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1972 - 1977

The following climatic data have been recorded in the Torlesse stream catchment and are held at the Tussock Grasslands and Mountain Lands Institute, Lincoln College.

(i) Daily rainfall	8.9.72	-	31.5.77
(ii) Solar radiation	18.3.73	-	31.5.77
(iii) Wind run	1.5.73	-	31.5.77
Wind run and wind direction	17.10.74	-	10.12.74
	19.12.74	-	5.5.75
	9.5.75	-	8.7.75
	16.7.75	-	19.8.75
	30.8.75	-	22.12.75
	25.12.75	-	24.1.76
	9.2.76	-	19.3.76
	5.5.76	-	31.5.76

(iv) Temperature:

Monthly minimum and maximum

temperatures

October 73 - May 77

with selected means for those months with more than 10 days data.

FIGURE 1.1.

Monthly precipitation, Torlesse Stream Catchment, 1973 - 1977.

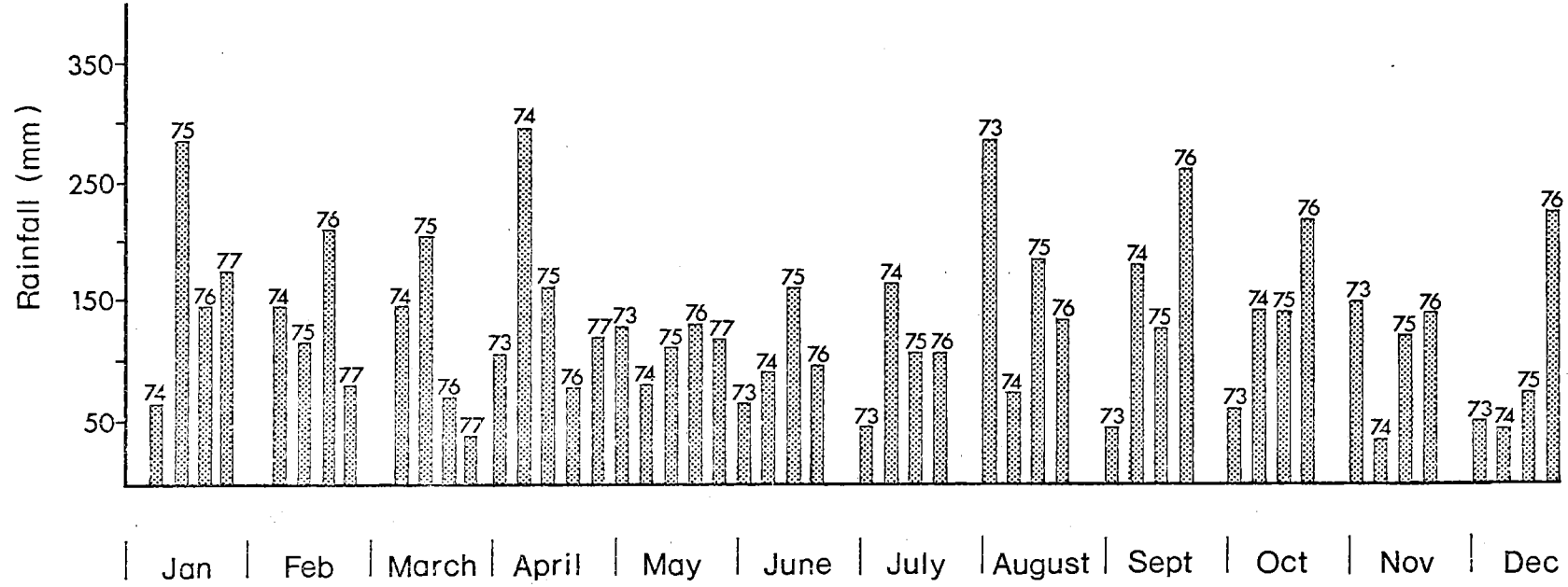


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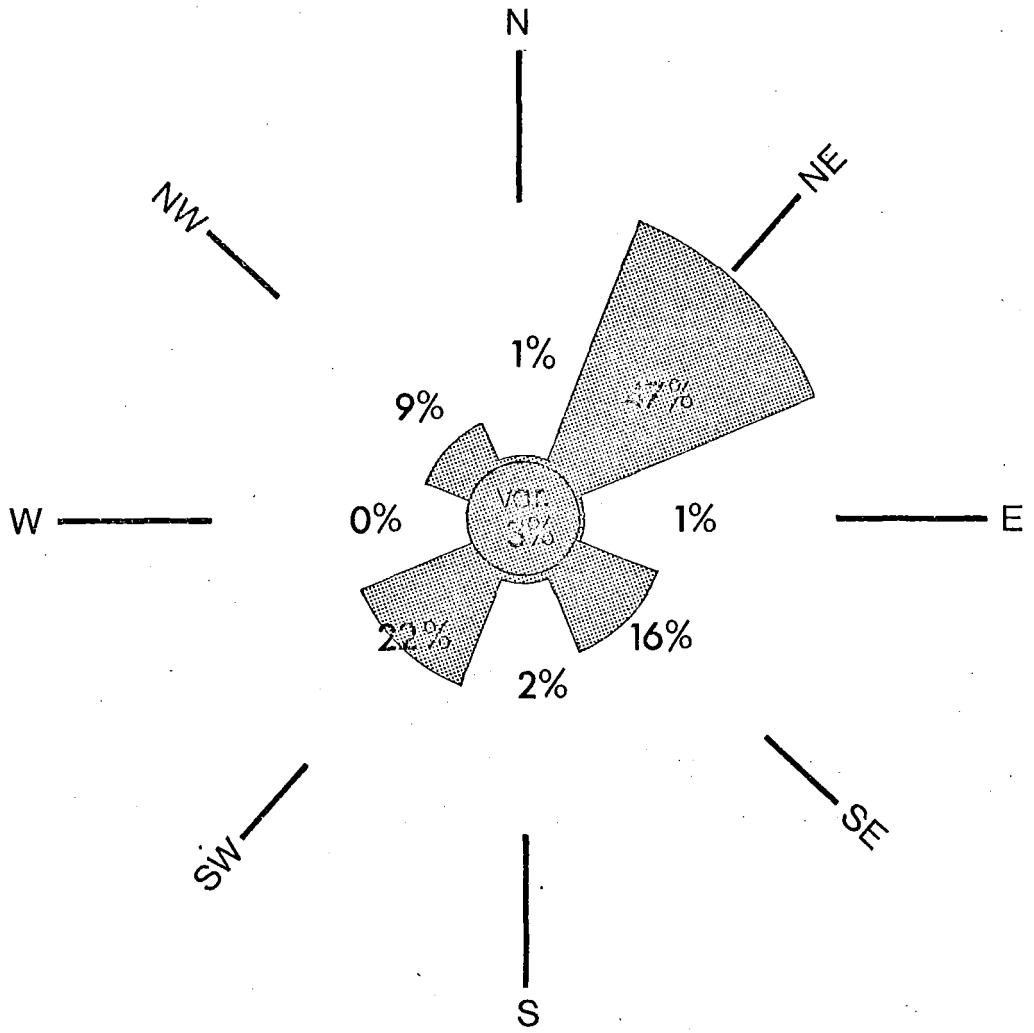
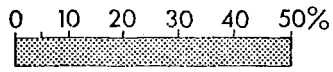


TABLE 1.1.

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Daily rainfalls (midnight to midnight), Torlesse stream catchment, 1973 - 1977.

1973

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1				22.7					8.3	3.5		
2								3.5	3.5			2.3
3					0.2			5.2		2.0	28.7	0.1
4					4.7	23.1					5.7	
5						0.2		170.0			1.5	
6					0.8	0.1	5.8				1.0	
7					5.5		1.6		1.9	1.3		
8					6.2	16.6			6.4			
9					8.7	0.7					5.4	0.7
10							4.6	9.7				
11					0.3		4.6	5.2				2.6
12					14.5			15.85			13.4	
13				21.0	33.8			4.85		0.6	0.7	
14				0.7	16.0	2.2		4.3	0.6		63.2	1.8
15				3.4				2.3	2.8		14.8	
16				1.0	2.3			11.15				
17				0.7				8.0				
18					7.4			6.8			0.5	
19				0.2				1.1				
20					0.8			15.4		0.3	0.3	
21				8.3	10.9			4.2	0.4	9.0	11.6	
22				6.2	0.8			0.1	15.5	5.2		
23				37.1				12.6	2.6	32.4		
24				5.2						2.0		10.3
25							25.4		0.1			8.0
26						20.3						
27				0.2								
28				0.2			1.5		0.3			
29					15.8	1.0	0.5					
30									0.1		0.3	8.8
31								3.8		4.3		13.5
					128.7	64.2	44.0	284.1	42.5	60.6	147.1	48.1

Table 1.1 continues...

Table 1.1 contd.

1974

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1			0.6				0.8	1.5				
2			0.1			3.3	24.7					
3	2.4	1.2	24.6	1.2	13.2		10.2		24.3			
4		15.0		2.0			3.0		65.0			
5		4.5		29.3			2.3	2.1	20.3			
6				48.8			7.3	16.7				
7				0.1	0.3			4.3		4.4	1.3	1.5
8			1.2	2.7	0.3		0.2			26.5	2.8	20.0
9	0.5			10.2			2.5		9.5	15.4	15.2	0.3
10	15.2	3.0		0.6			↑	0.4		25.7		7.2
11	2.8	0.1				10.7	↑	0.6				
12		0.1				9.7	9.0	0.1		0.7		
13	0.9	0.1				6.5	↓	7.4				
14					0.8	9.3	↓	1.0			13.2	7.5
15		64.0	30.5	15.1		1.8	↓				0.7	0.2
16	23.7	9.6	5.2	107.1		1.8	↓			0.5	0.4	
17		0.2	43.6	1.2		0.1						
18		0.1	28.2		0.5	0.3	2.8	13.5	2.5			
19			11.2		9.0	0.1	20.2	3.0	28.1			0.1
20		15.5	0.4	41.9	0.4		3.3			1.9		
21		19.7		5.2				0.3		16.7		5.4
22		0.6		12.8		25.8	30.3	17.7		8.8		
23	1.0	0.4		3.8	8.4	12.9				0.7		
24	16.5				0.6		4.5	0.1		1.2		
25	1.7			0.1			7.8			0.6		
26		0.7	0.3	5.7			7.1	3.1	5.0	11.8		
27				6.3		5.2		1.0	15.5			
28		10.8			21.4	2.2	18.0		10.0	2.0		
29					21.0		2.2			18.2		
30	0.2				3.6					6.4		
31							7.1					
64.9 145.6 145.9 294.1 79.5 89.7 163.3 72.8 180.2 141.5 33.6 42.20												

An. total = 1453

Table 1.1 continues...

Table 1.1 contd.

1975

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1				7.4				46.8				
2				7.2			2.1				22.4	0.3
3		0.3		0.3	12.4		1.9			3.8	8.2	
4			1.2		3.1	0.1	3.7		25.5	34.7	3.8	0.7
5		14.6	0.5				?		16.8			6.3
6		0.2	5.8		8.3	79.2				1.5	0.2	
7	1.1			26.5	0.1	10.3		5.3	0.7		2.0	
8	9.4		0.7			3.6		7.0		2.1	20.1	
9										0.4	1.8	
10			2.3			12.7	0.5				0.2	
11			40.4	0.1	8.4				8.1			2.6
12			102.8	9.5					1.8			0.2
13			40.6	7.4		11.7		1.1		0.5		
14	2.7	9.1	0.2	0.7		5.2	30.8	0.2		13.5	9.8	
15	0.2	0.2			10.3	8.7	9.9	24.6	0.1			
16	49.4	2.0				10.8	7.1	0.3	2.2		0.3	
17	13.8	0.4			9.4	4.7	5.5	5.3			14.0	
18					21.6	8.3		1.2	0.6	11.7		5.5
19					15.8			50.2	1.0	10.7	11.9	
20	105.5	0.1			1.7		0.2	5.3	25.7		2.8	
21	1.5	1.9			6.7	3.7	1.2	0.3	8.4		1.1	
22	2.2	24.6			1.5	0.4	1.4	5.9	2.9	0.9		
23					0.1			0.1	7.0			
24		24.4	0.2					7.9	22.2 ⁽⁴⁾			13.2
25	0.4	1.6		24.8					3.2	0.8		13.7
26	8.2		6.8	4.3	4.5	0.2	15.9	0.4		9.0	8.8	0.5
27		5.3			7.1	0.2				32.5	12.2	
28	17.3	31.9			0.1			5.7		1.7		30.3
29	60.5			25.5			4.6	17.3			0.1	
30	7.5			46.7			18.2			15.8		
31	5.1		4.2									
	284.8	116.6	205.7	160.4	111.1	159.8	103.0	184.9	126.2	139.6	119.7	73.3

An. total = 1785.1

Table 1.1 continues...

Table 1.1 contd.

1976

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	5.5			6.9			0.5		0.6	0.1	1.9	9.5
2	3.1		0.3			4.5			0.4	7.9	0.2	6.2
3			0.1			25.4				4.0	0.9	3.8
4			9.1			1.3		0.5		6.9	1.0	0.1
5			5.8			1.0		4.9			12.1	8.1
6	1.1	0.1			0.2			2.9	33.1			8.5
7		49.1					9.3		93.9			
8	1.8	66.1			28.1		0.2		31.6	0.4		
9	0.1	11.3	14.4	29.4	8.9	15.5	0.0	8.1	2.4	22.0	3.8	40.8
10	1.7				7.5	28.4	2.9	45.6	6.6	0.3	2.6	1.2
11		3.0			0.1		2.4	13.1	0.3	44.5	10.2	
12		1.4			9.2		6.9	3.0	1.8	13.9	6.1	
13	11.4	16.7			9.8				9.2	0.1	3.0	1.6
14	20.6	31.6					0.1		13.6	9.8	0.2	13.9
15	2.4	1.3					51.9	11.4	10.9	0.2		0.1
16	0.2					0.1		6.9	5.0			
17	0.9						8.9	0.1	1.4	2.3		
18	0.7					0.5	0.1			42.8		
19	0.1				54.5		5.8		0.8	5.9		31.1
20		3.8		5.6	4.6	3.9*	3.8			0.2		9.8
21		0.3		0.2		0.8*	8.8					4.4
22			1.1		3.7	3.8*			6.1			22.7
23	29.8			2.7				0.9	0.5	19.2		27.0
24	0.1								0.6		27.4	0.7
25	0.7	1.9			2.4			22.4	23.8	15.4	27.6	
26	10.9	20.7	1.2		0.3			3.9	14.7	15.7	4.6	
27	4.8	1.0	1.8	0.1		1.3		4.6		2.0	0.1	0.2
28	29.5		1.1	1.1		1.1	0.7	2.5			0.3	15.8
29			3.6					2.0			3.4	1.0
30	2.0		8.8	31.1		5.8	0.6	0.9	3.2		32.3	0.9
31	19.8		20.7				2.3	0.1		4.1		15.8

147.2 208.3 68.0 77.1 129.3 93.4 105.2 133.8 260.5 217.7 137.7 223.2

An. total = 1801.4

Table 1.1 continues...

Table 1.1 contd.

1977

	Jan	Féb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	1.9		0.3		1.4							
2	1.5	9.6	2.0	1.7	19.9							
3	26.1				35.9							
4	15.3				4.4							
5	6.0				0.3							
6	5.7				1.5							
7		16.4	0.5									
8	3.5											
9	23.6											
10	0.1	10.7		6.3								
11	1.7	6.3		22.2								
12												
13	3.4											
14												
15												
16			3.0		3.2							
17	2.5		6.2	0.1	0.1							
18	62.8			5.5	2.1							
19	14.4		3.6	4.0	0.5							
20	0.9		0.6	13.0								
21	1.6	32.3		1.4								
22		2.0			0.1							
23												
24		0.6	21.7	4.7	2.1							
25				10.8	31.4							
26				12.8	2.8							
27	1.8			2.6								
28												
29				29.6	0.2							
30				5.5	10.4							
31	4.2											
	177.0	77.9	37.9	120.2	116.3							

TABLE 1.2.

Monthly wind run (hrs) and direction, Torlesse stream catchment, 1974 - 1976.

Month	Days of record	N	E	S	W	NE	SE	SW	NW	Var.
10/74	15	3	6	3	0	123	88	81	32	24
11/74	30	10	5	17	0	249	169	164	65	41
12/74	23	2	1	9	0	261	71	128	53	27
1/75	31	2	4	6	0	245	201	191	46	51
2/75	28	1	7	5	0	230	158	195	65	12
3/75	31	14	0	17	0	318	119	189	75	13
4/75	30	3	4	17	0	392	83	125	85	12
5/75	28	7	0	38	0	360	52	109	72	37
6/75	30	8	2	4	0	488	53	108	41	16
7/75	24	7	2	8	0	353	63	77	60	6
8/75	21	5	2	10	3	230	42	135	51	22
9/75	30	12	11	23	1	358	79	143	83	8
10/75	31	2	16	17	0	337	105	177	62	28
11/75	30	9	15	25	0	271	126	158	90	26
12/75	29	4	15	31	0	237	131	198	60	14
1/76	24	2	8	26	0	161	149	183	39	8
2/76	20	1	2	12	0	216	70	106	50	11
3/76	19	0	15	16	0	225	50	114	29	7
4/76										
5/76	27	1	2	13	0	418	56	85	70	3
6/76	15	0	2	0	0	225	32	62	37	1
7/76	3	0	0	0	0	38	15	10	9	-
8/76	20	1	7	10	0	279	61	66	53	1
9/76	21	0	1	8	0	292	58	106	33	7
10/76	26	3	4	12	0	316	88	152	50	3
11/76	20	0	1	1	0	181	142	132	22	1
12/76	7	0	1	3	0	63	29	46	26	-
613										
Totals		97	133	331	4	6866	2290	3240	1358	379 = 14,698 hrs
% of total		1%	1%	2%		47%	16%	22%	9%	3%

TABLE 1.3.

Monthly minimum and maximum recorded temperatures, Torlesse stream catchment.

		1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
January	max. min. mean		33.5 6.0	34.5 4.0 (14.5)	30.0 2.0 (14.5)	28.0 0.5
February	max. min. mean		26.0 8.0	32.0 1.0 (15.5)	27.0 -1.0 (13.0)	31.0 0.5
March	max. min. mean		25.5 -1.5 (13.0)	29.0 5.0	27.5 1.0 (14.5)	26.0 1.5
			* 12 days data			
April	max. min. mean		24.0 -2.0 (11.0)	21.0 -3.5	23.0 -3.0 (10.5)	26.0 -4.0
			* 16 days data			
May	max. min. mean		17.5 -3.0 (11.0)	16.0 -3.0	19.0 -5.5	15.0 -7.5
			* 9 days data			
June	max. min. mean		12.5 -8.0	13.5 -7.0	22.0 -9.0	13.0 -6.0
July	max. min. mean		13.5 -6.0	11.0 -1.0	12.5 -8.0	
August	max. min. mean		15.0 -7.0	14.0 -7.0	15.0 -5.5	
September	max. min. mean		17.0 -6.0	25.0 -5.0	15.0 -6.0	
October	max. min. mean	26.5 -3.0	25.0 -2.0	23.0 -5.0	21.0 -6.0	
November	max. min. mean	23.5 0.0	26.0 0.0	27.0 -2.0	22.0 -8.0	
December	max. min. mean	31.0 3.5	30.0 2.0 (13.6)	32.0 -3.0	25.5 0.0	
			* 9 days data			

APPENDIX II

A SUMMARY OF RAINFALL OBSERVATIONS

MT. TORLESSE STATION 1909 - 1975

(Derived from records held by N.Z. Meteorological Service)

TABLE 11.1.

Annual precipitation Mt. Torlesse Station 1909 - 1975.

Year	Precipitation	Year	Precipitation
1909	1030	1942	1141
1910	1065	1943	956
1911	1255	1944	1214
1912	1118	1945	1341
1913	947	1946	1038
1914	919	1947	866
1915	668	1948	865
1916	1033	1949	834
1917	1081	1950	1038
1918	1022	1951	1400
1919	1040	1952	1019
1920	967	1953	1143
1921	893	1954	951
1922	798	1955	884
1923	1038	1956	1105
1924	1090	1957	1288
1925	1346	1958	1006
1926	1055	1959	1237
1927	1118	1960	926
1928	1159	1961	1179
1929	1239	1962	1077
1930	1024	1963	1235
1931	948	1964	789
1932	876	1965	1043
1933	828	1966	912
1934	925	1967	957
1935	1002	1968	980
1936	1194	1969	561
1937	986	1970	870
1938	1215	1971	684
1939	674	1972	1057
1940	1015	1973	838
1941	1083	1974	1200
		1975	1383

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Mean	98.4	79.7	76.3	89.0	85.5	71.1	78.9	76.6	80.7	96.9	92.9	102.0	1025.1
Standard deviation	51.2	43.2	41.0	60.3	55.2	38.8	54.8	51.0	45.1	53.4	43.7	54.9	173.2

TABLE 11.2.
Mean monthly precipitation Mt. Torlesse Station 1909 - 1975.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mean	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.9
Standard deviation	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.7

TABLE II.3.

Storm events* per month (mean(Mt. Torlesse Station 1909 - 1975.

* precipitation in excess of 10 mm.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mean	8.7	8.1	9.1	9.8	9.6	10.8	10.2	11.1	9.6	8.2	8.4	8.2
Standard deviation	4.6	3.5	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.5	3.7	5.1	4.5	3.3	3.7	3.8

TABLE 11.4.

Longest period without rain (mean) Mt. Torlesse Station 1909 - 1975.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mean	10.7	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.8	8.1	8.4	8.3	9.1	10.4	10.3	10.9
Standard deviation	4.0	2.7	3.3	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.5

TABLE 11.5.

Number of raindays* per month (mean) Mt. Torlesse Station 1909 - 1975.

* precipitation in excess of 0.0 mm.

APPENDIX III

MEAN DAILY STREAM FLOWS (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)
TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT 1973 - 1977. ($\text{m}^3\text{sec}^{-1}$)

Note () = flow estimated

1973.												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1					.130	.150	.115	.075	.217	.135	.098	.085
2					.123	.147	.113	.080	.195	.125	.095	.085
3					.115	.138	.105	.077	.178	.108	.131	.083
4					.115	.155	.100	.077	.156	.115	.151	.082
5					.112	.170	.097	.080	.144	.108	.138	.083
6					.103	.157	.093	.115	.130	.110	.128	.085
7					.100	.148	.090	.115	.123	.125	.123	.085
8					.103	.148	.090	.080	.113	.129	.120	.085
9					.110	.153	.089	.090	.103	.134	.120	.085
10					.120	.155	.086	.110	.099	.150	.115	.083
11					D	.135	.085	.140	.099	.165	.105	.080
12					A	.130	.085	.265	.098	.180	.113	.080
13					M	.127	.085	.398	.094	.190	.113	.083
14					I	.127	.084	.352	.111	.185	.238	.085
15					S	.124	.083	.253	.120	.168	.335	.085
16					S	.123	.083	.230	.103	.153	.270	.083
17					I	.122	.083	.200	.098	.140	.250	.080
18					N	.117	.082	.170	.098	.130	.185	.100
19						.280	.098	.081	.155	.090	.140	.105
20						.098	.270	.090	.171	.090	.128	.090
21						.108	.255	.097	.087	.160	.089	.133
22						.118	.253	.097	.088	.145	.088	.135
23						.180	.257	.100	.083	.137	.087	.174
24						.177	.235	.103	.080	.140	.083	.156
25						.155	.205	.103	.095	.147	.082	.133
26						.148	.185	.115	.100	.150	.083	.124
27						.133	.175	.125	.090	.140	.087	.122
28						.130	.160	.120	.087	.175	.092	.120
29						.130	.153	.120	.084	.536	.095	.115
30						.130	.153	.119	.076	.596	.108	.105
31						.150	.070	.369		.100		
Monthly Mean						.137	.168	.127	.089	.191	.112	.136
										.138	.087	

Appendix III continues...

Appendix III contd.

1974

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	DATA	.078	.125	.150	.185	.140	.175	.170	.150	.200	.320	.145
2	MIS	.078	.120	.150	.175	.148	.250	.155	.200	.195	.293	.133
3	SING	.080	.140	.150	.165	.150	.250	.150	.210	.195	.258	.130
4		.083	.083	.160	.150	.158	.150	.180	.145	.289	.195	.245
5		.075	.088	.153	.168	.153	.148	.180	.133	.895	.190	.230
6		.070	.090	.143	.444	.150	.145	.180	.140	.418	.205	.215
7		.070	.085	.140	.333	.150	.143	.178	.148	.275	.250	.210
8		.075	.080	.140	.259	.148	.143	.178	.130	.280	.380	.220
9		.088	.080	.143	.255	.140	.150	.180	.130	.270	.407	.255
10		.090	.080	.148	.245	.133	.203	.175	.130	.210	.339	.280
11		.083	.080	.150	.225	.130	.225	.170	.130	.190	.375	.273
12		.080	.080	.150	.210	.130	.195	.165	.130	.168	.390	.260
13		.080	.080	.150	.195	.130	.190	.158	.130	.153	.335	.248
14		.080	.080	.150	.205	.130	.195	.155	.128	.145	.295	.255
15		.080	.125	.190	.225	.128	.195	.155	.123	.145	.255	.275
16	.100	DATA	.188	.130	.123	.185	.153	.120	.150	.230	.260	.120
17	.110		.332	.745	.120	.180	.148	.120	.153	.215	.230	.120
18	.100	MIS	.362	.297	.120	.178	.145	.120	.153	.205	.215	.118
19	.098	SING	.248	.237	.135	.168	.396	.120	.175	.200	.210	.108
20	.093		.197	.275	.140	.160	.326	.118	.185	.200	.195	.100
21	.090	.190	.185	.289	.130	.185	.250	.108	.165	.215	.180	.098
22	.088	.210	.185	.374	.128	.303	.255	.100	.165	.225	.170	.093
23	.085	.185	.185	.336	.125	.344	.265	.100	.170	.220	.158	.090
24	.108	.170	.175	.291	.130	.349	.240	.100	.165	.220	.158	.088
25	.115	.155	.165	.268	.133	.273	.210	.100	.158	.220	.160	.085
26	.098	.145	.155	.250	.130	.248	.190	.100	.163	.235	.160	.085
27	.093	.135	.150	.235	.130	.240	.175	.100	.180	.245	.158	.085
28	.088	.130	.150	.225	.130	.230	.205	.100	.180	.235	.158	.085
29	.085		.150	.210	.140	.195	.235	.100	.175	.240	.158	.085
30	.085		.150	.195	.145	.175	.215	.110	.190	.255	.155	.083
31	.083		.150		.140		.190	.120		.290		.080

Monthly
mean

.088 .112 .172 .291 .139 .198 .204 .123 .218 .253 .229 .111

Appendix III continues...

Appendix III contd.

1975

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.080	.240	.260	.175	.467	.150	.135	Data Missing	.160	.140	.220	.160
2	.075	.205	.210	.195	.306	.150	.125	.240	.160	.125	.349	.180
3	.070	.170	.185	.145	.268	.140	.125	.150	.150	.130	.280	.160
4	.080	.148	.165	.138	.220	.130	.130	.130	.209	.228	.280	.155
5	.078	.148	.150	.133	.190	.120	.125	.120	.240	.220	.260	.150
6	.073	.145	.135	.125	.180	.300	.125	.110	.250	.220	.250	.150
7	.070	.133	.125	.155	.160	.280	.125	.110	.200	.200	.220	.140
8	.080	.125	.120	.175	.170	.184	.125	.125	.180	.180	.257	.130
9	.088	.122	.120	.150	.160	.160	.125	.110	.160	.170	.230	.125
10	.085	.117	.123	.135	.160	.150	.130	.100	.160	.170	.220	.125
11	.085	.110	.186	.128	.160	.150	.130	.098	.190	.165	.220	.120
12	.085	.105	1.385	.128	.160	.150	.130	.095	.190	.165	.200	.110
13	.085	.105	2.078	.135	.160	.150	.130	.090	.160	.175	.180	.100
14	.088	.113	.468	.130	.158	.160	.211	.095	.155	.190	.155	.090
15	.093	.115	.300	.120	.180	.160	.320	.110	.150	.200	.155	.085
16	.164	.110	.240	.120	.160	.150	.240	.125	.155	.180	.155	.090
17	.202	.110	.210	.120	.160	.145	.180	.120	.150	.165	.155	
18	.173	.108	.195	.120	.237	.140	.160	.120	.155	.160	.155	D A T A
19	.153	.103	.180	.120	.289	.130	.150	.281	.190	.170	.145	
20	.780	.095	.165	.120	.260	.125	.140	.377	.265	.180	.160	M I S S I N G
21	.645	.093	.158	.120	.230	.155	.130	.209	.200	.160	.140	
22	.323	.113	.153	.120	.220	.140	.125	.160	.170	.160	.140	
23	.233	.118	.150	.120	.190	.135	.110	.155	.170	.160	.140	
24	.190	.119	.150	.120	.180	.140	.100	.155	.280	.150	.140	.085
25	.160	.161	.138	.140	.160	.140	.095	.155	.260	.160	.140	.085
26	.155	.143	.125	.155	.160	.140	.145	.155	.240	.180	.140	.090
27	.150	.140	.123	.153	.170	.140	.130	.150	.230	.209	.163	.100
28	.150	.220	.120	.153	.160	.140	.120	.140	.210	.190	.150	.159
29	.533		.115	.207	.158	.135	.110	.150	.190	.210	.155	.160
30	.443		.110	.992	.155	.135	Data Missing	.160	.170	.250	.160	.160
31	.302		.110		.150			.170		.240		.160

Monthly
mean

.193 .133 .273 .168 .198 .154 .142 .149 .192 .181 .191 .128

Appendix III continues...

Appendix III contd.

1976

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.160	.140	.120	.111	.111	.110	.100	.115	.170	.220	.370	.340
2	.160	.130	.115	.085	.09	.110	.095	.110	.160	.235	.340	.300
3	.155	.125	.115	.08	.09	.160	.090	.100	.155	.240	.345	.270
4	.150	.125	.115	.11	.09	.150	.090	.100	.150	.240	.390	.240
5	.150	.130	.130	.1	.09	.140	.085	.100	.150	.240	.420	.210
6	.130	.130	.130	.1	.09	.140	.080	.095	.223	.250	.440	(.210)
7	.135	.189	.130	.1	.09	.135	.070	.090	.650	.325	.380	(.200)
8	.130	.212	.130	.1	.08	.130	.070	.085	.670	.400	.360	(.190)
9	.125	.250	.150	.135	(.10)	.131	.070	.088	.288	.460	.340	.265
10	.120	.320	.140	.105	(.095)	.240	.070	.210	.260	.550	.330	.310
11	.120	.430	.120	.105	.09	.210	.080	.298	.270	.663	.340	.285
12	.110	.270	.115	.110	.09	.160	.085	.280	.250	.980	.330	.245
13	.110	.210	.110	.120	.085	.130	.080	.215	.220	.590	.335	.200
14	.145	.275	.100	.120	.09	.130	.080	.200	.210	.495	.330	.200
15	.150	.270	.09	.125	.10	(.125)	.35	.170	.220	.425	.320	.180
16	.150	.235	.085	.125	.09	(.120)	.173	.155	.230	.380	.320	.190
17	.145	.170	.085	.120	.100	(.115)	.130	.155	.205	.350	.310	.180
18	.140	.165	.08	.120	.110	(.110)	.125	.150	.180	.435	.270	.175
19	.150	.130	.08	.120	.40	(.100)	.120	.140	.170	.590	.265	.219
20	.150	.125	.07	.120	.30	(.095)	.115	.125	.155	.540	.250	.265
21	.150	.125	.07	.125	.18	(.090)	.115	.125	.155	.480	.245	.265
22	.140	.120	.07	.130	.155	(.085)	.115	.125	.160	.405	.240	.280
23	.153	.120	.107	D A T A	.155	.085	.110	.125	.160	.410	.235	.371
24	.150	.120	.107		.14	.080	.100	.125	.155	.370	.240	.360
25	.120	.120	.07	M I S S I N G	.125	.080	.095	.176	.183	.420	.308	.290
26	.110	.140	.07		.120	.075	.090	.190	.225	.460	.380	.240
27	.130	.130	.07		.120	.090	.100	.180	.225	.410	.300	.230
28	.160	.125	.07		.115	.100	.120	.180	.225	.410	.245	(.220)
29	.130	.120	.07	.08	.110	.095	.125	.180	.255	.410	.210	(.210)
30	.120		.089	.116	.110	.100	.120	.180	.235	.405	.284	(.205)
31	.120		.097		.110		.120	.180		.390		(.200)

Monthly
mean

.138 .178 .098 .111 .123 .121 .109 .153 .232 .425 .315 .243

Appendix III continues...

Appendix III contd.

1977

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.195	(.130)	.100	.080	.180							
2	.190	(.140)	.100	.080	(.175)							
3	.235	.140	.095	.080	(.224)							
4	.285	.135	.095	.085	(.440)							
5	.270	.130	.095	.080	.280							
6	.255	.125	.090	.080	.210							
7	.235	.131	.090	.080	.170							
8	.205	.130	.085	.075	.160							
9	.270	.120	.095	.075	.145							
10	.285	.109	.085	.085	.140							
11	.260	.134	.085	(.100)	.135							
12	.230	.115	.080	(.090)	.120							
13	.200	.100	.080	(.085)	.120							
14	.175	.095	.080	.090	.120							
15	.170	.100	.080	.090	.130							
16	.165	.100	.085	.090	.135							
17	.160	.095	.095	.090	.130							
18	.266	.090	(.090)	.100	.125							
19	.330	.090	(.095)	.105	.120							
20	.270	.090	(.095)	.110	.115							
21	.220	.132	(.090)	.119	.105							
22	.190	.150	(.090)	.100	.100							
23	.170	.125	.090	.090	.100							
24	.160	.110	.103	.085	.100							
25	.160	.100	.113	.095	(.116)							
26	.155	.095	.095	.120	.140							
27	.150	.095	.090	.125	.110							
28	.145	.095	.085	.110	.100							
29	.140		.085	.104	.135							
30	.135		.085	.233	.176							
31	(.130)		.085		.165							

.207 .114 .091 .098 .152 Monthly mean

APPENDIX IV

DOUBLE RING INFILTRATION RATES, TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT.

DOUBLE RING INFILTRATION RATES, TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT.

LEGEND

- f_{0-10} = Average infiltration rate for the first 10 minutes
(mm h⁻¹)
- f = Average infiltration rate (mm h⁻¹)
- f_{30} = Infiltration rate after 30 minutes
- *
- = infiltration trial terminated before 30 minutes because
a steady rate of infiltration had been attained
- DRY = Dry run trials
- WET = Wet run trials 18 - 25 hours after dry run
- \bar{x} = Mean value
- SD = Standard deviation

INFILTRATION PLOTS - SITE DESCRIPTIONS

PLOT 1 Vegetation - short tussock grassland, including *Celmisia* sp.
 Aspect - south 192°
 Slope - 1°
 Soils - Cass hill soil, slightly stony silt loams,
 stony silt loams, bouldery silt loams.

Site	DRY			WET		
	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀
Site 2	1,182	986	900			
Site 3	1,218	1,148	1,020	240	228	180
Site 4	1,080	998	960	678	628	510
\bar{X}	1,160	1,044	960	459	428	345
SD	72	90	60	310	283	233

PLOT 2 Vegetation - short tussock grassland including clovers and
 sweet vernal grass
 Aspect - north-east 55°
 Slope - 26°
 Soils - Tekoa steepeland soils, very stony silt loam.

Site	DRY			WET		
	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀
Site 1	213	154	120	40.5	32.4	15
Site 2	816	752	780	798	736	720
Site 3	1,920	1,754	1,380	309	283	240
Site 4	390	322	300	25.5	10.2	10
\bar{X}	835	745	645	293	265	244
SD	767	718	564	361	337	336

PLOT 3	Vegetation	-	Short tussock grassland including <i>Celmisia</i> spp. and sweet vernal grass.
	Aspect	-	S.S.W. 205°
	Slope	-	9°
	Soils	-	Cass silt loam, slightly stony silt loams.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	810	696	660	582	498	420
Site 2	402	334	300	159	130	60
Site 3	396	348	360	270	216	120
Site 4	516	464	420	258	195	200
\bar{X}	531	461	435	317	260	200
SD	194	168	159	183	163	158

PLOT 4	Vegetation	-	short tussock grassland including sweet vernal grass.
	Aspect	-	S.S.E. 150°
	Slope	-	12°
	Soils	-	moderately gravelly silt loams.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	378	276	210	192	155	150
Site 2	224	134	90	125	76	30
Site 3	515	318	210	258	170	120
Site 4	332	227	195	201	154	105
\bar{X}	362	239	176	194	139	101
SD	121	79	58	55	43	51

PLOT 7 Vegetation ~ Manuka and Discaria scrub, with tussock (Bare plot),
 Aspect ~ north-west 295°
 Slope ~ 25°
 Soils ~ Tekoa steep land eroded phase, very gravelly silt loams.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	333	319	300	140	141	150
Site 2	1,425	1,132	950	426	426	420
Site 3	141	111	80	82	64	45
Site 4	192	173	135	198	172	120
\bar{X}	523	434	366	212	201	184
SD	607	474	400	151	157	164

PLOT 8 Vegetation ~ Matt shrub (*Hymenanthra* sp.) and *Chinochloa*, otherwise bare ground.
 Aspect ~ south-east 150°
 Slope ~ 31°
 Soils ~ stony silt loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	1,230	1,192	1,000			
Site 2	576	529	400	738	712	660
Site 3	70	64	30			
Site 4	2,820	2,820	2,700			
Site 5	684	625	510			
\bar{X}	1,076	1,046	928			
SD	1,058	1,070	1,049			

PLOT 9 Vegetation - short tussock grassland

 Aspect - south-west 235°

 Slope - 24°

 Soils - Cass hill soil. Slightly stony to stony silt
 loam

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	744	692	540*	720	649	540*
Site 2	3,864	3,727	3,480*			
Site 3	510	432	270	498	420	300*
Site 4	2,466	2,316	1,980*			
\bar{X}	1,896	1,791.75	1,567.5	609	534.5	420
SD	1,575	1,183	1,480	157	162	170

PL0T 10	Vegetation	-	short tussock grassland with Discaria. (Bare Plot)
	Aspect	-	north-west 310°
	Slope	-	20°
	Soils	-	Cass hill soil, eroded phase. Very gravelly silt loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	708	260	160	179	160	135
Site 2	215	168	120	138	127	110
Site 3	359	301	175	257	251	240
Site 4	348	315	270	113	100	90
\bar{X}	408	261	181	172	160	144
SD	211	66	64	63	66	67

* denotes run stopped before full time.

PLOT 11 Vegetation ~ mixed *Dracophyllum* and *Chinochloa* (Bare plot)
 Aspect ~ south 170°
 Slope ~ 10°
 Soils ~ Tekoa hill soil, eroded phase. Slightly stony to very stony silt loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	90	43.4	45*	61.5	38.4	30*
Site 2		NO		DATA		
Site 3	71.25	52.5	30*	70.5	58	30*
Site 4	70.7	20.7	30	84	67	30*
\bar{X}	77.3	38.9	35	72	54.5	30
SD	11	16	9	11	15	0

PLOT 12 Vegetation ~ *Dracophyllum* scrub
 Aspect ~ south 195°
 Slope ~ 35°
 Soils ~ No information.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	492	507	525	342	333	330
Site 2	627	564	500	540	472	390
Site 3	980	896	820	744	660	600
Site 4	675	613	600	1,026	974	980
\bar{X}	694	645	611	663	610	575
SD	206	173	146	292	277	294

* denotes run stopped before full time.

PLOT 13 Vegetation - short tussock grassland, some matagouri
 Aspect - west 250°
 Slope - 22°
 Soils - cass hill soil, very gravelly to stony silt
 loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	2,268	2,070	1,800*			
Site 2	432	400.5	360*	870	828	720*
Site 3	2,532	2,270.6	1,680*			
Site 4	2,070	1,859.5	1,860*			
\bar{X}	1,825.5	1,650.2	1,425			
SD	949	850	714			

PLOT 14 Vegetation - manuka scrub
 Aspect - west 240°
 Slope - 26°
 Soils - no information.

	DRY			WET		
	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}	f_{0-10}	f	f_{30}
Site 1	1,917	1,615	750	1,998	1,877	1,840
Site 2	359	269	225	222	182	180
Site 3	396	264	210	434	299	225
Site 4	3,936	3,576	3,120			
\bar{X}	1,652	1,431	1,076	885	786	748
SD	1,687	1,565	1,385	970	947	946

* denotes run stopped before full time.

PLOT 15 Vegetation ~ snow totara
 Aspect ~ no information
 Slope ~ no information
 Soils ~ very stony, silt loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀
Site 1						
Site 2	1,086	994	750			
Site 3	1,320	1,320	1,300			
Site 4	2,625	2,625	2,400			
\bar{X}	1,677	1,646	2,363			
SD	829	863	1,887			

PLOT 16 Vegetation ~ short tussock grassland
 Aspect ~ west 240°
 Slope ~ 25°
 Soils ~ Tekoa hill soil, slightly stony to very stony
 silt loam.

	DRY			WET		
	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀	f ₀₋₁₀	f	f ₃₀
Site 1	1,200	1,110	840*			
Site 2	372	324	240*	270	233.3	210*
Site 3	447	352	135*	279	198	120*
Site 4	1,500	1,472.7	1,200*			
\bar{X}	879.75	814.7	603.75	274.5	215.7	165
SD	558	570	504	6	25	64

* denotes run stopped before full time.

APPENDIX V

THE SEISMIC REFRACTION METHOD USED IN THE
DETERMINATION OF SUBSURFACE DISCONTINUITIES. (Chapter 4 Vol II)

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INTRODUCTION

Seismic refraction surveys have long been used in petroleum exploration. With the advent of relatively cheap, portable seismographs the method became applicable to site investigation for other purposes such as engineering works. Using the same equipment, the techniques can be applied to a number of problems other than engineering site investigations. In this study the depth to bedrock was determined in several areas of eroded land in the Torlesse stream catchment.

Seismic Refraction Theory.

A refraction seismograph consists of three basic components:

- i) A source of seismic energy, in this case a hand operated hammer.
- ii) A geophone.
- iii) An electronic counter to measure time.

The mode of operation is as follows: at the instant the hammer hits the ground a signal is sent to the counter to start measuring time; seismic waves travel through the ground and are picked up by the geophone and the counter is stopped by the first wave arrival.

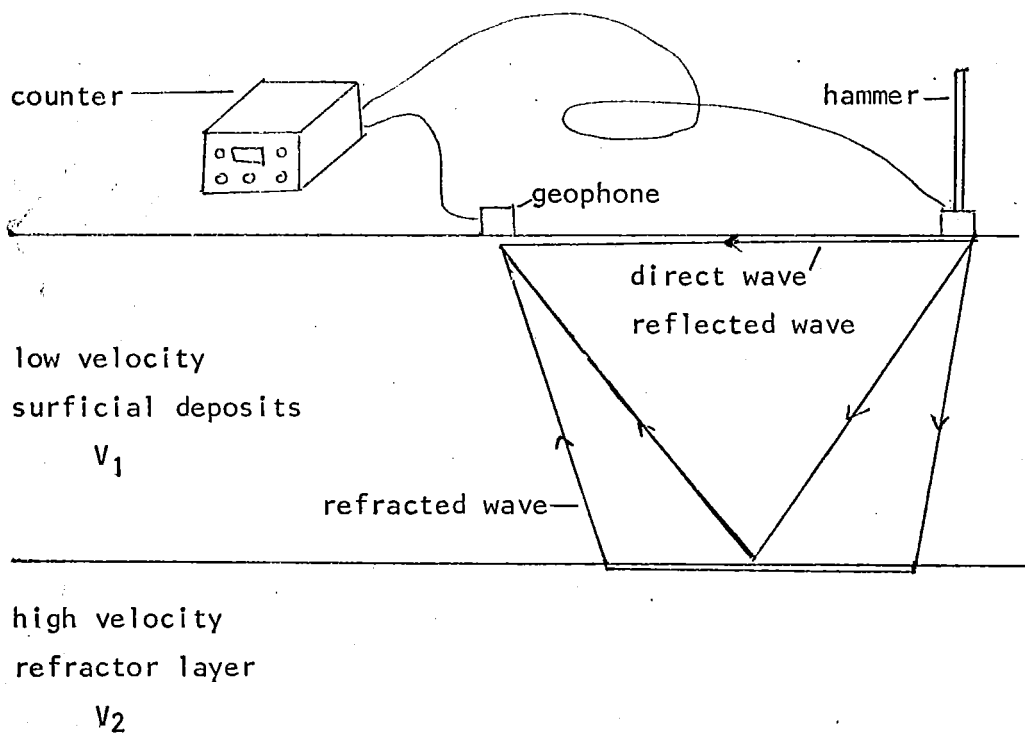
Three different paths can be followed by the seismic wave: as a direct wave, as a reflected wave or as a refracted wave (Figure V.1). Seismic waves obey the laws of optical physics..

In a seismic refraction survey only the direct and refracted waves are used. If the seismic wave is initiated close to the geophone the direct wave will reach the geophone first, followed by the refracted wave. If the seismic wave is initiated at some distance from the geophone, the refracted wave will reach the geophone first followed by the direct wave.

Figure V.1. follows

FIGURE V.1.

Seismic wave paths.



If seismic waves are initiated at a number of points of known distance from the geophone, a graph of time of travel against distance can be drawn (Fig. V.2.) - this is the field information obtained during a survey.

FIELD METHOD

A "Bison 1501" engineering seismograph was used. This instrument has a digital readout in milliseconds (1 second = 1,000 milliseconds). A tape was laid out along the direction of traverse and the geophone was set at one end. Travel-time readings were taken at 1 m intervals for the first 5-10 m of the traverse and at 3 m intervals thereafter to a total length of 40-50 m. At the conclusion of this forward traverse the geophone was moved to the other end of the traverse and the procedure repeated in the opposite direction.

INTERPRETATION

The reciprocal method of Hawkins (1961) was used to interpret the time-distance graphs. This method gives a profile of refractor depth as well as seismic velocities within the refractor. The seismic velocities of the surface layer were determined directly from the time-distance graphs. A worked example for one traverse can be seen in Table V.1.

RESULTS

In general, velocity contrasts between the colluvium and the Torlesse Group rocks were good; the colluvium having velocities between 200-500 m sec⁻¹, and the Torlesse Group rocks between 1,000-3,600 m sec⁻¹. A few velocities between 500-1,000 m sec⁻¹ were found. These could be ascribed to highly crushed shear-zones in the Torlesse Group, water-logged and compacted surficial deposits, or to a layer of intermediate velocity between the Torlesse Group and the colluvium. Fig. V.3 shows the three possible interpretations: more sophisticated instruments or test pits and bores would be required to define the alternative.

Figures V.2, V.3 Table V.1 follow

FIGURE V.2.

The time distance graph.

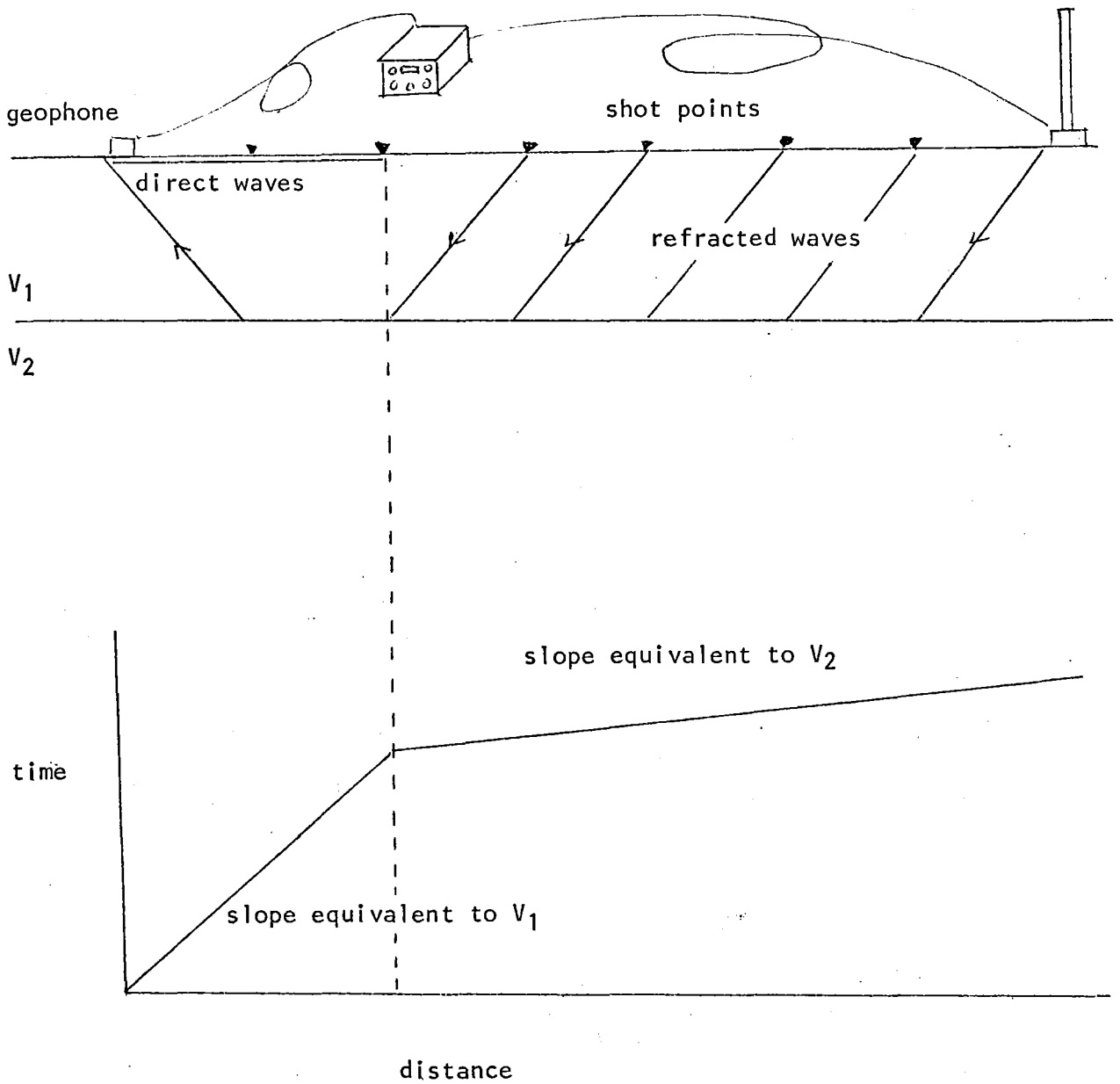


FIGURE V.3.

Possible interpretation of profiles.

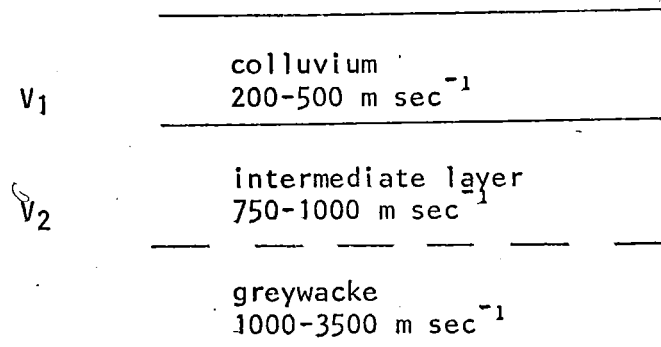
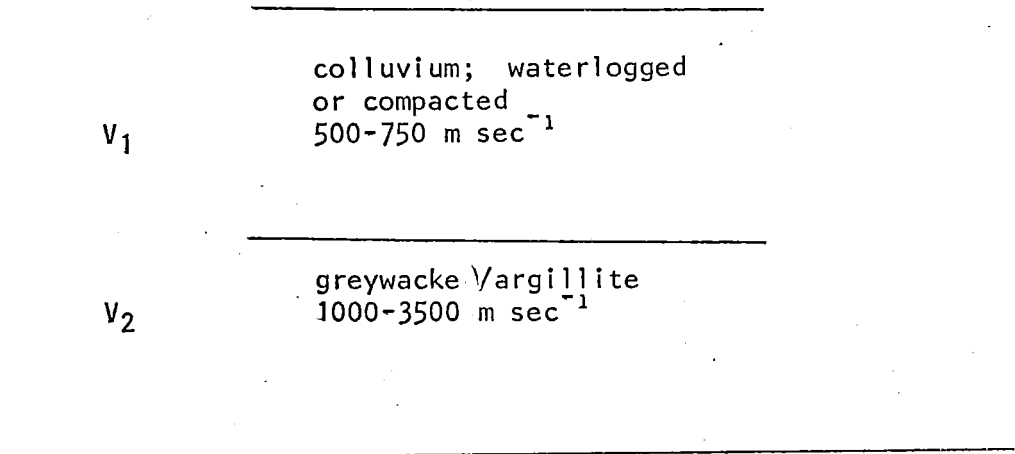
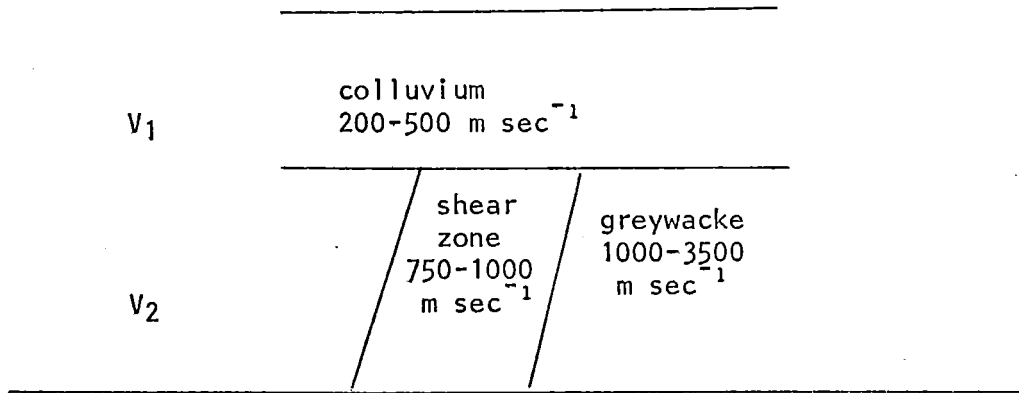


TABLE V.1.

A worked example of the determination of surface depths
from seismic velocities.

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Calculation sheet

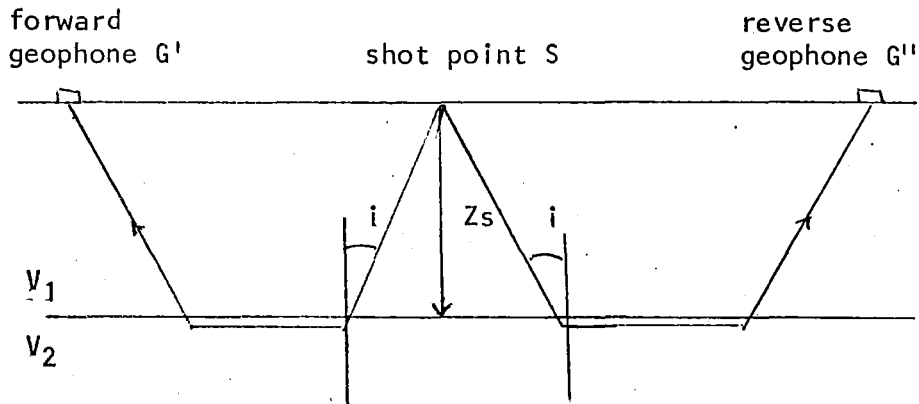
Dist m	Forward time ms	Reverse time ms	Time depth td	Corrected fwd. time	Corrected rev. time	V ₂ m/s	F *	Ftd m *
0		43.5						
1								
2	1.6	40.5						
3	4.5							
4	7.8							
5	11.4	40.1						
8	20.5	33.5						
11	24.7	39.3						
14	24.7	39.7	10.2	14.5	29.5	769	0.53	5.4
17	30.6	32.0	9.3	21.3	22.7	769	0.53	4.9
20	34.2	27.8	9.0	25.2	18.8	769	0.53	4.7
23	33.4	26.4	7.9	25.5	18.5	3529	0.44	3.5
26	34.6	29.4	9.9	24.4	19.5	3529	0.44	4.4
29	37.0	26.6	9.8	27.2	16.8	3529	0.44	4.3
32	39.0	24.3	9.7	29.3	14.6	2045	0.45	4.4
35	37.6	20.2	6.9	30.7	13.3	2045	0.45	3.1
38	39.5	19.3	7.4	32.1	11.9	2045	0.45	3.3
41	39.0	15.5	5.3	33.7	10.2	2045	0.45	2.4
44	40.4	14.4						
45		10.3						
46		10.7						
47	42.5	6.5						
48		2.5						
49		2.0						
50	44.5							

Explanation and legend for Table V.1. continues...

Table V.1. contd.

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Legend.



Time depth td .

$$td = \frac{1}{2} (TG'S + TG''S - TG'G'')$$

where T is the time between the indicated sections.

The distance from S to the refractor normal to the refractor (Z_s) is given by the equation:

$$Z_s = td \cdot V_1 / \cos i$$

the term $V_1 / \cos i$ may be regarded as a depth conversion factor F , and by using Snell's law may be written as:

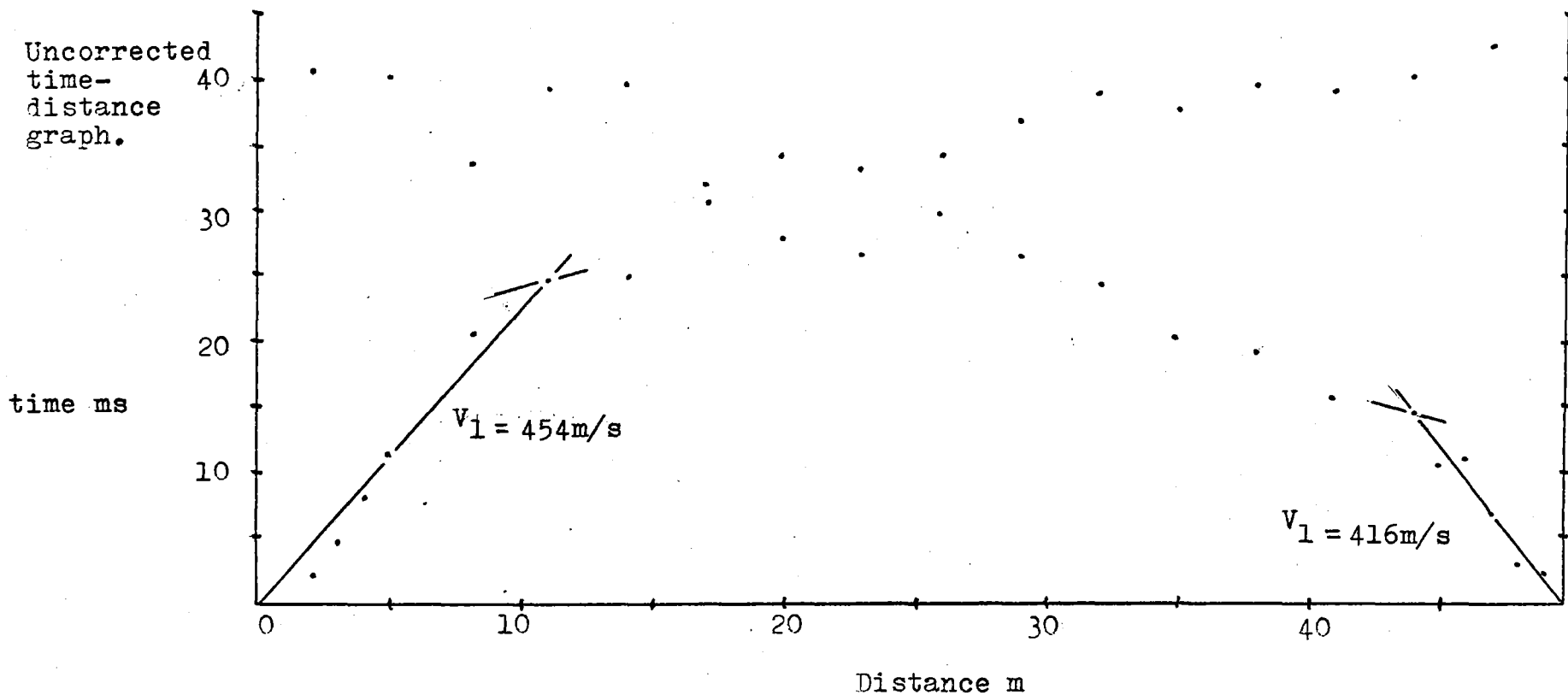
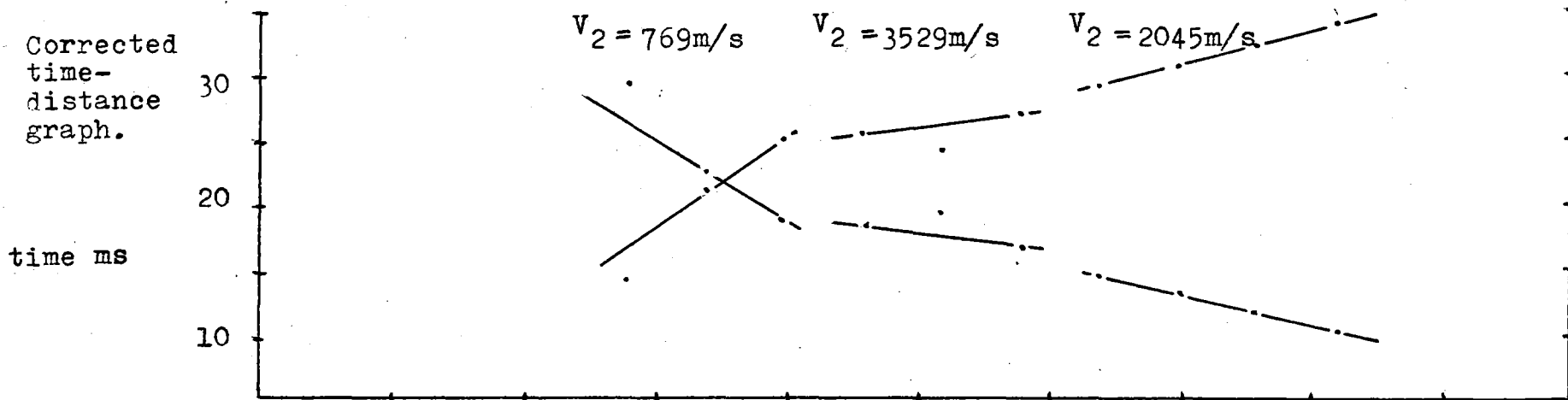
$$F = V_1 \sqrt{\frac{V_2^2}{V_1^2} - 1}$$

Therefore

$$Z_s = F \cdot td$$

Table V.1. continues...

