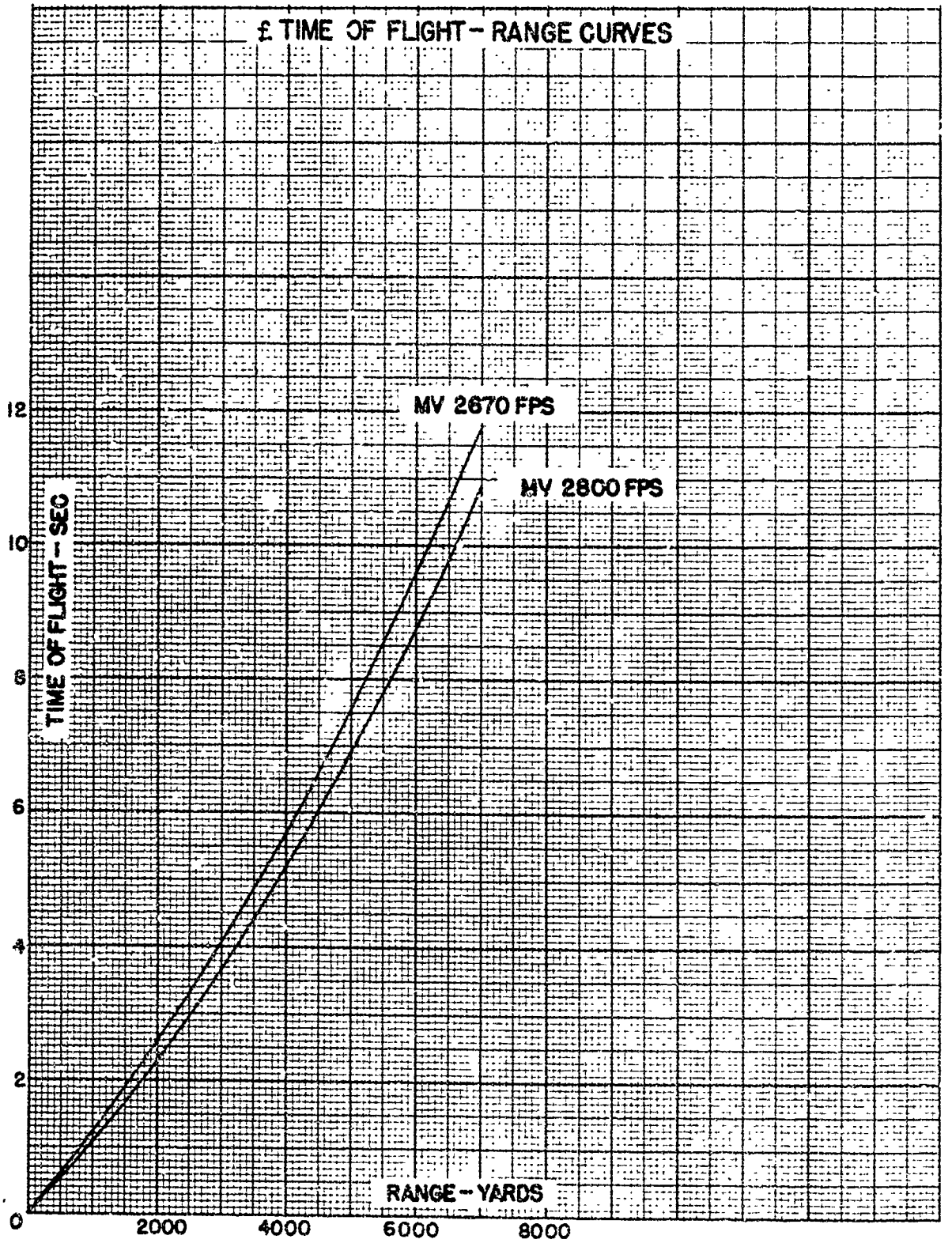
2000
4000
6000
RANGE-YAR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MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT - SEC
RANGE - YARDS
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12
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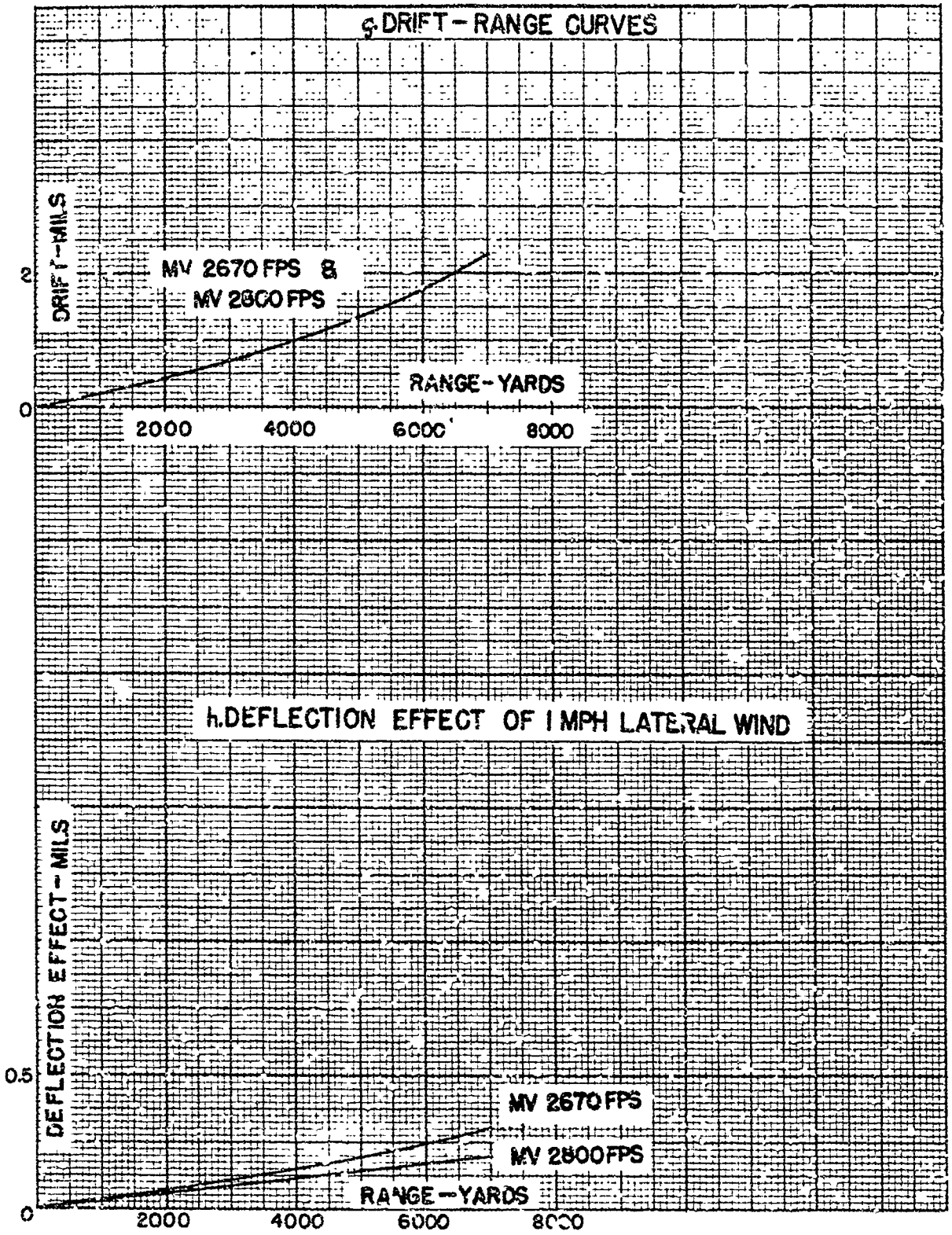
4000
6000
8000


g. DRIFT - RANGE CURVES
DRIFT - MILS
2
0
MV 2670 FPS &
MV 2800 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
2000
4000
6000
8000
h. DEFLECTION EFFECT OF 1 MPH LATERAL WIND
DEFLECTION EFFECT - MILS
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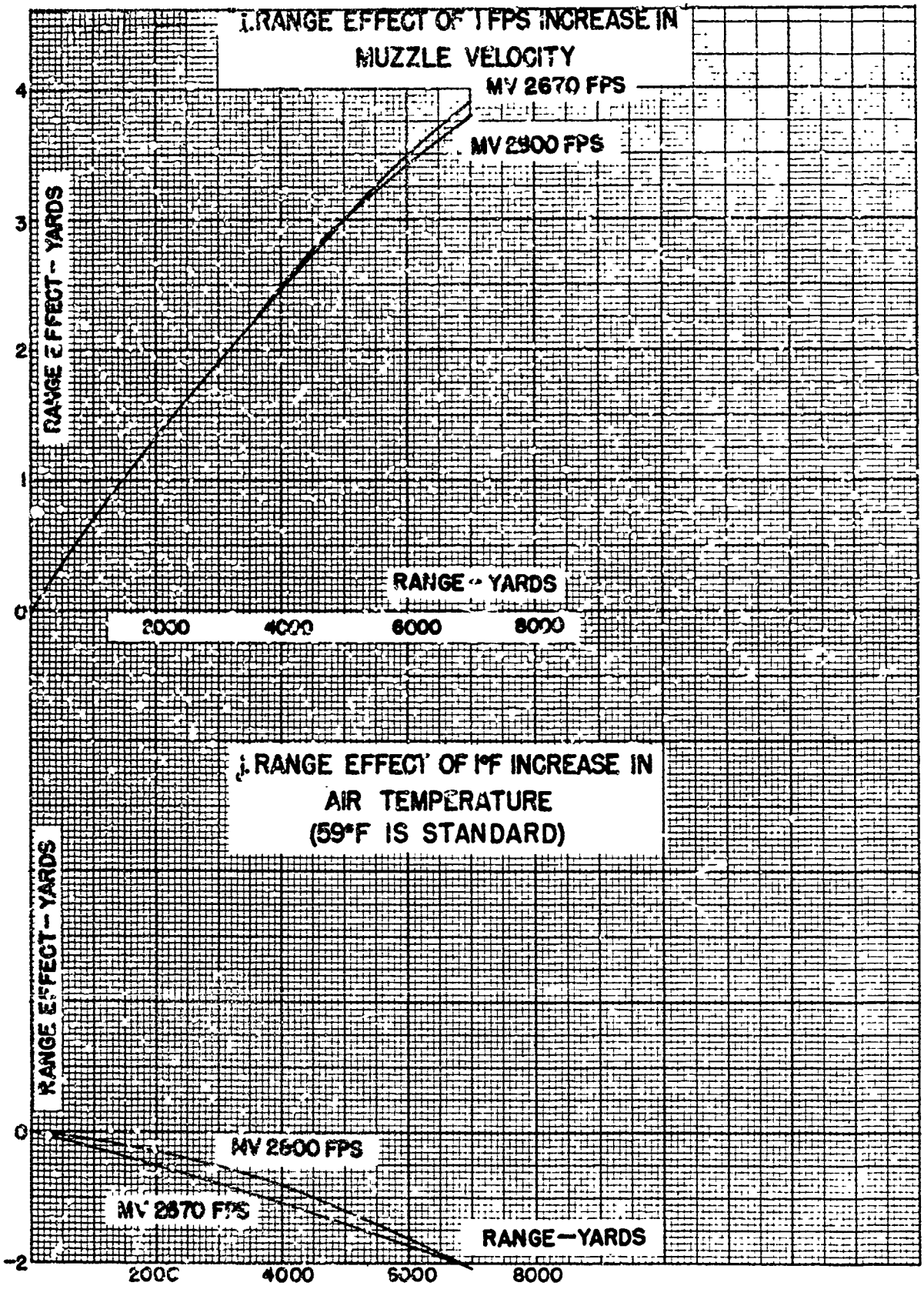
MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS
RANGE - YARDS
2000
4000
6000
8000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MV 2670 FPS
MV 2900 FPS
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
4
3
2
1
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
2. RANGE EFFECT OF 1°F INCREASE IN AIR TEMPERATURE (59°F IS STANDARD)
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
MV 2600 FPS
MV 2870 FPS
RANGE—YARDS
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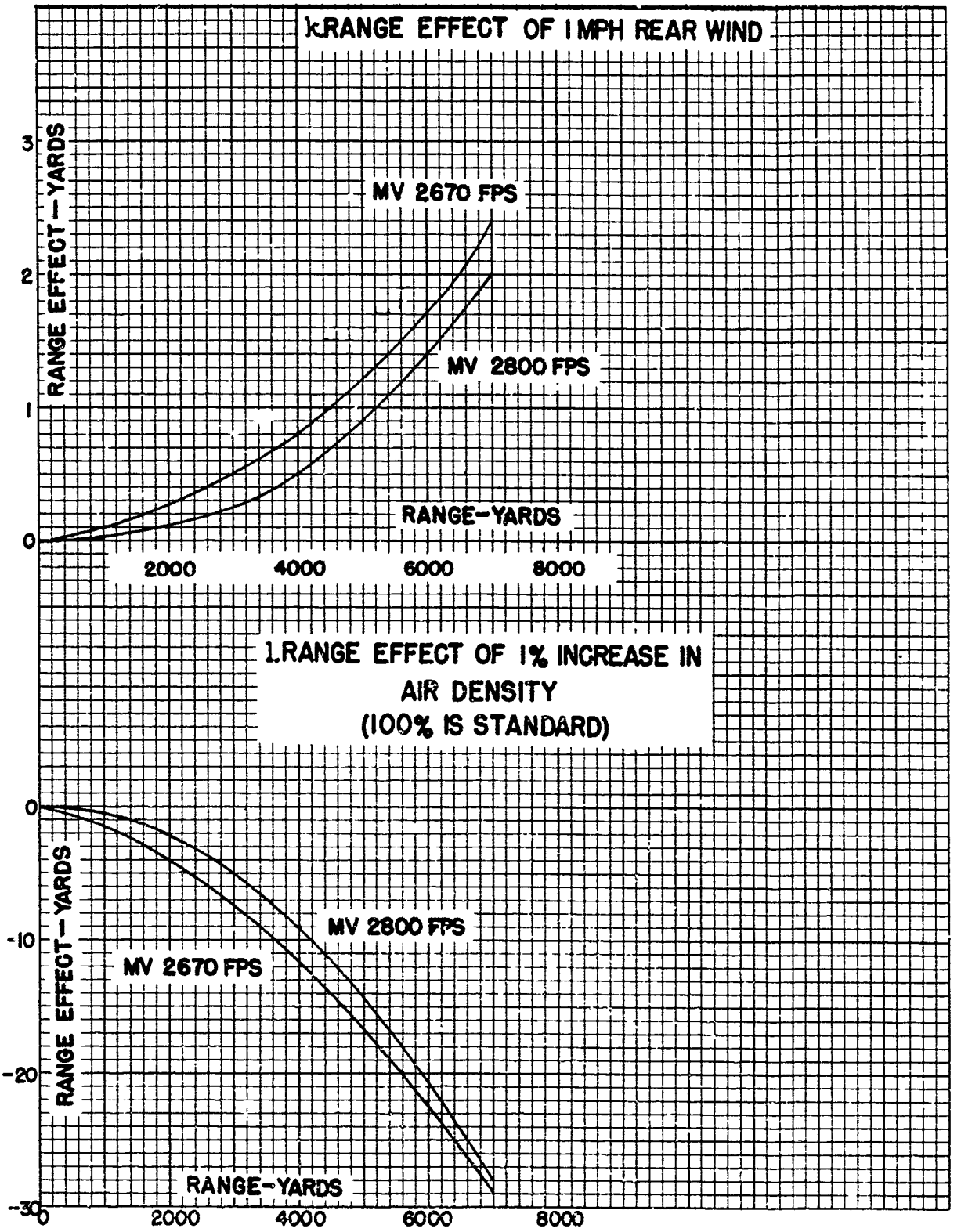
-2
2000
4000
6000
8000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RANGE EFFECT — YARDS
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2
1
0
MV 2670 FPS
MV 2800 FPS
RANGE—YARDS
2000
4000
6000
8000
l.RANGE EFFECT OF 1% INCREASE IN AIR DENSITY (100% IS STANDARD)
RANGE EFFECT — YARDS
0
-10
-20
-30
MV 2800 FPS
MV 2670 FPS
RANGE—YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000

SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

Paragraph

Penetration - 8

8. Penetration.

a. Ballistic Limits of Armor Plate.

Plate			Ballistic Limit		Number in Average
Type	Thickness inches	Obliquity degrees	Type	fps	
Face Hardened	3	20	Navy	1770	2
Homogeneous	1.5	55	Navy	1775	1
	2.5	45	Navy	1981	1
	2.5	55	Navy	2504	1
	3	45	Navy	2519	2

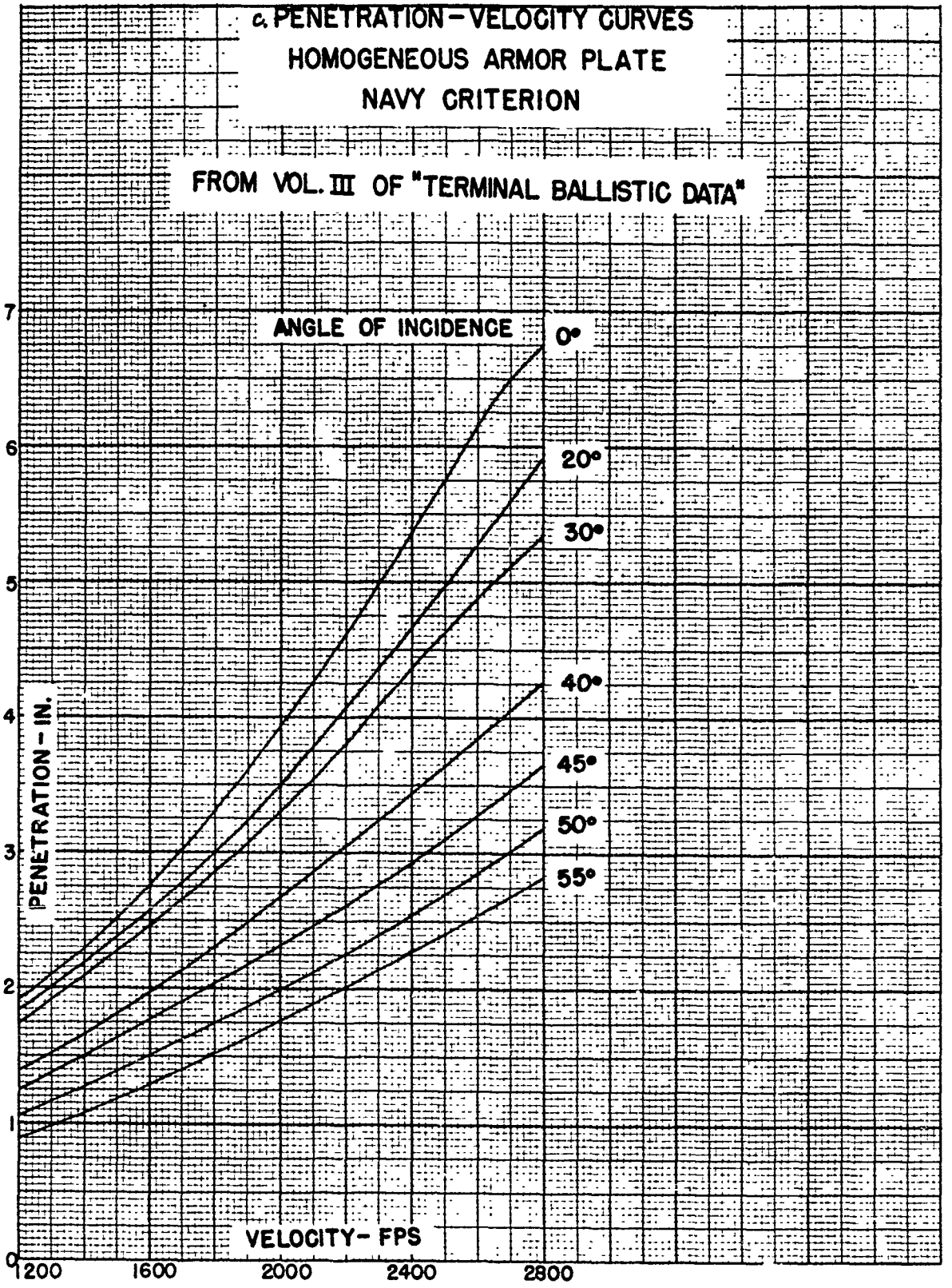
b. Vulnerability of German Tanks (Panzerkampfwagen)

Muzzle Velocity: 2670 fps. These data were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition".

Maximum Vulnerable Range - yards

Tank Model		III		IV		VI	
Attack	Angle - deg	0	25	0	25	0	25
Frontal	Turret Sides	5000+	5000	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Turret Rear	----	----	----	----	4800	2680
	Turret Front	5000+	4660	5000+	4840	*	*
	Upper Hull Front	4300	3250	4300	3250	2900	1200
	Lower Hull Front	3600	2600	4080	3100	1880	*
Flank	Turret Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Turret Rear	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Turret Front	5000+	4660	5000+	4840	*	*
	Upper Hull Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Lower Hull Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4180
Rear	Turret Sides	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Turret Rear	5000+	5000+	5000+	5000+	4800	2680
	Turret Front	5000+	4660	5000+	4840	*	*
	Upper Hull Rear	5000+	4580	5000+	5000+	4320	2600
	Lower Hull Rear	5000+	4840	5000+	5000+	4320	2600

*Not vulnerable.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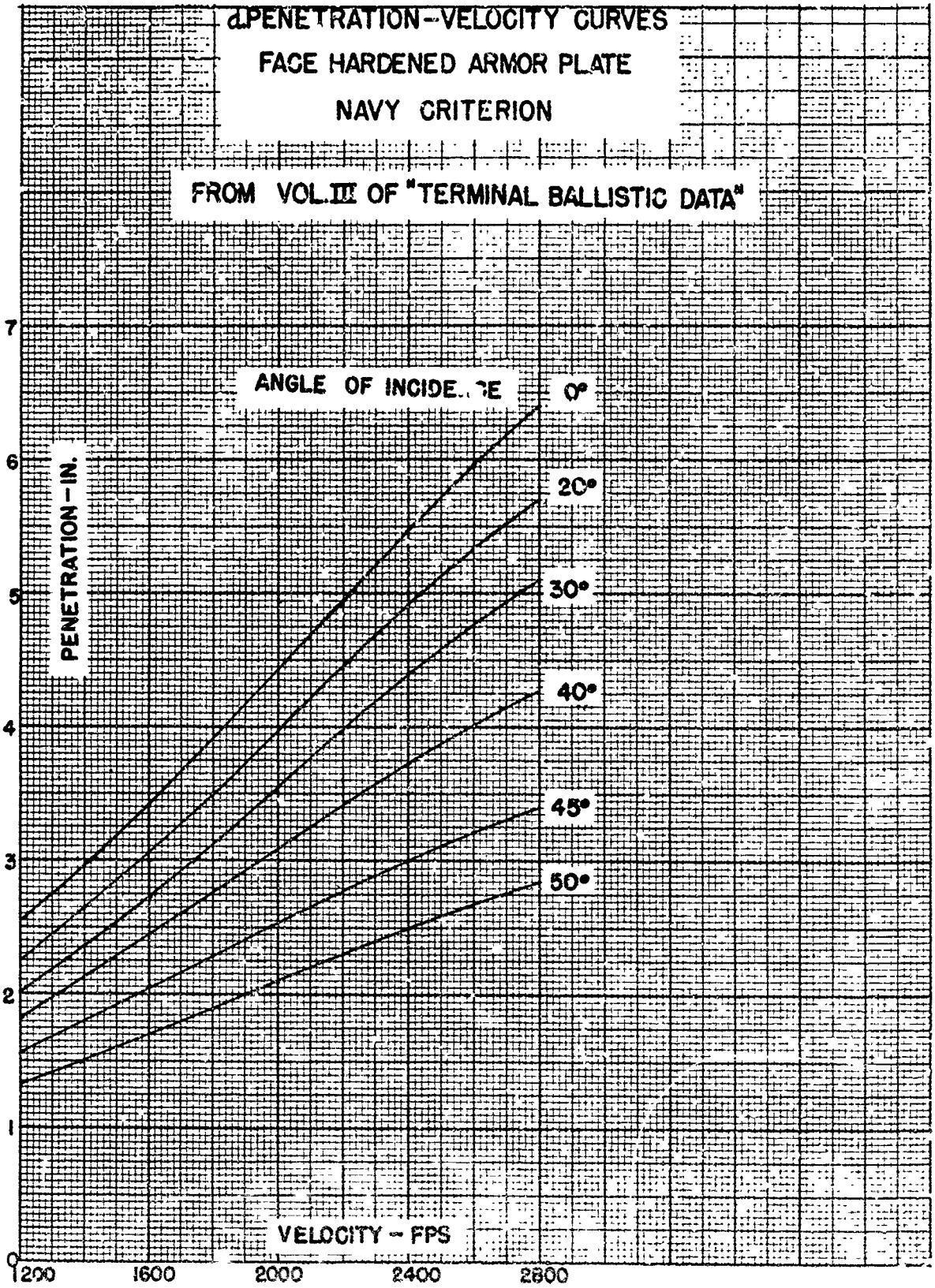
HOMOGENEOUS ARMOR PLATE
NAVY CRITERION
FROM VOL. III OF "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"
ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
0°
20°
30°
40°
45°
50°
55°
PENETRATION - IN.
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
VELOCITY - FPS
1200
1600
2000
2400
2800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FACE HARDENED ARMOR PLATE
NAVY CRITERION
FROM VOL.III OF "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"
ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
0°
20°
30°
40°
45°
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PENETRATION-IN.
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VELOCITY - FPS
1200
1600
2000
2400
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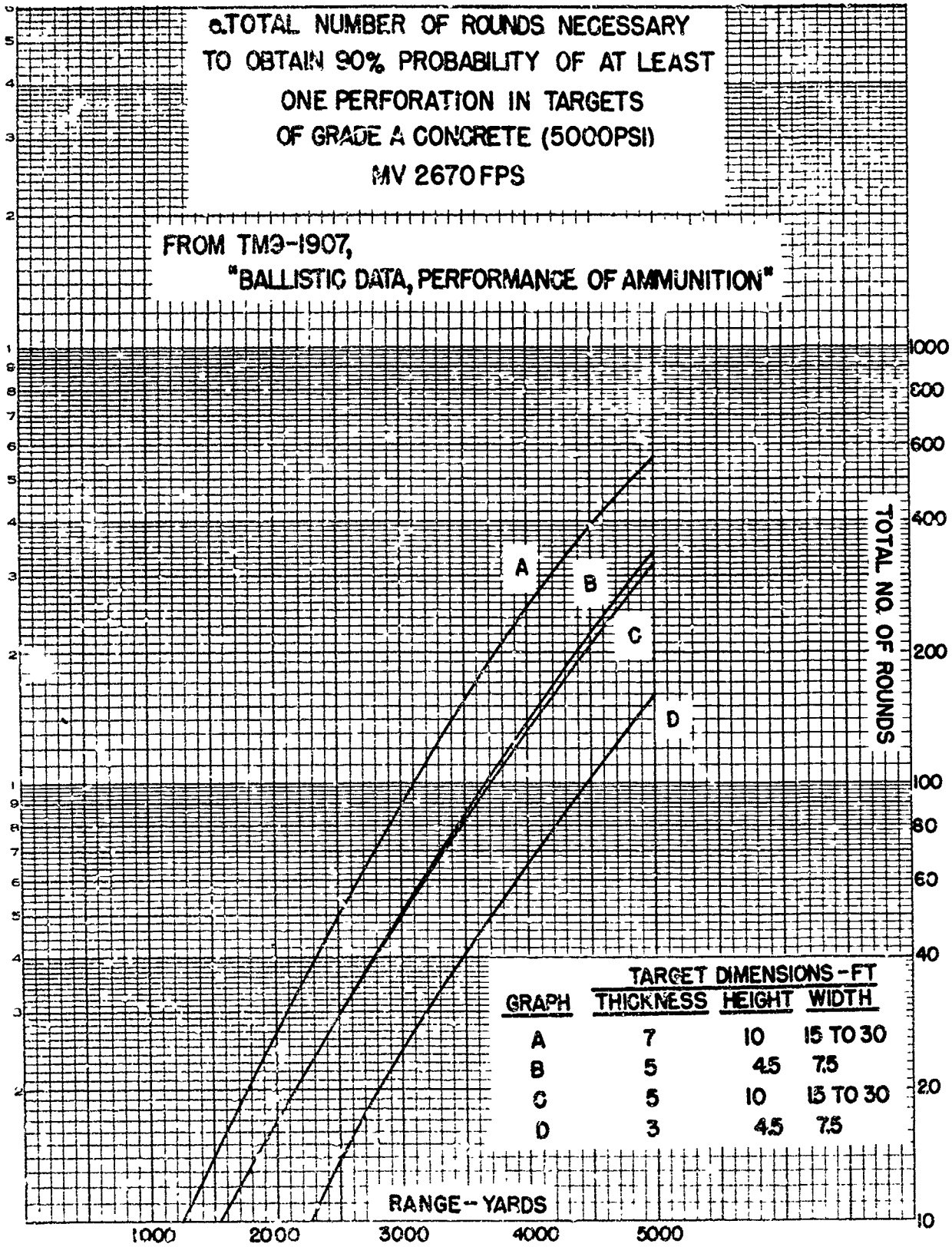
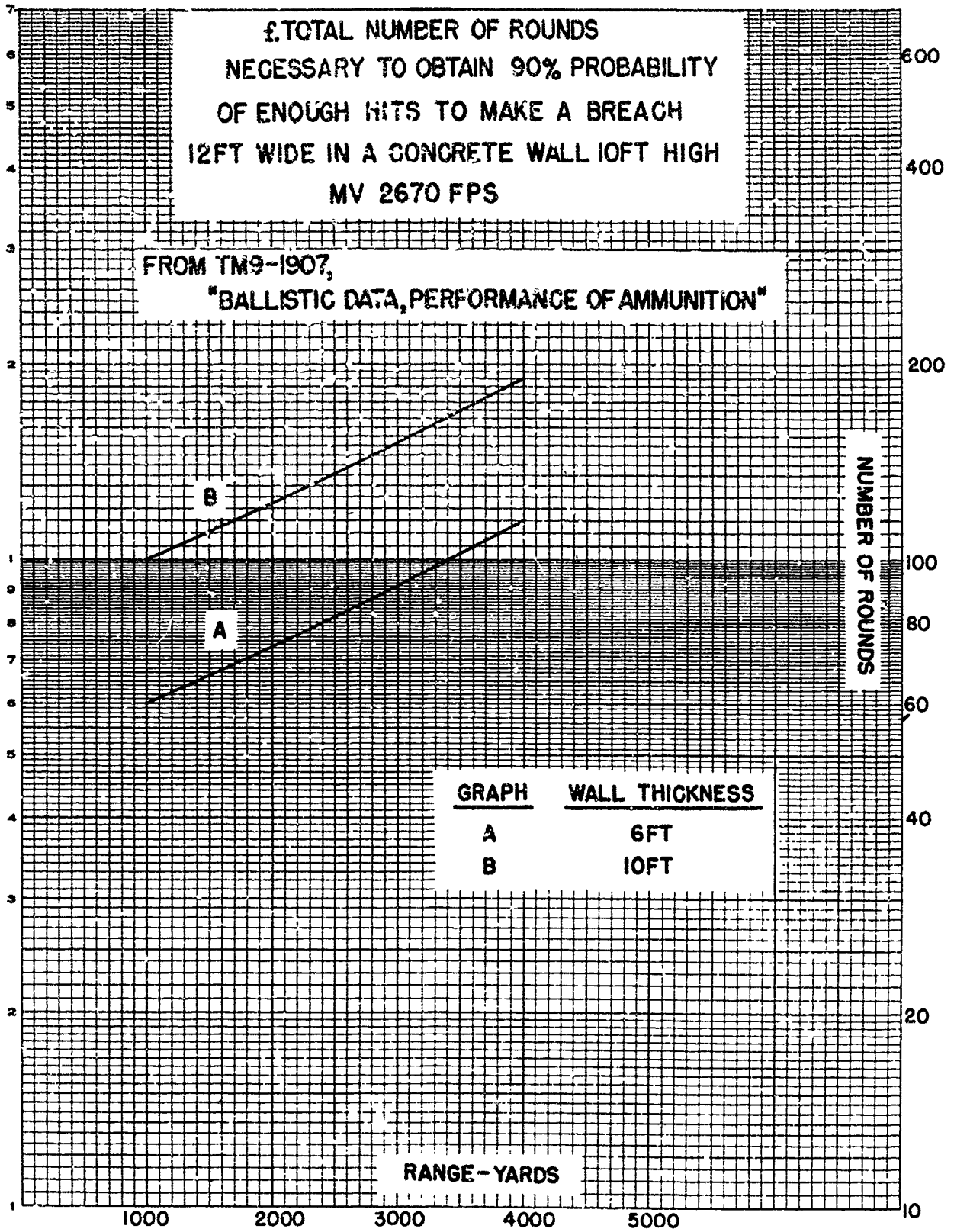


