

EFFICIENCY TESTS OF A TWENTY HORSE-POWER AVERY

TRACTION ENGINE NO. 2116.

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Efficiency Tests of a Twenty Horse-Power Avery
Traction Engine.

Purpose: The purpose of the following is to set forth the mechanical efficiency of the Avery traction engine No. 2116, running as a stationary engine and as a traction engine; to determine the evaporative power of the boiler under a reasonable load while being fired with Lansing coal from the Kansas Penitentiary; and to determine the draft per ton of haul over dirt and macadamized roads with an ordinary four inch wagon.

The instruments used for the tests for mechanical efficiency were:

Two Crosby indicators, each closely connected

A Crosby disk revolution counter

A Prony brake

A platform scale and

An indicator reducing motion

To make a reliable test of an engine requires a correct application of instruments and a skillful manipulation of the same. The error of every instrument should be determined before and after the test and necessary corrections made for the same. No instrument of doubtful reading should be used under any circumstances. Ease of manipulation adds much to the accuracy with which a reading may be made. All readings ought to be made simultaneously in order that they may harmonize.

The Indicators: Of the sources of error accompanying the use of indicators we found that two above all should be sought out. First, in setting up these instruments, directions should be

followed explicitly, but after all we found no assurance of a perfect alignment of the piston in the cylinder. The small screw at the under side of the piston should be adjusted last, in order that the spring may be seated concentrically with the piston stem. Then to make sure of the adjustment a test should be made to prove that the upward run of the pencil point indicates the same pressures as for corresponding points on the downward run. The pencil motion with its records is next in importance. There should be no undue looseness in the joints. The pencil point should be sharp. It should touch the paper just enough to give a legible record. Any more than this will introduce errors due to paper friction amounting to 5% or even much more. The greater accuracy therefore is given by very light though legible diagrams.

The Reducing Motion: The one used in these tests is shown in the accompanying drawing. The essential points are:

1st The bar to which the indicator cords are fastened should be parallel to the axis of the cylinder

2nd The points indicated by the letters A, B, & C and A, D, and E should be in straight lines, and B D, should be parallel to C E. We found that if these conditions are not fulfilled the mechanism is worthless as far as accuracy is concerned. This motion was proportioned to give diagrams 3.45 inches long but in actual operation it gave diagrams varying in length from 3.39 to 3.5 inches, the average being about 3.46 inches.

To begin with our results gave a mechanical efficiency as great as 150%, a result altogether erroneous. Investigation proved; (1) some slight faults in lengths and a lack in precise adjustment of the parts of the reducing motion; (2) that we were making

indicator diagrams altogether too heavy so that the friction between the pencil point and the paper produced distortion. The friction of the pencil point prevents it from rising so high or falling so low as it would under proper conditions, therefore reducing the area of the indicator diagrams and consequently the indicated horse power, thus making a high brake horse power as compared with the indicated horse power which would show a high efficiency; and (3) that the pencil motion was without fault as far as we could determine. Having made good these faults the results herewith, were obtained. (see curves and data sheets for same)

From the above it is plain that a manufacturing company may get any per cent efficiency desired from a machine by simply adjusting the instruments, and at the same time make it appear that the results were true and just. Furthermore the errors cannot be detected unless the tests are observed by the inspector.

The Prony Brake.

The essential points of the Prony brake are; a band to be placed around the pulley, and an arm at the end of which the force, exerted by the pulley in turning against the friction offered by the band, is measured.

However, if accurate results are wanted, several other points must be taken into consideration:

- (1) Lubrication of cooling water.
- (2) A constant supply of cooling water on the pulley.
- (3) Adjustment of the band.
- (4) The manner of measuring the pull, and
- (5) The brake constant

If the cooling water is allowed to flow directly upon the face of the pulley, the use of oil as a lubricant is useless as it is washed off. But in this case the water itself makes a fair lubricant. The flow of water must be constant through each reading. Also, as the temperature of the pulley rises, a greater quantity of water is needed and should be increased accordingly between readings. In our own work with the brake as illustrated, much difficulty was experienced through irregularity of the flow of cooling water. A separate hose line was used for this purpose, the water being applied to the upper left quarter because the force of gravity tended to reduce the tangential flow of the water from the wheel. The flow was farther confined by means of waste placed before each block. It was found also that the face of the pulley should not turn against the edge of the blocks, and that the blocks should be both grooved and beveled to facilitate the pass-

age of water around the pulley. In addition to these precautions there should be some provision whereby the flow of water is not dependent upon a pipe line pressure. While making the tests there were, for many minutes at a time, no evidences of change in the coefficient of friction between the brake and the pulley. At another instant there was a great increase in the friction - so much so that within a few revolutions the engine became overloaded and stopped. This could be accounted for because of a variation in the amount of water on the pulley due to a change of pressure. This change of pressure could easily be caused by withdrawing water any where along the line, a thing not uncommon in water service.

If the brake could be supplied from a tank above, a more constant supply of water could be had and this difficulty overcome.

A better method of cooling, but inconvenient because of the splashing, is to flange the pulley on the inside edges of the rim and by means of a delivery pipe and take-off funnel, keep a constant supply of cold water on the rim. Then oil can be used on the brake with some success. A still better method would be to have a brake made of pipe through which water may be circulated for cooling. Oil can be applied directly on the face of the pulley with this form, also.

Brakes of small size may usually be adjusted by means of a bolt and hand wheel; but on larger sizes a nut and a wrench must be used. Every brake must be semi-automatic: that is, it must have enough elasticity to adjust itself to varying conditions. This is especially true with respect to wooden brakes or brakes with wooden blocks. In our own case, our greatest difficulty was to get a steady adjustment.

This we accomplished in a rather unsatisfactory manner by use of two springs of different strengths. A light spring intended to take the light loads and a heavy spring for the heavy loads, were used.

A load or force exerted by the beam is best measured by means of an ordinary scale which has been tested with standard weights. The beam should be parallel with a level line from the center of the pulley and the end of the beam must rest on knife edges.

The most accurate method of getting the brake constant is to hang the brake on a knife edge, placed directly over the center of the pulley. The brake should not touch the pulley. Then the constant can be weighed directly on the scale. Another method is to run the pulley with a light load on the brake in one direction and measure the load. Then reverse the direction of the pulley and again measure the load. The difference will be a fairly accurate brake constant. By means of counter weights the reading on the scale may be made equal to 0, when running with no load. Then there is no brake constant and the load is read directly. In our case we found the second method most practicable, but checked with the former; yet with this method, much discretion must be used, for values varying from 24 pounds to 75 pounds were obtained by trial with various loads.

The following conclusions are drawn from observation and data with respect to Mechanical efficiency.

(1) The efficiency increases with the load until the maximum capacity of the engine is reached, at which point the speed will commence to fall.

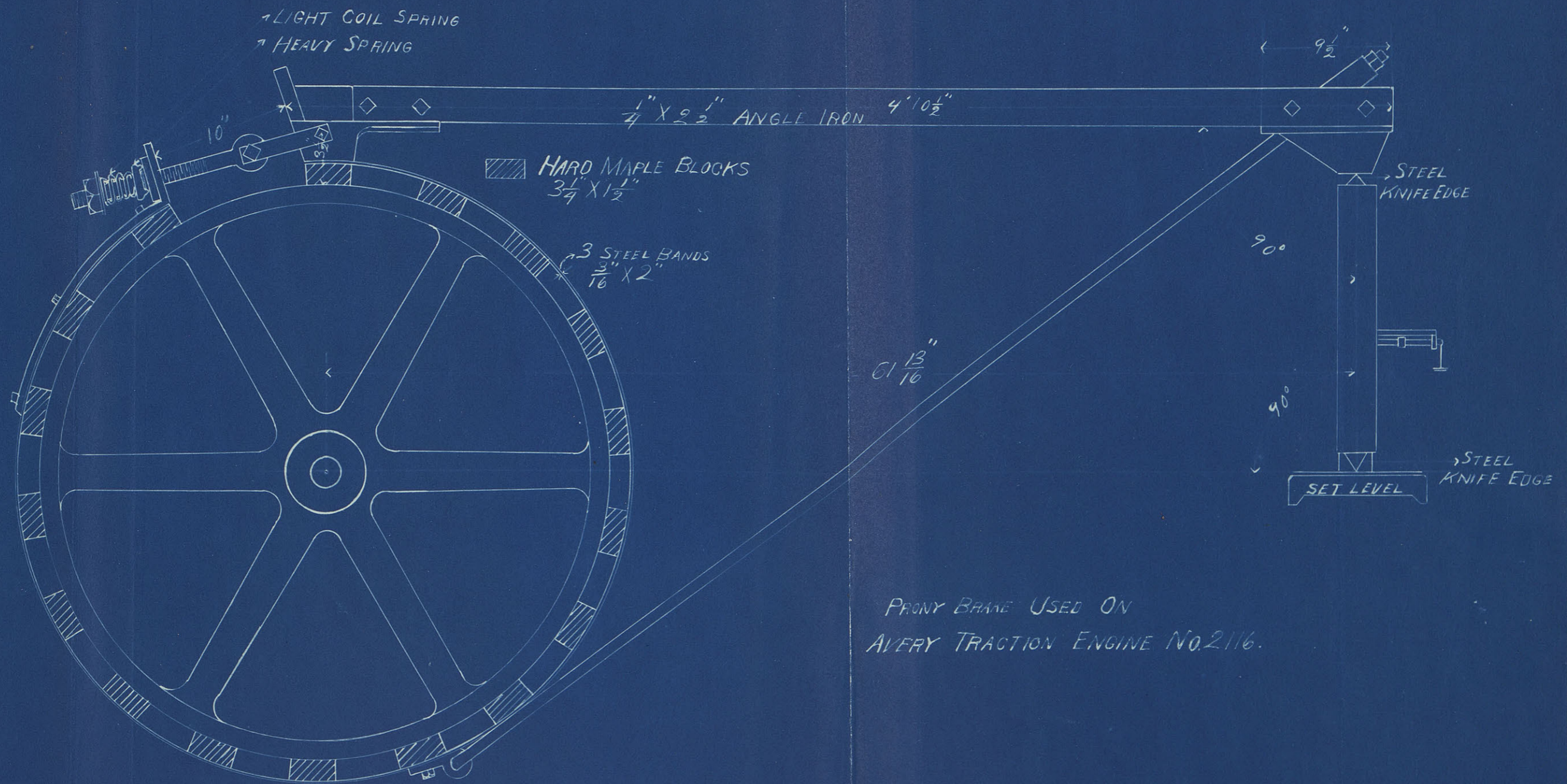
(2) The efficiency is greatly affected by the skill of the persons in charge. Unless all readings are made simultaneously large errors are liable to be introduced; this is particularly true with respect to indicators. The pressures in the cylinder should be recorded on the drums during the same stroke. The brake must be exactly balanced at the same instant.

