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**STRESS ANALYSIS OF EXPEDITOR TOW  
BAR 4MBA 13570**

TOW-BAR, EXPEDITOR

STRESS ANALYSIS

1. GENERAL This analysis is based on the towing loads given in ANC-2 Chapt. 4. Due to the design of the tow-bar, the loads are applied to the aircraft tow points at an angle of  $25.3^\circ$  under all towing conditions. It is considered necessary to limit the tow-bar pull to a value such that the load at either tow point does not exceed the value specified in ANC-2. It may be expected that the maximum tow point load will occur when steering the aircraft with the tow-bar.

2. TOWING LOADS

Ref

Max. Take-Off weight,  $W_T = 9300$  lb.  
Towing Load  $F_{tow} = 0.3 W_T = 2790$  lb. ANC-2  
Limit Load at each tow point  
 $= 0.75 F_{tow} = 2095$  lb. ANC-2  
Ultimate load at each tow point  
 $= 1.5 \times 2095 = 3140$  lb ANC-2

3. ALLOWABLE STRESSES

Material - Commercial mild steel.

$F_{TU} = 60000$  psi  
 $F_{TY} = 33000$   
 $F_{SU} = 40000$   
 $F_{bru} = 80000$   
 $E = 28 \times 10^6$

4. PIPE A (See Fig. 1)

The most critical condition for the pipe is buckling under compression load shown in fig. 1.

4.1. Section Properties and Critical Load

Ref.

$A = 1.075$  in<sup>2</sup> AISC  
 $r = 0.79$  in AISC  
 $L = 164$  in  
 $C = 1$

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$$L/r = 164/0.79 = 208 \text{ (an Euler column)}$$

$$f_{cr} = \pi^2 \times 28 \times 10^6 / (208)^2 = 6400$$

$$P_{cr} = 6400 \times 1.075 = 6880$$

$$M.S. = (6800/3140) - 1 = \underline{\underline{1.19}}$$

5.0 Ring B

5.1 Section Properties (Fig. 2)

For section A-A:-

$$I = (0.5 \times 1^3) / 12 + (\pi \times .75^4) / 64$$

$$= .0417 + .0155 = .0572$$

$$S = .0572 / 0.5 = 0.114$$

5.2 Stress - Assume structure is a ring loaded as in Fig. 3. This distribution is conservative.

$$P = W = 2 \times 3140 \times \cos 25.3^\circ = 5670 \quad (\text{Ref. Fig. 1})$$

$$R = 2.00$$

$$\text{Max. } M = 0.3183 WR =$$

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$$0.3183 \times 2.0 \times 5670 = 3620$$

$$f_b = 3620 / 0.114 = 31800$$

$$M.S. (60000/31800) - 1 = \underline{\underline{0.89}}$$

6. Bolt C - 5/8 diam. double shear (Fig. 4)

6.1 Shear Stress -  $3140 / (2 \times .307) = 5110$

$$MS = (40/5.11) - 1 = \underline{\underline{6.82}}$$

6.2 Bearing stress =  $3140 / (2 \times .625 \times .375)$   
= 6700

$$MS = \underline{\underline{\text{Large}}}$$

6.3 Bending Stress

$$M = 3140 \times (1.5/4) = 1180 \text{ in lb.}$$

$$S = \pi d^3 / 32 = (\pi \times .625^3) / 32 = .0240$$

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$$f_b = 1180 / .0240 = 49100$$

$$M.S. = (60000 / 49100 - 1) = \underline{0.22}$$

7. CLEVIS D

Tension on net section.

$$f_t = 3140 / (2 \times 2 \times .50 \times 375) = 4190$$

M.S. = large.

