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#### TESTS OF REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS.

#### EFFECT OF RETENTION OF LOAD.

The investigation herein described was undertaken as a part of a series of tests of reinforced concrete beams made in the Laboratory of Applied Mechanics at the University of Illinois by the students in Civil Engineering. The purpose of this part of the work was to determine something of the effect of retaining a load upon the beams.

Since this thesis is one of nine presented at the University of Illinois on the general subject "Tests of Reinforced Concrete Beams" it was thought unnecessary to give a detailed description of the materials and test pieces or of the methods of testing, except in so far as they differ from the general description given in the thesis presented by Mr. E.T.Renner entitled"Tests of Reinforced Concrete Beams -- Effect of Release of Load". Presented June, 1905.

The following divisions will be made. I Description of Materials. II Description of Test Pieces. III Details of Tests. IV Observed Data. V Discussion. The diagrams showing graphically the results of the tests and the tables giving detailed observations follow the text. Parts I, II and III give briefly the general information which is to be found in Mr. Renner's thesis. Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2013

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#### I DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS.

Stone.- The stone used was Kankakee limestone. The sizes were such that 96% passed a l inch screen and 89% was retained upon a 1/4 inch screen. The analysis showed 49% voids.

Sand.- The sand was clean and sharp and was passed through a 1/4 inch mesh screen before using. It weighed 103 pounds per cubic foot loose and contained 28-30% voids.

Cement.- All cement used for these tests consisted of a mixture of five standard brands of Portland cement, in equal proportions. The material was furnished by the makers and was mixed at the mills. The tensile strength for the seven day tests was  $723 \pm 12$  lb. per square inch for neat briquettes and  $354 \pm 12$  for the 1 : 3 mortar.

Concrete.- The concrete was mixed by hand in the proportions 1 : 3 : 6 by loose volume. A moderately wet concrete was used, the percent of water being about 9% of the total weight of the dry material.

Steel.- The steel used was furnished by the Carnagie Steel Company and had an elastic limit of about 34000 lbs. per square inch. It consisted of two sizes of plain round bars nominally 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch in diameter. It will be referred to as low steel.

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#### II DESCRIPTION OF TEST PIECES.

Dimensions:- All beams had the same dimensions,- viz. length, 13 ft.; width, 8 in.; depth, 11 in. The amount and kind of reinforcement in each beam is shown in table No.1.

#### TABLE NO. 1.

#### DATA ON BEAMS.

Beam No.	Amount and kind of Reinforcement	Per cent of metal	Age at moving	Age at Test
16	4- 1/2 in.Low Steel	0.98	6 da	63 da
22	4- 1/2 in.Low Steel	0.98	7 da	63 da
26	4- 1/2 in.Low Steel	0.98	6 da	64 da
36	3- 1/2 in.Low Steel	0.74	7 da	62 da
66	None	0	59 da	59 da

Making of Beams: - A detailed description of the manner of making the beams is given in Mr. Renner's thesis.

#### III DETAILS OF TESTS.

Beams:- The beams weighed about 1200 lb. each and were handled as described in Bulletin No. 1 of the University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station.

Span and Loading:- The span length for all beams was 12 ft. The load was applied equally at two points, the third points of the span. The loads were applied at two speeds referred to as "slowest" and "fast friction" speed.-The "slowest" speed used was about .03 in.per minute.

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The "fast friction" speed was about 0.3 in. per minute. In general, readings were taken at intervals of 1000 lb.except on the plain concrete Beam No. 66 when the readings were taken at intervals of about 200 lb.

The load on the reinforced beams was applied until the stress in the steel was somewhat below the elastic limit. The beams were then allowed to remain in the machine from 20 to 39 hours during which time they were inspected about every three hours during the day. The load usually decreased about 1200 lb. the first three hours, part of which was due to a decrease in the deflection although no motion of the gears could be detected.

Each time the beams were inspected the load remaining was first noted and then the extensometers and deflection were read. A careful search was made for cracks which might have developed, and then the same load was applied after which the extensometers and deflection were read again. The load was retained as nearly as possible in this manner for various lengths of time after which the load was increased until the maximum was past and the concrete crushed out on top.