(3) The R. P. M. is slightly variable because of the slightly varying loads produced by a brake, which are almost unavoidable. Hence the R. P. M. should be the average of several minutes during which time the load must be maintained constant.

(4) A throttling governor is extremely wasteful except under a very heavy load. The governor on the Avery frequently caused steam to become wire-drawn to such an extent that the pressure at admission was 60 pounds lower than the boiler pressure.

(5) Perfect lubrication of the valve is necessary: otherwise an undue amount of power is required to run the engine. Sticking of the valve when any loose motion exists may affect the events of the stroke.

(6) All of the mechanism should be as conveniently located as possible for the reason that the efficiency varies directly as the care taken to keep the engine up and when any part is so located that it cannot be adjusted or used without great bodily discomfort, it is apt to be neglected.



PRONY BRAKE USED ON
AVERY TRACTION ENGINE No. 2116.

The Traction Tests.

This work was for the purpose of determining the draft required per ton of load to haul over dirt and Macadam roads and on different grades. These tests were made on May 29th and 30th. The surface of the dirt roads was, on the morning of May 29th, very sleek because of a rain early in the morning. By the afternoon the well graded dirt roads were in fairly good shape though a little soft. By the next day they were in excellent condition. The lower grades however were more or less sandy. The other were on heavy red clay except one stony hill. The Macadamized roads on the K. S. A. C. grounds were also used. These are smooth and even grades.

For this work, the engine was fitted up for extra water and coal supply, and with a platform on the left or cylinder side of the engine to facilitate the manipulation of the indicators. A wagon weighing 1900 lbs. was loaded with pig iron so that wagon and all weighed four tons. Coupling for guiding was made by means of a short tongue and for drawing a short doubletree chained from its middle to the front axle was used. One end of this was connected directly to the engine and the other through a 2000 # dynamometer. The following dynamometer readings are therefore to be multiplied by two. They were taken as rapidly as recording would permit in order that an average of the many would give more nearly the true pull. The single readings are and could not be otherwise than rough approximations because of the great and rapid fluctuations of the pointer, the small error of the dynamometer

was considered within that due to reading and was therefore not considered.

The instruments used in this work were:

Two Crosby Indicators

A Crosby disc revolution counter

A Crosby lever revolution counter

An H. Heilchem scale type dynamometer.

These tests show an average traction efficiency of about 22.8%. No definite conclusions can be drawn from so limited a series of tests. Before this can be done a series of tests must be made which would include the following conditions.

- (1) Roads; dusty, muddy, stony, soft, sandy, frozen
- (2) Low wheeled wagons
- (3) Broad tires, narrow tires.

No. 1.

Grade 0.25% fall May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade

Ungraded, smooth, slightly sandy, dirt.

Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 72

Time in minutes 3.87

Distance in feet per minute 208

Average dynamometer readings 339 #

Average traction 678 #

Traction H. P. 4.27

Indicated H. P. 19.25

Starting load 1400 #

Observed dynamometer readings:

300	300	400	
400	500	300	
400	400	500	
300	300	400	
250	400	350	
300	400	300	
300	350	250	
300	300	200	
400	300	400	
350	300	400	
250	200	400	
300	300	400	
		<u>11800</u>	Total
		337	Average

No. 2.

Grade .253% fall May 29, 1905.
 Kind and condition of grade
 Smooth, ungraded, dirt.
 Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18
 Revolutions of wagon wheel 109
 Time in minutes 5.75
 Distance in feet per minute 211.9
 Average dynamometer readings 432 #
 Average traction 864 #
 Traction H. P. 5.55
 Indicated H. P. 17.83
 Starting load 1100 #

Observed dynamometer readings:

350	500	400	300
500	500	400	450
500	500	350	400
450	400	400	500
400	350	350	250
400	400	300	400
400	500	300	300
350	500	400	400
300	400	n300	300
500	300	300	300
400	400	300	350
600	400	400	300
400	400	400	400
500	400	300	350
500	300	300	300
500	400	300	200
600	300	400	300
500	300	300	32800 Total
	300	300	432 Average

No. 3.

Grade .29% fall May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of roads

Well graded dirt.

Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 40

Time in minutes 225

Distance in feet per minute 199.5

Average dynamometer readings 495 #

Average traction 990 #

Traction H. P. 5.98

Indicated H. P.

Starting load 1600 #

Observed dynamometer readings:

500	450	
400	400	
450	500	
400	500	
400	600	
400	650	
400	600	
450	700	
500	600	
500	500	
	<u>9900</u>	Total
	495	Average

No. 4.

Grade .34% rise May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade

Well graded dirt

Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel

Time in minutes

Distance in feet per minute

Average dynamometer readings 296 #

Average traction

Traction H. P.

Indicated H. P.

Starting load

Observed dynamometer readings:

500	600	500	100	400
100	200	150	150	100
400	300	400	500	500
600	100	800	50	300
200	400	300	300	150
300	200	400	400	700
100	300	400	100	500
400	50	200	300	
100	500	500	400	23 675 Total
300	100	600	50	
150	400	200	300	296 Average
300	150	800	500	
100	300	600	300	
400	50	150	500	
200	300	400	300	
500	100	100	500	
100	400	100	300	
	100	900	400	
	400	50	25	
	100	400	500	

No. 5.

Grade .355% fall May 29, 1905.
 Kind and condition of grade; well graded, a little soft, dirt
 Circumference of wagon wheel (feet) 11.18
 Revolutions of wagon wheel 71
 Time in minutes 3.75
 Distance in feet per minute 211.7
 Average dynamometer readings 344 #
 Average traction 688 #
 Traction H. P. 4.40
 Indicated H. P. 19.58
 Starting load 1200 #

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

300	400	300	300
350	400	400	400
400	450	400	300
500	500	300	400
500	300	300	350
400	300	350	400
400	300	300	300
400	300	350	500
400	300	300	300
300	350	350	250
300	300	400	300
400	350	400	400
400	300	350	250
400	350	300	<u>20250</u> Total
			344 Average

No. 6.

Grade 0.355% rise May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade; ungraded, smooth, slightly sandy,
dirt

Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18
Revolutions of wagon wheel		69
Time in minutes		3.75
Distance in feet per minute		206
Average dynamometer readings		378.3 #
Average traction		756.6 #
Traction M. P.		4.73
Indicated H. P.		25.25
Starting load		

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

400	400
400	450
400	400
300	350
300	350
300	500
300	500
400	500
400	400
300	600
300	500
350	300
250	400
300	450
350	300
	<u>11350</u> Total

378-1/2 # Average

No. 7.

Grade	0.46%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and conditions of grade;	smooth, Macadam		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		31	
Time in minutes		1.60	
Distance in feet per minute		216.4	
Average dynamometer readings		309.5 #	
Average traction		619.0 #	
Traction H. P.		4.07	
Indicated H. P.			
Starting load			

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

300
250
350
300
400
300
300
250
350
250
300
400
300
250
300
350

4950 Total

No. 8.

Grade .462% fall May 29, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade

Smoother, Macadam

Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 56

Time in minutes 2.66

Distance in feet per minute 214.3

Average dynamometer readings 175 #

Average traction 350 #

Traction H. P. 2.27

Indicated H. P. 13.56

Starting load

Observed dynamometer readings:

200 150

250 150

150 200

200 200

200 200

200 200

150 200

200 200

200 200

100 100

200 200

200 250

4200 Total

175 Average

No. 9.

Grade	.462%	rise	May 29, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	smooth, Macadam		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		37	
Time in minutes		1.92	
Distance in feet per minute		216	
Average dynamometer readings		305 #	
Average traction		610 #	
Traction H. P.		3.99	
Indicated H. P.		17.69	
Starting load		900 #	

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

450	200
300	200
350	200
300	250
350	200
300	200
300	250
300	350
350	300
350	350
350	350
300	350
300	350
300	9150 Total
300	
350	305 Average
350	

No. 10.