GRAPH	TARGET DIMENSIONS-FT THICKNESS	HEIGHT	WIDTH
A	7	10	15 TO 30
B	5	4.5	7.5
C	5	10	15 TO 30
D	3	4.5	7.5


£.TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS
NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY
OF ENOUGH HITS TO MAKE A BREACH
12FT WIDE IN A CONCRETE WALL 10FT HIGH
MV 2670 FPS
FROM TM9-1907,
"BALLISTIC DATA, PERFORMANCE OF AMMUNITION"
B
A
GRAPH
WALL THICKNESS
A
6FT
B
10FT
NUMBER OF ROUNDS
600
400
200
100
80
60
40
20
10
RANGE-YARDS
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000

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for
Shot, HVAP, 90-mm, M304
with
Tracer

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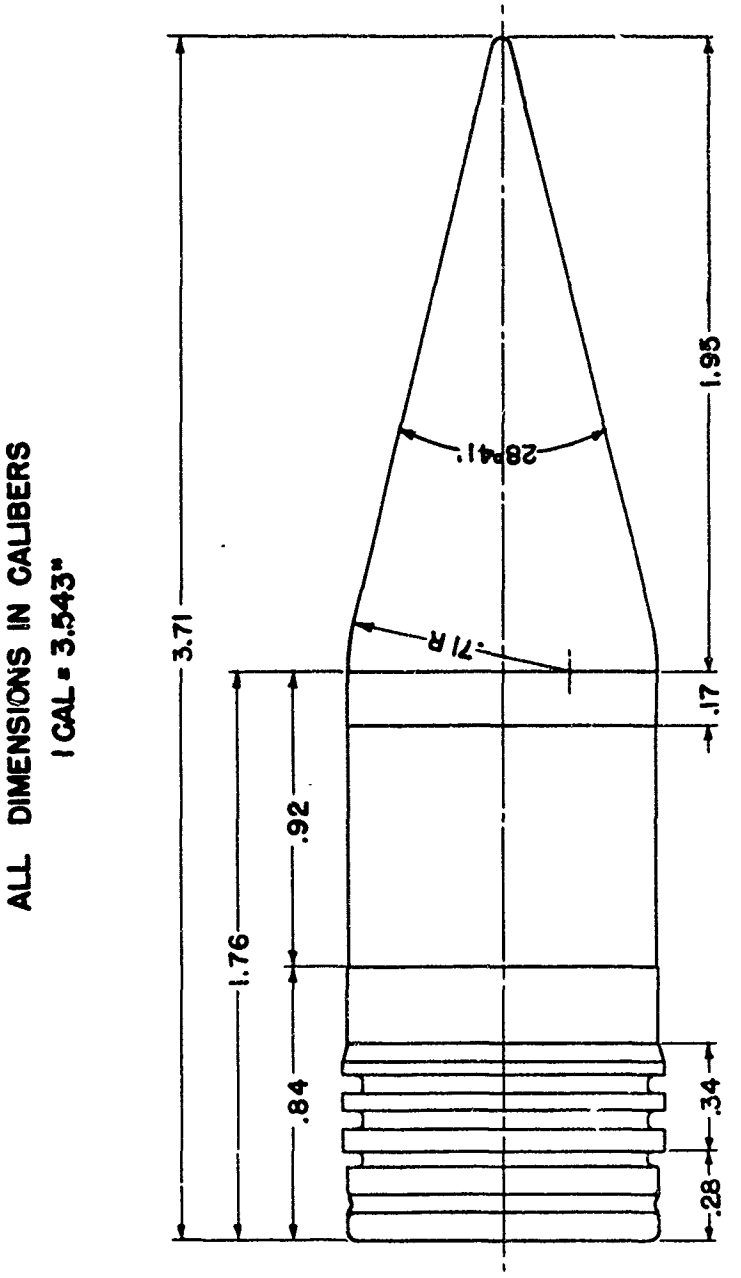
1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics, and effects of the 90-mm High Velocity Armor-piercing Shot M304 with Tracer. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.



SHOT, HVAP, 90-MM, M304

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2. Drawings.

Metal parts assembly	75-2-375
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Details	75-2-377

3. Dimensions.

Band:	Distance from base	0.28 cal
	Width	0.34 cal
Cylindrical parts:	Bourrelet ring	0.17 cal
	Body and ring	0.92 cal
	Base	0.84 cal
	Base, body and ring	1.76 cal
Windshield:	Length	1.95 cal
	Radius of ogival arc	0.71 cal
	Conical angle	28°41'
Shot:	Length	3.71 cal

4. Physical characteristics. The position of the center of gravity and the moments of inertia tabulated below pertain to the HVAP Shot T30E15, which is slightly different from the HVAP Shot M304 (T30E16).

Weight (Standard)	16.80 lb
Base to center of gravity	1.168 cal
Axial moment of inertia	20.01 $lb.in^2$
Transverse moment of inertia	93.89 $lb.in^2$

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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Theoretical yaw in bore	5

5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	3.3 min
Maximum	6.1 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. A form factor of 1.16 relative to the G_8 drag function was determined from time-of-flight firings to a vertical target at a range of 1500 yards. The ballistic coefficient is 1.15. The drag coefficient is 0.113 at the average muzzle velocity of 3262 fps obtained in these firings, and 0.111 at the standard muzzle velocity of 3350 fps.

b. Stability. Ballistic Research Laboratory Memorandum Report 347D gives the following results obtained with the HVAP Shot T30E15, which is slightly different from the HVAP Shot M304 (T30E16):

Velocity	3325 fps
Twist of rifling	1/32
Stability factor	1.7
Moment coefficient	1.0

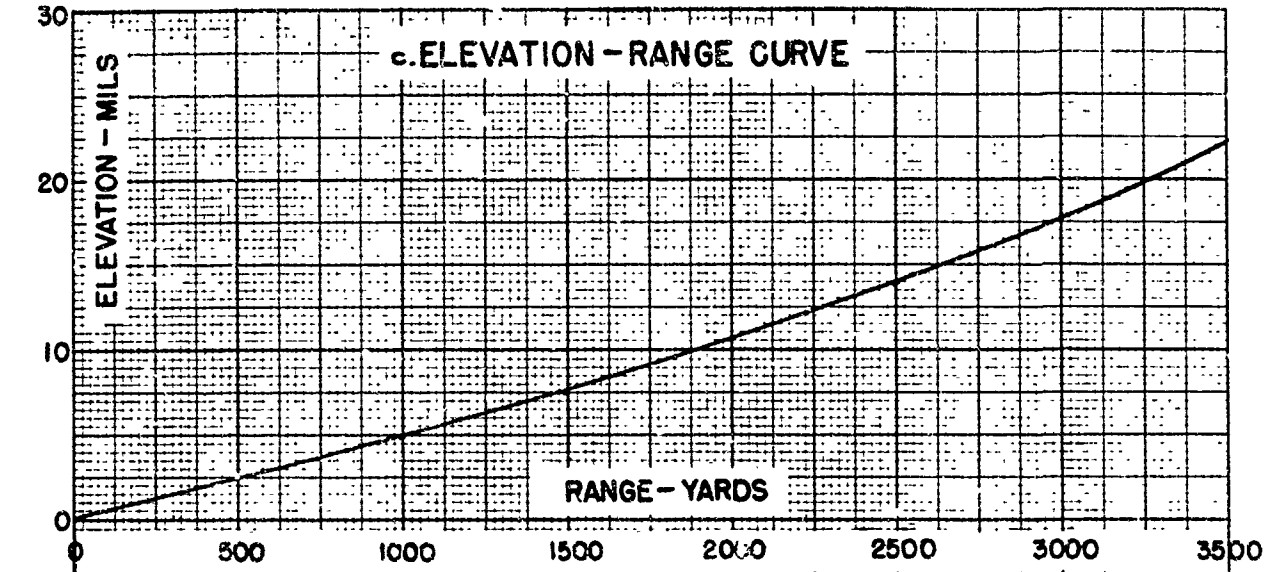
7. Firing table data. FT 90-F-1

Guns, 90-mm, M1, M1A1, M2, M3 and M26.
Twist of rifling: 1/32.
Muzzle velocity. 3350 fps.
Projectile Weight: 16.7 lb.

Standardization of the HVAP Shot M304 was recommended by OCM item 28147 and approved by OCM item 28461.

a. Form Factor (Proj Type 7): $i_7 = 1.475$.

b. Ballistic Coefficient (Proj Type 7): $C_7 = 1.109$.


c. ELEVATION - RANGE CURVE
ELEVATION - MILS
RANGE - YARDS
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10
20
30
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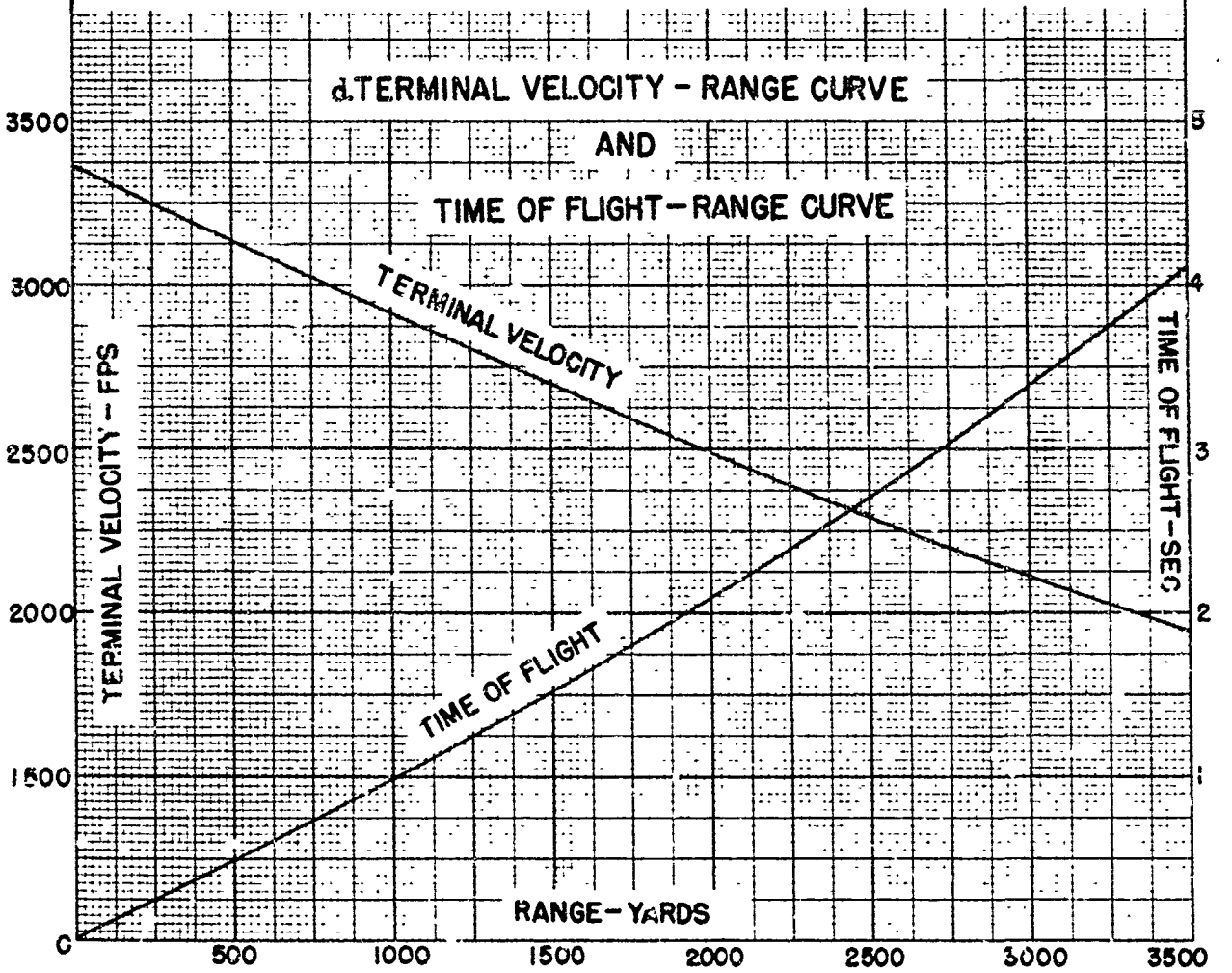
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500


d. TERMINAL VELOCITY - RANGE CURVE
AND
TIME OF FLIGHT - RANGE CURVE
TERMINAL VELOCITY
TIME OF FLIGHT
TERMINAL VELOCITY - FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT - SEC
RANGE - YARDS
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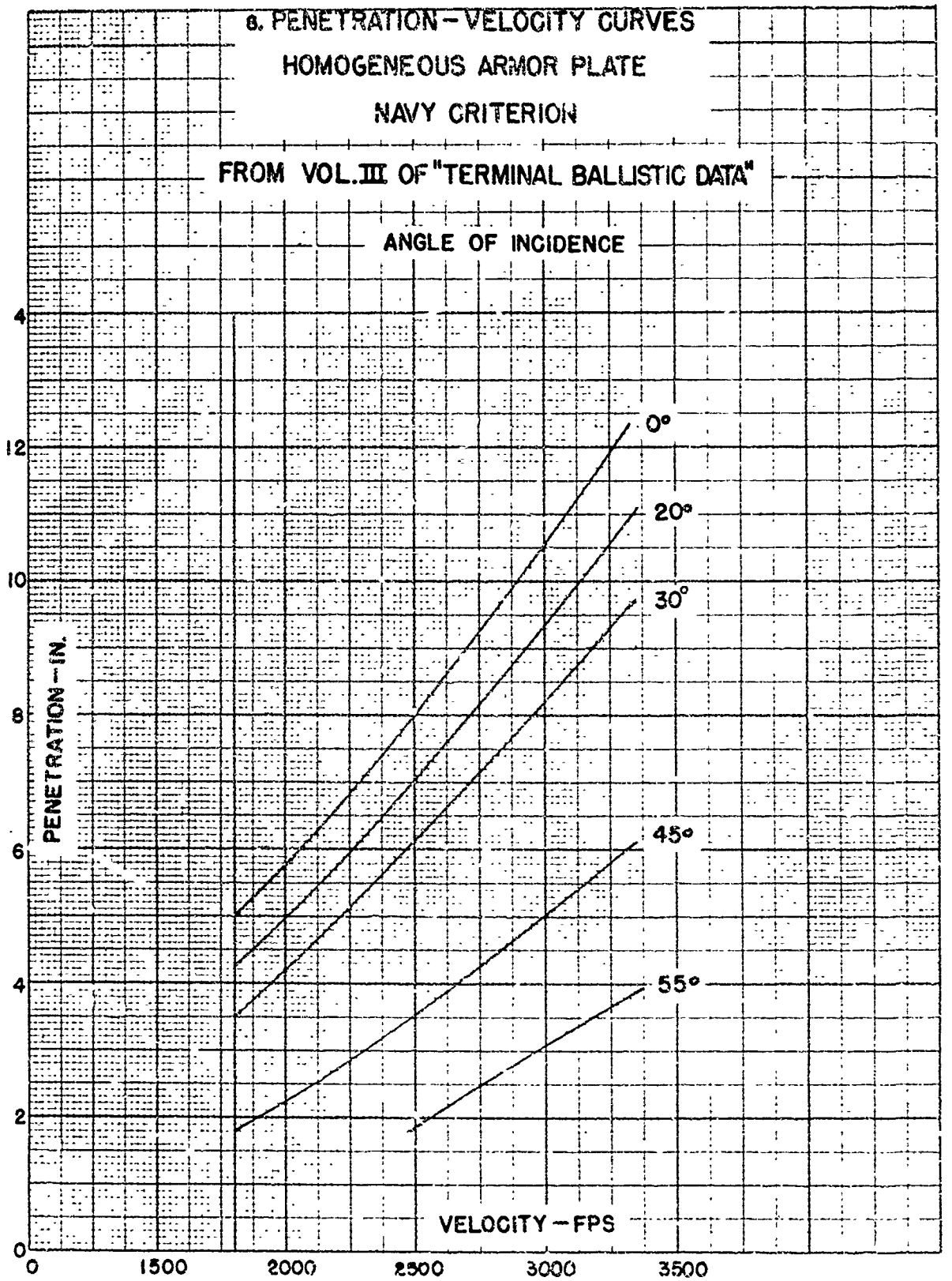
6. PENETRATION – VELOCITY CURVES
HOMOGENEOUS ARMOR PLATE
NAVY CRITERION
FROM VOL. III OF "TERMINAL BALLISTIC DATA"
ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
0°
20°
30°
45°
55°
PENETRATION – IN.
VELOCITY – FPS
0
2
4
6
8
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12
4
0
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500

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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA

for

Shell, HE, 105-mm, M1

with

Fuzes, PD, M48A2 and M51A4; TSQ, M55A3; and CP, M78

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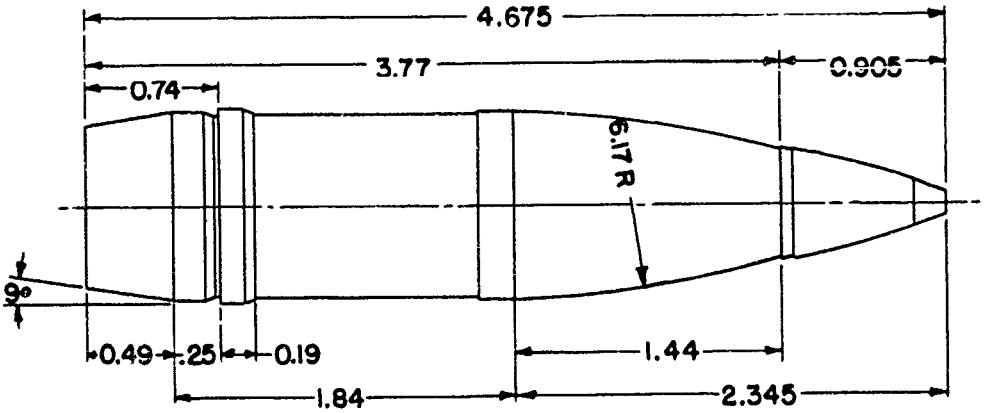
Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 105-mm High Explosive Shell M1 with the Point Detonating Fuze M48A2 or M51A4, the Time and Superquick Fuze M55A3, or the Concrete-piercing Fuze M78. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables, and technical manuals pertaining to this ammunition.

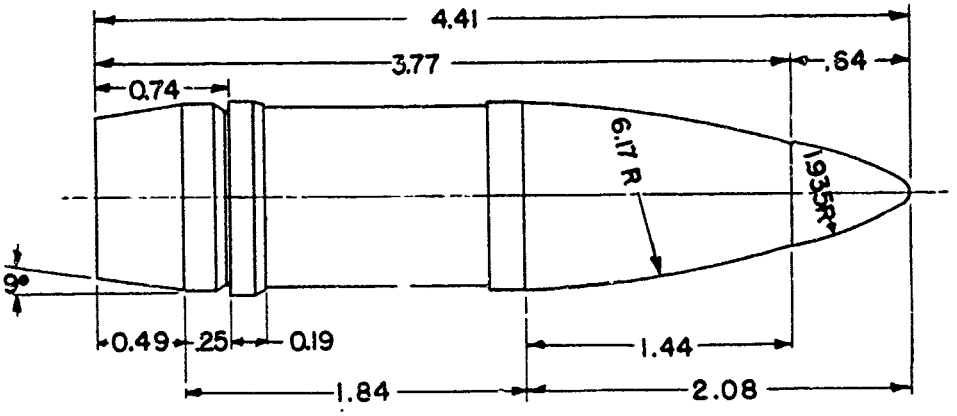
ALL DIMENSIONS IN CALIBERS

1 CAL. = 4.134 IN



SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1

FUZE, PD, M48A2 OR M51A4, OR T SQ, M55A3



SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1

FUZE, CP, M78

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DESCRIPTION

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2. Drawings.

Shell: Metal parts shipping assembly, marking diagram and details	75-4-75
Booster, M20A1: Assembly and details	73-2-112
Booster, M21A4: Assembly	73-2-154
Fuze, PD, M48A2: Assembly	73-2-140
Fuze, PD, M51A4: Assembly	73-2-145
Fuze, TSQ, M54: Assembly	73-3-154
Fuze, TSQ, M55A3: Assembly	73-3-155
Fuze, CP, M78: Assembly and details	73-2-214

Note: The PD fuzes require one of the boosters. The TSQ Fuze M55A3 is the M54 Fuze with the M21A4 booster. The CP fuze contains the working parts of the boosters.

3. Dimensions.

Boattail: Angle	9°00'
Length	0.49 cal
Band: Distance from boattail	0.25 cal
Distance from base	0.74 cal
Width	0.19 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.84 cal
Ogive: Length	1.44 cal
Radius of arc	6.17 cal
Shell, unfuzed: Length	3.77 cal
Fuze, PD, M48A2 or M51A4, or TSQ, M55A3:	
Outside length	0.905 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.345 cal
Shell and fuze	4.675 cal
Fuze, CP, M78:	
Outside length	0.64 cal
Radius of arc	1.935 cal
Ogive and fuze	2.08 cal
Shell and fuze	4.41 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Fuze	Mean Weight lb, Marking ■	Mean Weight lb, Marking ■■	Mean Weight lb, Marking ■■■	Base to Center of Gravity cal	Moments of Inertia lb.ft^2 Axial	Moments of Inertia lb.ft^2 Transverse
TSQ M55	32.4	33.0	33.6	1.739	0.554	5.345
Dummy M59	32.4	33.0	33.6	1.749	0.5506	5.399
CP M78	33.0	33.6	34.2			

Note: The physical characteristics with all modifications of the PD and TSQ fuzes are approximately the same as with the TSQ Fuze M55. The Dummy Fuze M59 has the same contour as the TSQ Fuze M55.

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Stresses	5
Theoretical yaw in bore	6

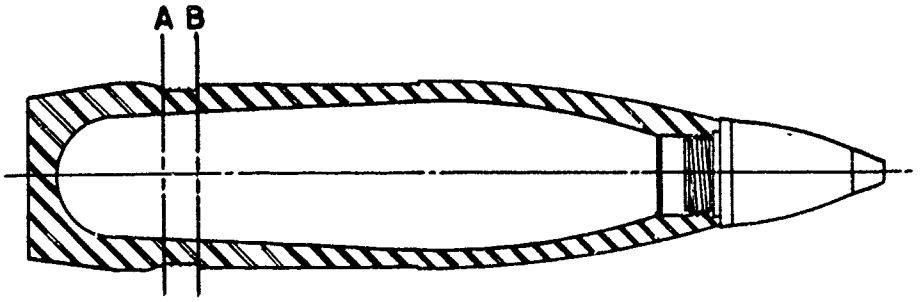
5. Stresses. The following table and the graphical representation on page 5 show the longitudinal, radial and tangential resultant stresses at each of two sections: (A) the rear corner of the band seat and (B) the front of the band seat.

Howitzers	M2A1, M3, M4
Twist of rifling	1/20
Cross-sectional area of bore	13.65 sq in.
Rated maximum pressure	28,000 psi**
Total weight of projectile	33.00 lb
Muzzle Velocity	1550 fps
Density of filler (TNT)	0.057 lb per cu in.

Resultant Stress* 100 psi	Section A	Section B
Longitudinal	-101	-320
Radial	+300	- 89
Tangential	-603	+400

* + denotes tension, - denotes compression.

** Since these stresses were calculated, the rated maximum pressure has been increased to 30,000 psi (OCM item 17072)



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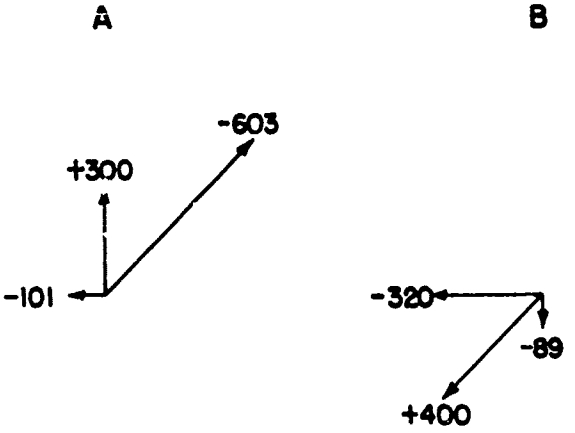

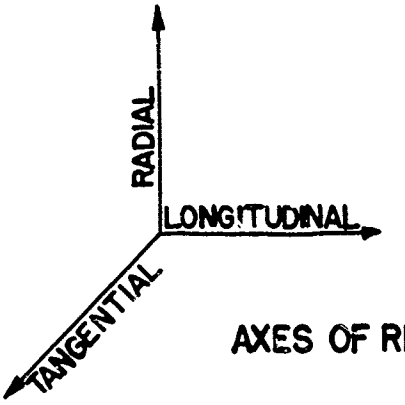

AXES OF RESULTANT STRESS

DIAGRAM OF RESULTANT STRESSES

6. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	2.7 min
Maximum	5.0 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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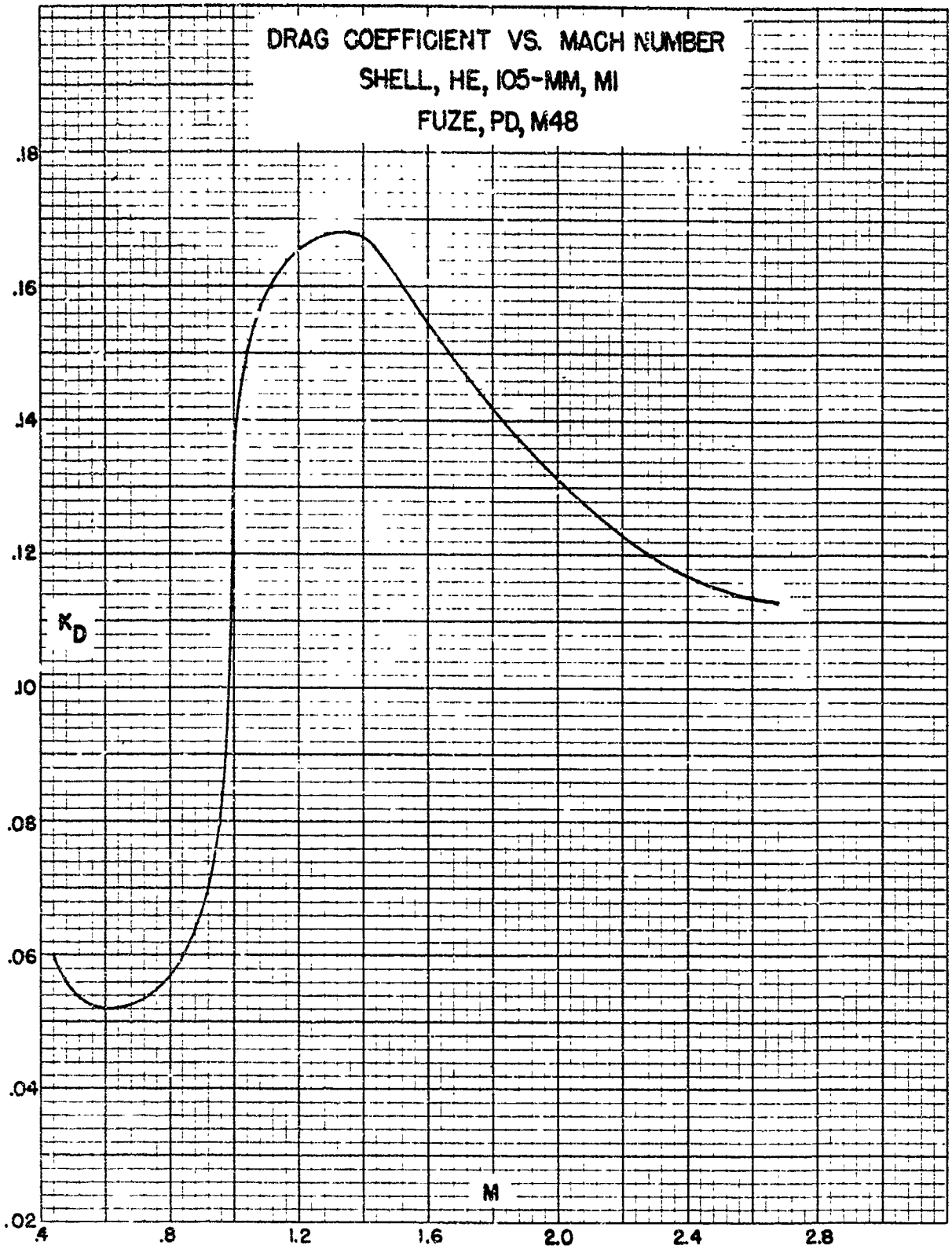
7. Aerodynamic data.