TIME DISTANCE GRAPHS



As a tentative classification the velocity variations could be ascribed to the following conditions:

200-350 m sec⁻¹. Debris from debris avalanches, deep humus layers, screes.

350-500 m sec⁻¹. Typical colluvium of angular particles in a fine matrix with a thin humus layer on the surface.

500-750 m sec⁻¹. Short grazed ground, waterlogged ground, or surfaces with the humus layer completely removed.

750-1000 m sec⁻¹. Highly fractured shear-zones, or a consolidated weathering layer.

1000-2000 m sec⁻¹. Interbedded greywacke and argillite with many joints.

2000-3000 m sec⁻¹. Interbedded greywacke and argillite with few joints.

Above 3500 m sec⁻¹. Thick greywacke beds with little argillite and few joints.

The derived profiles from the traverses are shown in Figs. V.4, V.5, V.6.

DISCUSSION

The accuracy of seismic refraction surveys to a large degree depends on the control available to test the results. In this study the control was limited to a few surface exposures. The problem of lack of control is exemplified in the two sets of overlapping traverses on Gingerbread spur (Fig. V.4.) that do not give coinciding refractor profiles.

Variable velocities in the colluvium layer probably account for much of this error. A very irregular refractor surface or a bedrock surface that is intensely jointed can affect the accuracy of the derived profile; these conditions are probably common in the area of study. For this study however, the magnitude of the variation of depth between individual traverses is probably more important than the absolute depth under each point on the traverses.

Figures V.4, V.5, V.6 follow

FIGURE V.4.

Composite profile Gingerbread spur.

Torlesse Seismic Survey

Composite profile - 'Gingerbread Spur'

0 10 20 m.

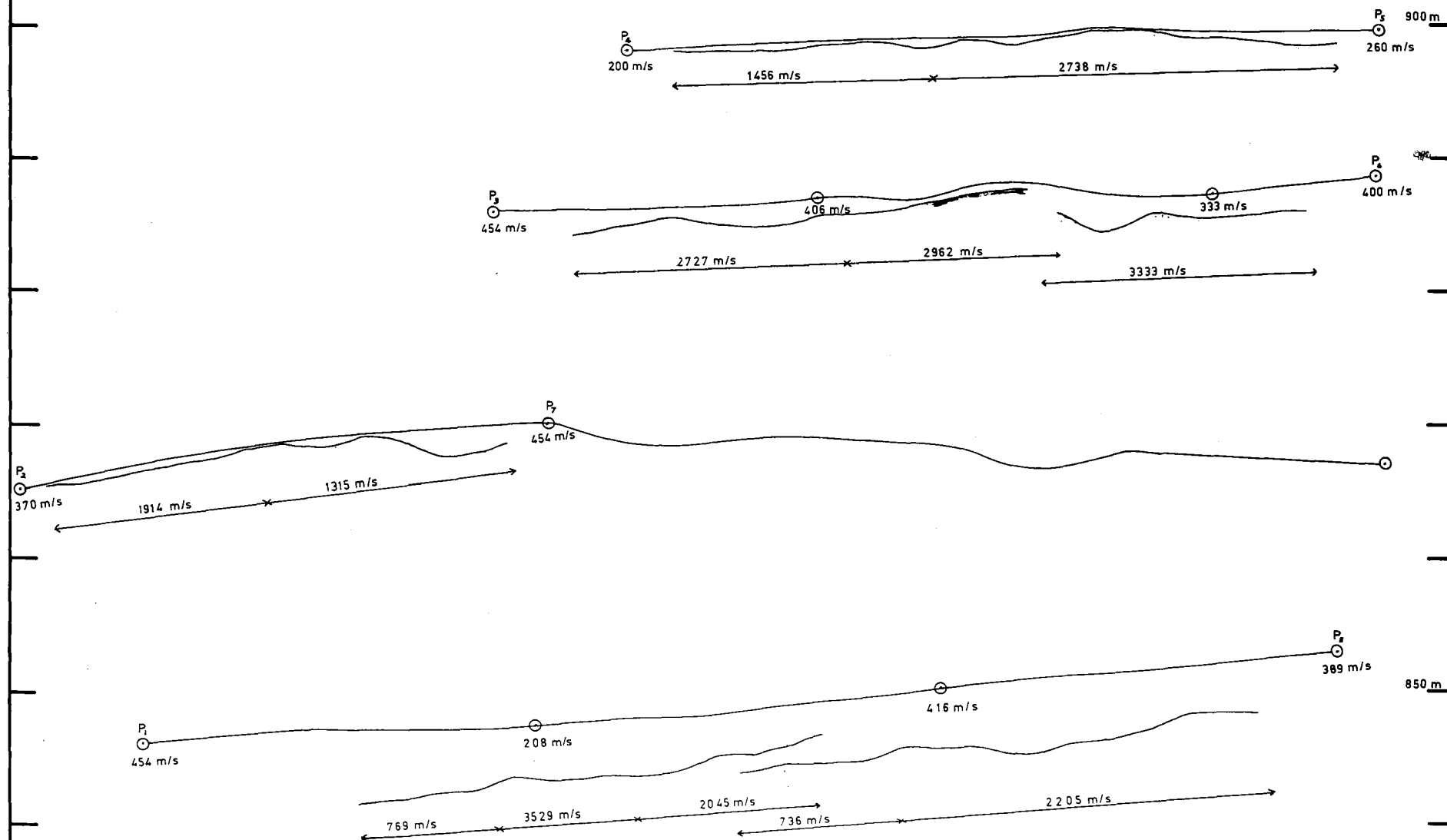


FIGURE V.5.

Composite profile true right face of Helen stream.

Torlesse Seismic Survey

Composite profile - 'Fryers Face'

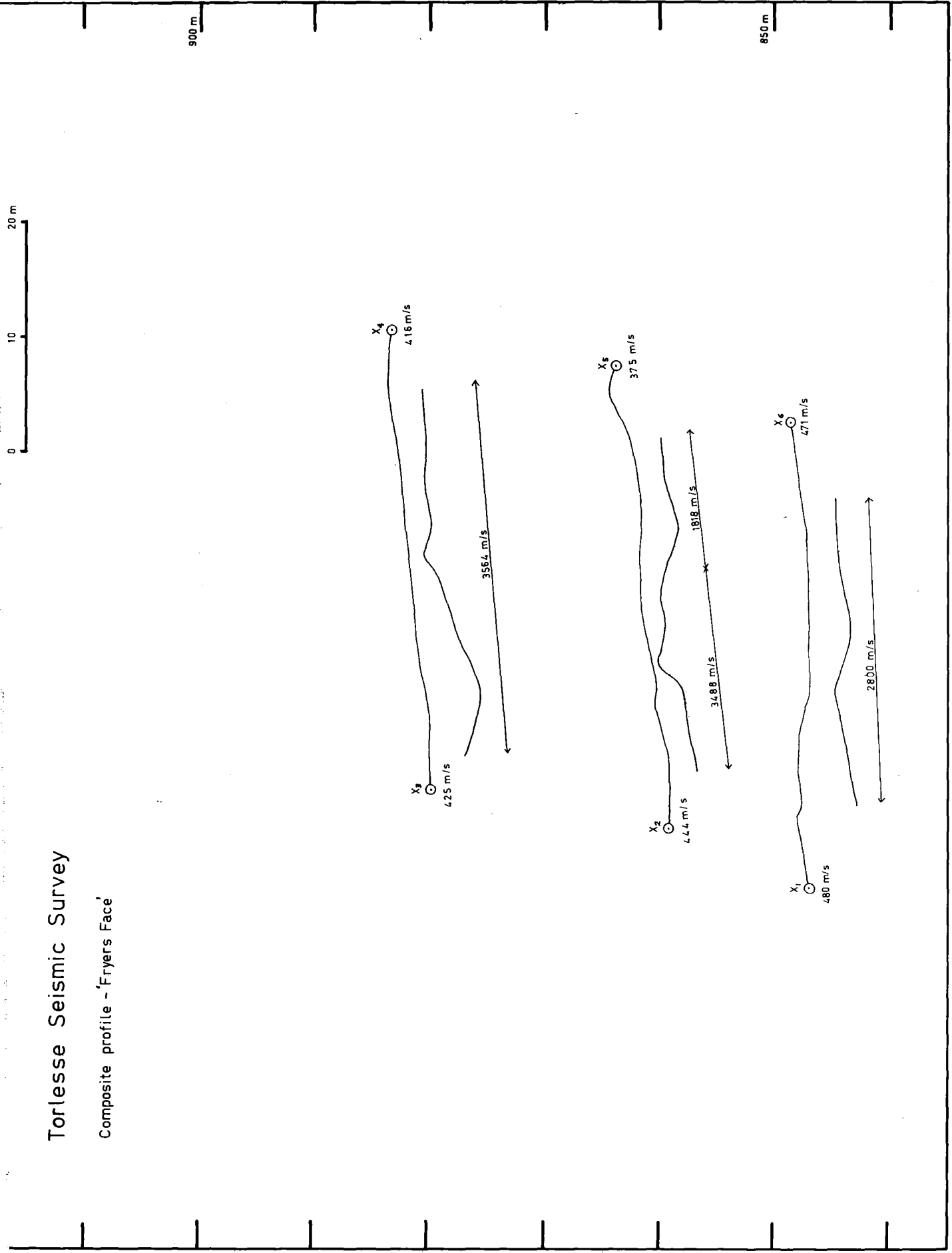
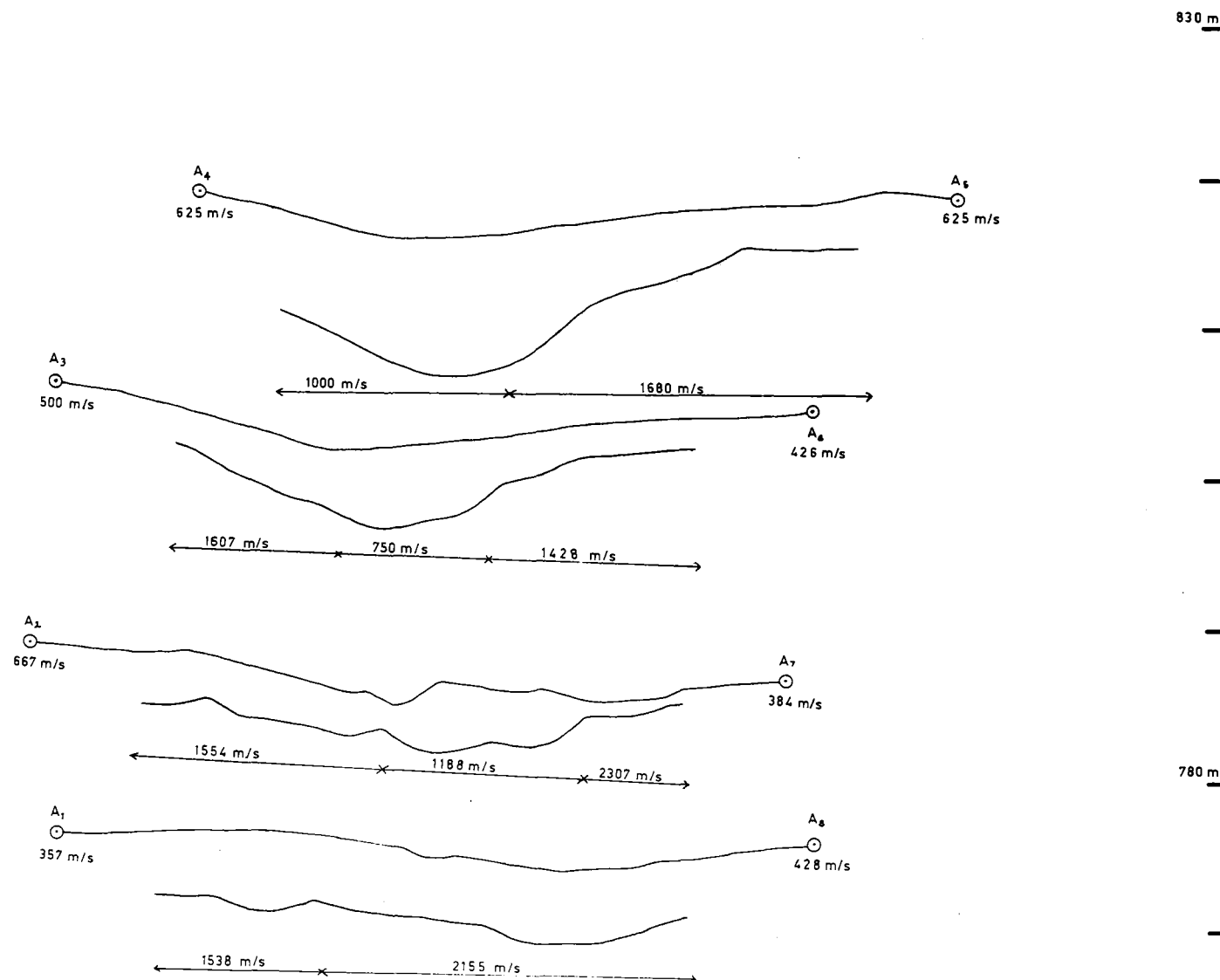
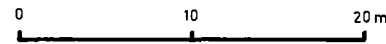


FIGURE V.6.

**Composite profile of a site opposite the Kowai river,
Torlesse stream confluence.**

Torlesse Seismic Survey

Composite profile - 'The Elephant'



Again because of the lack of control the interpretation given to the velocities found in the colluvium and refractor materials must, at best, be regarded as tentative.

Despite these uncertainties the results confirm that the three erosion features were associated with areas where the refractor came close to the surface.

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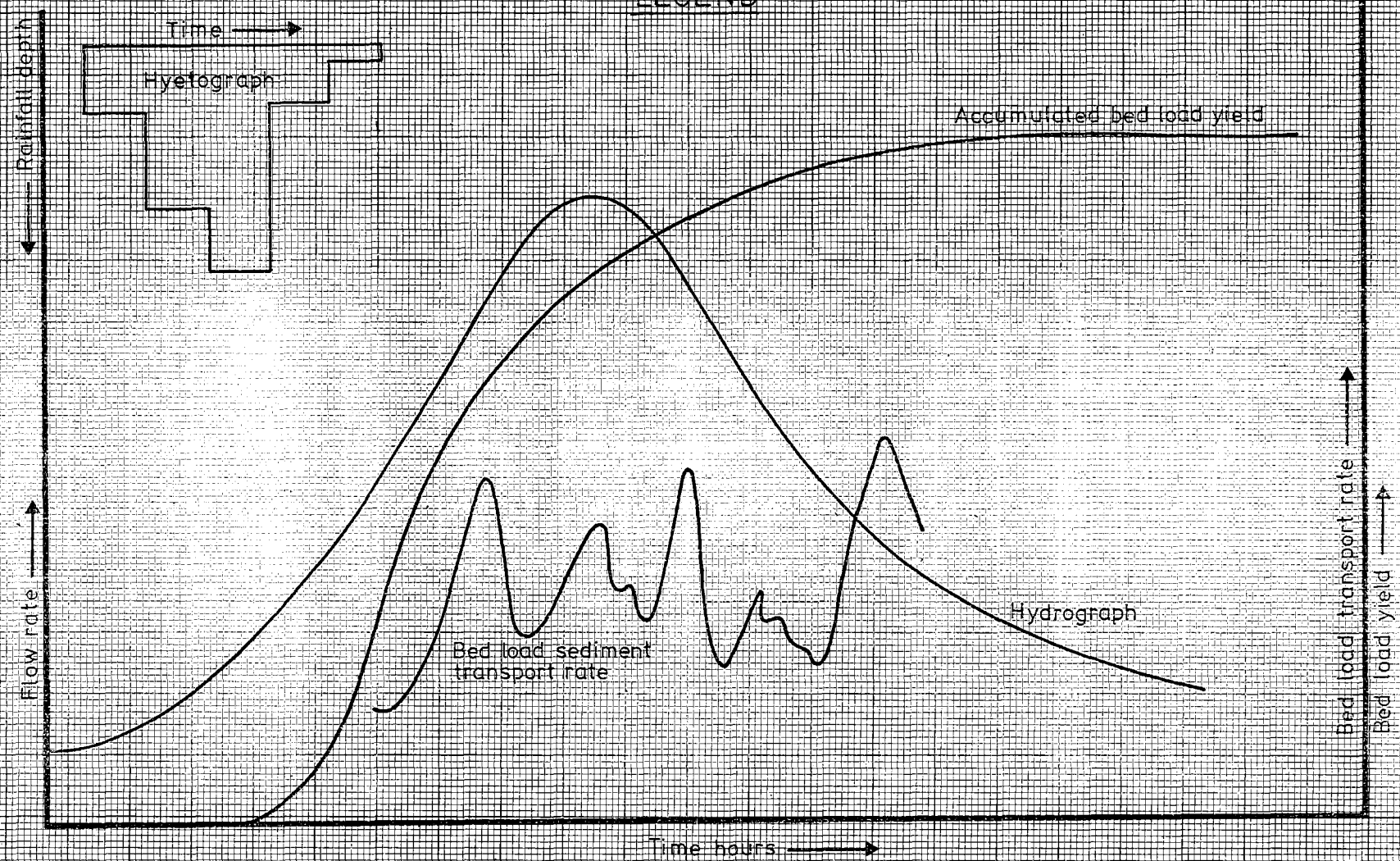
APPENDIX VI

HYDROGRAPHS, HYETOGRAPHS, SEDIMENT YIELDS AND SEDIMENT
TRANSPORT RATES, TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT 1972 - 1977

EVENTS

1972	1974	1975	1976
14 July	16 Jan	16 Jan	14 Jan
8 Sept	15 Feb	20 - 21 Jan	23 Jan
9 Sept	3 Mar	25 Jan	28 Jan
13 Sept	15 Mar	24 Feb	7 Feb
8 Oct	17 - 18 Mar	28 Feb	9 - 10 Feb
	5 - 7 Apr	12 - 13 Mar	11 Feb
	16 - 18 Apr	1 Apr	14 - 15 Feb
	22 June	7 Apr	19 May
1973	24 June	30 Apr	10 June
23 Apr	2 July	19 May	15 July
9 May	19 July	6 June	10 Aug
29 May	28 July	14 July	7 - 8 Sept
4 June	6 Aug	26 July	11 - 12 Oct
6 Aug	4 - 6 Sept	1 Aug	18 - 19 Oct
10 Aug	7 - 8 Sept	19 Aug	24 Nov
12 - 15 Aug	19 - 20 Sept	30 Aug	25 - 26 Nov
20 Aug	8 Oct	4 Sept	30 Nov
29 - 31 Aug	11 Oct	20 Sept	9 Dec
23 Oct		24 Sept	19 Dec
3 Nov		4 Oct	
14 - 15 Nov		2 Nov	
21 Nov		8 Nov	
		27 Nov	
		24 Dec	1977
		28 Dec	3 Jan
			18 - 19 Jan
			7 Feb
			10 Feb
			21 - 22 Feb
			24 - 25 Mar

LEGEND



Torlesse Stream Catchment

14 July 1972

Precipitation ?

Peak flow rate 0.240 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.145 tonnes

Torlesse Stream Catchment

8 Sept 1972

Precipitation 0 (snow melt)

Peak flow rate 0.380 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.405 tonnes

Torlesse Stream Catchment
9 Sept 1972

Precipitation 25.5 mm

Peak flow rate 0.200 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0

Torlesse Stream Catchment

13 Sept 1972

Precipitation ?

Peak flow rate 0.270 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.042 tonnes

Torlesse Stream Catchment

8 Oct 1972

Precipitation 190 mm (approx)

Peak flow rate 1.300 m³/sec

Bed load yield large - 50 tonnes?

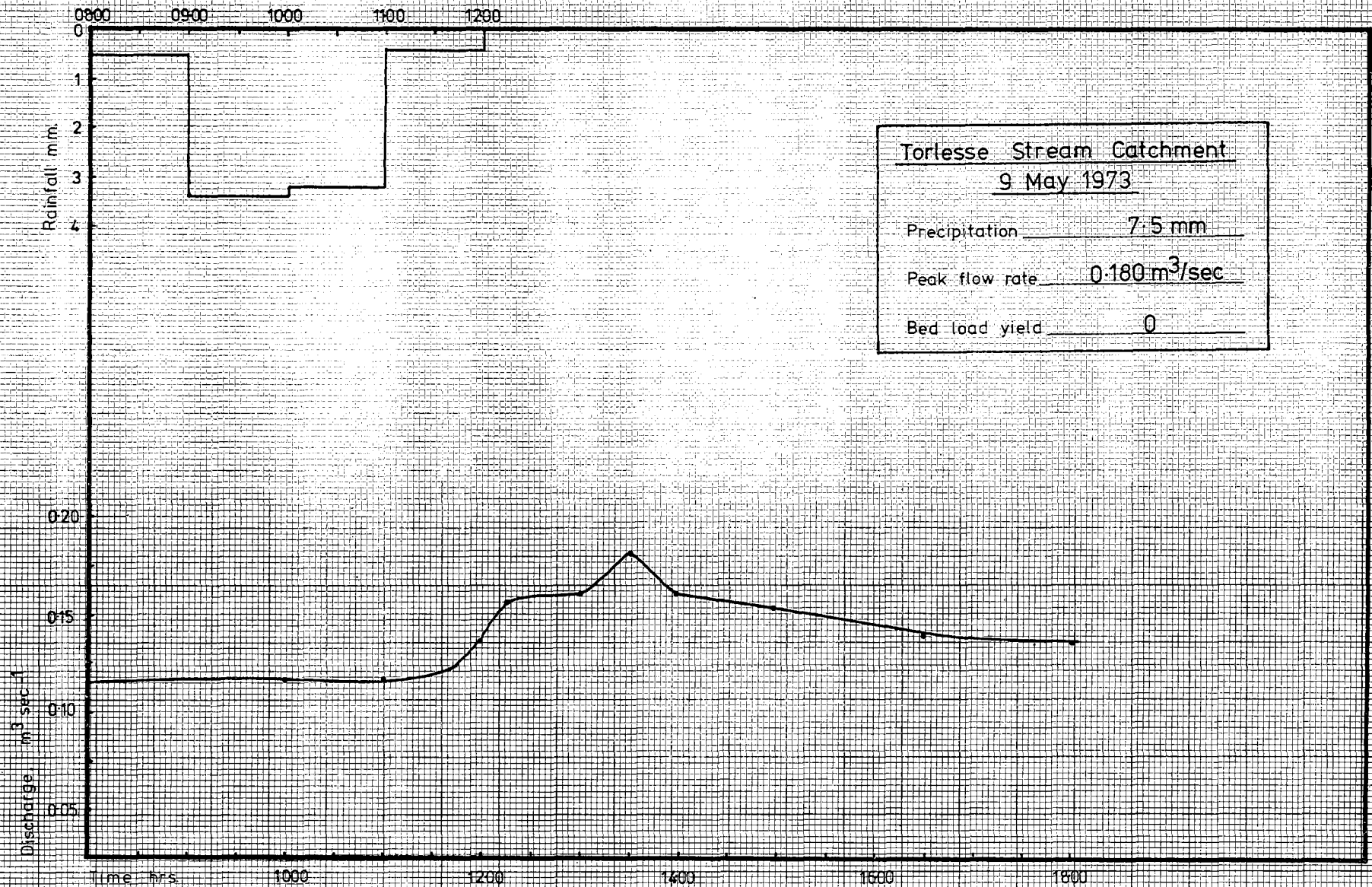
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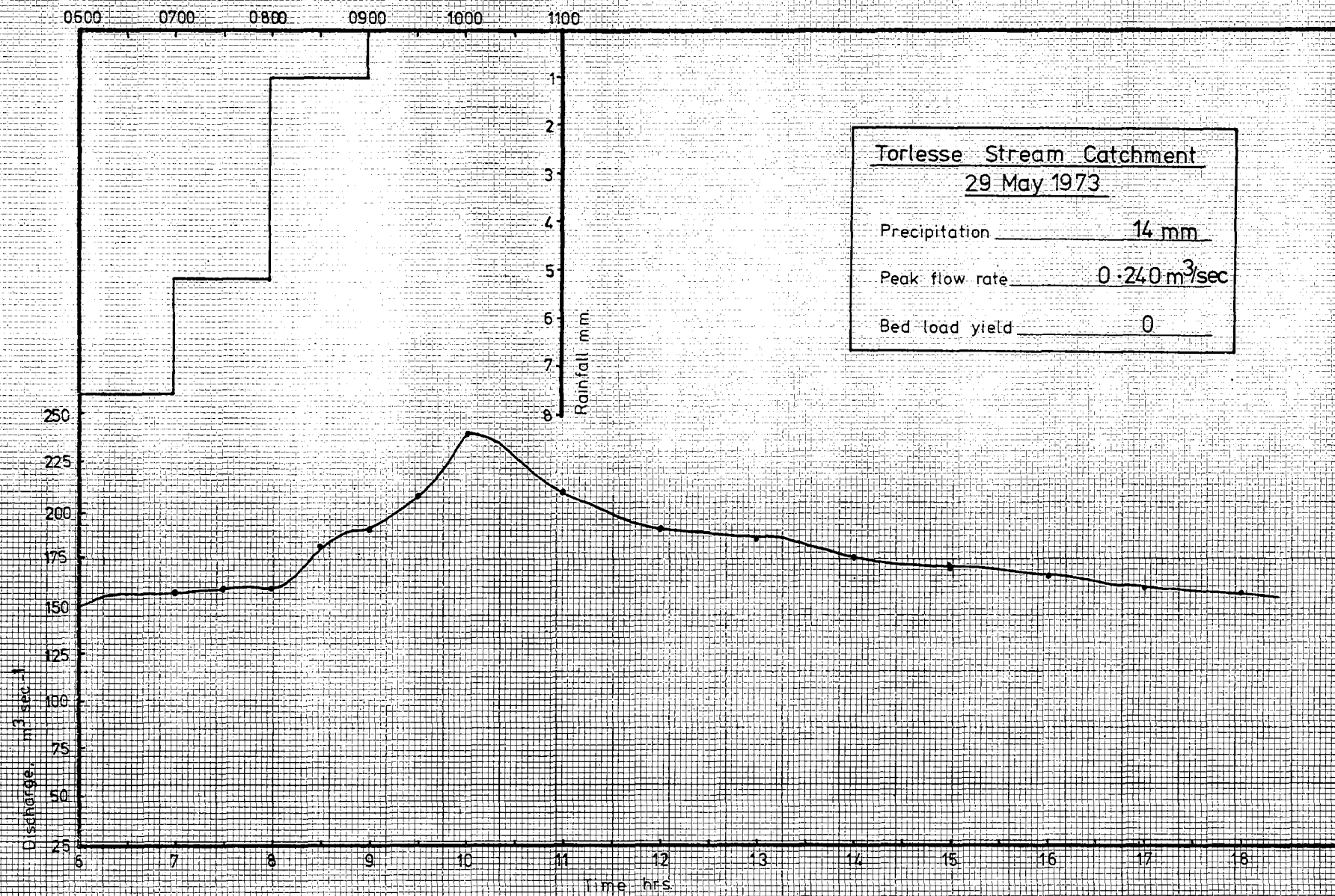
23 April 1973

Precipitation 36.6 mm

Peak flow rate 0.180 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0





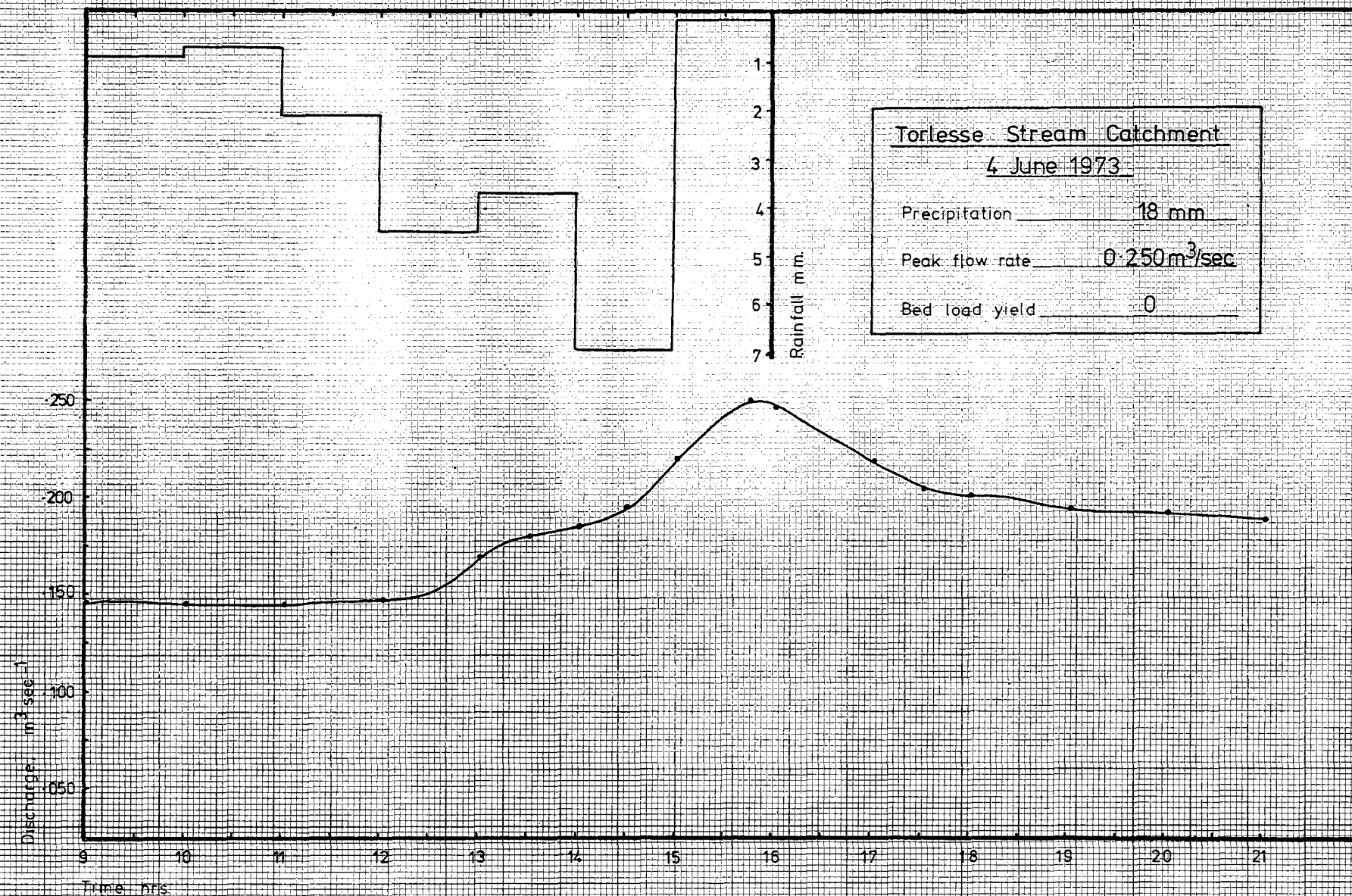
Torlesse Stream Catchment

29 May 1973

Precipitation 14 mm

Peak flow rate 0.240 m^3/sec

Bed load yield 0



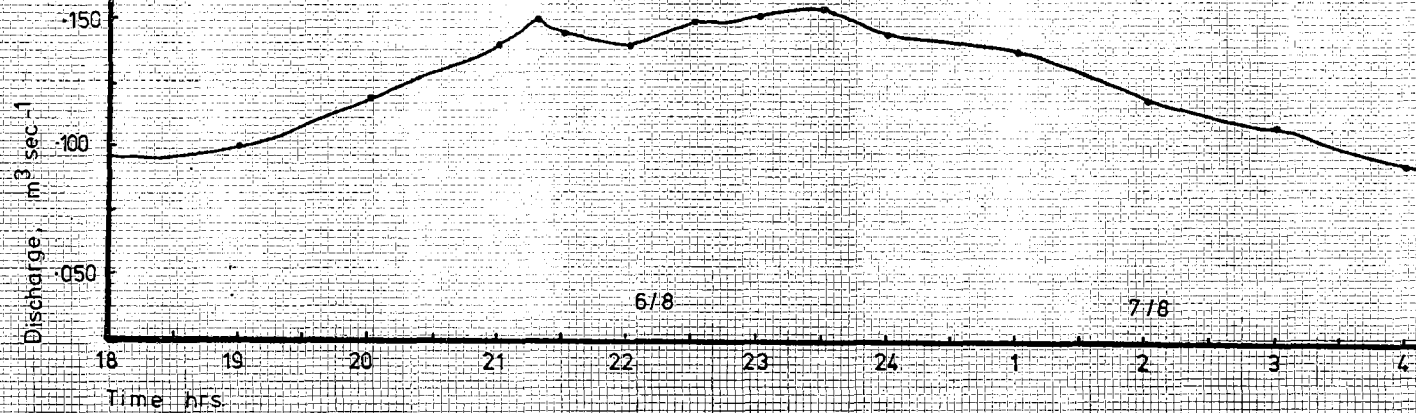
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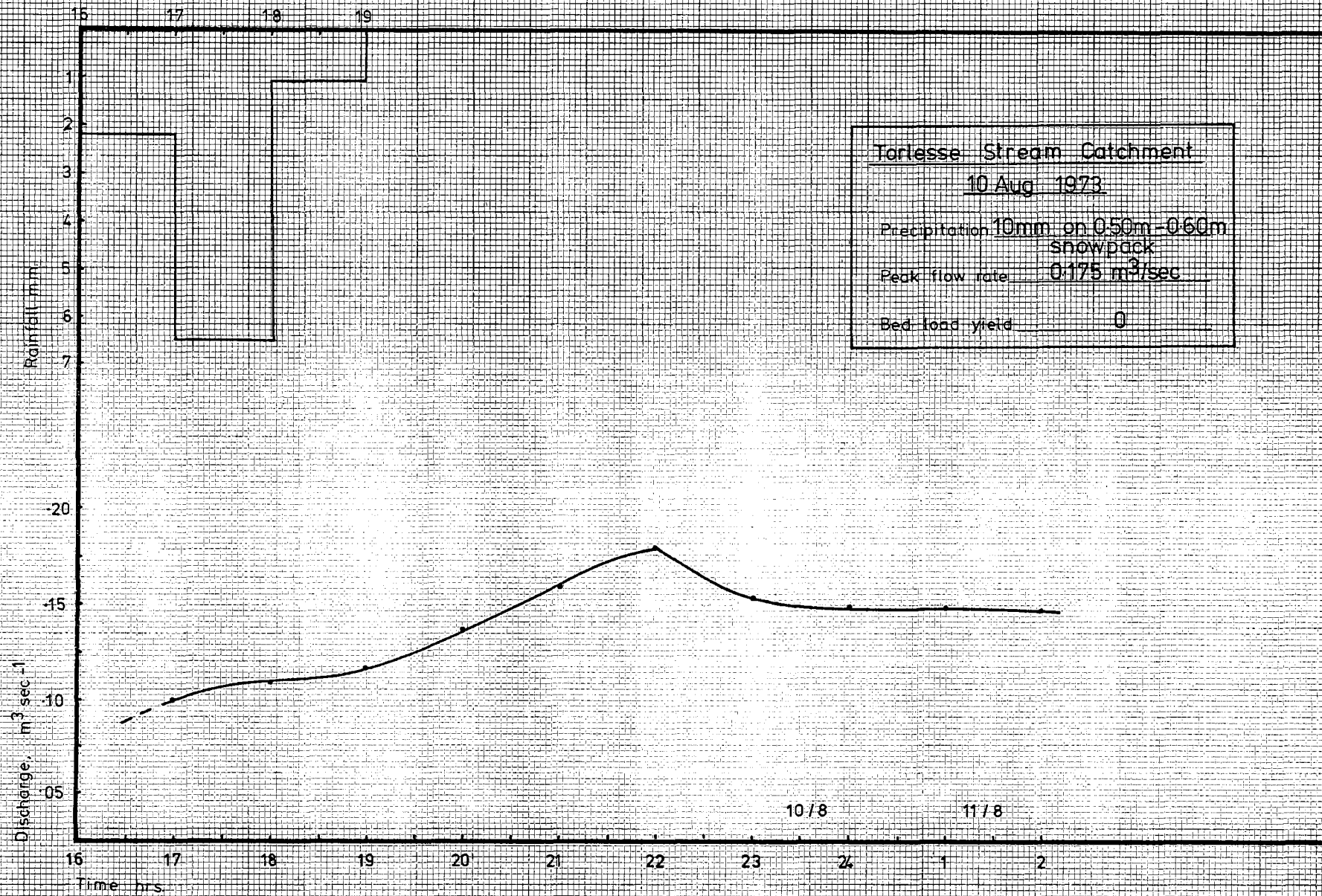
5 Aug 1973

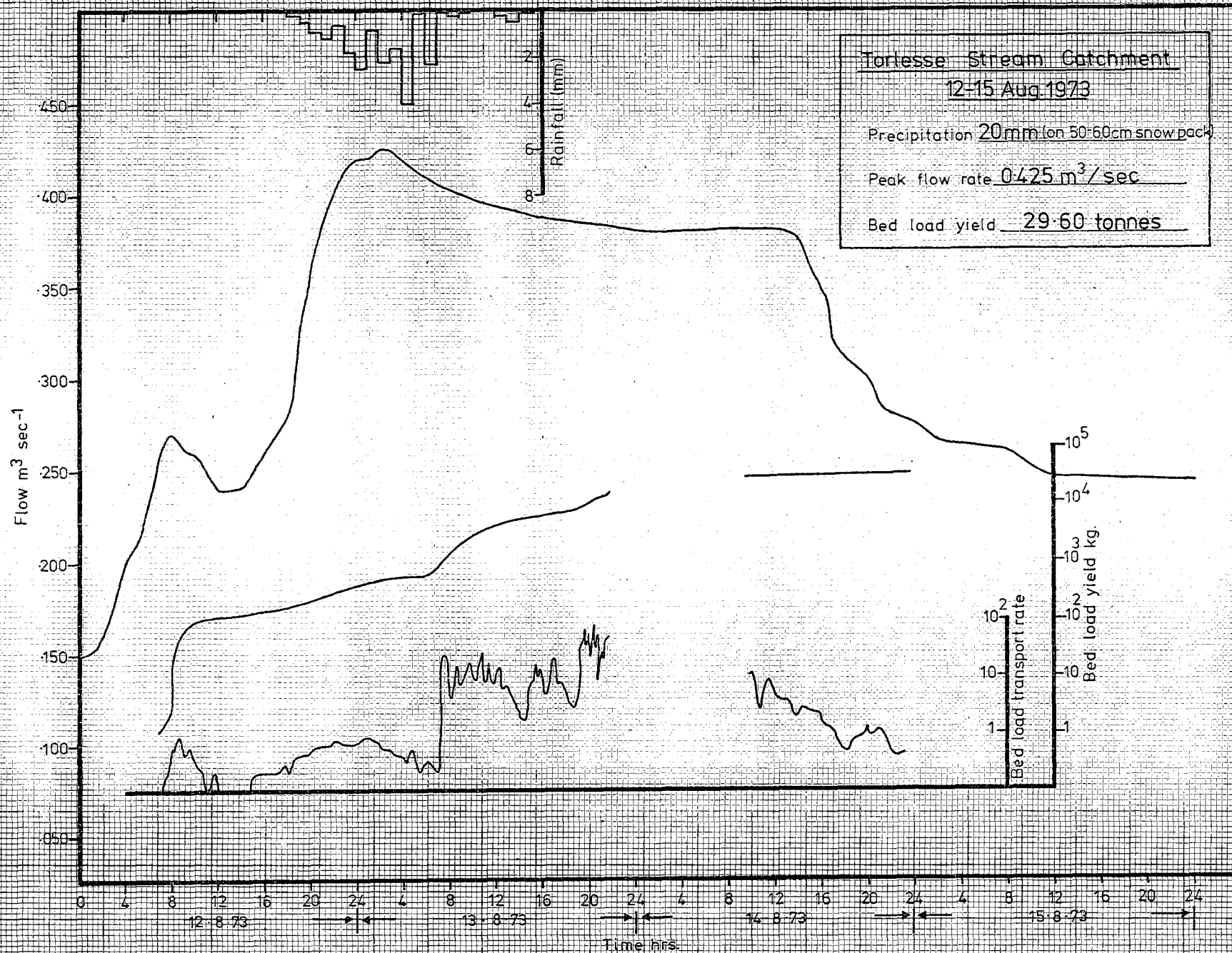
Precipitation Snow 0.80-1.0 m
water equivalent 170mm-210mm

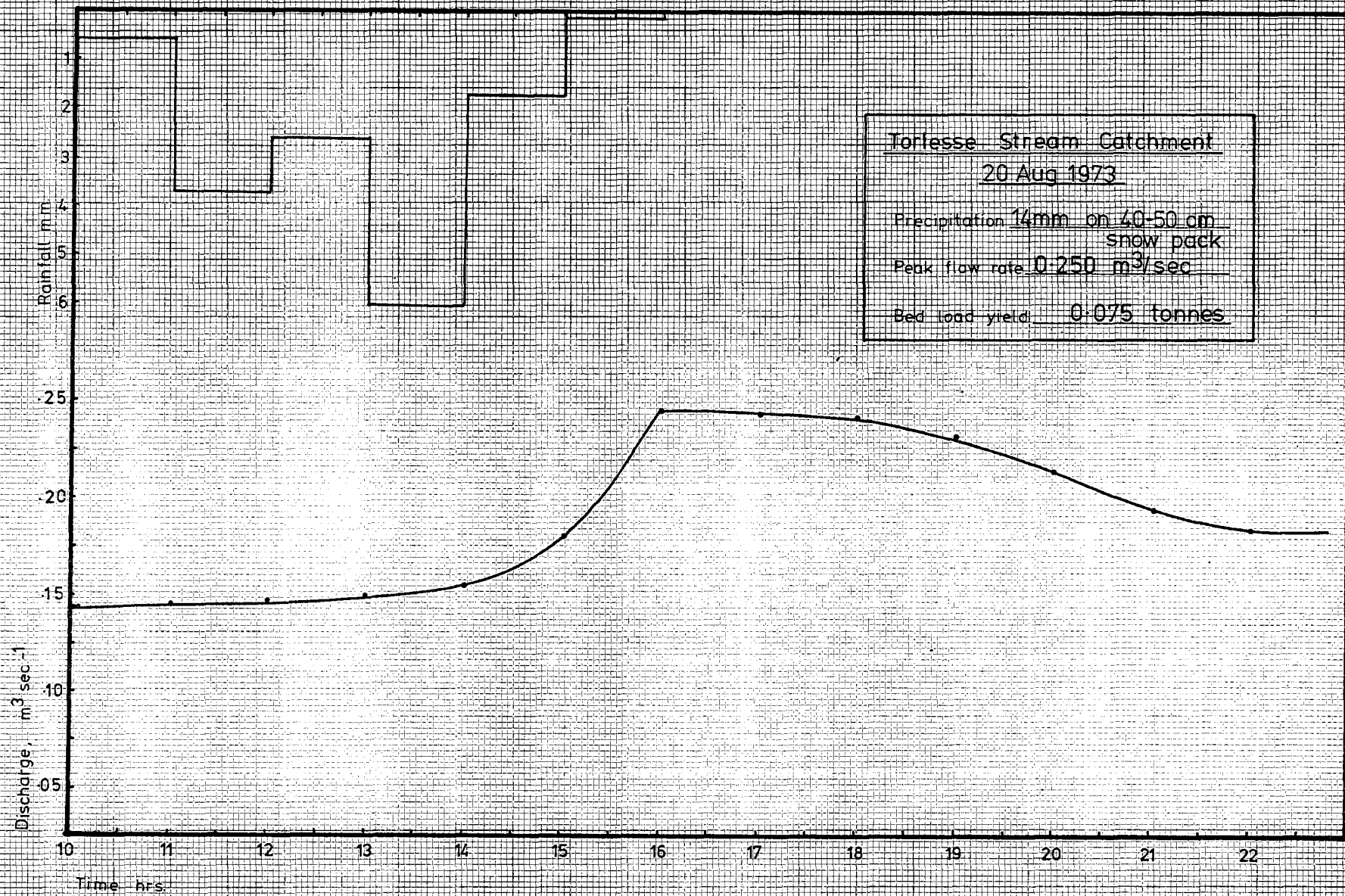
Peak flow rate 0.150 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.033 tonnes

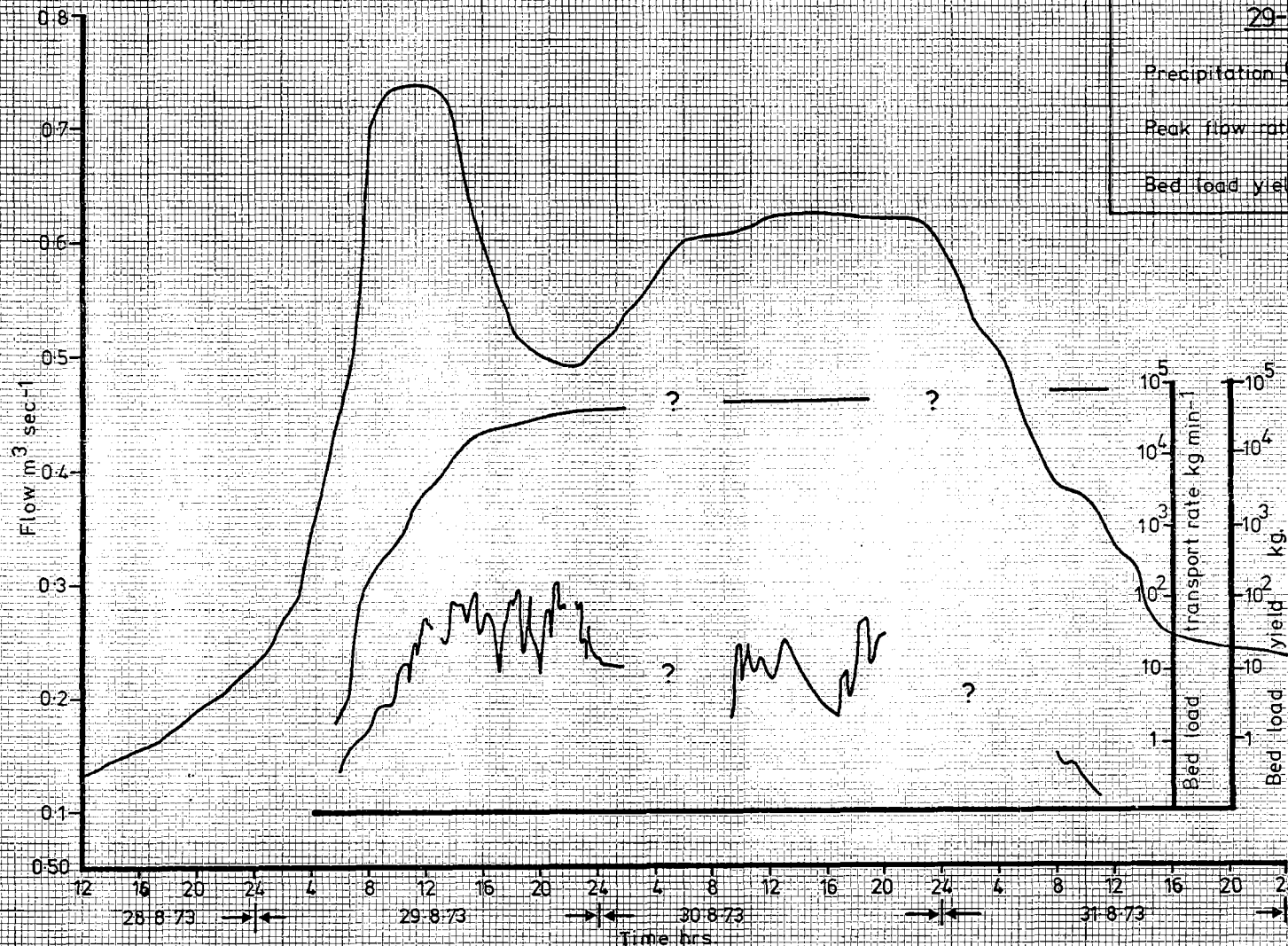


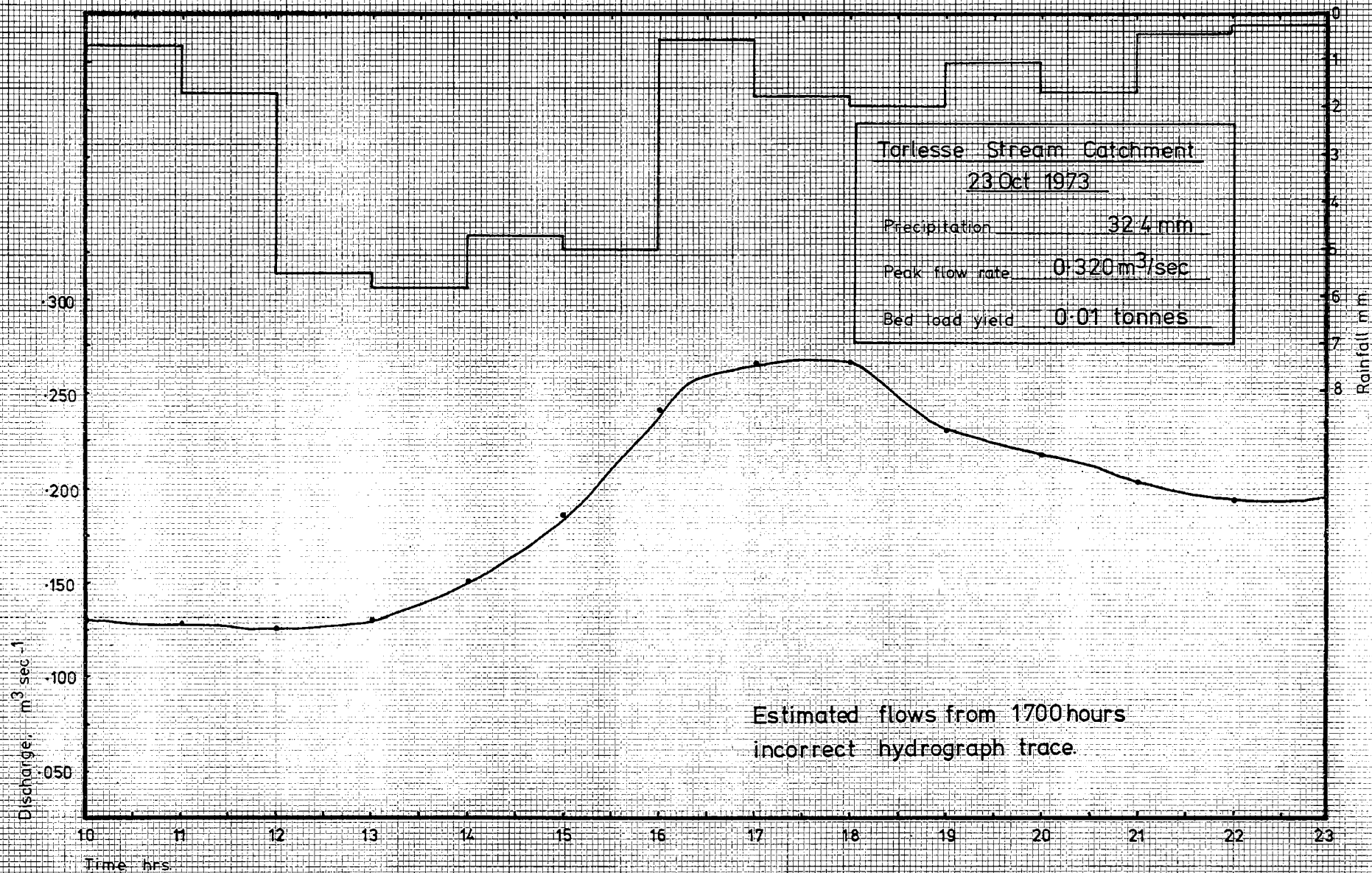


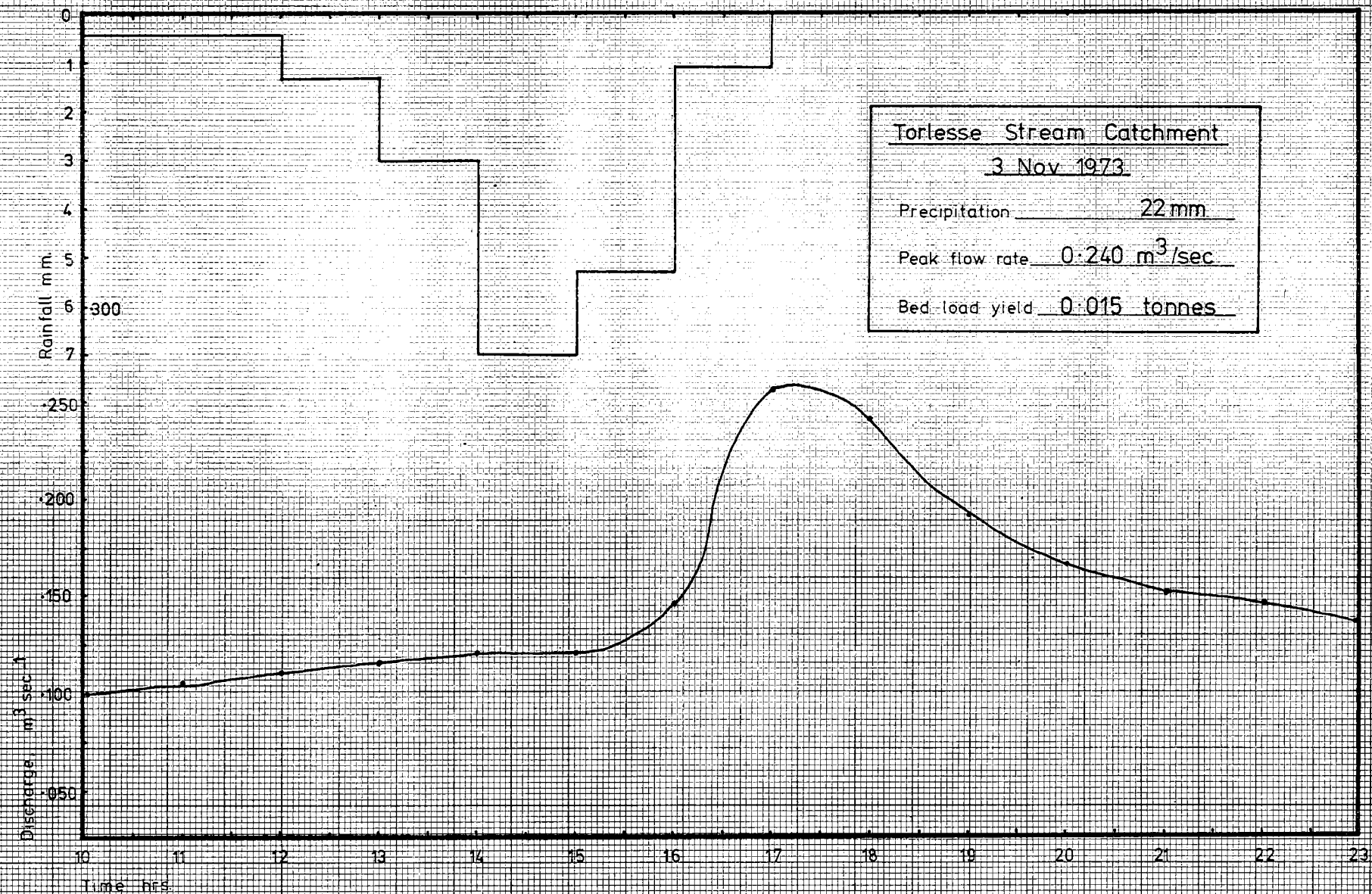


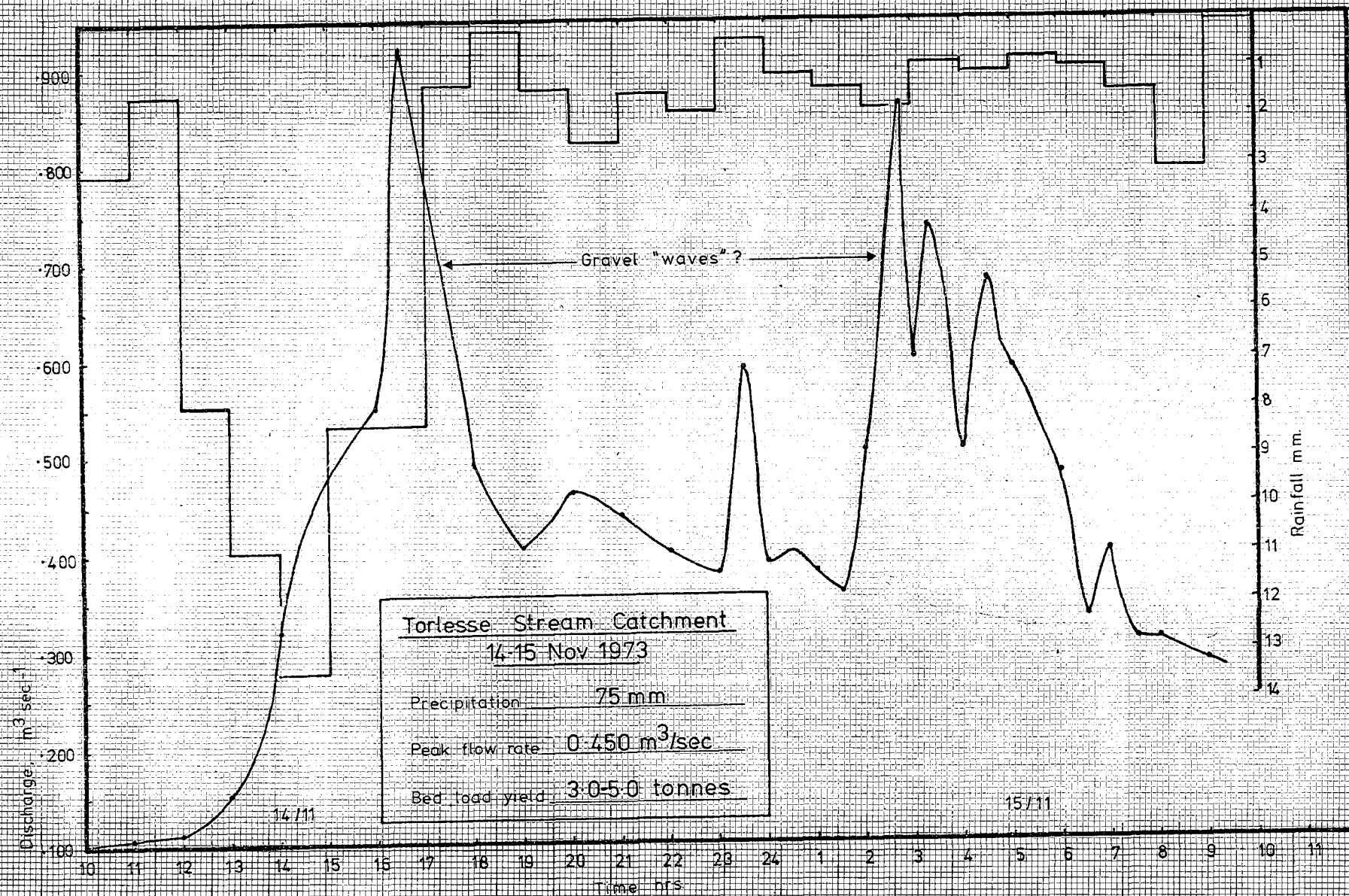


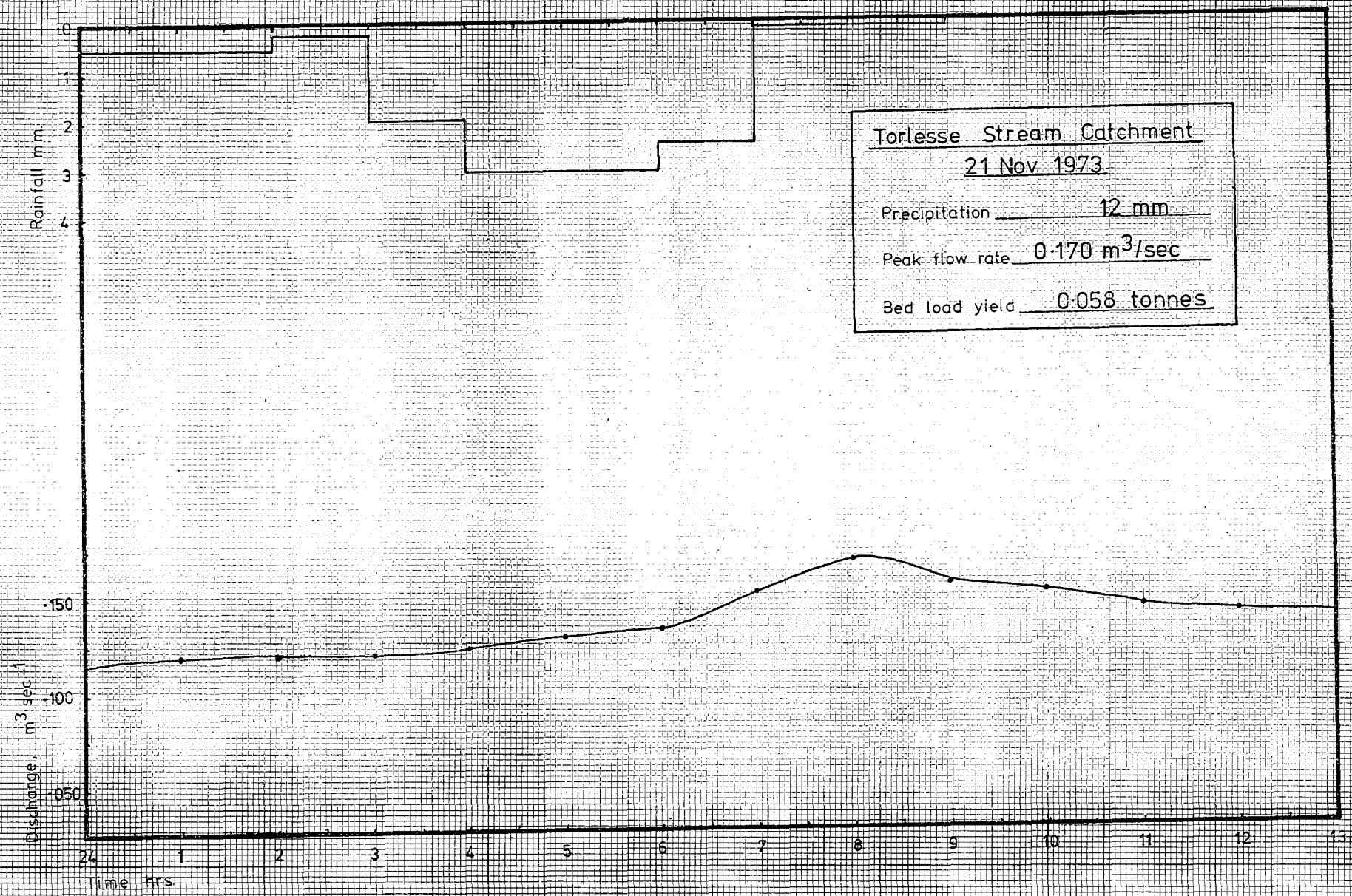
Torlesse Stream Catchment
 29-31 Aug. 1973
 Precipitation 0 (melt of 30-40cm snow pack)
 Peak flow rate 0.730 m³/sec
 Bed load yield 73.6 tonnes