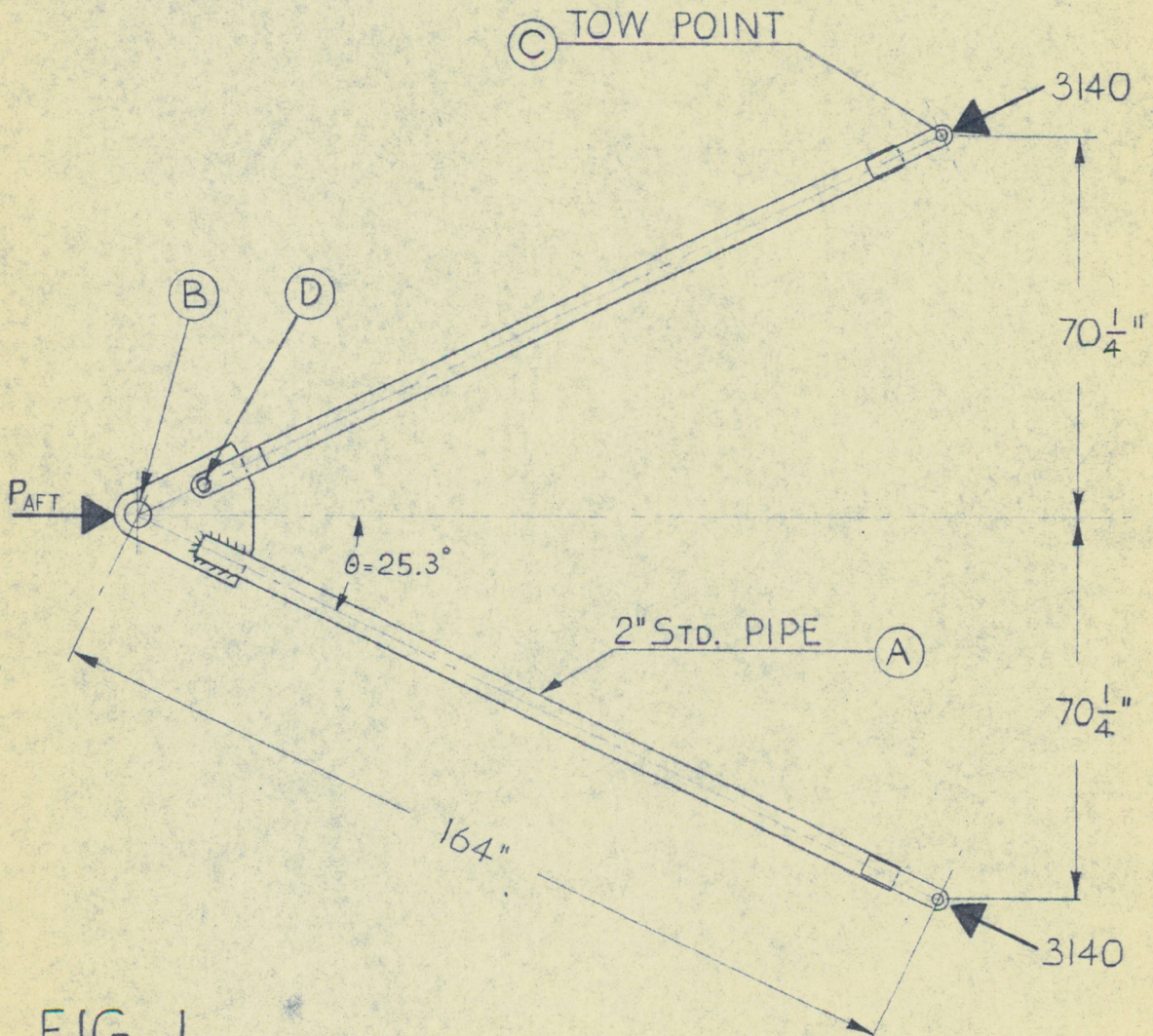


FIG. 1



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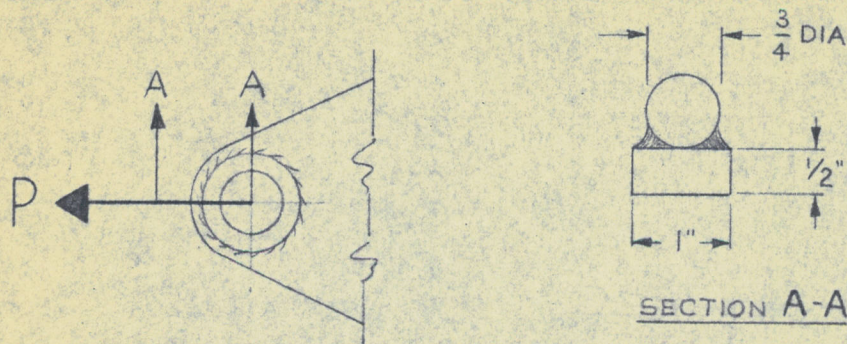


FIG. 2

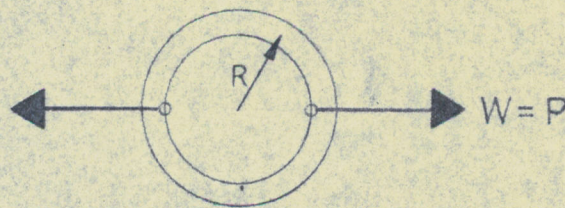


FIG. 3

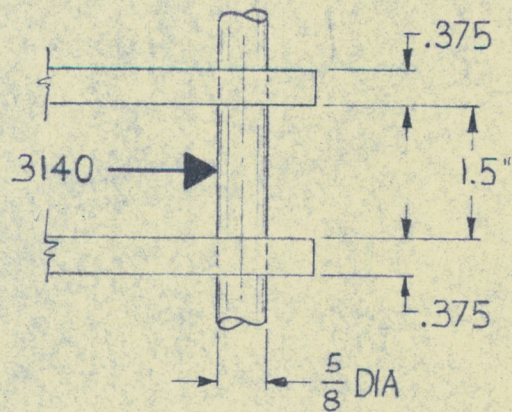


FIG. 4

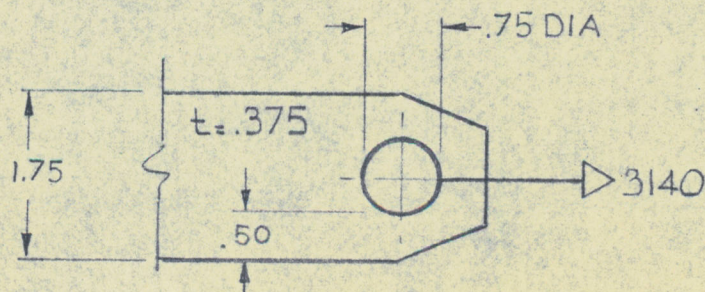


FIG. 5