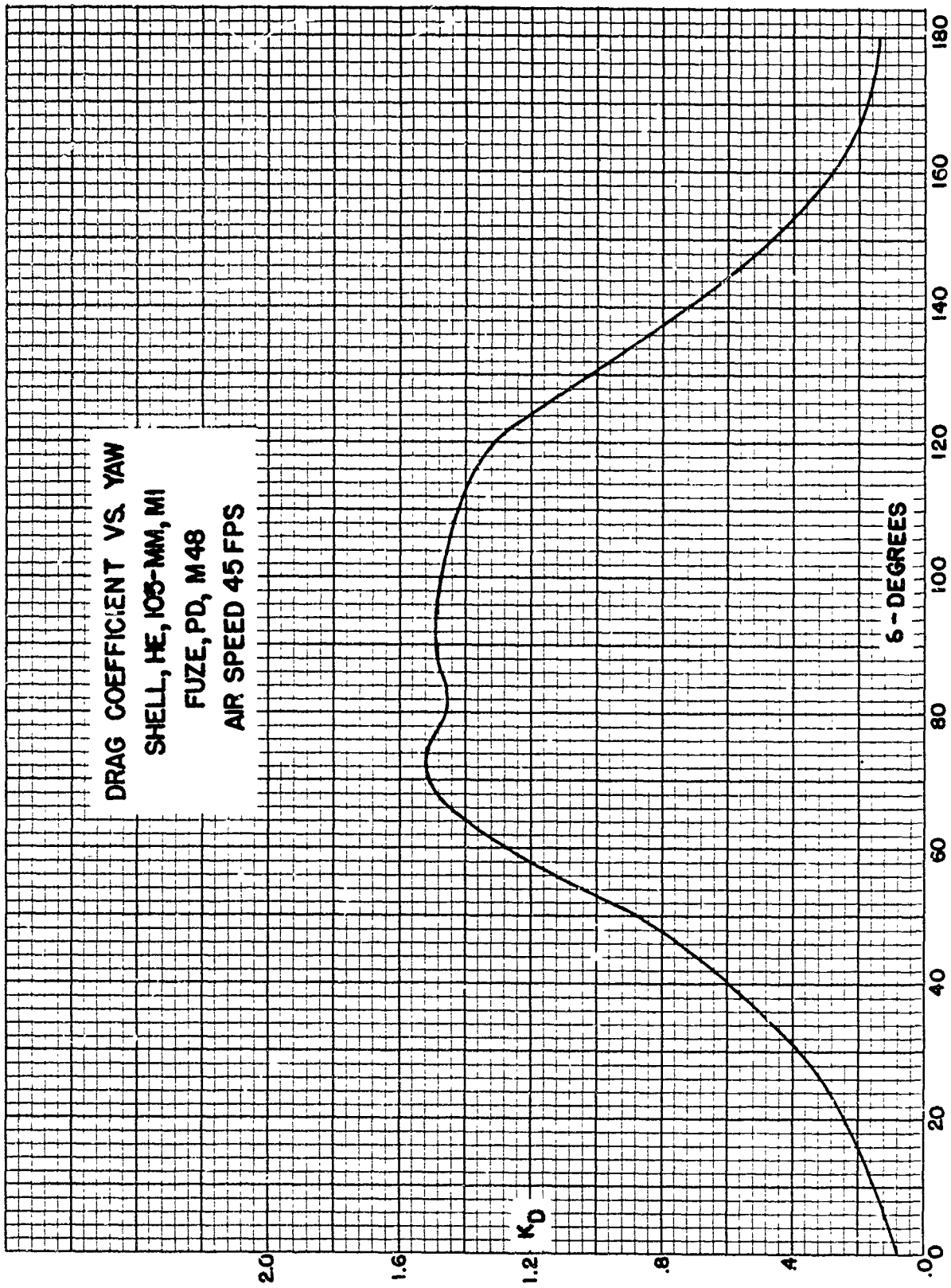
a. Drag. The graph of drag coefficient vs. Mach number (p. 7) was determined by resistance firings of the HE Shell M1 with the PD Fuze M48. The graph of drag coefficient vs. yaw (p. 8) was determined by measurements of a wooden model of the same projectile, made by the Bureau of Standards in an air stream with a speed of 45 fps. The form factor of the HE Shell M1 with the CP Fuze M78, determined by resistance firings, is 0.93 relative to G_5 at a velocity of 1519 fps; the corresponding drag coefficient is 0.161.

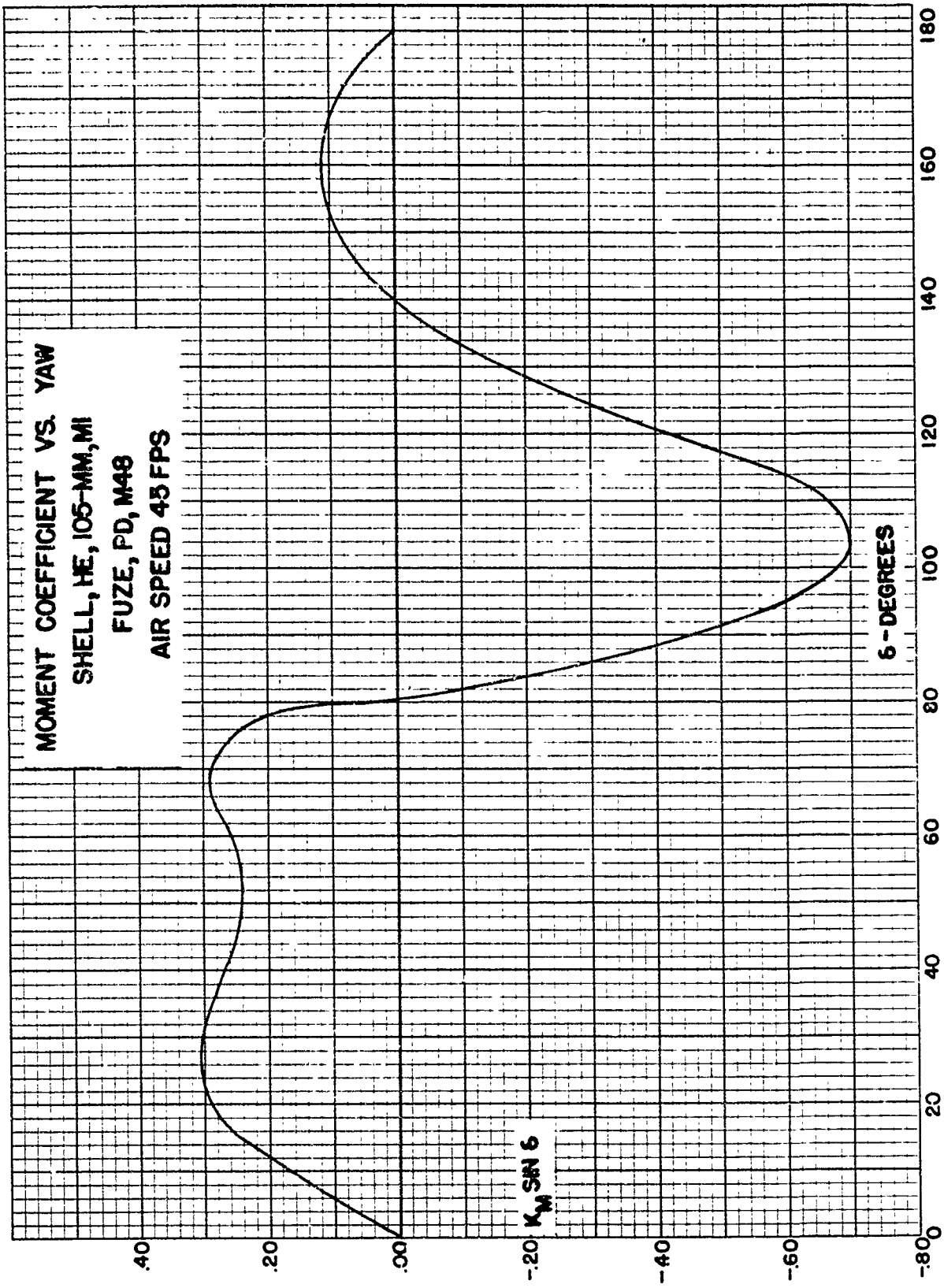
b. Stability. The graph of moment coefficient vs. yaw (p. 9) was determined by measurements of a wooden model of the HE Shell M1 with the PD Fuze M48, made by the Bureau of Standards in an air stream with a speed of 45 fps. The data tabulated below were determined by stability firings of the HE Shell M1 with the Dummy Fuze M59, fired from the 105-mm Howitzer M2A1 (see BRL Memorandum Report No. 265, "Stability of 105-mm HE Shell M1"), and with the TSQ Fuze M55, fired from the 105-mm AA Gun T4.

Fuze	Dummy M59	TSQ M55
Muzzle Velocity	1550 fps	2675 fps
Moment coef. K_M	1.41	1.28
Twist of rifling	1/20	1/30
Stability factor	2.69	1.35

c. Drift. FT 105-H-3 and FT 105-L-2 give the drift for the 105-mm howitzers firing the HE Shell M1 with PD and TSQ fuzes. The graph of cross wind force coefficient vs. yaw (p.10) was determined by measurements of a wooden model of the shell with PD fuze, made by the Bureau of Standards in an air stream with a speed of 45 fps.


DRAG COEFFICIENT VS. MACH NUMBER
SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1
FUZE, PD, M48
.18
.16
.14
.12
.10
.08
.06
.04
.02
K_D
M
.4
.8
1.2
1.6
2.0
2.4
2.8


DRAG COEFFICIENT VS. YAW
SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1
FUZE, PD, M48
AIR SPEED 45 FPS
6 - DEGREES
K_D
2.0
1.6
1.2
.8
.4
.0
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
160
180


MOMENT COEFFICIENT VS. YAW
SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1
FUZE, PD, M48
AIR SPEED 45 FPS
K_M SIN δ
δ - DEGREES
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.20
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-.60
-.80
0
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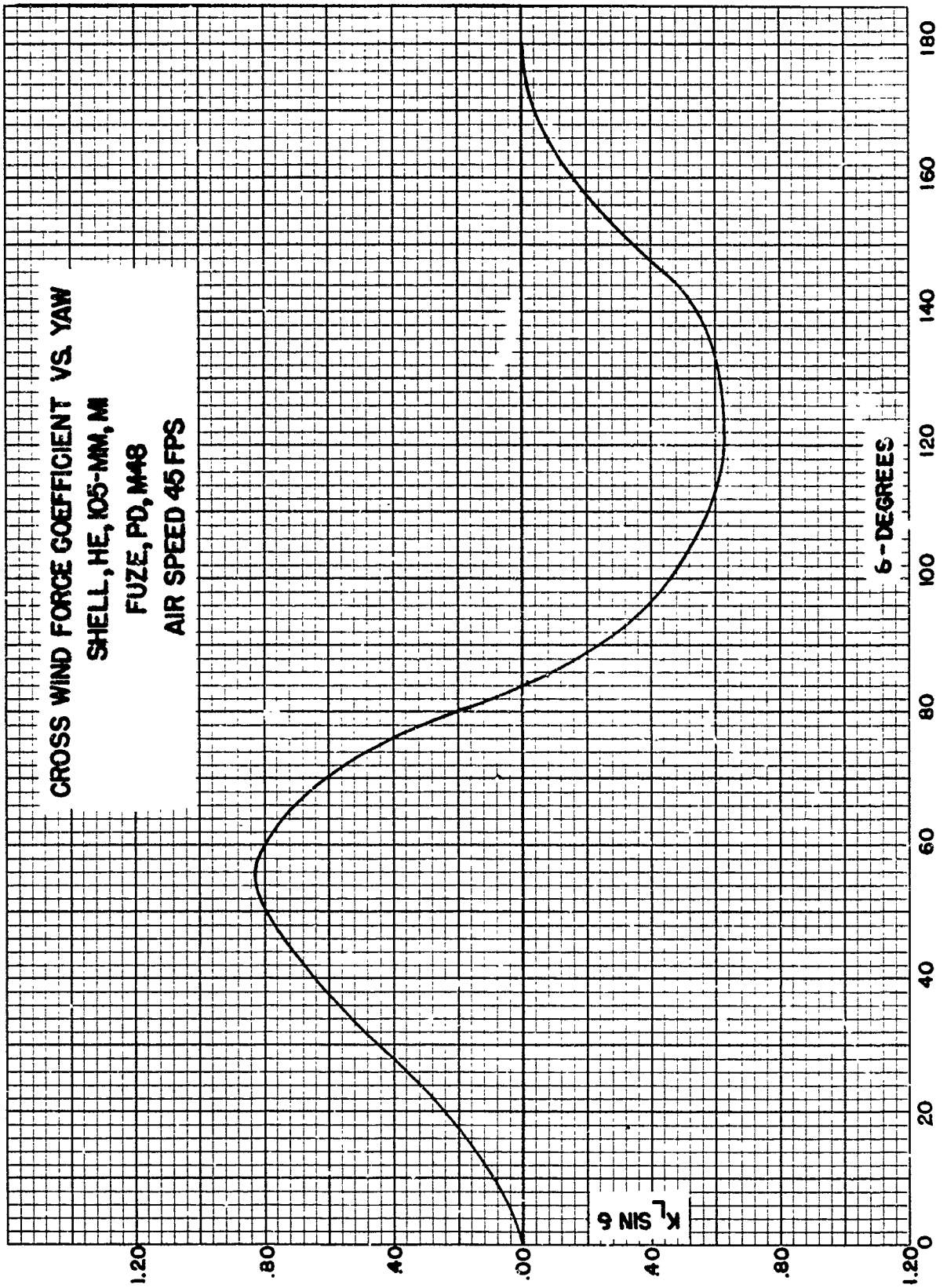
60
80
100
120
140
160
180


CROSS WIND FORCE COEFFICIENT VS. YAW
SHELL, HE, 105-MM, M1
FUZE, PD, M48
AIR SPEED 45 FPS
K_L SIN δ
δ - DEGREES
1.20
.80
.40
.00
.40
.80
1.20
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
160
180

8. Firing table data.

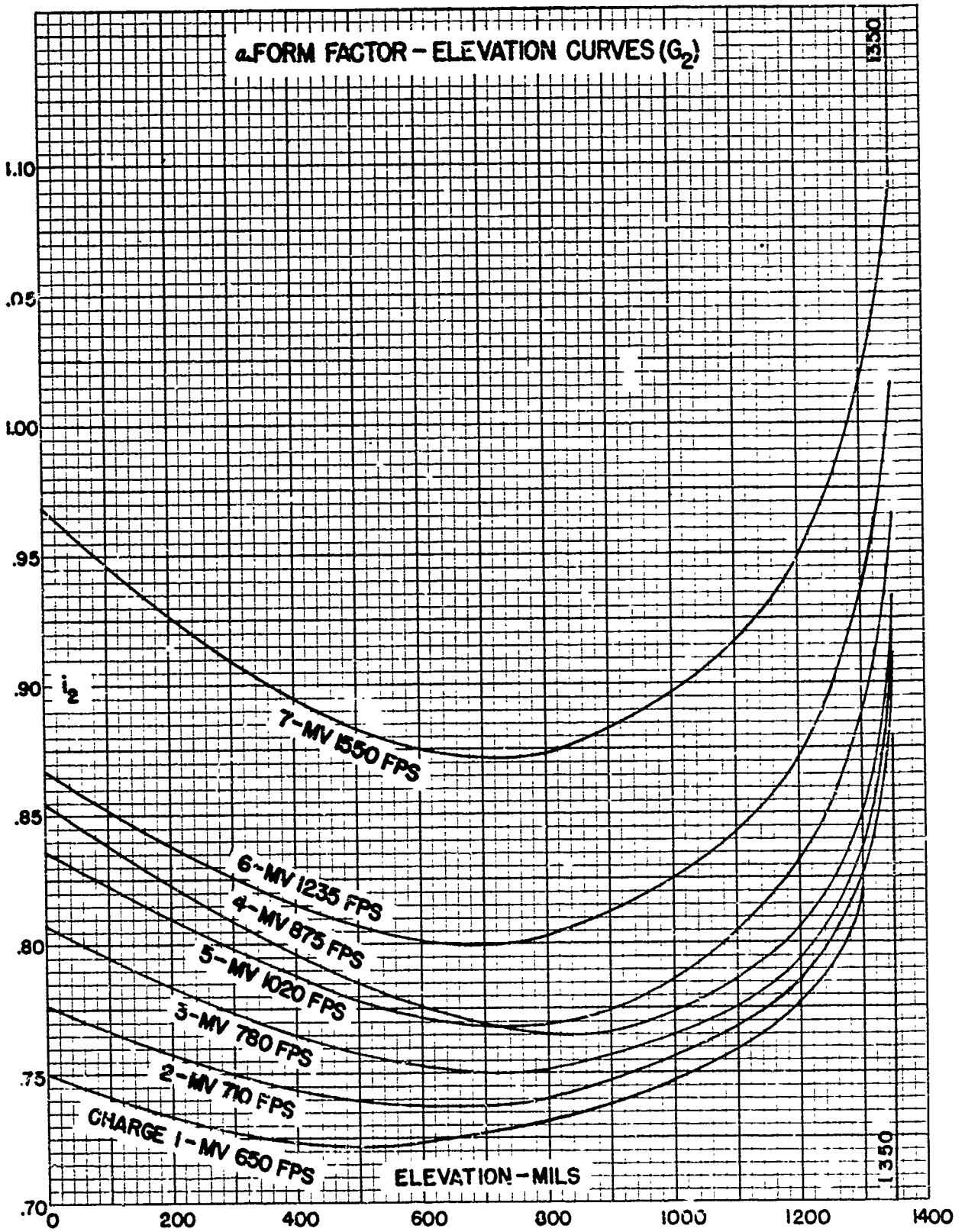
FT 105-H-3 with C8 contains data for 105-mm Howitzer M2A1 on Carriage M2, firing HE Shell M1 with PD and TSQ fuzes, and FT 105-L-2 with C4, for 105-mm Howitzer M3 on Carriage M3, firing HE Shell M1 with PD and TSQ fuzes. FT 105-H-3 is also applicable to the 105-mm Howitzer M2A1 on Carriage M2A2 or Motor Carriage M7 or M7B1, and the Howitzer M4 in Medium Tank M4 or M4A3 or Motor Carriage T76, providing the corrections listed in C8 be applied to the elevation and drift. These tables may be used for the HE Shell M1 with the CP Fuze M78 providing corrections be made for weight and air resistance: the weight of the shell with the CP fuze is greater than that of one with the PD fuze with the same marking by the amount indicated by a difference of one square; the increase in air resistance is equivalent to one percent increase in air density.

The twist of rifling of all these howitzers is 1/20.

The semi-fixed rounds are assembled with charges to give the following muzzle velocities:

Charge No.	Howitzer M2A1 or M4 Round for How M2A1	Howitzer M2A1 or M4 Round for How M3	Howitzer M3 Round for How M3
1	650	695	650
2	710	755	710
3	780	825	780
4	875	925	875
5	1020	1080	1020
6	1235		
7	1550		

OCM item 11871 approved the recommendation by item 11820 that the HE Shell M1 be standardized for the 105-mm Howitzer M2 (later superseded by M2A1). OCM item 19910 approved the recommendations by item 19684 that the 105-mm Howitzer M3 and Carriage M3 be standardized, and that the HE Shell M1 with PD Fuze M48A1 be assembled as a semi-fixed round capable of being fired in this howitzer at the first five zone velocities of the M2A1 Howitzer. OCM item 23702 approved the recommendations by item 23180 that the semi-fixed round for the M3 Howitzer be made substitute standard for the M2 and M2A1 Howitzers, and that the round for the M2 and M2A1 Howitzers be not used in the M3 Howitzer except under conditions of extreme emergency, in which event only charges 1, 2 and 3 may be used. OCM item 22131 approved the recommendation of item 21868 that the 105-mm Howitzer M4 be standardized for use in the Medium Tank M4 or M4A3 (the ballistics of this howitzer are the same as those of the M2A1 Howitzer).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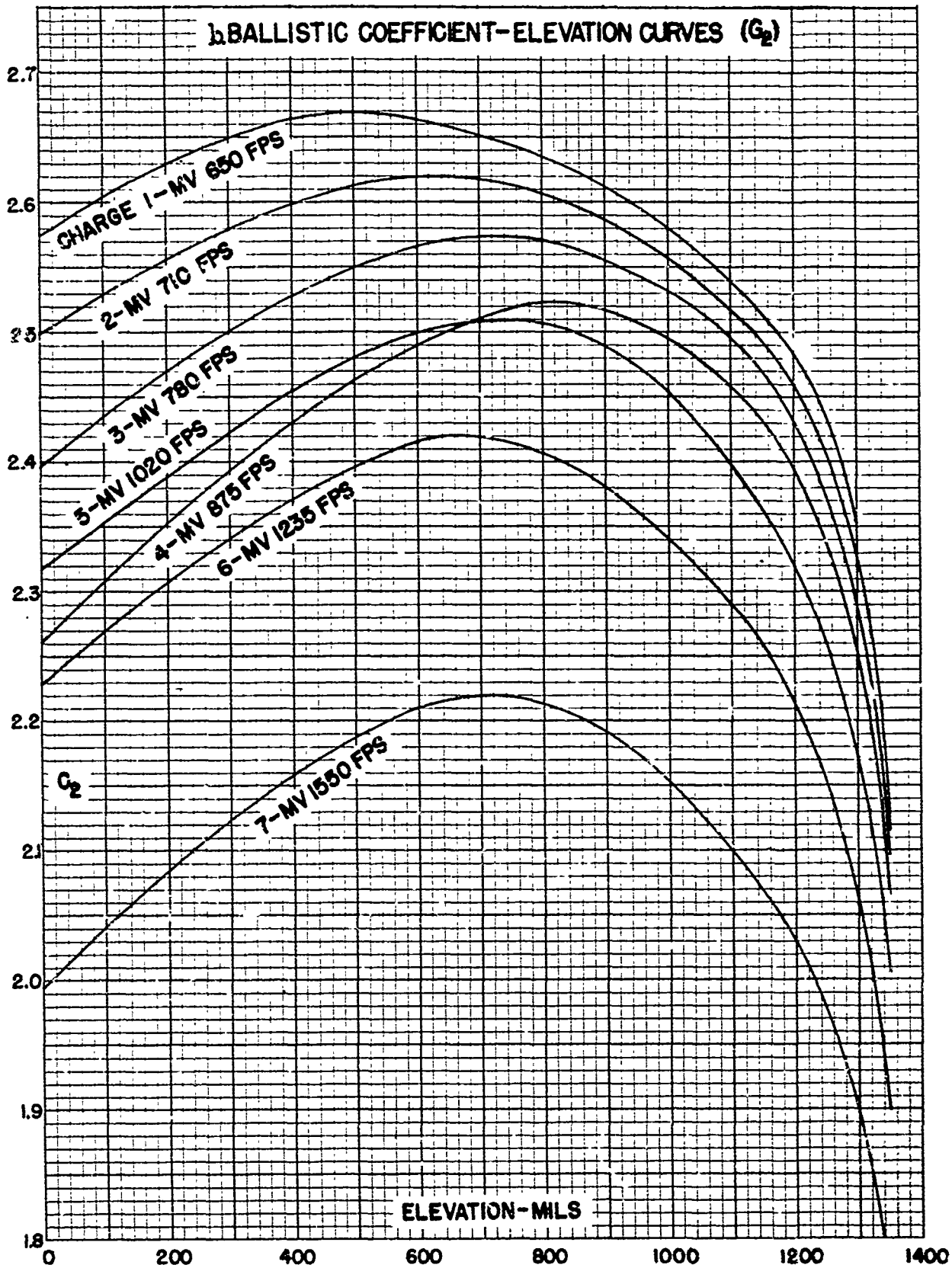
1350
1.10
.05
1.00
.95
.90
i_2
.85
.80
.75
.70
7-MV 1550 FPS
6-MV 1235 FPS
4-MV 875 FPS
5-MV 1020 FPS
3-MV 780 FPS
2-MV 710 FPS
CHARGE 1-MV 650 FPS
ELEVATION – MILS
0
200
400
600
800
1000
1200
1400
1350


b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT-ELEVATION CURVES (G_2)
CHARGE 1-MV 650 FPS
2-MV 710 FPS
3-MV 780 FPS
4-MV 875 FPS
5-MV 1020 FPS
6-MV 1235 FPS
7-MV 1550 FPS
C_2
ELEVATION-MILS
2.7
2.6
2.5
2.4
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2.1
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400
600
800
1000
1200
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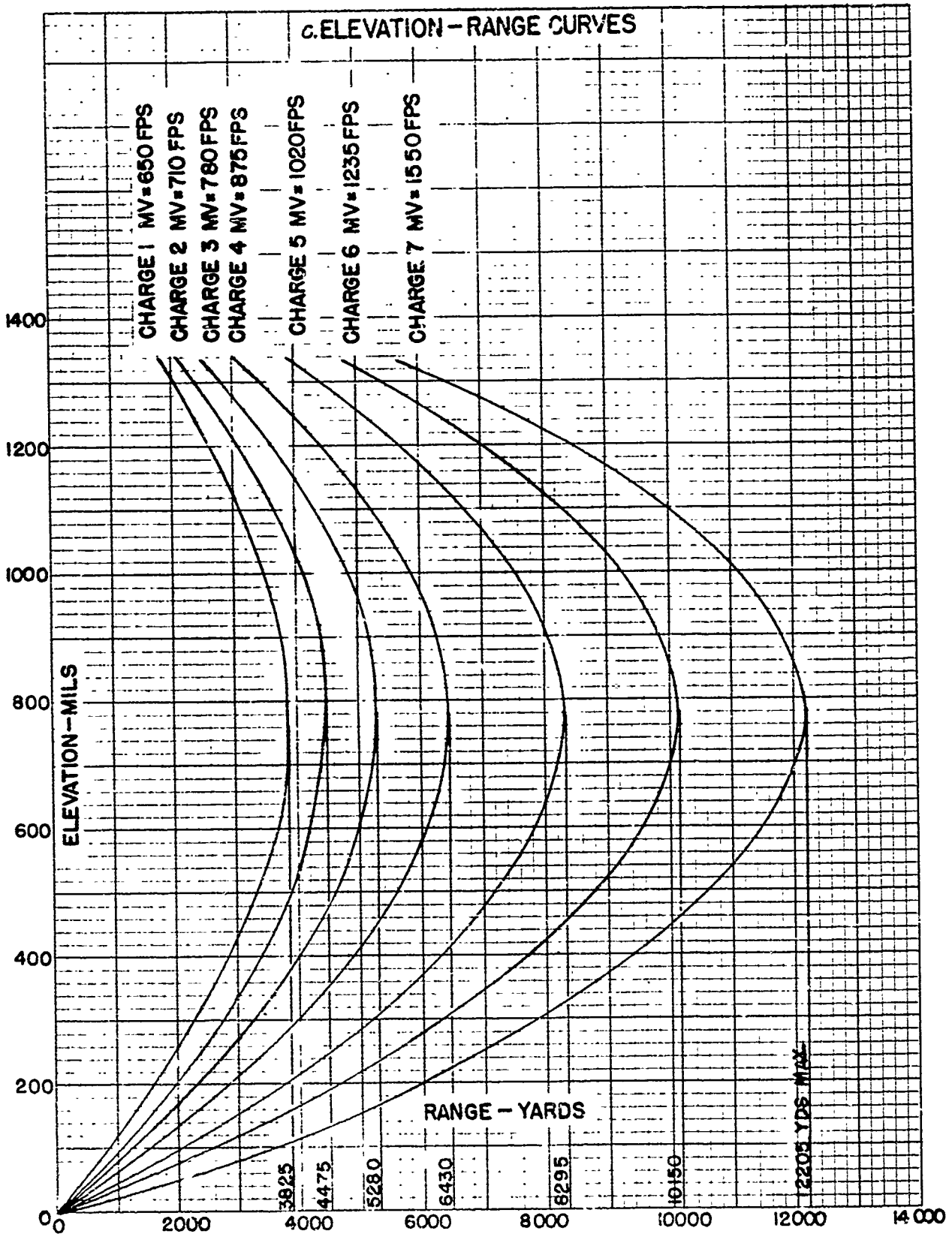
c. ELEVATION – RANGE CURVES
CHARGE 1 MV=650 FPS
CHARGE 2 MV=710 FPS
CHARGE 3 MV=780 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV=875 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV=1020 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV=1235 FPS
CHARGE 7 MV=1550 FPS
ELEVATION–MILS
0
200
400
600
800
1000
1200
1400
RANGE – YARDS
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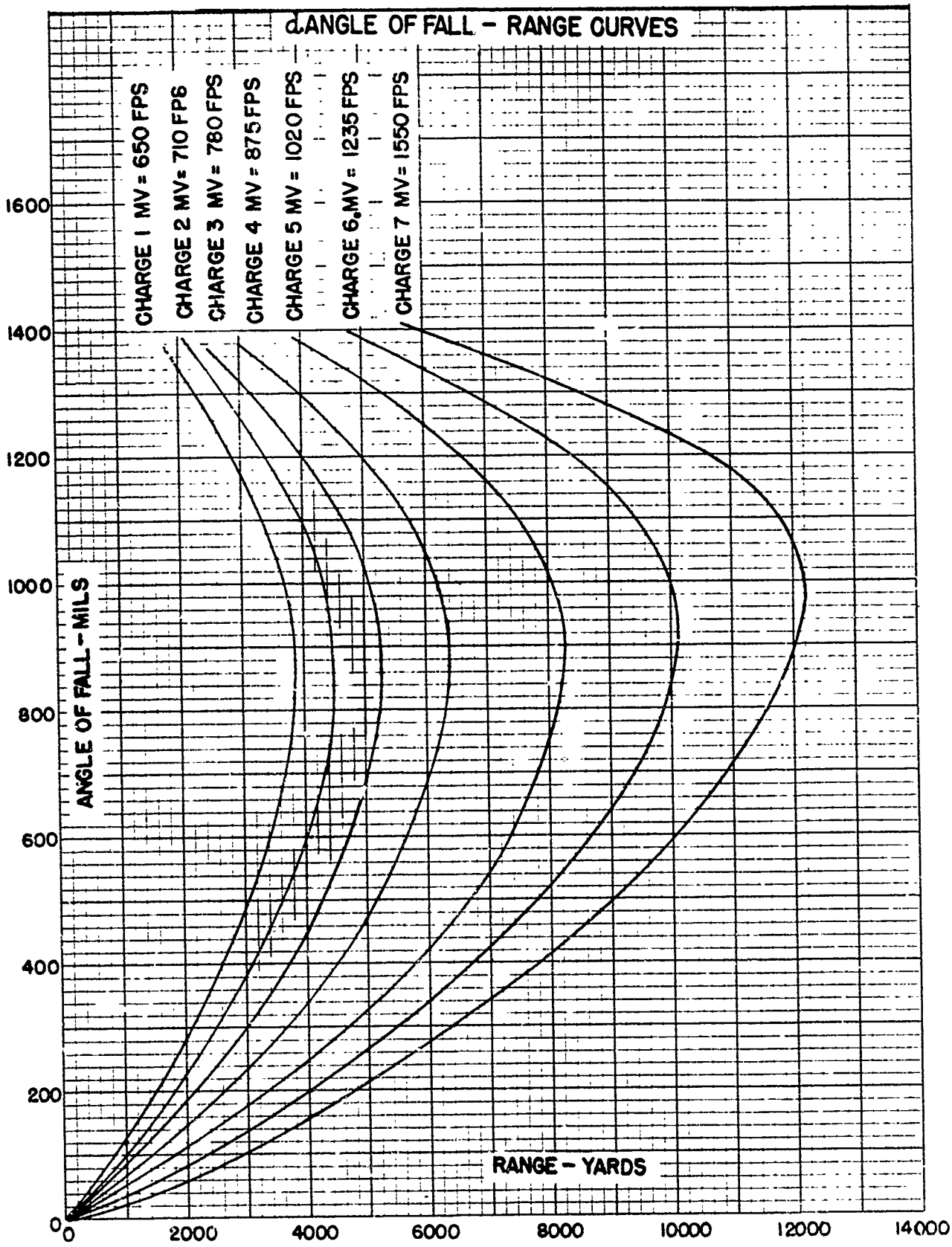
6430
8295
10150
12205 YDS MAX