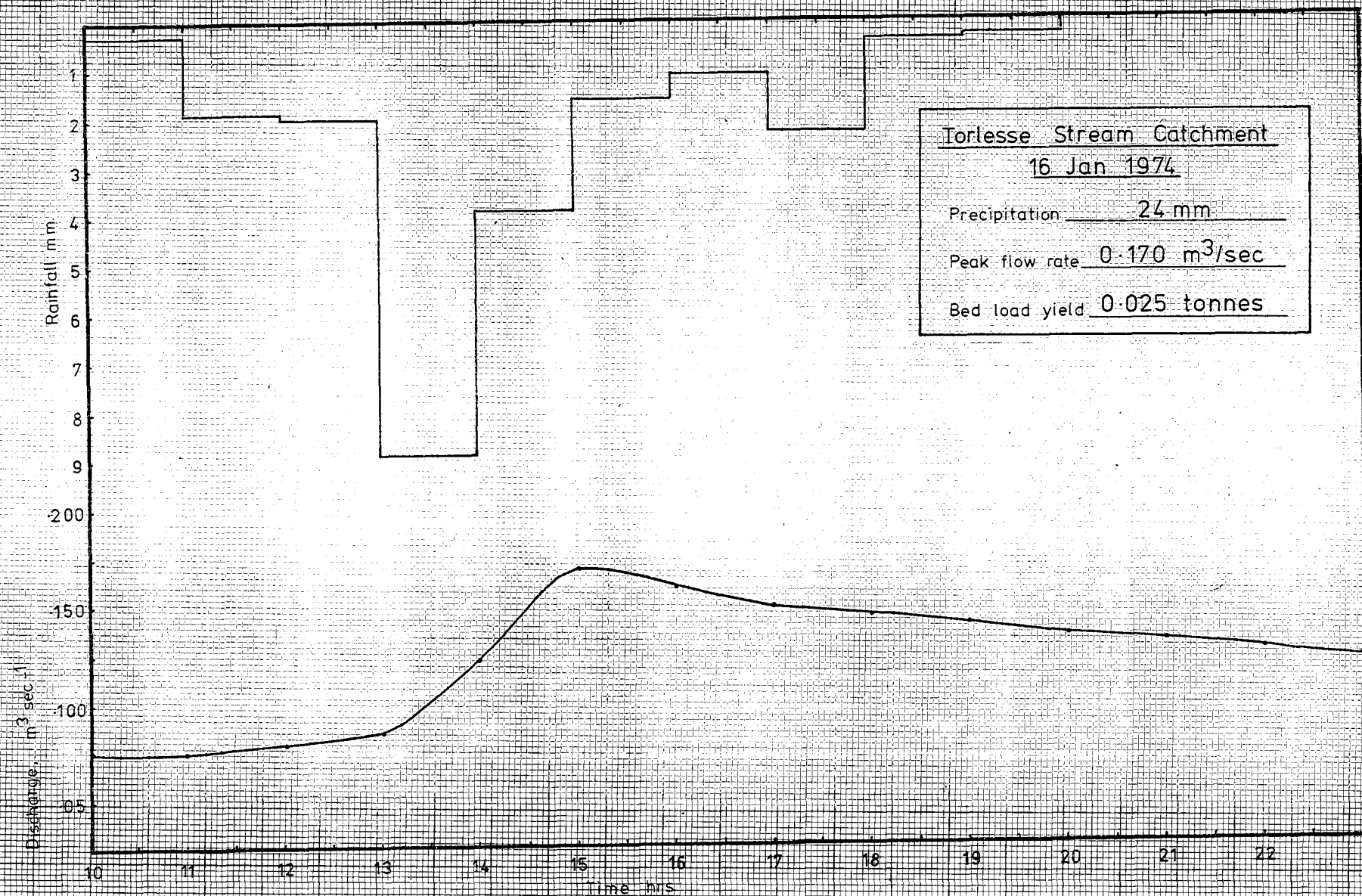
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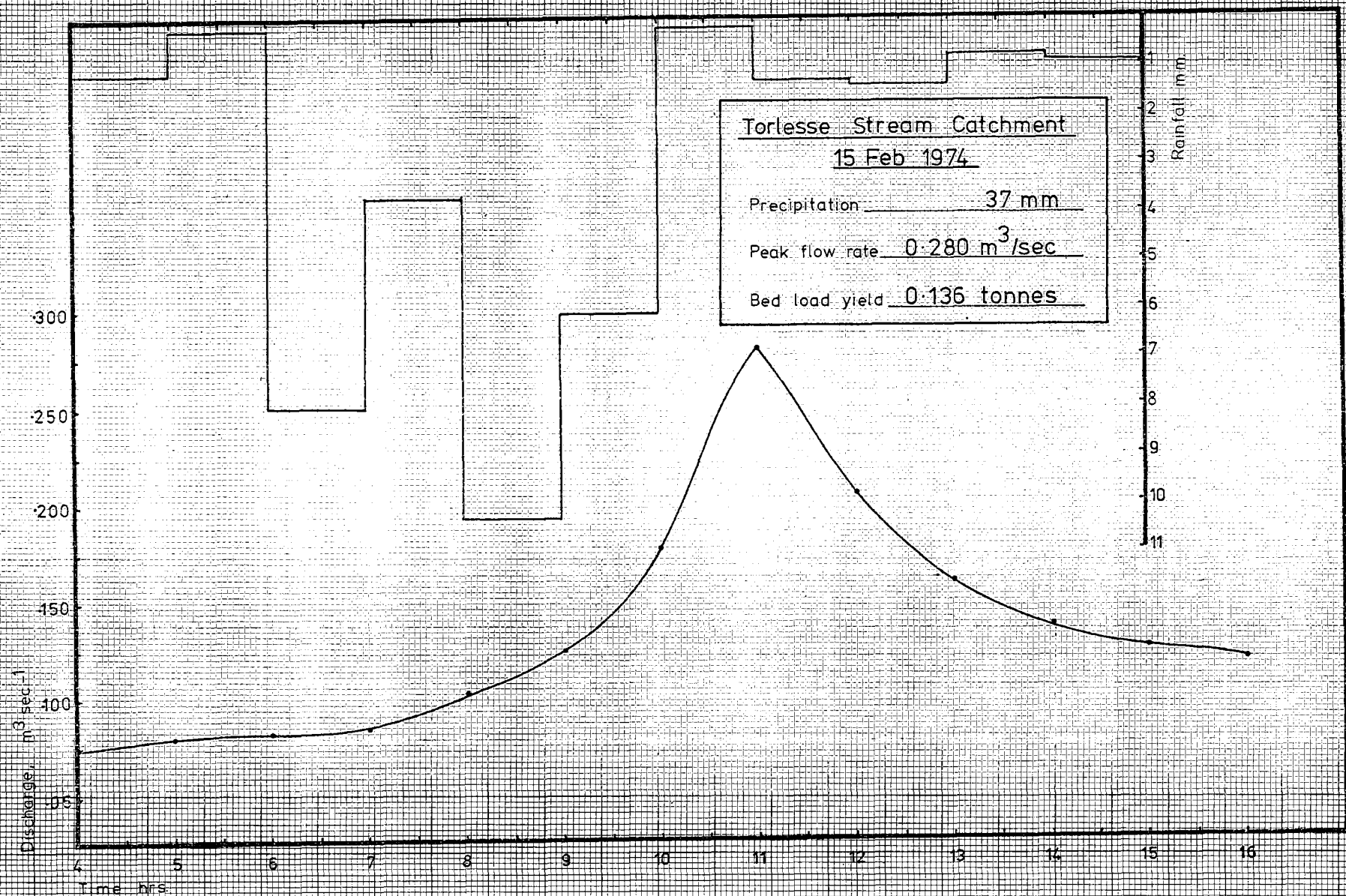
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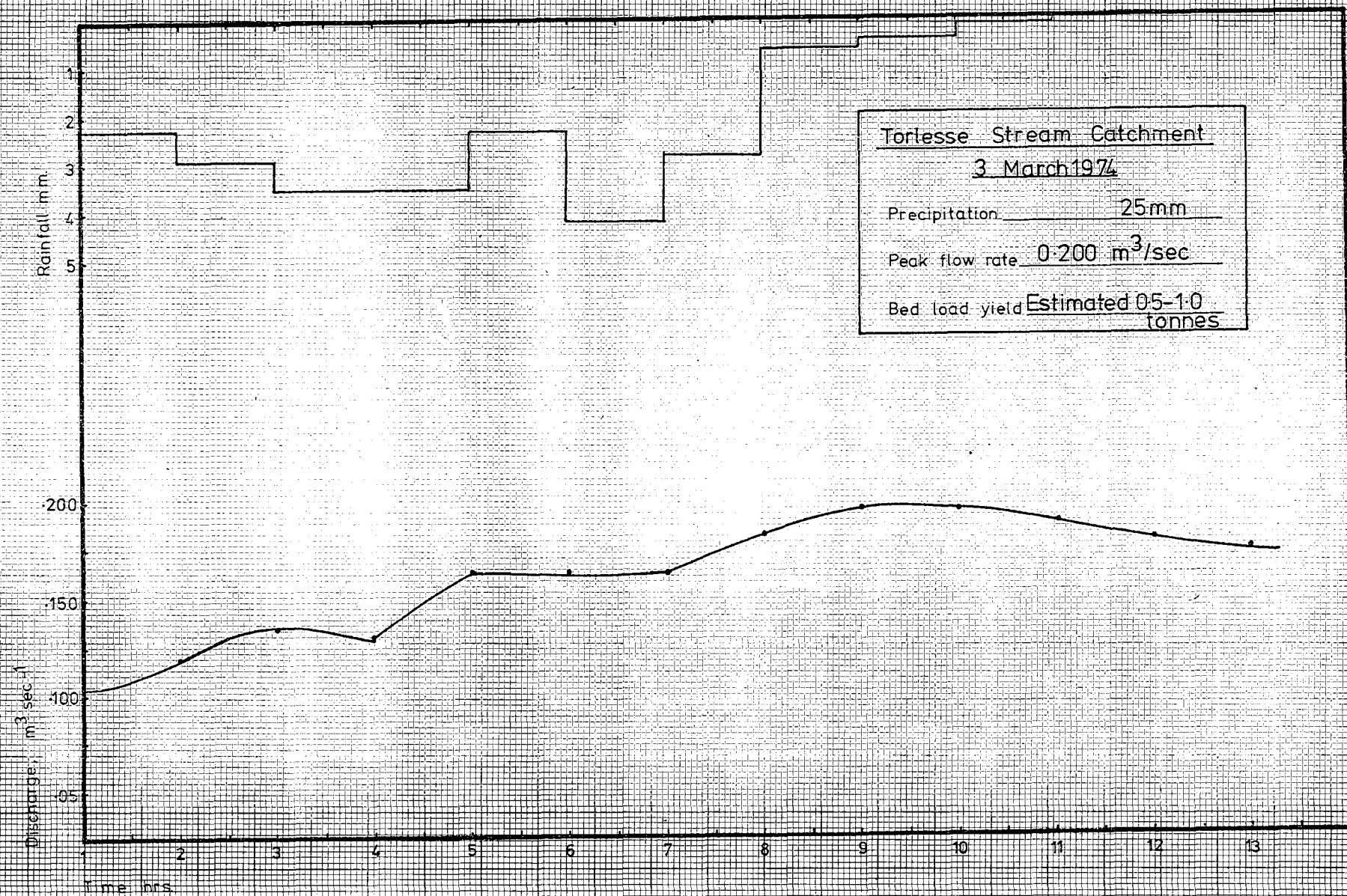
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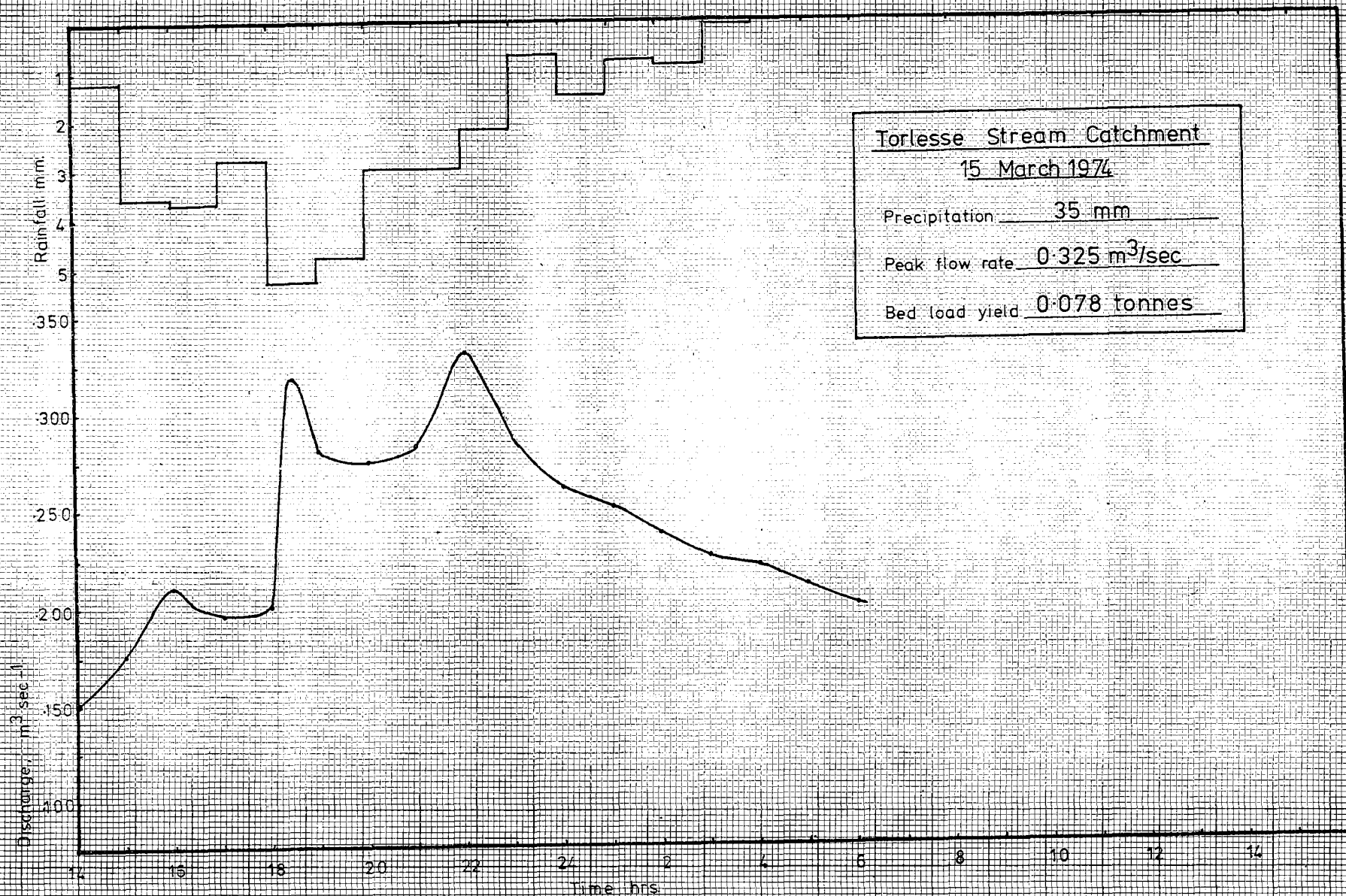
Peak flow rate 0.170 m³/sec

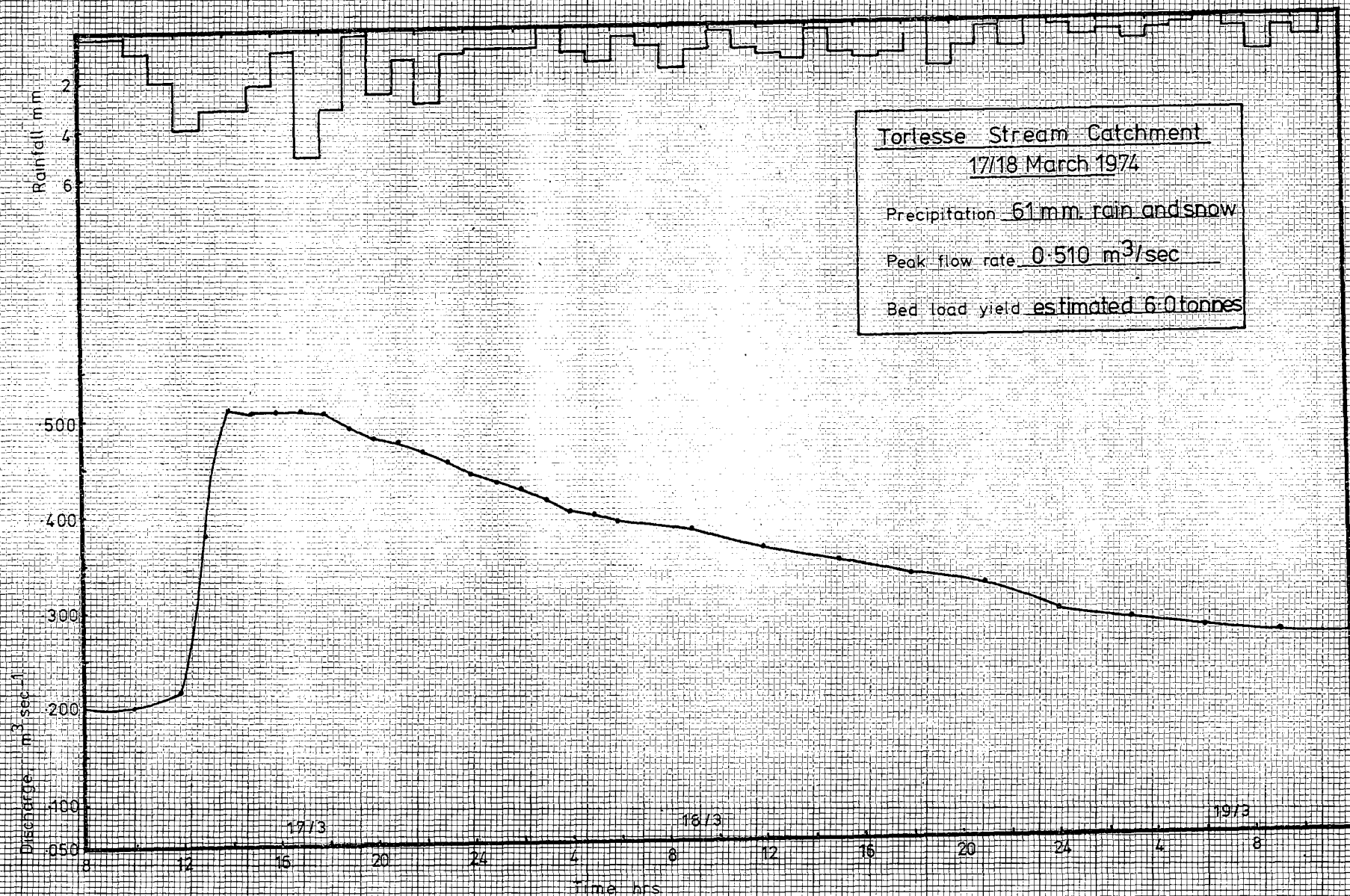
Bed load yield 0.058 tonnes

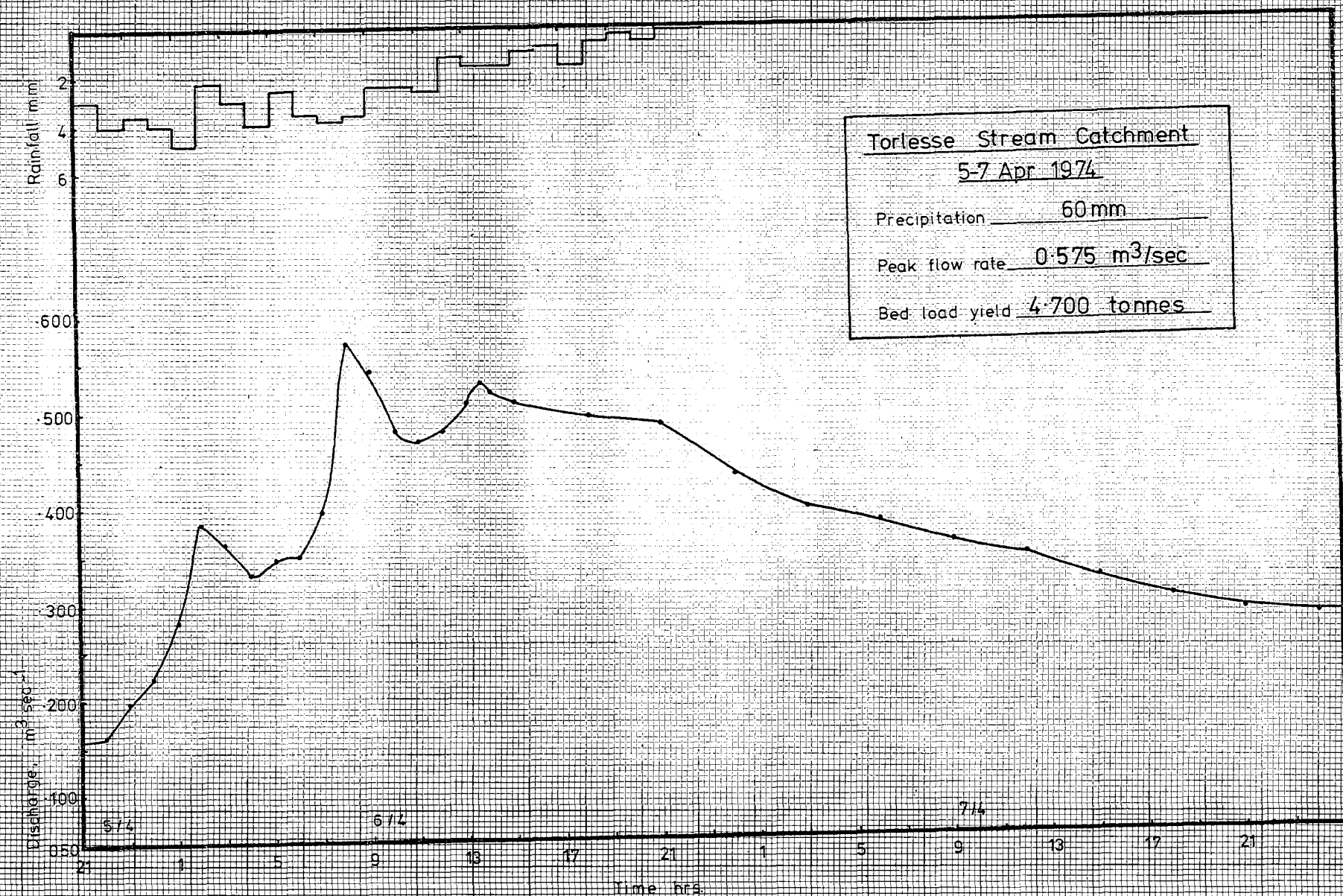


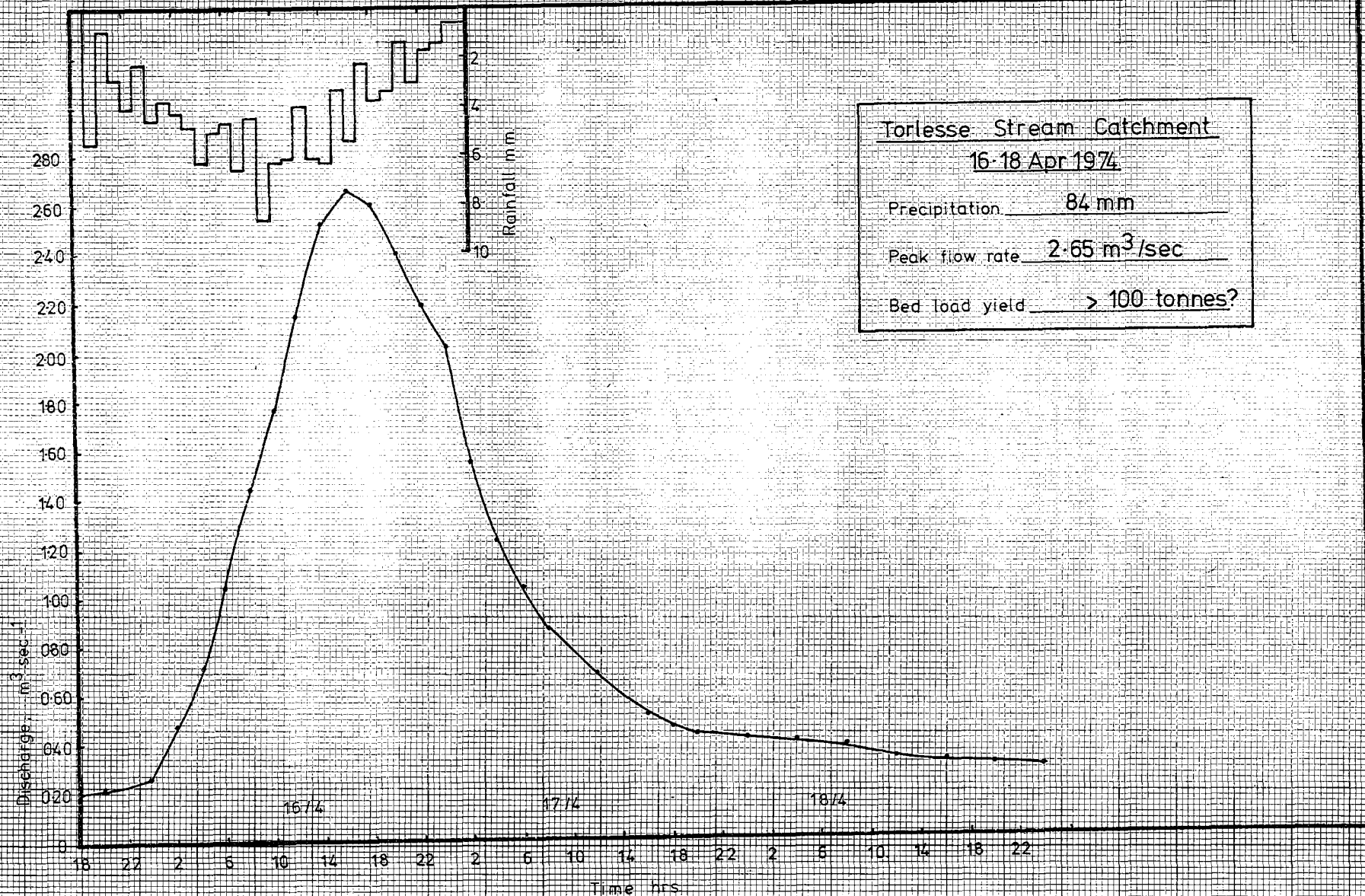


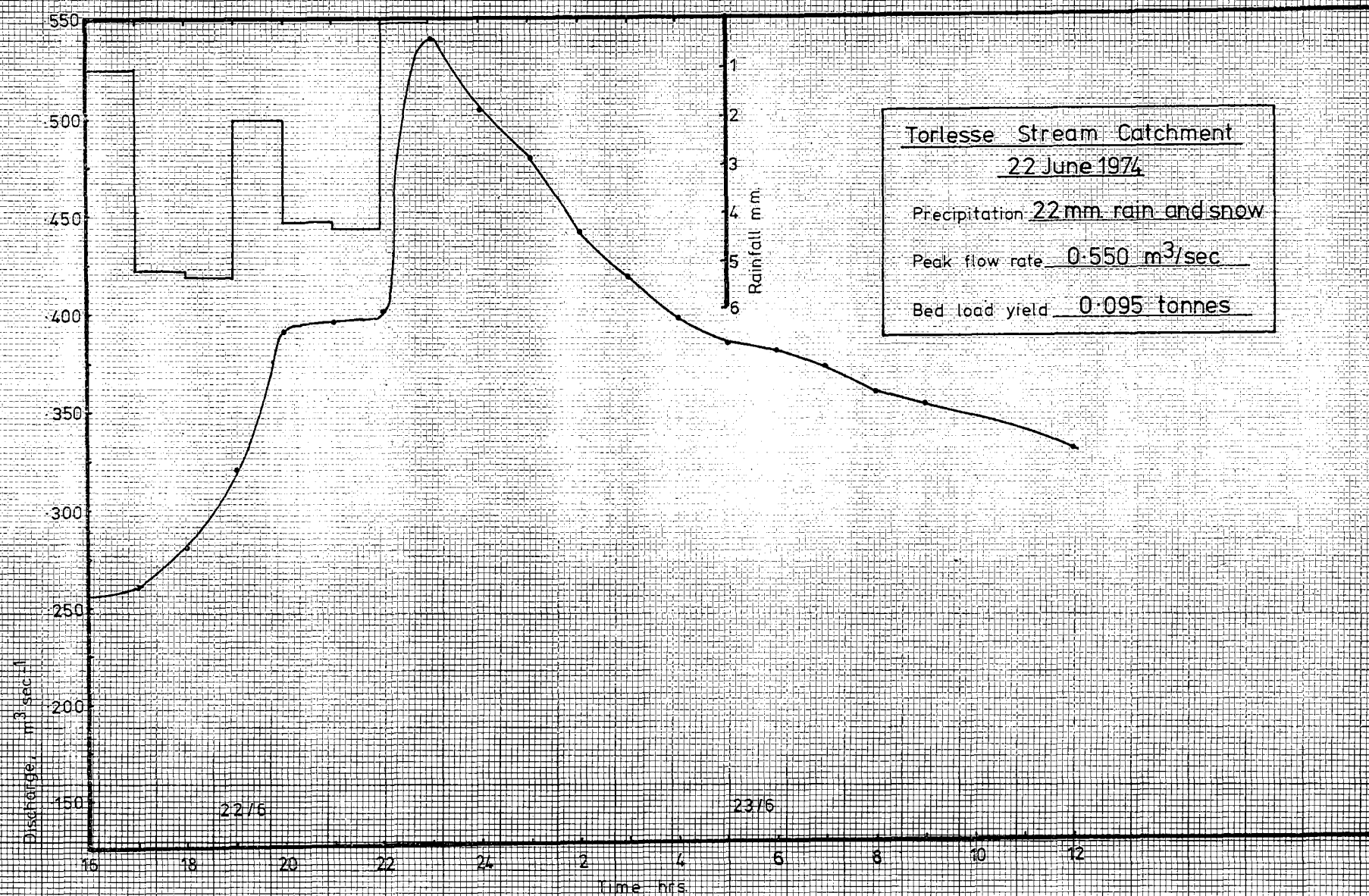


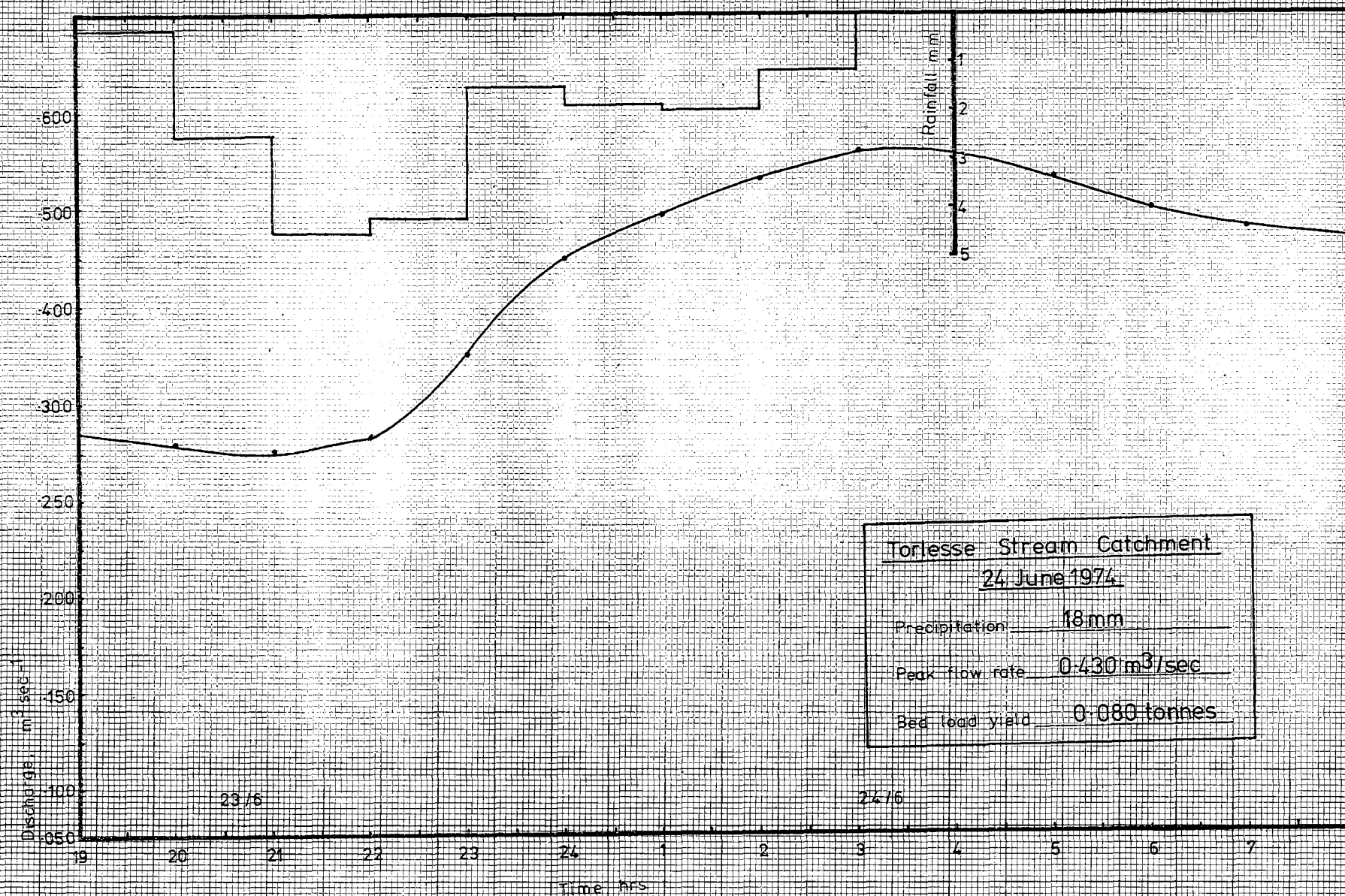


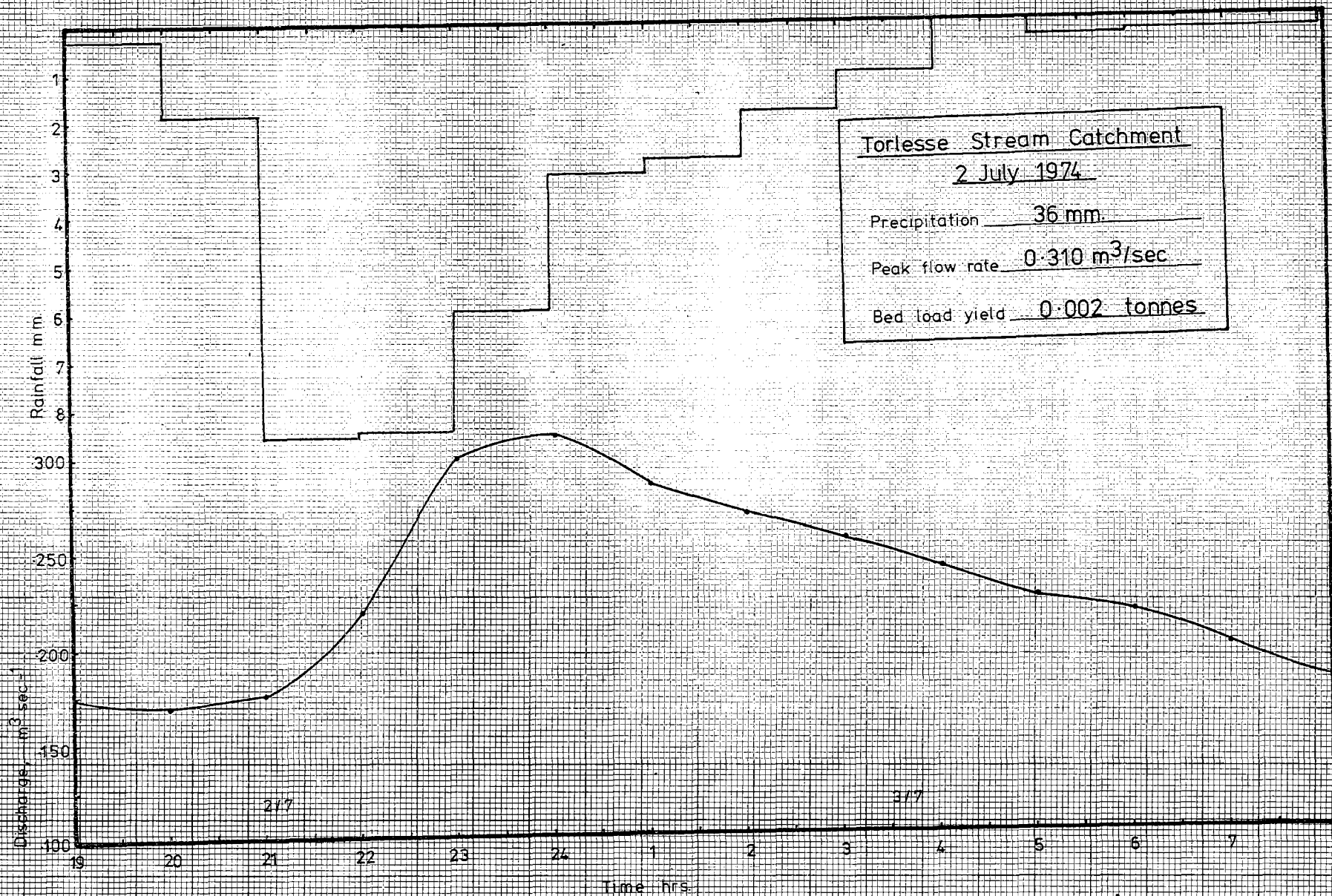


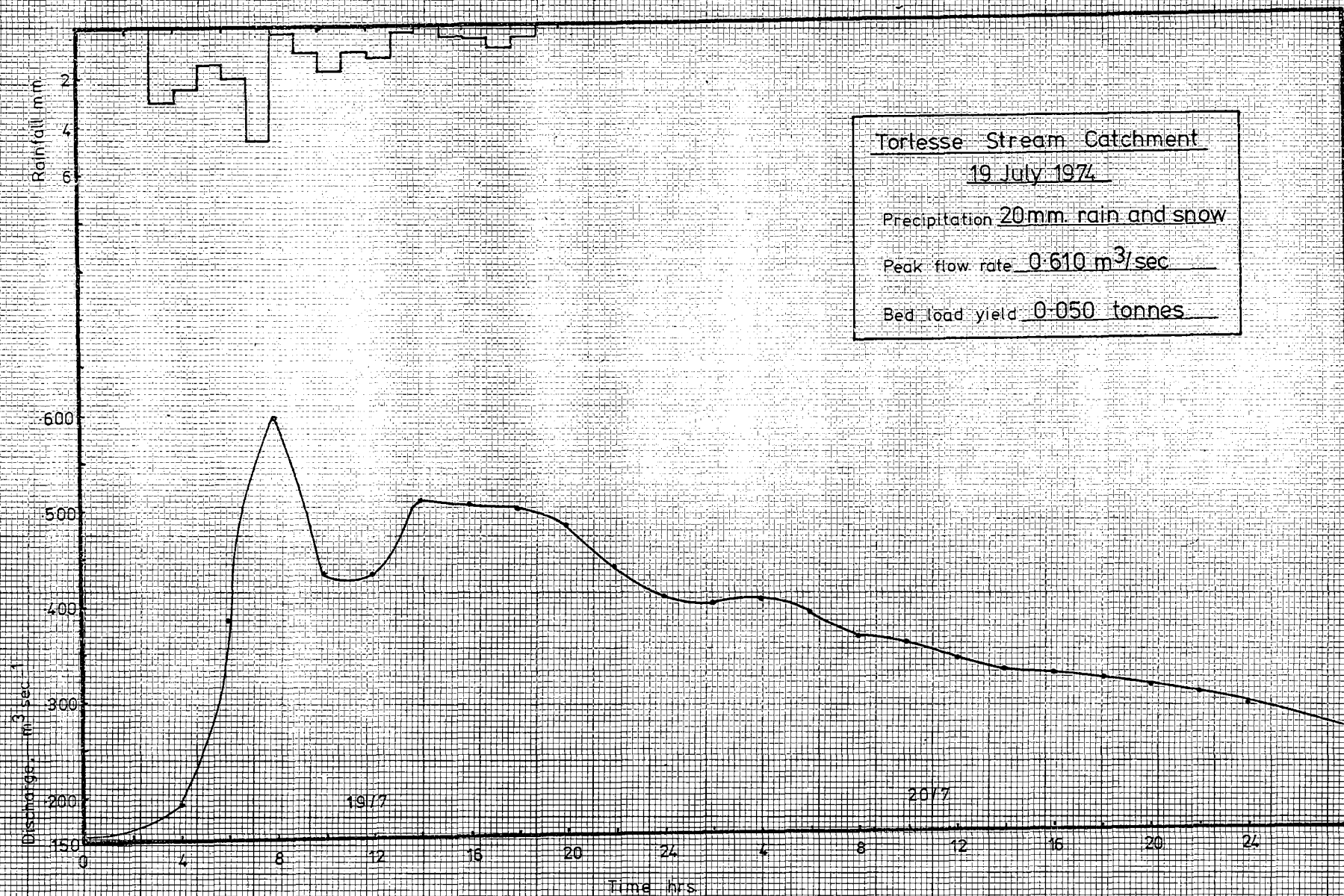












No accurate rainfall data.

Overall ppt. probably about 20 mm.

Torlesse Stream Catchment

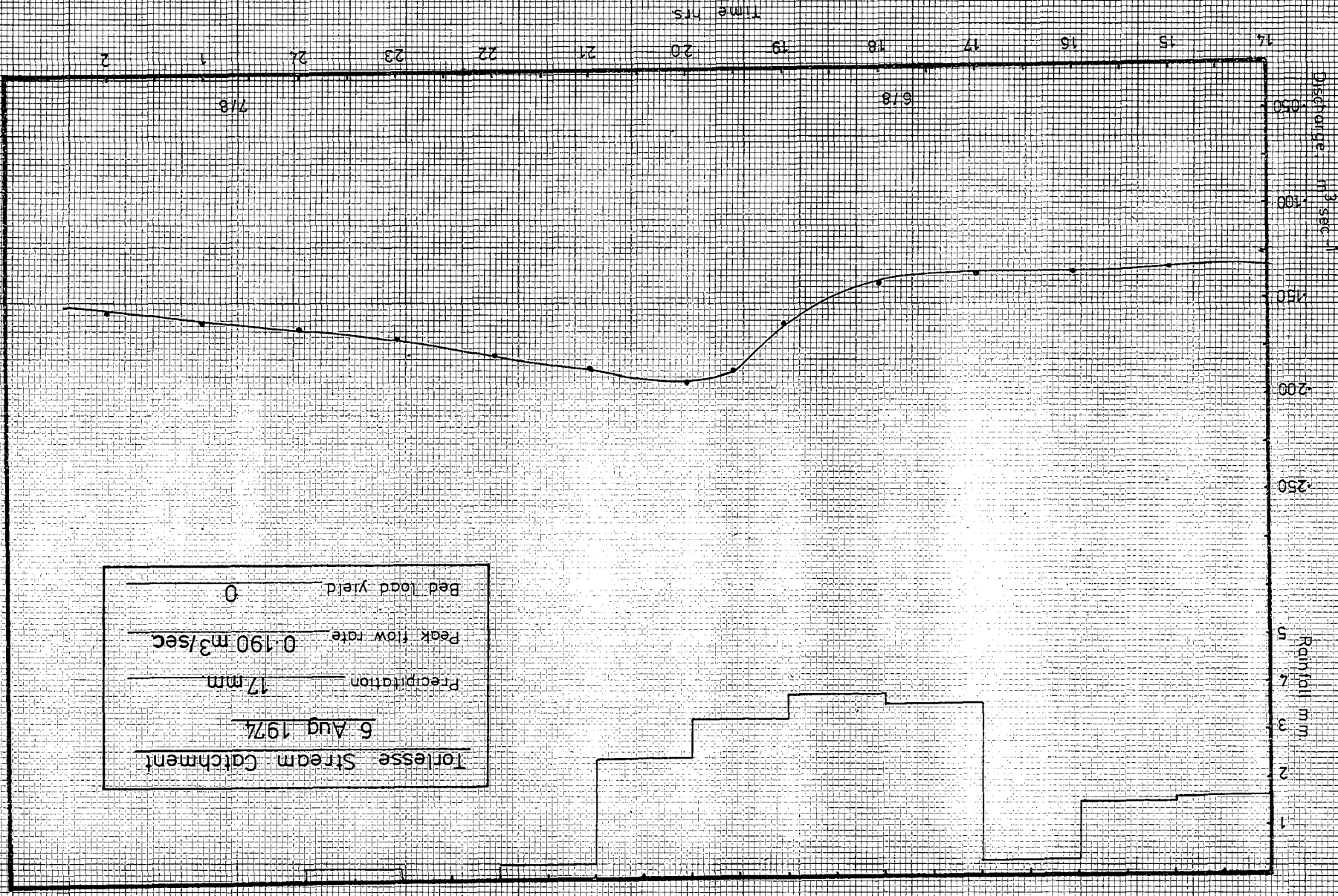
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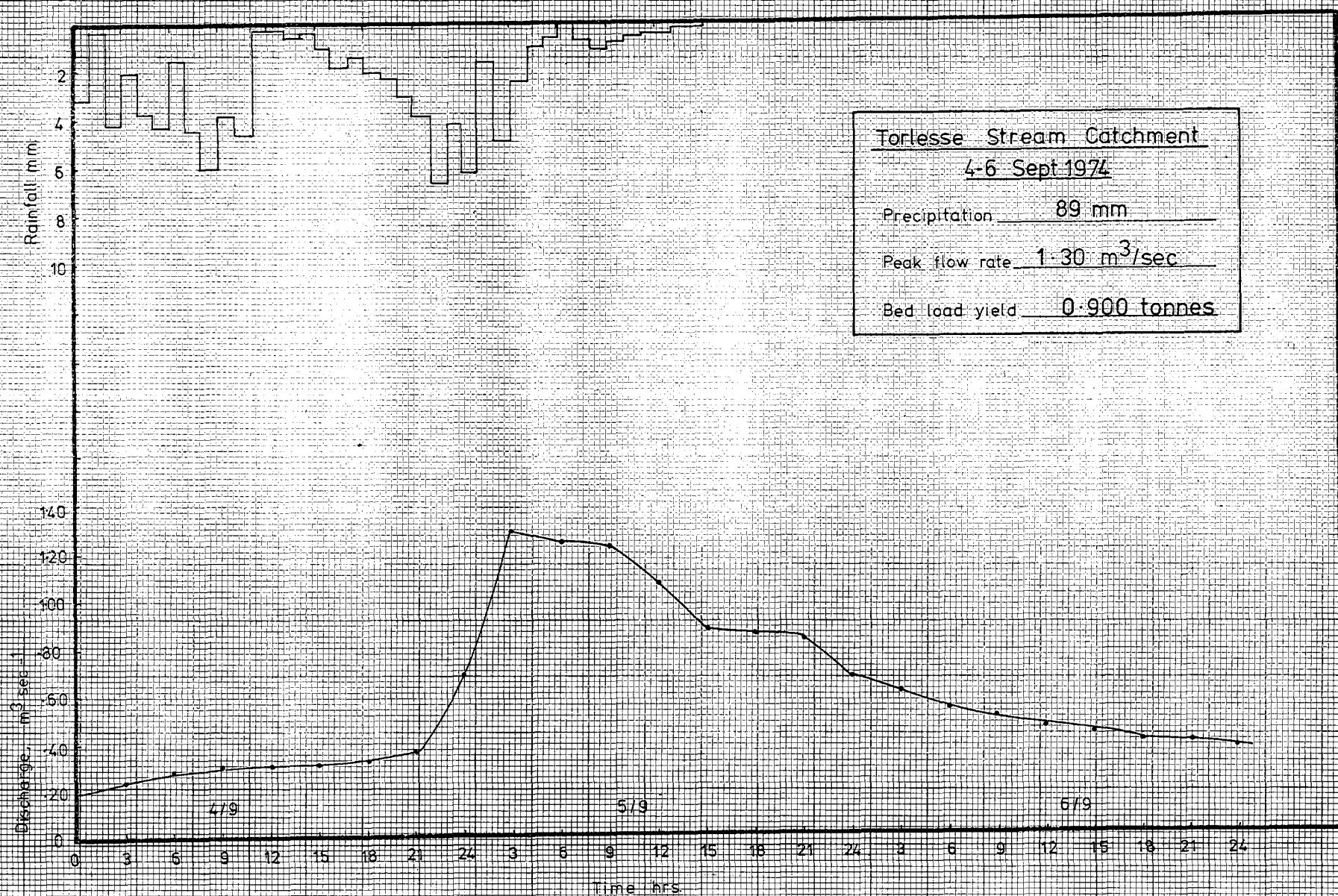
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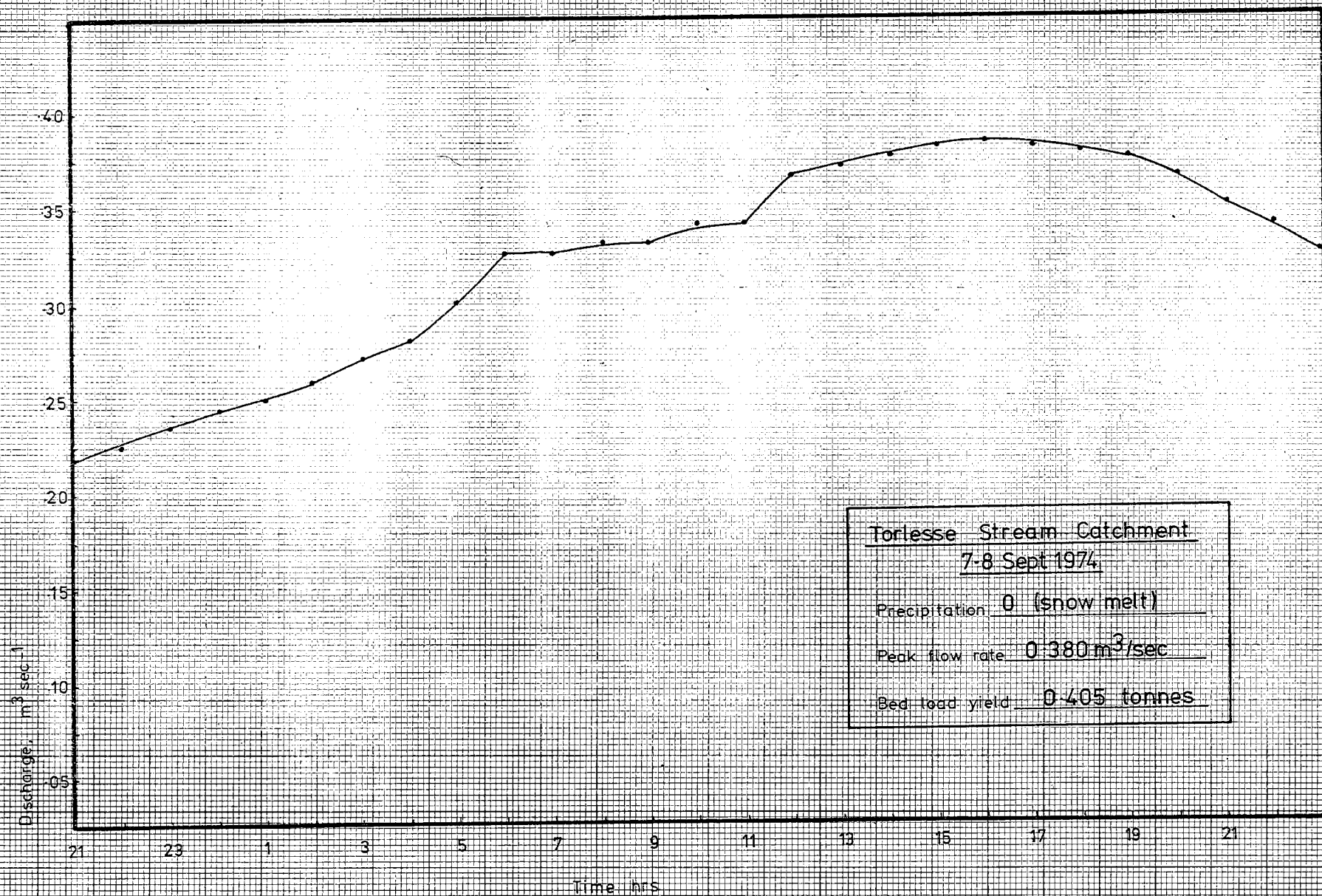
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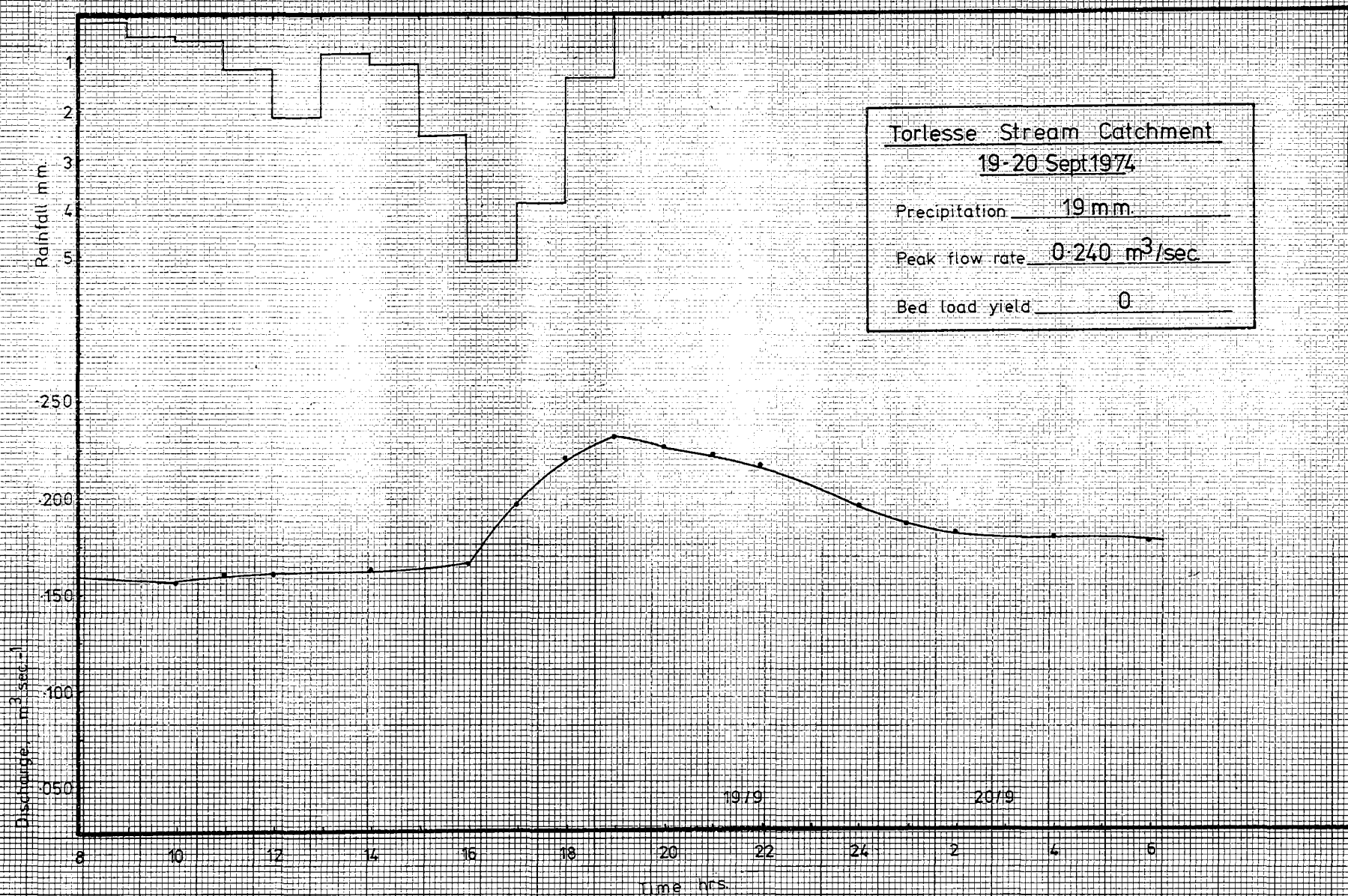
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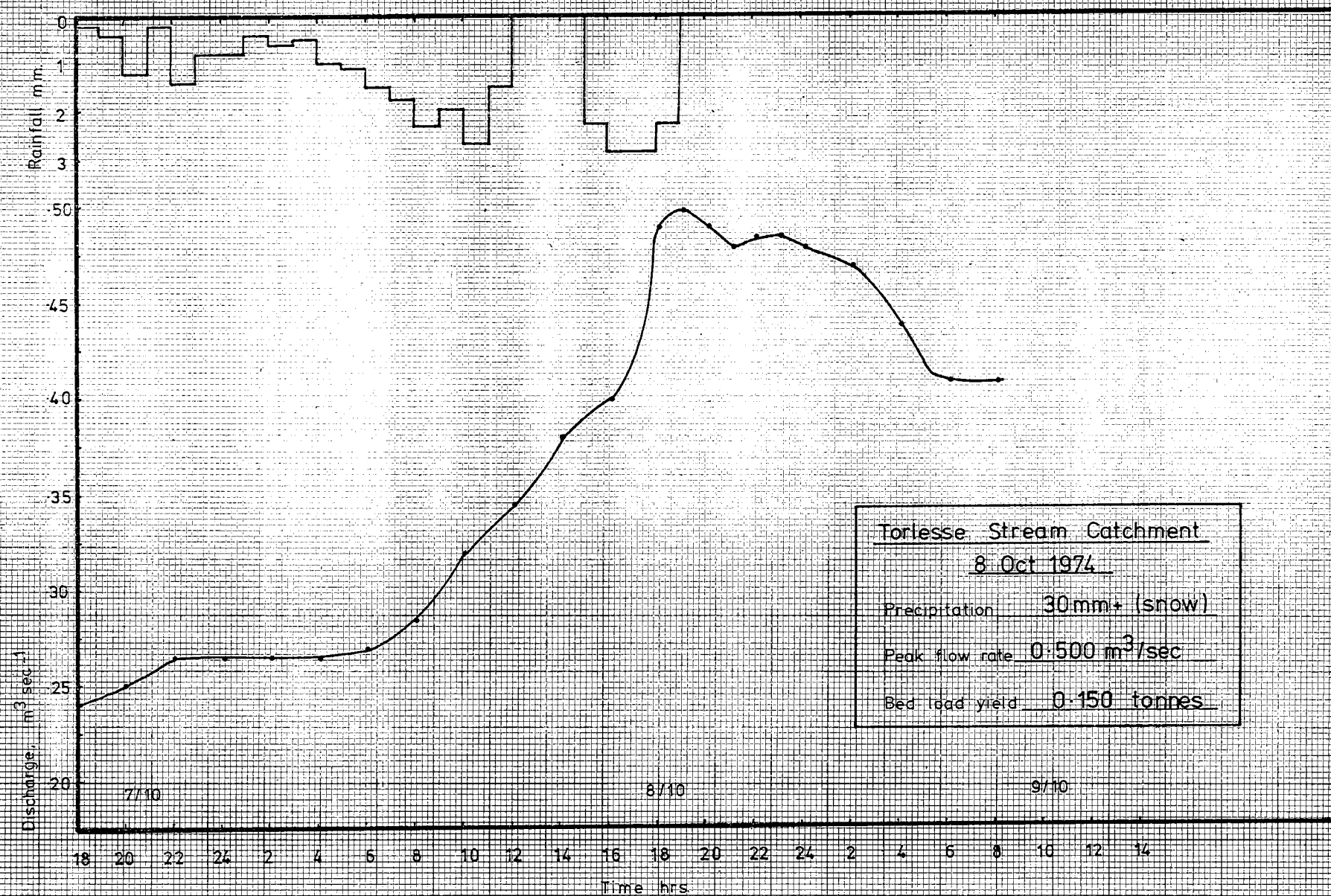