Grade 1.87% rise May 29, 1905.
 Kind and condition of grade
 Well graded, slightly soft
 Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18
 Revolutions of wagon wheel 101
 Time in minutes 5.25
 Distance in feet per minute 215.1
 Average dynamometer readings 326.2 #
 Average traction 652.4 #
 Traction H. P. 4.254
 Indicated H. P. 20.404
 Starting load 1000. #

Observed dynamometer readings:

300	200	500	500
300	400	200	500
300	300	500	300
300	400	500	300
200	300	400	200
300	500	300	200
200	200	200	500
200	200	100	300
200	450	150	500
400	300	300	400
400	300	300	400
500	100	200	500
150	500	200	450
500	100	400	500
100	400		300
600	100		23500 Total
100	500		
500	400		326.2 Average
100			
450			
450			

No. 11.

Grade 1.87% rise May 29, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade

Smooth, well graded dirt

Circumference of wagon wheel 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 93

Time in minutes 5

Distance in feet per minute 208

Average dynamometer readings 372 #

Average traction 744 #

Traction H. P. 4.69

Indicated H. P. 24.57

Starting load

Observed dynamometer readings:

600	500	400
300	300	300
400	300	400
300	400	300
400	500	300
350	500	500
500	600	400
300	400	500
400	500	400
400	500	500
300	600	300
300	500	400
300	500	400
400	600	500
400	600	300
400	400	300
500	400	200
500	350	300
500	400	300
400	400	300
		400

21900 Total

372 Average

No. 12.

Grade	1.87%	fall	May 29, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade; smooth, well graded dirt.			
Circumference of wagon wheel (feet)			11.18
Revolutions of wagon wheel			119
Time in minutes			6.22
Distance in feet per minute			214
Average dynamometer readings			294 #
Average traction			588 #
Traction H. P.			3.81
Indicated H. P.			18.34
Starting load			1500 #

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

350	400	300	400	300
350	450	300	400	200
300	450	300	400	300
300	350	300	500	400
350	300	200	400	300
400	200	250	400	100
400	300	200	300	200
300	200	150	400	200
350	300	200	400	200
350	100	300	400	300
250	200	200	400	400
250	300	200	200	400
300	200	250	150	350
300	300	350	150	300
300	300	200	100	400
400	350	300	200	350
400	350	250	300	300
450	300	400	400	250
400	300	350	300	27650 Total

294 Aver.

No. 13.

Grade 1.87% rise May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade; well graded dirt

Circumference of wagon wheel (feet) 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 96

Time in minutes 5.5

Distance in feet per minute 195

Average dynamometer readings 454.5 #

Average traction 909 #

Traction H. P. 5.37

Indicated H. P.

Starting load

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

400	500
600	500
500	400
300	500
300	500
400	300
500	400
400	300
300	600
400	500
300	200
300	800
500	400
800	500
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	12700 Total

454.5 Average

No. 14.

Grade 1.87% *fall* May 30, 1905..
 Kind and condition of grade; well graded dirt
 Circumference of wagon wheel (feet) 11.18
 Revolutions of wagon wheel 63
 Time in minutes 2.75
 Distance in feet per minute 256
 Average dynamometer readings 337.5 #
 Average traction 675.0 #
 Traction H. P. 5.23
 Indicated H. P.
 Starting load 1000 #

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

300	350
400	300
450	350
400	300
1000	350
200	300
250	400
400	300
500	400
400	350
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	6750 Total
	337.5 Average

No. 15.

Grade	1.87%	fall	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	well graded	dirt	
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		35	
Time in minutes			
Distance in feet per minute			
Average dynamometer readings		287 #	
Average traction		574 #	
Traction H. P.			
Indicated H. P.			
Starting load		800 #	

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

300	
400	
300	
350	
250	
350	
250	
300	
300	
300	
250	
300	
200	
150	
350	
500	
<hr/> 4600	Total
287	Average

No. 16.

Grade	1.87%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	well graded	dirt	
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		48	
Time in minutes		263	
Distance in feet per minute		204	
Average dynamometer readings		412.5 #	
Average traction		825.0 #	
Traction H. P.		5.10	
Indicated H. P.		21.03	
Starting load		1200 #	

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

400
350
550
500
400
450
400
450
300
400
350
350
400
400
400
500
<hr/> 6600 Total

No. 17.

Grade	2.78%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	slightly rough, Macadam		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		26	
Time in minutes		1.5	
Distance in feet per minute		193.8	
Average dynamometer readings		486 #	
Average traction		972 #	
Traction H. P.		5.71	
Indicated H. P.		28.21 (?)	
Starting load			

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

600	
200	
650	
300	
450	
700	
300	
900	
300	
200	
600	
350	
700	
350	
700	
400	
600	
450	
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8750	Total
486	Average

No. 18.

Grade 3.65% rise May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grades; well graded, a little rough, dirt.

Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18
Revolutions of wagon wheel		83
Time in minutes		4.35
Distance in feet per minute		214
Average dynamometer readings		545
Average traction		1090 #
Traction H. P.		7.07
Indicated H. P.		29.53
Starting load		2000 #

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

550	500	400	400
600	600	700	200
400	500	700	400
550	500	600	500
600	400	500	600
400	400	600	500
500	400	550	600
600	500	600	200
500	600	700	200
400	700	600	100
500	800	600	700
450	800	900	700
700	400	700	400
700	500	1000	600
400	500	1000	400
600	500	900	600
500	500	800	700
400	500		12 00
			500
			400
			<hr/> 38650 Total
			545 Average

No. 19.

Grade	4.5%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	well graded, hard clay		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		28	
Time in minutes		1.534	
Distance in feet per minute		204.2	
Average dynamometer readings		682.5 #	
Average traction		1365.0 #	
Traction H. P.		8.44	
Indicated H. P.		38.17	
Starting load		1400 #	

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

700	700
600	500
700	600
600	700
700	700
600	700
700	600
800	700
700	700
650	600
600	700
750	700
800	700
600	700
700	800
800	<u>21100</u> Total
	682.5 Average

No. 21.

Grade 3.51% rise May 30, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade; smooth Macadam

Circumference of wagon wheel (feet) 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 27

Time in minutes 1.42

Distance in feet per minute 189

Average dynamometer readings 477 #

Average traction 954 #

Traction H. P. 5.461

Indicated H. P.

Starting load

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

- 450
 - 700
 - 300
 - 400
 - 650
 - 300
 - 400
 - 600
 - 350
 - 700
 - 350
 - 600
 - 400
-
- 6200 Total

No. 22.

Grade 5.75% rise May 29, 1905.

Kind and condition of grade; smooth, Macadam

Circumference of wagon wheel (feet) 11.18

Revolutions of wagon wheel 36

Time in minutes 1.87

Distance in feet per minute 215.7

Average dynamometer readings 478 #

Average traction 956 #

Traction H. P. 6.25

Indicated H. P. 35.12

Starting load 1800 #

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

400	500
400	500
500	450
500	400
600	400
600	500
600	450
500	450
600	450
600	450
600	500
600	400
500	400
550	500
500	500
550	500
500	500
500	500
600	500
	550
	<hr/> 19650
	Total
	478 Average

No. 23.

Grade	5.75%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grades;	smooth, Macadam		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		41	
Time in minutes		2.12	
Distance in feet per minute		216.2	
Average dynamometer readings		510 #	
Average traction		1020 #	
Traction H. P.		6.68	
Indicated H. P.			
Starting load			

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

300	600
400	600
500	600
500	500
600	550
500	500
500	450
500	500
400	500
600	<u>12 750</u> Total
700	
300	510 Average
600	
500	
550	
500	

No. 24.

Grade	6.144%	rise	May 30, 1905.
Kind and condition of grade;	ungraded, stony, dirt		
Circumference of wagon wheel	(feet)	11.18	
Revolutions of wagon wheel		34	
Time in minutes		1.83	
Distance in feet per minute		208	
Average dynamometer readings		613 #	
Average traction		1226 #	
Traction H. P.		7.723	
Indicated H. P.		43.79	
Starting load			

Observed dynamometer readings in pounds:

900	500
600	600
500	500
800	500
900	400
600	400
700	500
700	600
600	500
700	600
700	500
800	600
600	<u>16500</u> Total
600	
600	

TRACTION TESTS ON AVERY ENGINE No. 2116.

WEIGHT OF LOAD; GROSS 8000.
NET 6000.

JUNE 19 AND 20 - '05.

STARTING PULL.	DURATION OF PULL MINUTES	DISTANCE. FEET PER MIN.	AV. READING DYNAMOMETER.	GRADE PER CENT.	TRACTION H.P.	I.H.P.	EFF. %	REMARKS.
1400 #s.	3.87	208	339	0.25 f	4.27	19.25	22.18	f = FALL IN GRADE
1100 ..	5.75	211.9	432	0.253 f	5.55	17.83	31.13	R = RISE
1600 ..	2.25	199.5	495	0.29 f	5.98			AVERAGE READING OF DYNAMOMETER = ONE HALF AVERAGE TRACTION PULL.
			296	0.34 R				
1200 ..	3.75	211.7	399	0.355 f	4.40	19.58	22.47	
	3.75	206	378.3	0.355 R	4.73	25.25	18.73	
	1.60	216.4	309.5	0.46 R	4.07		1	
	2.66	214.3	175	0.462 f	2.27	13.56	16.74	
900 ..	1.92	216.	305	0.462 R	3.99	17.69	22.57	
1000 ..	5.25	215.1	326.2	1.87 R	4.25	20.409	20.83	
	5.00	208.	372.	1.87 R	4.69	24.57	19.08	
1500 ..	6.22	214.	294.	1.87 f	3.81	18.39	20.78	
	5.50	195.	454.5	1.87 R	5.37			
1000 ..	2.75	256.	337.5	1.87	5.23			
800 ..			287.	1.87 f				
1200 ..	2.63	209	412.5	1.87 R	5.10	21.03	24.25	
	1.50	193.8	486	2.78 R	5.71	28.2	20.25	
2000 ..	4.35	214.	545	3.65 R	7.07	29.53	23.94	
1400 ..	1.53	204.2	682.5	4.50 R	8.44	33.17	25.45	
	1.53	204.6	580.	4.50 R	7.19	34.96	20.57	
	1.42	189.	477.	3.51 R	5.46			
1800 ..	1.87	215.7	478.	5.75 R	6.25	35.12	17.80	
	2.12	216.2	510.	5.75 R	6.68			
	1.83	208.	613.	6.14 R	7.72	43.79	17.63	

The Evaporative Test of the Boiler.