α ANGLE OF FALL - RANGE CURVES
CHARGE 1 MV = 650 FPS
CHARGE 2 MV = 710 FPS
CHARGE 3 MV = 780 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV = 875 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV = 1020 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV = 1235 FPS
CHARGE 7 MV = 1550 FPS
ANGLE OF FALL - MILS
RANGE - YARDS
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6000
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10000
12000
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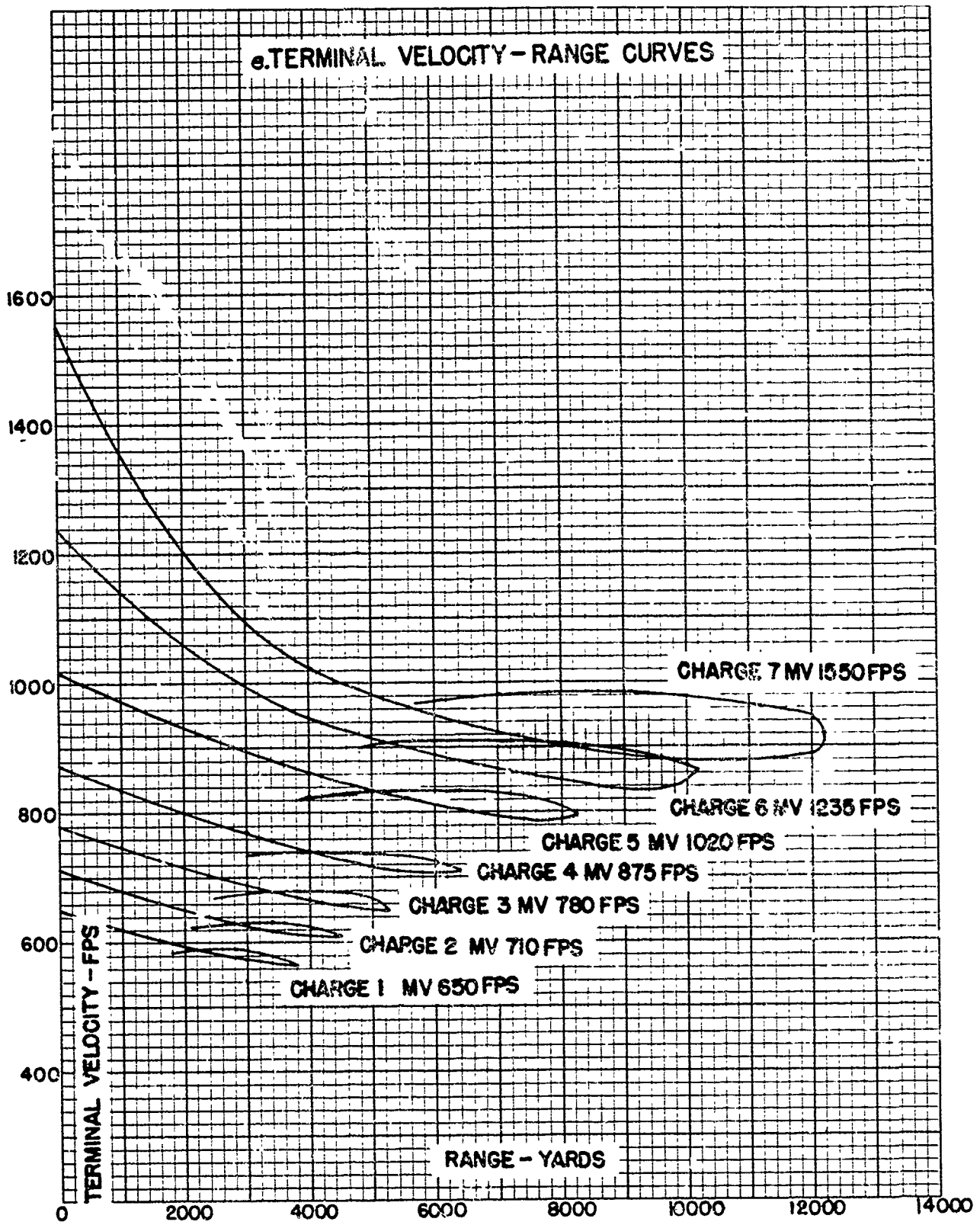
e. TERMINAL VELOCITY - RANGE CURVES
CHARGE 7 MV 1550 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV 1235 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV 1020 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV 875 FPS
CHARGE 3 MV 780 FPS
CHARGE 2 MV 710 FPS
CHARGE 1 MV 650 FPS
TERMINAL VELOCITY - FPS
RANGE - YARDS
1600
1400
1200
1000
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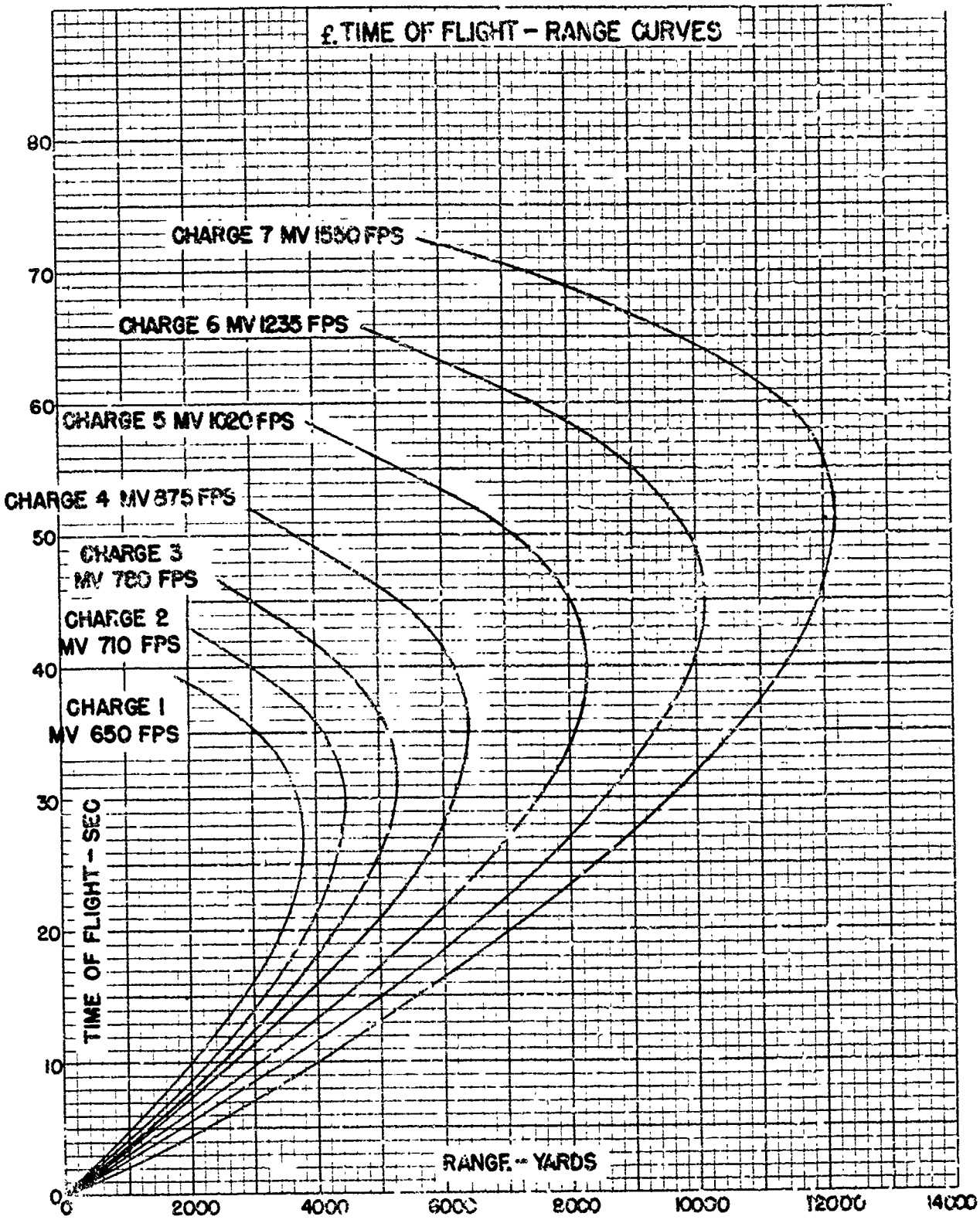
400
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000


£. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
CHARGE 7 MV 1550 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV 1235 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV 1020 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV 875 FPS
CHARGE 3
MV 780 FPS
CHARGE 2
MV 710 FPS
CHARGE 1
MV 650 FPS
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE – YARDS
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20
30
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70
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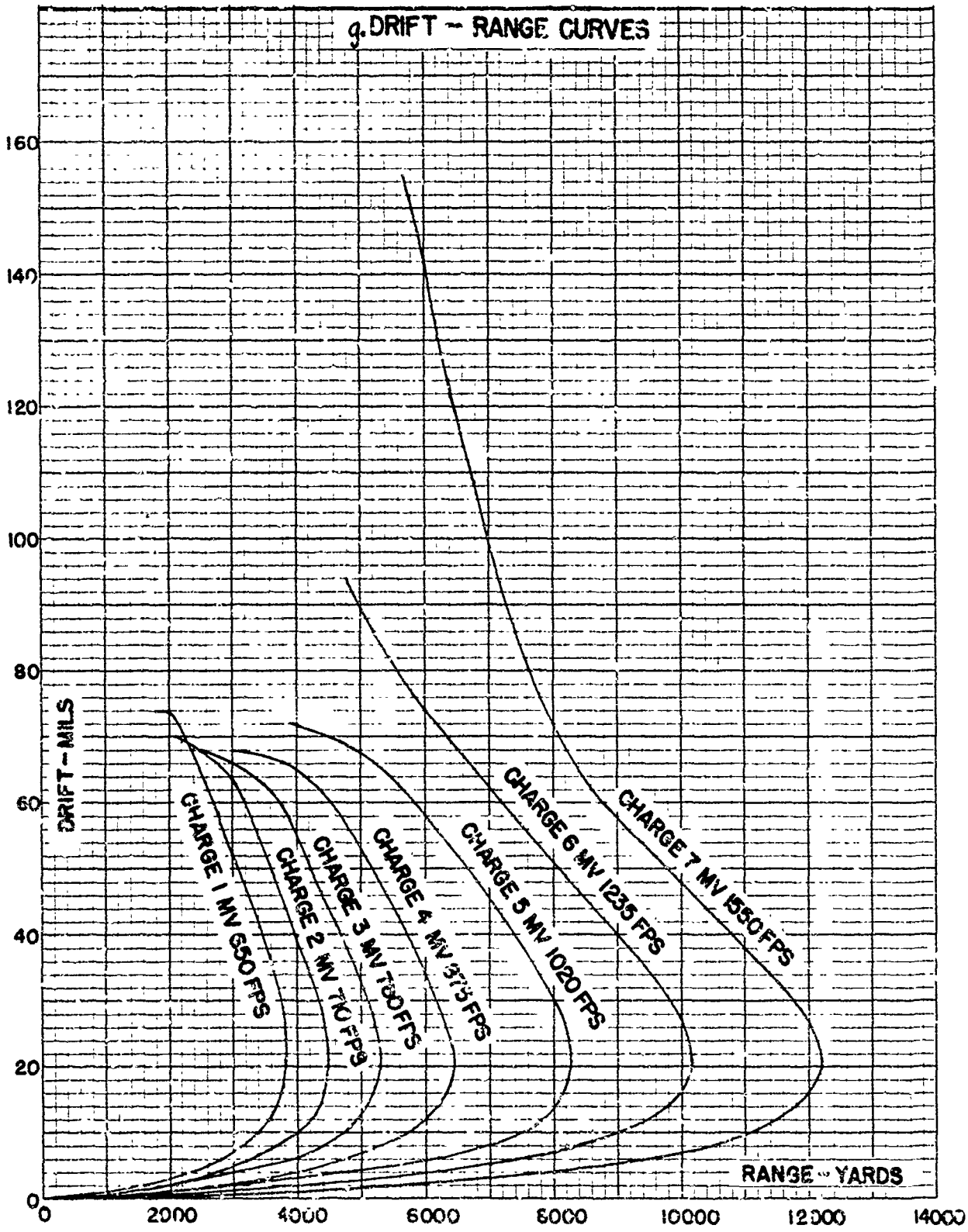
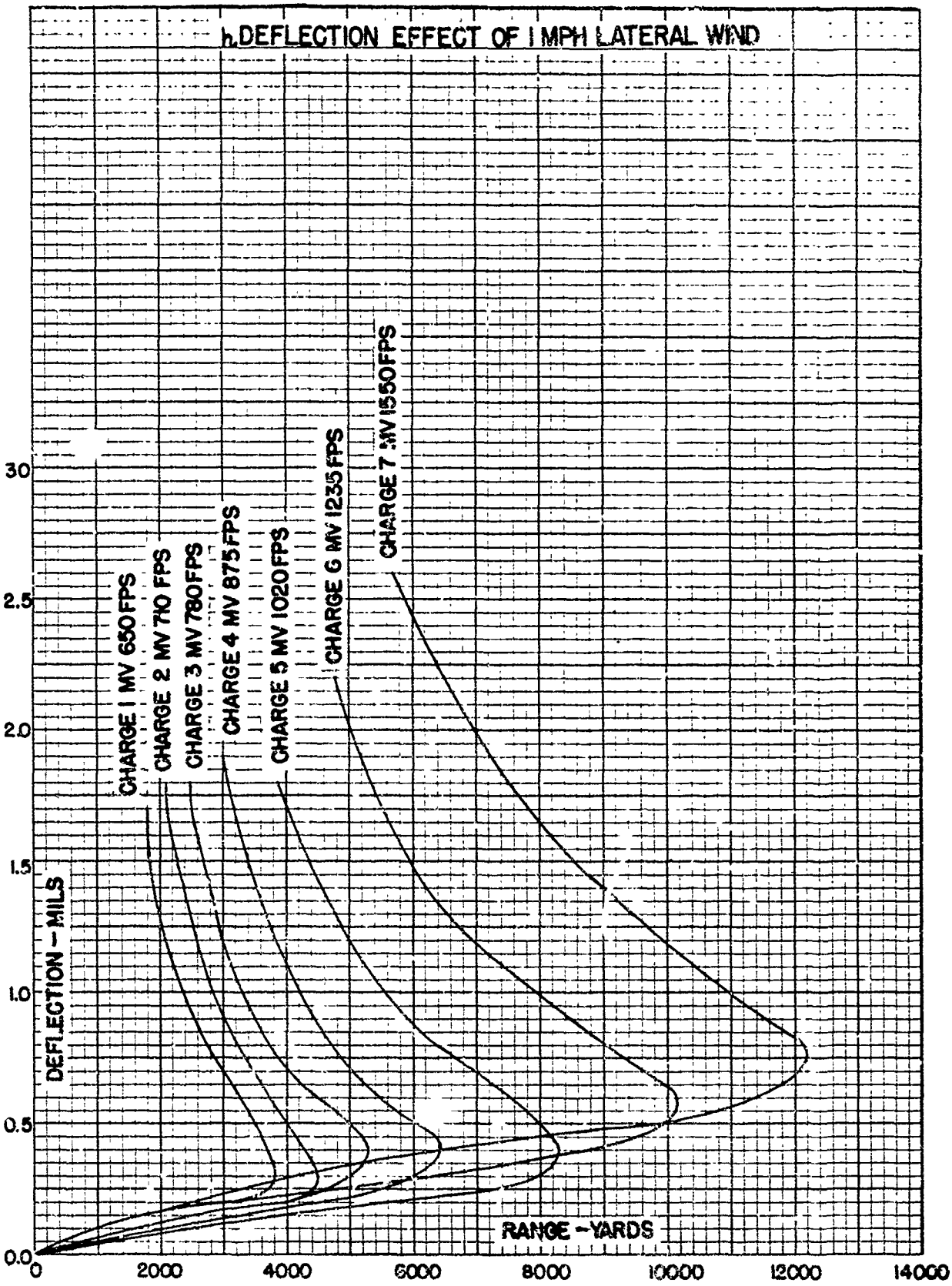
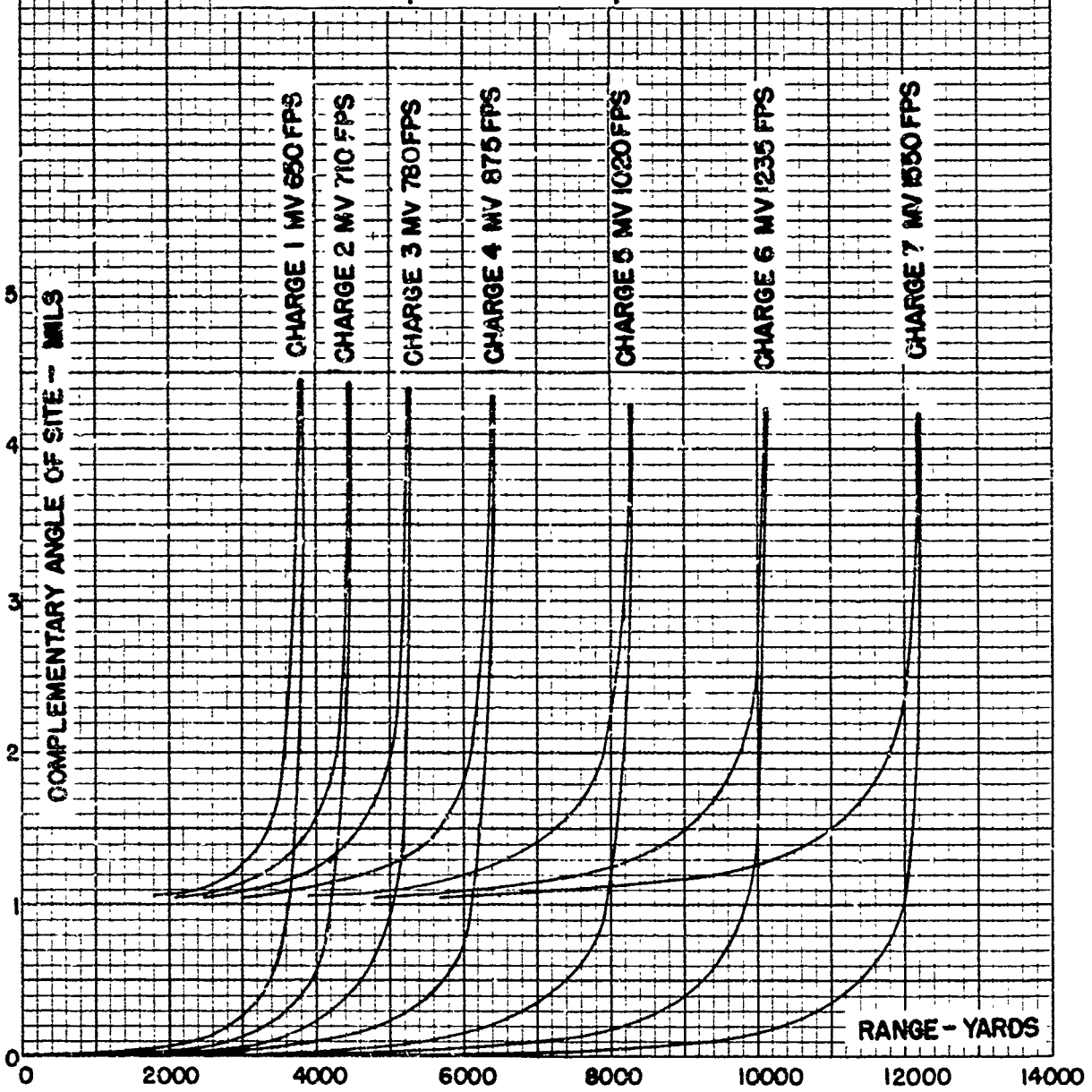
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000

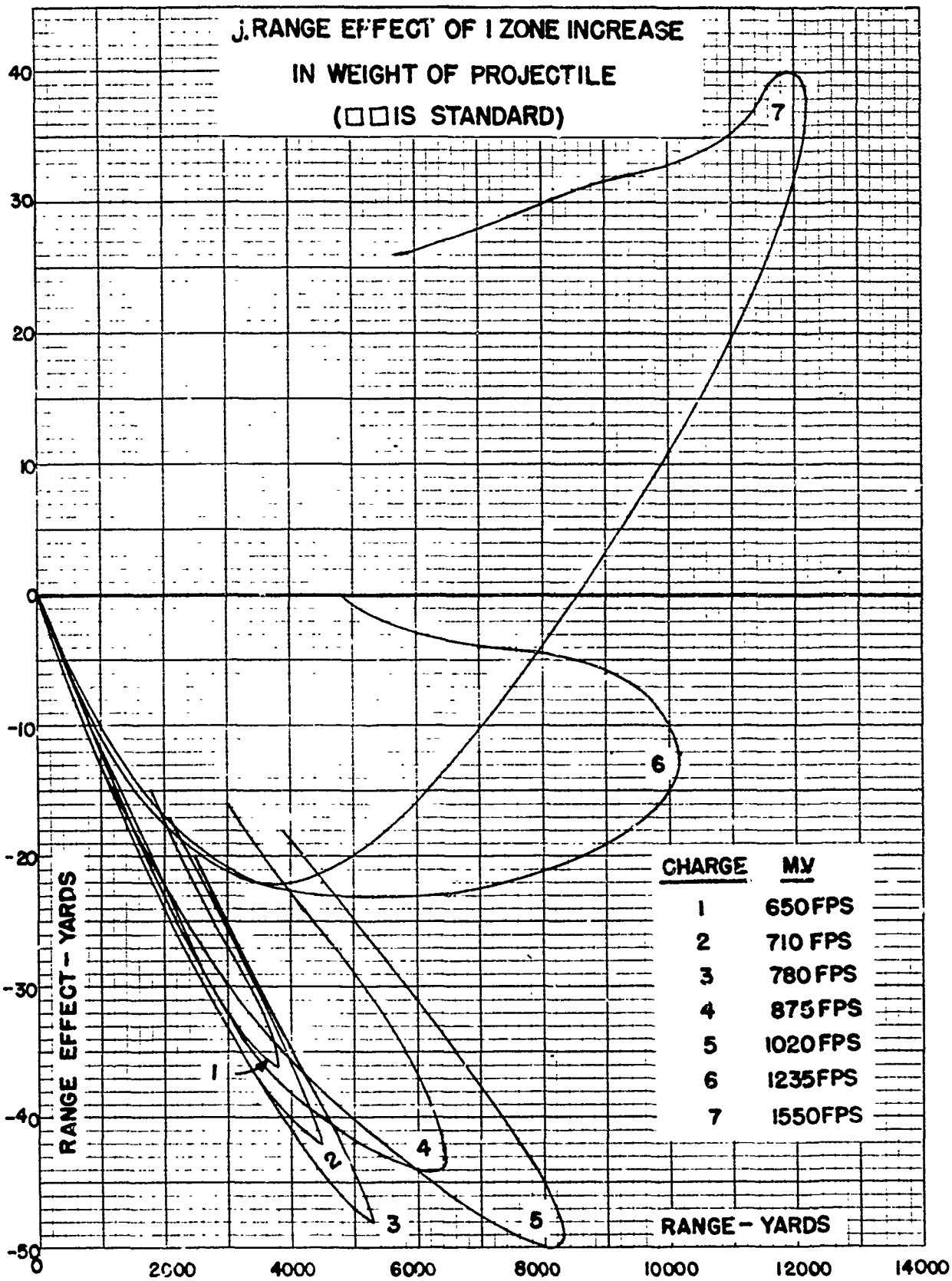

g. DRIFT – RANGE CURVES
DRIFT – MILS
RANGE – YARDS
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
160
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
CHARGE 1 MV 650 FPS
CHARGE 2 MV 710 FPS
CHARGE 3 MV 780 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV 875 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV 1020 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV 1235 FPS
CHARGE 7 MV 1550 FPS


h. DEFLECTION EFFECT OF 1 MPH LATERAL WIND
CHARGE 1 MV 650 FPS
CHARGE 2 MV 710 FPS
CHARGE 3 MV 780 FPS
CHARGE 4 MV 875 FPS
CHARGE 5 MV 1020 FPS
CHARGE 6 MV 1235 FPS
CHARGE 7 MV 1550 FPS
DEFLECTION – MILS
0.0
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0
2.5
3.0
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000

COMPLEMENTARY ANGLE OF SITE
(AVERAGE FOR ±1 MIL ANGLE OF SITE)