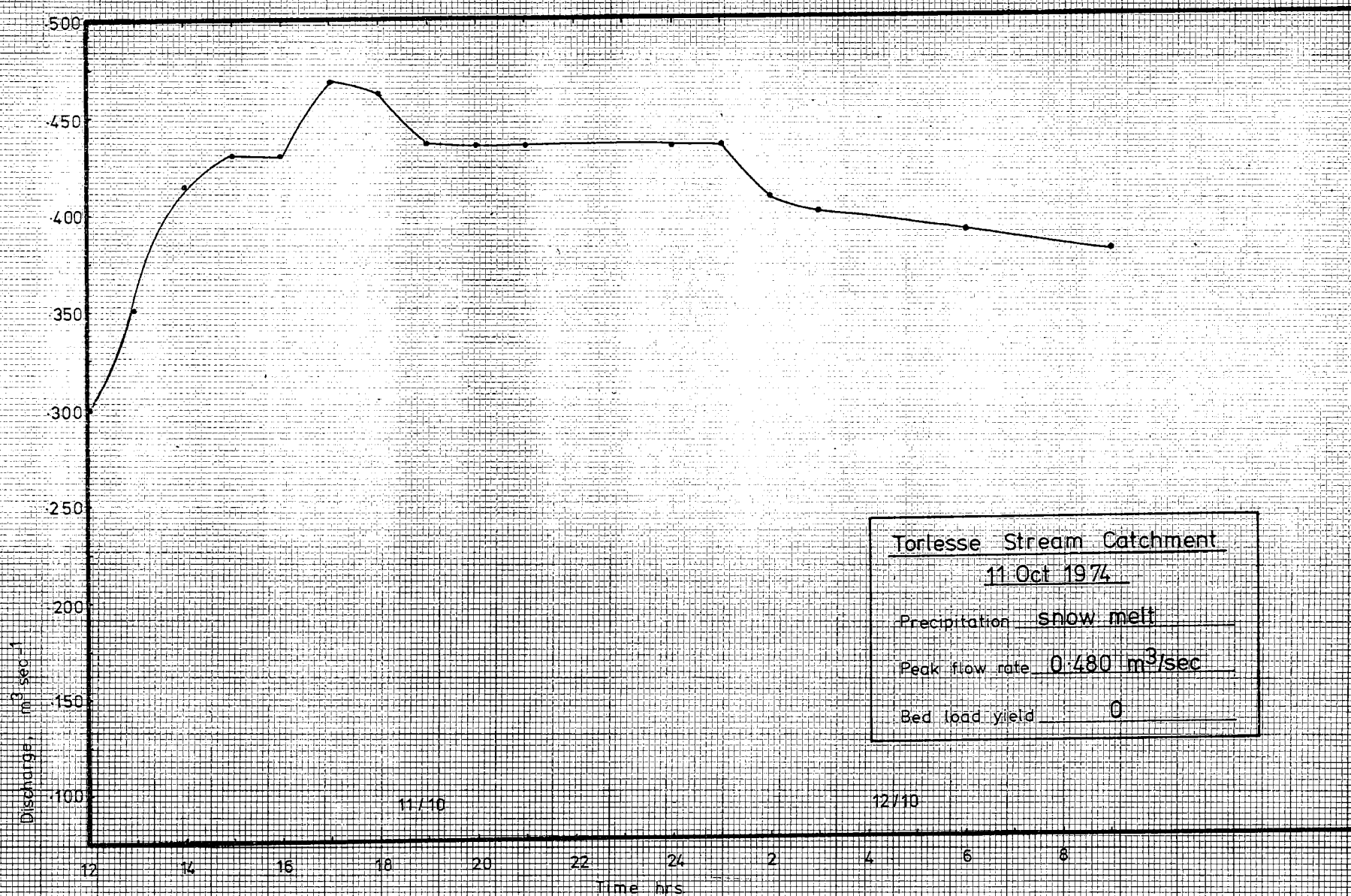


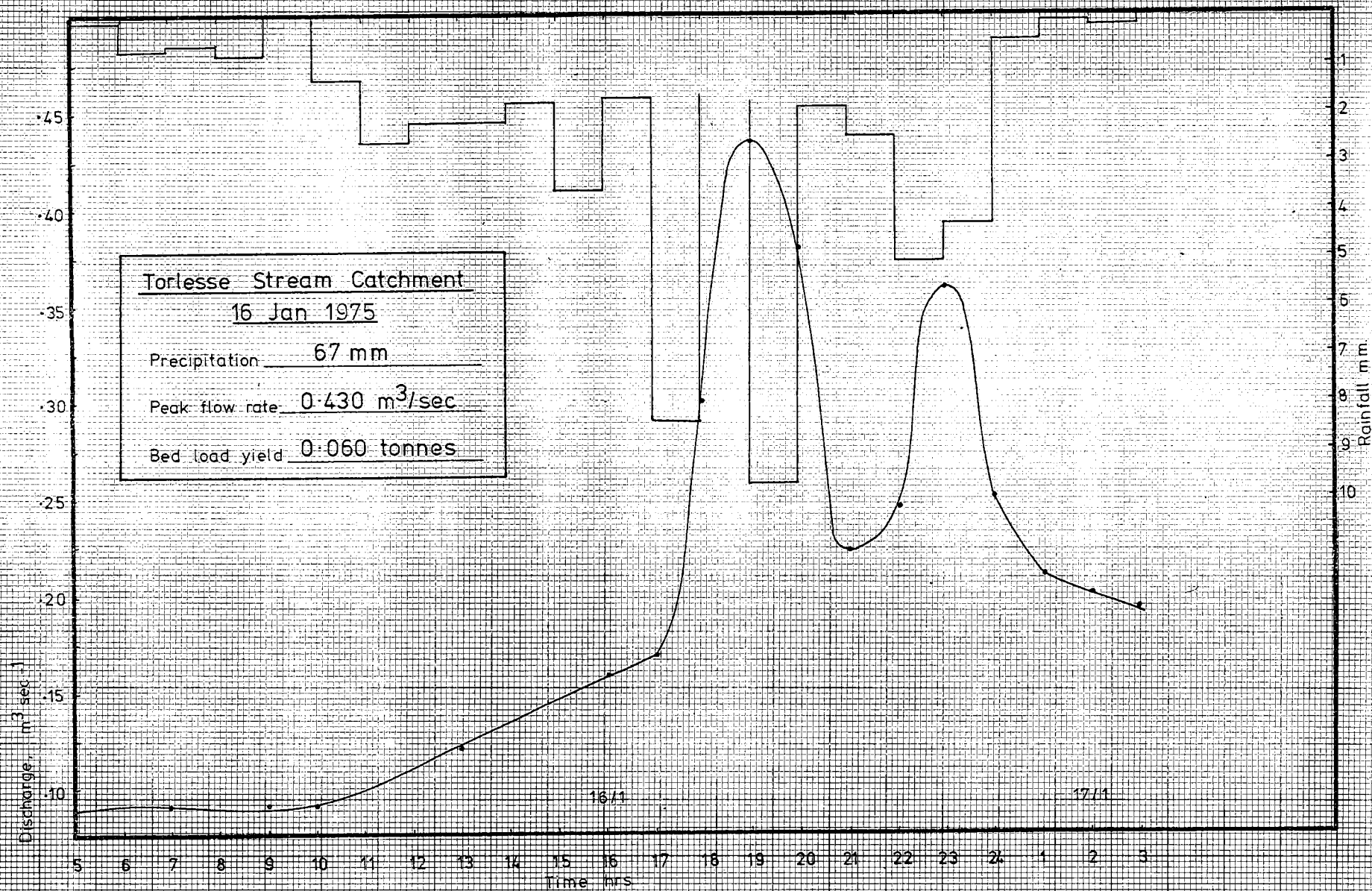










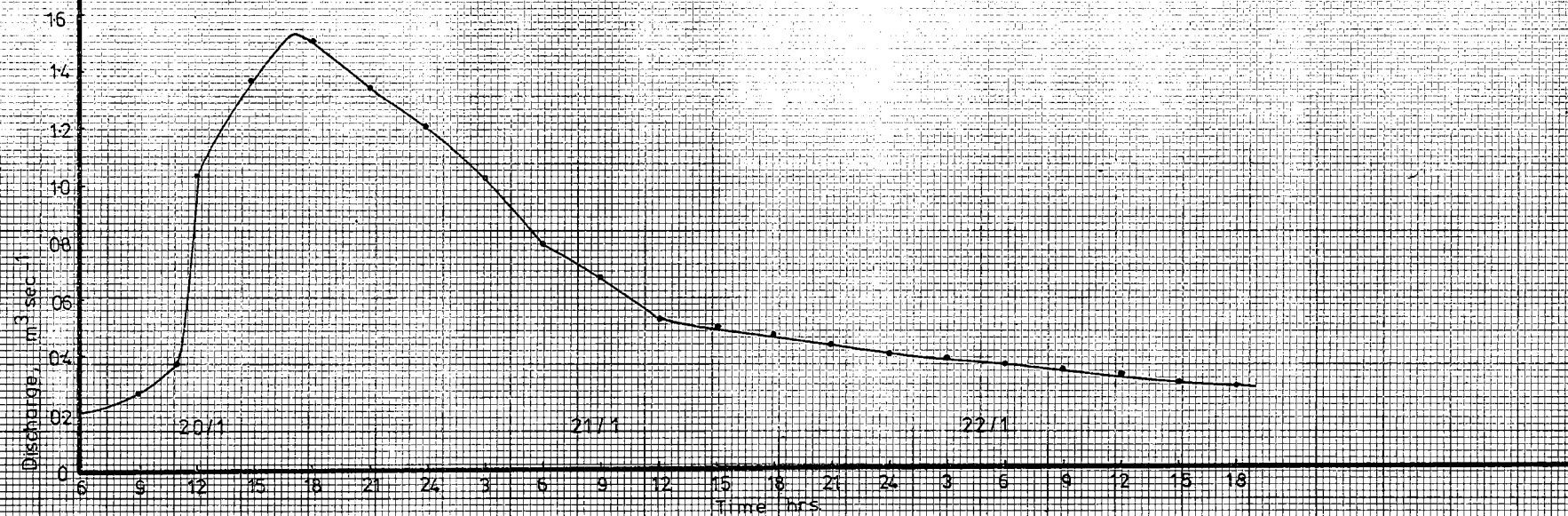


Torlesse Stream Catchment
20-21 Jan 1975

Precipitation 100 mm

Peak flow rate 1.50 m³/sec

Bed load yield approx 5.0 tonnes



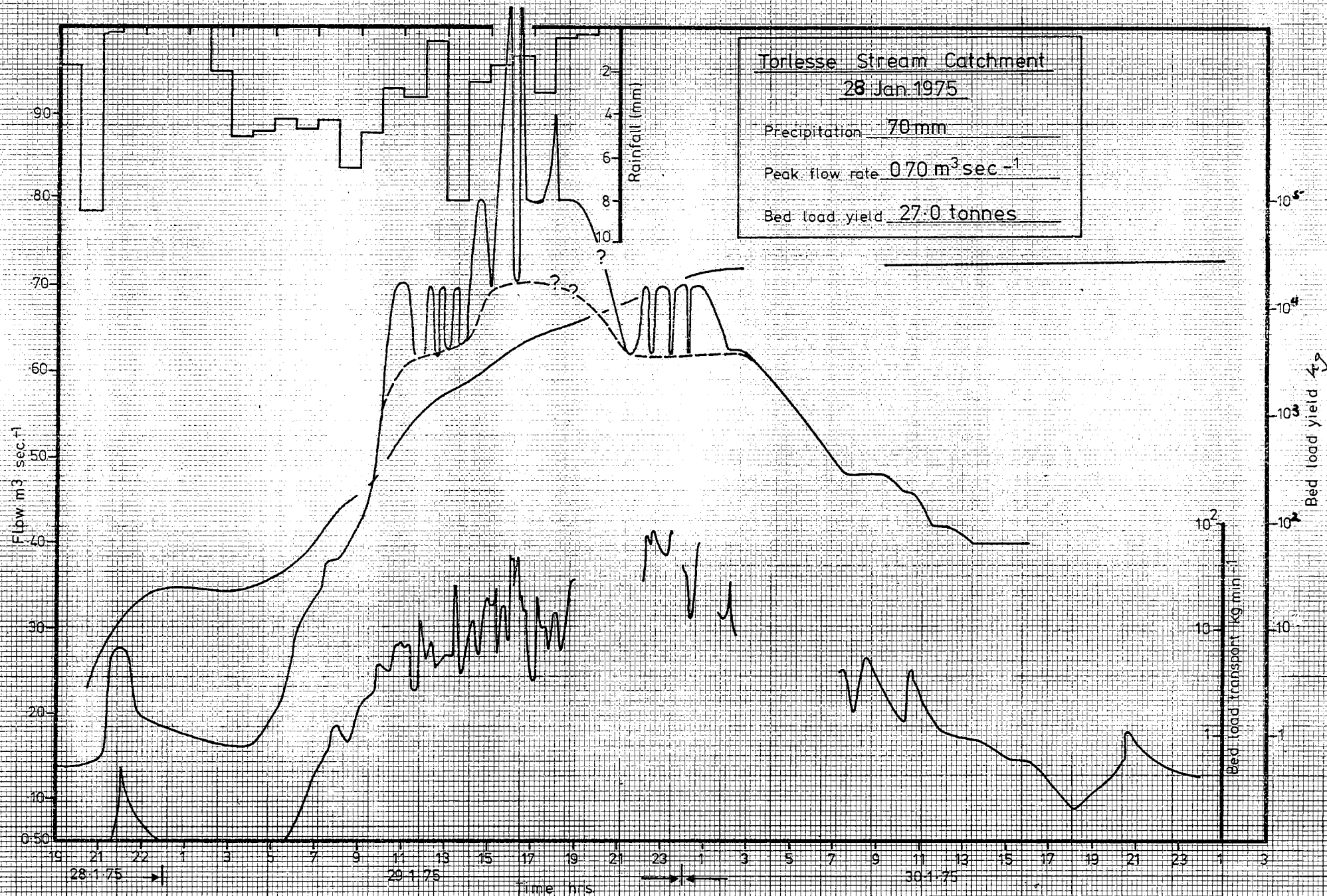
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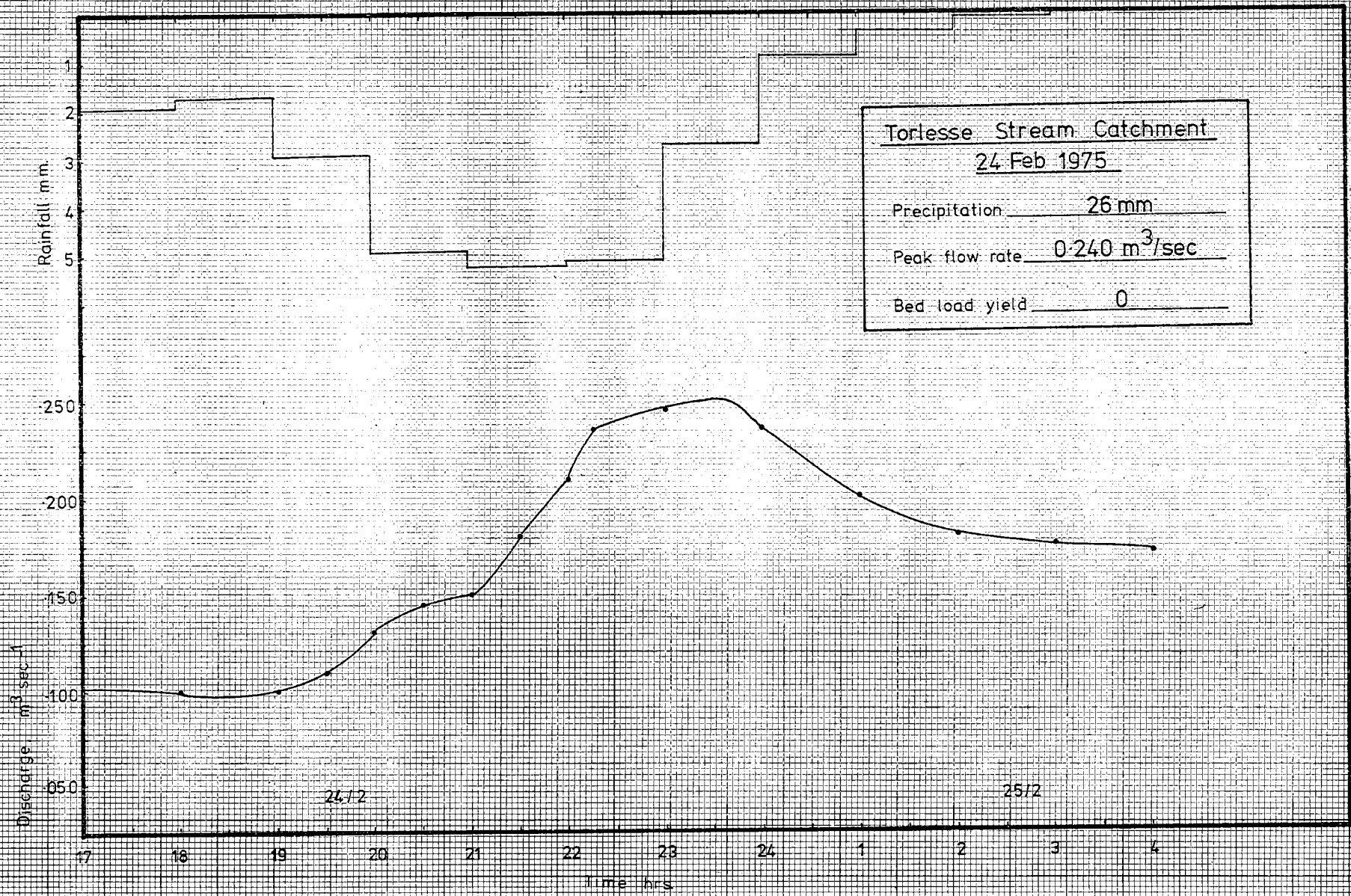
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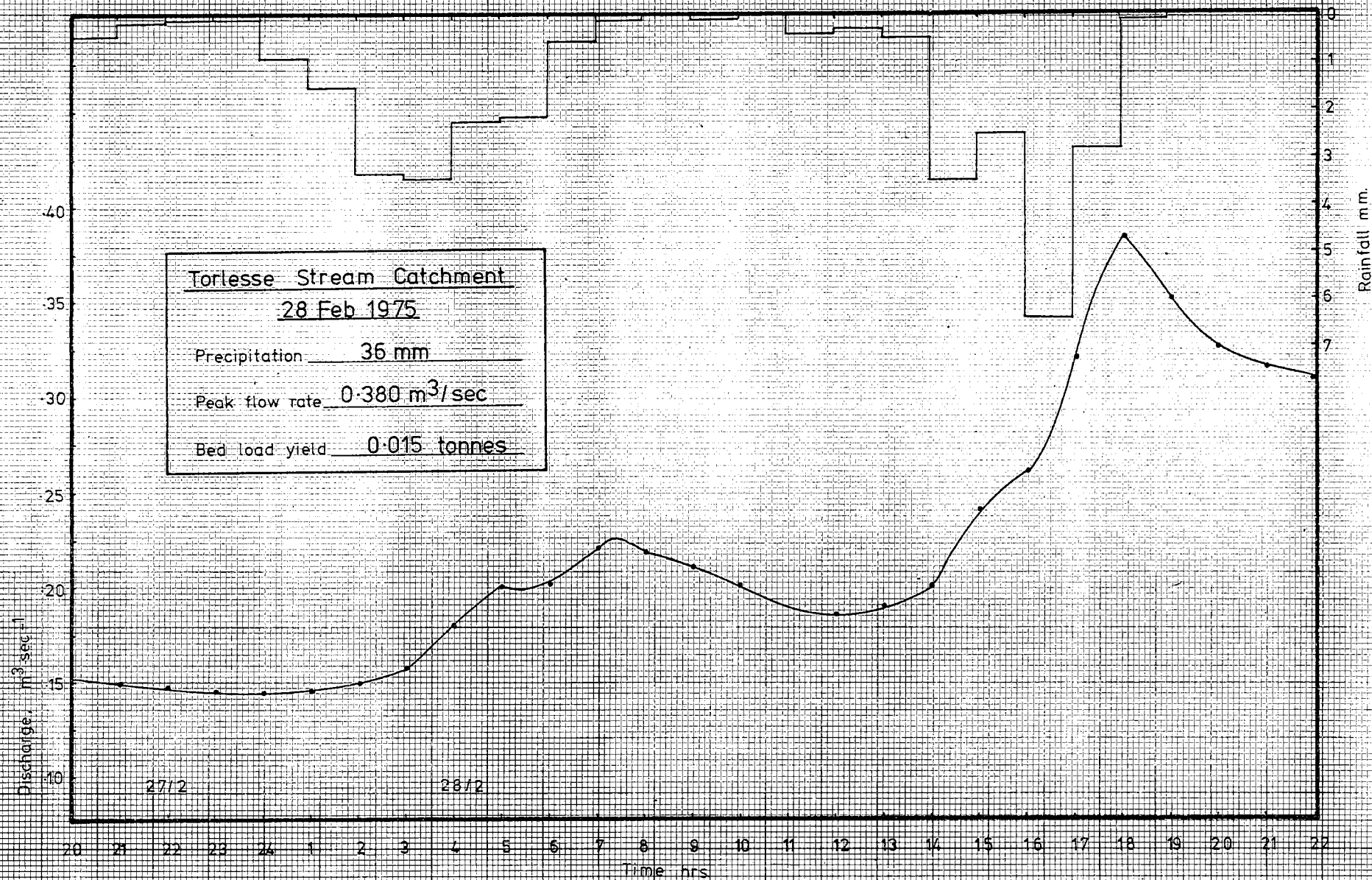
Precipitation 70mm

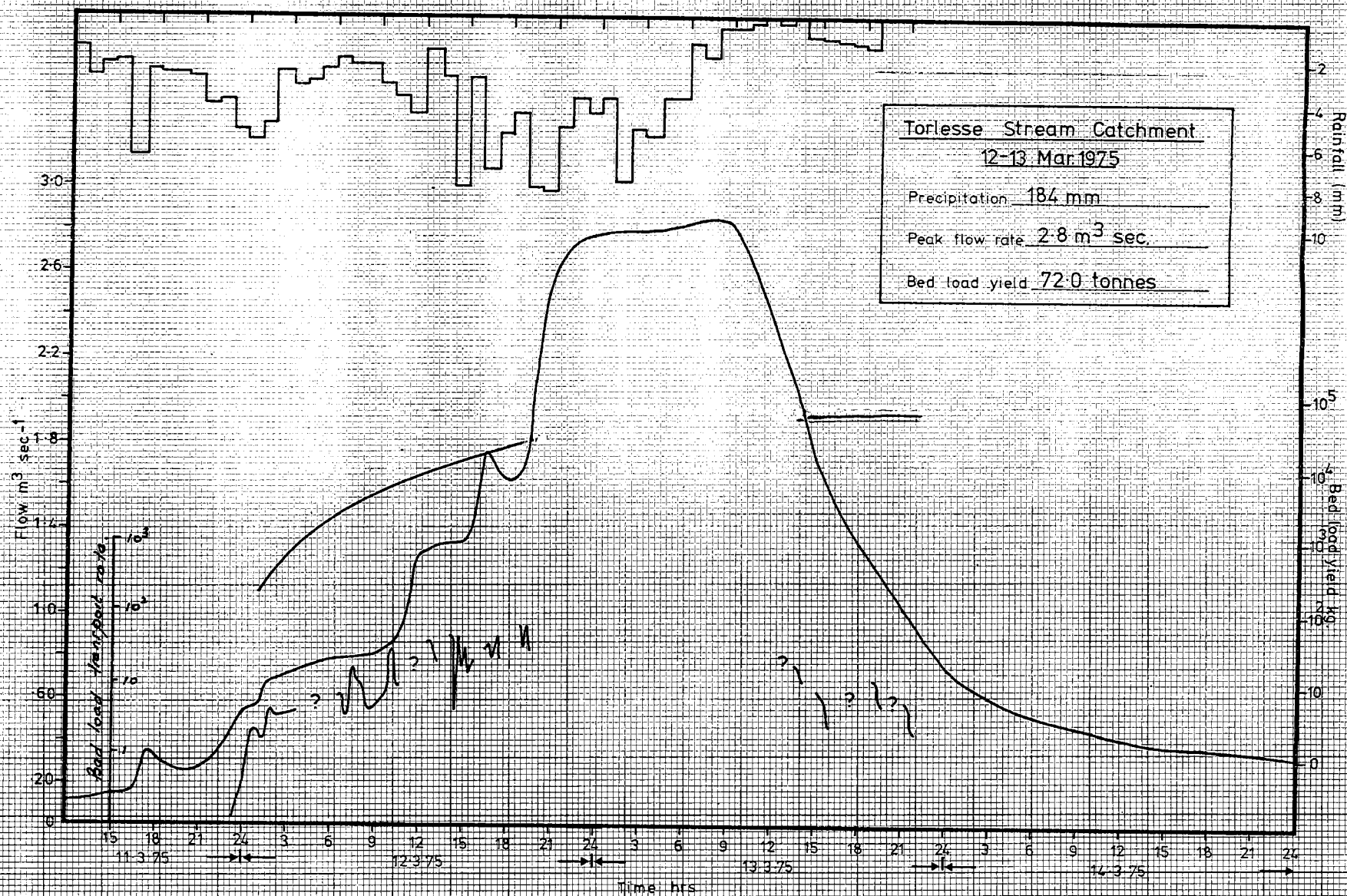
Peak flow rate $0.70 \text{ m}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

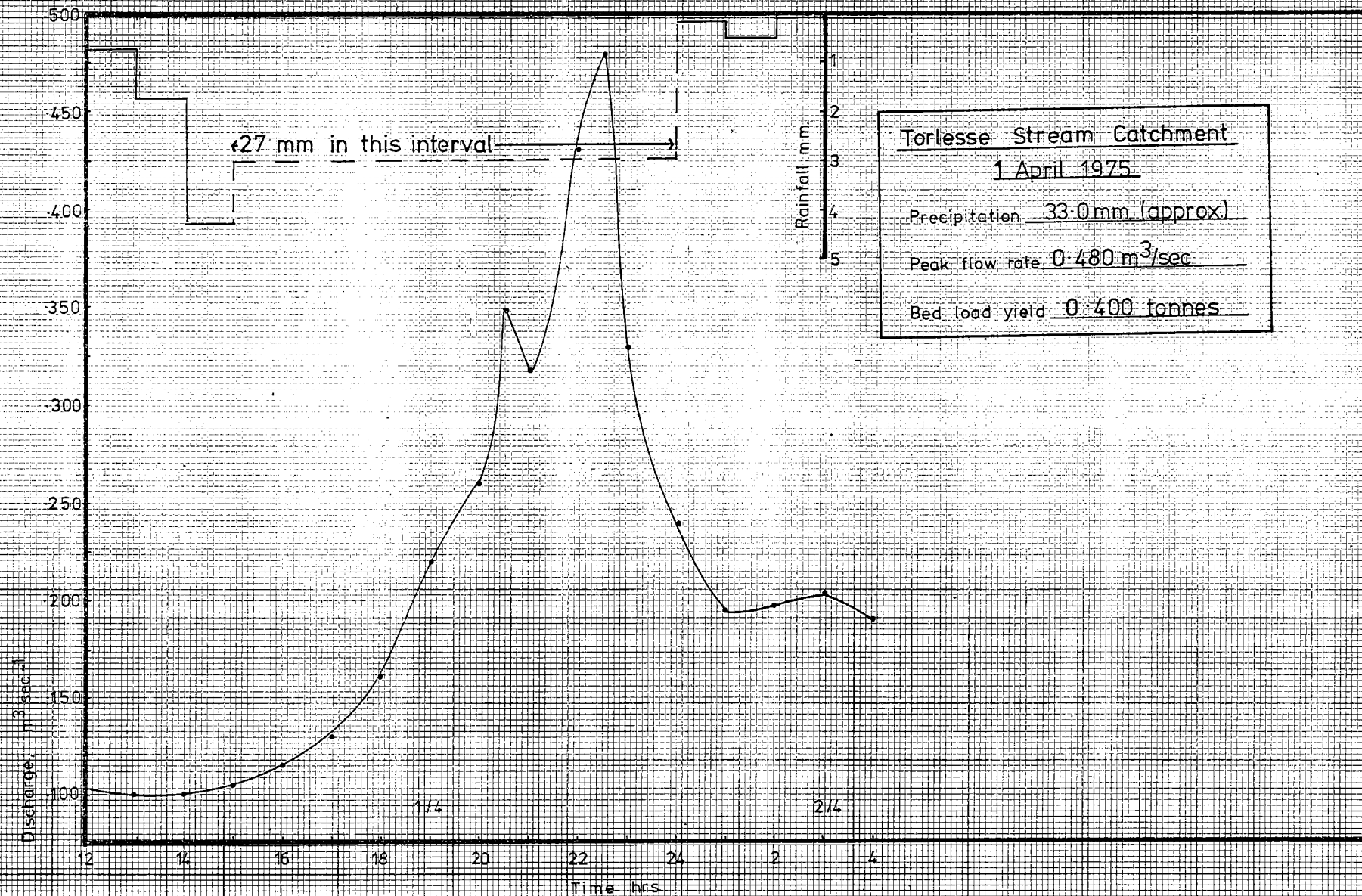
Bed load yield 27.0 tonnes

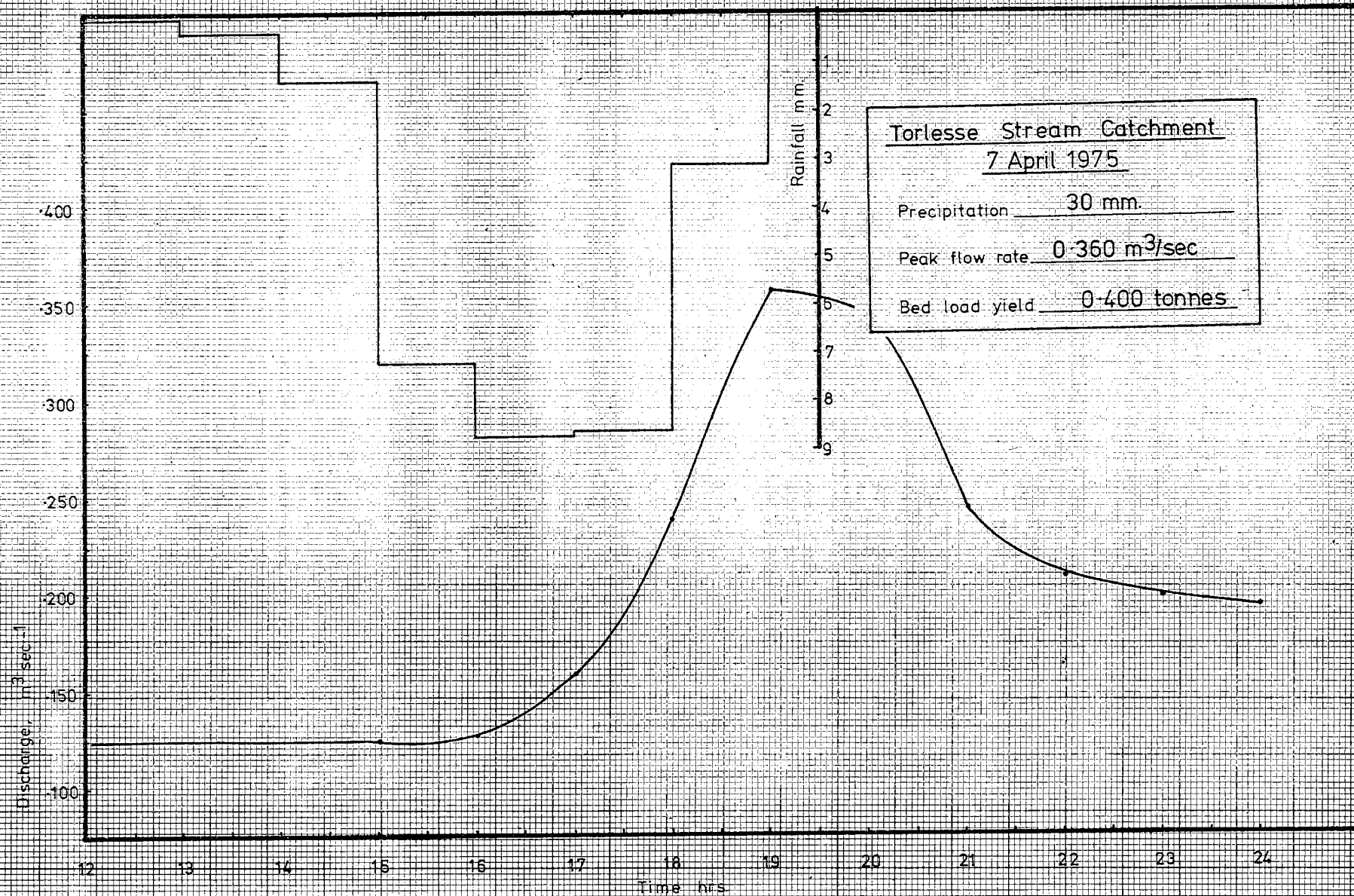










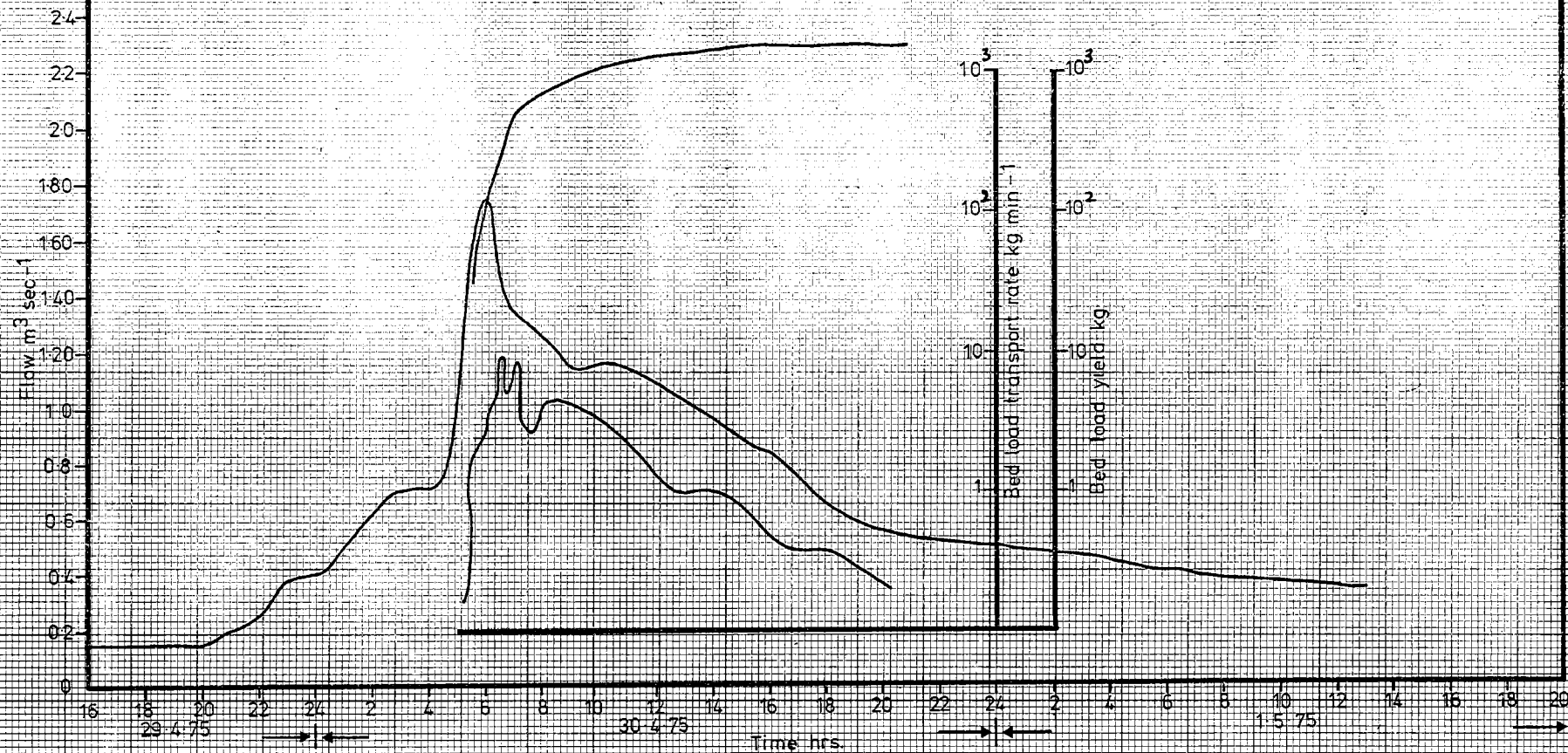


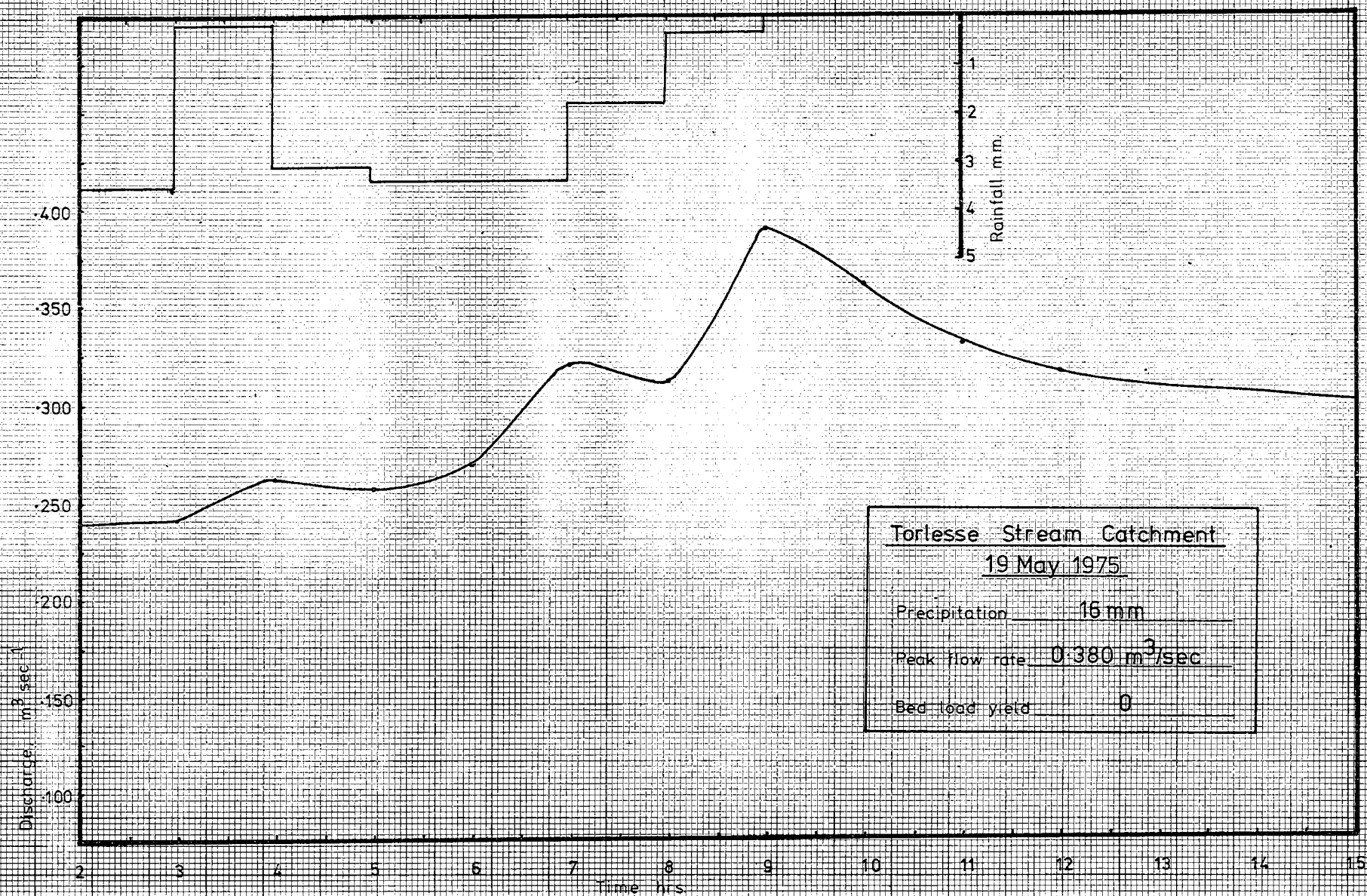
Torlesse Stream Catchment
30 April 1975

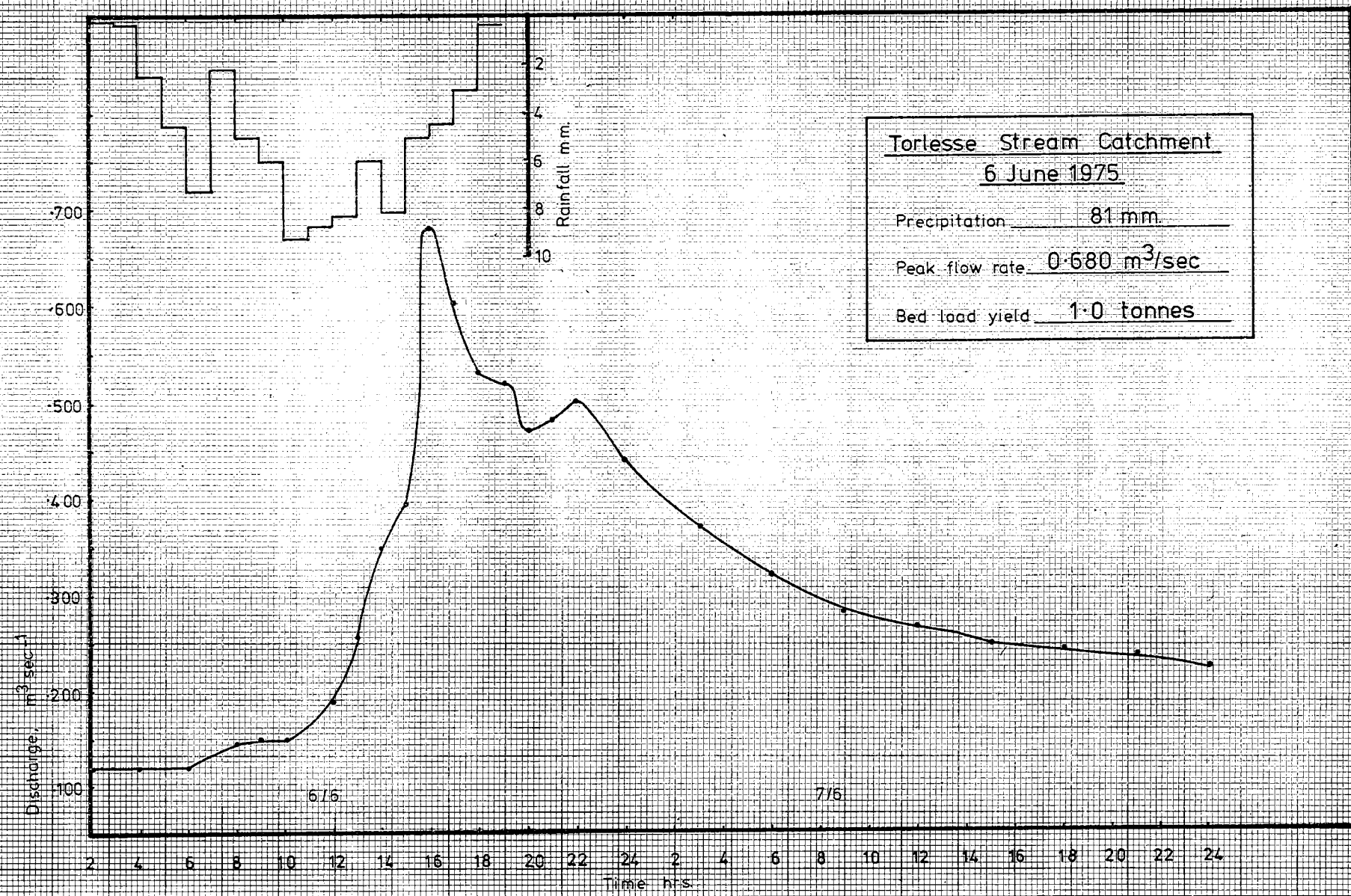
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Peak flow rate 1.75 m³/sec

Bed load yield 1.57 tonnes

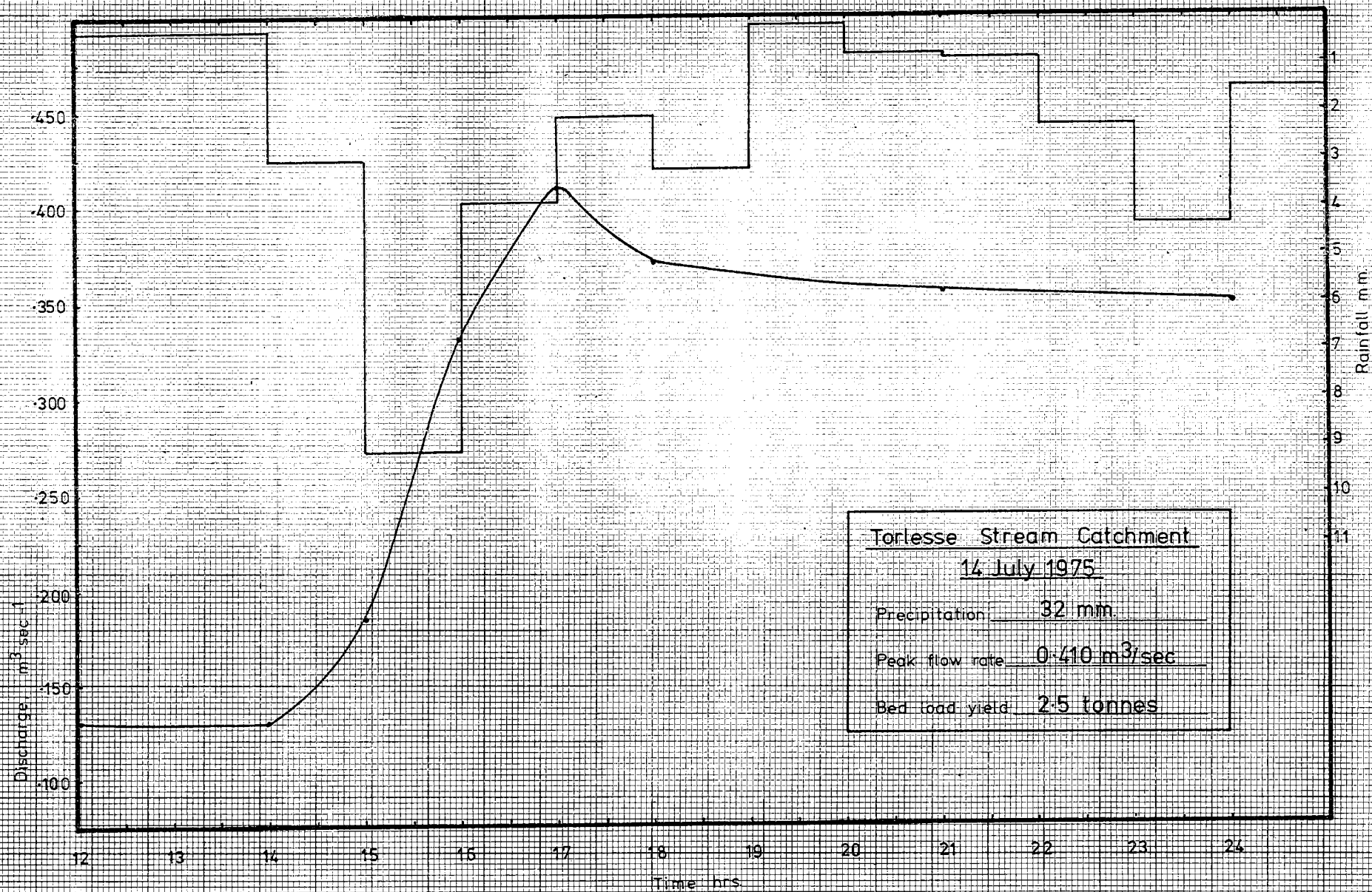


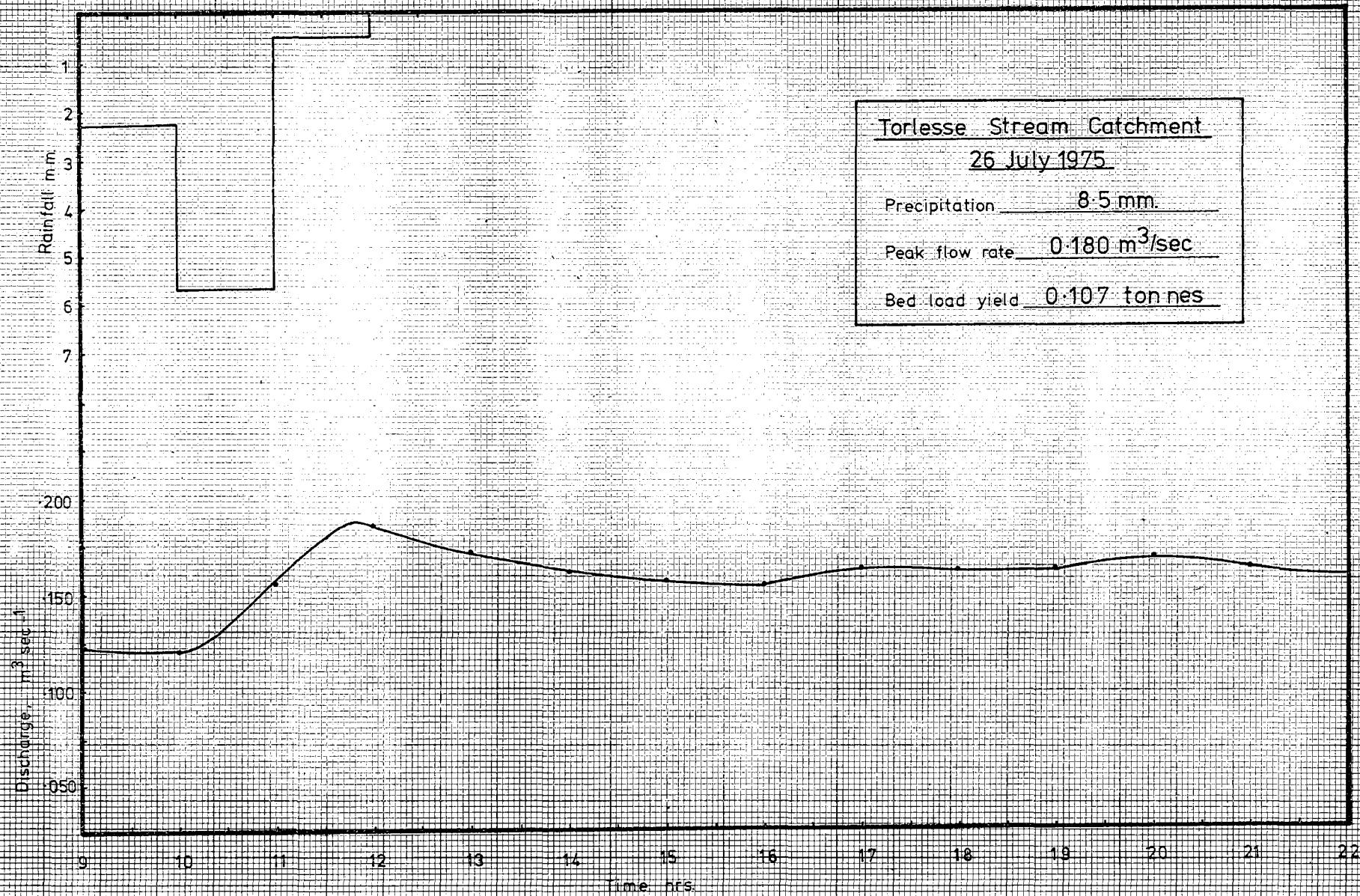




Torlesse Stream Catchment
6 June 1975

Precipitation 81 mm.
Peak flow rate 0.680 m^3/sec
Bed load yield 1.0 tonnes





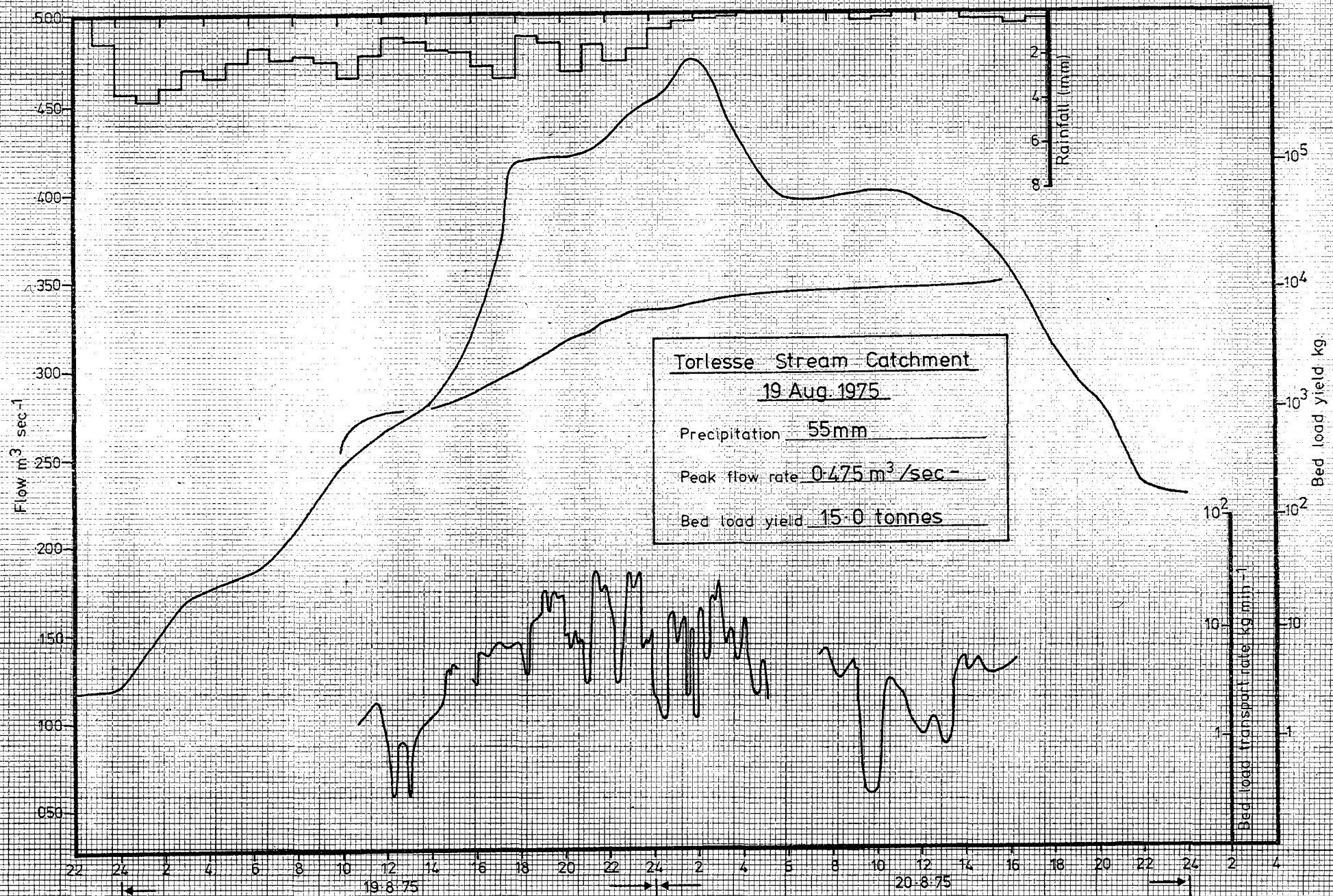
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1 Aug 1975

Precipitation 41 mm (rain and snow
melt)

Peak flow rate 0.500 m³/sec (approx)

Bed load yield 3.0 tonnes (estimated)