The purpose of this test as set forth was to determine the evaporation power of the boiler when fired with Lansing coal from the Kansas Penitentiary. This coal has a calorific power of 11,329 B. T. U. and 0.55% of water as determined under the direction of the chemical department of K. S. A. C. (See thesis by S. S. Fay, 1905.)

The instruments used in this work were those used in the tests for mechanical efficiency of the engine together with

- Standard thermometers
- A Barrus calorimeter
- Scales for weighing fuel and water
- A Crosby lever revolution counter

A running start was made. The test when conditions of water and fire were as nearly those at the start as could be attained.

The quality of the steam was determined by means of a Barrus throttling calorimeter, connected as per instructions (See Trans. of A. S. M. E., Vol. XI. page 795 and C. H. Benjamin's Mechanical Laboratory Practice, page 48)

Normal readings of lower thermometer	285.4
Average reading lower thermometer	248.75
Degrees of cooling	36.65

$$X = \frac{\text{Degrees cooling}}{\text{Coefficient}} = \frac{36.65}{20.815} = 1.761 = \% \text{ moisture}$$

$$100 - 1.761 = 98.239\% \text{ of steam}$$

$$X = .9824$$

The equivalent of water apparently evaporated from and at

212° F is

$$e = \frac{w(r + q - q_2)}{965.8} = 6731.8$$

The equivalent of water actually evaporated from and at 212° F is

$$e = \frac{w(rx + q - q_2)}{r_{212^\circ F}} =$$

w = weight of feed water		= 5625 #
r = heat of vaporization at average boiler pressure		= 870.55
q = heat of liquid	" " "	316.80
q ₂ = " feed water		331.62
r _{212° F} = heat of evaporation at 212° F		965.8
x = quality of steam		.9824

$$e = \frac{5625 (870.55 \times .9824 + 316.80 - 31.62)}{965.8}$$

$$= 6654$$

Equivalent water evaporated per hour from and at 210° F. = 737.4

Conclusions drawn from observation and data with respect to the evaporation power of the Avery Boiler.

- (1) The grate area is insufficient for the size of the engine unless a superior quality of coal is used as fuel.
- (2) The boiler is apt to foam and prime when the engine is working hard.
- (3) The boiler must be kept free from sediment by washing when cold; blowing out does no good except immediately around the blow-off opening.
- (4) The steam pipe could be straight and better guarded against priming.

DATA AND RESULTS OF EVAPORATIVE TESTS.

Arranged in accordance with the short form advised by the boiler test committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Grate surface.....	4.06	sq. ft.
Water heating surface.....	104.	
Ratio of grate to water heating surface.....	1.70	26.6
Kind of fuel.....	KANSAS PENITENTIARY COAL	

TOTAL QUANTITIES.

1. Date of trial.....	JUNE 1, 1905.	
2. Duration of trial in hours.....	9	
3. Weight of coal fired.....	1087.5	
4. Per cent of water in coal.....	.55	
5. Total weight of coal consumed, in pounds.....	940.	
6. Total ash and refuse.....	173.5	
7. Percentage ash and refuse in coal.....	15.95	
8. Total weight of water fed to boiler.....	5625.	
9. Condition of steam.....	.9840	
10. Equivalent water apparently evaporated from and at 212° F.....	6731.8	
11. Equivalent water actually evaporated from and at 212° (corrected for moisture in steam).....	6654.	

HOURLY QUANTITIES.

12. Pounds coal consumed per hour.....	104.44	
13. Coal per hour per square foot of grate surface.....	25.73	
14. Pounds feed water per hour.....	625.	
15. Equivalent water evaporated per hour from and at 212° F. (corrected for moisture in steam).....	737.4	
16. Equivalent water evaporated per square foot of heating surface per hour.....	7.19	

AVERAGE BOILER PRESSURES, TEMPERATURES, ETC.

17. Average boiler pressure, pounds per square inch, gage.....	112.4	
18. Average boiler pressure, pounds per square inch, absolute.....	126.6	
19. Average temperature of feed water, Fahrenheit.....	63.5	
20. Average temperature of boiler room, Fahrenheit.....	79.8	
21. Average temperature of outside air, Fahrenheit.....	80.96	
22. Barometer.....	14.2	

HORSE-POWER.

23. Horse-power developed.....	21.39	
24. Builders' rated horse-power.....		
25. Percentage of builders' rated horse-power.....		

ECONOMIC RESULTS.

26. Water apparently evaporated per pound of coal under actual conditions.....	5.17	
27. Equivalent water actually evaporated from and at 212° F., per pound of coal fired.....	6.107	
28. Equivalent evaporation from and at 212° F., per pound of dry coal.....		
29. Equivalent evaporation from and at 212° F., per pound of combustible.....	7.06	

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, K. S. A. C.

TEST MADE AT K. S. A. C.

OBSERVERS: _____

LOG OF BOILER TRIAL.

ON AVERY TRACTION ENGINE

DATE JUNE 1, 1905.

Time.	Pressures.		Temperatures, °C.				Weights.						Remarks.			
	Barometer.	Steam Gage. LBS.	External Air. °C	Boiler Room. °C	Feed Water. °C	Flue Gases.	Coal.			Cinders.				Water.		
							Gross.	Tare.	Net.	Gross.	Tare.	Net.		Gross.	Tare.	Net.
8-20 AM.		106.5			20.		196.	83.	113.				505.	71.5	433.5	SHUT DOWN ON ACCOUNT OF BRAKE, AT 8-56
8-30		112.5			17.								481.	62.5	418.5	STARTED AT 8-59
8-40	28.865"	115.			17.		197.	78.	119.				482.5	103.	379.5	
8-50	14.20 LBS.	110.5			17.		202.	79.	123.				483.	93.	390.	SHUT DOWN AT 9-29 ON ACCOUNT OF BRAKE.
9-00		120.		22.0	17.								493.5	105.	388.5	STARTED AT 9-30.
9-10		113.	22.0	22.5			221.	79.	142.							
9-20		113.	22.5	22.0												
9-31		117.		22.5												SHUT DOWN AT 10-34.
9-40		115.		23.0						97.	77.	20.				STARTED AT 10-38 1/2
9-50		120.		23.0									480.	88.	392.0	MEN CHANGED AT 11 AM.
10-00		112.5	23.5	23.0	18.											
10-10		113.		24.												BAROMETER TAKEN AT 8-45 AM.
10-20		113.		24.						97.	77.	20.				
10-30		113.		24.5												
10-40		120.		25.			210.	97.	113.							BAROMETER TAKEN AT 10-50 AM.
10-50	28.88"	115.		25.												BOILER PRESSURE DRO AT 12-55 P.M.
11-00	14.20 LBS.	113.		25.5												
11-10		120.		26.												
11-20		113.		26.												
11-30		113.		26.									506.	105.	401.	
11-40		118.5		26.	17.											MEN CHANGED AT 2 P.M.
11-50		118.5		26.												
12-00 M.		114.	25.8	26.									396.	83.	313.	
12-10 P.M.		117.		26.	18.											
12-20		118.5		26.												
12-30		115.		26.												
12-40		111.		26.			180.	77.	103.	93.	77.	16.				
12-50		94.	27.0	26.									517.	105.	412.	
1-00		84.		26.5	17.7											
1-10		115.5		27.			200.	83.5	116.5	105.5	77.	28.5	399.	84.	315.	
1-20		117.		27.2	17.2											
1-30		120.	28.2	27.2												
1-40		120.	28.3	27.3			200.	79.	121.				92.5	77.	15.5	515.
1-50		119.5		27.5	17.8											BAROMETER TAKEN AT 2 P.M.
2-00	28.85"	113.	28.5	27.5												
2-10	14.2 LBS.	115.5		27.8									491.	85.	406.	
2-20		116.	28.5	28.2	17.											
2-30		119.		29.												
2-40		116.	28.5	29.			208.5	77.	131.5	105.5	77.	28.5				
2-50		115.		28.5												
Total,		4694.5														
Average,																

CARRIED TO PLATE No. 2.

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, K. S. A. C.

TEST MADE AT K. S. A. C.

OBSERVERS: _____

LOG OF BOILER TRIAL.