Deformations:- The instruments used for obtaining the deformations in the upper fiber and in the steel are described in Mr. Renner's thesis. The gage length was in every case 42 in. The deflections were read by means of a thread, stretched at a constant tension from the middle points of the beam over the supports and in front of a scale fastened at the center of the beam.

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The upper contact points were placed 1/2 in. below the surface of the beam, and the lower contact points were 9-1/2 in. below in the plain of the reinforcement.

#### IV. OBSERVED DATA.

Under this head will be given a general behavior of each beam during the test. The load and time at which the first cracks appeared and their nature and development, the maximum load sustained by each beam and the manner of failure.

Beam No. 16.- The first crack was discovered at the load of 4500 lb. one foot north of the middle. It was only visible on the west side of the beam and extended vertically to within about 7 inches of the top. At 7000 lb. there were three fine cracks a few inches apart just outside both load points and inclined slightly towards them. These were all on the west side and extended to within 6-1/2 inches of the top. None of them increased much until the load reached 11000 lb. When the load reached 11600 lb. it fell off suddenly and the beam failed by crushing out the concrete above the crack which first appeared.

Fig 1.



Beam No. 22:- The first crack was discovered under the north load on the west side at 5000 lb. At 8000 lb. two cracks appeared near the middle on the west side and one just outside the south load. None of these cracks extended within 6 inches of the top. The cracks had not risen materially at 9000 lb. but after three hours the cracks near the middle had become visible on the east side and a new one 6 inches south of the middle on both sides was found. The load was continued to failure after 20 hours and the maximum reached was 12700 lb. when the crack 6 in. south of the middle had risen within 4 in. of the top and opened nearly 1/32 in. at the bottom. The cracks in the middle were approximately vertical. Those outside the load points inclined slightly towards them. The load was fairly steady. It would fall off about 300 lb. and then steadily rise for about 200 lb. The load was 11600 when the compression crack appeared on top above the crack 6 in. south of the center. The load was applied until the deflection was more than two inches.

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Beam No. 26:- No cracks were noticed until the load had remained 25 hours, when three cracks were found along the middle third extending to within 7 in. of the top. When the load reached 9000 lb. a vertical crack was found extending within 5 in. of the top near the south load. At 10000 lb. several more cracks appeared under both load points. The maximum was reached at 11450 lb. when a crack 6 in. south



of the middle began to open up. The deflection was then 0.72 in. This increased to 0.82 in when the load was 10300 lb. and the crack extended to within 3 in. of the top. The load steadily increased to 10500 lb. and remained there while the deflection increased to 1.34 in. The crack 6 in. south of the middle divided 2-1/2 in. below the top and a wedge of concrete crushed out of the top of the beam. The load was applied until the deflection was 2.14 in. when the load had decreased to 10000 lb.

Beam No. 36:- This beam seemed to be somewhat warped to the east before the load was applied. The first crack appeared at 6000 lb. just outside the north load and extended within 6 in. of the top on both sides. There was no apparent change in the crack during the time the load was retained. When the load was being applied it suddenly fell off from 7400 lb., the maximum, to 6650 lb. A crack was then immediately discovered 14 in. north of the center, which extended almost vertically to within 5 in. of the top. The deflection was 0.54 in. The load then steadily increased to 6940 lb., while the crack at the center opened up. The crack divided when the deflection reached 0.74 in, and the top crushed out at a deflection of 1.07 after which the load rapidly decreased.

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Beam No. 66:-- This beam had no reinforcement. Readings were taken about every 200 lb. The maximum load was 1320 lb. when the beam broke vertically 2 in. south of the center without any warning whatever. The deflection was 0.05 in. at 1200 lb. It should be noted that this beam was made of 1:2:4 concrete, while the concrete in the reinforced beams was a 1:3:6 mixture.







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#### V DISCUSSION.

General.- A study of the load-deformation diagrams (Plates I, II, III and IV) shows the four stages of flexure during the process of the loading as pointed out in the discussion in Bulletin No.l of the University of Illinois Experiment Station.