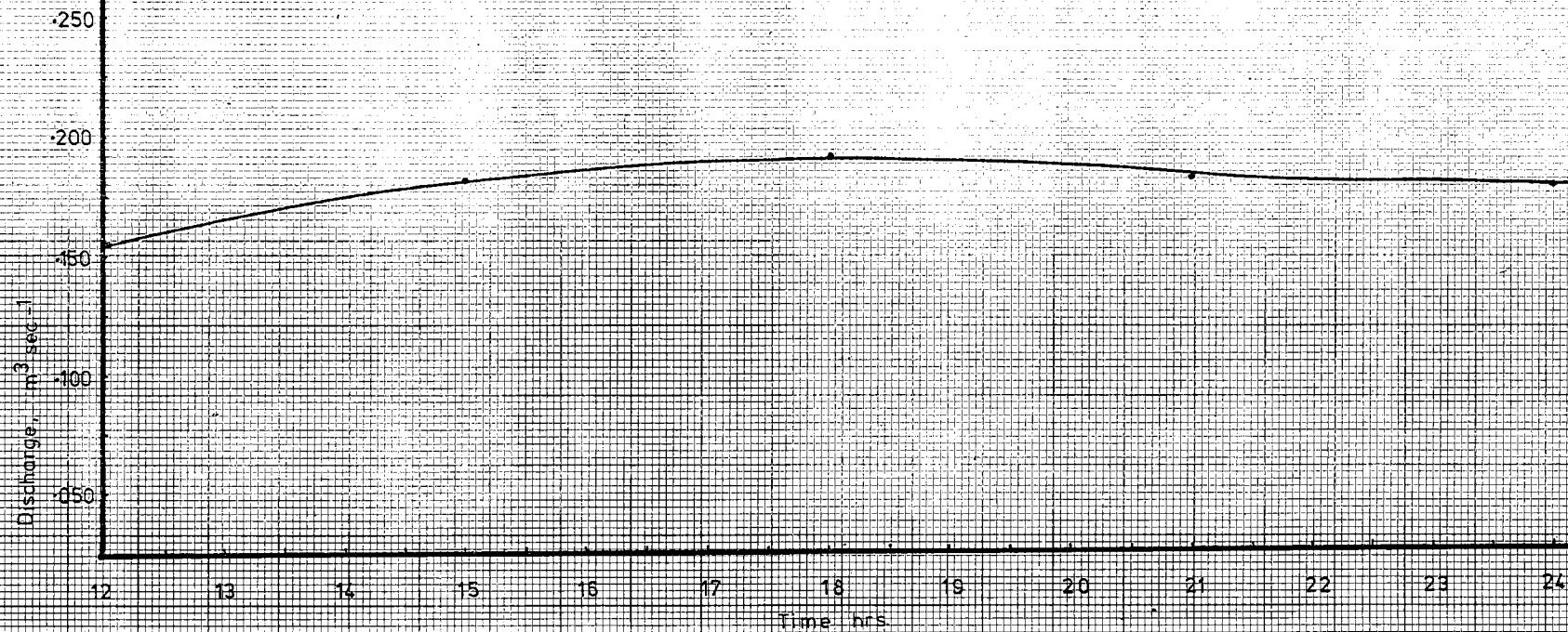
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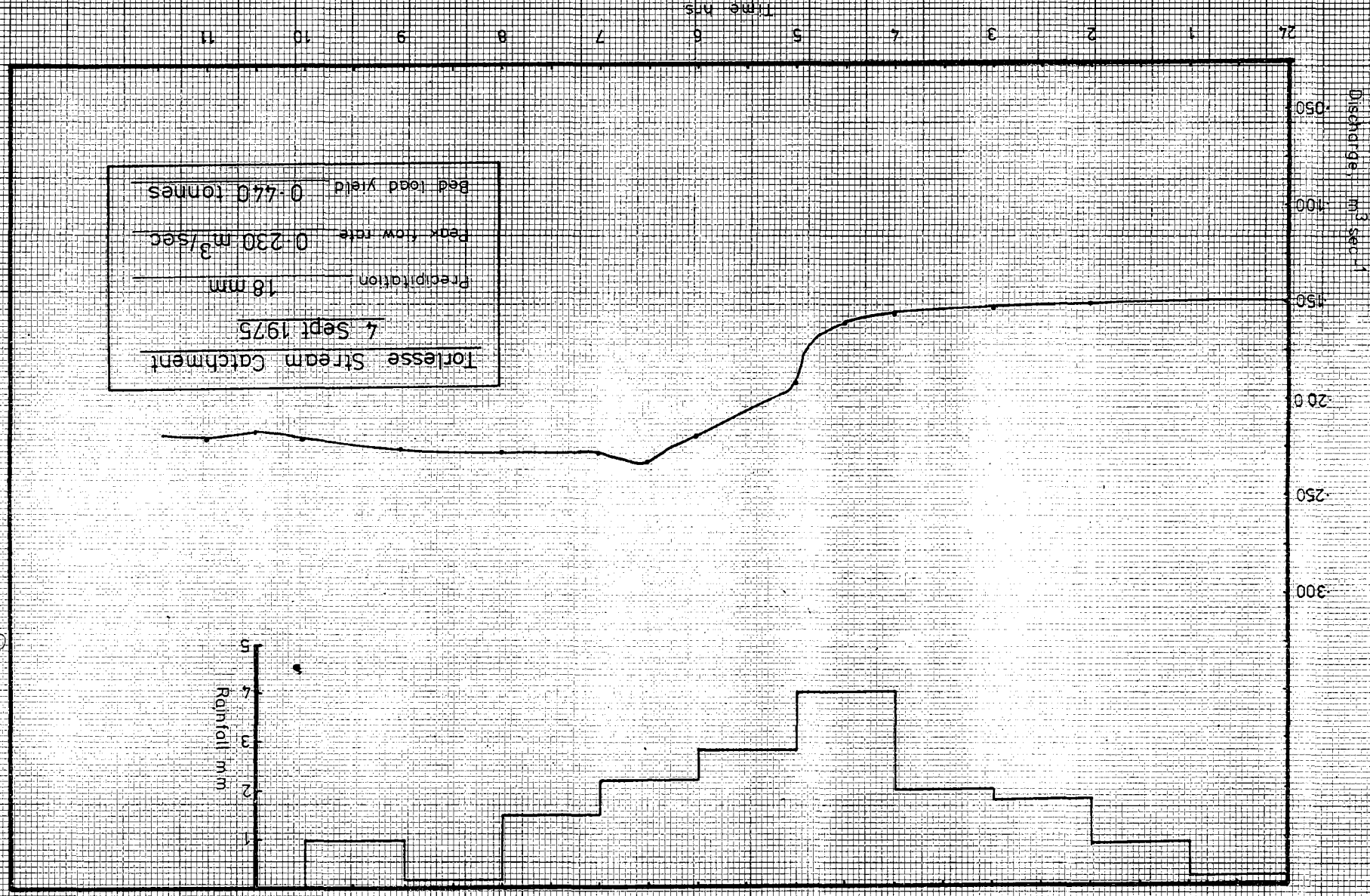
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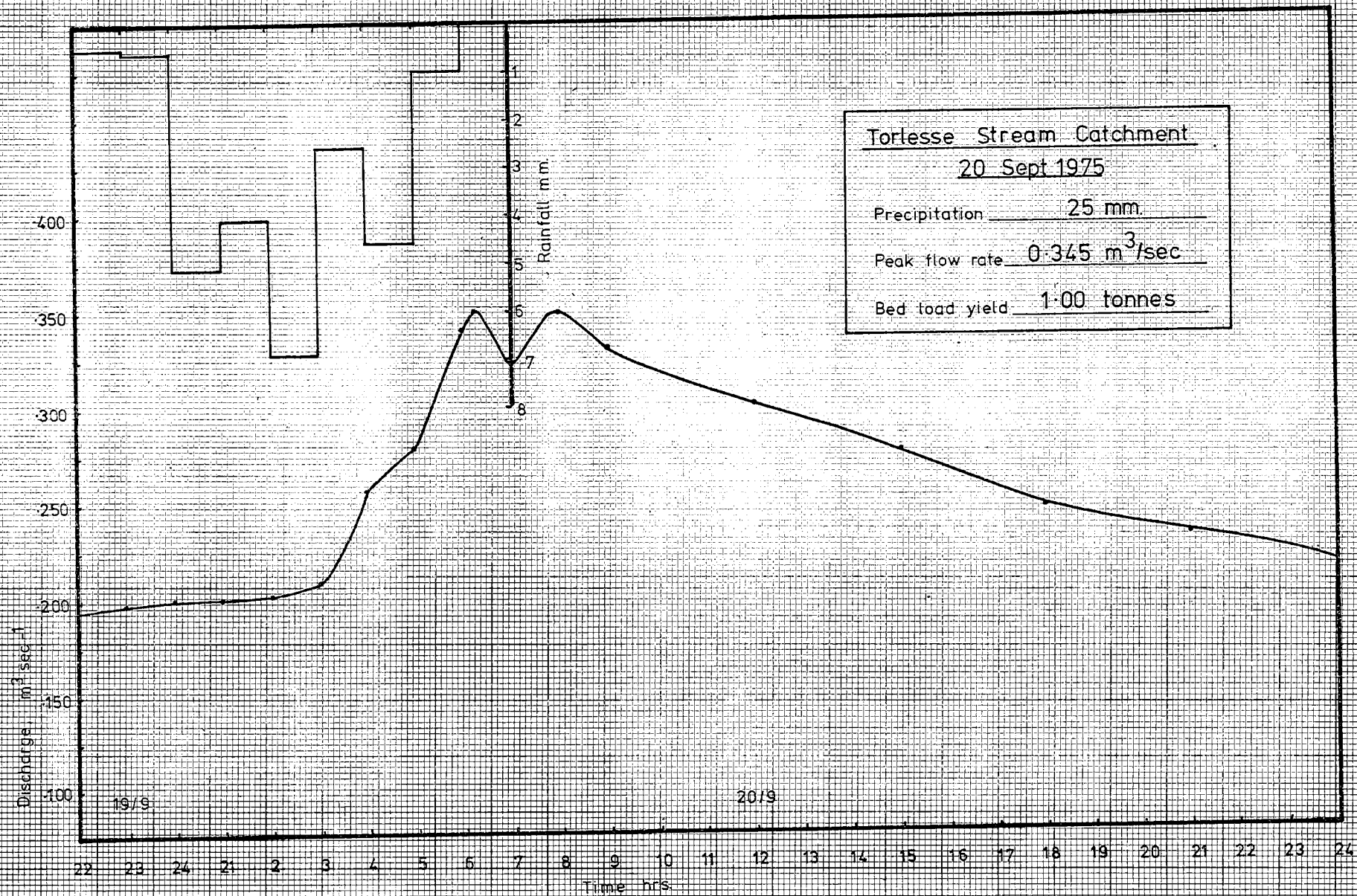
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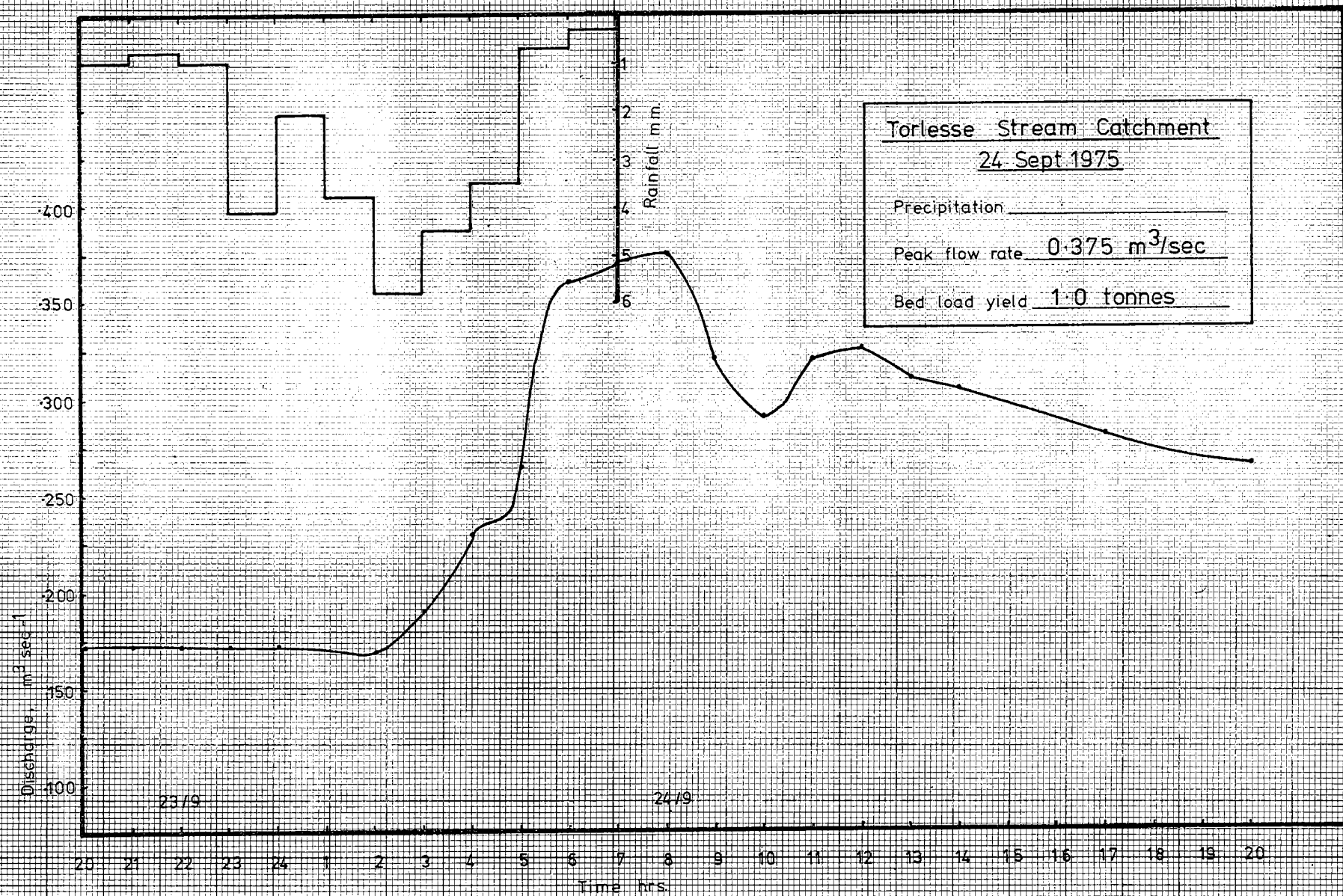
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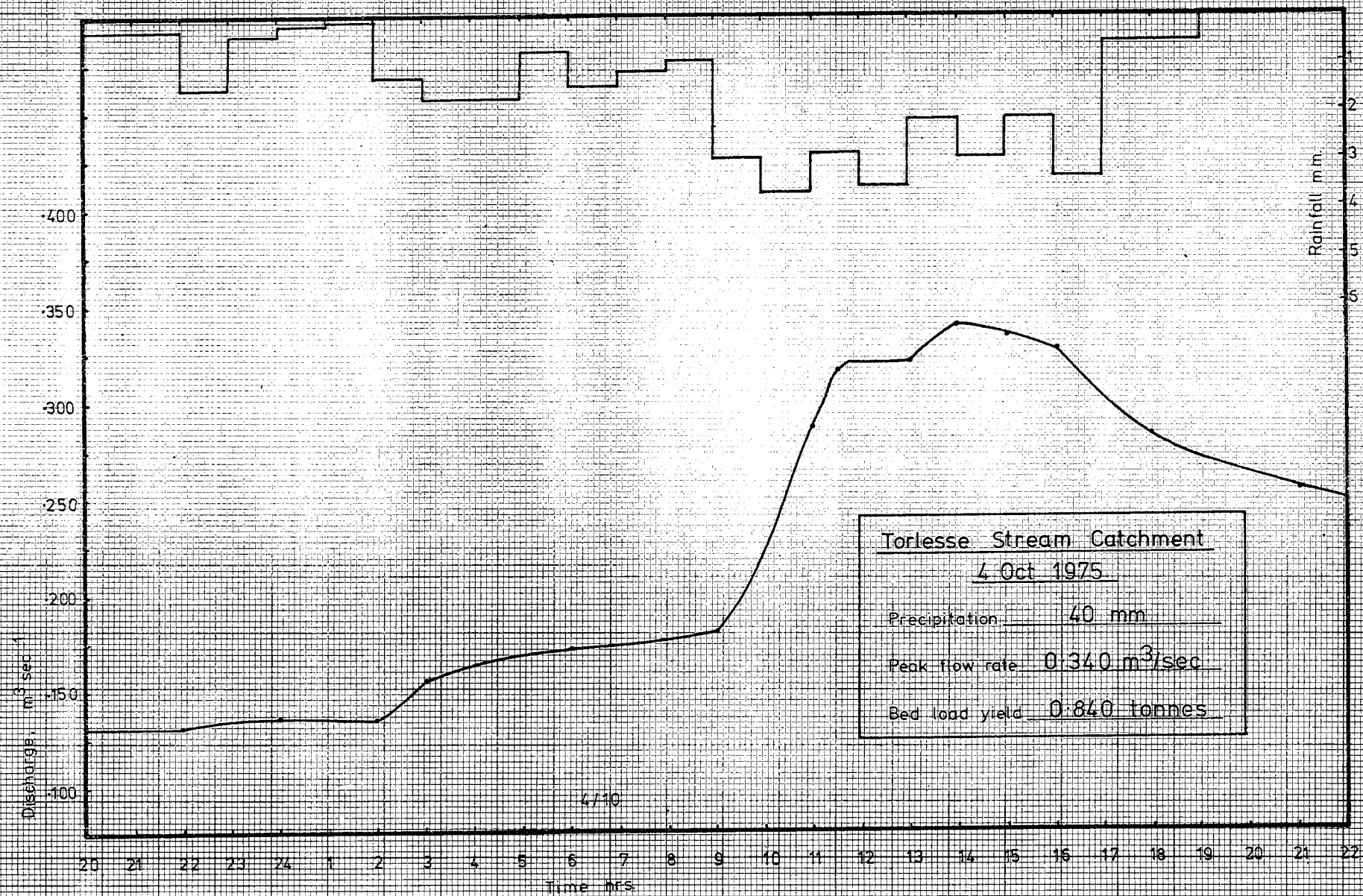
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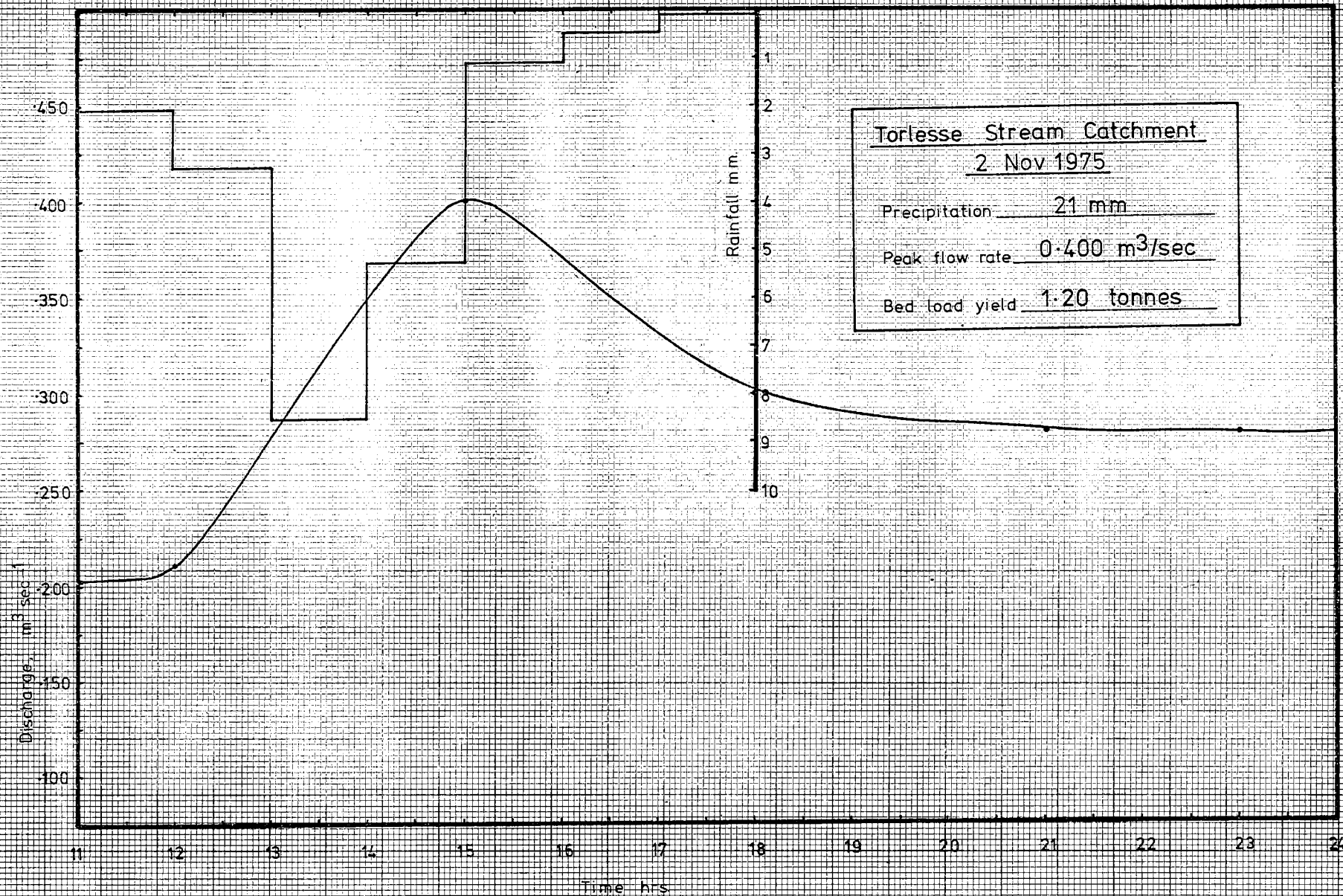