ON AVERY TRACTION ENGINE

DATE JUNE 1 1905

Time.	Pressures.		Temperatures, °R °C				Weights.						Remarks.			
	Barom-eter.	Steam Gage. LBS.	External Air. °C	Boiler Room. °C	Feed Water. °C	Flue Gases.	Coal.			Cinders.				Water.		
							Gross.	Tare.	Net.	Gross.	Tare.	Net.		Gross.	Tare.	Net.
3-00 P.M.		122		28.	17.2					96.	77.	19.	514.	102	412	
3-10		118.5		28												
3-20		116.	28.5	28.8												
3-30		118.5		28.5												
3-40		117.		29.												
3-50		115.		29.												
4-00	28.95° = 14.25 LBS.	115.		28.5												BAROMETER TAKEN AT 4 P.M.
4-10		113.		29.												
4-20		115.	30.	29.			213.5									
4-30		118.5		29.												
4-40		110.		29.												
4-50		111.		29.												
5-00		111.	29.8	28.5												
5-10		110.		28.												
5-20		105.5	30.	29.												
TOTAL SHEET #1		4694.5	262.8	924.7	210.7											
" " #2		1809.5	118.3	430.3	17.2											
TOTAL FOR TEST		6504.0	381.1	1355.0	227.9											
							TOTAL COAL = 2028 ROCK & SLATE = 26 GROSS TOTAL = 2054			TOTAL COAL = 1212.5 COAL WEIGHED BACK = 125 NET TOTAL = 1087.5			NET CINDER = 147.5 ROCK & SLATE = 26. TOTAL CINDERS = 173.5			
Total,	56.85	6504.0	381.1	1355.0	227.9		2028	815.5	1212.5	686.5	147.5	6982	1357	5625		
Average.	14.21	118.2	27.2	26.57	17.5											

TOTAL COAL = 2028
 ROCK & SLATE = 26
 GROSS TOTAL = 2054

 TOTAL COAL = 1212.5
 COAL WEIGHED BACK = 125
 NET TOTAL = 1087.5

 NET CINDER = 147.5
 ROCK & SLATE = 26.
 TOTAL CINDERS = 173.5

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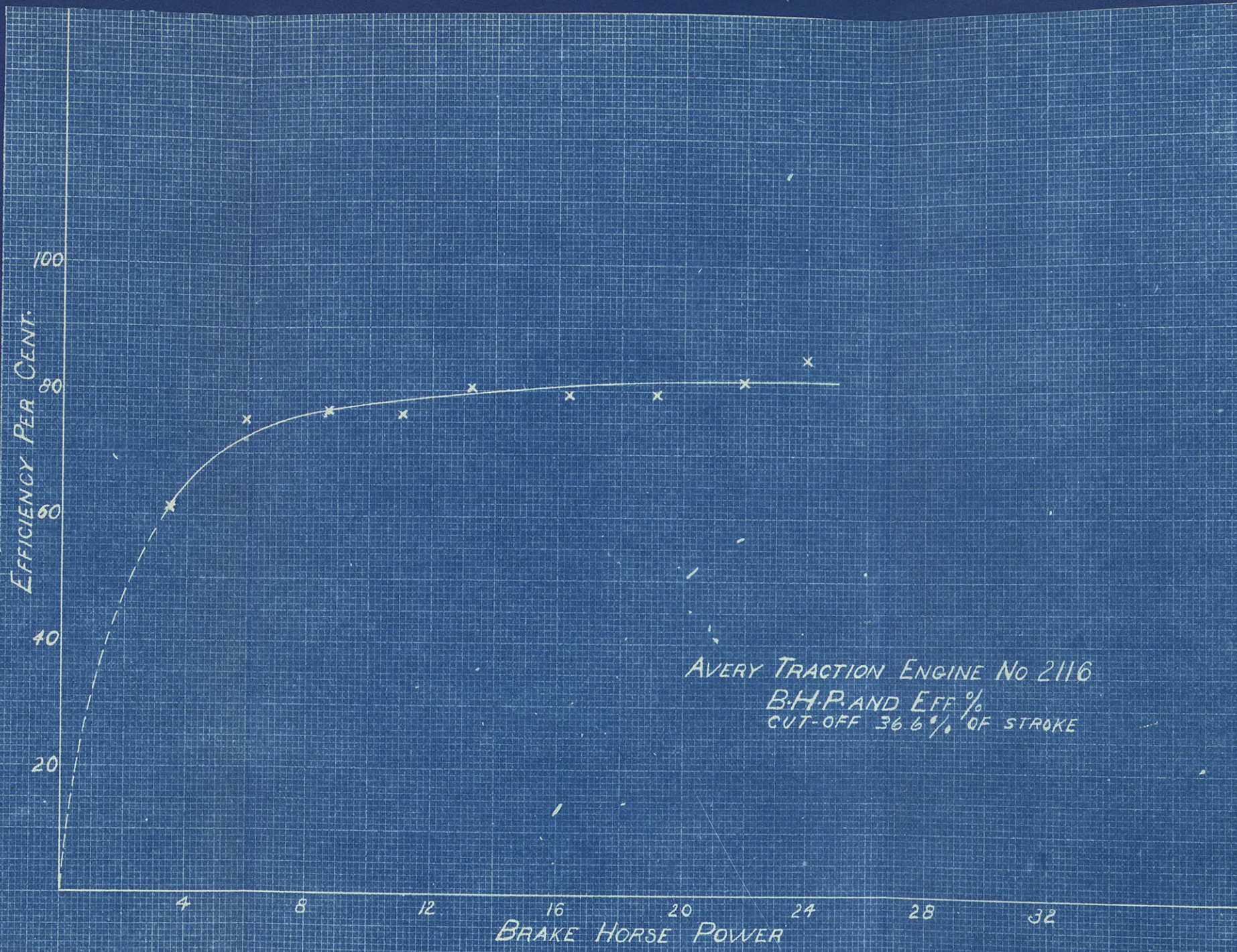
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 ON AVERY TRACTION ENGINE
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 BAROMETER 28.88 IN 14.20 LBS.