ELEVATION	ANGLE OF SITE	COMPLEMENTARY ANGLE OF SITE
LOW	+	+
LOW	−	−
HIGH	+	−
HIGH	−	+




j. RANGE EFFECT OF 1 ZONE INCREASE
IN WEIGHT OF PROJECTILE
(□□IS STANDARD)
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
40
30
20
10
0
-10
-20
-30
-40
-50
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
1
2
3
4
5
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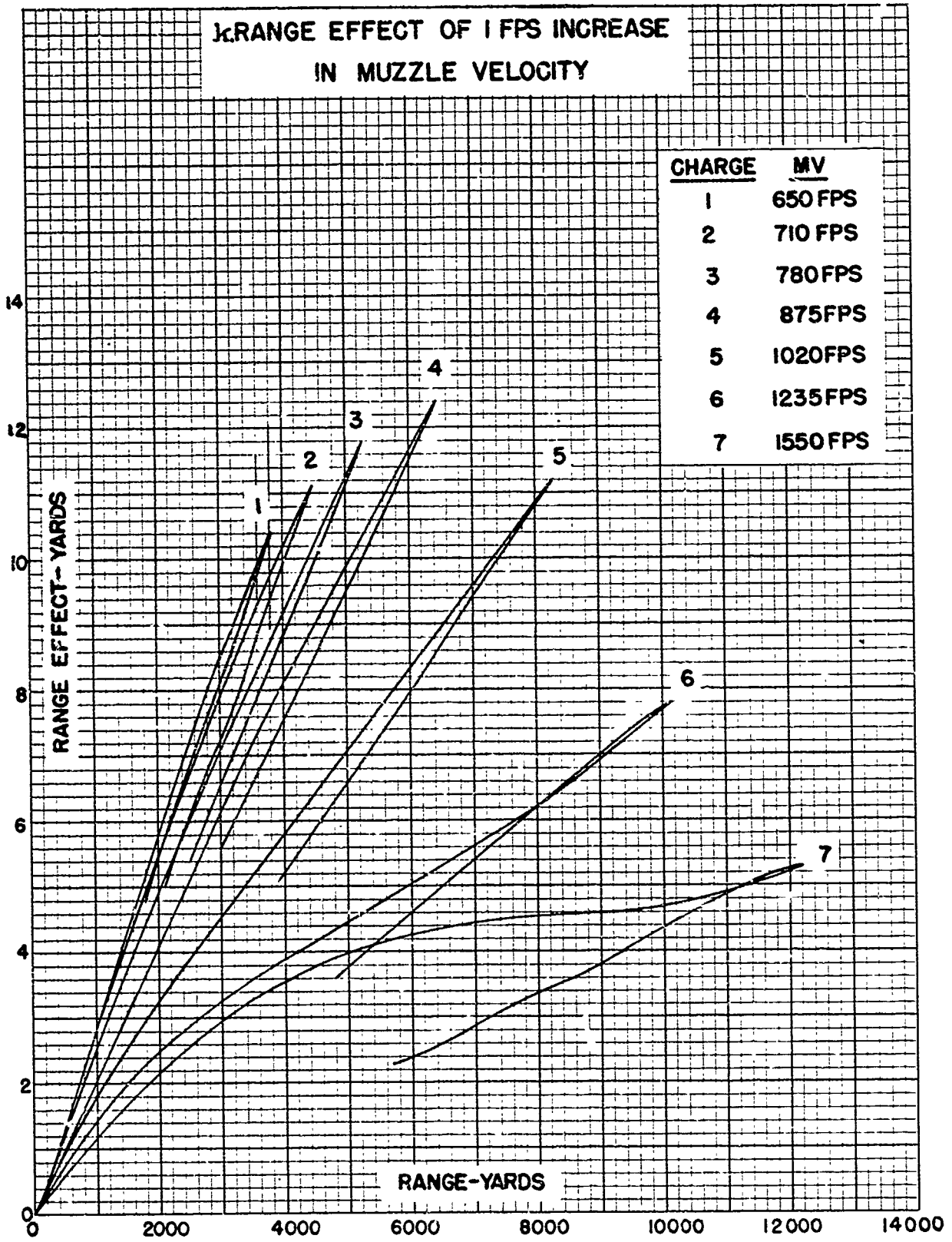
CHARGE MV
1 650FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780FPS
4 875FPS
5 1020FPS
6 1235FPS
7 1550FPS


k RANGE EFFECT OF 1 FPS INCREASE
IN MUZZLE VELOCITY
CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS
RANGE EFFECT-YARDS
RANGE-YARDS
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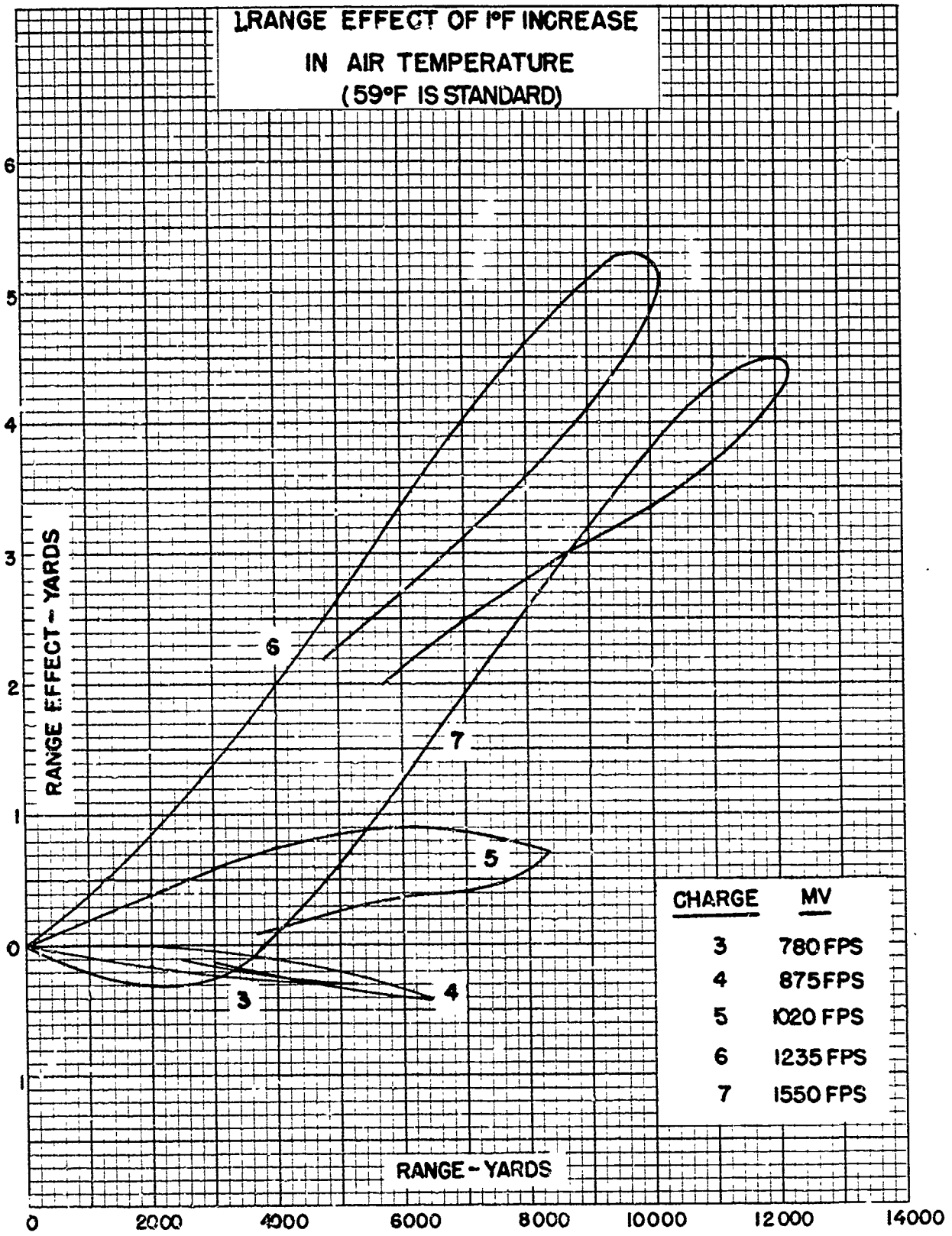
RANGE EFFECT OF 1°F INCREASE
IN AIR TEMPERATURE
(59°F IS STANDARD)
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
RANGE - YARDS
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
1
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
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6
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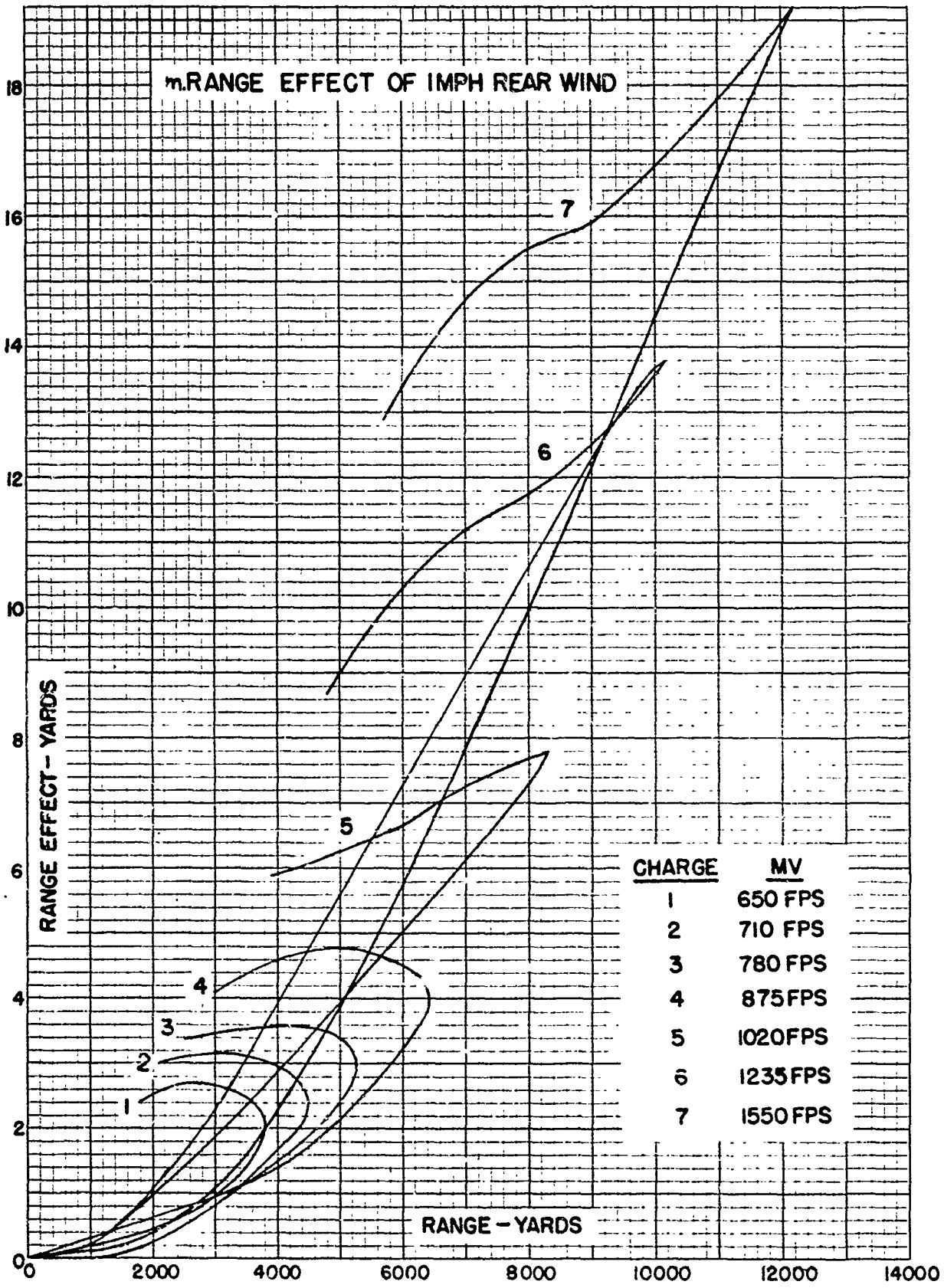
CHARGE MV
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS


m.RANGE EFFECT OF 1MPH REAR WIND
RANGE EFFECT – YARDS
RANGE – YARDS
0
2
4
6
8
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16
18
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
1
2
3
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CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
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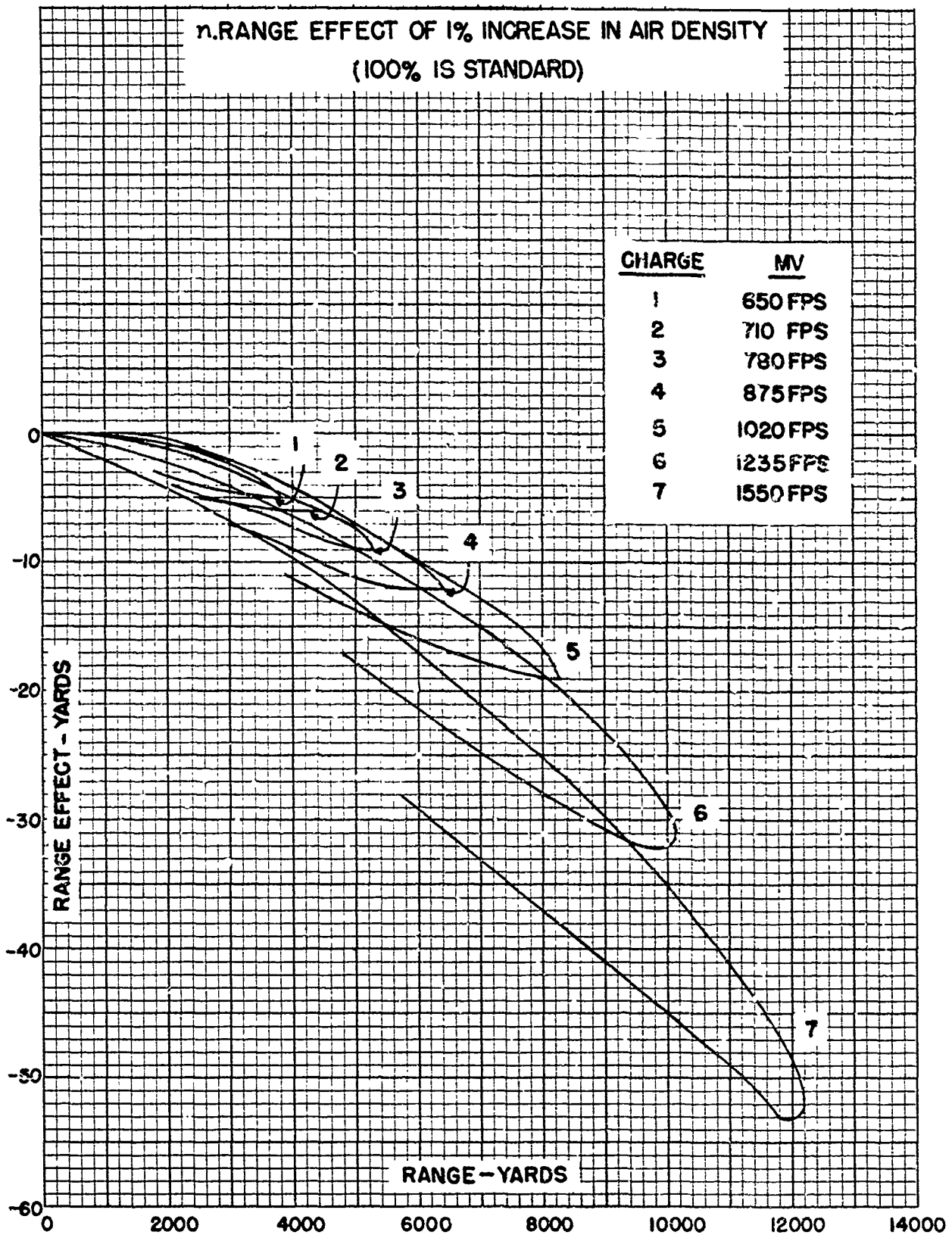
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS


n.RANGE EFFECT OF 1% INCREASE IN AIR DENSITY
(100% IS STANDARD)
CHARGE
MV
1
650 FPS
2
710 FPS
3
780 FPS
4
875 FPS
5
1020 FPS
6
1235 FPS
7
1550 FPS
RANGE EFFECT - YARDS
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-40
-50
-60
RANGE—YARDS
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2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
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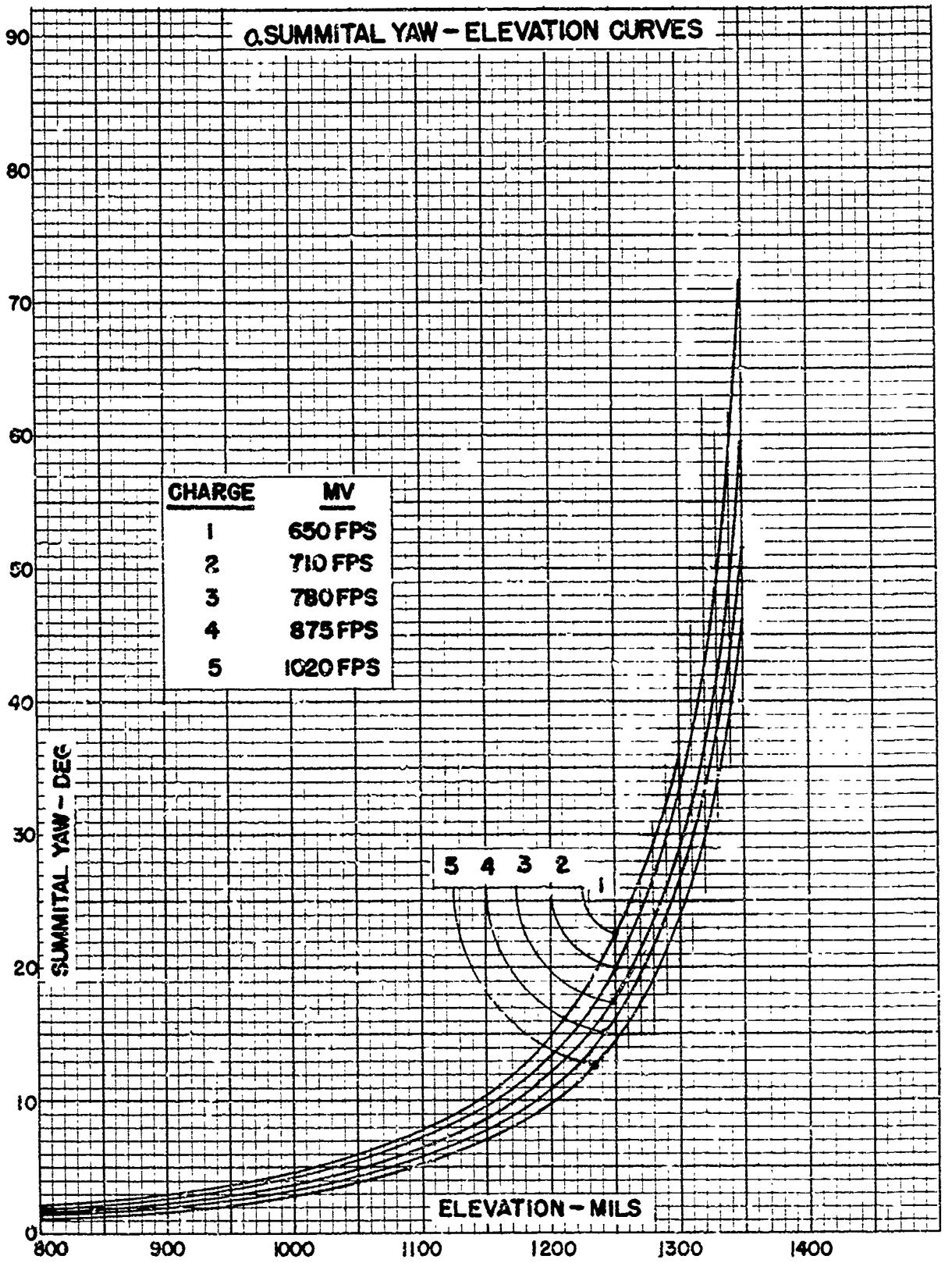
a. SUMMITAL YAW – ELEVATION CURVES
CHARGE
MV
1
650 FPS
2
710 FPS
3
780 FPS
4
875 FPS
5
1020 FPS
5 4 3 2 1
SUMMITAL YAW – DEG
ELEVATION – MILS
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
800
900
1000
1100
1200
1300
1400

SECTION V

EFFECT DATA

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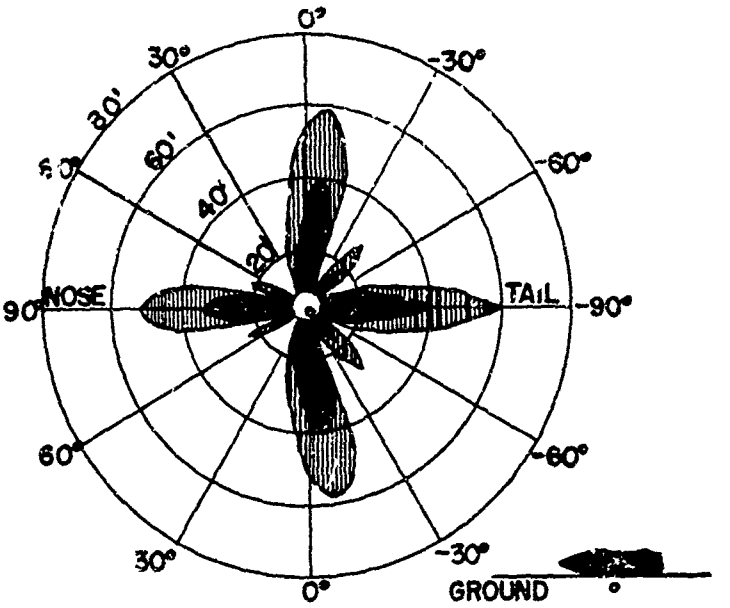
9. Fragmentation. The data on fragmentation of the 105-mm HE Shell M1 were taken from TM9-1907 "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition" (Sep 1944) and Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data" (Sep 1945). The initial fragment velocity is 3500 fps.

a. Casualties.

TABLE 48
CASUALTIES

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	1,160	0.231	0.010	2,440
30	1,115	0.0986	0.014	2,060
40	1,072	0.0533	0.019	1,770
60	996	0.0220	0.030	1,410
80	932	0.0220	0.030	1,410
100	875	0.0070	0.055	1,040
150	745	0.0026	0.083	846
200	642	0.0013	0.109	738
300	513	0.0004	0.166	598
400	423	0.0002	0.232	507
500	358	0.0001	0.312	438

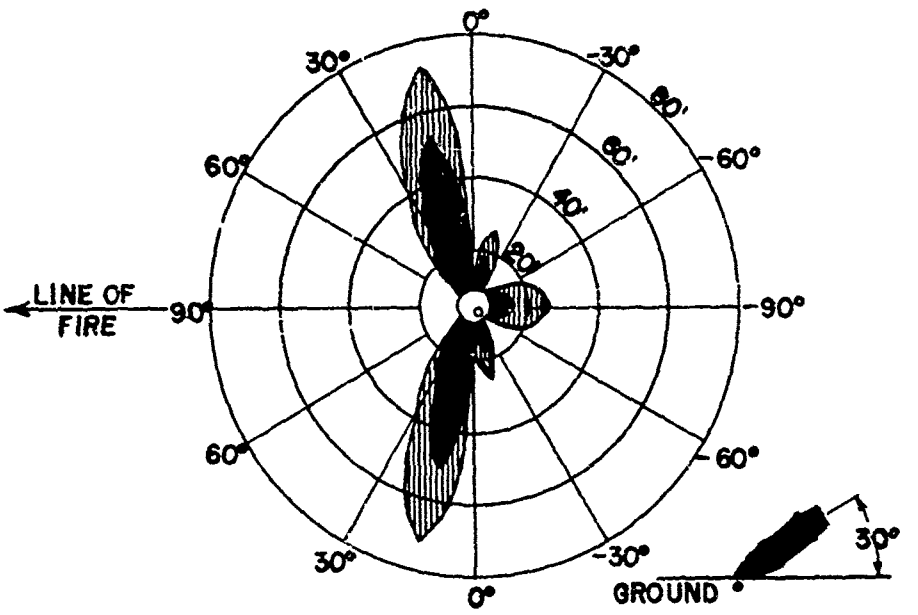
CASUALTIES



INCLINATION 0°

HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS



INCLINATION 30°

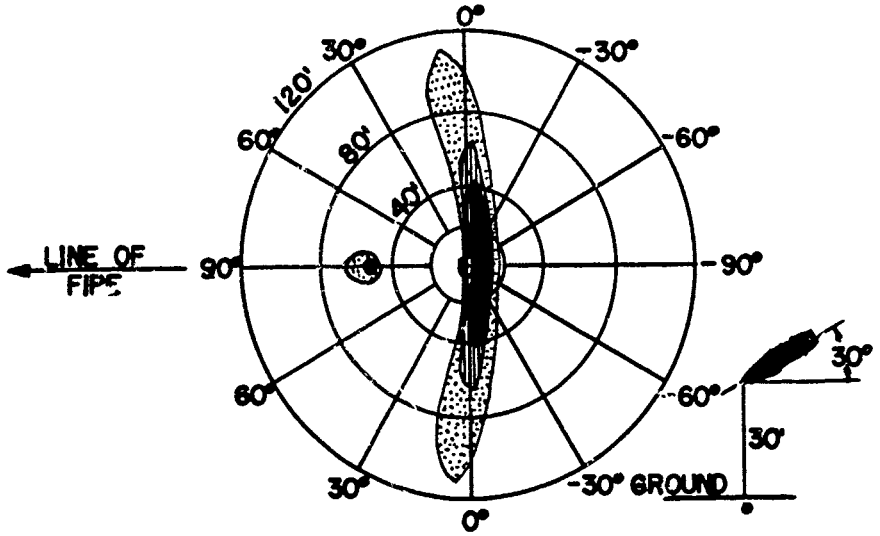
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT

REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS

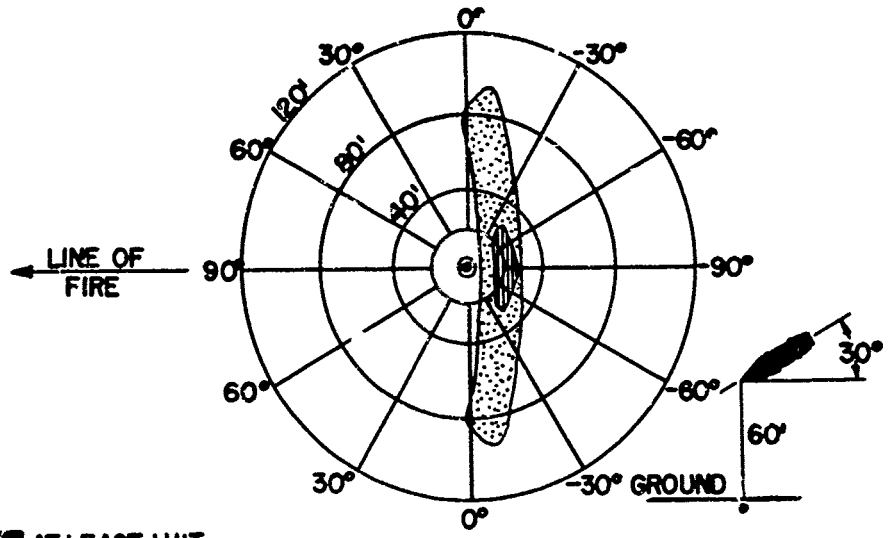
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

CASUALTIES

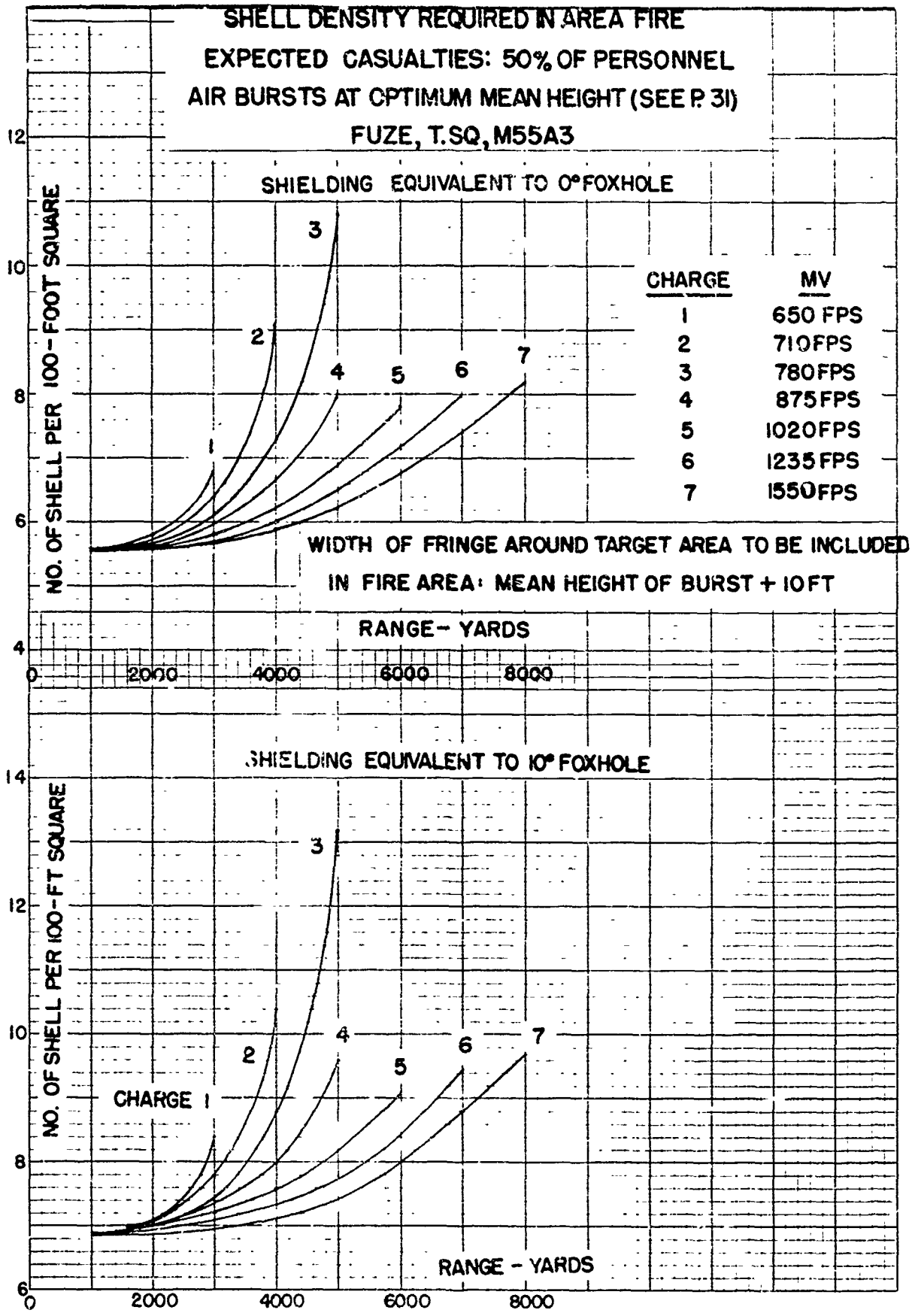


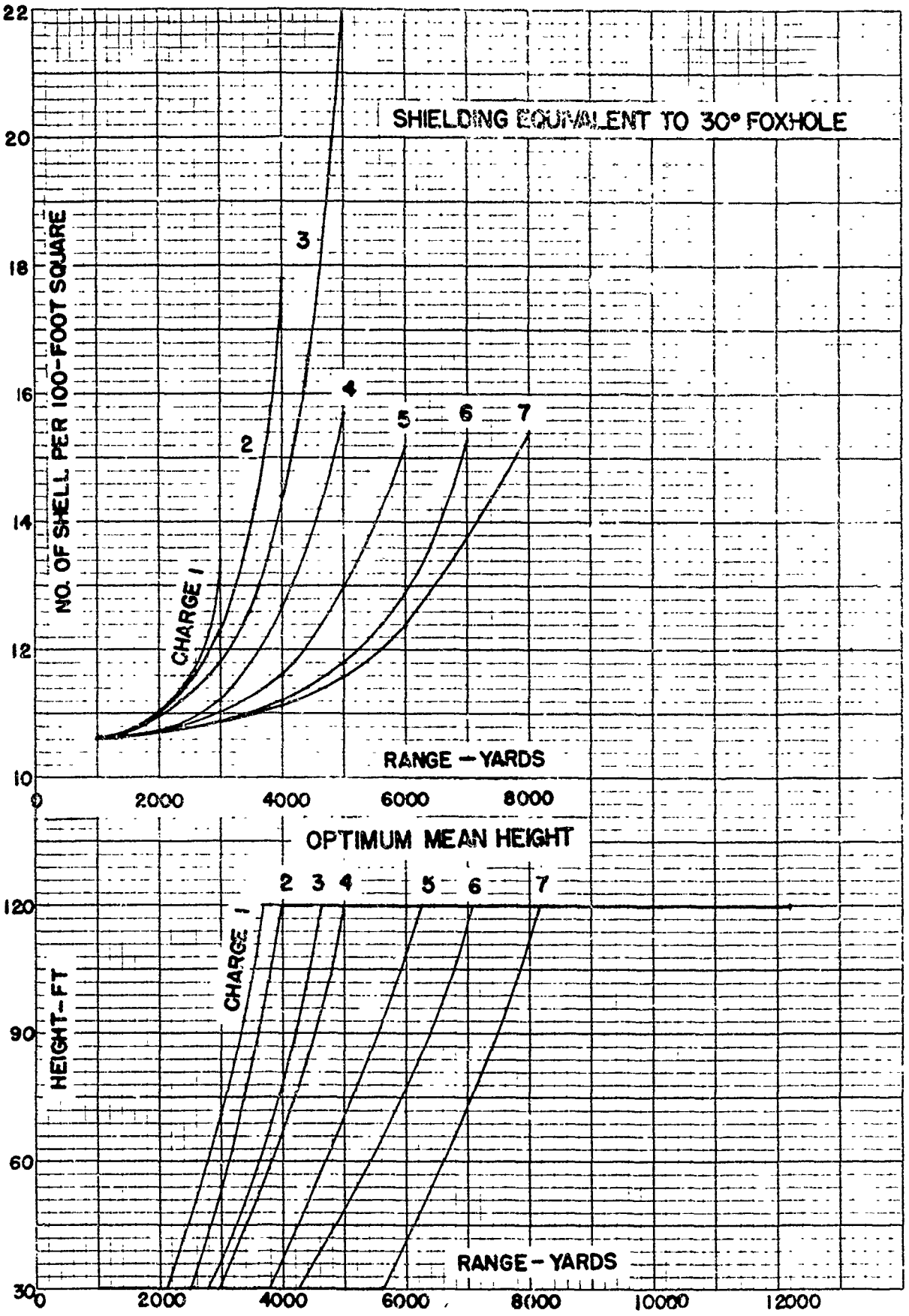
INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 30 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS

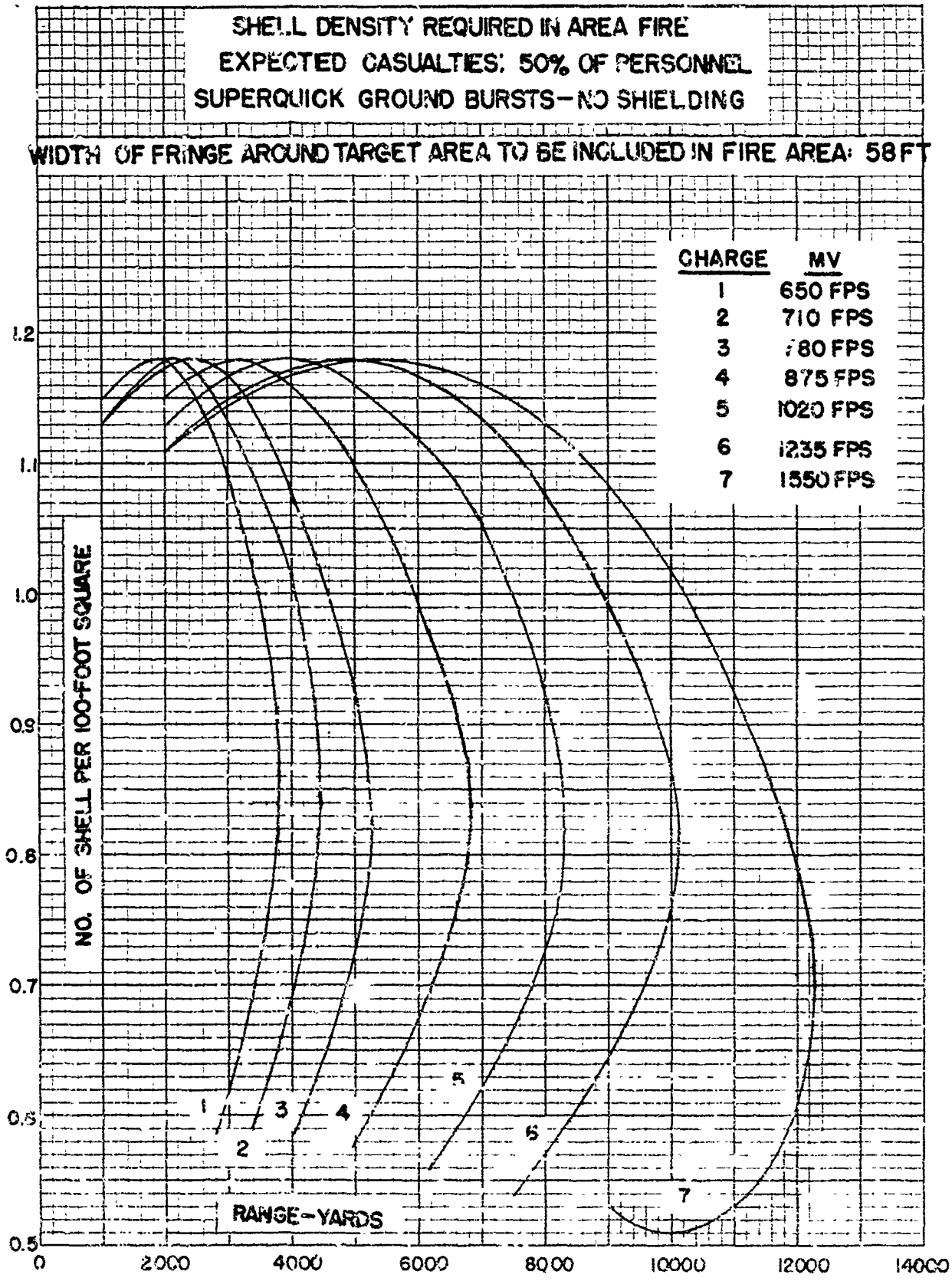


AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 25 SQ FT

INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 60 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
AIR BURSTS AT OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT (SEE P. 31)
FUZE, T.SQ, M55A3
SHIELDING EQUIVALENT TO 0° FOXHOLE
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED
IN FIRE AREA: MEAN HEIGHT OF BURST + 10 FT
RANGE - YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
4
6
8
10
12
SHIELDING EQUIVALENT TO 10° FOXHOLE
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FT SQUARE
CHARGE 1
RANGE - YARDS
6
8
10
12
14


SHIELDING EQUIVALENT TO 30° FOXHOLE
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
CHARGE 1
2
3
4
5
6
7
RANGE — YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10
12
14
16
18
20
22
OPTIMUM MEAN HEIGHT
HEIGHT-FT
CHARGE 1
2 3 4 5 6 7
RANGE - YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
30
60
90
120

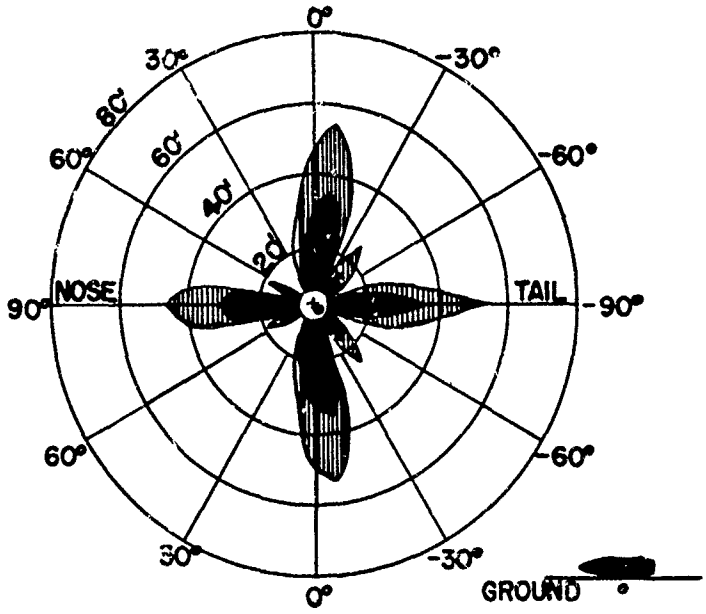

SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED CASUALTIES: 50% OF PERSONNEL
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 58 FT
CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
RANGE—YARDS
1.2
1.1
1.0
0.9
0.8
0.7
0.6
0.5
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
1
2
3
4
5
6
7

b. Perforation of 1/8-inch Mild Steel.

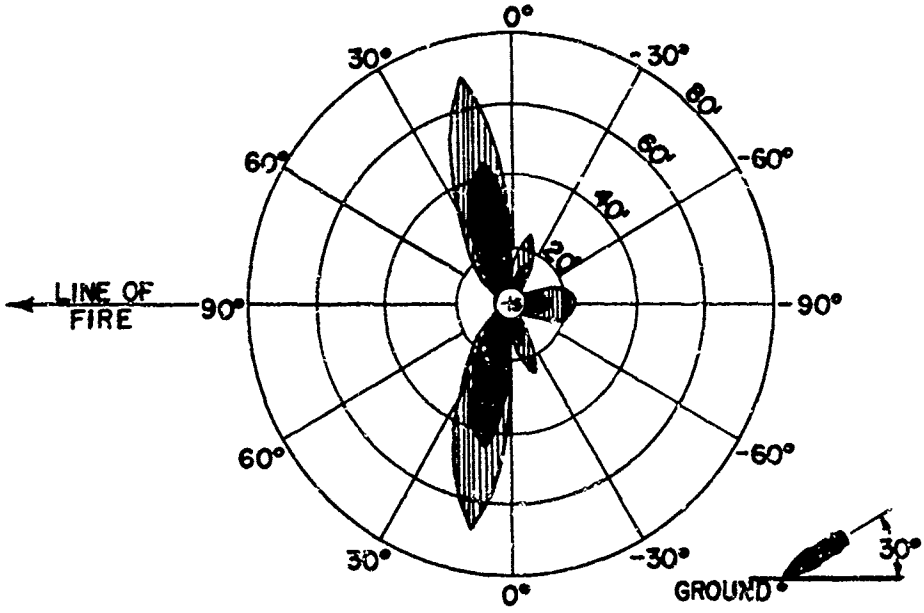
TABLE 49
PERFORATION OF 1/8 IN. MILD STEEL

Distance from burst (ft)	Total number of effective fragments	Average number of effective fragments per sq ft	For the lightest effective fragment	
			Weight (oz)	Velocity (fps)
r	N	B	m	v
20	975	0.194	0.035	2,700
30	923	0.0816	0.047	2,430
40	853	0.0424	0.061	2,220
60	700	0.0155	0.095	1,920
80	570	0.0071	0.137	1,750
100	470	0.0037	0.192	1,550
120	403	0.0022	0.255	1,420
140	341	0.0014	0.326	1,320
170	262	0.0007	0.448	1,200
200	210	0.0004	0.580	1,120
300	88	0.0001	1.05	955

PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 0°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 0 FPS

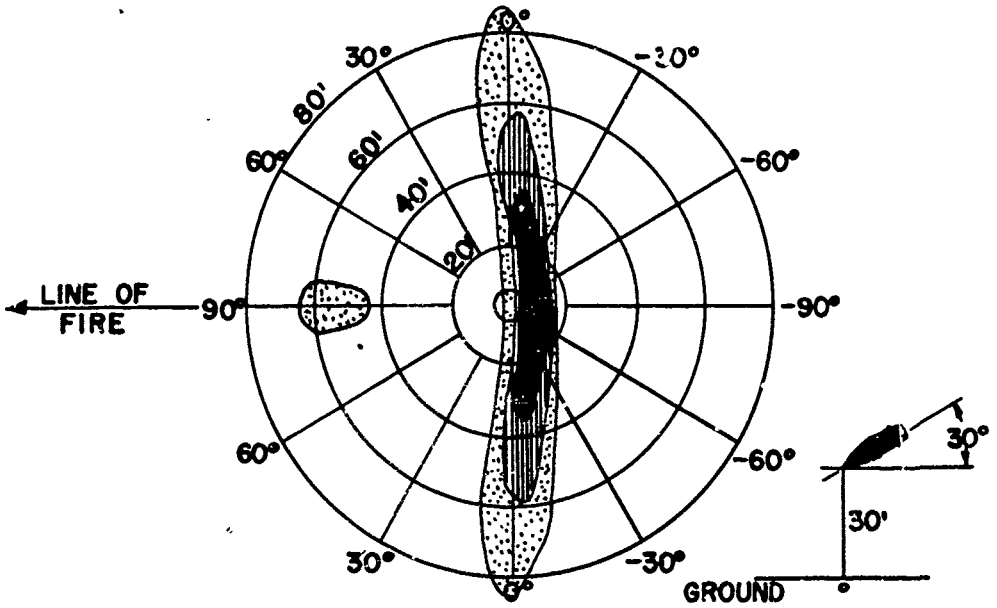


AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

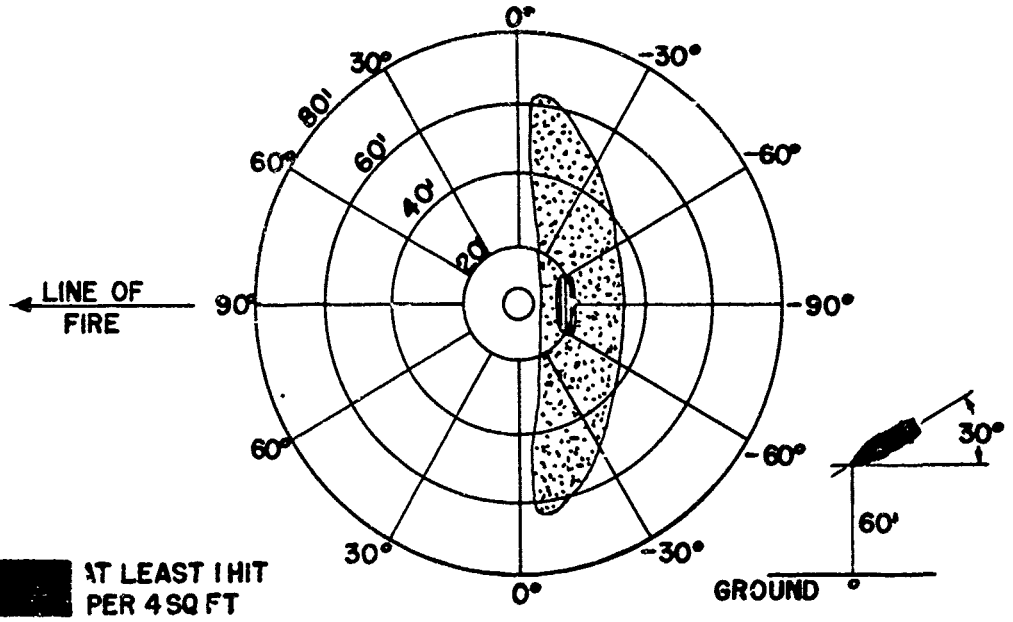
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 0 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS

PERFORATION OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL



INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 30 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS

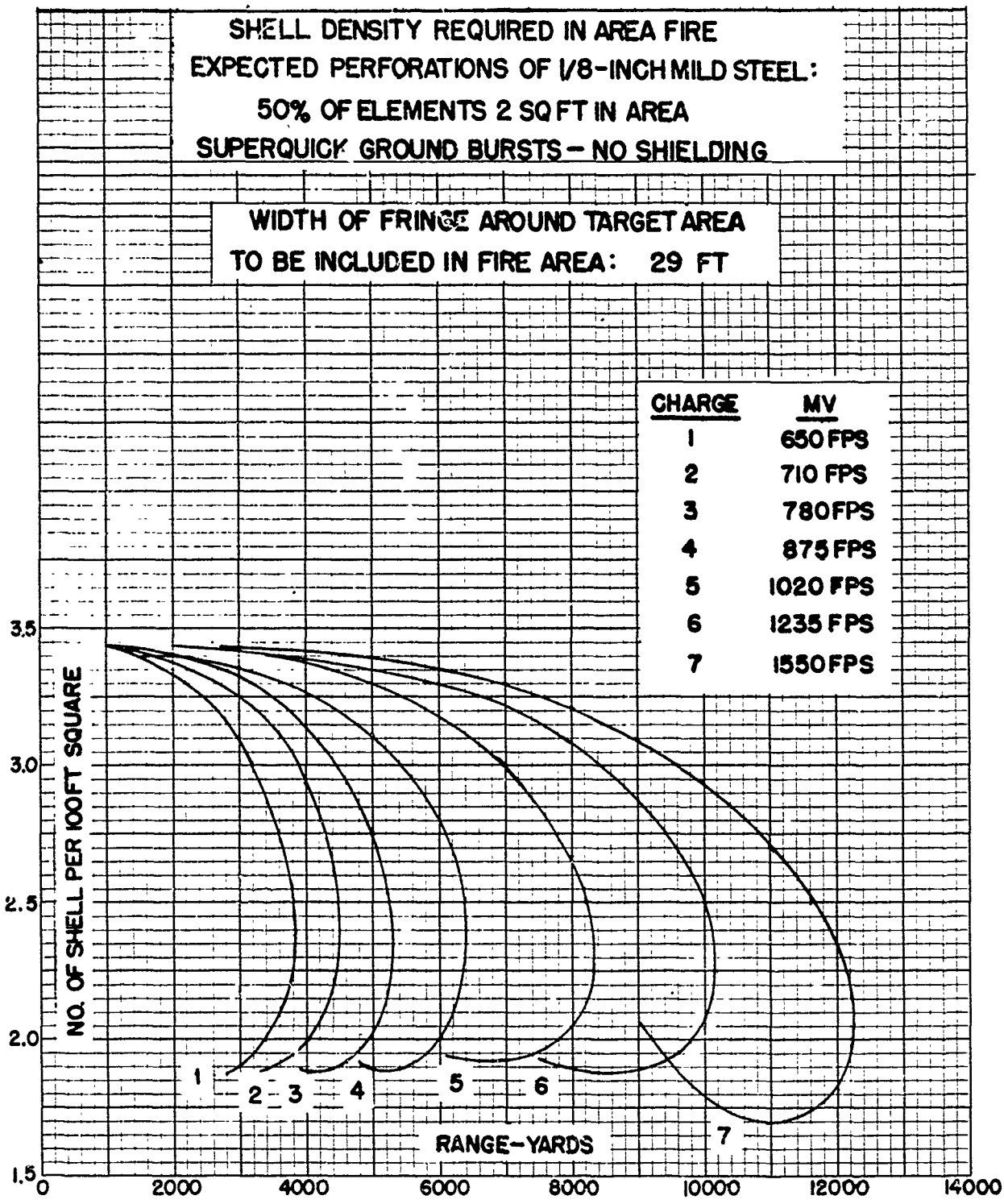


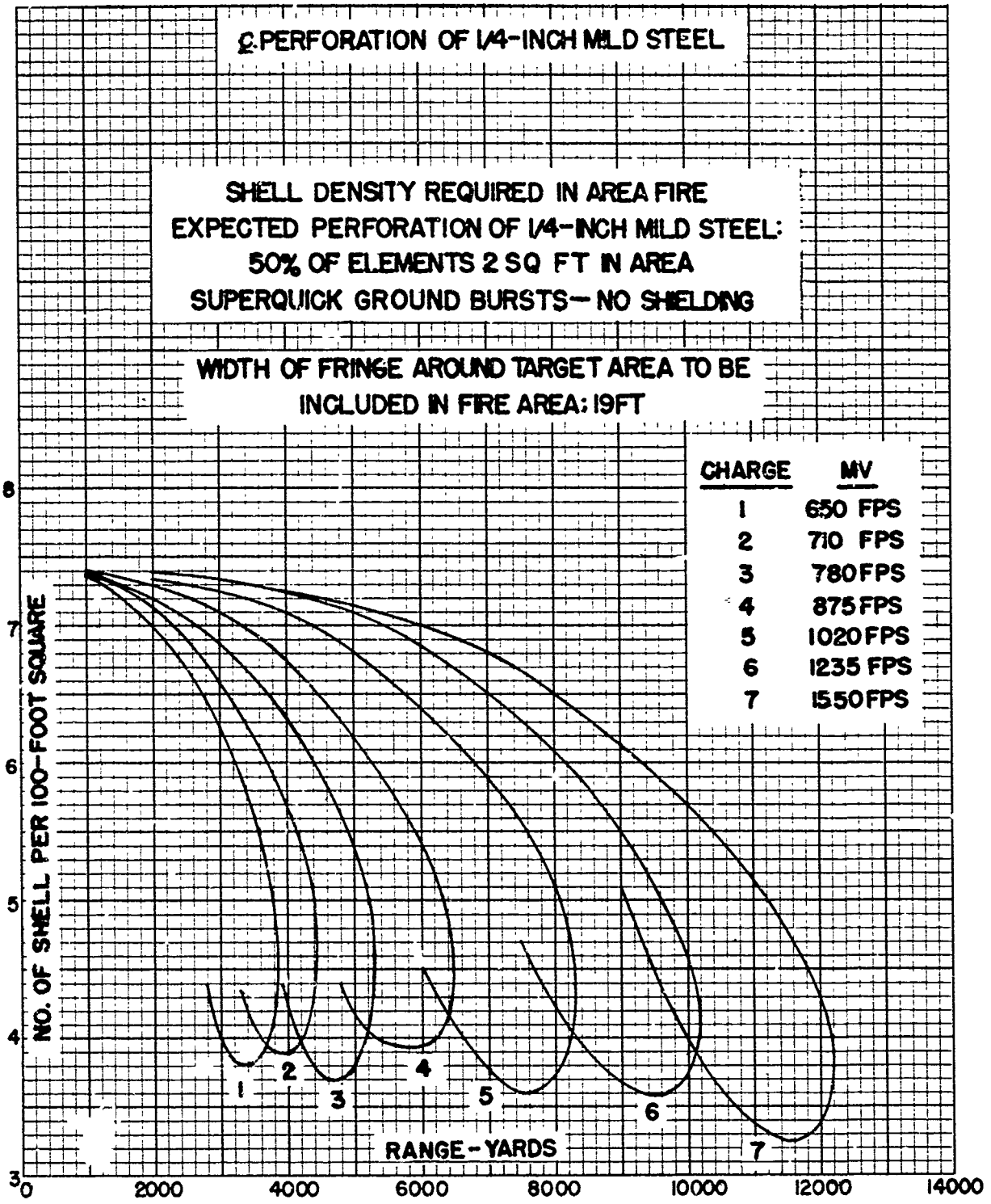
AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 4 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 10 SQ FT

AT LEAST 1 HIT PER 25 SQ FT

INCLINATION 30°
HEIGHT OF BURST 60 FT
REMAINING VELOCITY 800 FPS


SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATIONS OF 1/8-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS – NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA
TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 29 FT
CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100 FT SQUARE
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
RANGE-YARDS
1
2
3
4
5
6
7


PERFORATION OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL
SHELL DENSITY REQUIRED IN AREA FIRE
EXPECTED PERFORATION OF 1/4-INCH MILD STEEL:
50% OF ELEMENTS 2 SQ FT IN AREA
SUPERQUICK GROUND BURSTS—NO SHIELDING
WIDTH OF FRINGE AROUND TARGET AREA TO BE
INCLUDED IN FIRE AREA: 19FT
CHARGE MV
1 650 FPS
2 710 FPS
3 780 FPS
4 875 FPS
5 1020 FPS
6 1235 FPS
7 1550 FPS
NO. OF SHELL PER 100-FOOT SQUARE
RANGE-YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
3
4
5
6
7
8
1
2
3
4
5
6
7

10. Effectiveness. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 105-mm HE Shell M1 with a PD or TSQ Fuze.

NUMBER OF ROUNDS REQUIRED AGAINST ENEMY ARTILLERY FOR 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE EFFECTIVE HIT IN AIMED FIRE

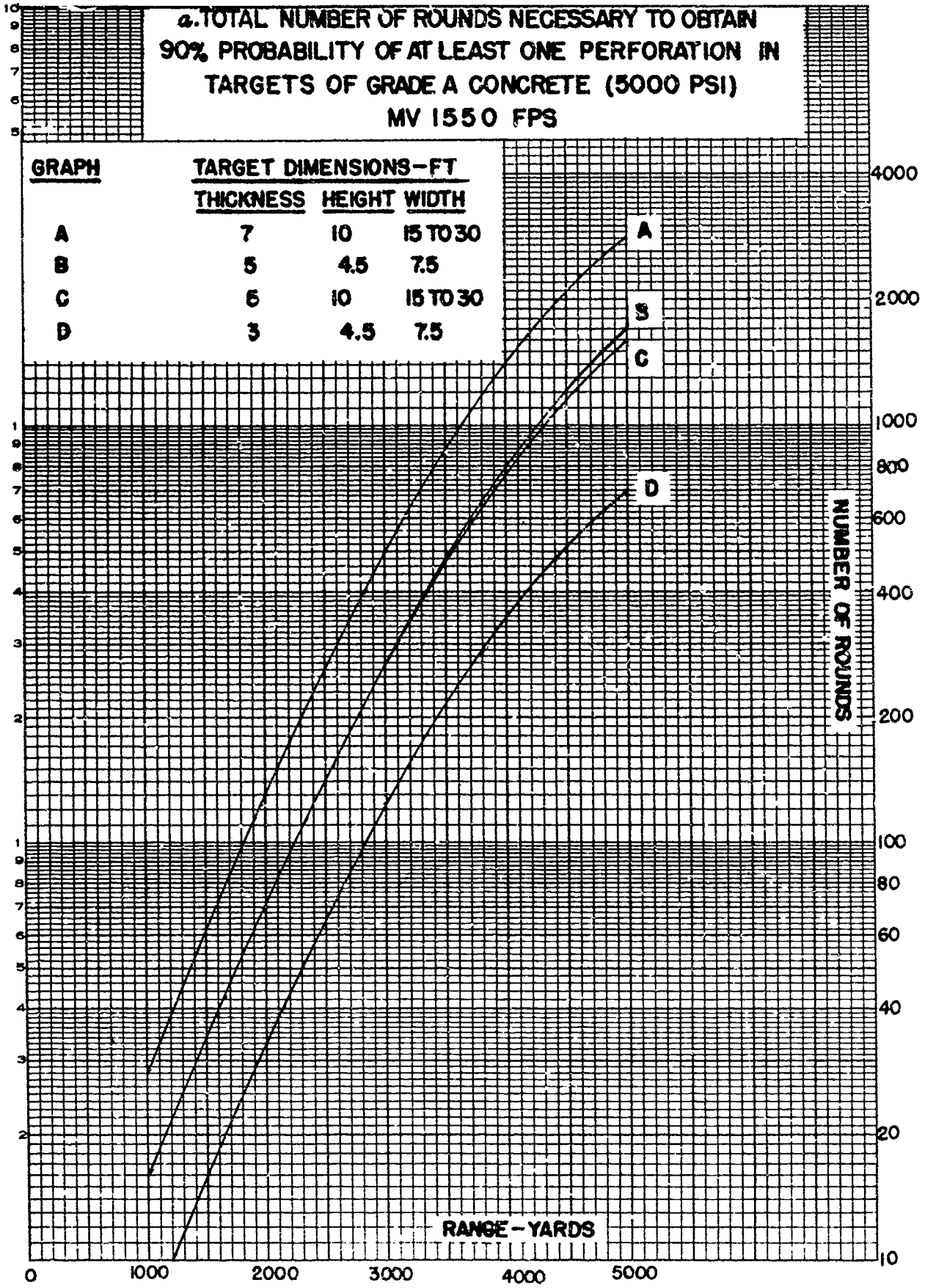
MV fps	Range yd	Type of Fire: Impact	Time	Time and Impact
1020	2000	24	250	41
	5000	460	820	430
1550	2000	6	270	13
	5000	91	450	130

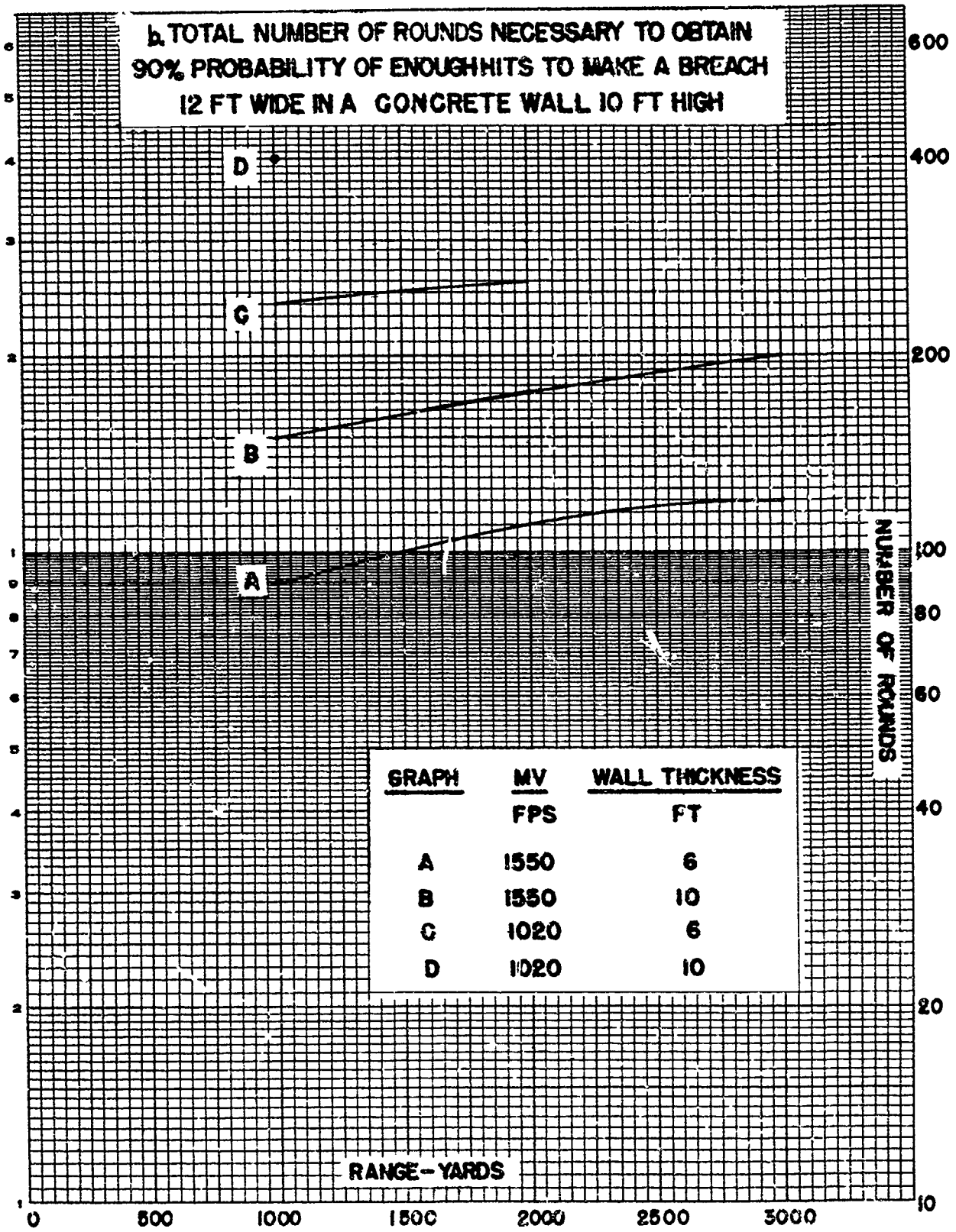
11. Ricochet Data. The following data were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data". They pertain to the 105-mm HE Shell M1 with the PD Fuzes M48A2 and M51A4, which have 0.15-sec delay.