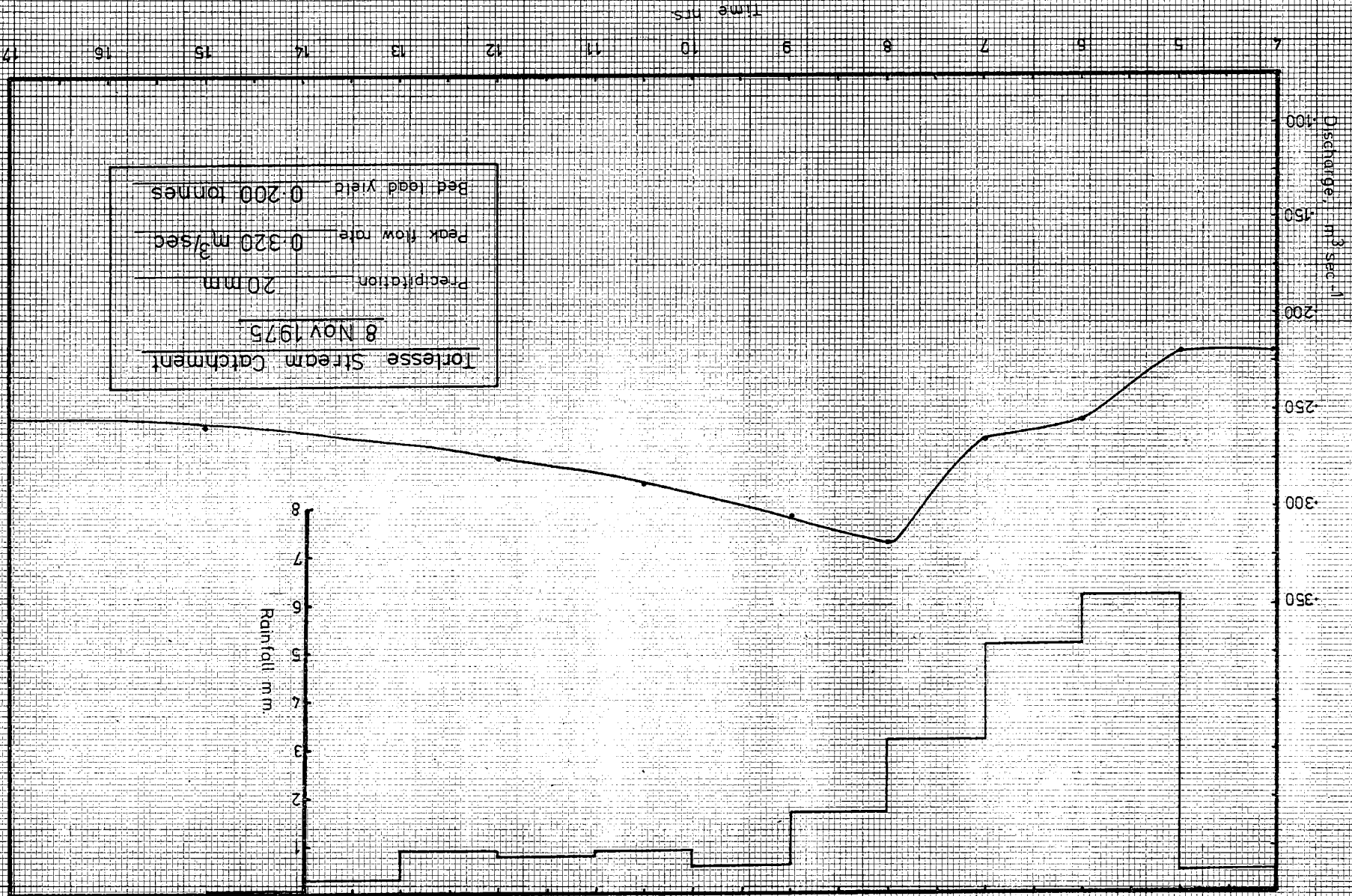


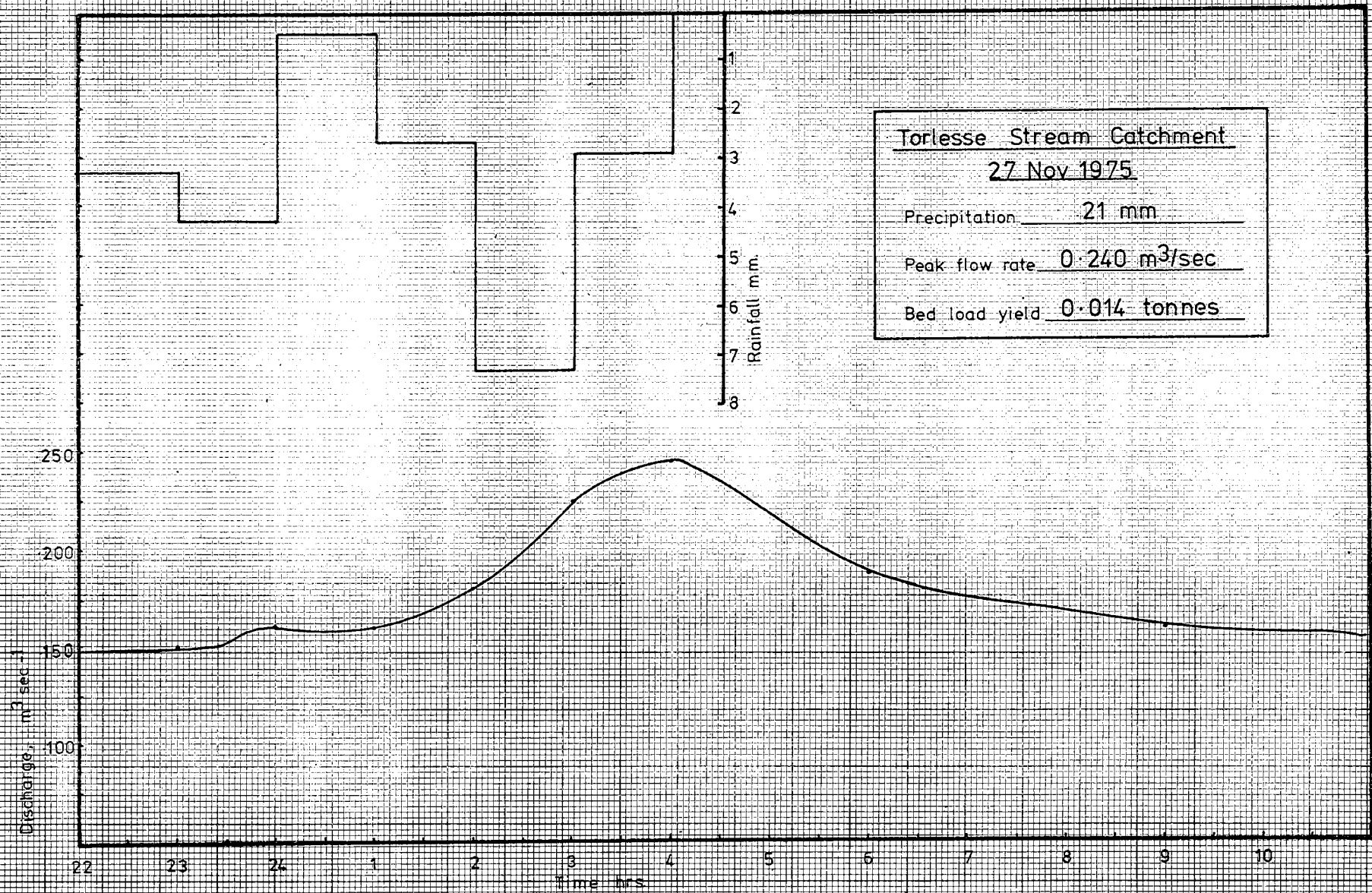


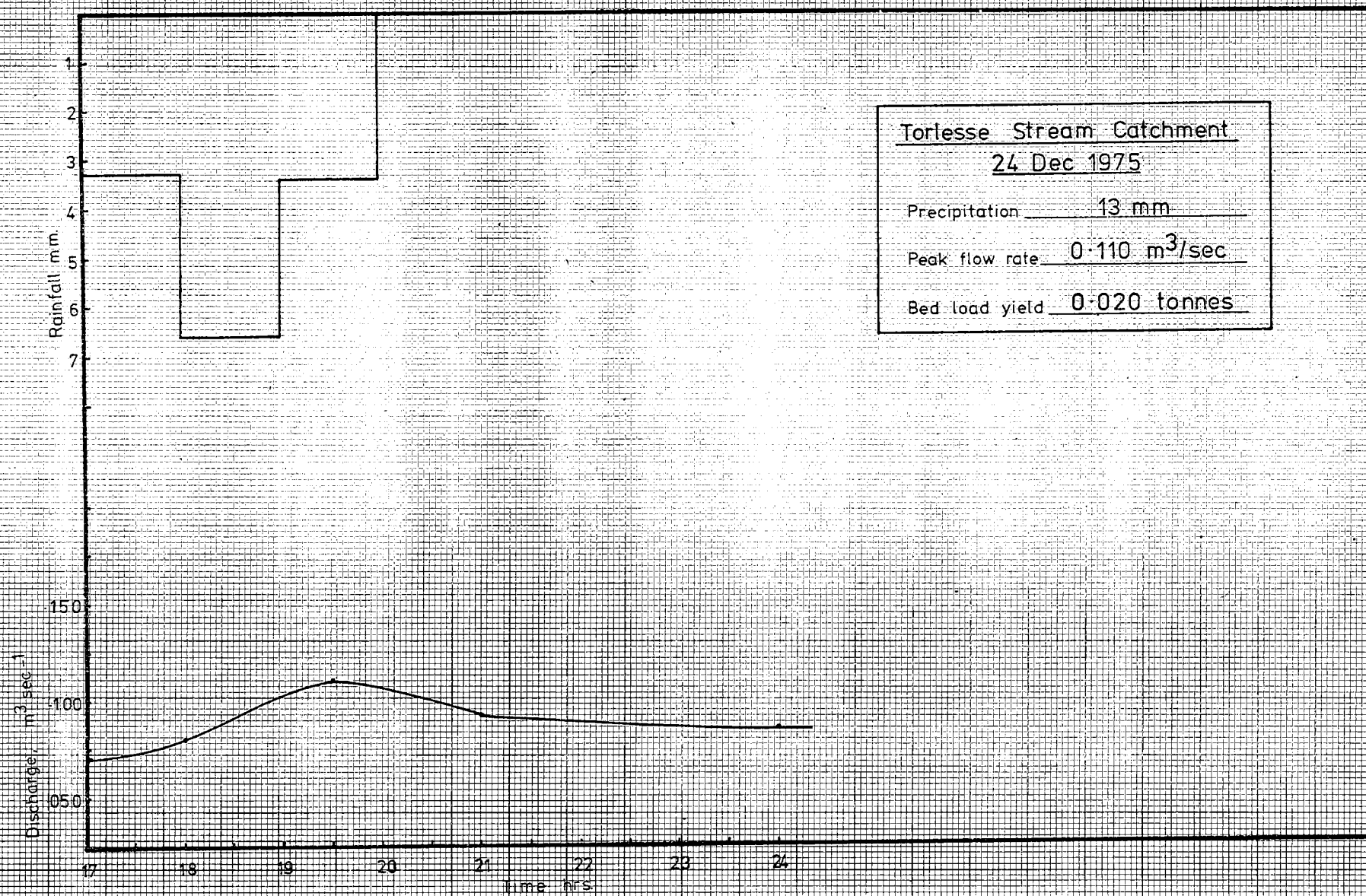


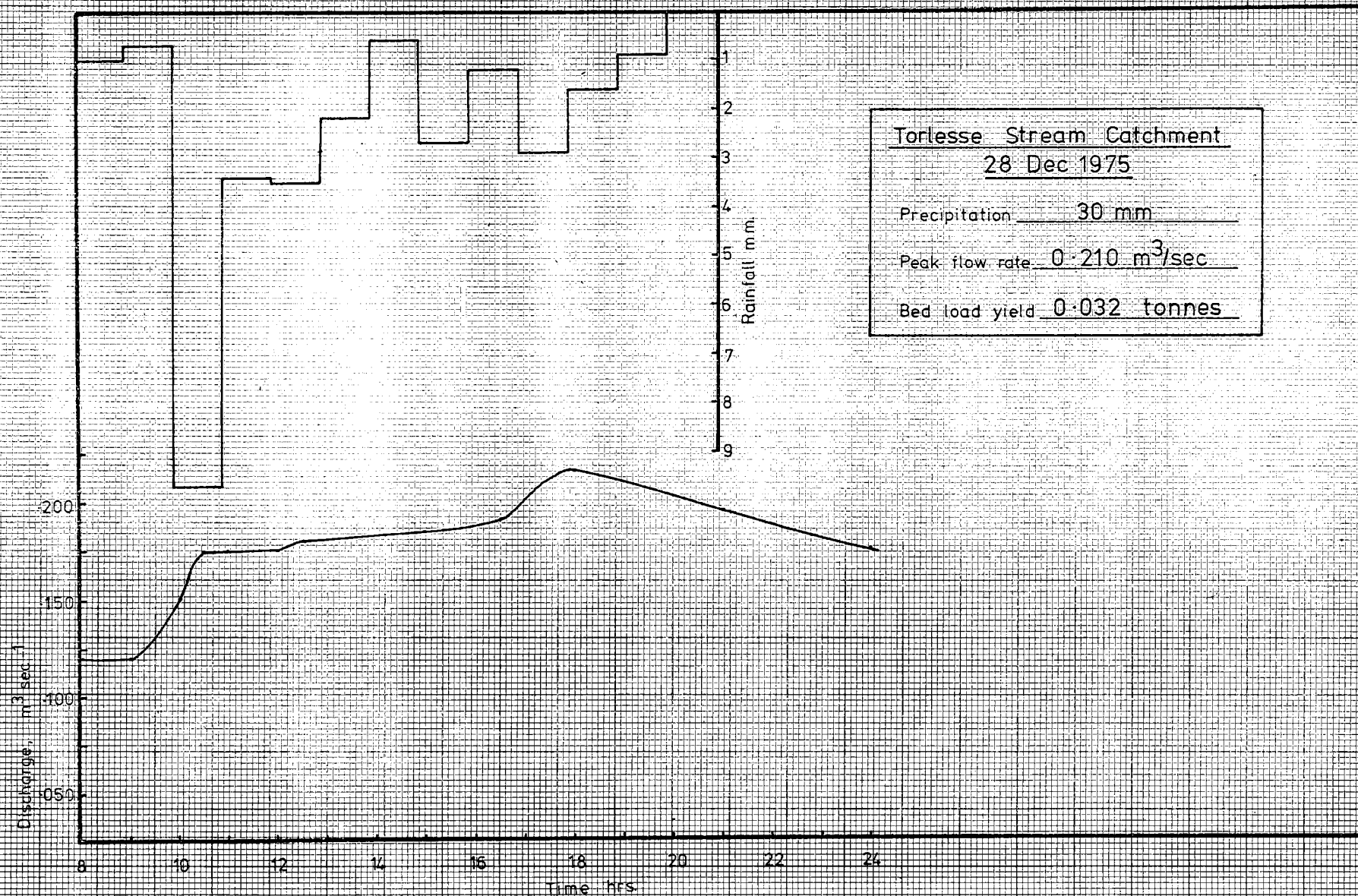


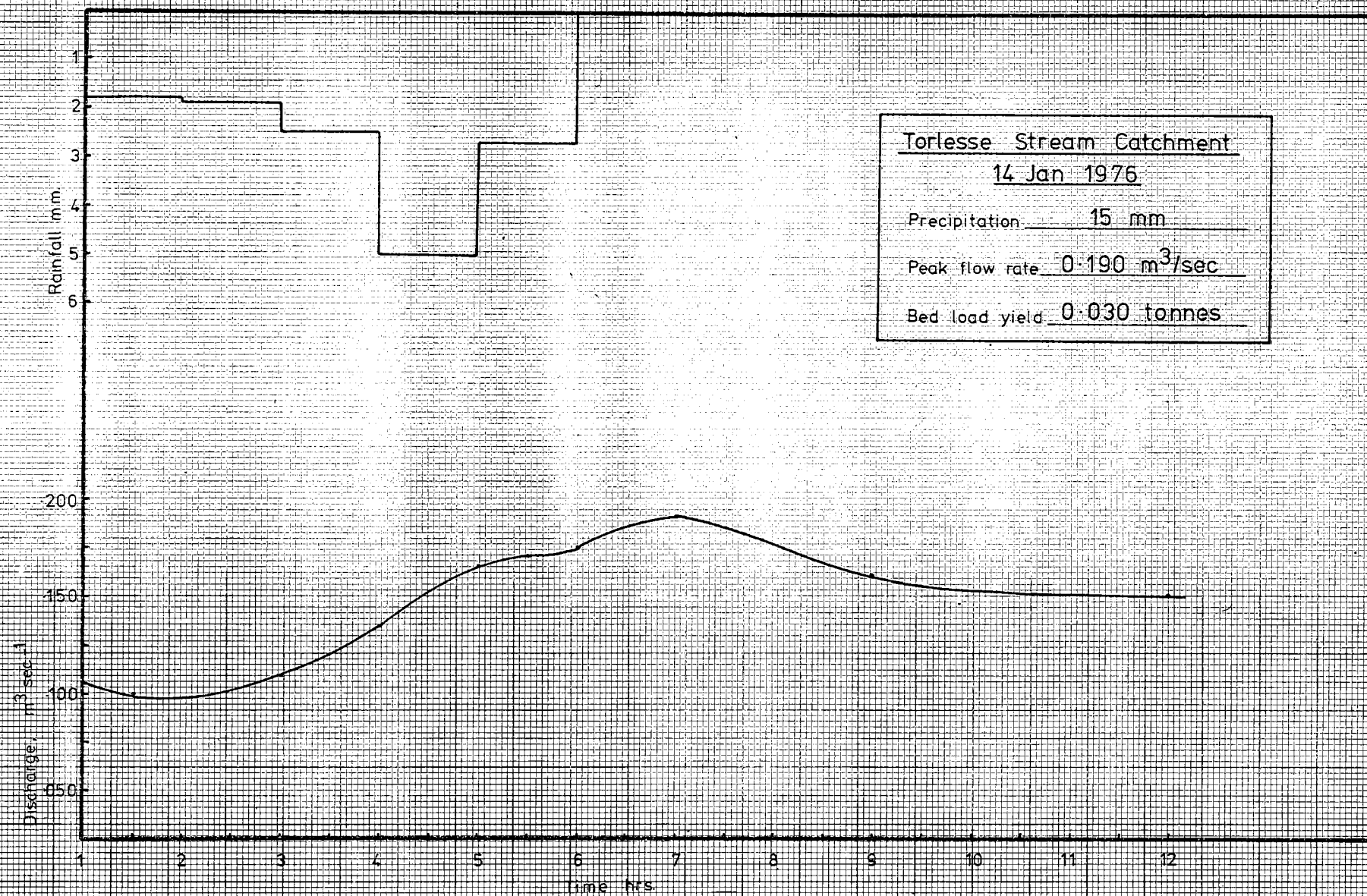


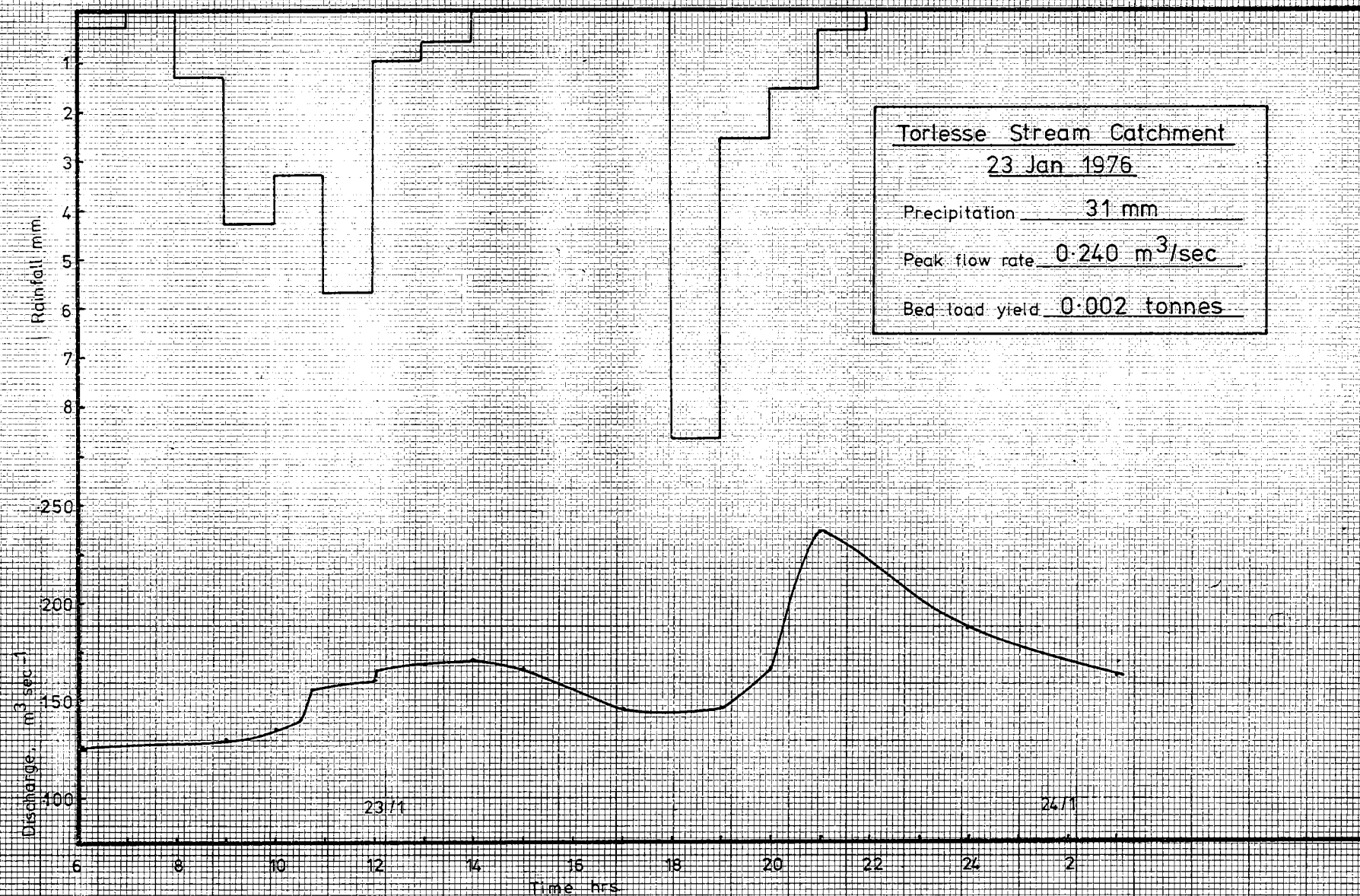


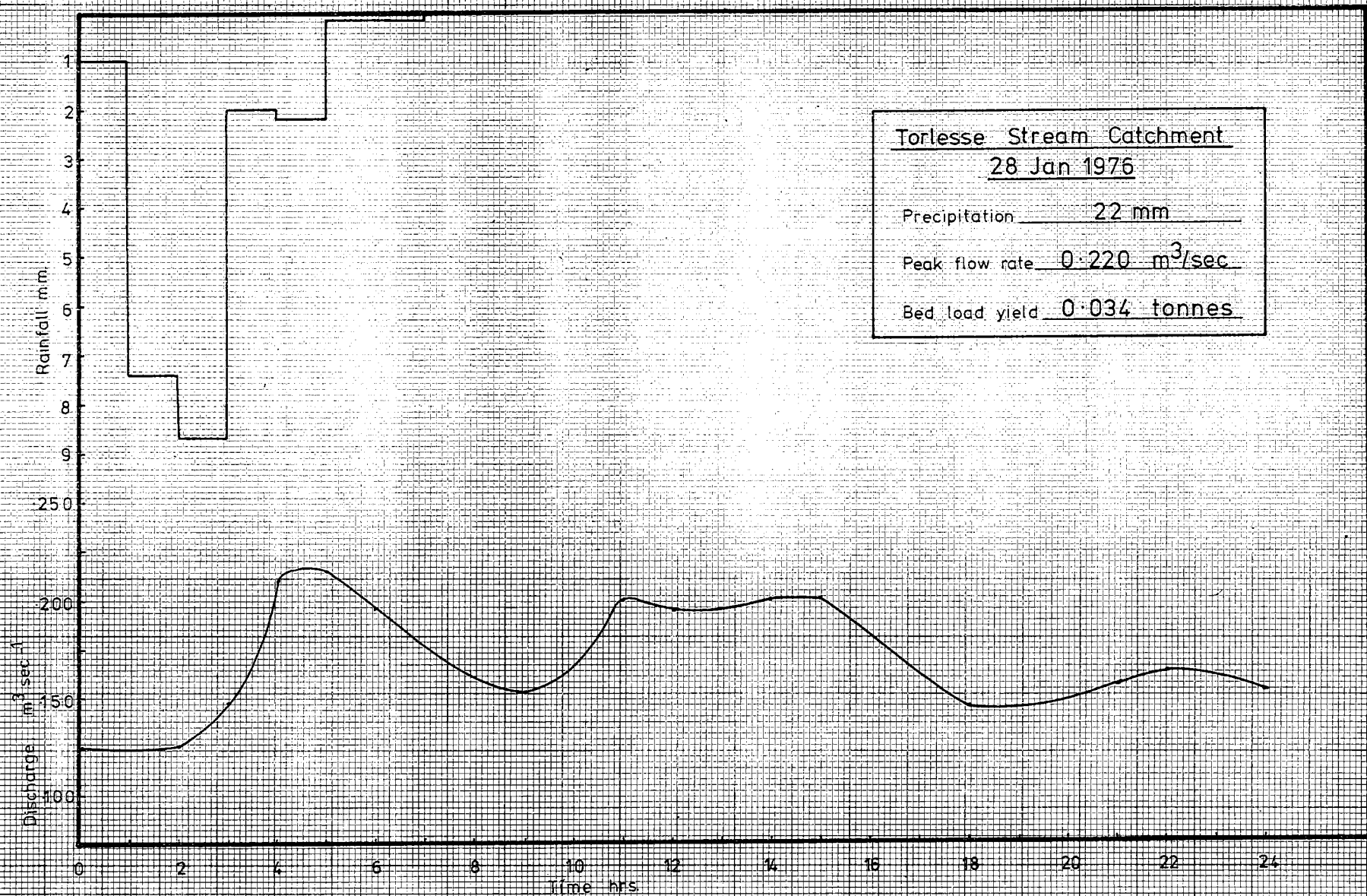


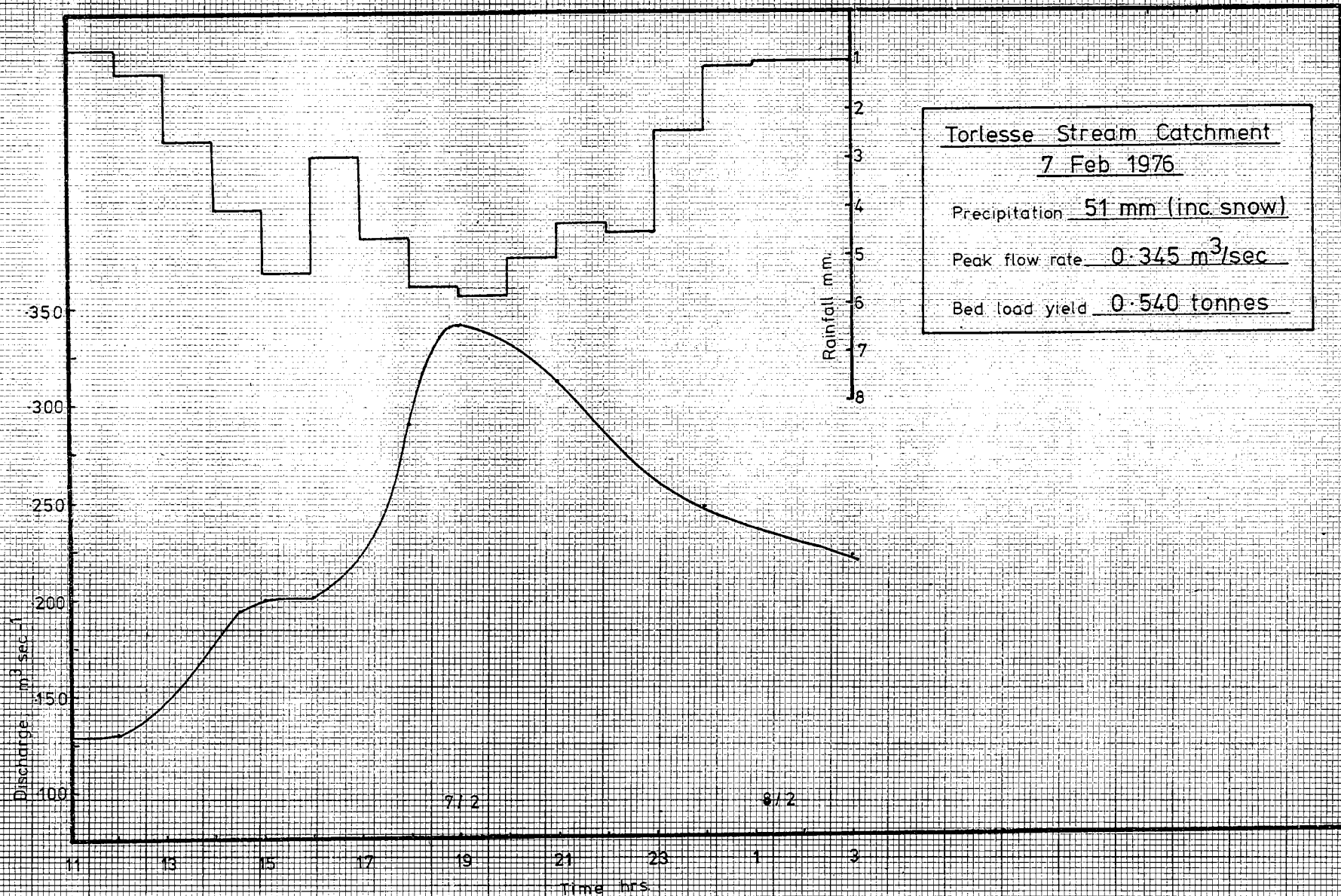


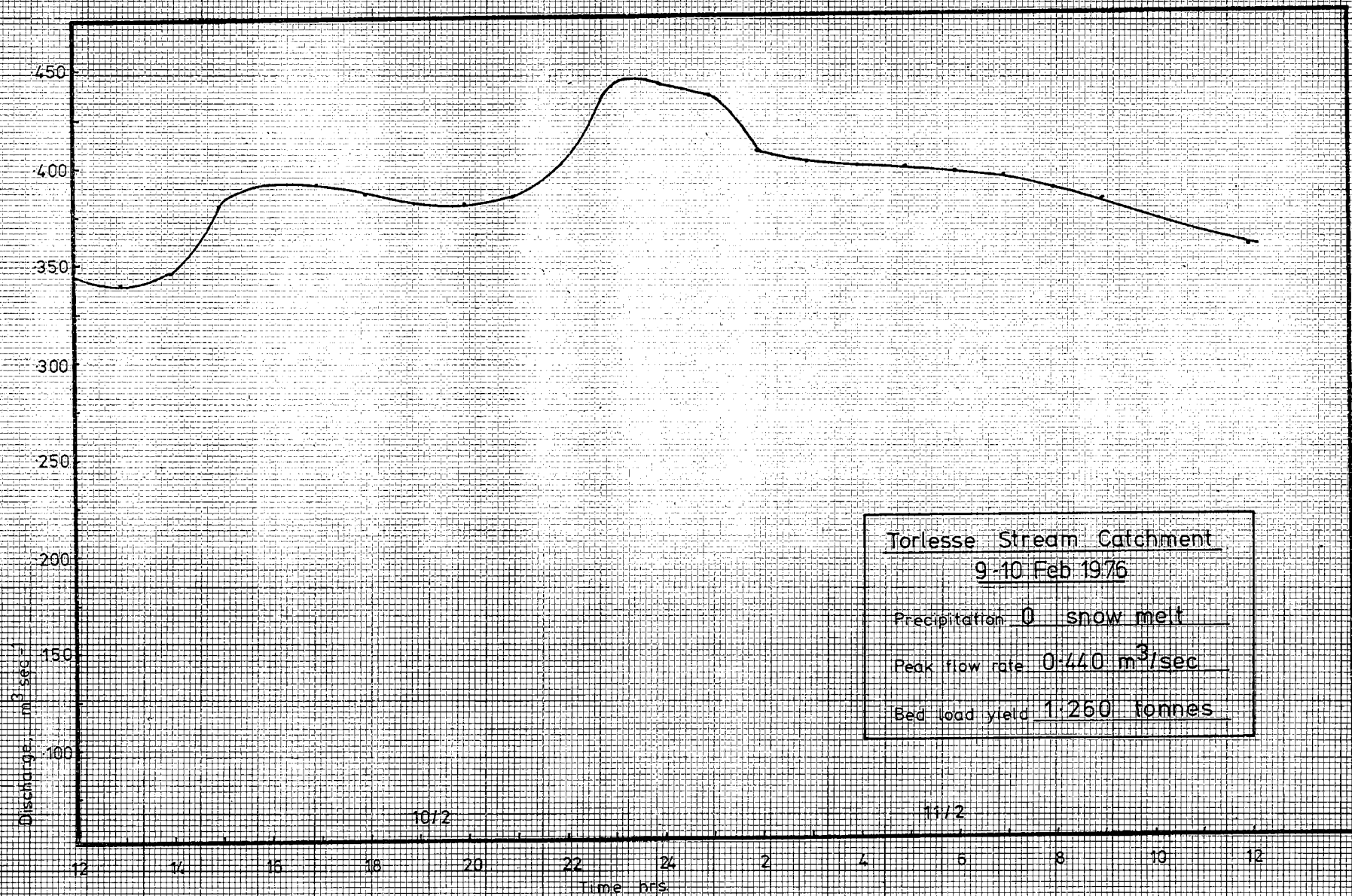












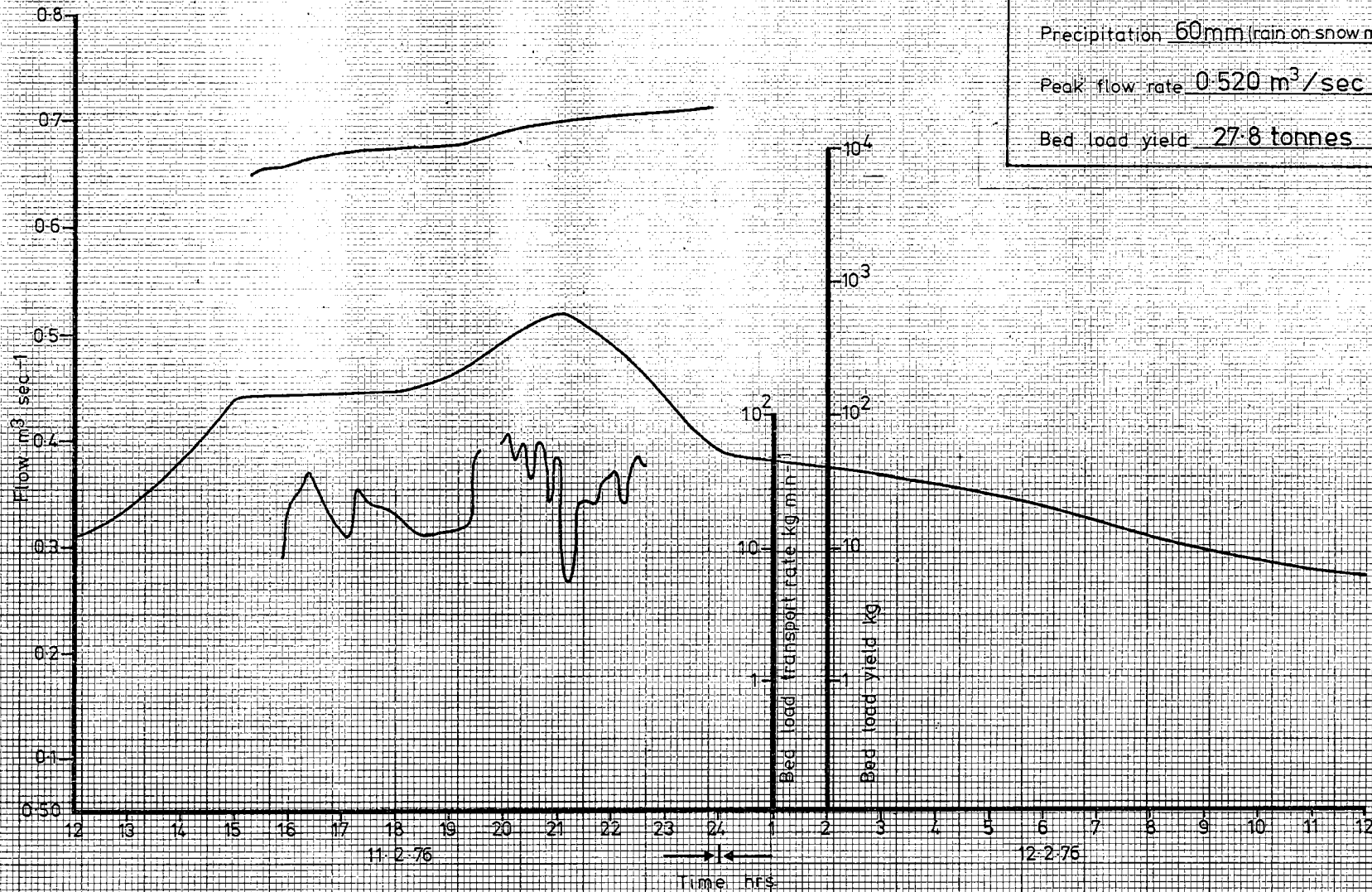
Torlesse Stream Catchment

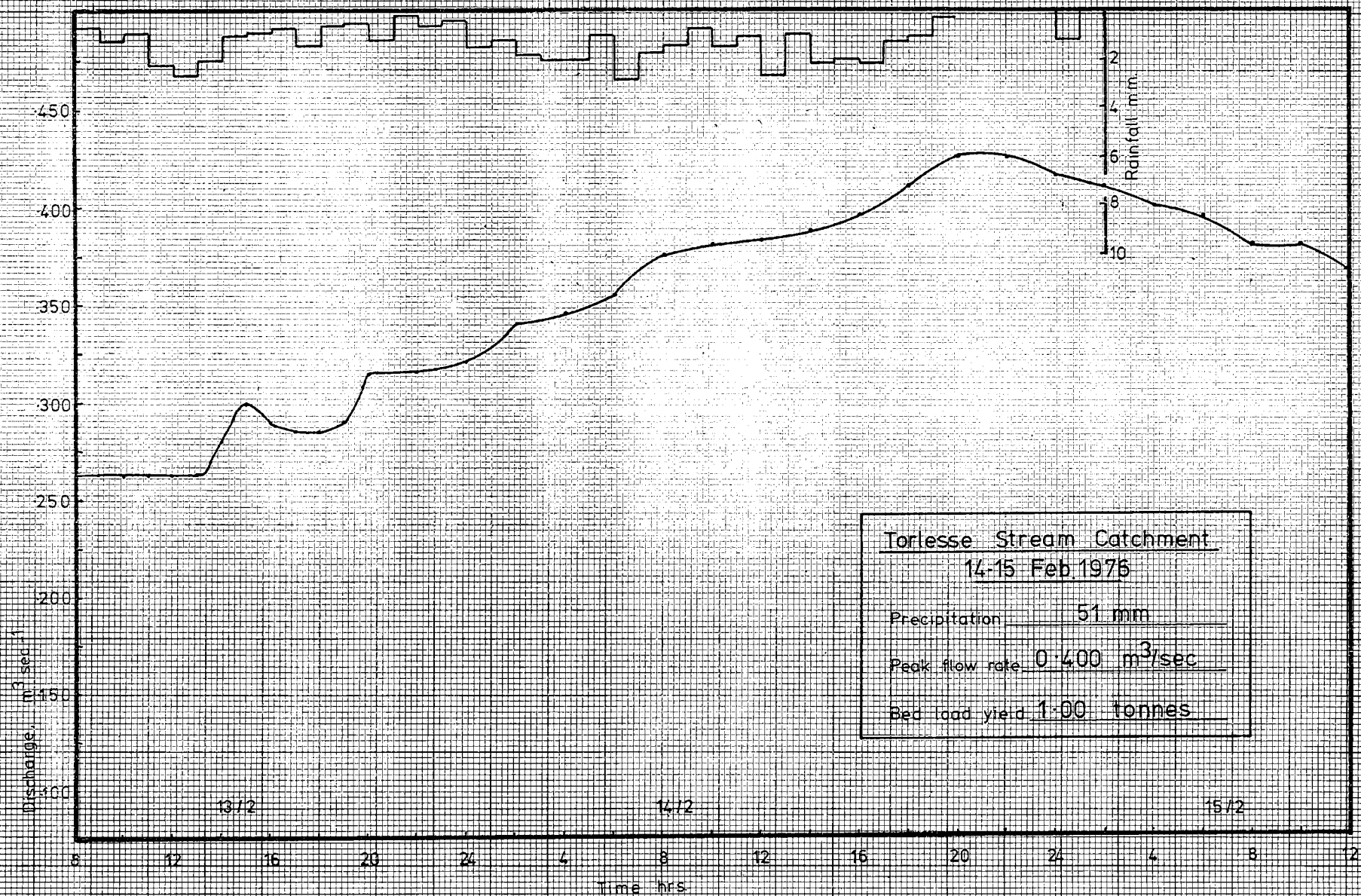
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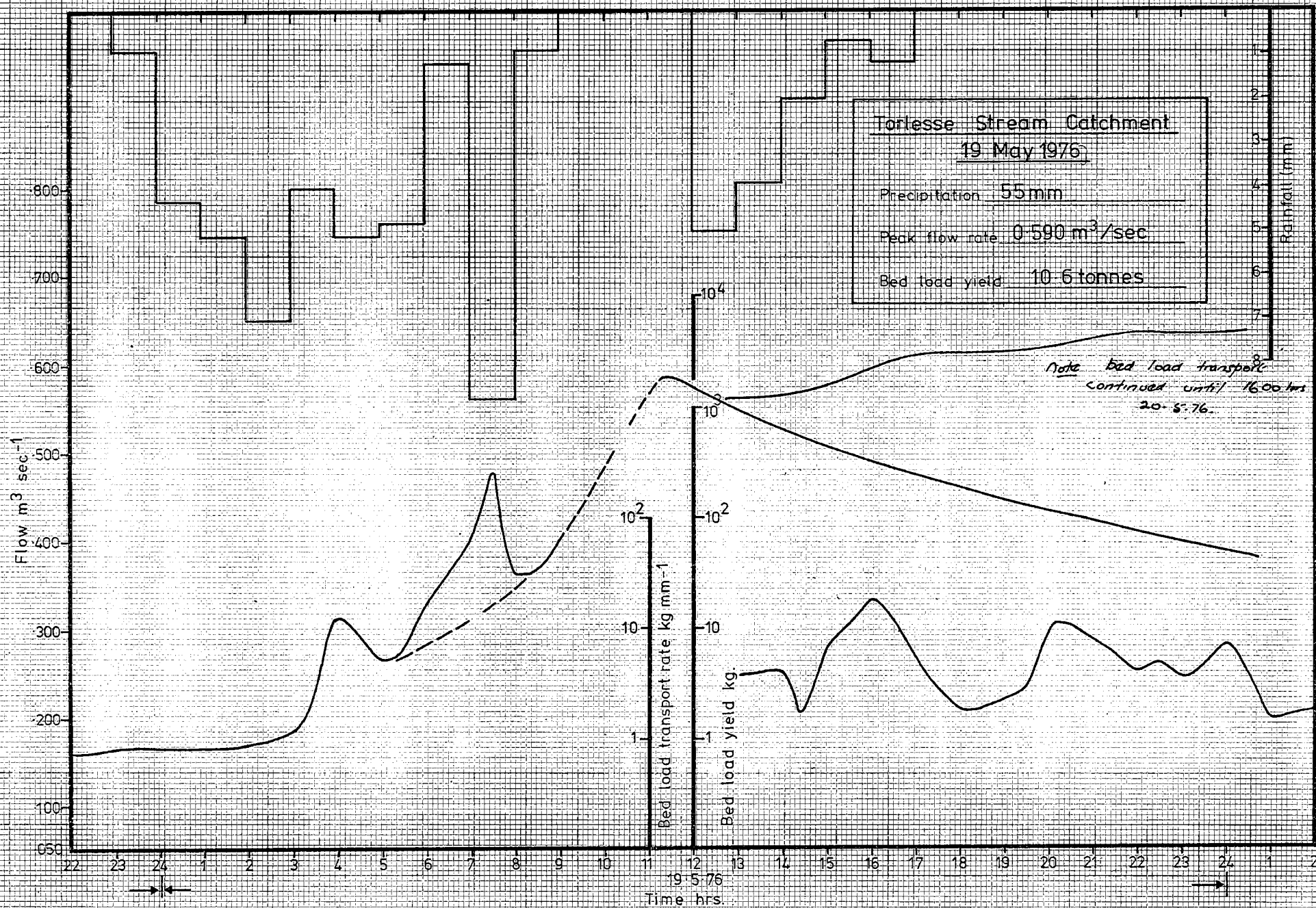
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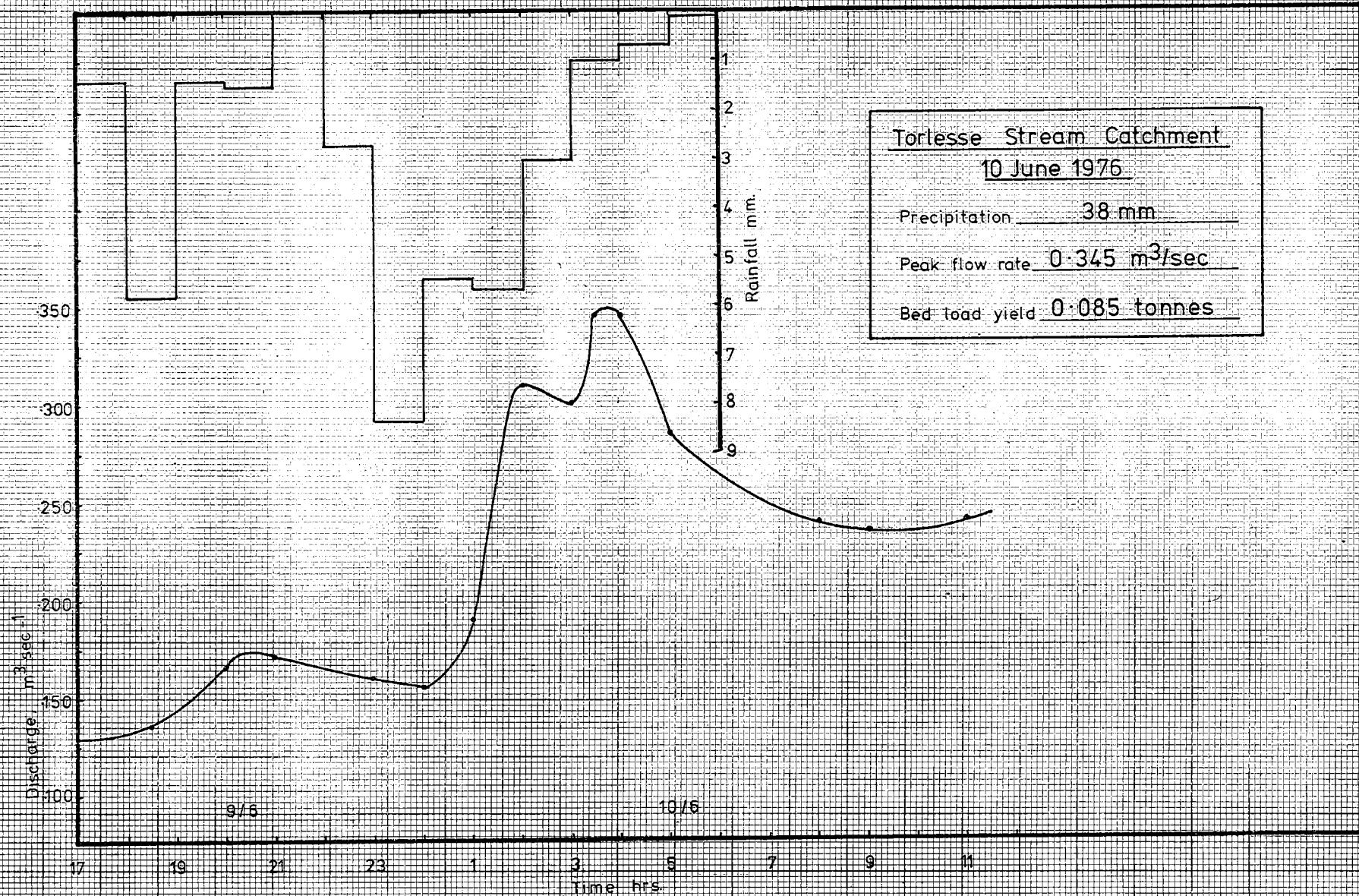
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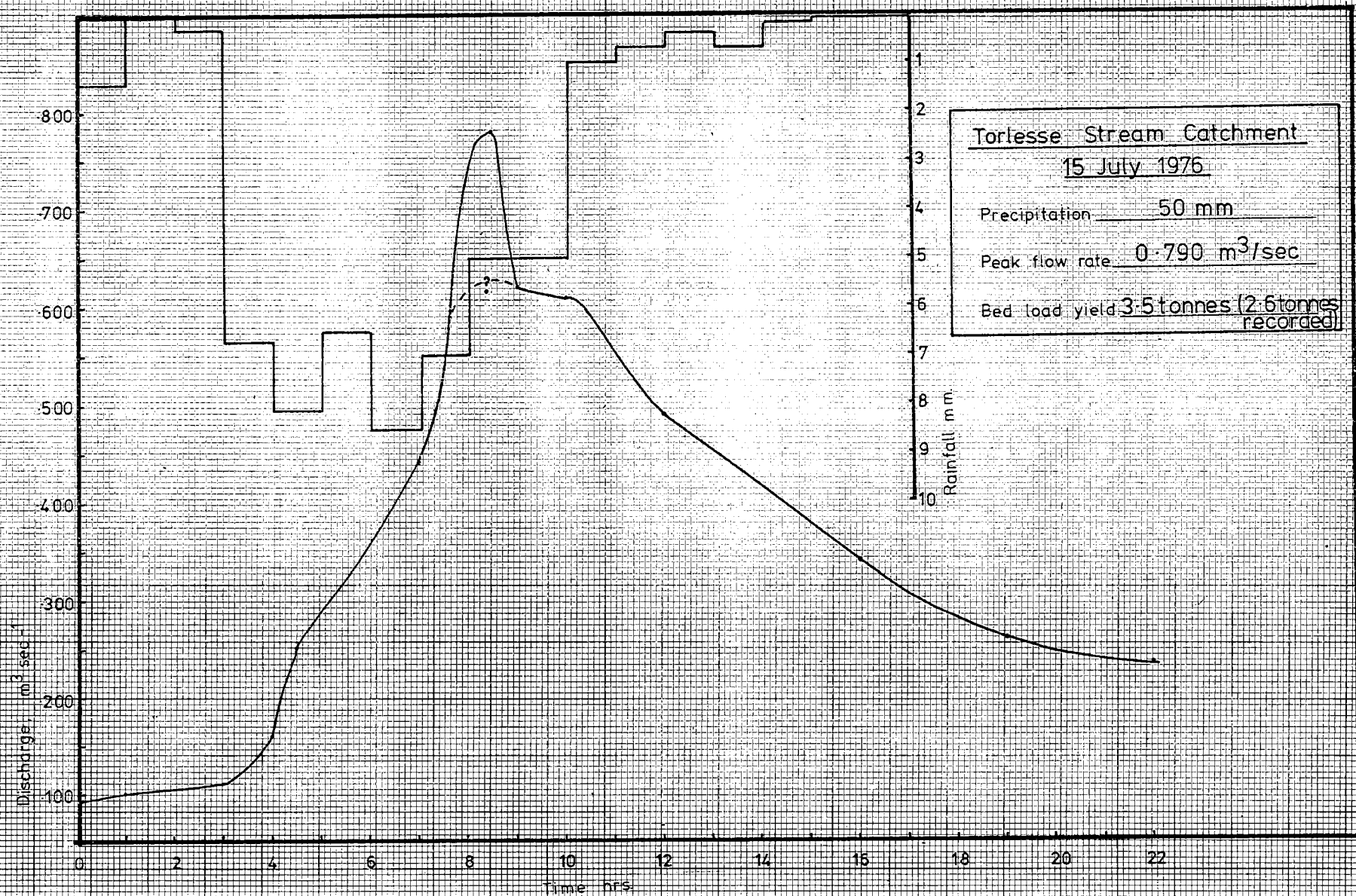
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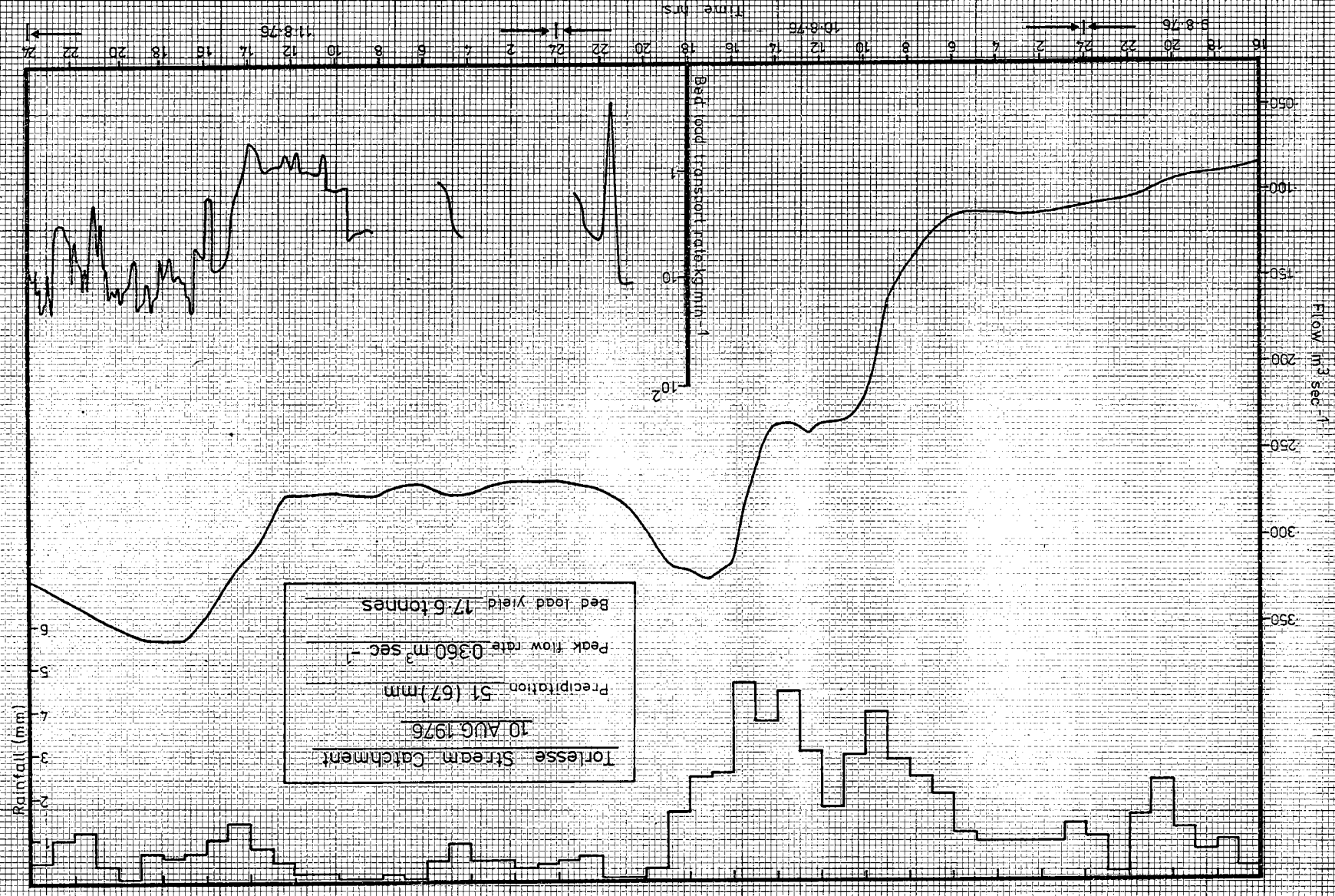


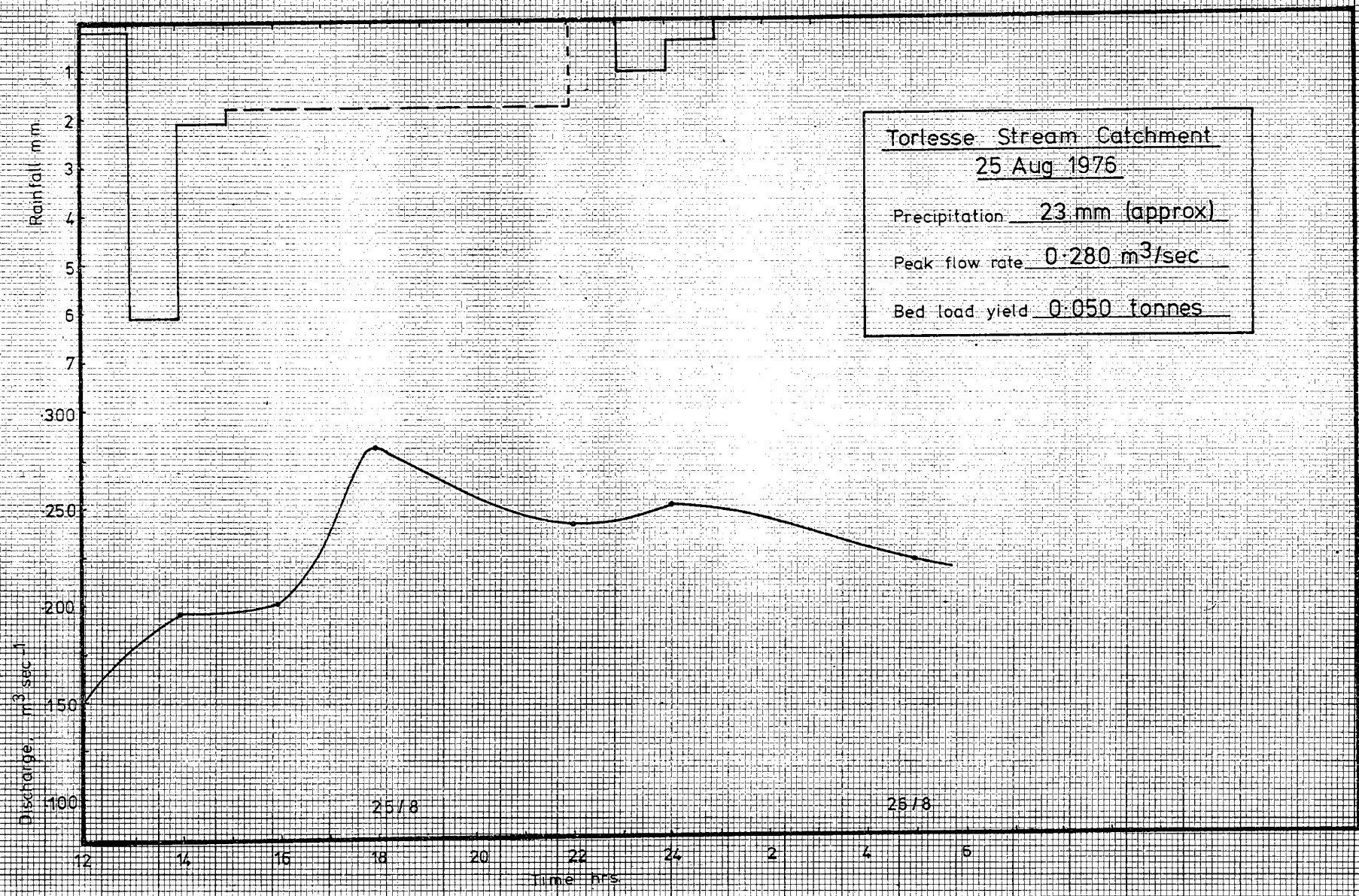


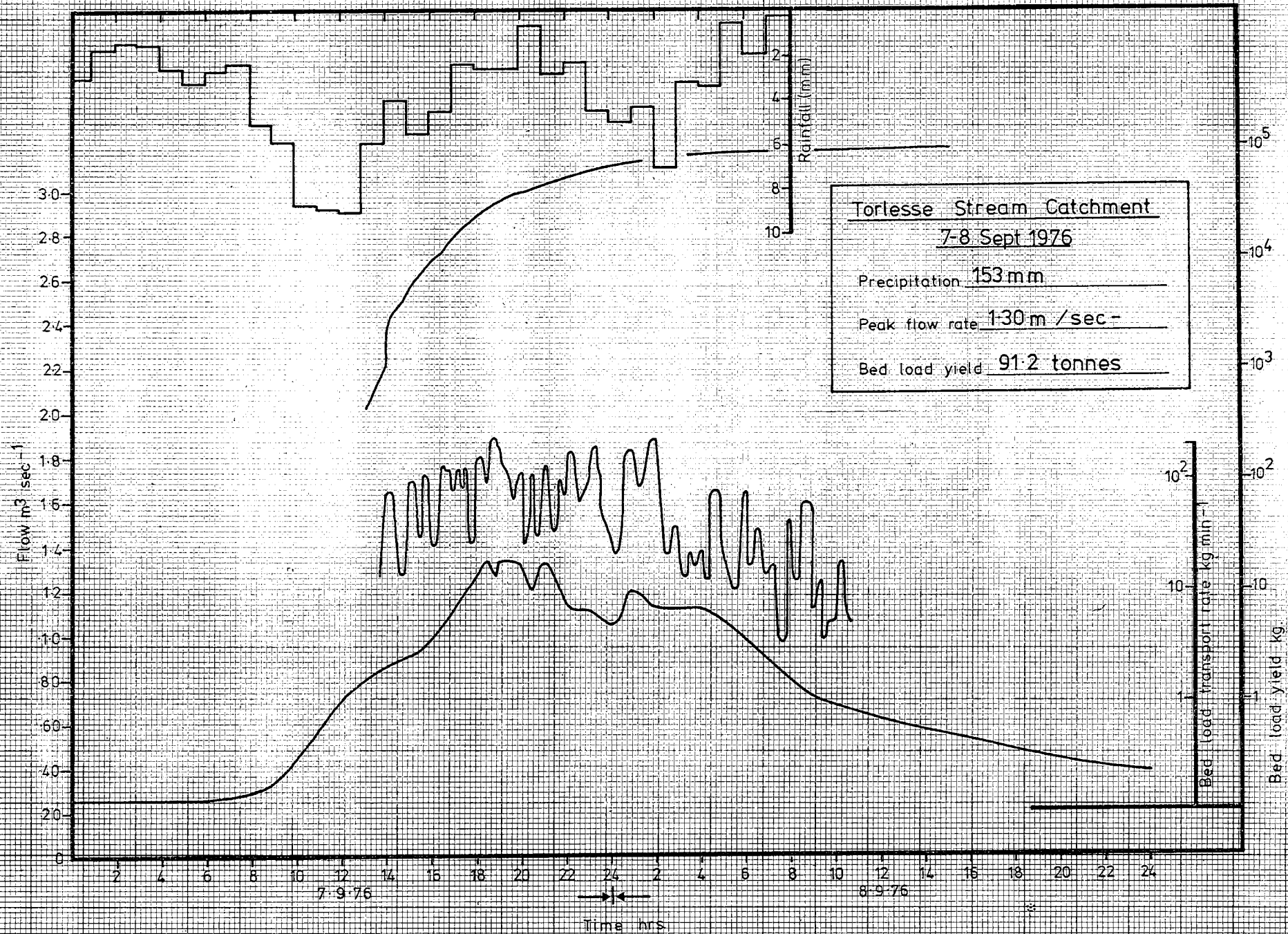


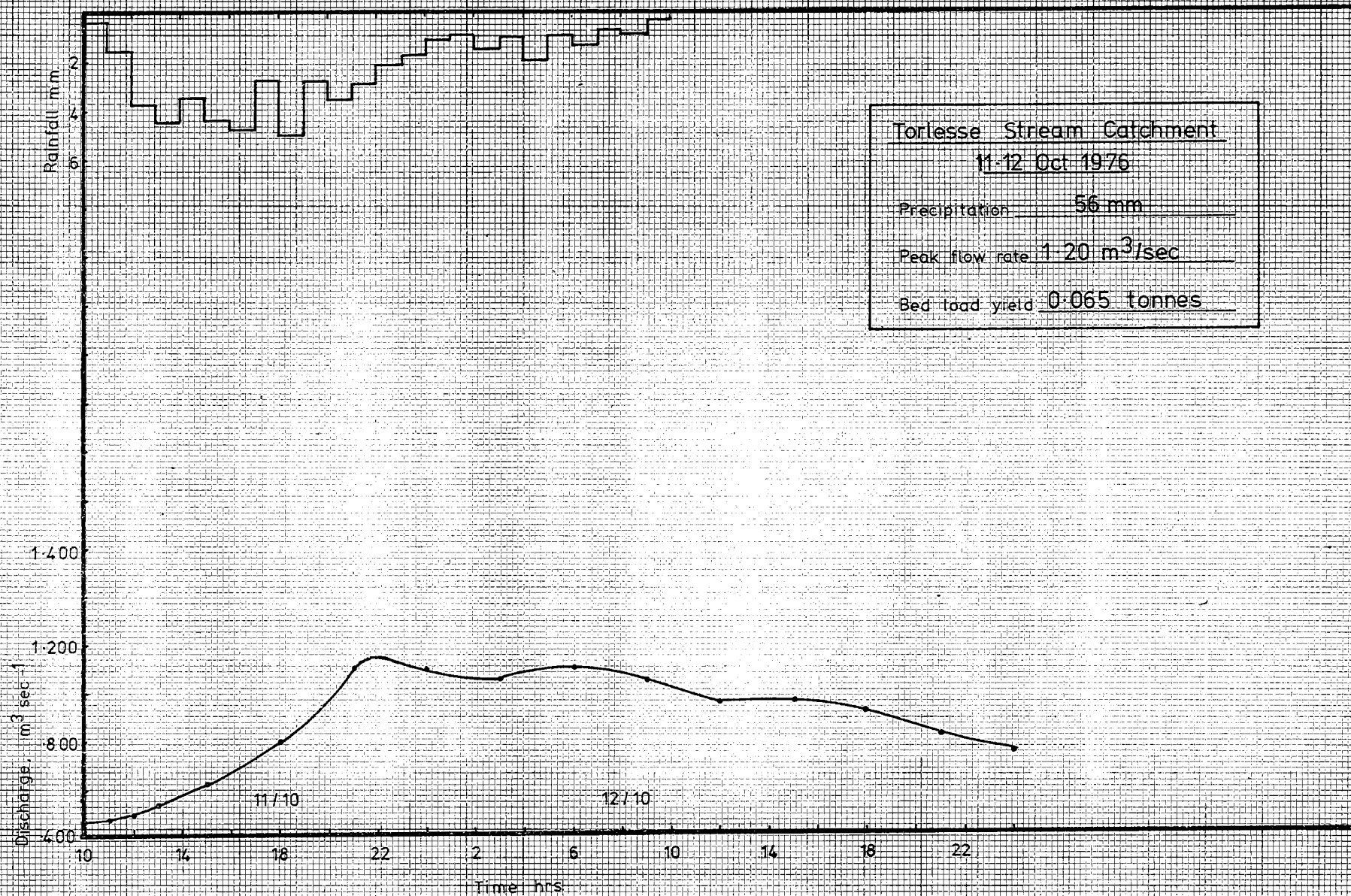


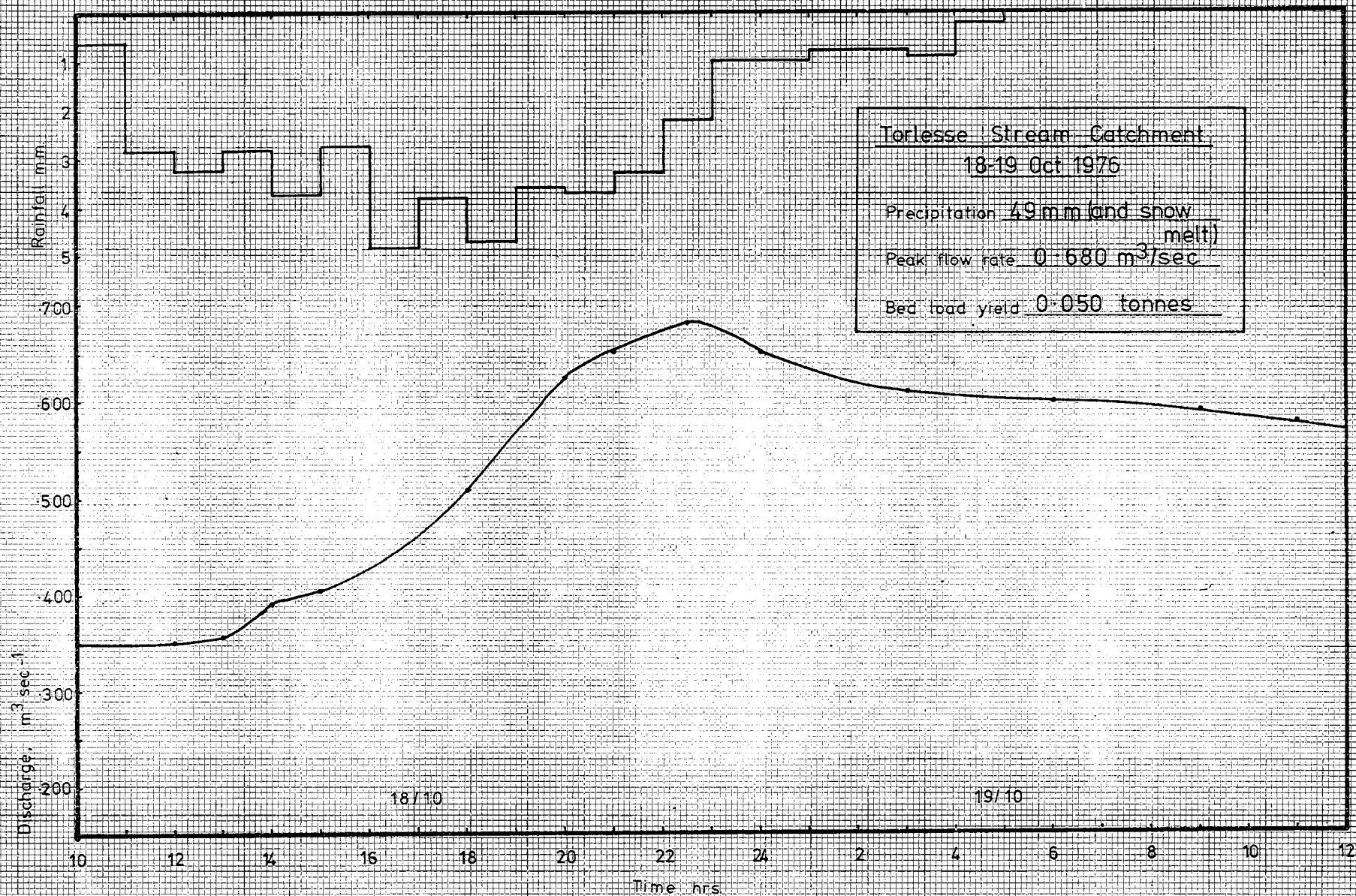


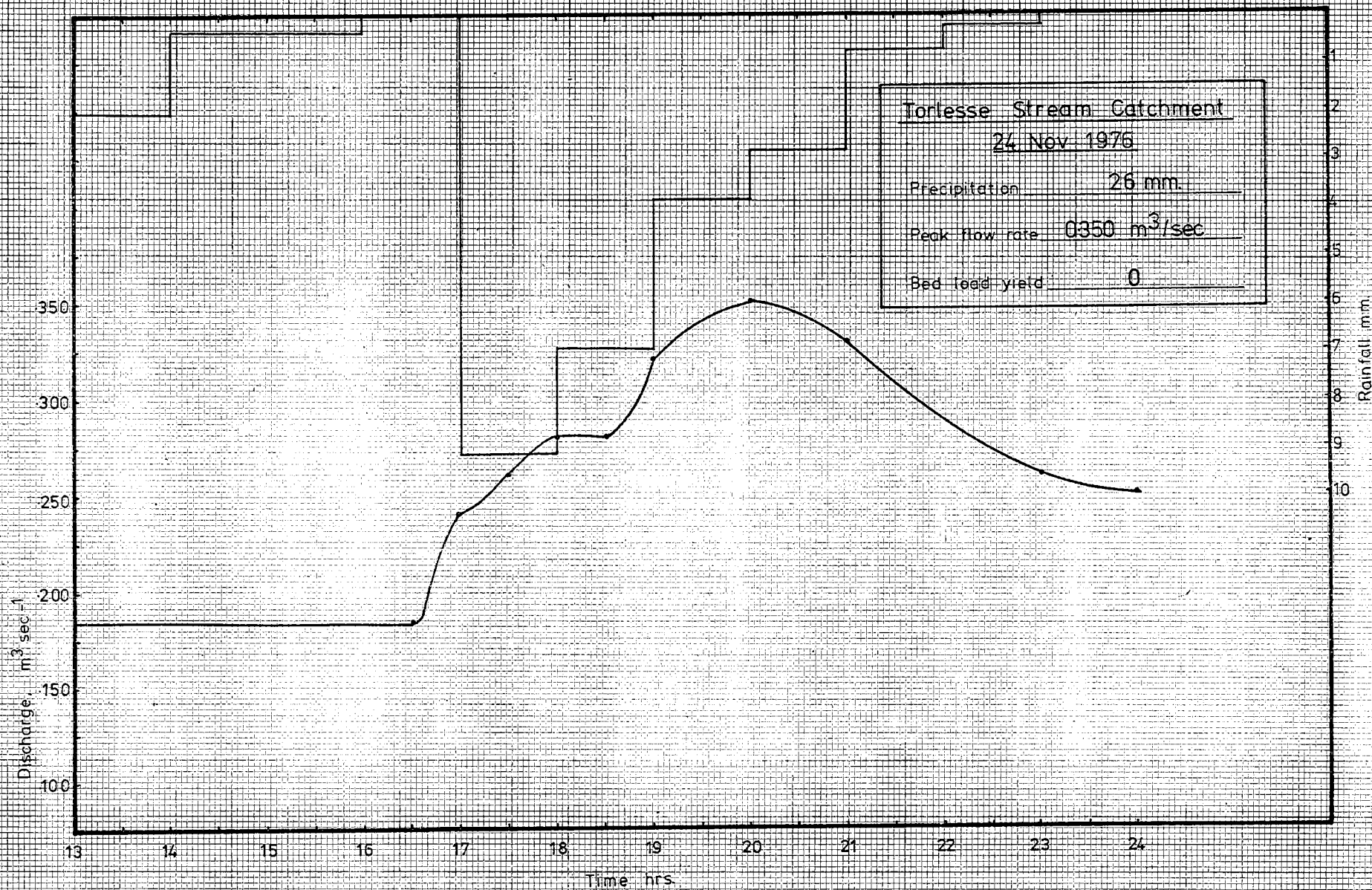


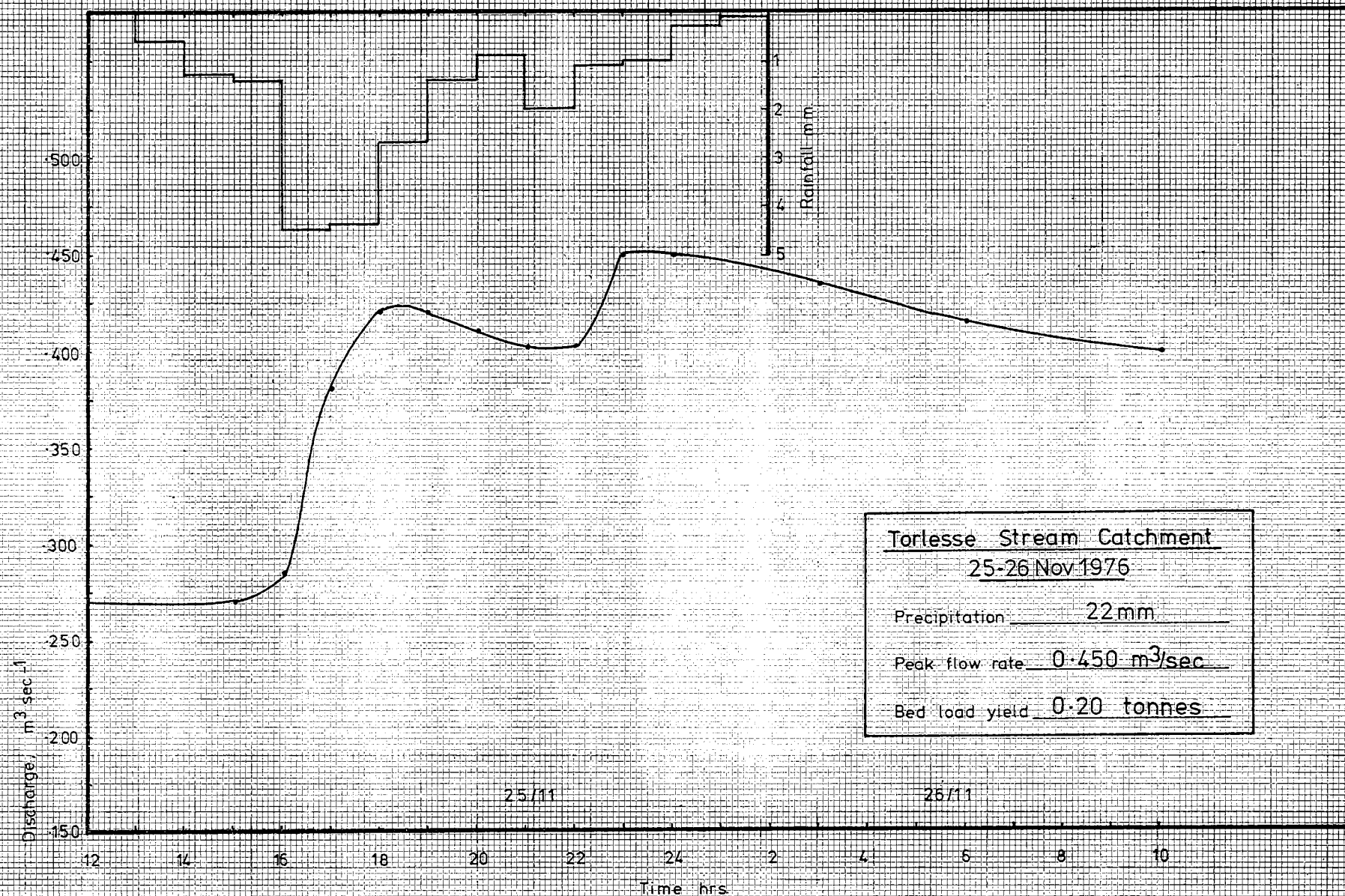


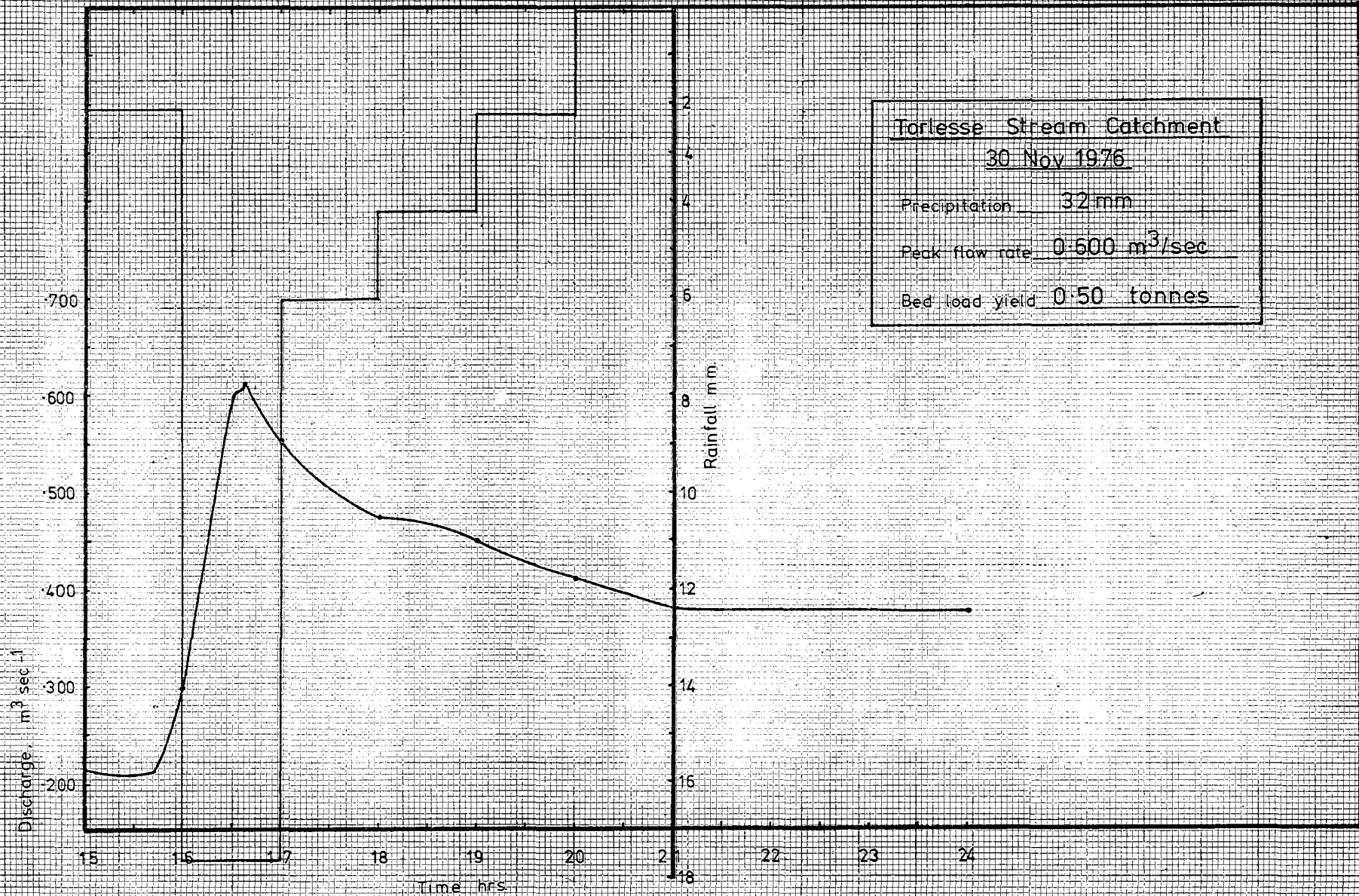




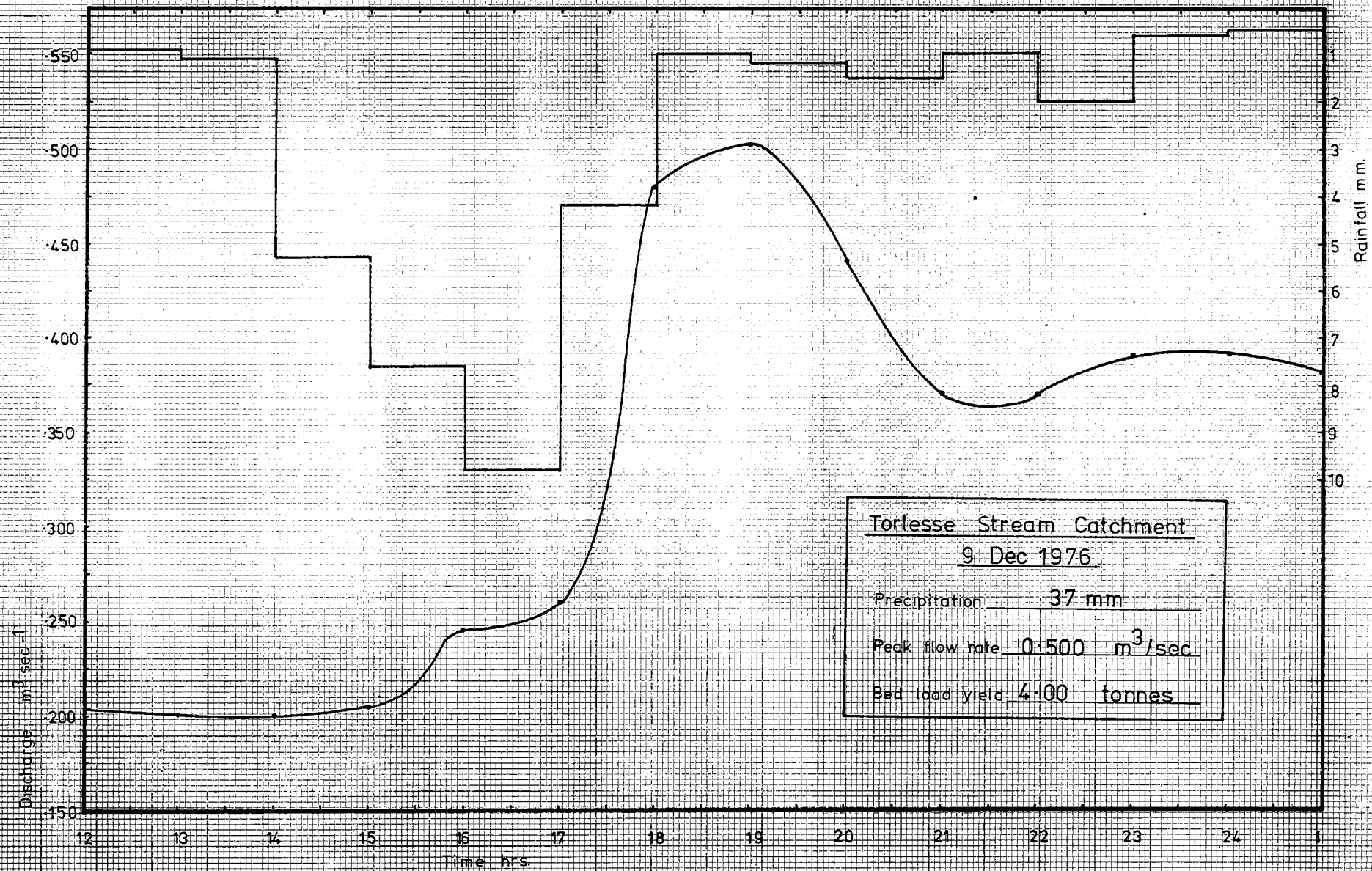


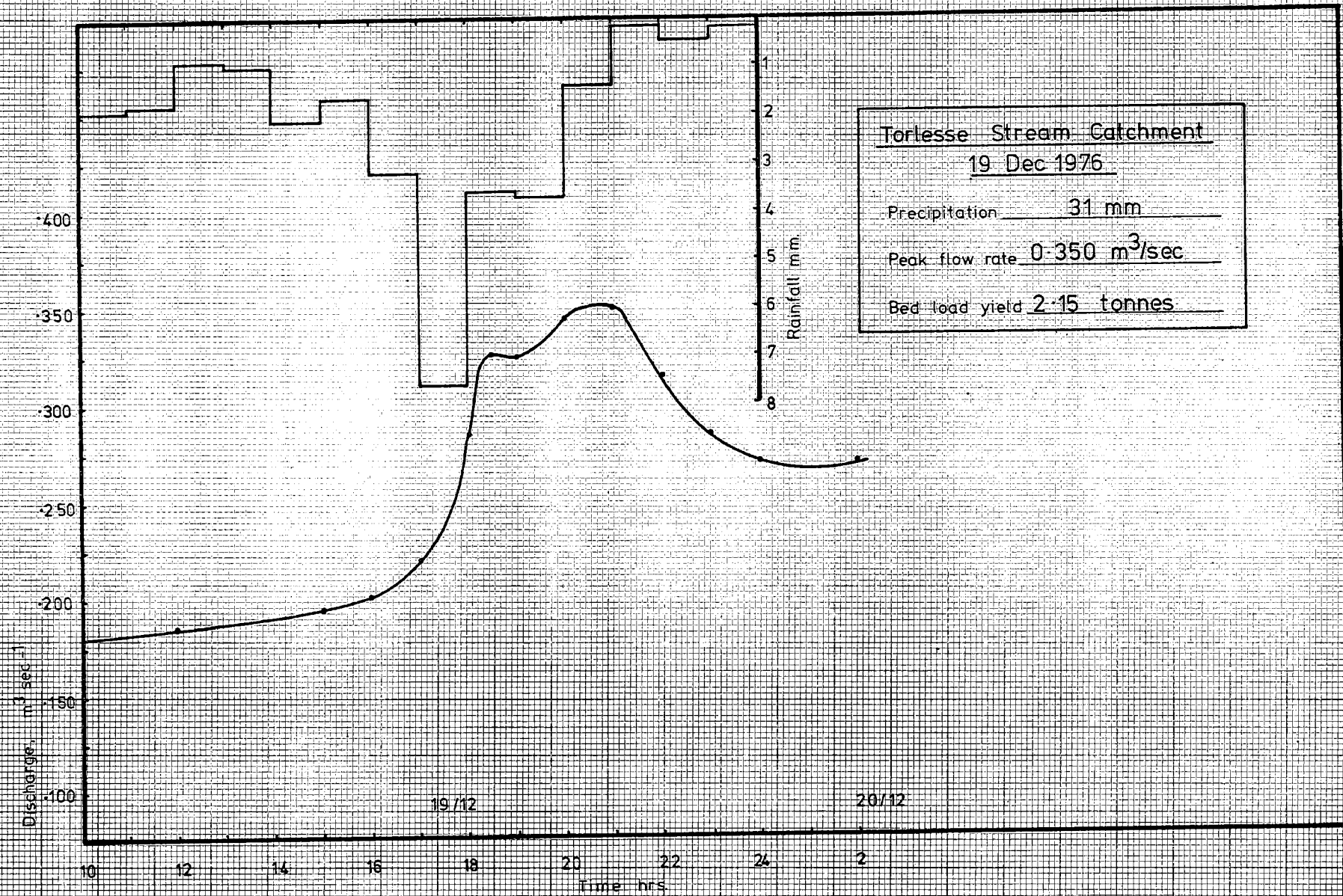


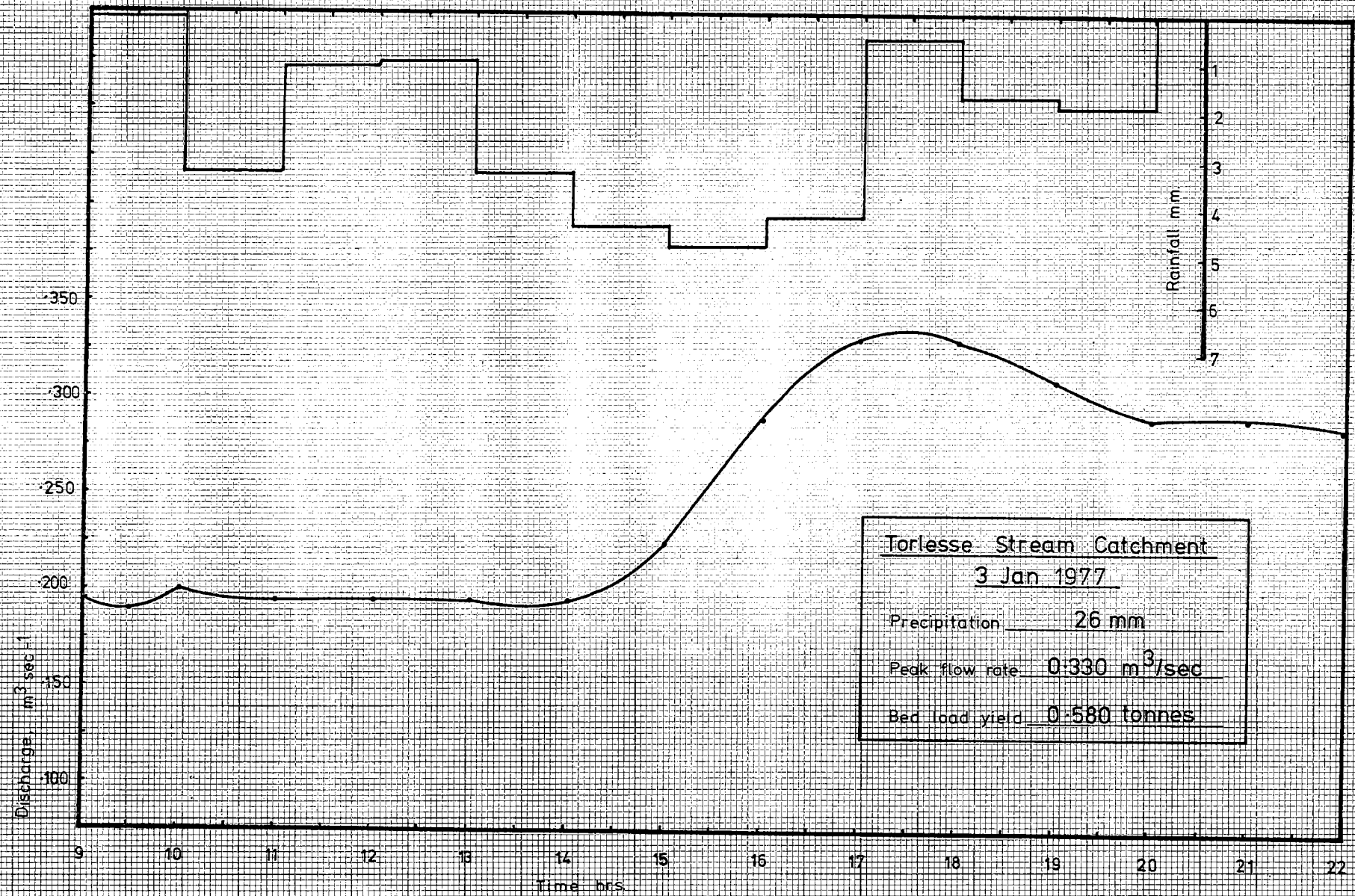


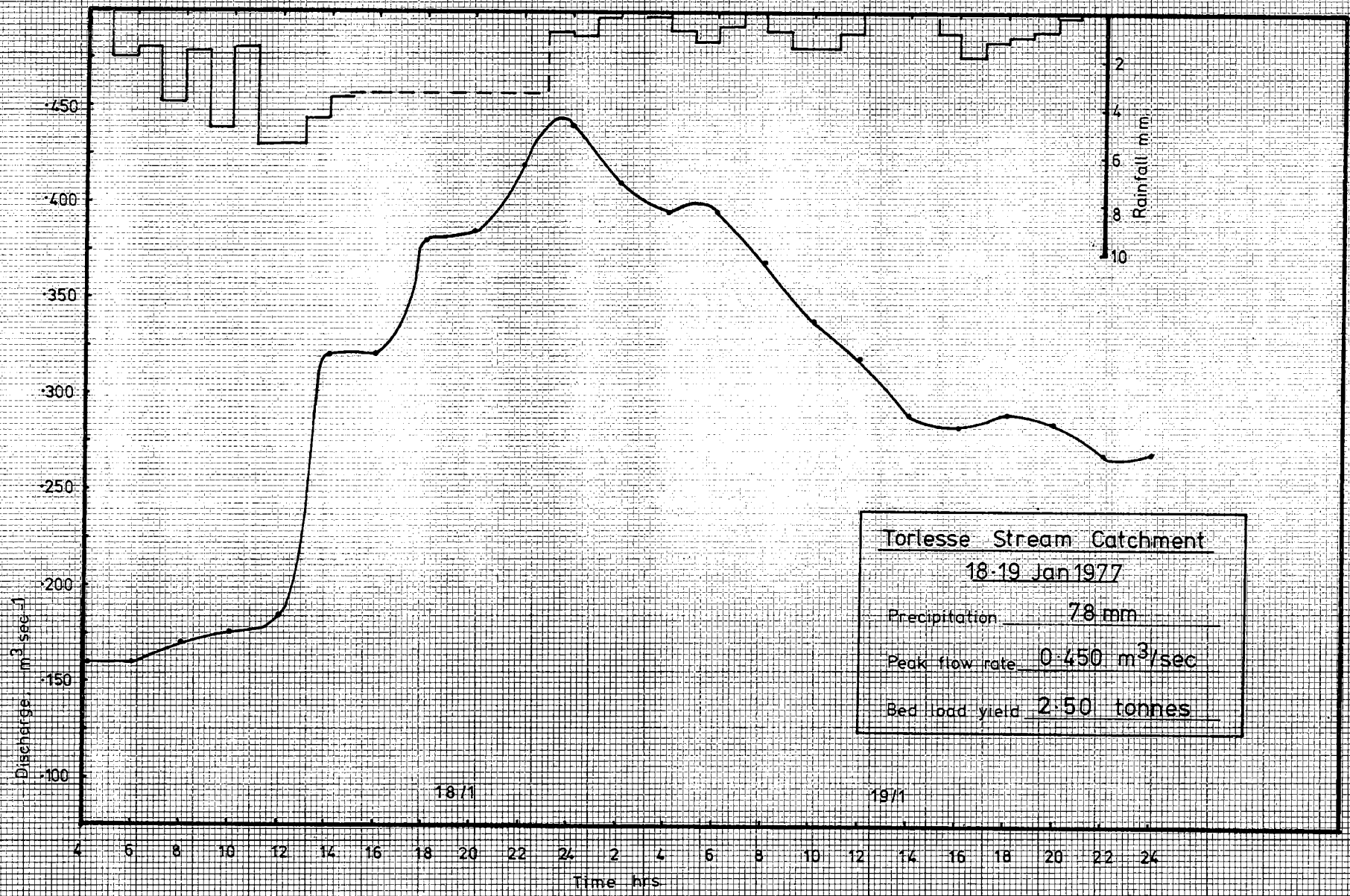


Torlesse Stream Catchment
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Precipitation 32 mm
Peak flow rate 0.600 m^3/sec
Bed load yield 0.50 tonnes











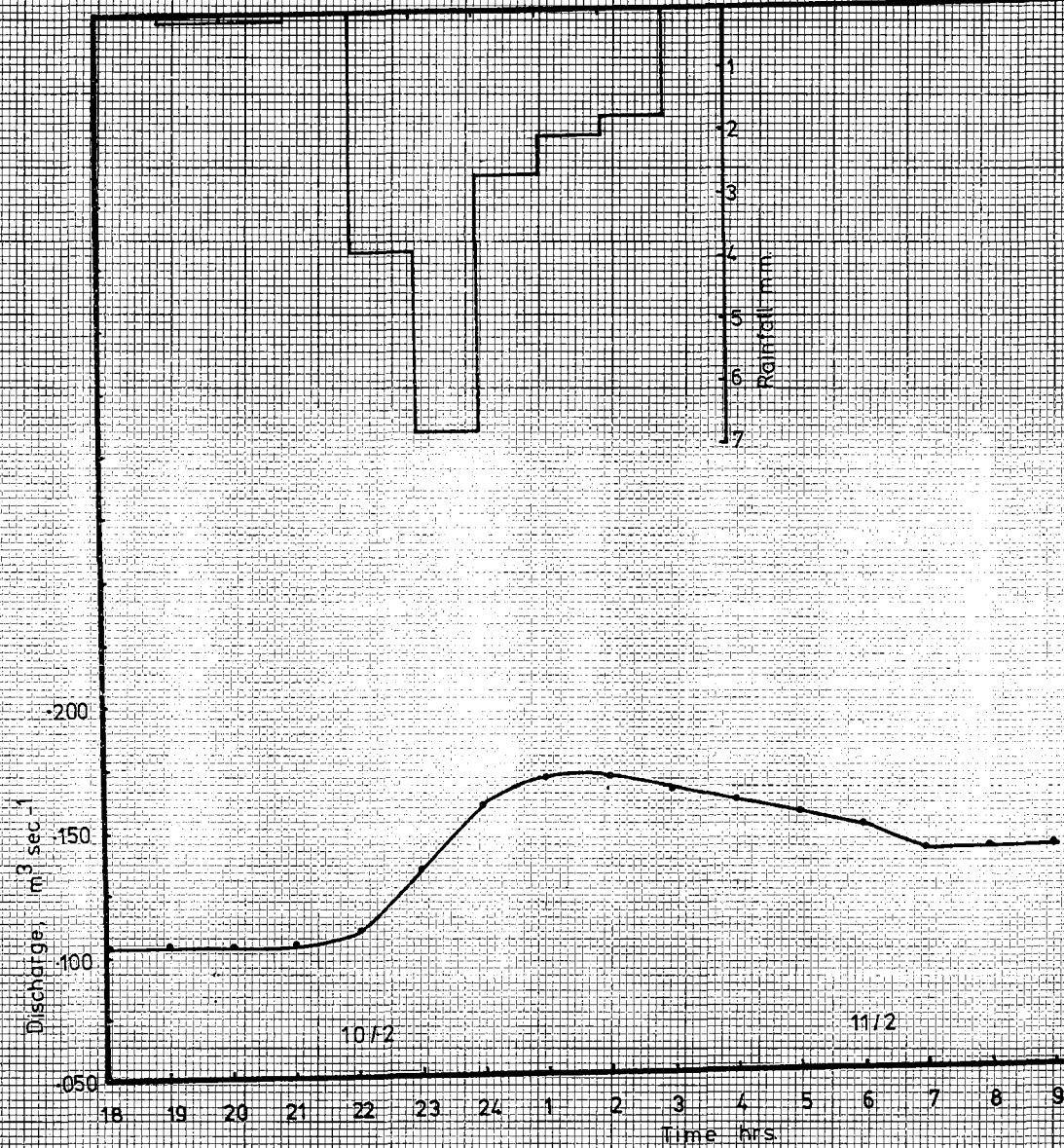
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7 Feb 1977

Precipitation 16 mm

Peak flow rate 0.170 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.020 tonnes



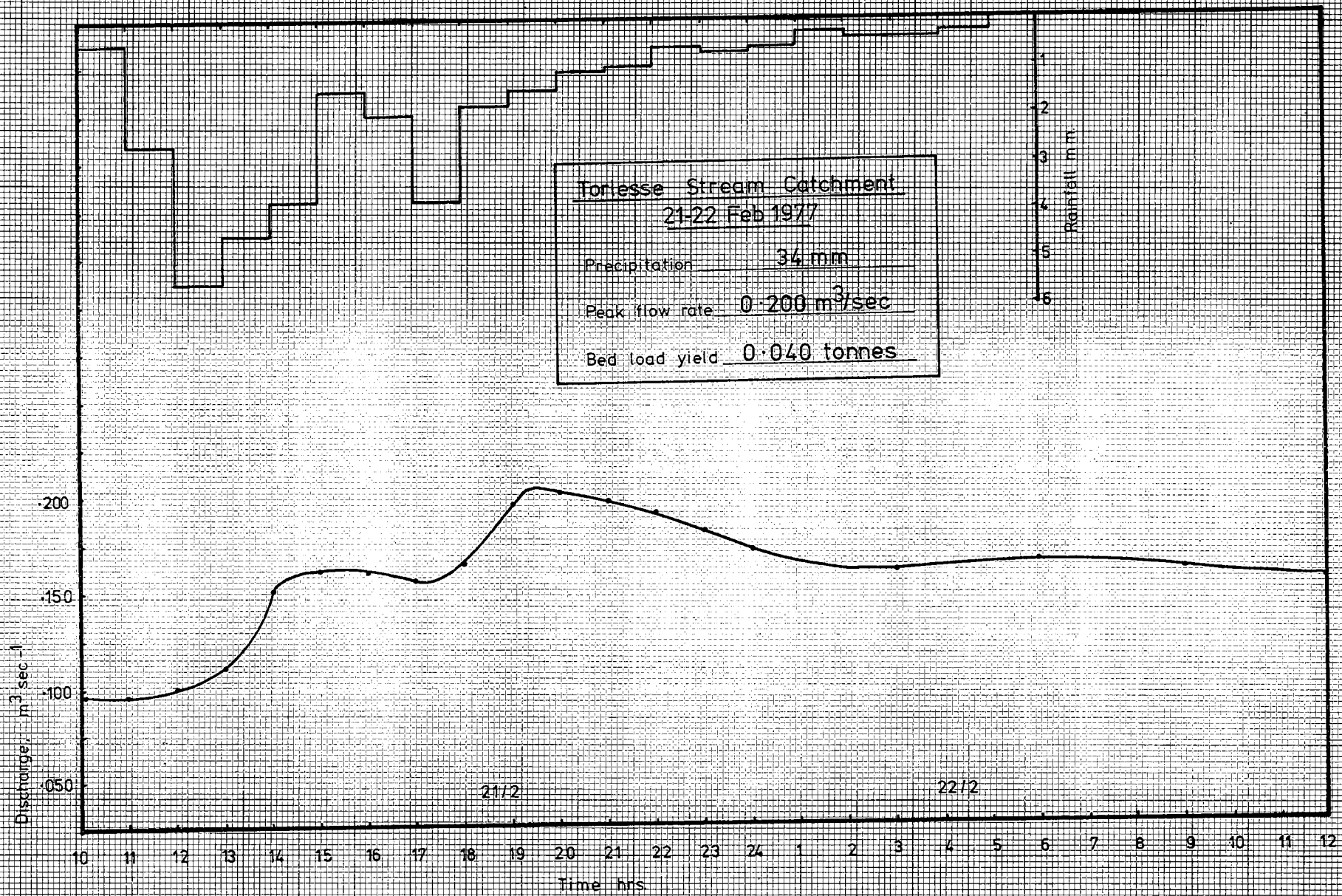
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Precipitation 18 mm.