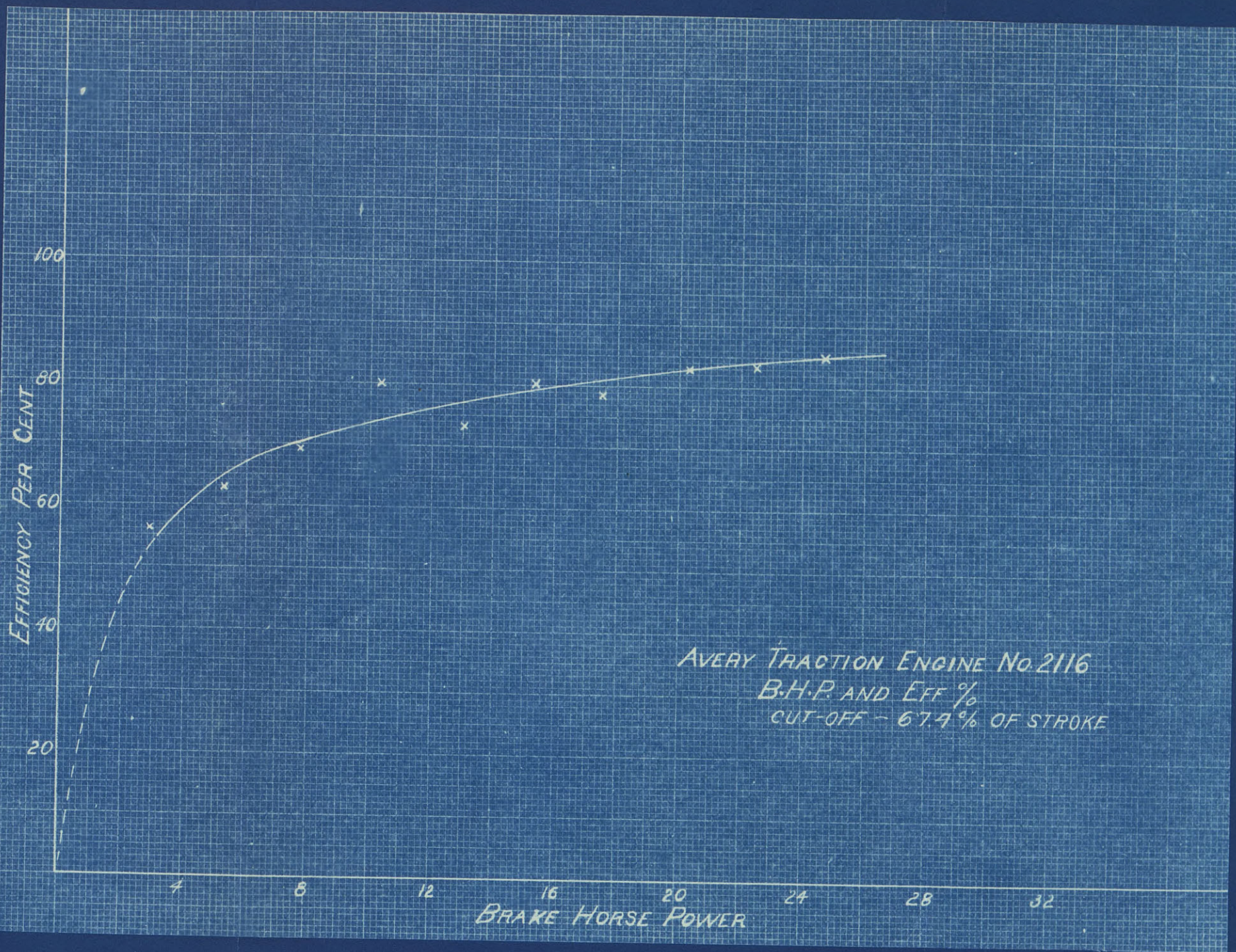
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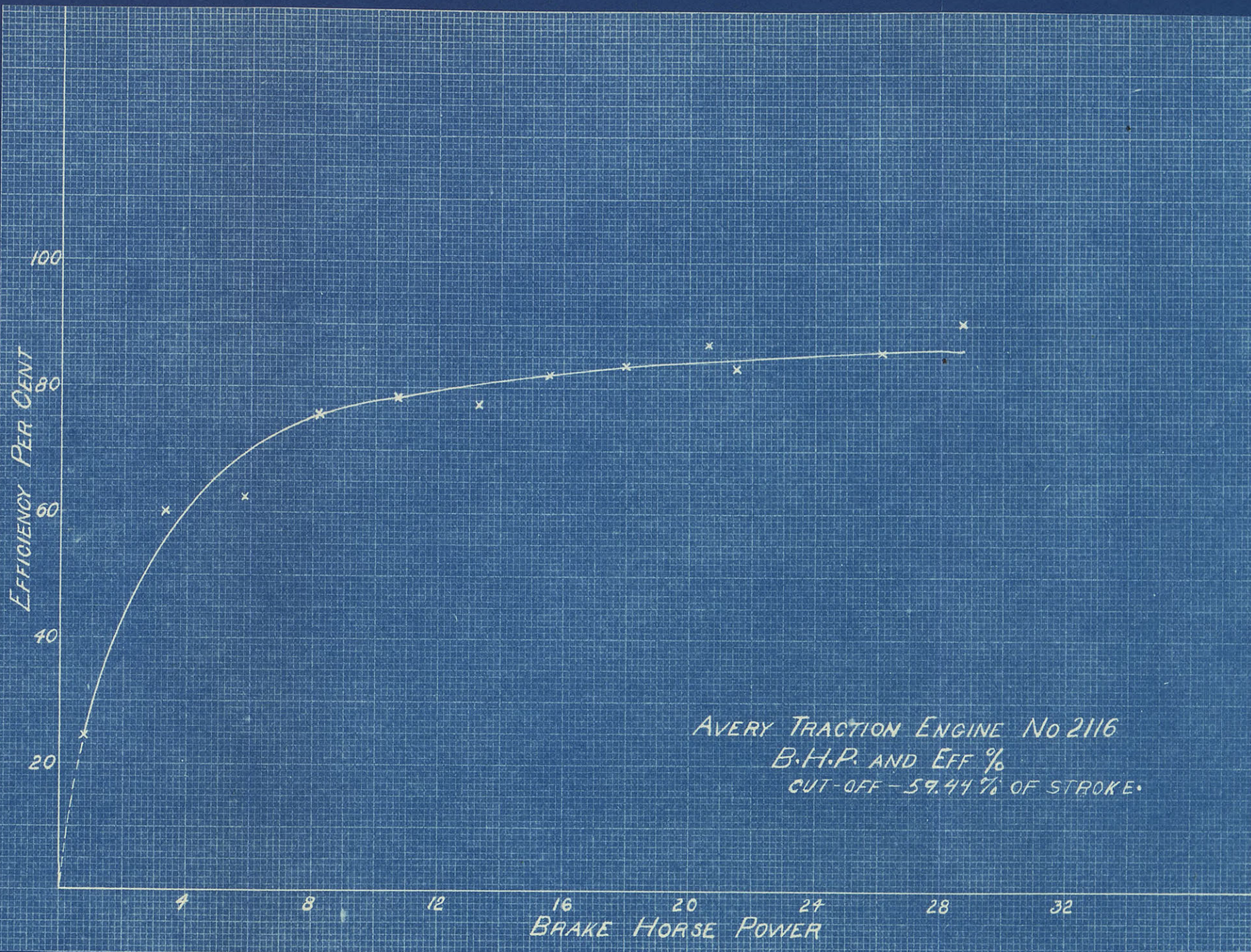
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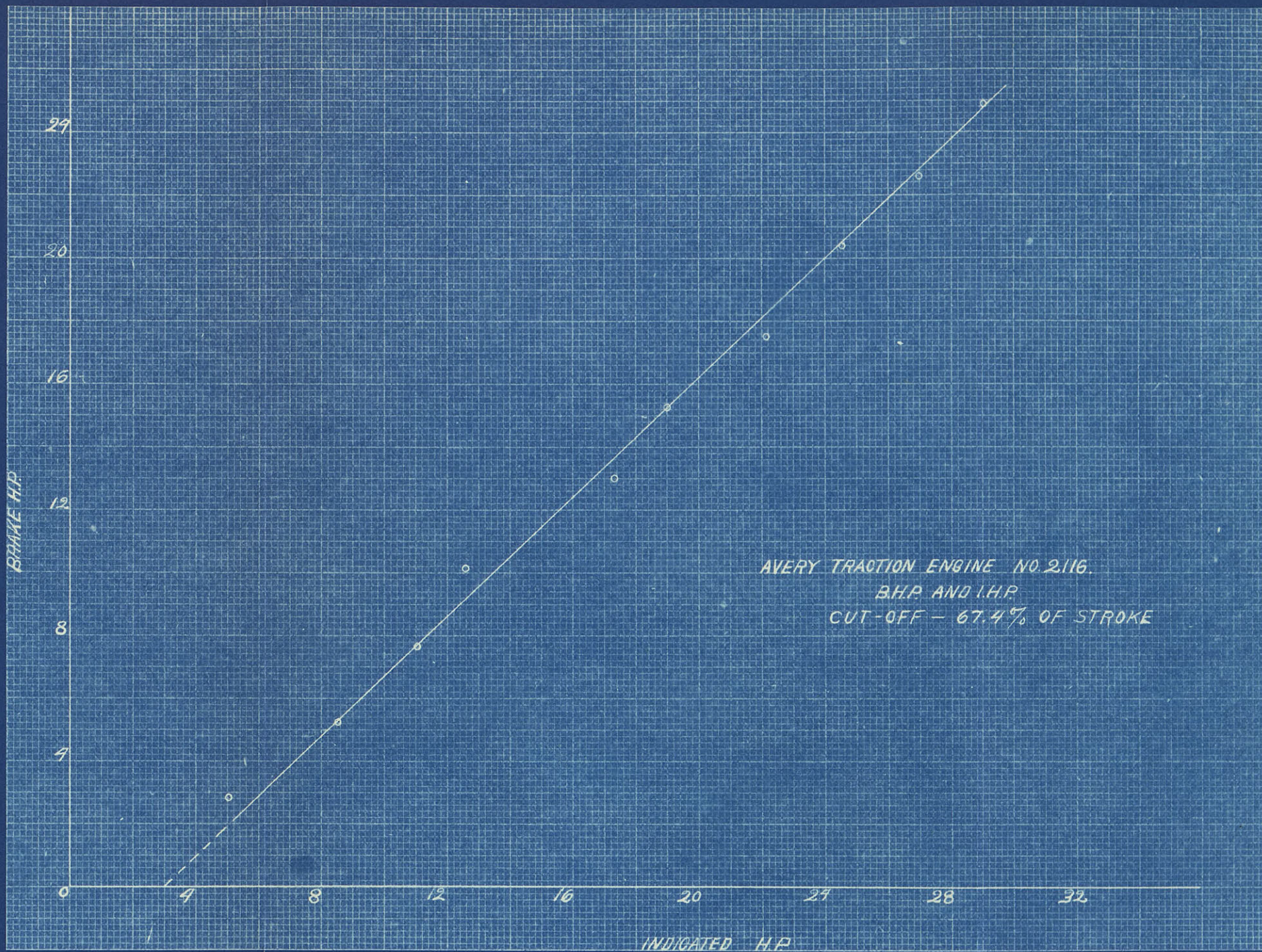
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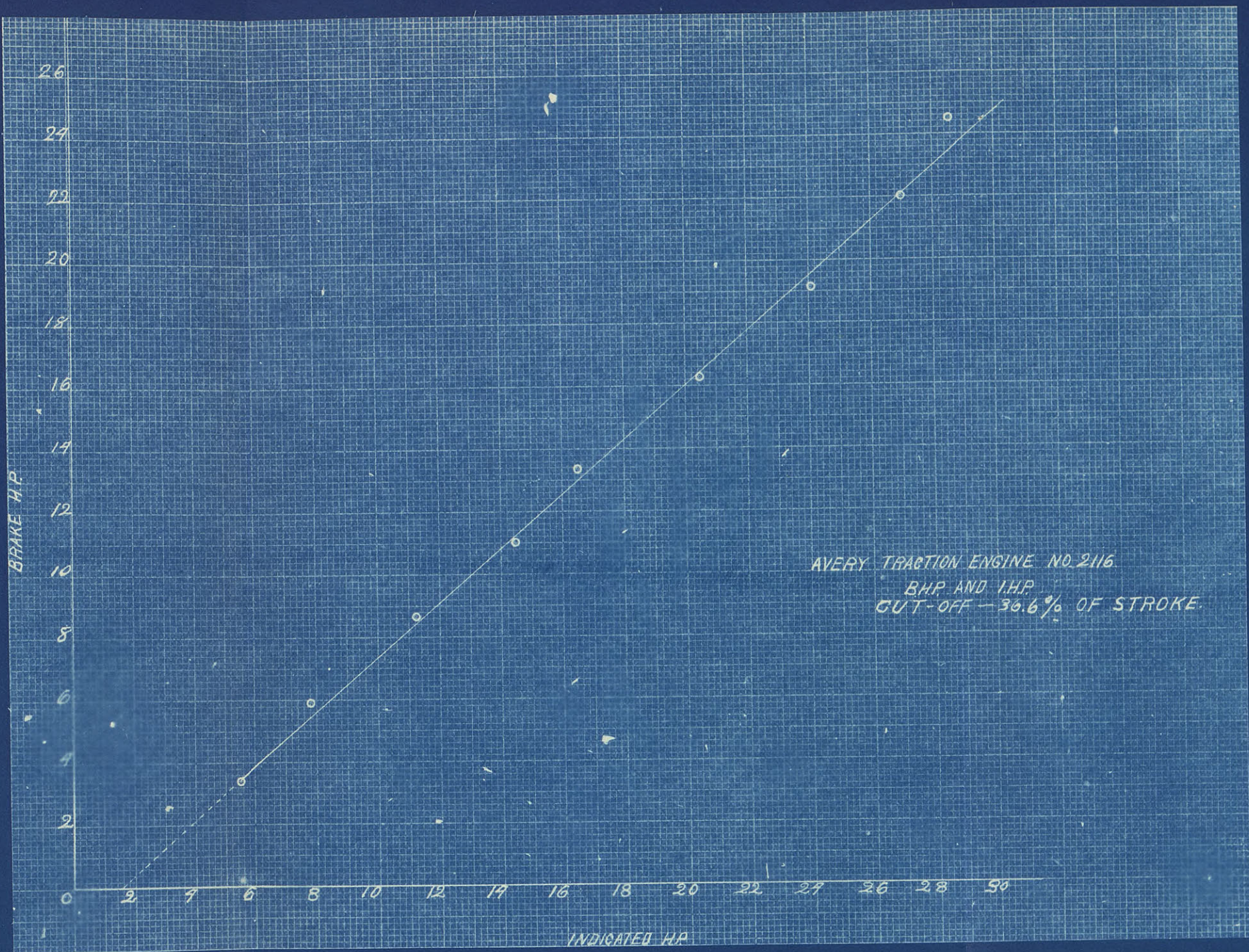
No.	Time. <i>P.M.</i>	Pressure in Steam Pipe.		Heat of Liquid. <i>q</i>	Heat of Vaporization. <i>r</i>	Calorimeter Pressure.		Total Heat. <i>A₁</i>	Temperature Calorimeter.		Quality of Steam. <i>x</i>	Remarks.
		Gage.	Abs. <i>p</i>			Gage.	Abs. <i>p</i>		Corresponding to Pressure <i>p₁</i> <i>t₁</i> INITIAL °C	By Thermometer. <i>t₂</i>		
	3-30	118.5							338		248	
	3-40	117.0							342		248	
	3-50	115.0							338		250	
	4-00	115.0							339		249	
	4-10	113.0							339		250	
	4-20	115.0							340		248	
	4-30	118.5							340		248	
	4-40	110.0							339		248	
	4-50	111.0							338		248	
	5-00	111.0							340		248	
	5-10	111.0							338		250	
	5-20	105.5							337		250	
	TOTAL	1359.5							4068		2985	
	AVERAGE	113.3							339		248.75	