These diagrams also seem to indicate some change in the condition of the beam after the retention of the load since in general the deformation was less for equal increments in the load as shown by the greater slope of the curve. This is not true in beam No. 26 where during the retention of the load the stress in the steel as calculated from the bending moment was less than half of the elastic limit.

Diagrams.- The time-deformation diagrams (Plates V, VI, VII and VIII) were plotted using the time the load was retained as ordinates, and the corresponding increase in deformation as abscissas. The deformation existing at the beginning of the retention of the load was taken as the zero of abscissas. Readings were taken before and after the load was increased to the load being retained and the deformations are plotted for both conditions.

Increase in the deformations. The effect of retaining a load upon the beams is to increase the deformation of both the steel and the concrete during the time the load is retained. This is true for all four beams.

The time-deformation diagrams for Beams No. 16, 26 and 36

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TABLE No.2

DATA AND CALCULATED RESULTS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS.

	Stress in the Steel — Ib per sq. in.	Stress in the Steel — Ib per sq. in. During Retention Load At Maximum Load	From Deform.	48000	48 000	42000	36000	
			From Moment	42200	44200	40300	39 800	
			End	29200	32.000	18600	28600	
			Beginning	00062	32 200	18100	28400	
	Position of the	is — kd in	End	4.S	Ø M	6.4	6. M	
		Neutral Ax.	Beginning	4.1	4.0	4.3	3,B	
	No. Hours	Retained		0 M	20	33	22	
	Load	Betained	lb.	8000	0006	5000	6000	
	E C		2	16	22	26	36	



show a marked similarity and the following statement applies to them. The amount of the increase in deformation of the upper fiber of the concrete is about 41% of the deformation at the beginning of the retention of the load. The increase in the deformation of the steel averages 15% for the three beams under consideration.

Tables.- Table No. 2 gives the positions of the neutral axis and the stress in the steel at the beginning of the retention of the load and the stress when same load was last applied before testing the beam to destruction as calculated from the observed bending moment. It also shows the time the given load was retained and the stress in the steel at the maximum calculated both from the observed bending moment and from the observed deformation at the elastic limit.

Changes in deformations.- There are three stages during the retention of the load. In the first the position of the neutral axis rises while the deformation in the steel increases more rapidly than that in the concrete. In the second the neutral axis falls and deformation in the steel decreases, while that of the concrete increases more rapidly. The curves cross during this period. In the third stage the neutral axis rises slightly, accompanied by a small increase in the deformation of the steel and a decrease in that of the concrete. This matter invites further study which is prevented here by a lack of time.

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Temperature effects.- The time-deformation diagrams show some irregularity which is thought to be due in part to the effect of temperature changes upon the brass rods of the extensometer device. A rise in temperature would tend to increase the apparent deformation in the concrete and decrease that in the steel. This, however, does not account for the marked difference in the per cent of the increase in the deformation of the concrete and of the steel.

Comparison of tests.- A study of the tests of these beams in comparison with that of similar beams which were not subjected to the retention of load may show something of its effect upon the maximum load reached before failure. In general the stress in the steel at the maximum load, as calculated from the bending moment, seemed to be somewhat above the elastic limit of the naked bars.

Growth of the cracks.- The first cracks were visible at about 5000 lbs. On Beams No.16 and 36 there was no apparent change in the cracks during the retention of the load. The load was retained at 5000 lbs. on Beam No.26 and there were no cracks discovered until this load had remained 25 hours when three cracks were found along the middle third extending within seven inches of the top. There was no further change until the load was increased. On Beam No.22 the load was retained at 9000 lbs. After three hours two cracks which had only been visible on one side of the beam appeared on the other side and a new crack was found on both sides near the middle after which there was no change until the load was increased.