Peak flow rate 0.170 m^3/sec

Bed load yield 0



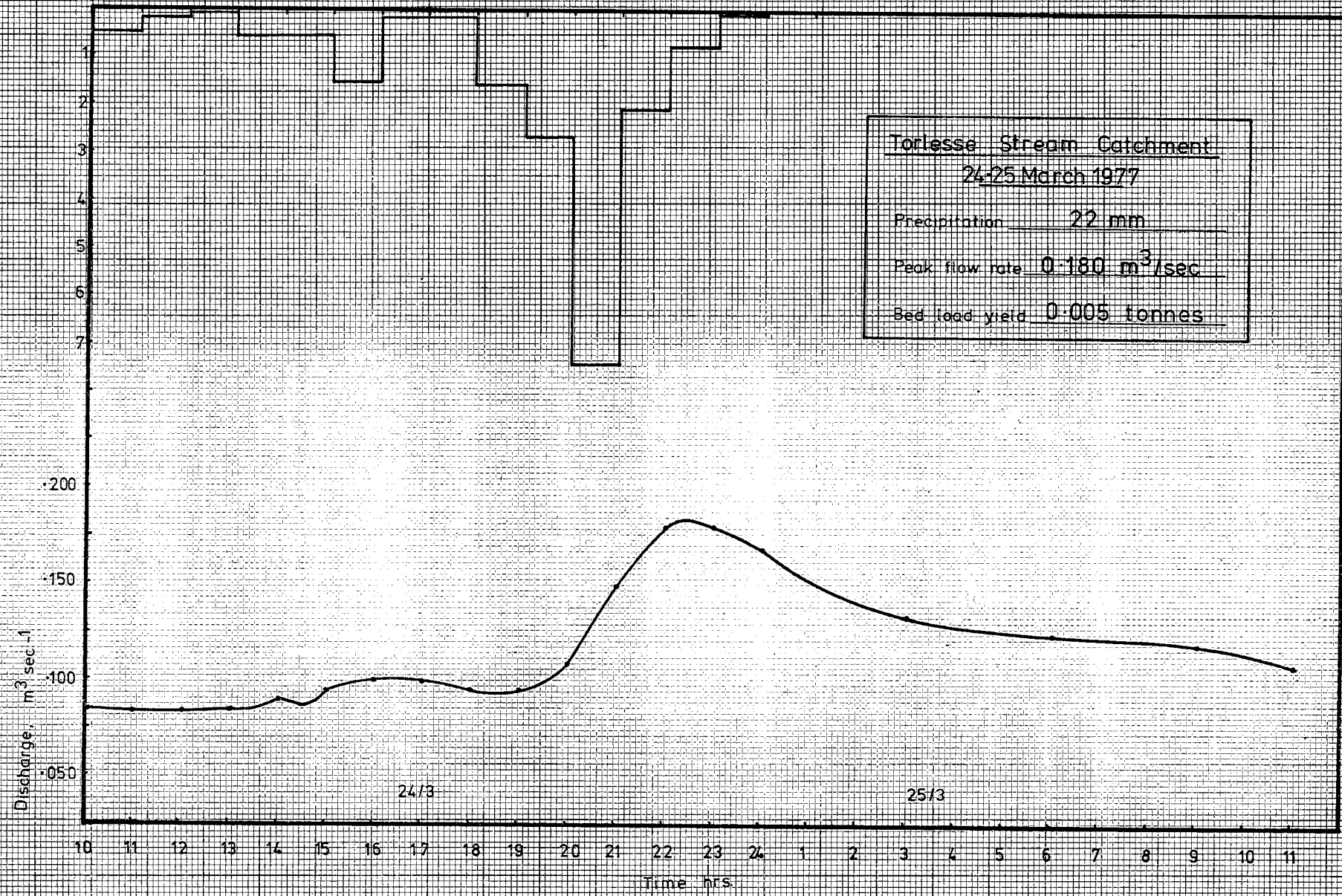
Torlesse Stream Catchment

24/25 March 1977

Precipitation 22 mm

Peak flow rate 0.180 m³/sec

Bed load yield 0.005 tonnes

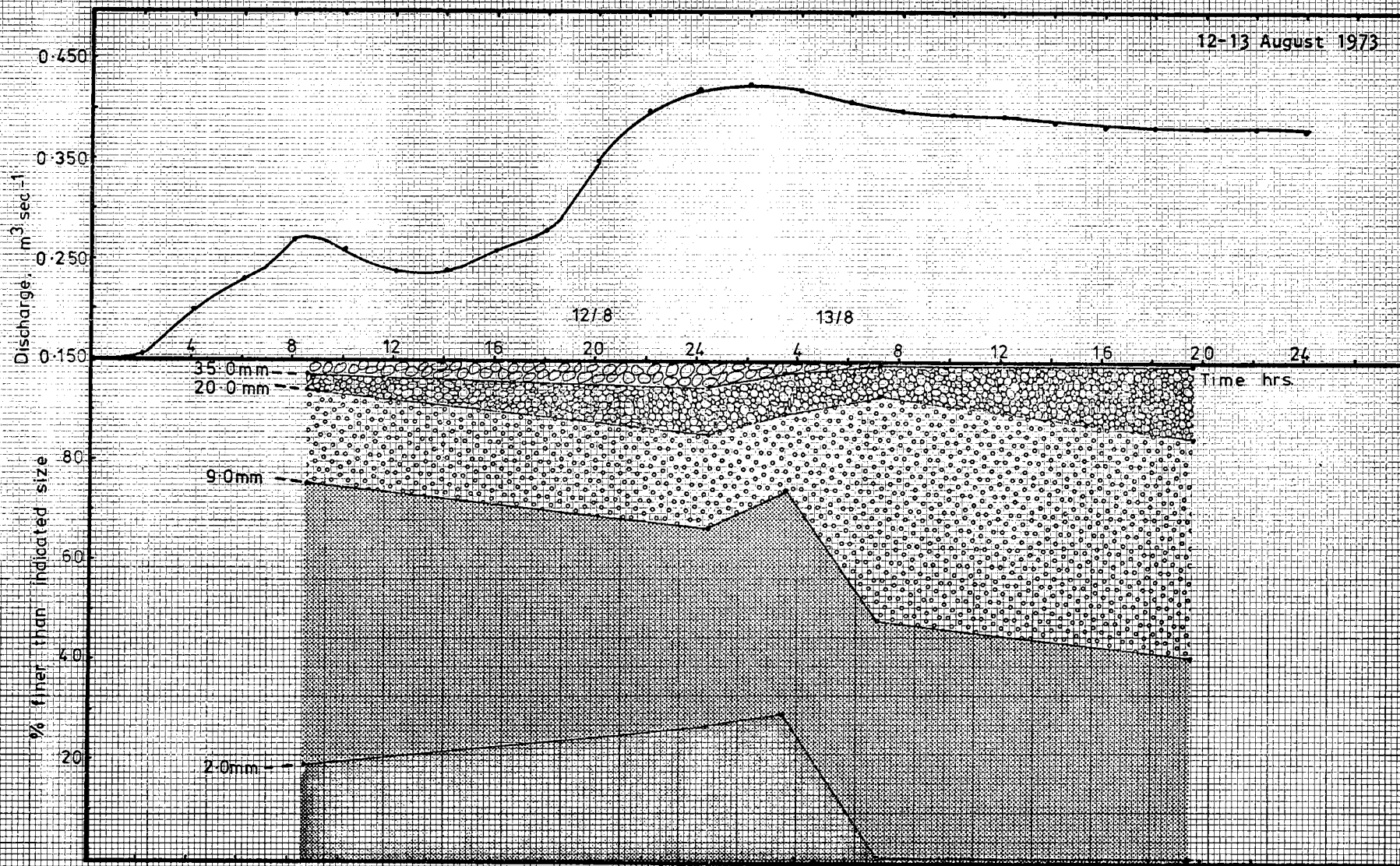


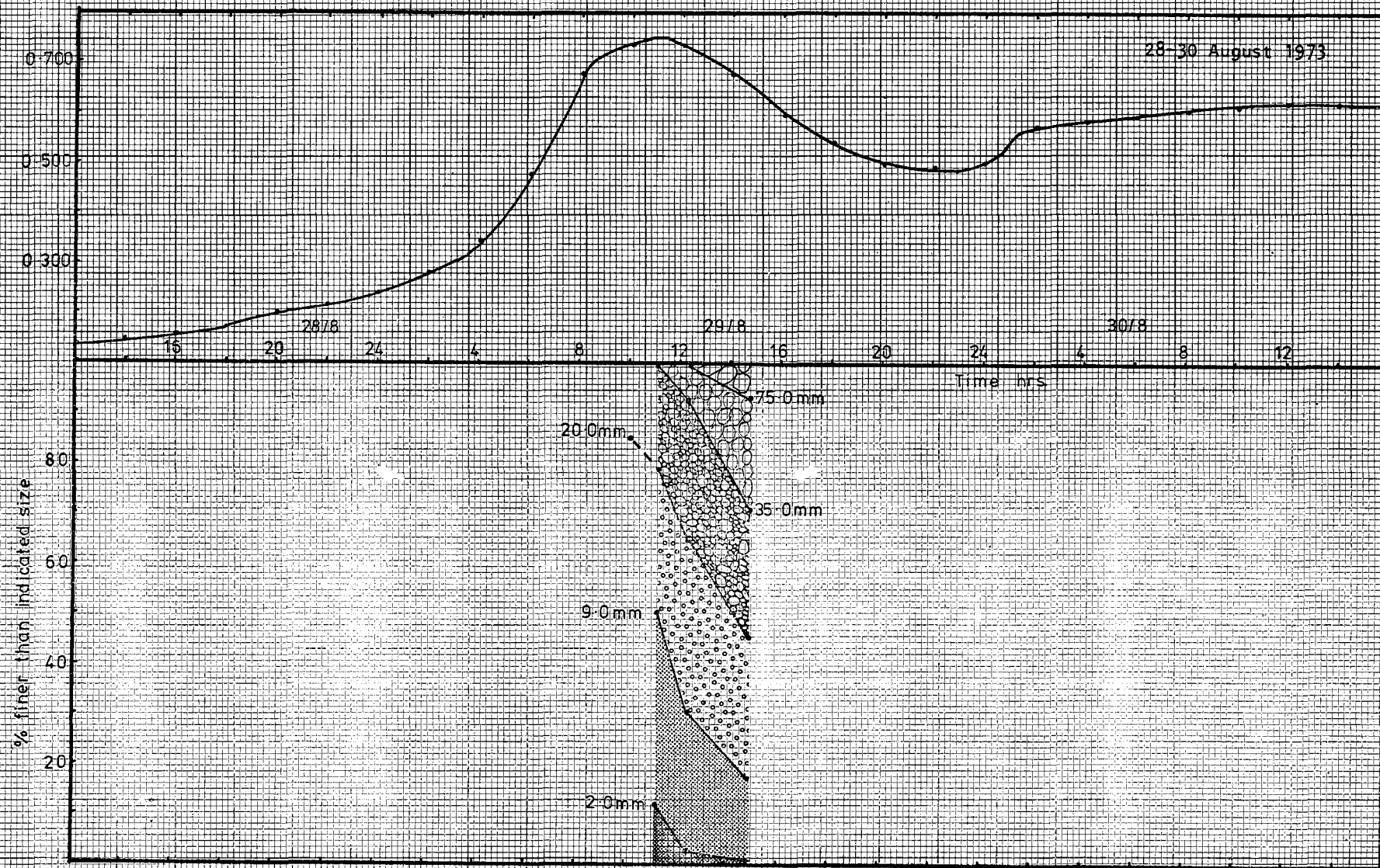
APPENDIX VII

BED LOAD SEDIMENT SIZES FROM SOME STORMS,
TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT.

EVENTS

12 - 13	August	1973
29	August	1973
21	November	1973
16 - 17	January	1974
15 - 16	March	1974
21 - 23	June	1974
19 - 20	July	1974
8 - 9	October	1974
8 - 9	October	1974
20 - 23	January	1975
29 - 31	January	1975
11 - 13	March	1975
11 - 13	March	1975
1 - 2	April	1975
6 - 7	June	1975
14 - 15	July	1975
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10 - 12	August	1976



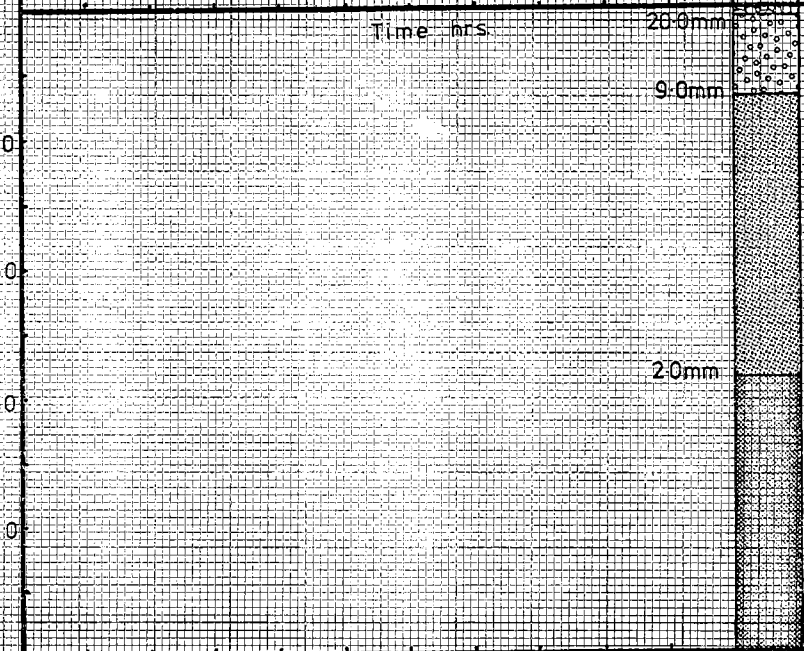


21 November 1973

Discharge, $m^3 sec^{-1}$

Time hrs

% finer than indicated size



16-17 January 1974

Discharge, $\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$

0.350
0.250
0.150

8 12 15 16/1 20 24 4 17/1

Time hrs

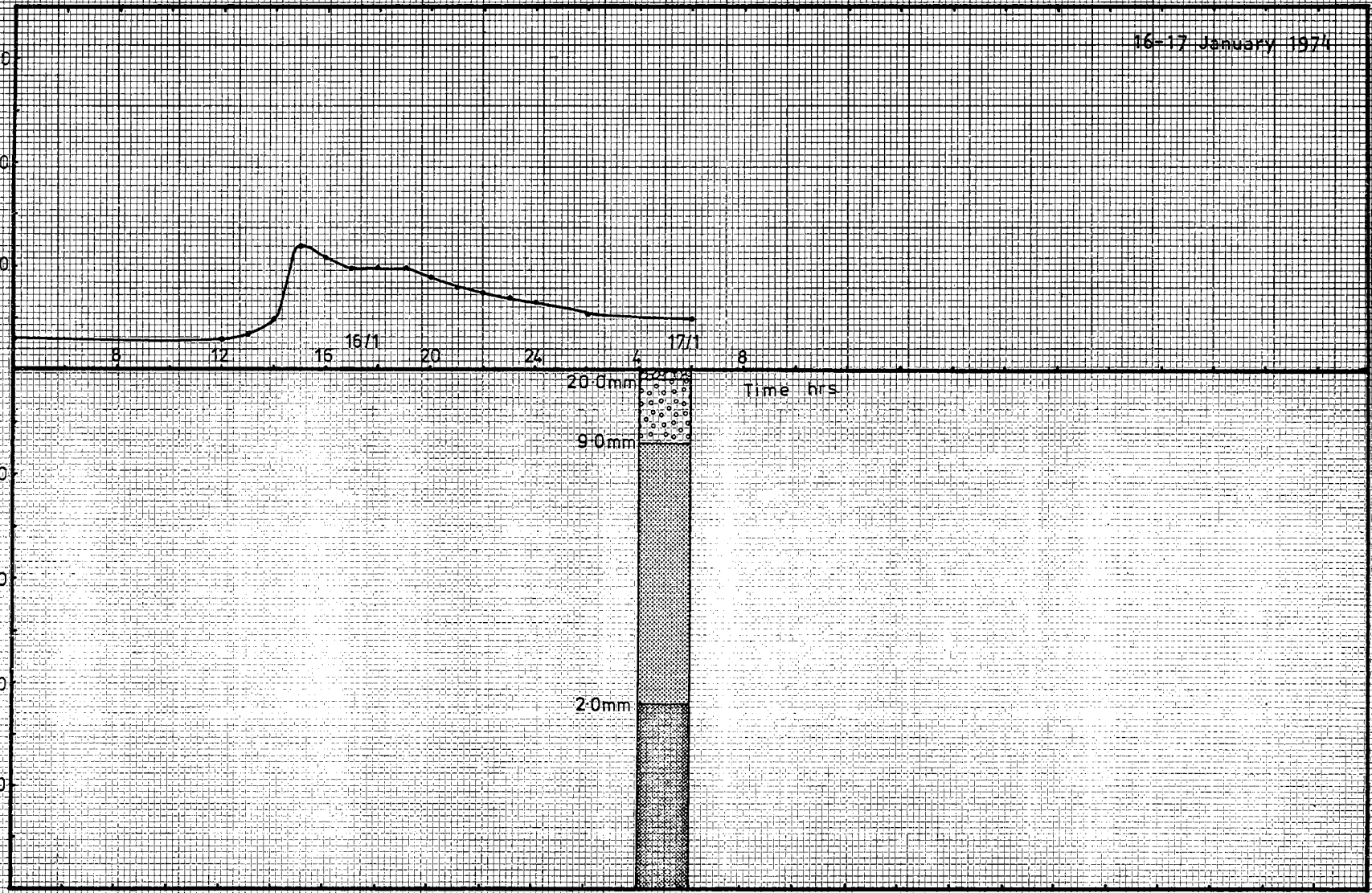
% finer than indicated size

80
60
40
20

20.0mm

9.0mm

2.0mm



15-16 March 1974

Discharge, $\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$

0.350

0.250

0.150

16

15/3

20

24

4

16/3

8

12

16

20

24

Time hrs.

20.0mm

9.0mm

2.0mm

% finer than indicated size

80

60

40

20

21-23 June 1974

Discharge, $\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$

12

16

20

21/6

24

22/6

4

8

12

16

20

24

4

23/6

8

Time hrs

35.0mm

20.0mm

9.0mm

2.0mm

Average for storm

% finer than indicated size

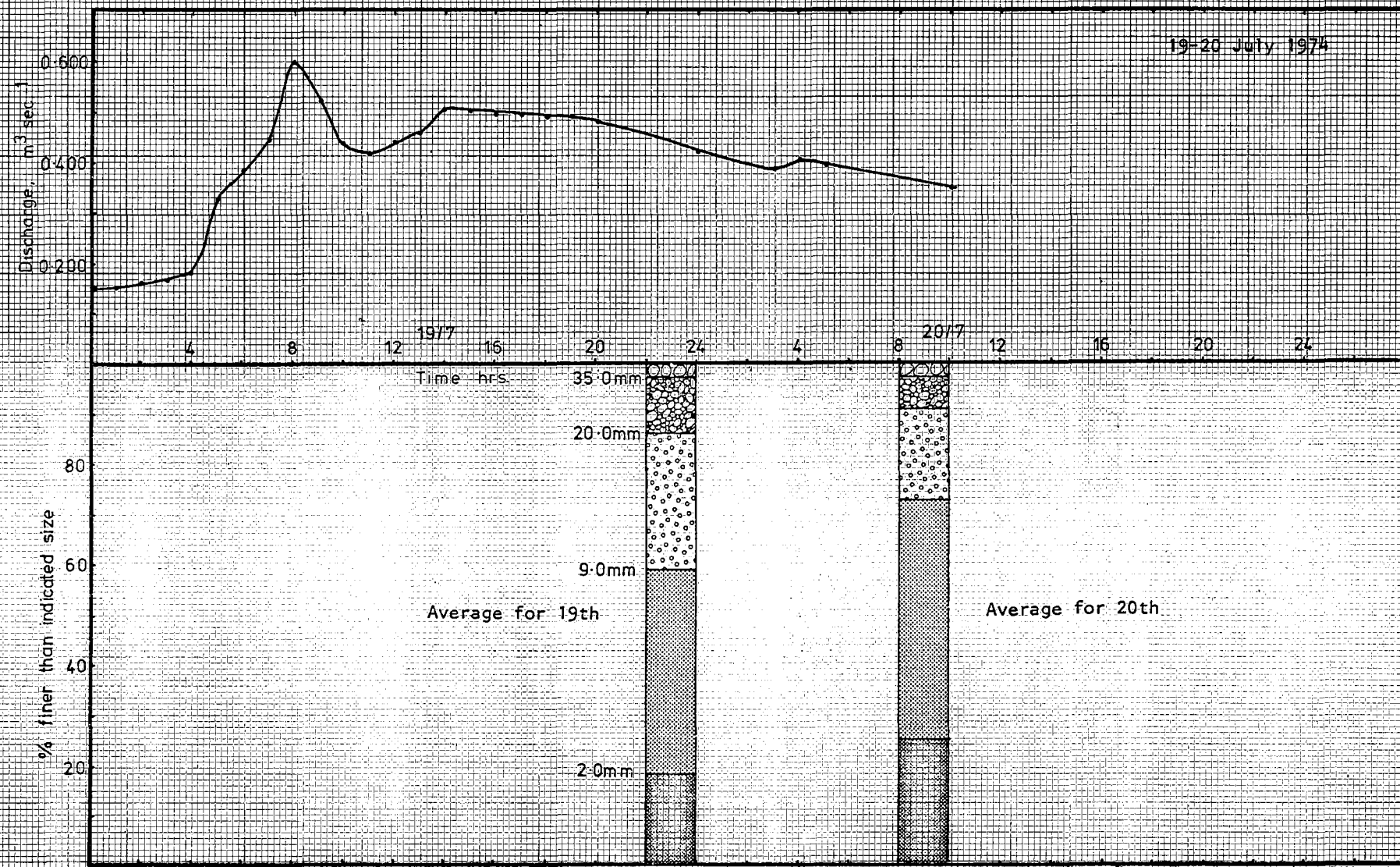
80

60

40

20

19-20 July 1974



8-9 October 1974

Discharge, $\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$

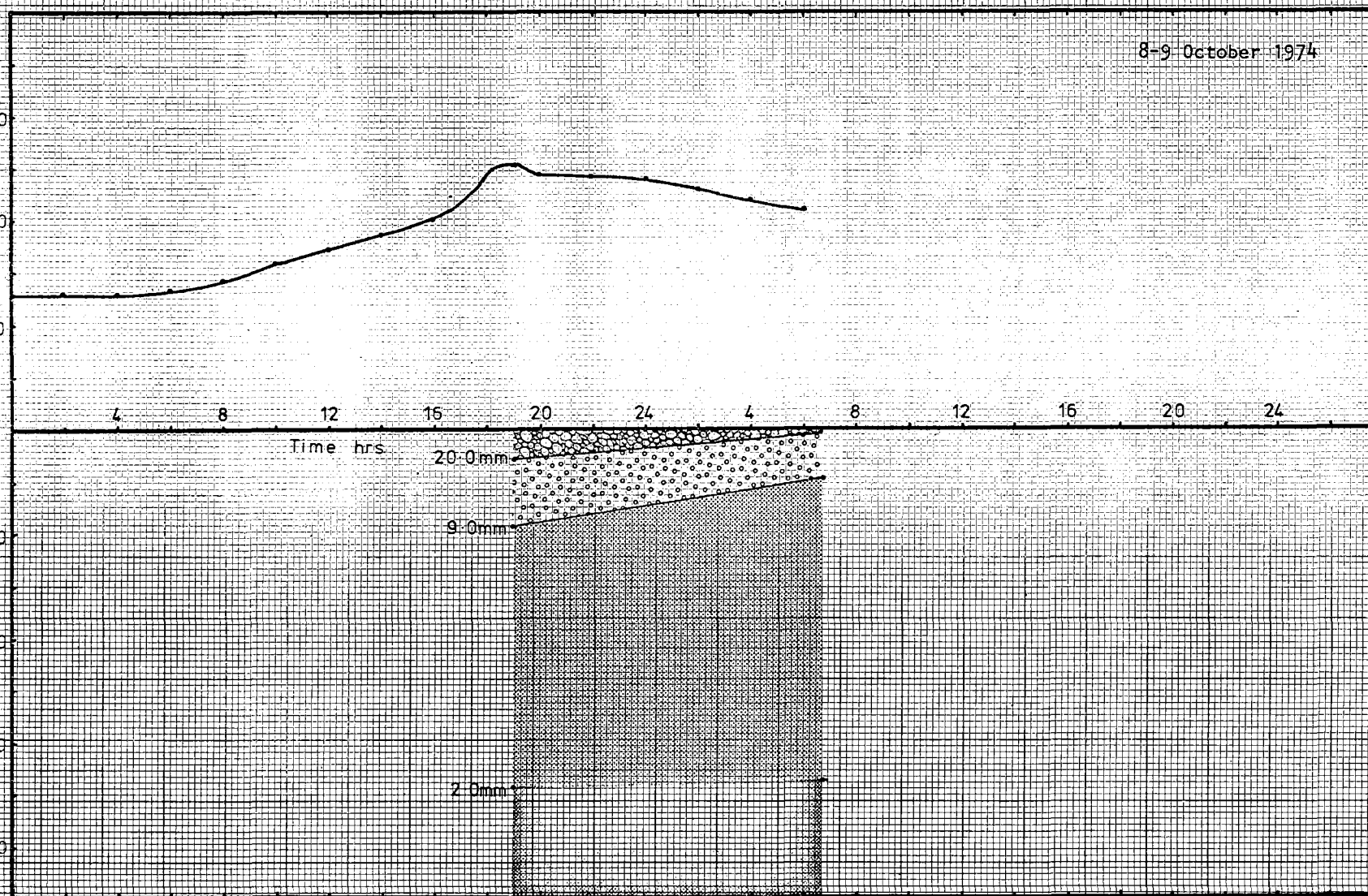
Time hrs

% finer than indicated size

20.0mm

9.0mm

2.0mm



20-22 January 1975

Discharge, $m^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

1.20

0.800

0.400

8

12

16

20

24

4

8

12

16

20

24

4

Time hrs

% finer than indicated size

80

60

40

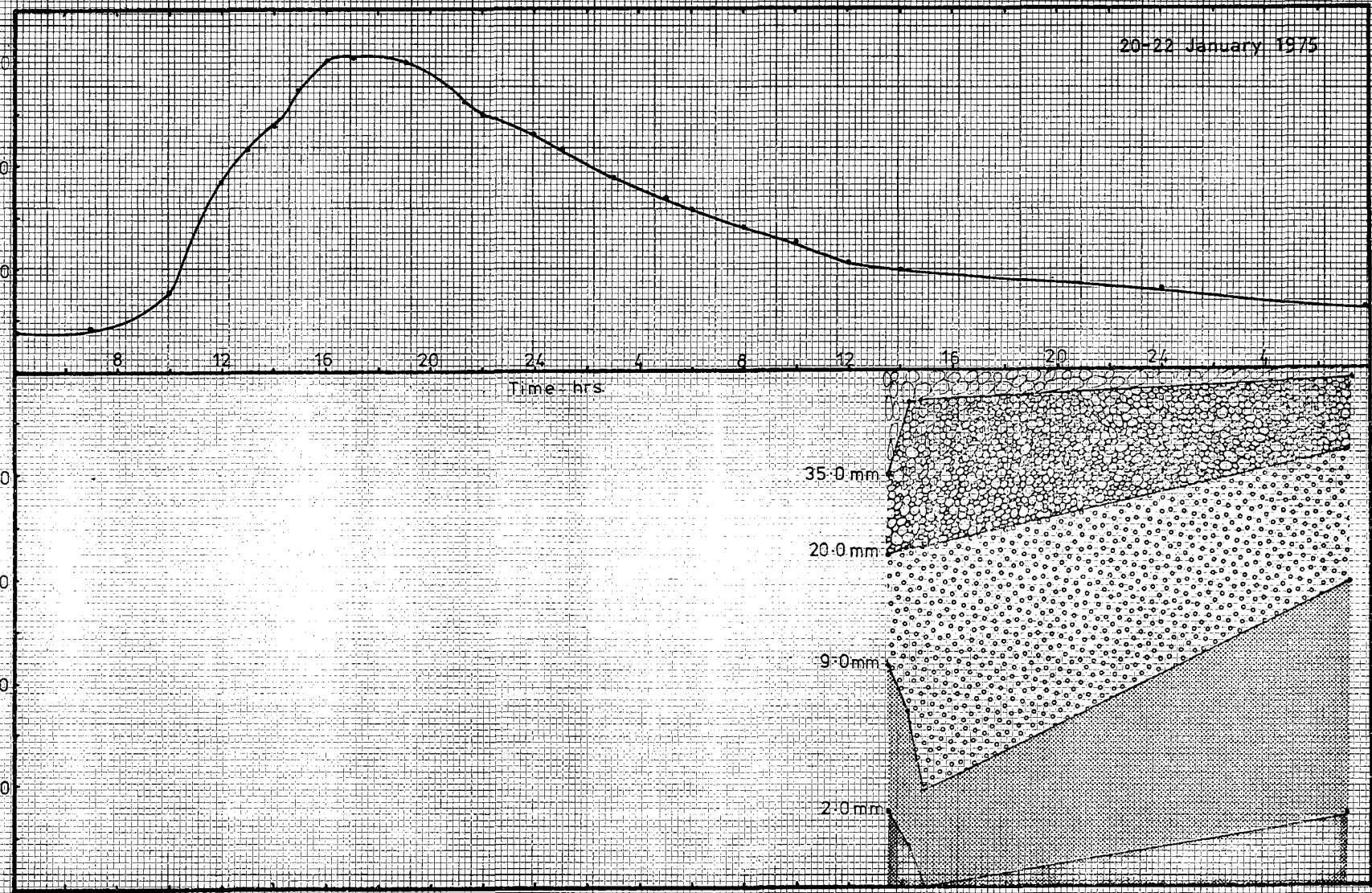
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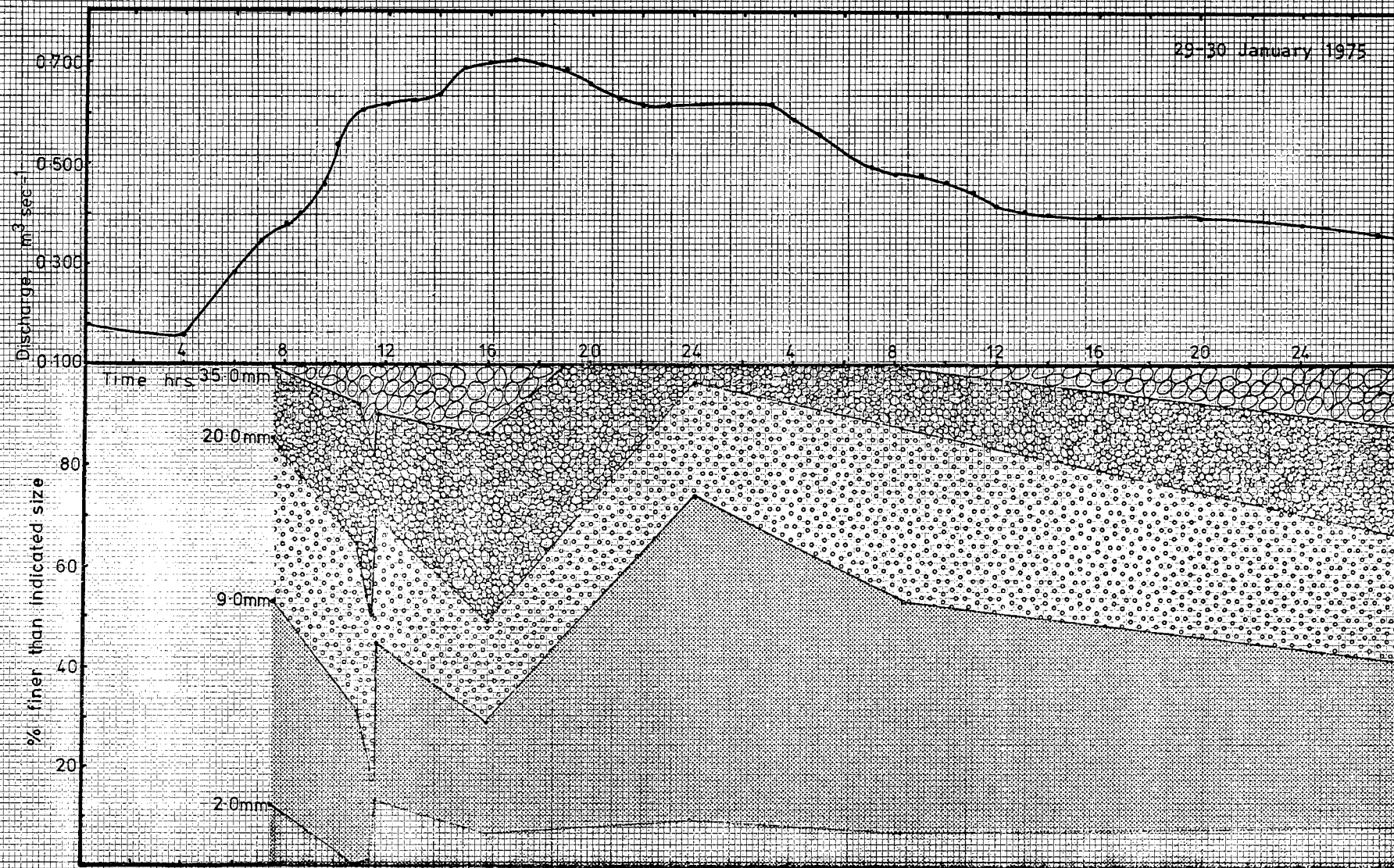
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20.0 mm

9.0 mm

2.0 mm





16-17 February 1975

Discharge, $\text{m}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

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0.250
0.150

16

20

24

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12

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20

24

Time hrs.

35.0 mm

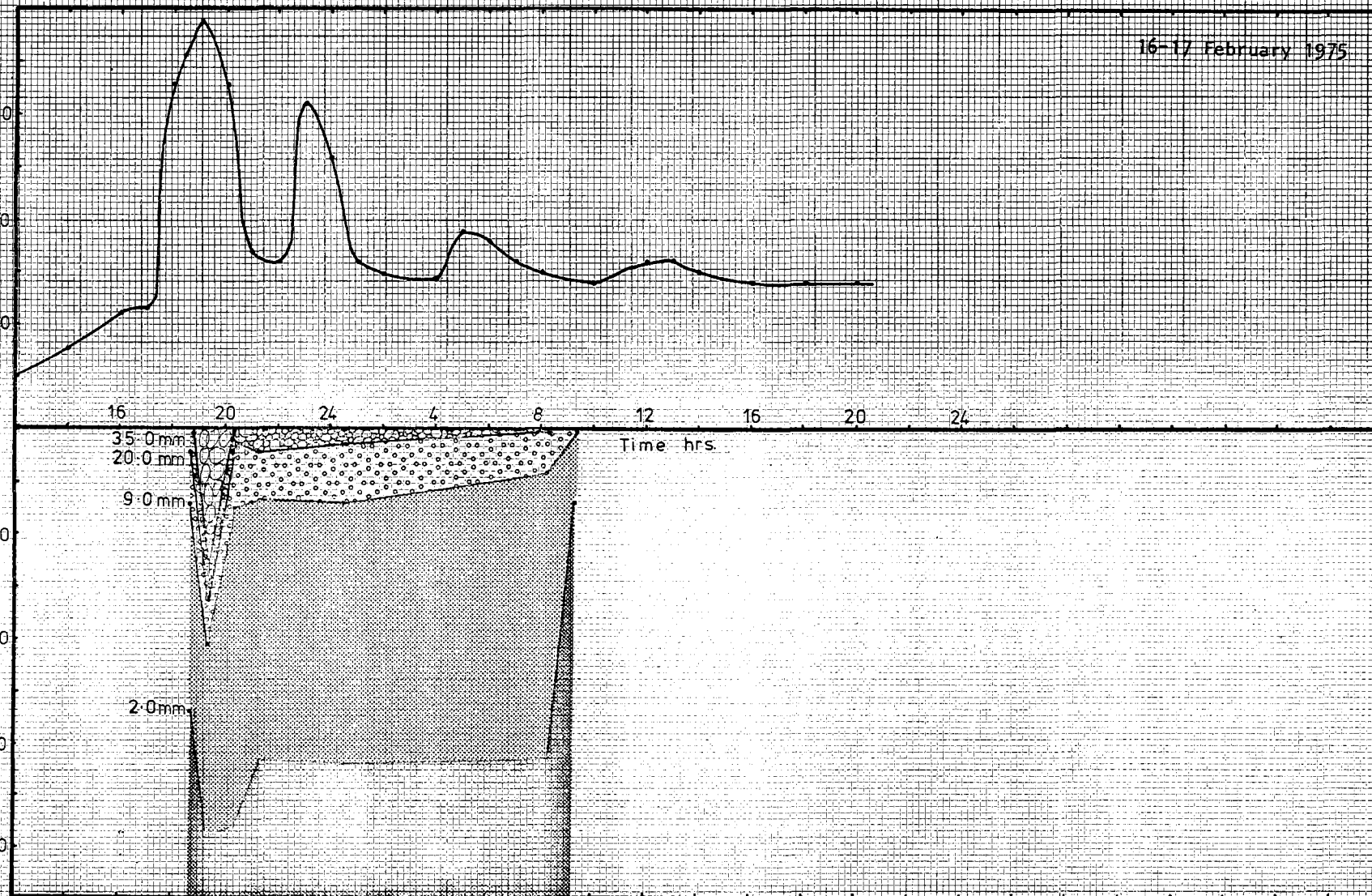
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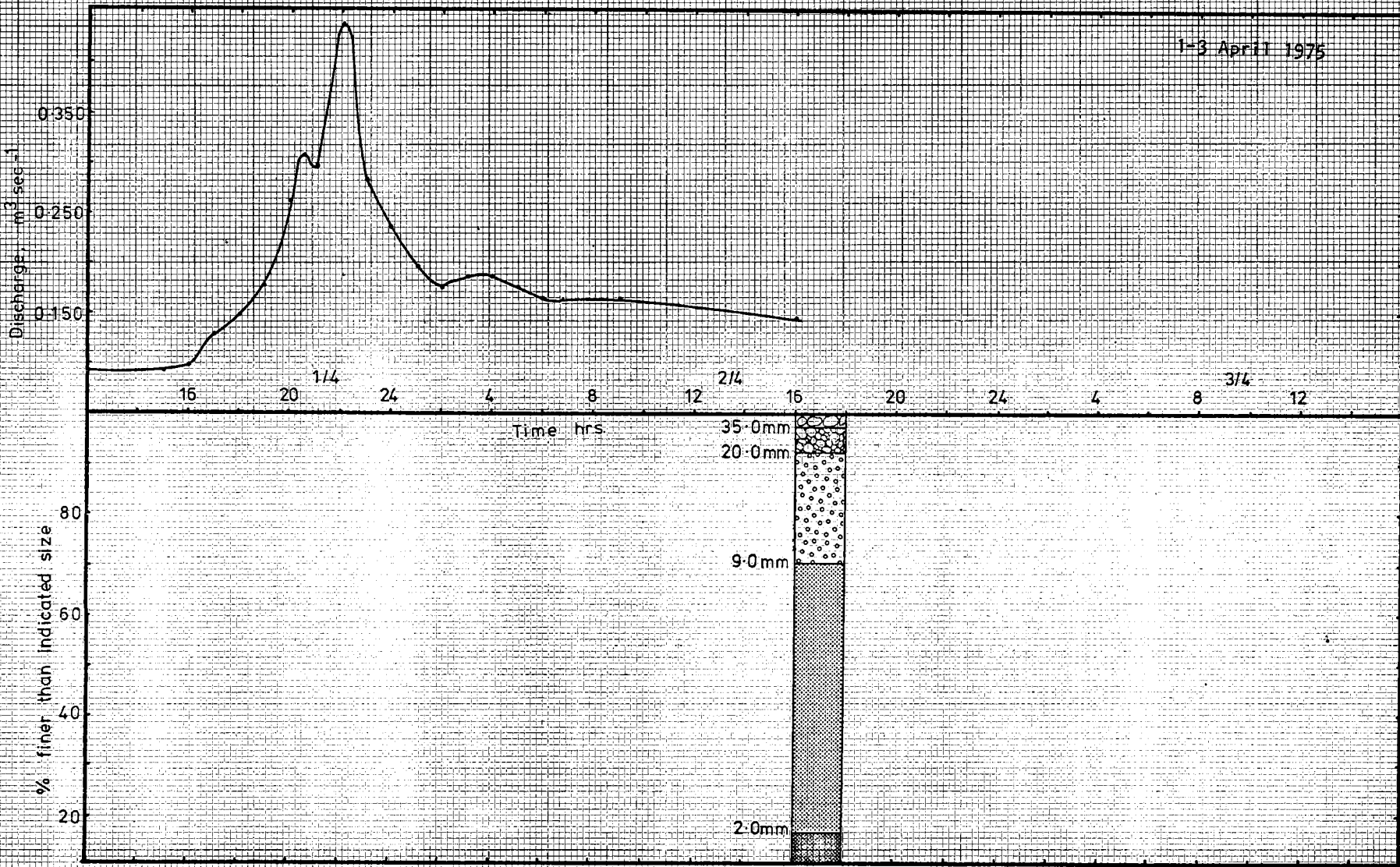
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2.0 mm

% finer than indicated size

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60
40
20





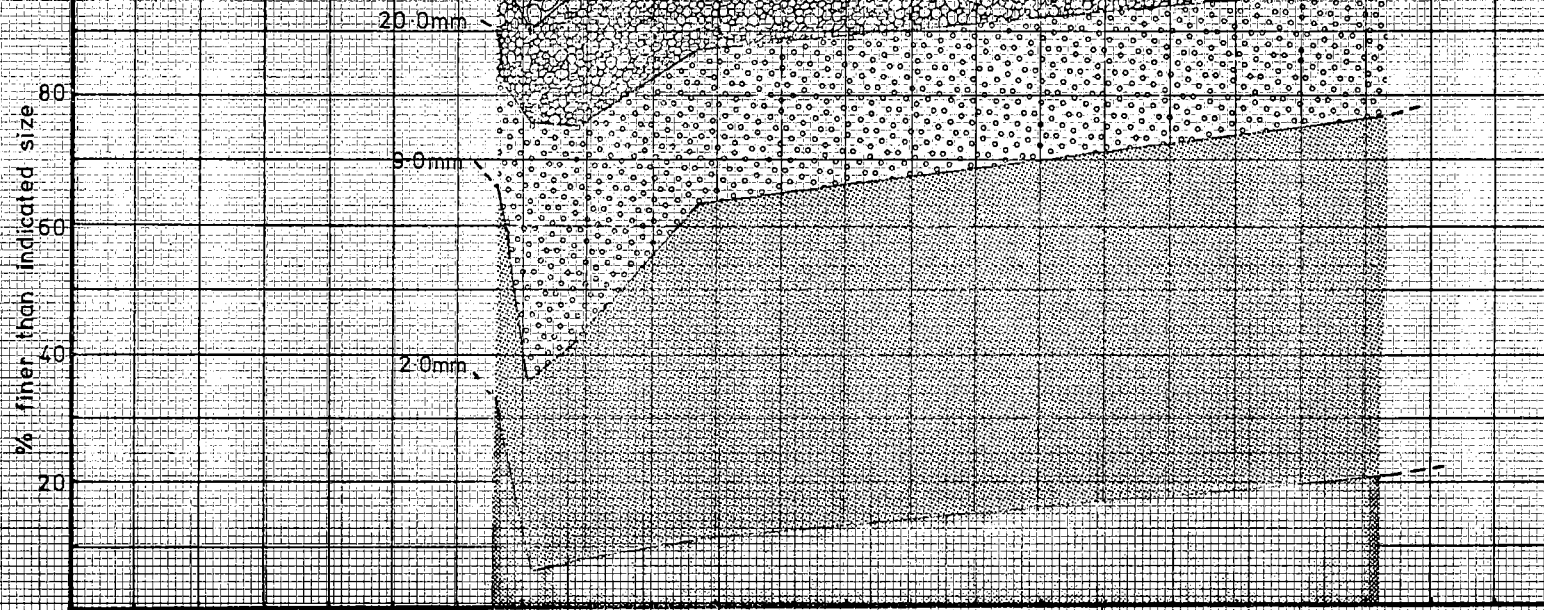
29 April - 1 May 1975

Discharge $m^3 sec^{-1}$

% finer than indicated size

20 29 1/4 24 4 8 12 16 30 1/4 20 24 4 8 12 16 20

35.0mm 20.0mm 9.0mm 2.0mm Time hrs



11-13 May 1975

2400

1600

800

% finer than indicated size

Time hrs

18

11/5

22

2

6

10

12/5

14

18

22

2

6

13/5

10

14

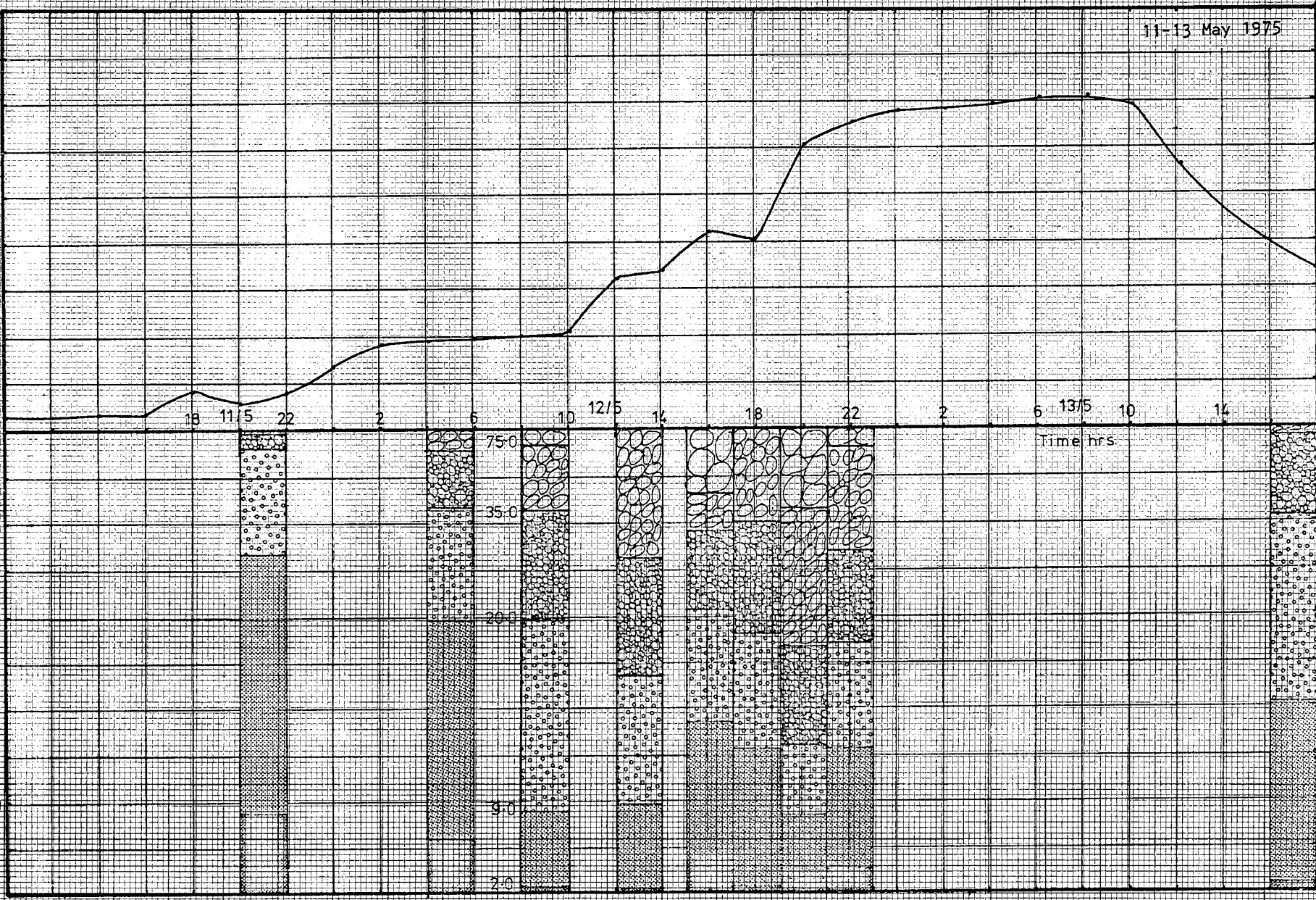
75.0

35.0

20.0

9.0

2.0



11-13 May 1975

Discharge
2.00
1.60
1.20
0.80
0.40
0.00

% finer than indicated size
80
60
40
20
0

75.0mm

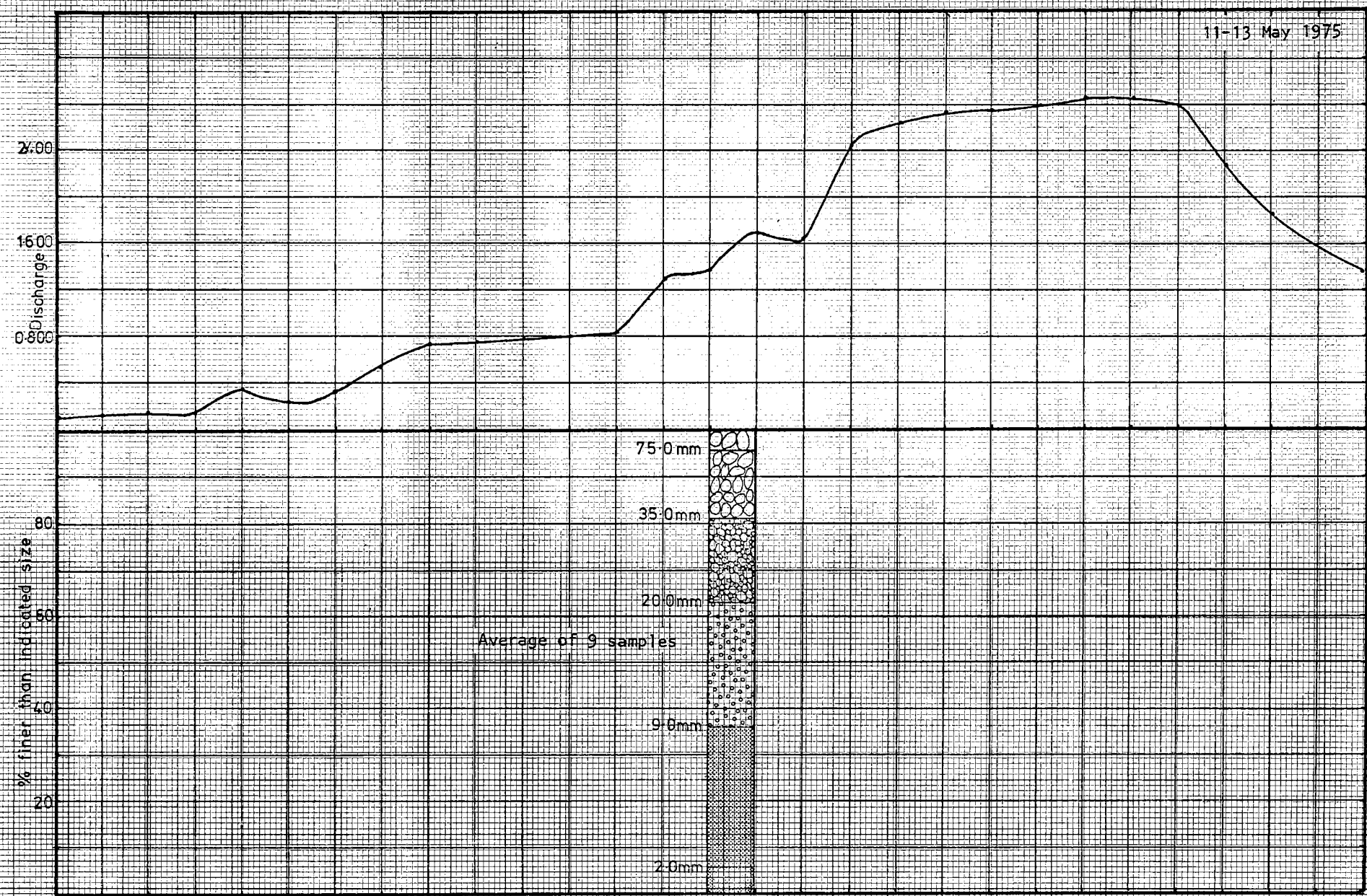
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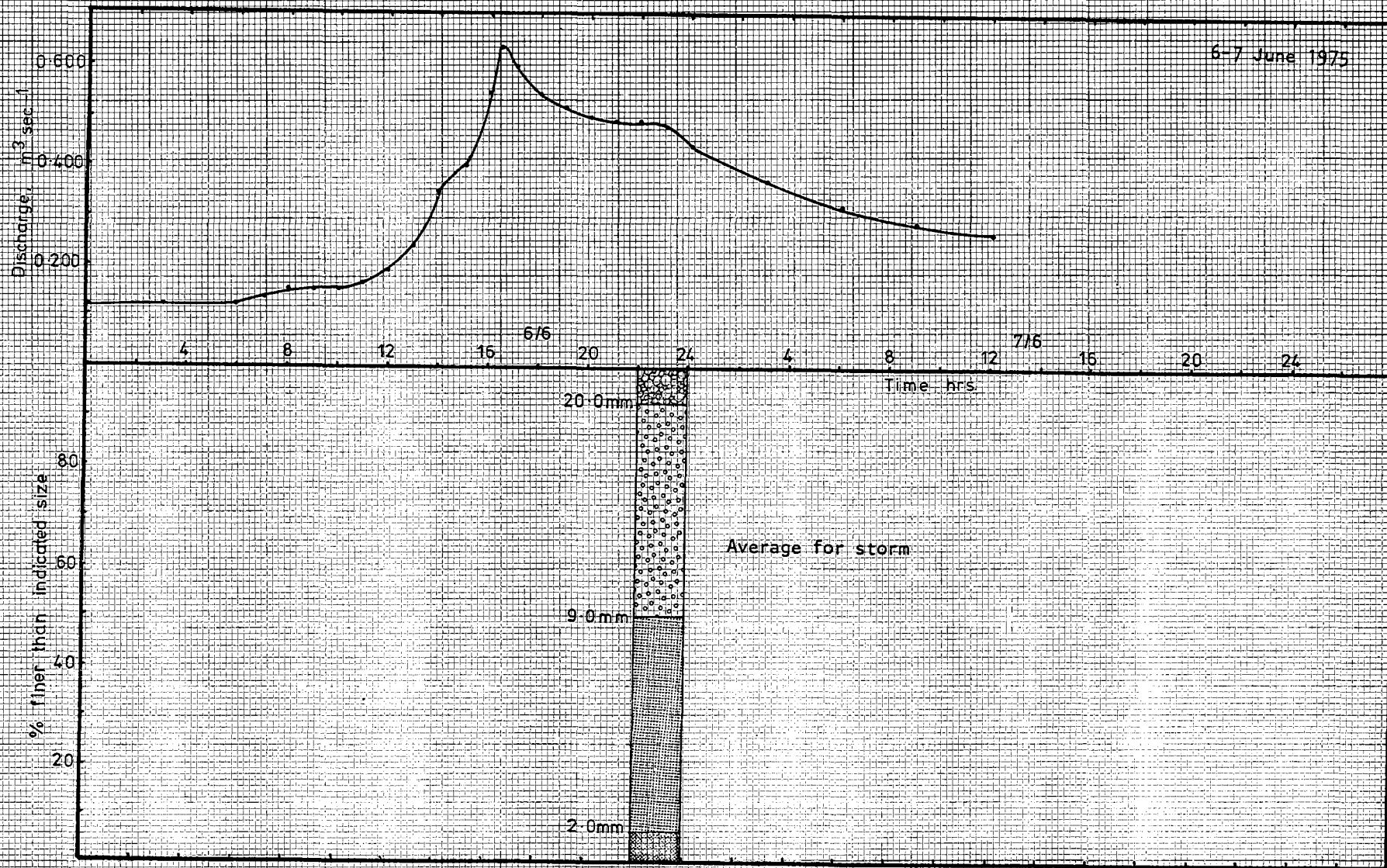
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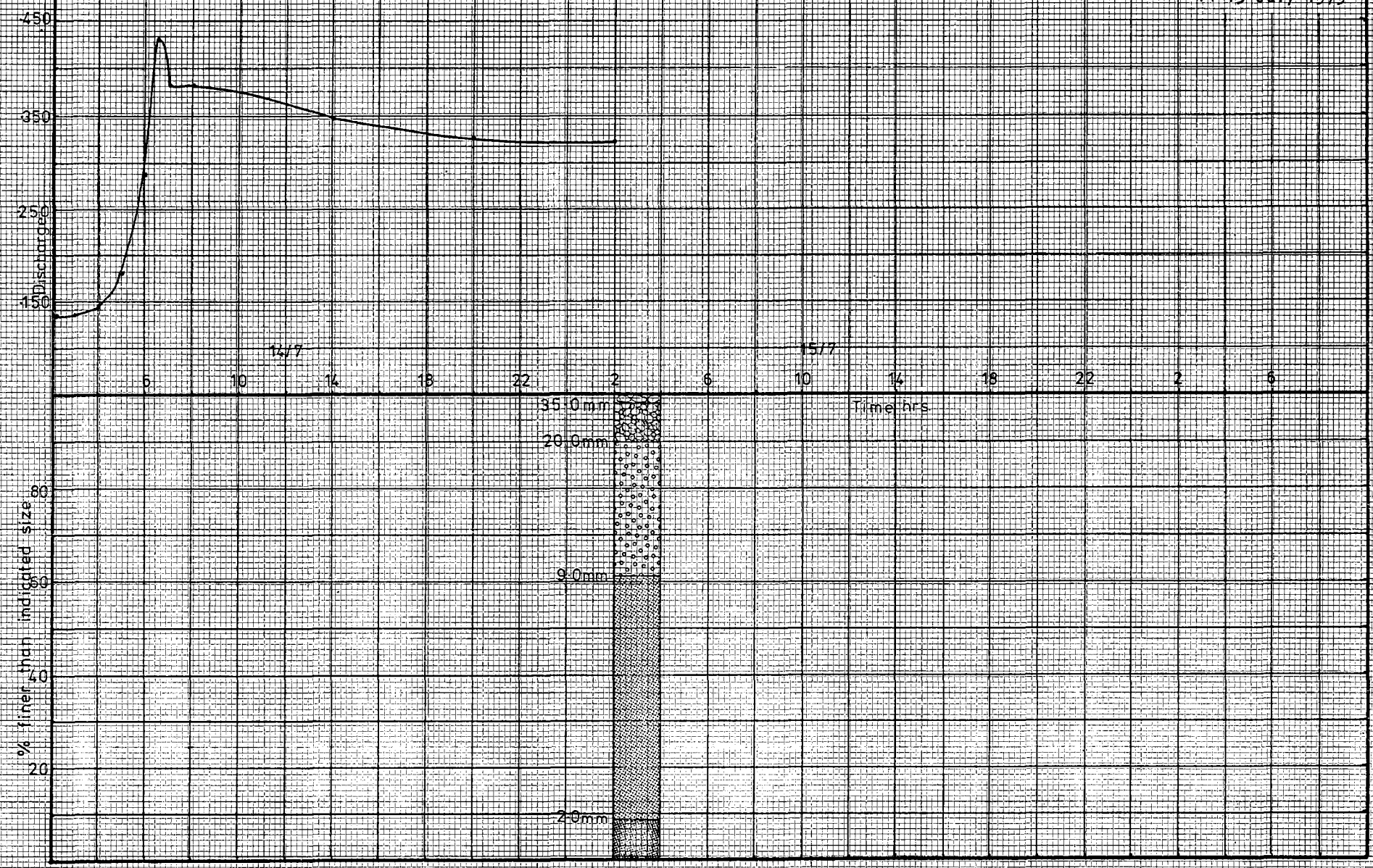
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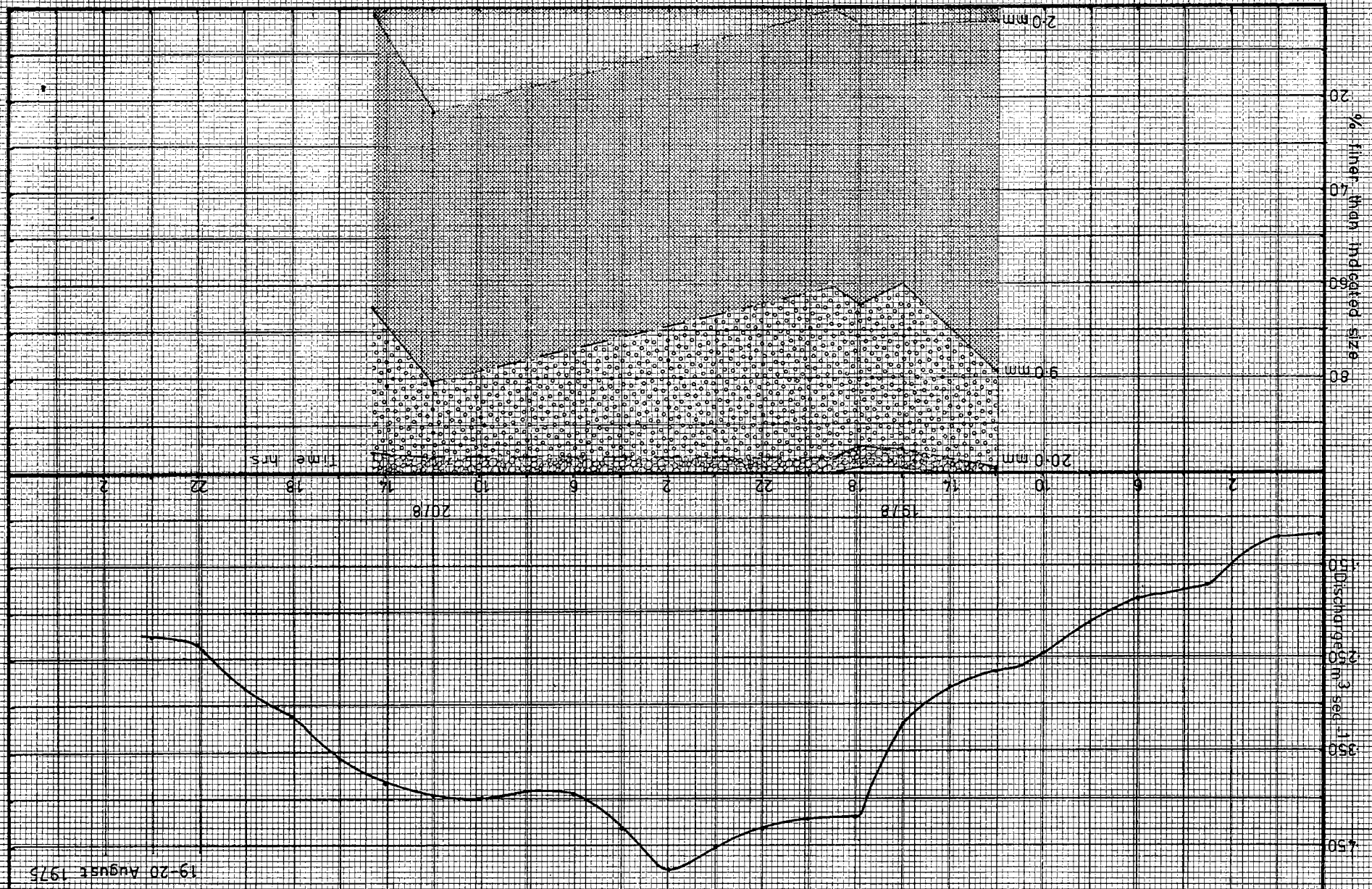
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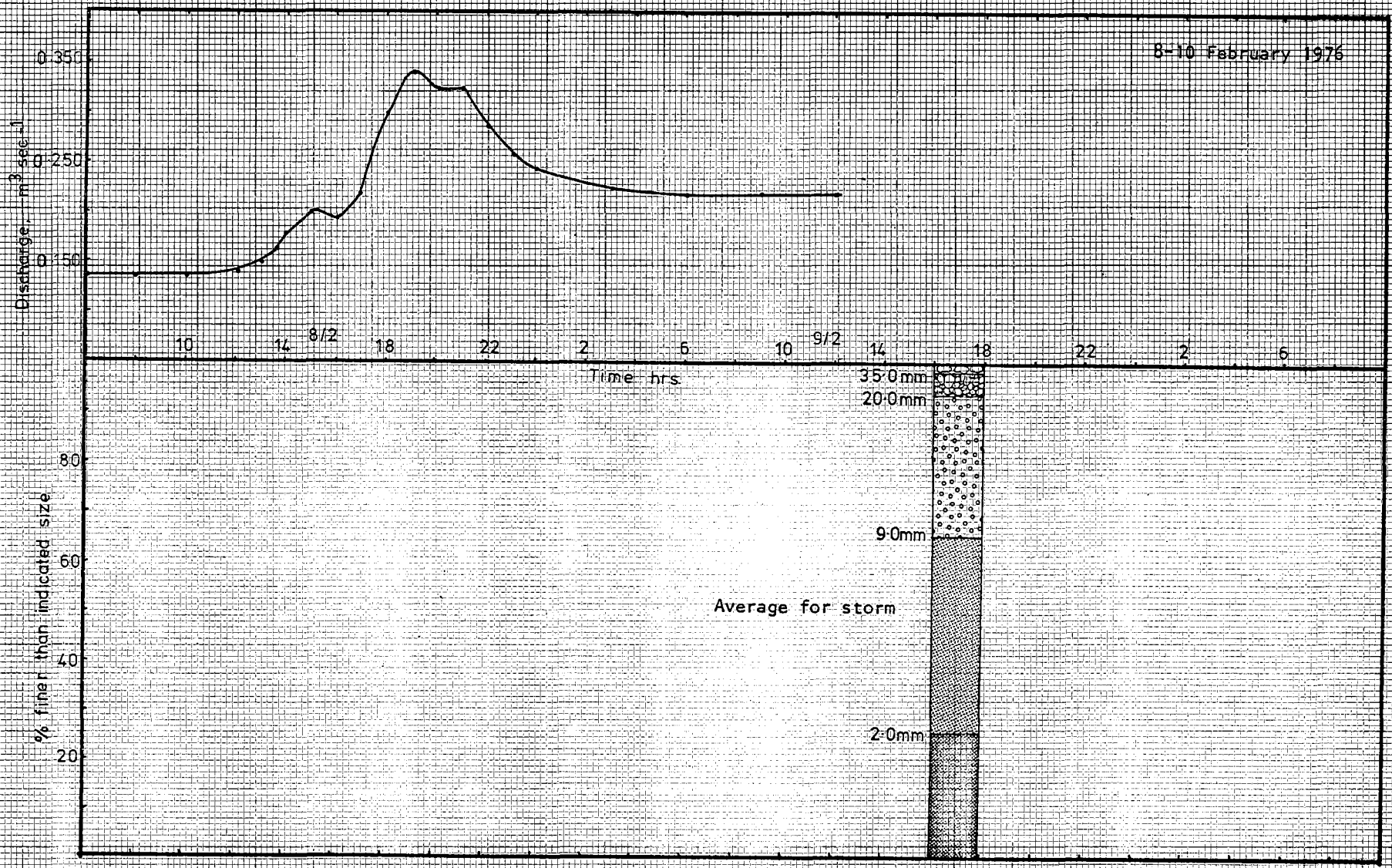