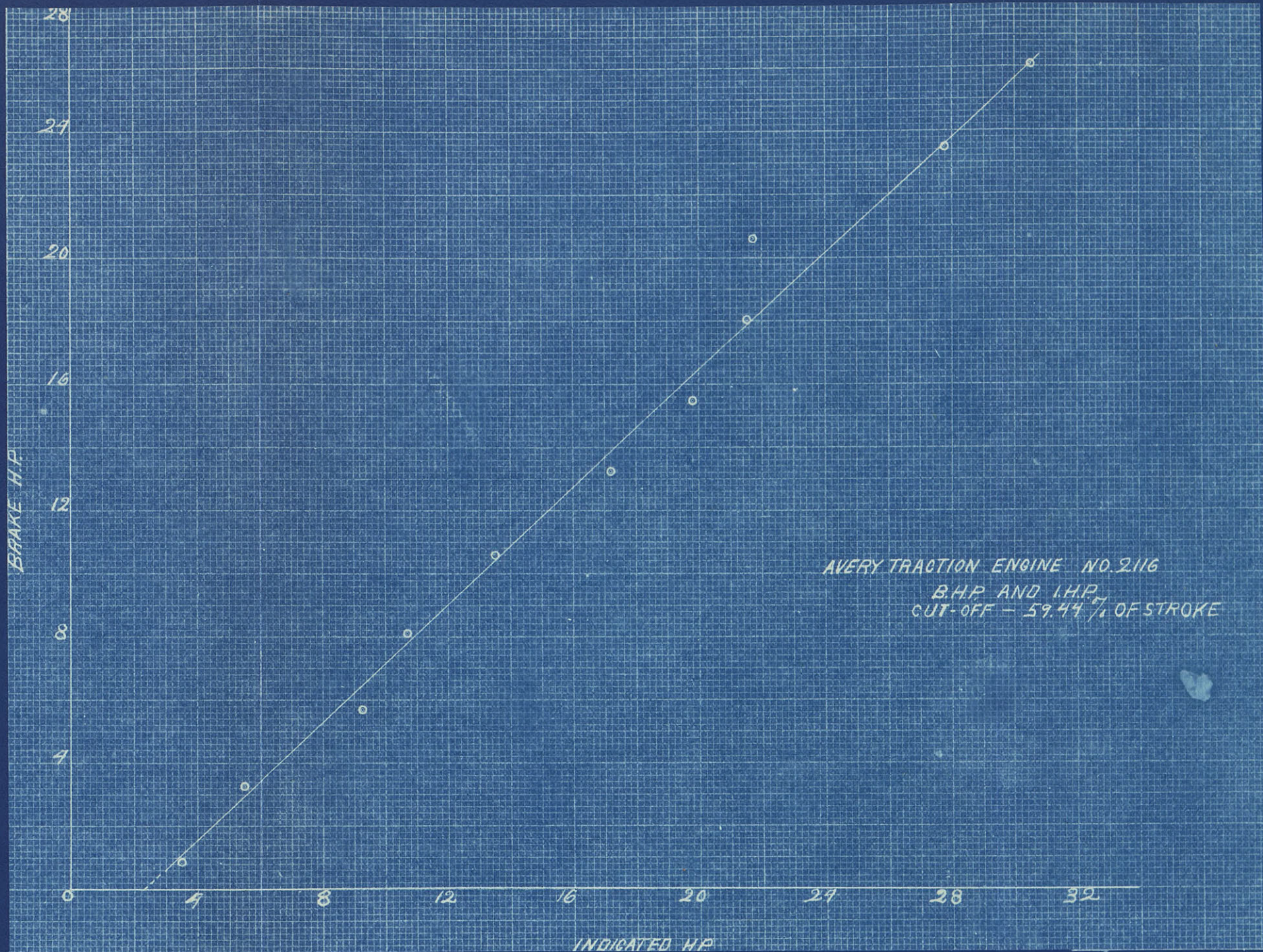


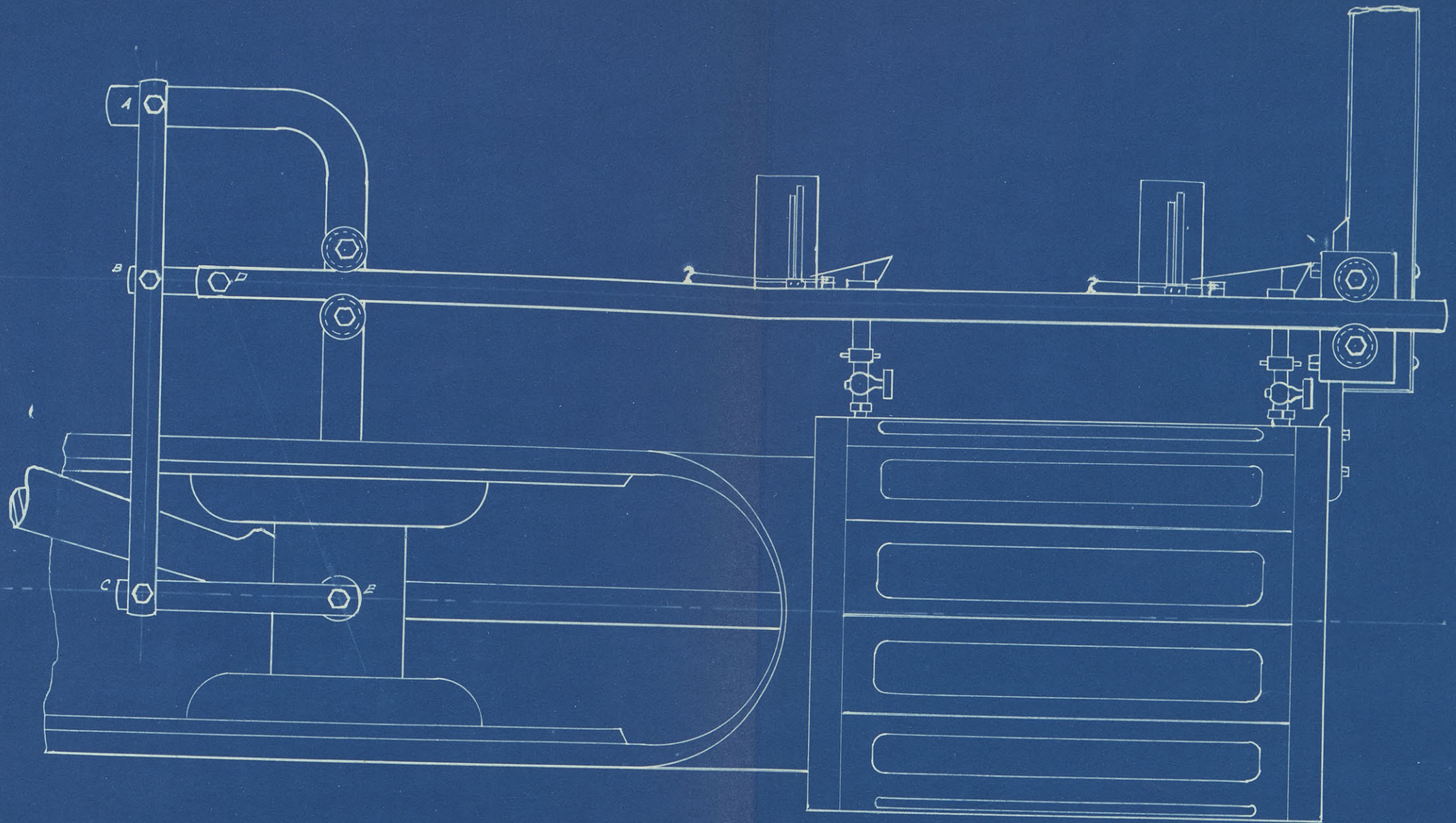












REDUCING MOTION
FOR
AVERY TRACTION ENGINE
No 2116.