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Beam No. 16 4-1/2 in Plain Round Bars.

d lb.	me	ection D.	Exter	nsomet	er Re	ading	Remarks
App Load	F	Defl	I	Π	Ш	IV	nomuno.
0		1.50	.0053	.012.8	.0112	,0040	Contacts 1/2 in, and 10 in.
1200		1.52	88	162	152	75	below the top.
2000		1.55	130	209	194	124	Gauge length 42 in.
3000		1.58	210	309	Z65	215	•
4000		1.62	305	426	348	341	Slight crack between
5000		1.69	411	524	439	462	load and center at 4500lb
6000		1.77	504	699	523	582	
7000		1.82	601	838	636	698	
8000	-6 P.M.	1.89	693	960	704	813	
6700	IO P.M.	1.87	6.59	802	700	955	
8000		1.90	730	888	770	1045	
7050	Э <i>А</i> .М,	* 1.78	744	1031	782	1134	*New zero - Thread came
8000		1,80	<i>?90</i>	1082	831	876	off during the night.
7550	3 P.M.	1.78	812	1062	852	851	
8000		1.80	836	1089	876	879	
7400	IO PM	1.80	828	1089	864	879	
8000		1.8/	854	1119	889	913	
7500	8 AM	1.83	832	1122	868	927	
8000		1.84	856	1138	889	953	~



Beam	No. 16 (Continued)	
4-1/2 in	Plain Round Bars	

lied Ib.	me	me ction	Exter	isomete	er Rea	ding	Remarks
App Load	Τü	Defle	Ι	П	Ш	IV	nemarno,
9000		1.88	.0921	,1218	.0950	.1030	Three cracks just outside
10000		1.91	992	1303	1019	1188	Doll loads on W. Side
11000		1.98	1073	1384	1198	1206	
11600		2.01	1173	1585	1184	1362	Maximum
10400							
11000							
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Beam No. 22. 4-1/2 in. Plain Round Bars.

lied 1b	me	sction 7.	Extensometer Reading				Remarks
App Load	Ti	Defle	I	П	Ш	IZ	TICITIAI NO
0		2.00	.0221	.0311	.0727	,0259	Contacts Yz in and 10 in
1000		2.02	248	348	759	298	below the top.
2000		2.04	293	402	804	349	Gauge length 42 in.
3000		2.09	357	472	870	43.5	
4000		2,12	431	576	953	552	
5000		2.19	511	705	1037	674	Hair crack under N. load
6000		2.23	-587	826	1119	796	onthe W. She
1000		2.29	661	942	1199	912	
8000		2.33	729	1064	1276	1038	Two cracks, middle third
9000	I P.M.	2.39	804	1176	1357	1136	W. SIGE One outside S. load
7800	Ą P.M.	2.38	806	1127	1355	1099	Two cracks middle third
9000		241	862	1207	1416	1175	One crack both sides at middle
8400	7 PM	240	862	1189	1411	1157	
9000		2.42	892	1221	1441	1194	
8550	10 P.M.	2.42	877	1219	1428	1250	
9000		2.43	894	17-44	1448	1275	
8360	8 AM	2.43	891	1232	1442	1262	No apparent change in the
9000		2.44	918	1266	1472	1297	excent of the cracks



Beam No. 22 (Continued) 4-1/2 in Plain Round Bars.

lied 1b.	те	ection 7.	Exte	nsomei	er Re	ad inq	Remarks
APF	Tii	Defi	I	I	Ш	IZ	nemuns
8900	845 AM.	2.44	917	1266	1472	1297	
10000		2.49	927	1343	1574	1361	
11000		2.51	999	1438	1580	1449	
12000		2.54	1070	1553	1659	1554	
12500		2.60	1108	1616	1699	1609	
12700		2.64	12.04	1860	180 <b>0</b>	1865	Crack Gin. S. middle which
11500		270					was noted at 500010. opened up.
11400		2.80	1512	2525	2125	2.550	
11500		2.90	1684	2895	2305	2780	
11600		3.20	2113	4037	2865	2782	Compression crack on top
11100		4.00					
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Beam No. 26 4- ½ in Plaın Round Bars.