TABLE 77

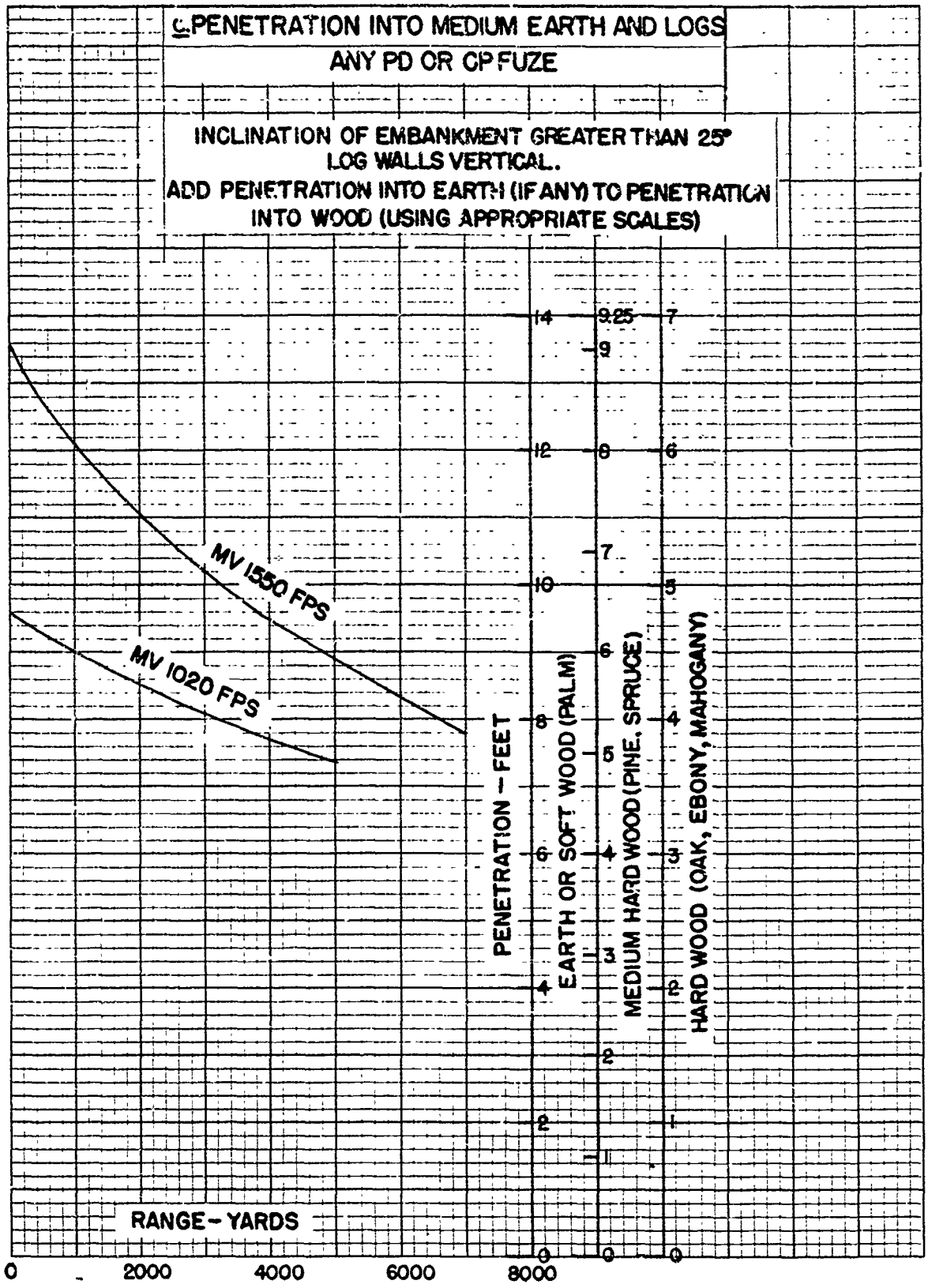
	Range	Angle of Fall	Angle of Recovery	Impact to Burst	Height of Burst	PE in Height of Burst
	yd	mils	mils	yd	ft	ft
Charge 1						
MV 650 fps	1,000	126	170	24	12	2
	2,000	272	285	15	13	3
Charge 2						
MV 710 fps	1,000	104	145	27	12	2
	2,000	226	260	19	15	3
	3,000	376	315	10	10	3
Charge 3						
MV 780 fps	1,000	87	125	31	12	2
	2,000	188	230	23	16	3
	3,000	304	295	15	14	3
Charge 4						
MV 875 fps	1,000	69	105	36	11	2
	2,000	147	195	29	17	3
	3,000	237	265	21	17	4
	4,000	343	305	14	13	3
Charge 5						
MV 1,020 fps	1,000	51	80	44	10	2
	2,000	109	155	37	17	3
	3,000	174	220	30	20	4
	4,000	247	270	23	19	4
	5,000	331	305	17	15	4
	6,000	430	315	10	9	3
Charge 6						
MV 1,235 fps	1,000	39	65	51	10	2
	2,000	86	125	43	17	3
	3,000	138	185	36	20	4
	4,000	198	235	30	21	4
	5,000	265	280	24	20	4
	6,000	339	305	17	16	4
	7,000	422	315	10	10	4
Charge 7						
MV 1,500 fps	1,000	25	45	65	8	2
	2,000	60	95	54	15	3
	3,000	104	145	44	19	4
	4,000	156	200	37	22	4
	5,000	214	250	29	22	5
	6,000	278	285	23	20	5
	7,000	348	310	17	16	4
	8,000	423	315	10	10	4

12. Penetration. The data on penetration of concrete by the HE Shell M1 with the CP Fuze M78 were taken from TM9-1907, "Ballistic Data, Performance of Ammunition". The data on penetration into medium earth and logs by the HE Shell M1 with any DP or CP fuze were taken from Vol. III of "Terminal Ballistic Data".


a. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN 90% PROBABILITY OF AT LEAST ONE PERFORATION IN TARGETS OF GRADE A CONCRETE (5000 PSI) MV 1550 FPS
GRAPH
TARGET DIMENSIONS-FT
THICKNESS HEIGHT WIDTH
A 7 10 15 TO 30
B 5 4.5 7.5
C 6 10 15 TO 30
D 3 4.5 7.5
A
B
C
D
NUMBER OF ROUNDS
RANGE-YARDS
0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
10
20
40
60
80
100
200
400
600
800
1000
2000
4000



GRAPH	MV FPS	WALL THICKNESS FT
A	1550	6
B	1550	10
C	1020	6
D	1020	10


c. PENETRATION INTO MEDIUM EARTH AND LOGS
ANY PD OR CP FUZE
INCLINATION OF EMBANKMENT GREATER THAN 25°
LOG WALLS VERTICAL.
ADD PENETRATION INTO EARTH (IF ANY) TO PENETRATION
INTO WOOD (USING APPROPRIATE SCALES)
MV 1550 FPS
MV 1020 FPS
PENETRATION – FEET
EARTH OR SOFT WOOD (PALM)
MEDIUM HARD WOOD (PINE, SPRUCE)
HARD WOOD (OAK, EBONY, MAHOGANY)
RANGE – YARDS
0
2000
4000
6000
8000

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BALLISTIC AND ENGINEERING DATA

for

Shell, HE, 105-mm, T12

with

Fuze, MT, M61A1

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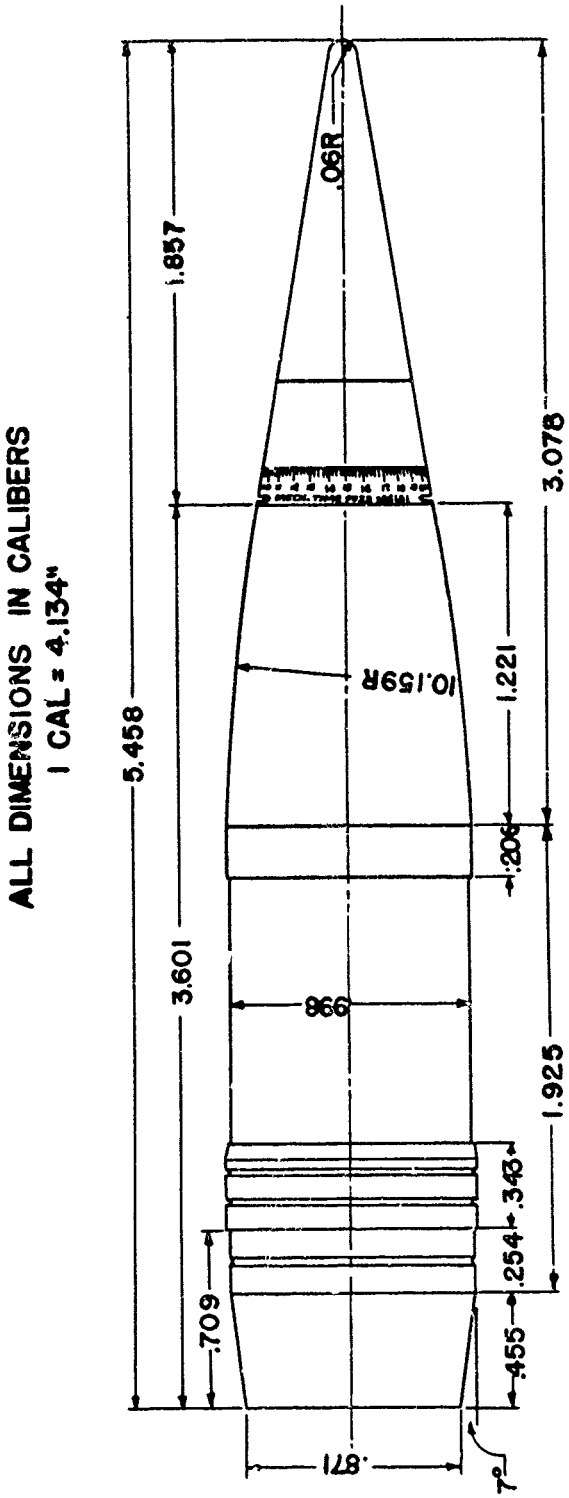
SECTION I

GENERAL

	Paragraph
Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics and allistics of the 105-mm High Explosive Shell T12 with the Mechanical Time Fuze M61A1. This information is collected from the drawings, reports and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition.



SHELL, HE, 105-MM, T12
FUZE, MT, M61A1

SECTION II

DESCRIPTION

	Paragraph
Drawings	2
Dimensions	3
Physical characteristics	4

2. Drawings.

Shell: Metal parts assembly and details	GA 2127
Fuze: Assembly	73-7-71
Details	73-7-72, 74,75,76

3. Dimensions.

Boattail: Angle	7°00'
Length	0.455 cal
Band: Width	0.343 cal
Distance from base	0.709 cal
Distance from boattail	0.254 cal
Cylindrical body: Length	1.925 cal
Ogive: Length	1.221 cal
Radius of arc	10.159 cal
Fuze: Outside length	1.857 cal
Length: Shell	2.601 cal
Shell and fuze	5.458 cal
Ogive and fuze	3.078 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Mean weight	38 lb

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Theoretical yaw in bore	5

5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	2.7 min
Maximum	5.0 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

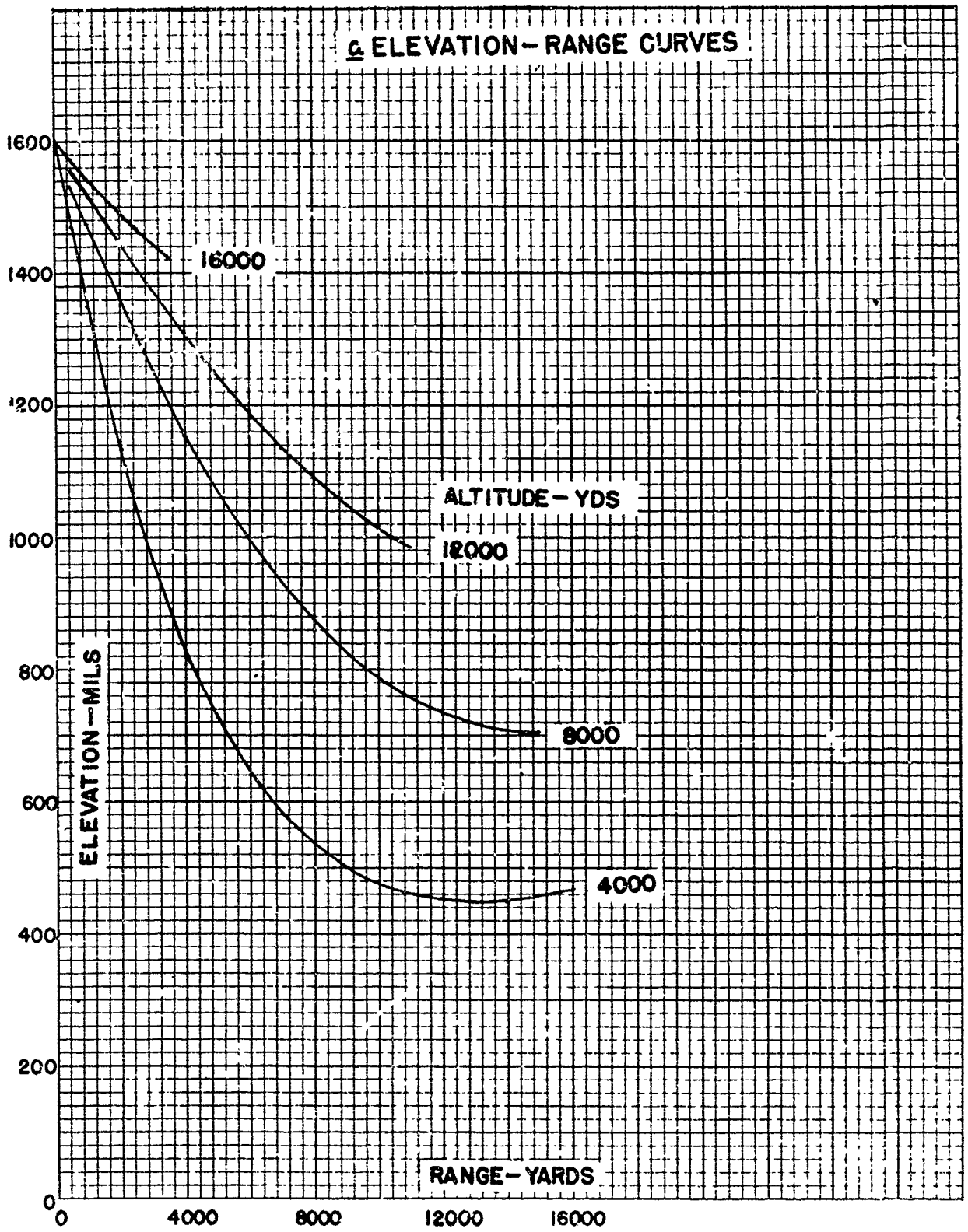
	Paragraph
Cam data	6

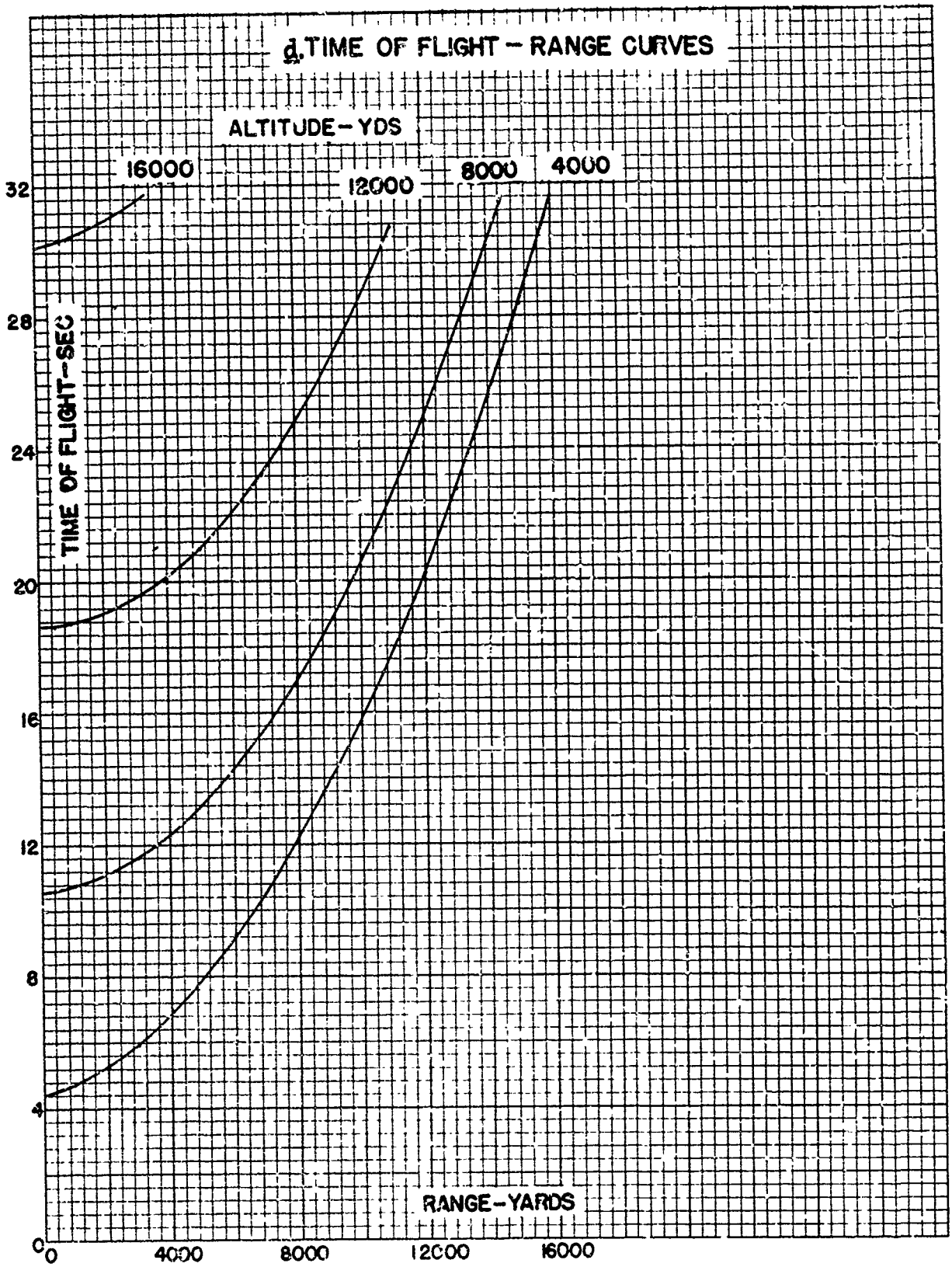
6. Cam data.

Gun, 105-mm, T4 on antiaircraft mount.
Twist of rifling: 1/30.
Muzzle velocity: 3000 fps.
Projectile weight: 38 lb.

a. Form factor (Proj Type 2): $i_2 = 0.882$.

b. Ballistic coefficient (Proj Type 2): $C_2 = 2.52$.


ELEVATION-RANGE CURVES
1600
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
0
ELEVATION—MILS
16000
ALTITUDE—YDS
12000
8000
4000
RANGE—YARDS
0
4000
8000
12000
16000


d. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
ALTITUDE – YDS
16000
12000
8000
4000
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
32
28
24
20
16
12
8
4
0
RANGE – YARDS
0
4000
8000
12000
16000

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Shell, HEAT, 105-mm, M67
with
Fuze, BD, M62

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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Purpose	1

1. Purpose. The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 105-mm High Explosive Antitank Shell M67 with the Base Detonating Fuze M62. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, and firing tables pertaining to this ammunition.

SECTION II
DESCRIPTION

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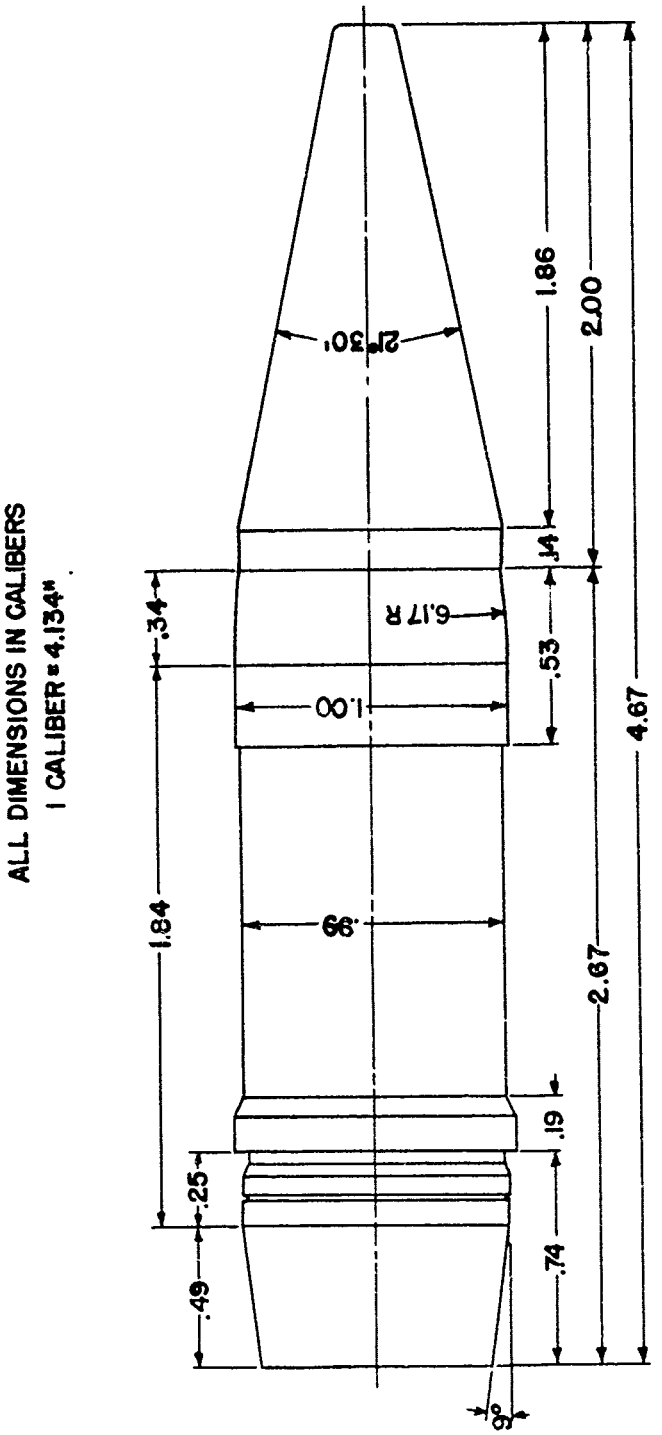
Physical characteristics	4



SHELL, HEAT, 105-MM, M67

2. Drawings.

Shell:	Assembly	75-14-352
	Metal parts details	75-4-106
	Ogive and unitbn assembly	75-4-107
Fuze:	Assembly	73-2-168
	Details	73-2-169
	Details	73-2-170
	Details	73-2-171

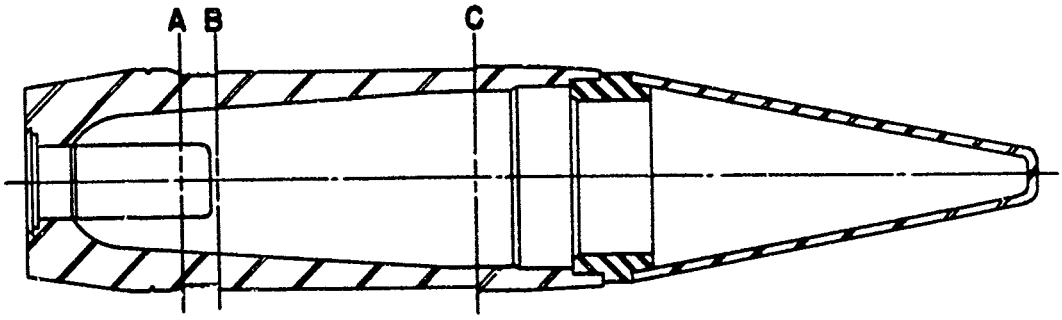
3. Dimensions.

Boattail:	Angle	9°00'
	Length	0.49 cal
Band:	Distance from boattail	0.25 cal
	Distance from base	0.74 cal
	Width	0.19 cal
Body:	Length of cylindrical part	1.84 cal
	Length of ogival part	0.34 cal
	Radius of arc	6.17 cal
Union:	Length	0.14 cal
Ogive:	Length	1.86 cal
	Angle	21°30'
Length:	Body	2.67 cal
	Ogive and union	2.00 cal
	Shell	4.67 cal
	Ogive, union and ogival part of body	2.34 cal

NOTE: Fuze is entirely inside of shell body.

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	29.29 lb
Base to center of gravity	1.497 cal
Axial moment of inertia	0.515 lb.ft^2
Transverse moment of inertia	4.18 lb.ft^2



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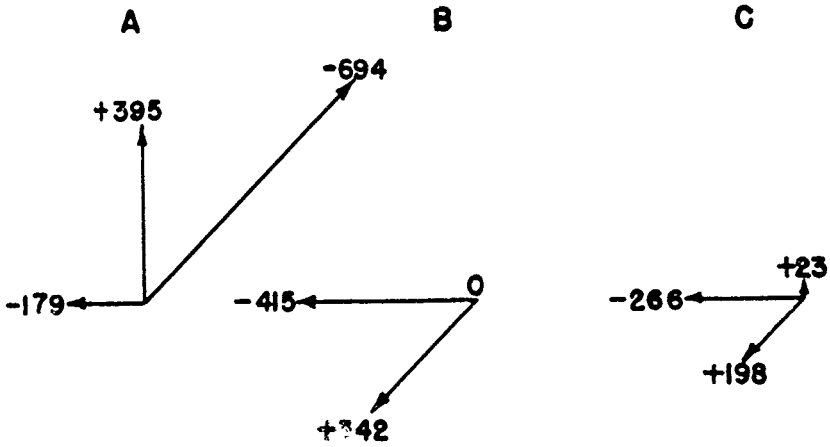

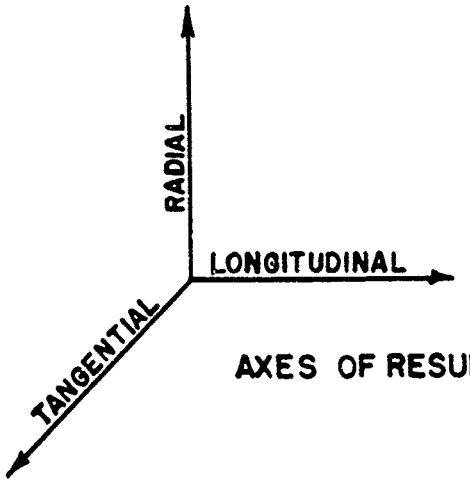

AXES OF RESULTANT STRESSES

DIAGRAM OF RESULTANT STRESSES

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
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Theoretical yaw in bore	6

5. Stresses. The following table and the graphical representation on page 4 show the longitudinal, radial and tangential resultant stresses at each of three sections: (A) the rear corner of the band seat, (B) the front of the band seat, and (C) immediately behind the bourrelet.

Howitzer	105-mm M2
Twist of rifling	1/20
Cross-sectional area of bore	13.65 sq in.
Rated maximum pressure	30,000 psi
Total weight of projectile	29.29 lb
Muzzle Velocity	1250 fps
Density of filler (pentolite)	0.0574 lb per cu in.

Resultant Stress* 100 psi	SECTION A	B	C
Longitudinal	-179	-415	-266
Radial	+395	0	+ 23
Tangential	-694	+342	+198

* + denotes tension, - denotes compression.

6. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	2.7 min
Maximum	5.0 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

	Paragraph
Aerodynamic data	7
Firing table data	8

7. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. A form factor of 1.26 relative to the G_2 drag function was determined from resistance firings at 1250 fps with short coil distances. Later, more accurate measurements were made, and a form factor of 1.06 determined by resistance firings at both 1020 and 1250 fps. This value has been confirmed by comparative firings with the HEAT Shell M67 and the HE Shell M1 against a vertical target at a muzzle velocity of 1020 fps. For the standard weight of 29.29 lb, the ballistic coefficient is 1.62 on G_2. The drag coefficient is tabulated below.

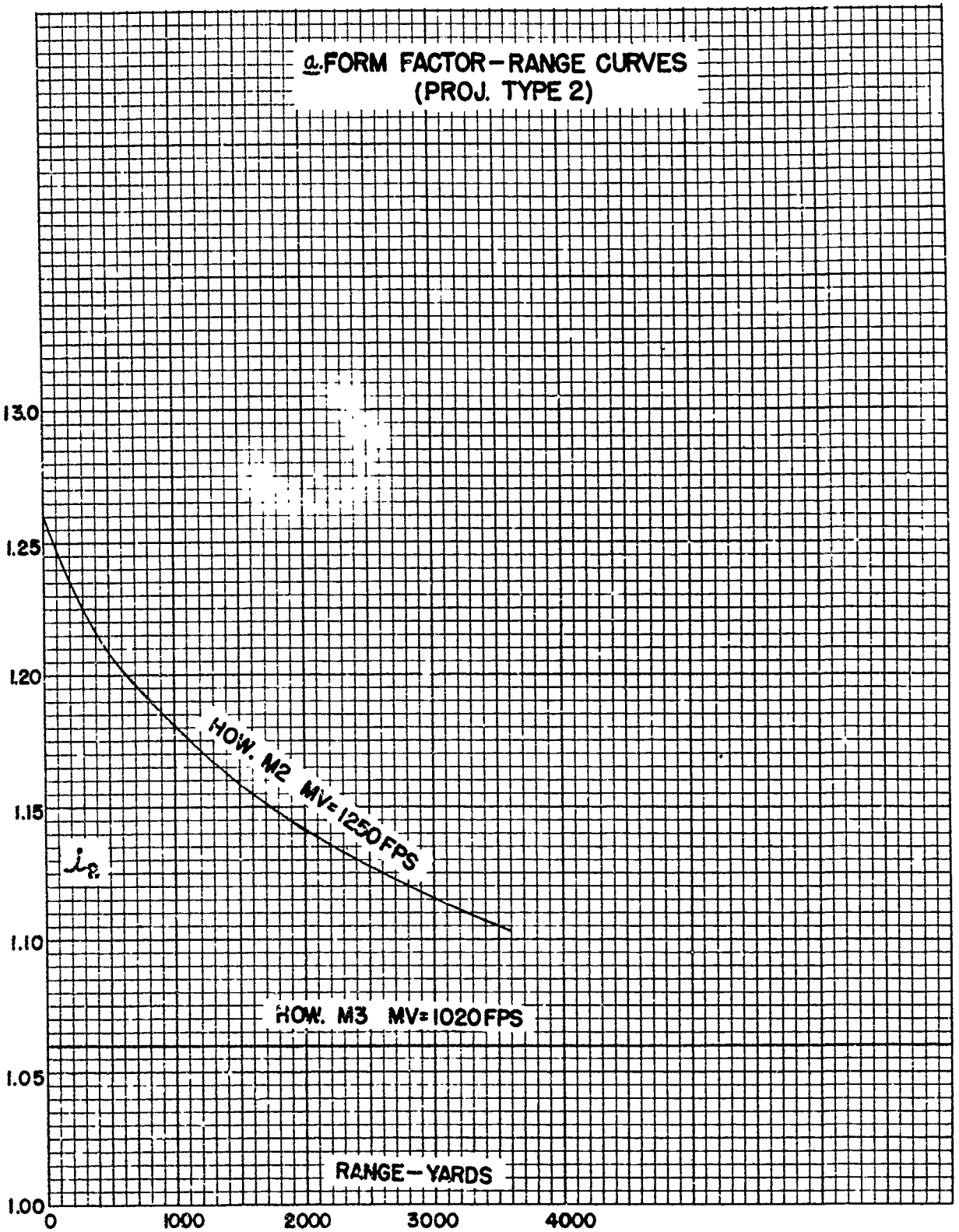
Velocity fps	Drag Coefficient K_D
1020	.0785
1250	.170

b. Stability. The stability factor of the HEAT Shell M67 has not been determined. However, it should be approximately the same as that of the 75-mm HEAT Shell M66, which is about 2.07 for a twist of rifling of 1/20 at a muzzle velocity of 1000 fps.

8. Firing table data.

Howitzer 105-mm	Firing Table	MV fps	Weight lb	Twist of Rifling
M2A1	105-H-3, C8	1250	28.8	1/20
M3	105-L-1	1020	28.8	1/20

The terminal velocity was taken from Ballistic Research Laboratory Memorandum Report 296, "Tables of Impact Velocities for Mobile Artillery Weapons". The HEAT Shell M67 was standardized by OCM item 17639.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(PROJ. TYPE 2)
13.0
1.25
1.20
1.15
1.10
1.05
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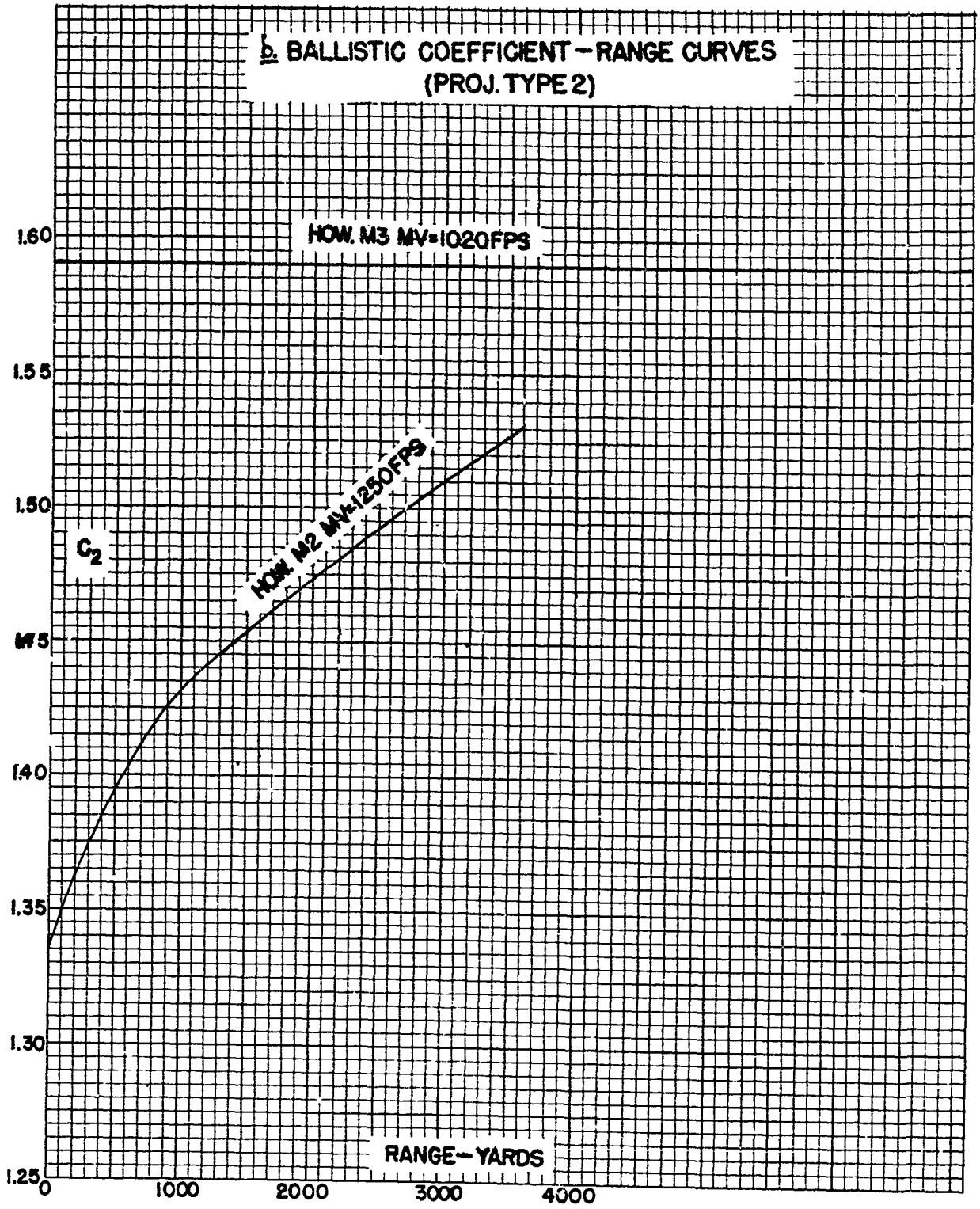
HOW. M2 MV=1250 FPS
HOW. M3 MV=1020 FPS
RANGE-YARDS
0
1000
2000
3000
4000


b. BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT—RANGE CURVES
(PROJ. TYPE 2)
HOW. M3 MV=1020FPS
HOW. M2 MV=1250FPS
C_2
1.60
1.55
1.50
1.45
1.40
1.35
1.30
1.25
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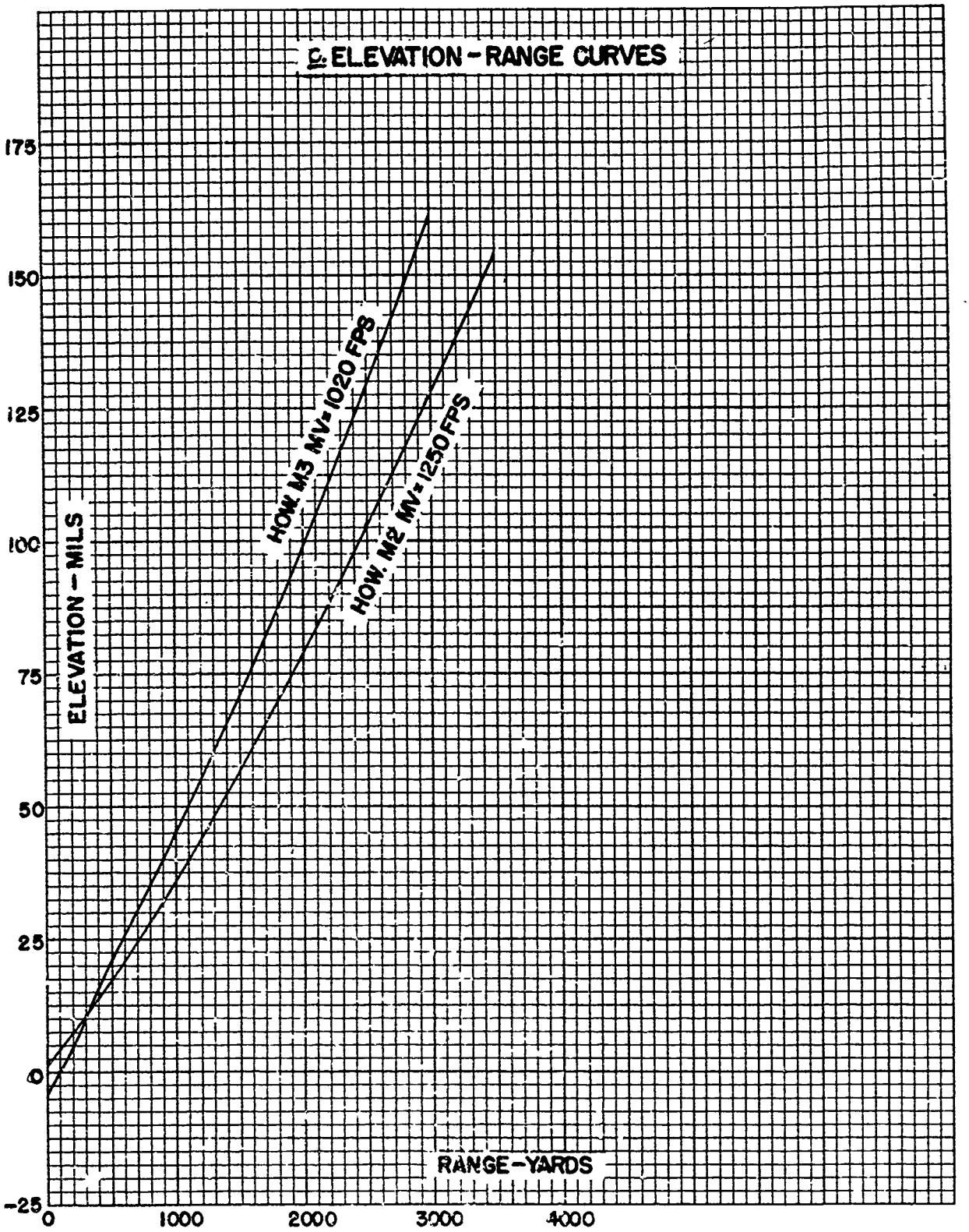
1000
2000
3000
4000
RANGE—YARDS


c. ELEVATION - RANGE CURVES
ELEVATION - MILS
175
150
125
100
75
50
25
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-25
HOW. M3 MV=1020 FPS
HOW. M2 MV=1250 FPS
RANGE-YARDS
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1000
2000
3000
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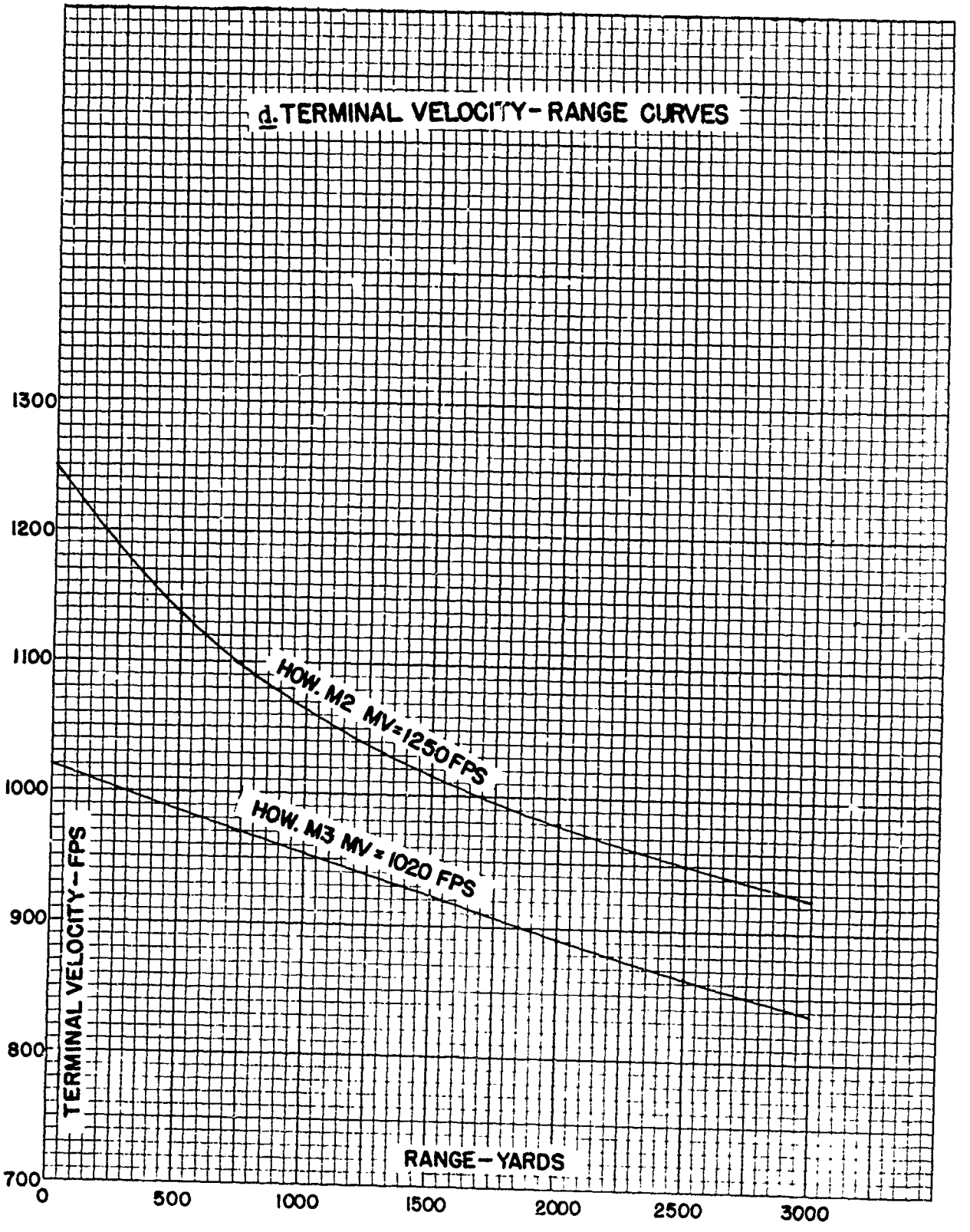
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HOW. M2 MV=1250 FPS
HOW. M3 MV = 1020 FPS
TERMINAL VELOCITY-FPS
RANGE-YARDS
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1200
1100
1000
900
800
700
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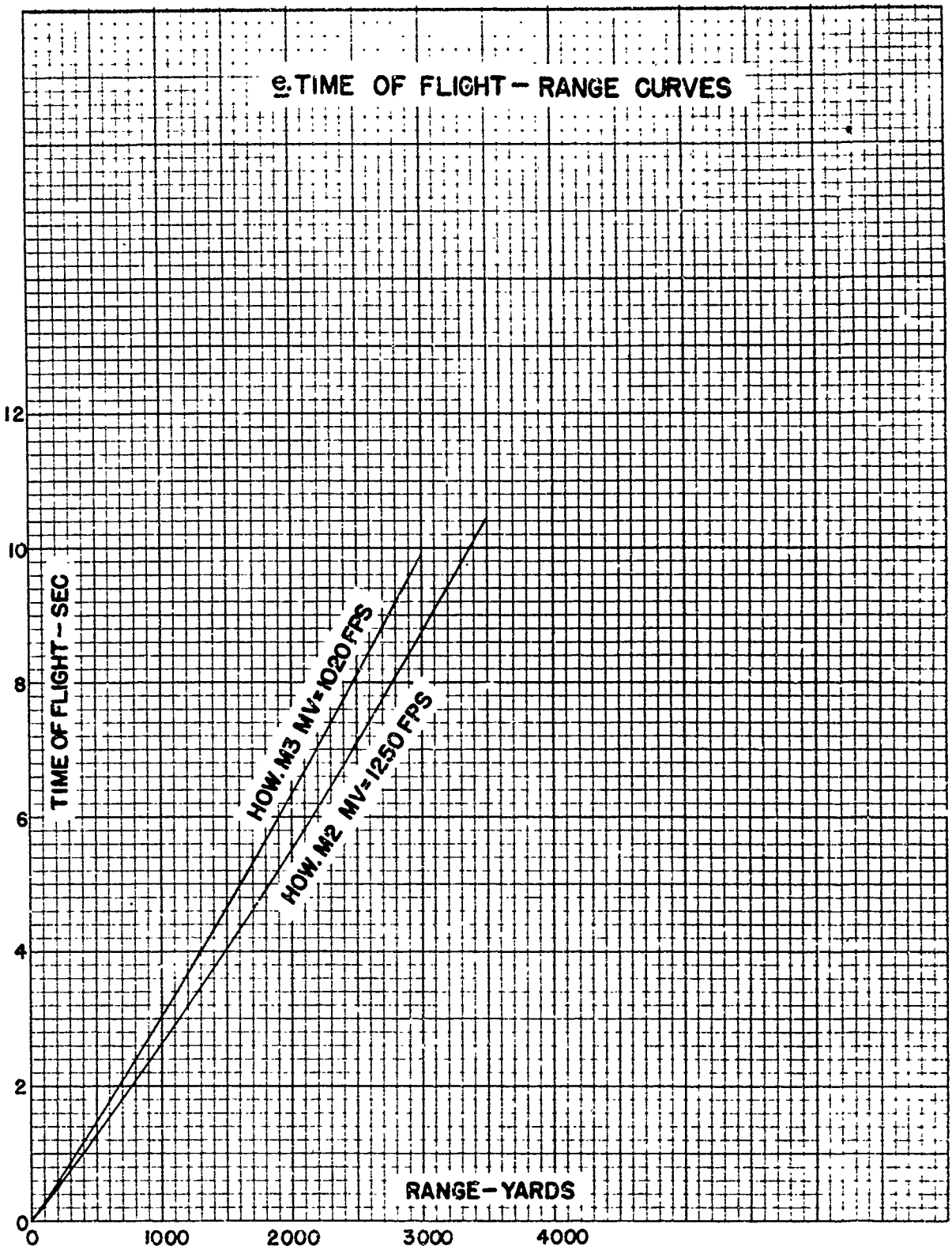
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000


e. TIME OF FLIGHT – RANGE CURVES
TIME OF FLIGHT – SEC
RANGE – YARDS
HOW. M3 MV=1020 FPS
HOW. M2 MV=1250 FPS
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
0
1000
2000
3000
4000

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EFFECT DATA

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9. Penetration. The average penetration into homogeneous armor plate is 4.5 inches.

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with
Fuze, TSQ, M54

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SECTION I
GENERAL

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1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this number of the handbook is to furnish a concise collection of information regarding the shape, dynamics, ballistics and effects of the 105-mm Illuminating Shell M314 with the Time and Superquick Fuze M54. This information is collected from the drawings, reports, firing tables and firing records pertaining to this ammunition.

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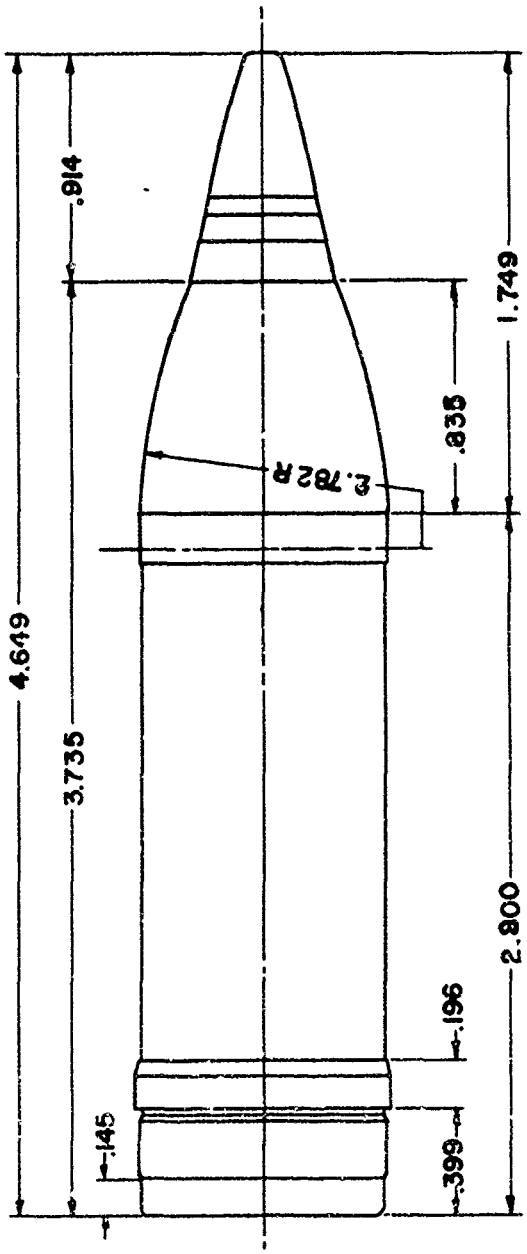
ALL DIMENSIONS IN CALIBERS
1 CAL = 4.134"



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2. Drawings.

Shell:	Metal parts assembly	75-4-128
	Details	75-4-129
Fuze:	Assembly	73-3-154

3. Dimensions.

Band:	Width	0.196 cal
	Distance from base	0.399 cal
Body:	Length of base piece	0.145 cal
	Length of cylindrical part	2.900 cal
	Length of ogival part	0.835 cal
	Radius of ogival arc	2.782 cal
	Length of shell	3.735 cal
Fuze:	Length (outside)	0.914 cal
	Length of shell and fuze	4.649 cal
	Length of ogive and fuze	1.749 cal

4. Physical characteristics.

Weight (standard)	36.60 lb
Base to center of gravity	1.180 cal
Axial moment of inertia	0.286 lb.ft^2
Transverse moment of inertia	1.416 lb.ft^2

SECTION III

INTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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5. Theoretical yaw in bore.

Minimum	8 min
Maximum	15 min

SECTION IV

EXTERIOR BALLISTIC DATA

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6. Aerodynamic data.

a. Drag. The following drag coefficients were computed from the ballistic coefficients tabulated in paragraph 6, which were determined by range firings.

Velocity fps	K_D
620	.0881
674	.0881
738	.0885
825	.0899
958	.0950
1158	.1829
1453	.1892

b. Stability.

Muzzle Velocity	1226 fps
Moment coefficient, K_M	1.37
Twist of rifling	1/20
Stability factor	3.60

7. Firing table data. FT 105-H-3 (C-11)

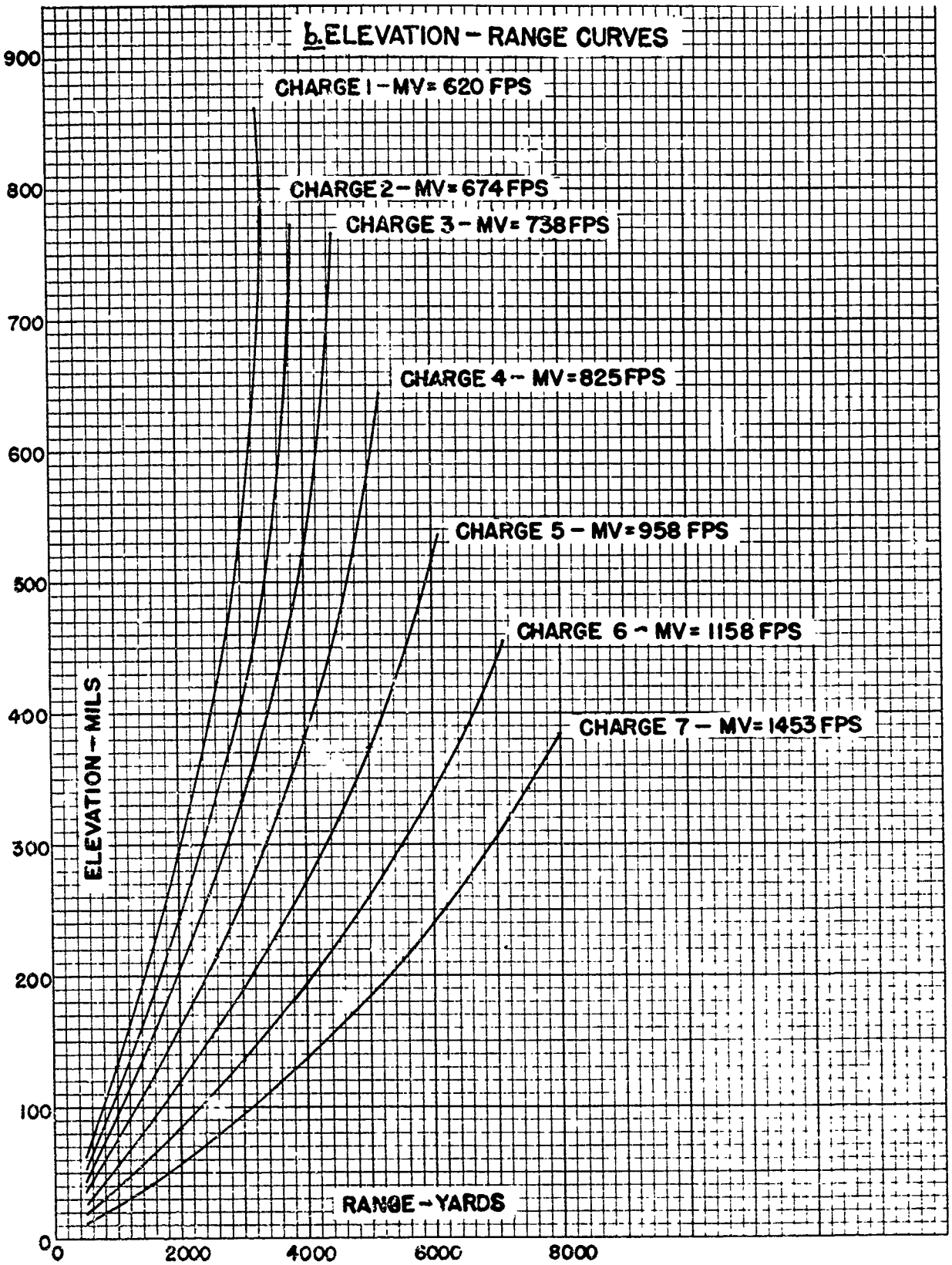
105-mm Howitzer M2A1 and M4. Twist of rifling: 1/20.

OCM items 28809 and 29657 recommended and approved standardization of the Illuminating Shell M314.

a. Form Factor and Ballistic Coefficient.

The following form factors and ballistic coefficients on the drag function $G_{6.1}$ were determined by range firings and are independent of elevation.

Charge No.	MV fps	Form Factor	Ballistic Coefficient
1	620	1.050	2.007
2	674	1.055	1.996
3	738	1.063	1.981
4	825	1.075	1.959
5	958	1.101	1.914
6	1158	1.135	1.856
7	1453	1.097	1.920


b. ELEVATION – RANGE CURVES
CHARGE 1 – MV = 620 FPS
CHARGE 2 – MV = 674 FPS
CHARGE 3 – MV = 738 FPS
CHARGE 4 – MV = 825 FPS
CHARGE 5 – MV = 958 FPS
CHARGE 6 – MV = 1158 FPS
CHARGE 7 – MV = 1453 FPS
ELEVATION – MILS
RANGE – YARDS
0
100
200
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
0
2000
4000
6000
8000

SECTION V
EFFECT DATA

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Illumination	8

8. Illumination. When the fuze functions, the candle and parachute are released. A few seconds later, the parachute opens and slowly lowers the candle to the ground. In the functioning tests of this ammunition, the candles burned from 38 to 57 seconds.