SCALE: $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1''$

The Valve Gear.

The proper working of the valve is the most important part of the steam engine. The admission, cut off and release of the steam, all depend upon this mechanism, and for an engine to attain the highest efficiency possible it is necessary that these various events take place at the proper time and also that the various parts move with as little friction as possible.

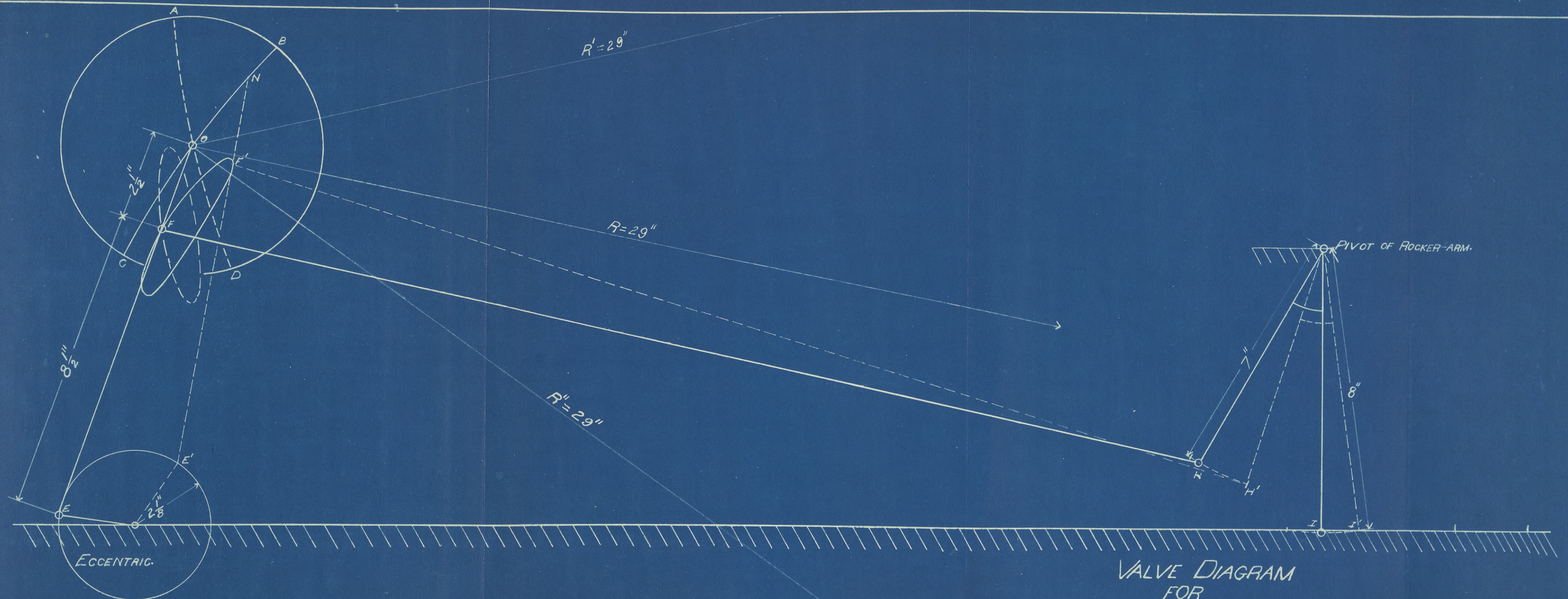
The valve gear on the Avery No. 2116 is a modification of the Hackworth and the Spangler gears. It is provided with a sliding block which travels in the arc B C (see diagram) the locus of its center point. This arc has a radius of 29 inches. The block is driven by a short eccentric represented by the line O E to which the valve connecting rod is attached at F, 2-1/2 inches below center of the block.

The locus of the point F is an ellipse. The travel of the valve for forward motion of the engine is represented by the ellipse F F'. Thus the travel of the valve and consequently the events of the stroke depend largely upon the inclination of the ellipse. The engine is reversed by tilting the block arc from B C to A D, the new position being represented by the dotted ellipse. The valve rod is connected with the valve stem through the rocker arm H I. The gear is strong and may be readily adjusted to any desired length of cut off. The notches are so placed in the quadrant that the range of cut off is between 36.6% and 67.4% of the stroke.

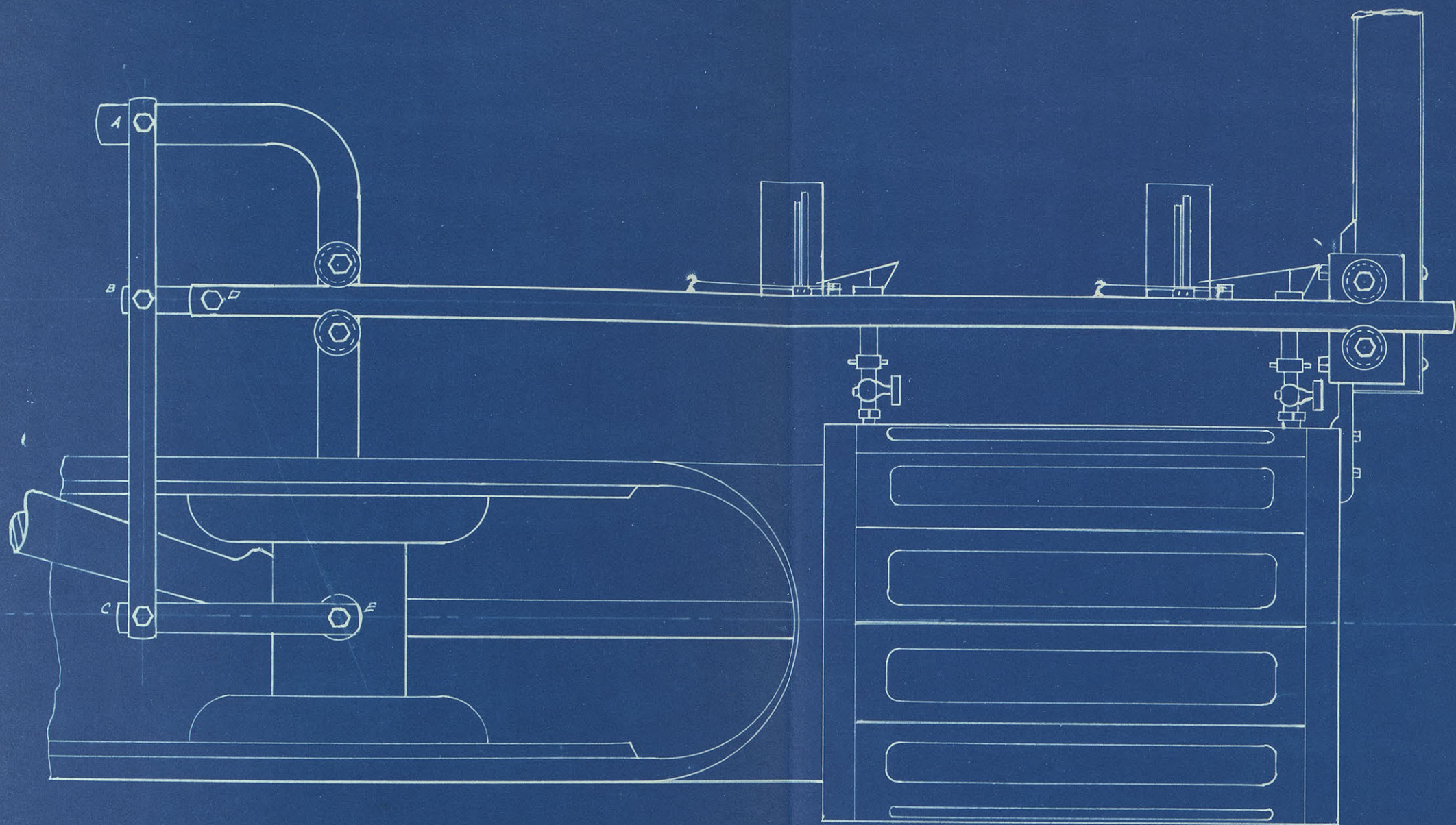
The general appearance of the indicator diagrams shows a low initial pressure and a severe throttling effect, due to the

throttling governor. Special pains were taken to set the valve at equal lead forward and reverse. This proved practically nothing as shown by the diagrams which declare a late admission for both head and crank ends. Release on all the cards is shown a little early and compression a little late for the speed used. The point of cut off seems a little indistinct, though with the throttling of the steam there could be no marked point.

No positive conclusions can be drawn from the accompanying valve motion diagram since the measurements were taken from the assembled engine and are therefore rough.



VALVE DIAGRAM
 FOR
 AVERY ENGINE
 SCALE, ONE HALF SIZE.



REDUCING MOTION
 FOR
 AVERY TRACTION ENGINE
 No 2116.
 SCALE: $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1''$