d Ib.	ime	ection 1.	Exter	Extensometer Reading			Remarks
API Load	Υ Γ	Defl	Ι	П	Ш	IV	
0		1.76	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	Contacts 1/2 in. and 10 in.
1000		1.78	40	39	39	44	below the top.
2000		1.81	107	115	100	115	Gauge length 42 in.
3000		1.85	194	232	180	180	
4000		1.91	238	358	218	339	
5000	5 <sup>20</sup> PM	1.98	385	485	359	461	
4020	10 P.M.	1.99	363	488	332	472	
5000		2.10	411	546	378	531	
4370	9 <sup>30</sup> AM.	2.03	332	441	569	560	
5000		2.04	361	472	597	592	
4700	2. P.M.	2.02	370	466	605	583	
5000		2.03	383	477	618	596	
4830	630 PM	2.02	382	482	617	600	3 cracks to within 7 in. top
5000		203	392	492	626	610	Under N. Toad
4720	8AM.	2.05	385	505	618	62.Z	
5000		2.06	393	513	628	632	
6000		2.08	442	580	679	696	
7000		2.11	510	669	748	782	
8000		2.17	595	782	832	892	



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Beam No.26 (Continued) 4-1/zin Plain Round Bars

plied / 1b	me	sction 7.	Exte	пѕоте	ter Re	ading	Remarks
Ap, Load	1	Defle	Ι	П	Ш	IV	
9000		2.2.2	.0682	.0900	.0922	.1002	Crack 5in. below top near
10000		2.30	795	1042	1028	1132	More cracks under loads
11000		2.38	938	1227	1160	1300	
11450							Crack opened Gin S. middle
10000		2.48	1131	1592	1350	1667	
10300		258	1375	208 x	1590	2175	
10300		2.68	1577	2.44 ×	178×	2509	Middle crack sin. below top
10500		2.80	184 x	293 X	209×	298×	divided 21/2 in. below top
10400		2.90	204	329	223	333	
10500		3.10					Compression crack on top
10400		3.30					
10200		3.60					Top crushed out.
10000		3.90					
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Beam No. 36 3-1/2 in. Plain Round Bars.

plied Ib.	me	ection n.	Exte	nsomet	er Red	iding	Remarks
AP	11	Defla	Ι	П	Ш	IV	
0		2.60	.0000	.0000	,0000,	,0000,	Beam warped to East.
1000		2.63	38	43	44	53	Contacts Yzin and loin.
3000		2.74	210	265	223	309	below the top.
4000		2.80	314	403	327	472	Gauge length 42 in.
5000		2.88	418	552	437	639	
6000		2.95	52.5	705	556	805	Crack Gin, below top on both
4850	3 P.M.	2.96	518	660	557	766	sives ourside IV. load
6000		3.00	587	740	628	860	
5310	5P.M.	3.00	567	716	613	828	
6000		3.02	603	762	649	880	
5400	7 <i>Р</i> .М.	3.01	491	731	638	846	
6000		3.02	621	765	671	886	
5400	1035 P.M.	3.01	599	745	LA8	861	No apparent change in
6000		3.02	630	783	683	906	CHE CRACHS
5320	9 A.M.	3.03	609	755	662	874	A
6000		3.05	643	797	699	921	
7000		3,09	713	893	774	1028	
7400		3,14	811	1141	890	1316	New crack 14 in N. middle
6650		3.2.5	1025	1672	1/33	1885	SITT. NEIOW COP.



Beam No. 36 (Continued) 3-1/2 in. Plain Round Bars

lied 1b.	те	ection 7.	Exter	nsomet	er Rea	ad ing	Bamarka
App Load	11	Defl	Ι	Π	Ш	IV	πεπιαπης
6670		3,34	.1190	2100	1320	2330	Crack divided
6700		3.46	1360	2580	1540	2740	
6940		3.54	1550	3035	1755	2740	
6910		3.67	1750	3.54	2000	2740	Top crushed out
6400		3.74	1790	393	230	2740	
6400			183	430	252	274	
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Beam No. 66 Plain 1:2:4 Concrete

lied 1b.	sction	Exter	nsomet	er Re	ading	Remarks
App Load	Defle	Ι	П	Ш	IV	
0	0.63	.0000	,0000,	.0000	,0000	Contacts Vizin and loin below
200	0.64	5	5	5	8	the top. Gauge length Azin.
455	0.65	12	10	10	14	
650	0.65	19	15	18	21	
800	0.66	26	19	23	28	
1020	0.67	39	30	37	41	
1200	0.68	49	42	54	53	
1320						Broke without warning Zim S. of
						the middle
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