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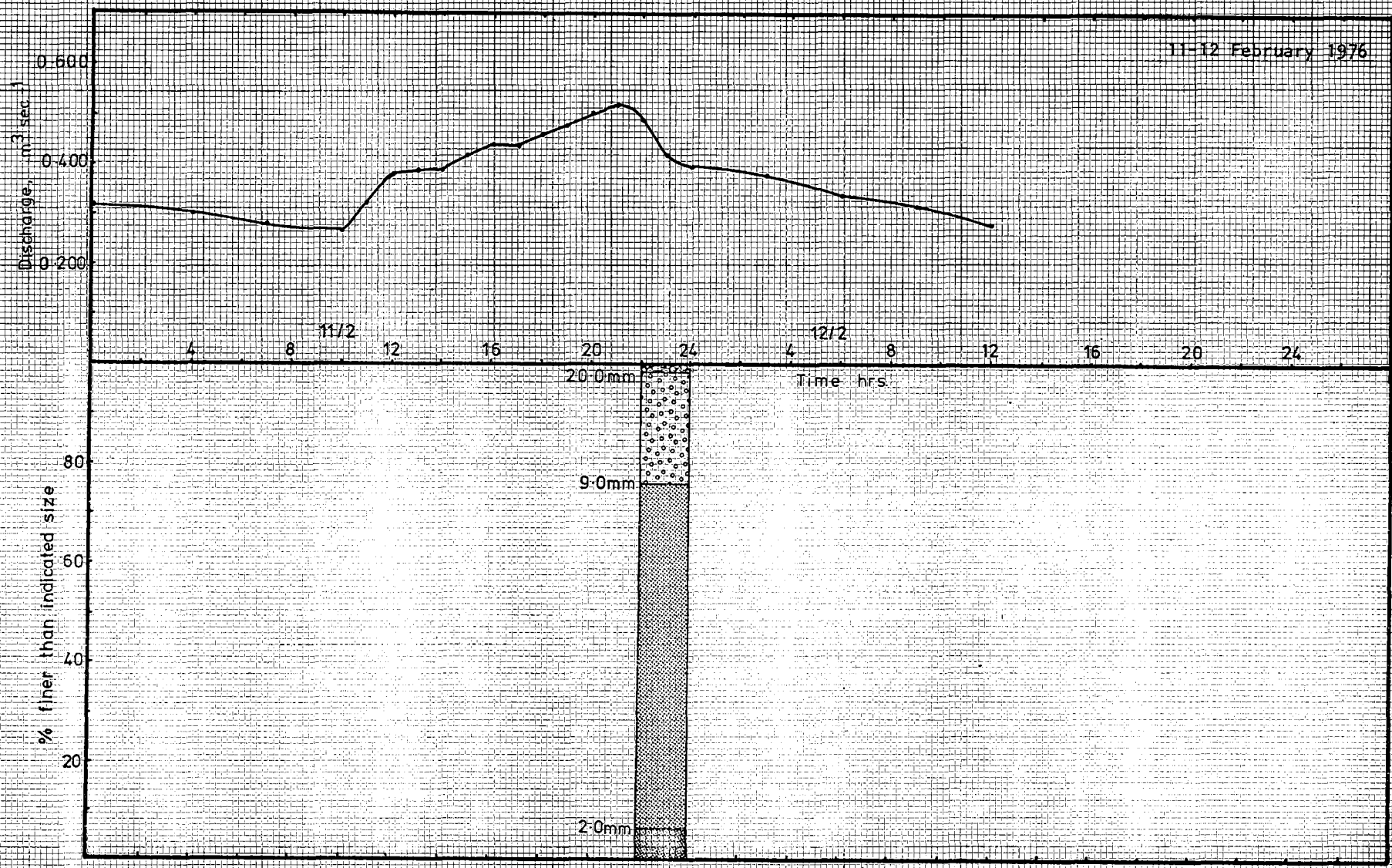


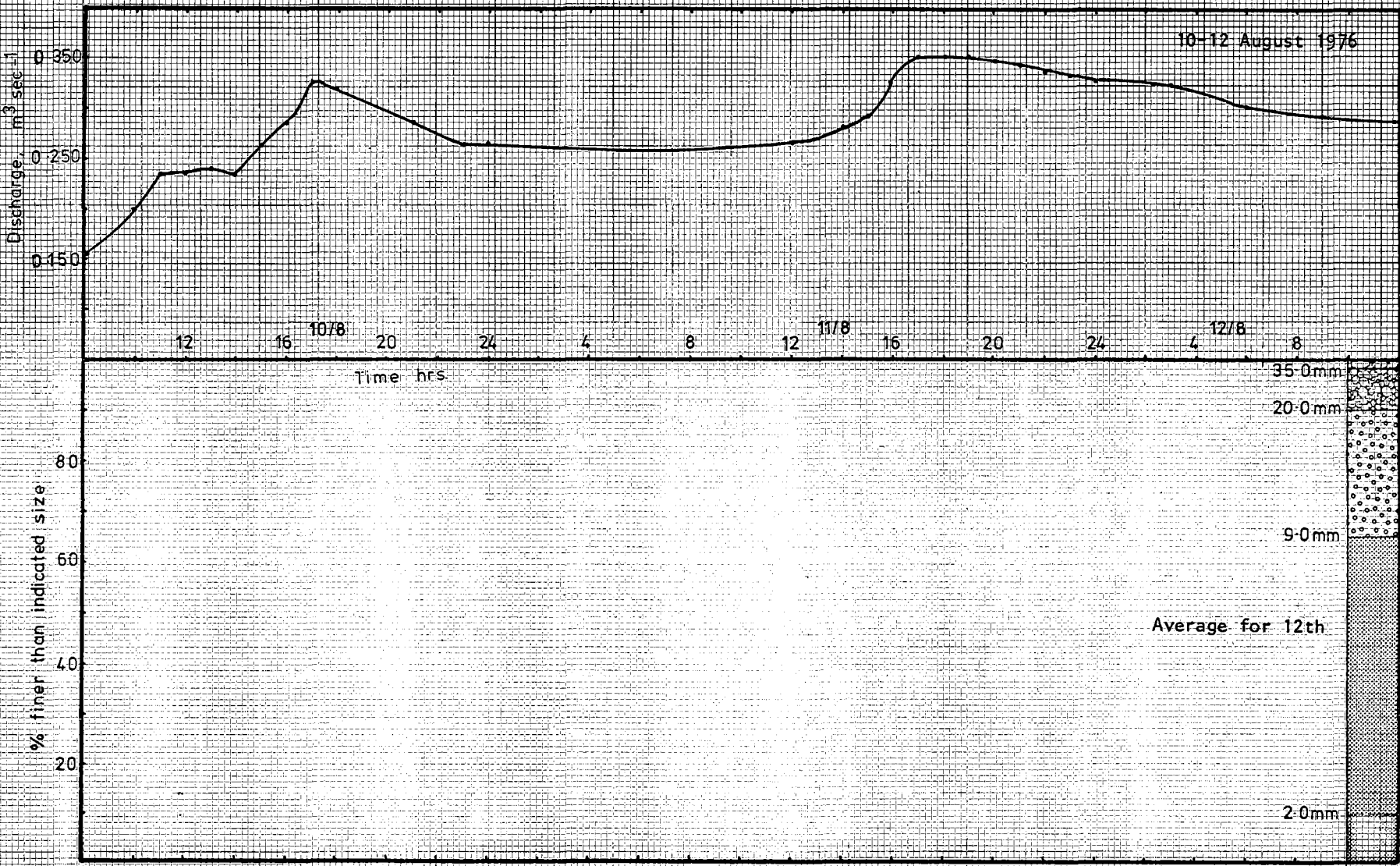


8-10 February 1976



11-12 February 1976





APPENDIX VIII

MOVEMENT OF SHEEP WITHIN THE TORLESSE STREAM CATCHMENT, 1973.

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INTRODUCTION

The Torlesse stream catchment is part of the upper Kowai catchment and is occupied under a pastoral lease by Brookside Station. This valley was used annually for grazing by a flock of half bred ewes from mid February to April.

The affect of domestic stock on the condition of South Island mountain lands has been the subject of much discussion and debate but curiously little study.

This study was carried out during the summer grazing periods of 1973 - 1975 in an attempt to better understand the distribution of animals within the Torlesse stream catchment.

Methods.

Following weaning (in February 1973) a ewe flock was released into the upper Kowai catchment. A number of these sheep were marked with "Ritchie" ear tags and canvas collars in order that they (or an associated mob) might be easily spotted. Although these sheep were released within the Torlesse stream catchment, they left within the first 24 hours in favour of the larger Kowai catchment and were not seen again during the period of observation. (That was a waste of effort!)

To plot sheep positions a grid was set over an aerial photograph which divided the area into 0.75 ha units. At three times each day (daybreak, mid-day and dusk) the number of sheep observed in each unit was recorded. It was found that all observations could be made from one point within the catchment (on Gingerbread spur). Observations were made every day and interrupted only by fog (or very wet weather) and the unavailability of staff during some weekends. Stock disturbance was kept to a minimum by careful movement to and from the observation point and by limiting other field work during the 1973 observation period.

Sheep were recorded for their presence or absence. No attempt was made to distinguish between activities such as grazing, sleeping or travelling. No observations were made between dusk and dawn.

The sheep were allowed a week after their release to settle down before observations began.

Because the observation times varied in length, the results for each unit of catchment area are expressed as the degree of utilization. This is defined as $\frac{N \times h}{H}$

Where N = number of animals present in a unit

h = time of presence in hours

H = total daylight hours for the period.

The summer grazing period was subdivided into seven periods and the degree of utilization data was converted to an approximate stocking rate for each period.

The most intensive observations were made during 1973. Early in 1974 it became evident that the distribution of animals was similar to the preceeding year. In consequence the observations for 1974 and 1975 were less intensive. The results presented here are for 1973.

Results

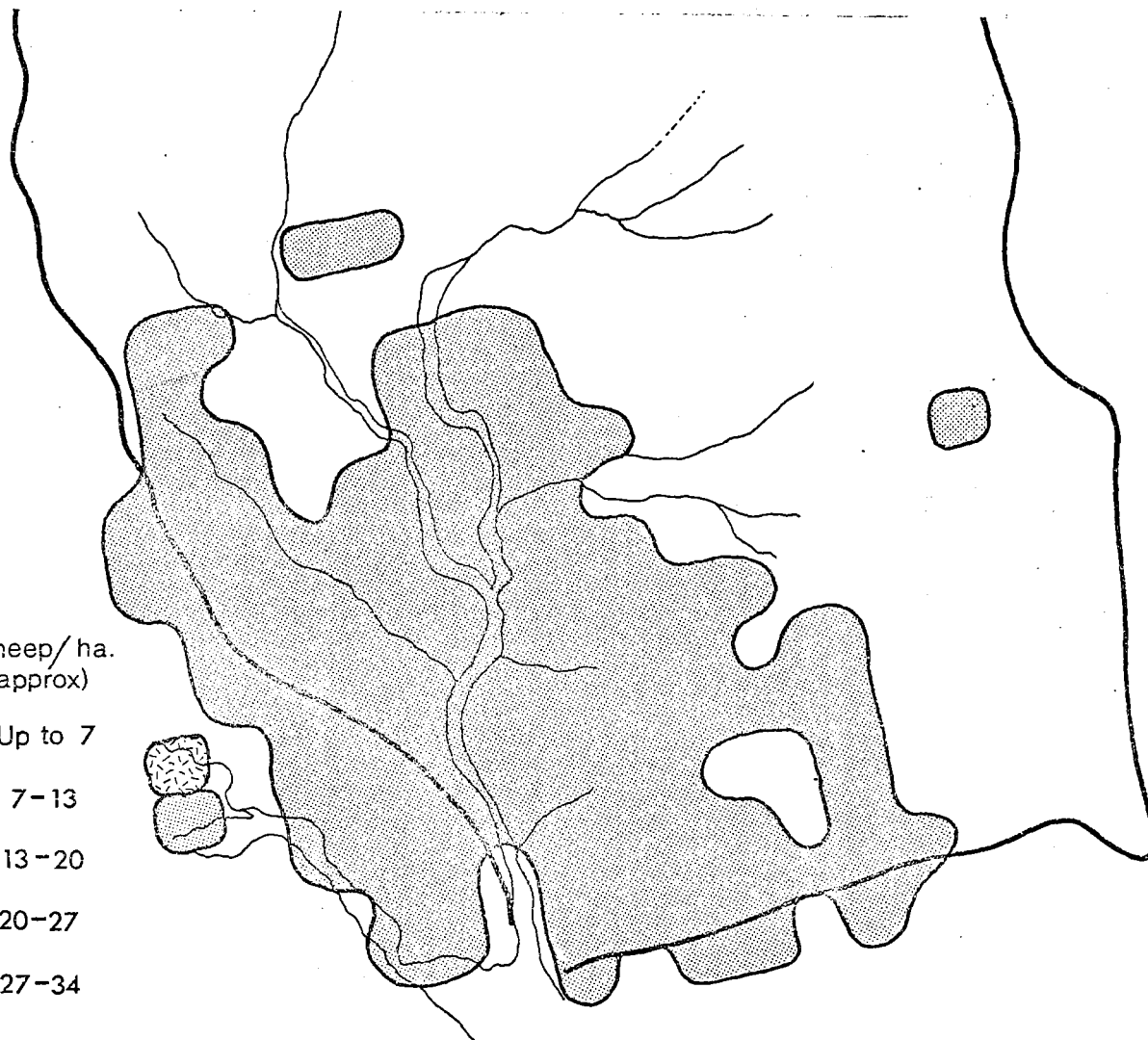
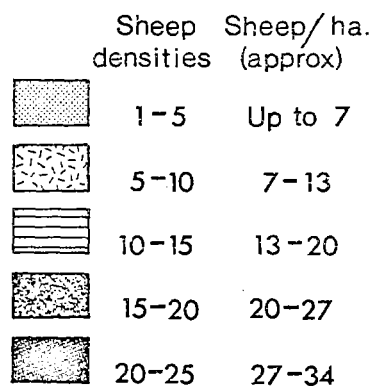
Period 1. 22. 2.73 - 4. 3.73 (10 days) (Fig. VIII.1).

Although the sheep had been in the catchment for one week there was much apparantly aimless movement as they adjusted to their weaned condition and their shift from farm land to hill country. Presence was even and lightly distributed over the more accessible parts of the catchment. Most of the sheep within the basin appeared to use the accessible sites above the stream as camp sites but left the catchment to graze. There was a lot of traffic in and adjacent to the stream channel.

Figure VIII.1 follows

FIGURE VIII.1.

Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment,
22 February - 4 March, 1973.



Period 2. 6. 3.73 - 9. 3.73 (4 days) (Fig. VIII.2)

By the 9th March there had been a general migration from the basin. Those sheep that remained had begun to show preference for particular areas within the basin.

Period 3. 17 - 18. 3.73 (2 days) (Fig. VIII.3)

Observations made between periods 2 and 3 indicate that sheep presence became increasingly localised with a few areas receiving quite high use. Movement in and out of the catchment was much reduced by the end of this period.

Period 4. 22 - 25. 3.73. (4 days) (Fig. VIII.4)

As heavier localised grazing reduced the feed supply, movement within and out of the catchment increased. This was a travelling and grazing activity unlike the mass migrations preceeding and during period 1. Stock presence over the whole catchment was less than periods 1 - 3.

Period 5. 26 - 29. 3.73 (4 days) (Fig. VIII. 5).

Movement in and out of the basin increased. This period was comparable to period 1, with a return to "mass" migrations but low total presence throughout the basin.

Period 6. 30. 3.73 to 1. 4.73 (3 days) (Fig. VIII. 6).

By the end of this period there was a return to localised presence by a "resident" flock. Although the pattern of presence was similar to that of periods 2 and 3 different areas were selected for higher levels of localised presence.

Period 7. 2 - 19. 3.73 (18 days) (Fig. VIII. 7).

Migration from the basin continued throughout this period. Animal numbers

Figures VIII.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 follow

FIGURE VIII.2.

Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 6 - 9 March 1973.

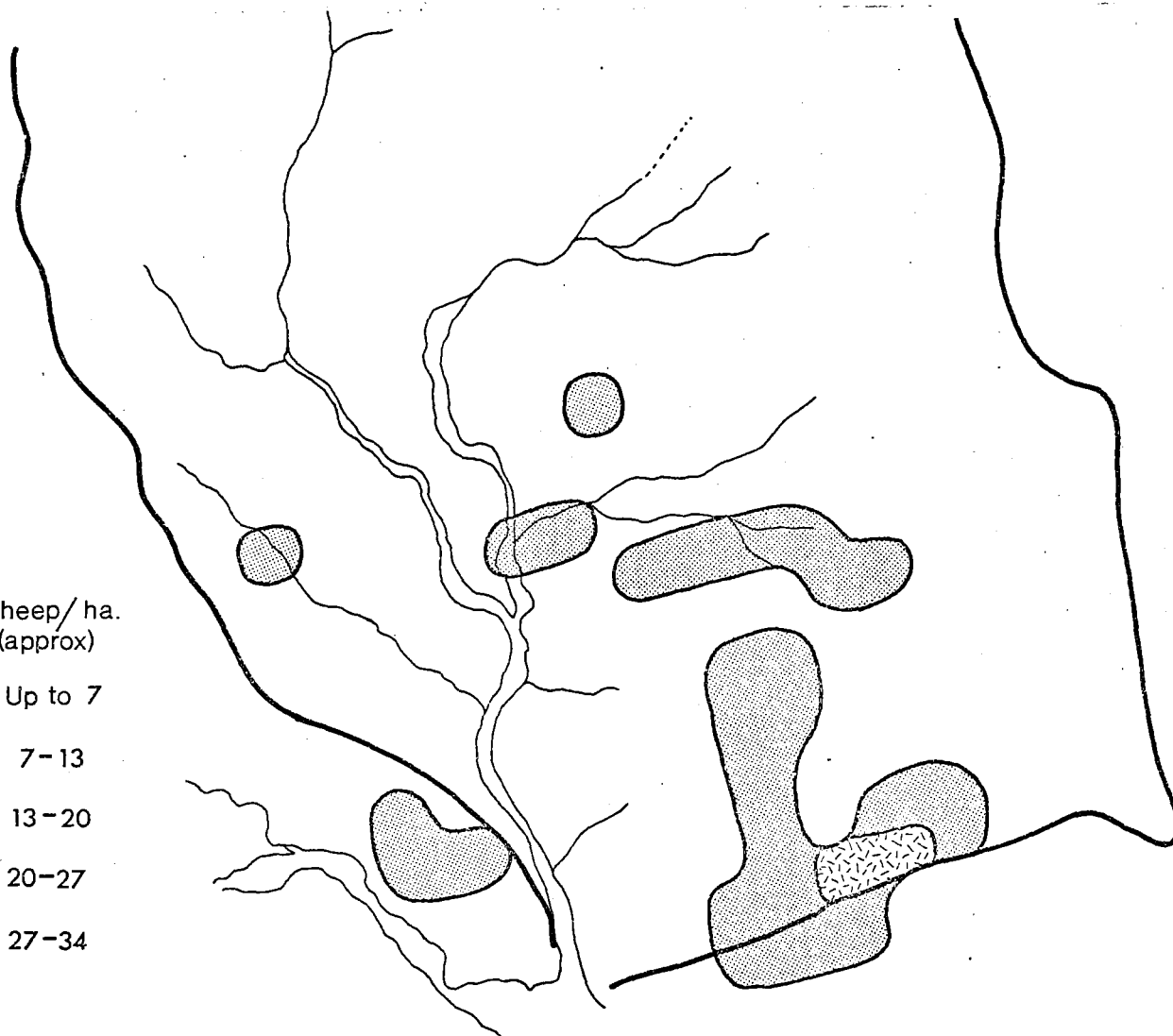
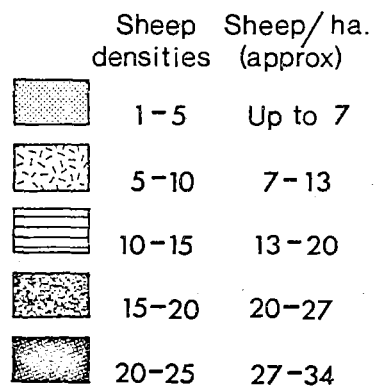


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Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 17 - 18 March 1973.

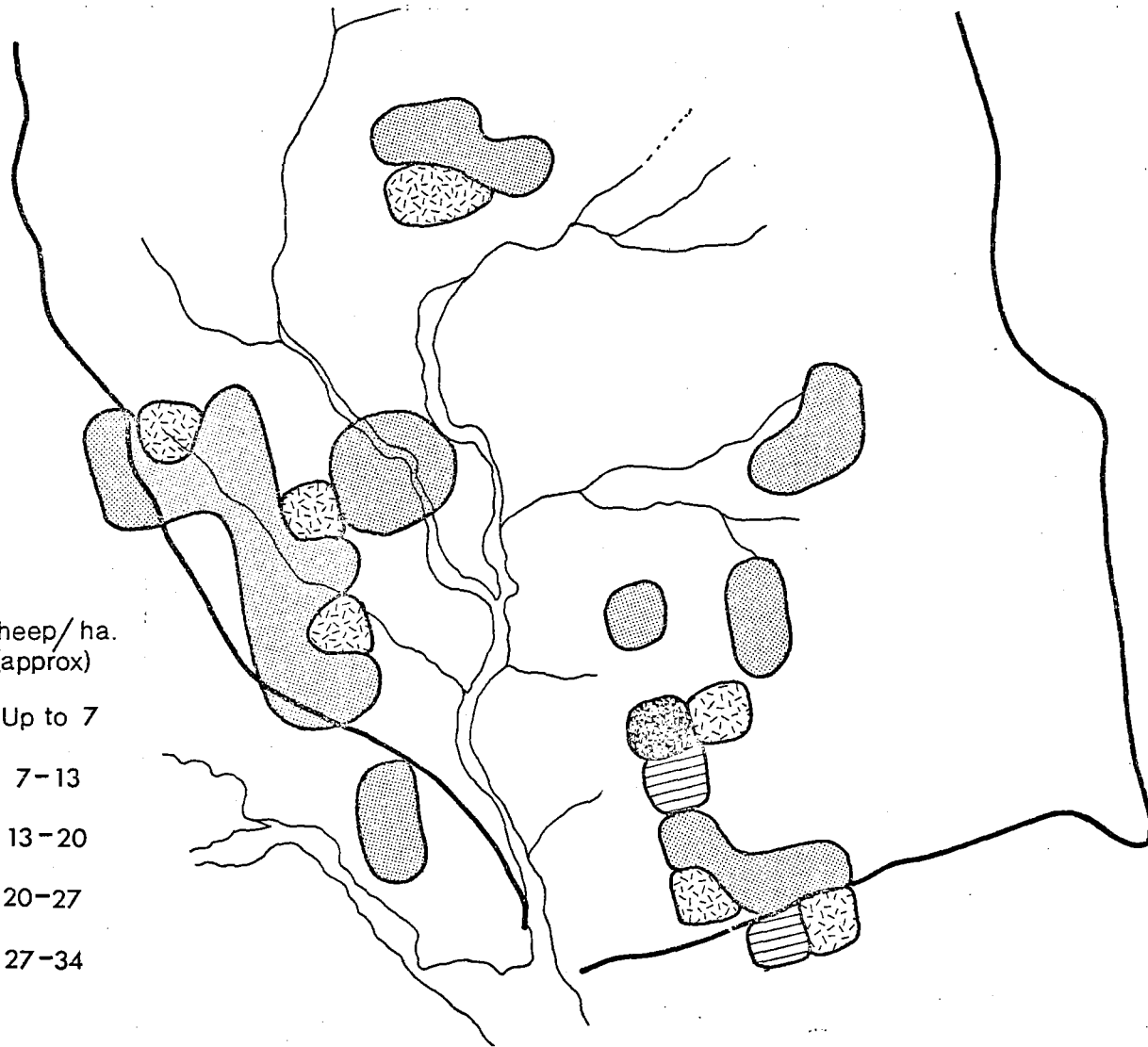
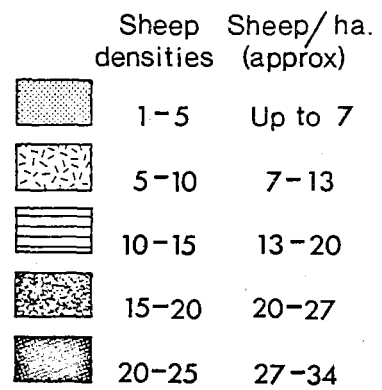
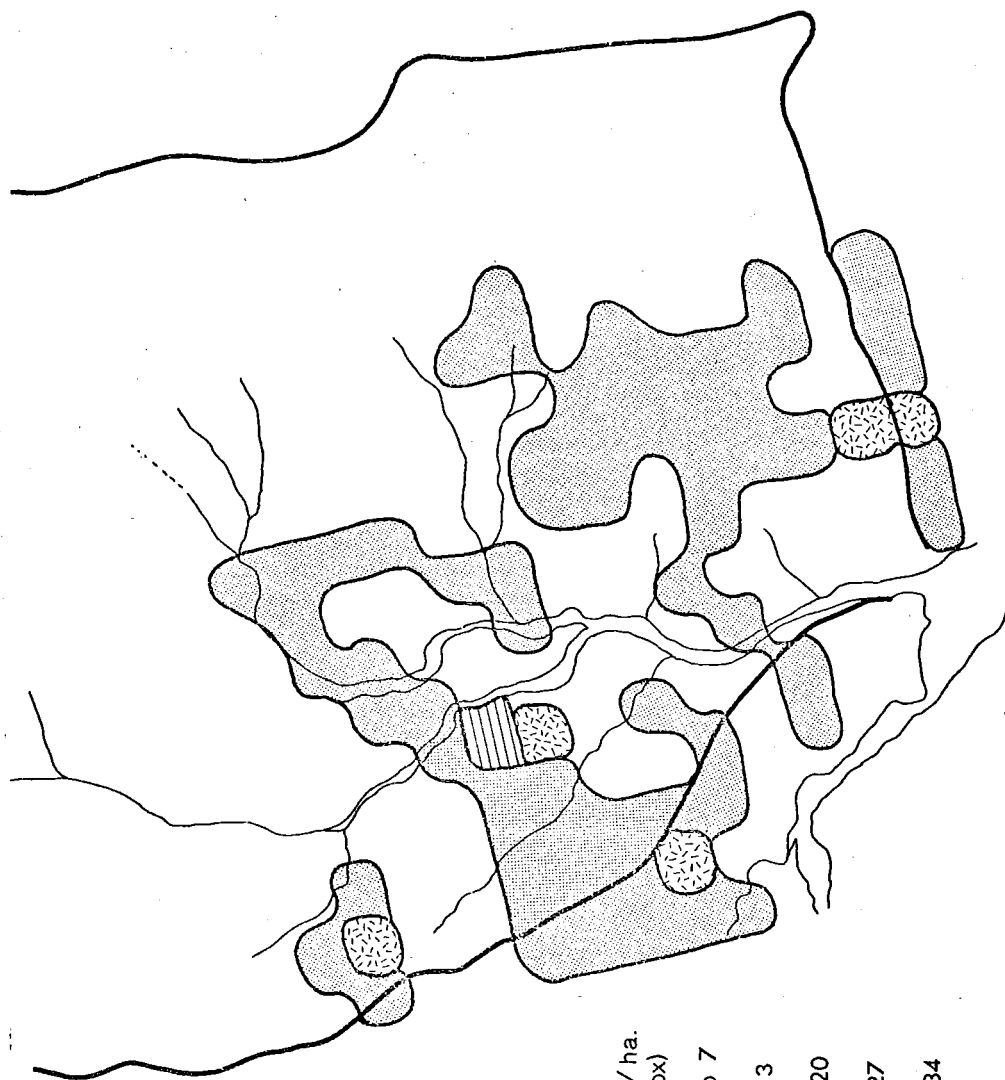


FIGURE VIII.4.

Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 22 - 25 March 1973.



Sheep densities (approx)

Sheep/ha.

1-5	Up to 7
5-10	7-13
10-15	13-20
15-20	20-27
20-25	27-34

FIGURE VIII.5.

Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 26 - 29 March 1973.

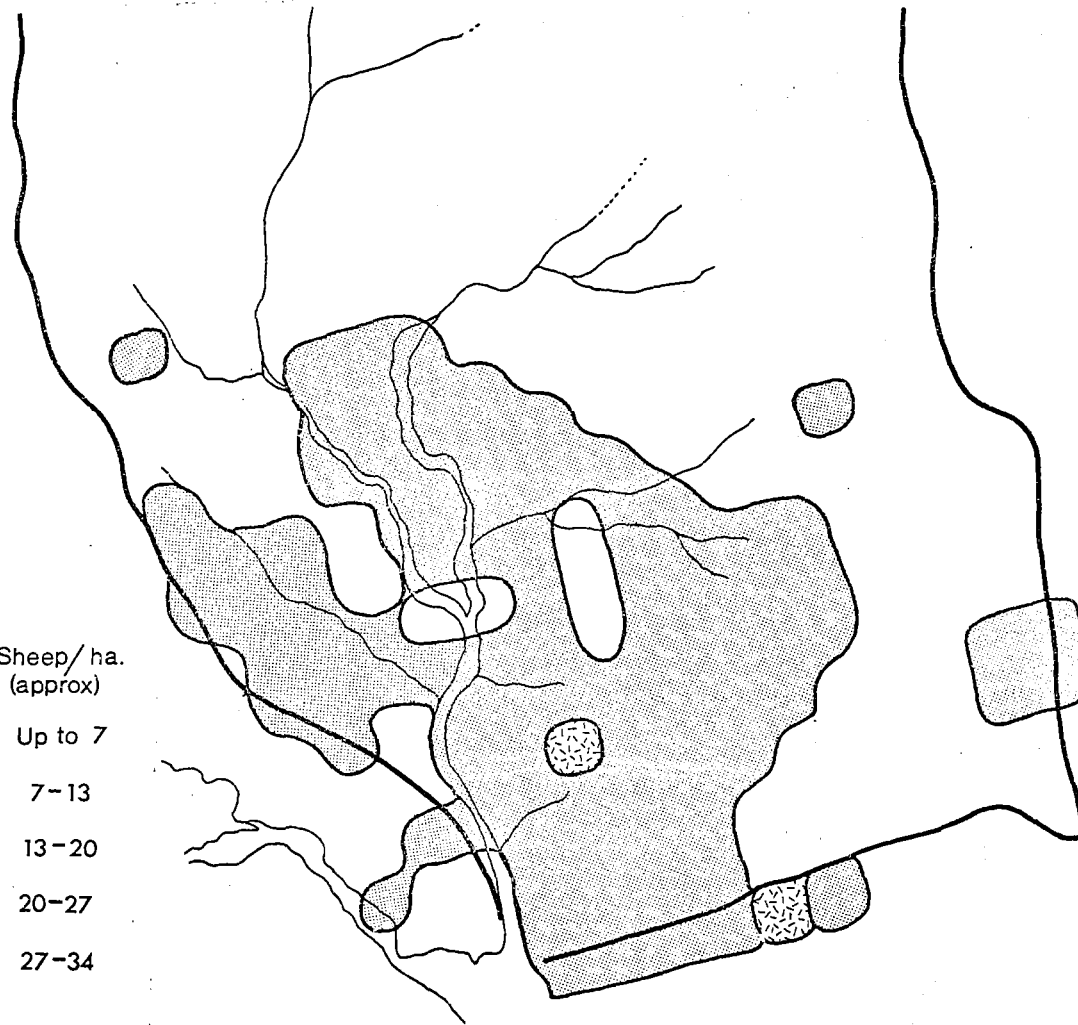
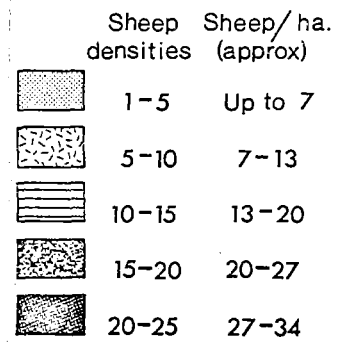


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Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 30 March - 1 April 1973.

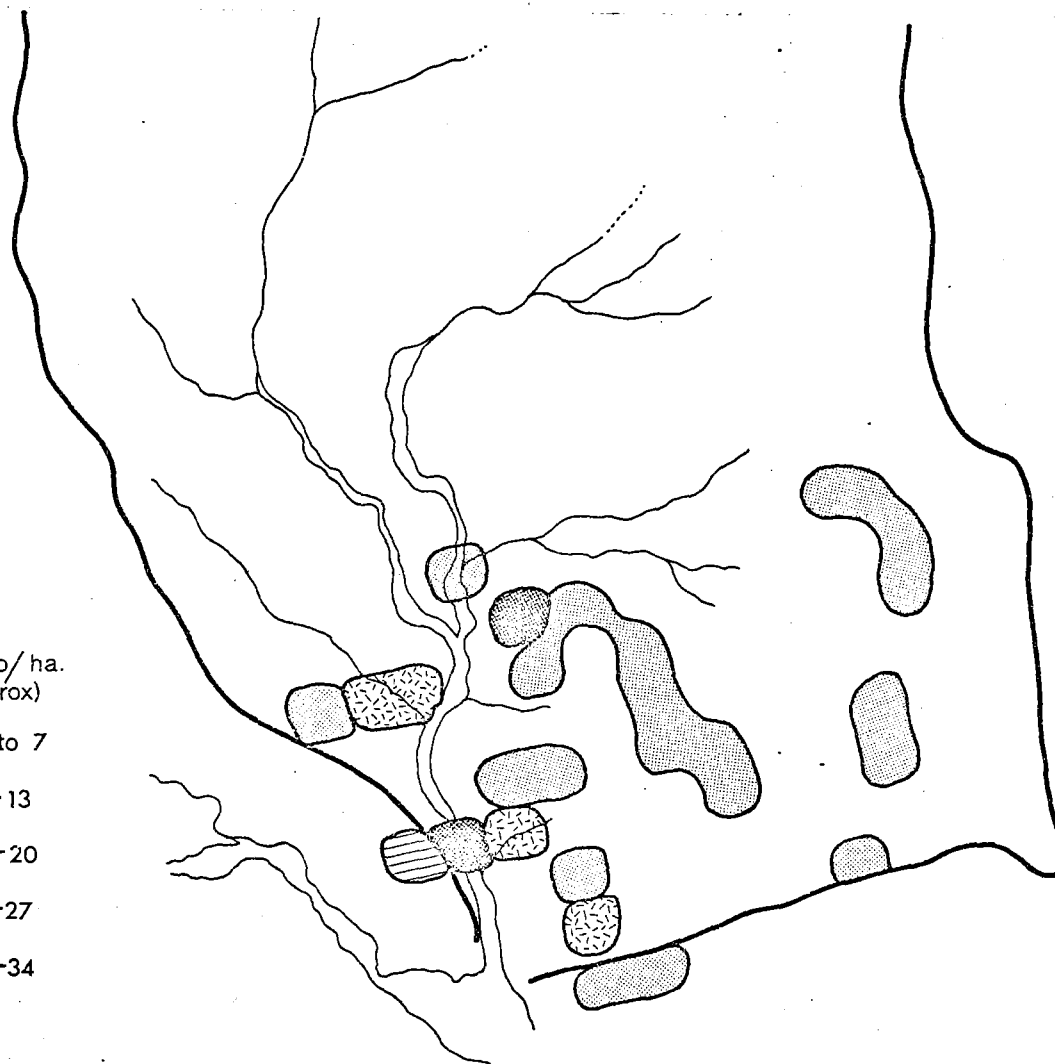
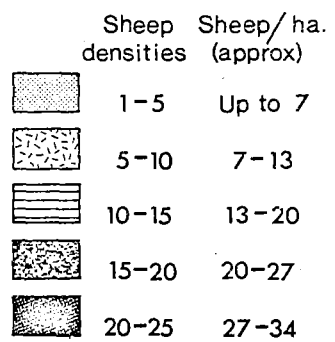


FIGURE VIII.7.

Sheep presence, lower Torlesse stream catchment 2 - 19 March 1973.



Sheep densities

Sheep/ha. (approx)

Up to 7

7-13

13-20

20-27

27-34



declined in a manner similar to period 2. It was quite evident by the end of this period that the favoured feeding areas had been grazed out and that stock showed a greater tendency to travel and feed at the same time. This was also observed in the adjacent upper Kowai catchment.

Figure VIII.8 summarises the presence of animals throughout the summer period. Figure VIII.8 cannot show the authors' clear impression that throughout the study period, stock adjusted their behaviour to the feed supply.

DISCUSSION

The results presented here are for a 57 day grazing period in 1973. In 1974 other field work increased stock disturbance and although the patterns of presence were comparable with 1973 the absolute numbers of animals within the catchment were less.

In 1975 there was an abundance of summer feed and fewer stock moved in to the catchment. Those that did favoured the lower slopes adjacent to the stream channel. The spring and summer of 1972/73 were drier than normal (Chapter 1 Vol II) and it is thought that in consequence the Kowai catchment (including the Torlesse stream catchment) provided less summer feed than normal. This was therefore likely to be the season for most extensive movement through the catchment.

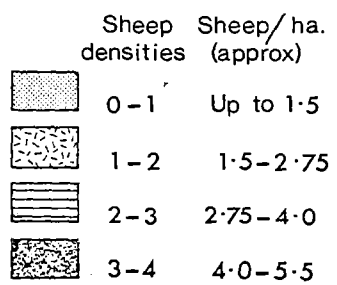
Despite this it was found that there was little stock presence above 1,100 m and at no time were stock observed above 1,300 m. That is, a majority of stock presence was on the 20% of the catchment that was the lowest altitude land. No animals were observed on the upper half of the catchment which is the most depleted of vegetation.

More than half of the area on which presence was recorded had a presence of less than 1.5 sheep per hectare for the 57 day grazing period. Almost all of the stock presence in excess of 1.5 sheep per hectare was on land with a ground cover of more than 80% (see Fig. VIII.8 and Fig. 9 Vol I).

Figure VIII.8 follows

FIGURE VIII.8.

Summary of sheep presence, Torlesse stream catchment
February - April 1973.



Summary

The sheep utilising this catchment were half bred ewes. It is entirely possible that different breeds, ages and classes of livestock would behave in a different fashion than that described here.

Be that as it may, the findings of this study call into question the validity of attributing contemporary high altitude deterioration to the presence of sheep in at least this catchment. The opportunities for future stock management in at least this catchment are still open for study and discussion.

APPENDIX IX

AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE SOURCE AREAS OF
STREAM SEDIMENTS BY X-RAY FLUORESCENCE.

INTRODUCTION

Channel surveys and field observations during floods showed that a majority of the sediments recovered at the sediment trap derived from Rainbow gully and a limited section of the Irishman stream. A method was sought which might confirm these observations and give quantitative estimates of their importance as source areas. The idea of labelling sediments at a variety of potential source areas and recovering a proportion of them at a downstream point is not new but was rejected because of the practical difficulties involved.

In an earlier study in the Torlesse stream catchment Martin (1972) had attempted to estimate sediment yields and source areas using natural characteristics of the bed material. Although his study was inconclusive it was a valuable contribution to an understanding of the opportunities and constraints of techniques involving natural tracers. Lithological composition was the most promising of the characteristics investigated.

This study was an attempt to develop Martin's work, by comparing the lithology of four rock types from the upper catchment with the lithologies of particles of sand sized material recovered from the sediment trap.

Martin's (1972) method of microscope sorting was time consuming, and the use of artificially labelled material was rejected because of anticipated problems of recovery and in the case of isotopes, safety. X-ray fluorescence had a number of potential advantages and was a technique judged worthy of further study.

METHODS

With the facilities and assistance of the Institute of Nuclear Sciences (see acknowledgements) the surfaces of rock samples were irradiated with X-rays in the hope that the elemental composition of each rock type might have a characteristic X-ray 'signature'. Four rock types were tested.

They were chert, dolomite, sandstone and argillite.

Under X-ray irradiation surface elements fluoresce in proportion to their presence. The energy levels of fluorescence can be monitored on an oscilloscope or stored in digital form. As changes in surface geometry alter the magnitude of fluorescence, the energy levels of fluorescence for each element are best expressed as a proportion of the largest and most common peak, iron.

RESULTS

Table IX.1 shows the fluorescent energy levels relative to iron, for elements within the four rock samples and the sand sample taken from the sediment trap. The large standard deviations of each estimate are due to wide variations in fluorescence levels when a different face of the same, apparently homogeneous, rock was irradiated.

DISCUSSION

N.E. Whitehead *pers comm* wrote a computer programme to "juggle" the relative proportions of the rock types to obtain a minimum difference from the sand composition. This indicated that the best fit for the relative contributions of the four rock types to the sand sample was: chert 10%, argillite 60%, sandstone 20%, gabbro 10%.

An analysis of the overall precision of the original data suggested that the standard deviation of each percentage value was about 30% that is for example the argillite contribution might range from 40% - 80%. In view of the variability of fluorescence levels of each rock sample, Whitehead expressed surprise at this 'high' level of precision.

Further analyses suggested that the composition of the sand sample was chert 51% - 63%, argillite 20% - 25%, sandstone and gabbro 9% - 16%.

The levels of zinc and titanium in the sand sample are higher than those of
Table IX.1 follows

TABLE IX.1.

X-ray spectra of four rock samples and one sand sample, Torlesse stream catchment.

Source: N.E. Whitehead *pers comm.*

(Note: values are expressed as a ratio to iron peak value.)

	K	Ca	Ti	Cu	Zn	Pb	Rb	Sr
Chert	0.007	12.6	1.18	0.17	1.00	0.54	0.17	56
	<u>+0.017</u>	15	0.72	0.25	1.30	1.06	0.25	99
Argillite	0.68	0.09	1.10	0.19	0.63	0.51	5.2	5.2
	<u>+0.58</u>	0.15	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.18	0.9	6.1
Sandstone	0.43	0.84	1.12	0.59	0.79	1.05	7.9	60
	<u>+0.09</u>	0.80	0.15	0.26	0.16	1.05	4.2	10
Gabbro	0.66	2.02	2.40	0.42	0.31	0.21	1.08	61
	<u>+0.97</u>	0.31	0.40	0.23	0.13	0.34	0.38	52
Sand composition (estimated)	0.37	0.95	0.80	0.187	0.43	0.38	3.19	17
	<u>+0.25</u>	1.11	0.11	0.077	0.14	0.29	0.95	13
Sand composition (actual)	0.301	0.992	1.97	0.146	3.24	0.47	3.99	20
	<u>+0.032</u>	0.024	0.14	0.048	0.89	0.33	0.08	2

All figures given for errors represent one standard deviation.

the rock samples and the calculated sand composition. This would suggest that the sand sample was composed of material of higher than normal zinc and titanium status. This example illustrates the sampling problems associated with the method of X-ray fluorescence of these rock and sediment types.

Because of large within sample variability it is not possible for this method to add significantly to a quantitative understanding of sediment source areas. A visual estimate of sediment retained in the trap is able to provide information of comparable reliability.

Thus while the X-ray fluorescence method may have promise as a technique for tracing fine sediments in some catchments, it is not suited to the needs of a quantitative assessment of sediment sources in the Torlesse stream catchment.

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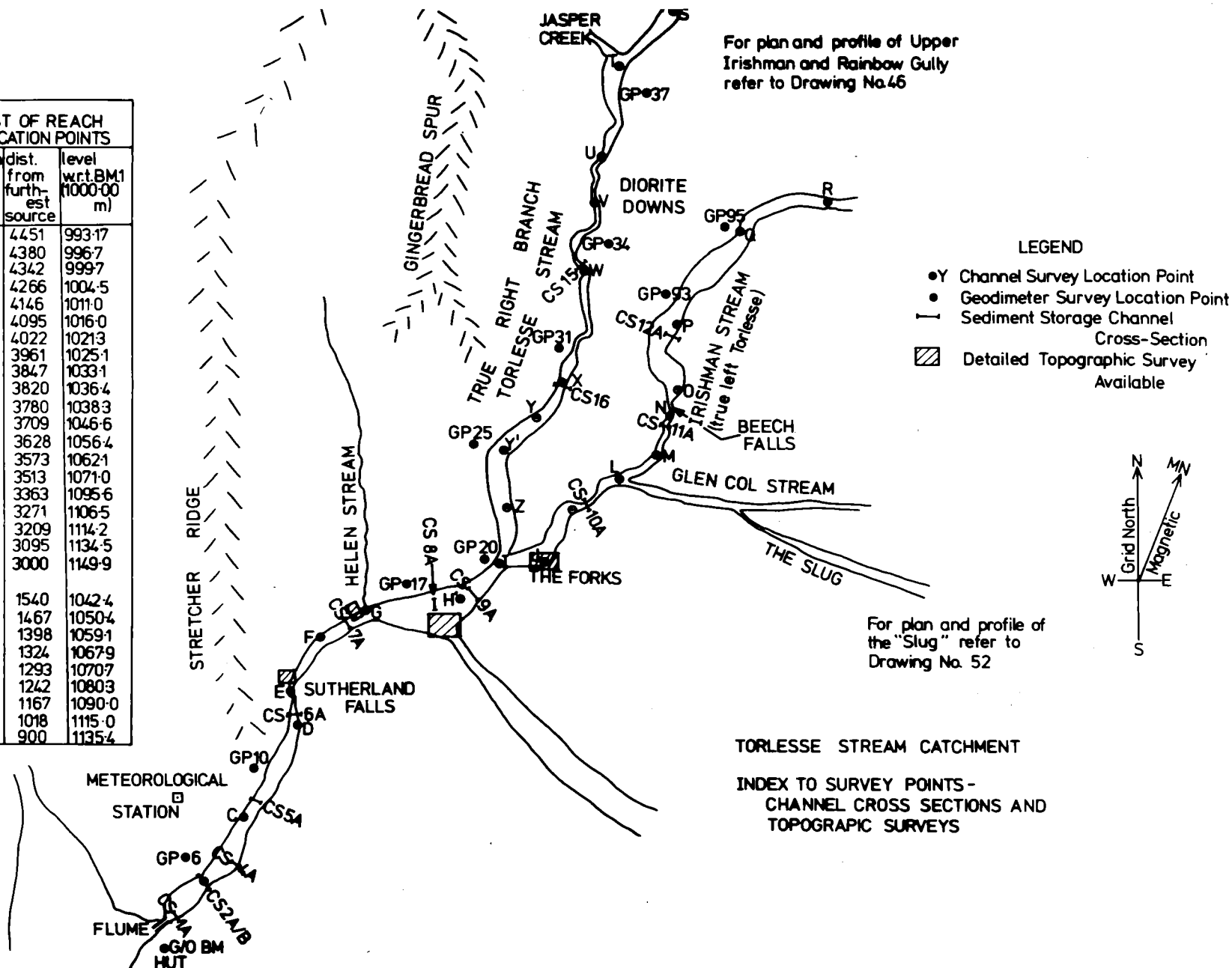
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APPENDIX X

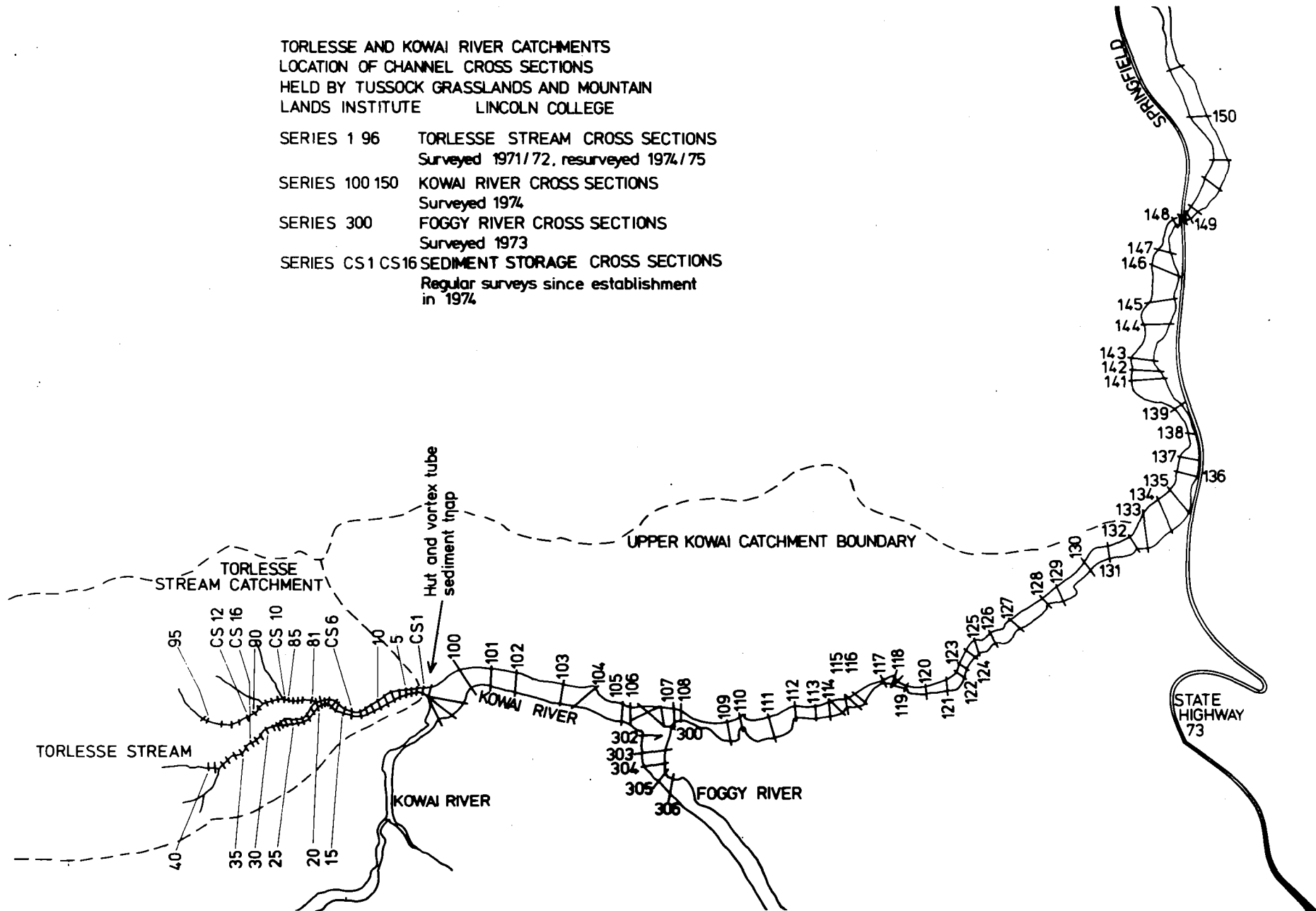
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B	4380	996.7
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C	4266	1004.5
D	4146	1011.0
E	4095	1016.0
F	4022	1021.3
G	3961	1025.1
H	3847	1033.1
I	3820	1036.4
I	3780	1038.3
Z	3709	1046.6
Y	3628	1056.4
X	3573	1062.1
W	3513	1071.0
V	3363	1095.6
U	3271	1106.5
T	3209	1114.2
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S	3000	1149.9
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M	1324	1067.9
N	1293	1070.7
O	1242	1080.3
P	1167	1090.0
Q	1018	1115.0
R	900	1135.4



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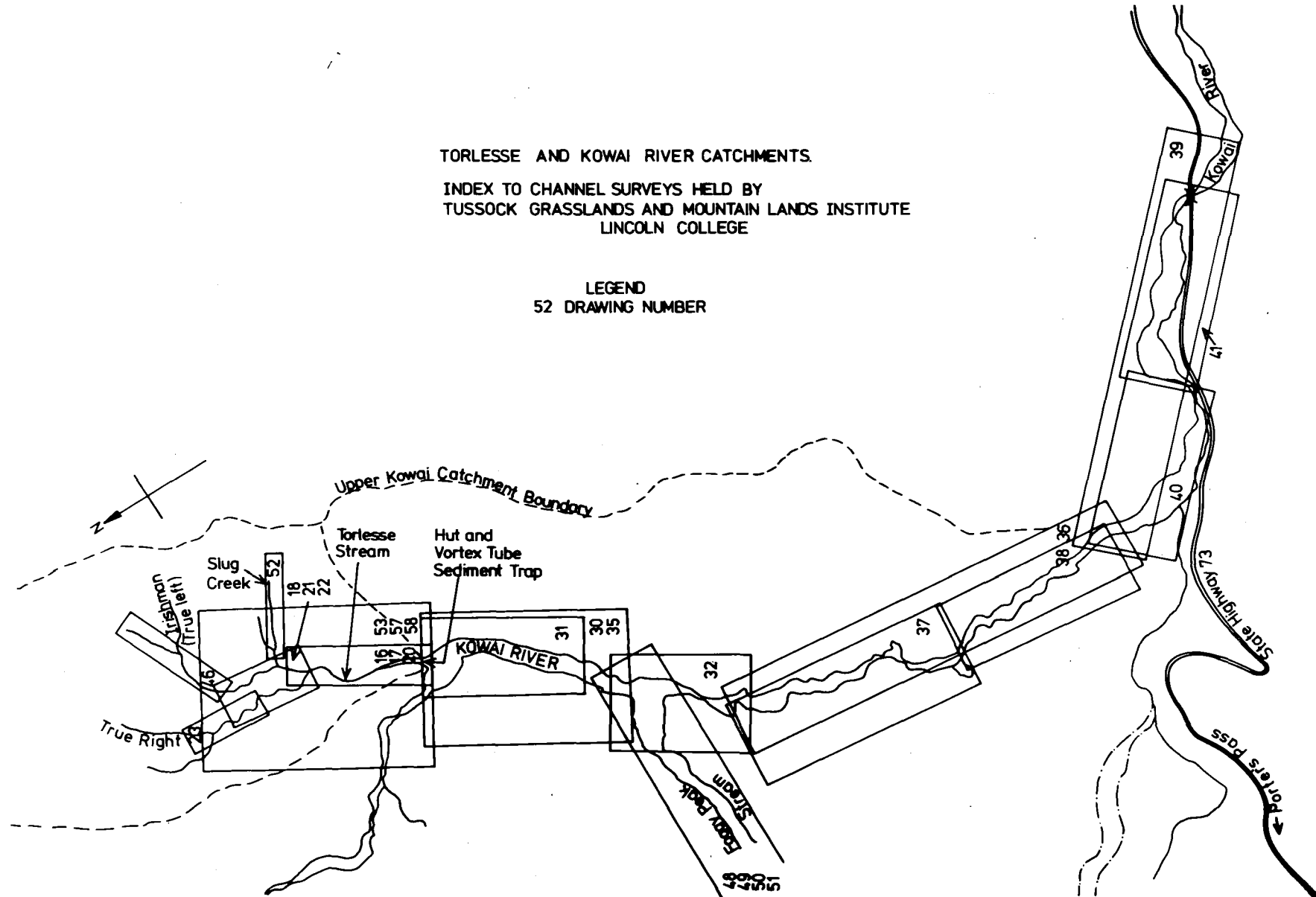
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APPENDIX XI

A LABORATORY STUDY OF STREAM ENERGY IN A SIMULATED POOL-RIFFLE CHANNEL.

INTRODUCTION

Field observations and experience indicated that the Torlesse stream channel was a series of steps and hydraulic jumps and that in a free state these played an important role in the dissipation of stream energy. However, when a pool was submerged by water and/or gravel, stream velocities increased, and its efficiency for energy dissipation was presumed to be markedly reduced (see Chapter 9 Vol II).

As it was difficult to obtain reliable field information a pilot study was carried out to consider the interaction of sediment and flow rate, on stream velocity through a pool riffle channel.

In 1962 Leopold & Langbein (1962) first introduced the concept of entropy to explain the evolution of stream patterns. Since that time there has been considerable interest in the application of thermodynamic principals of energy dissipation rate relationships to fluvial systems (see for example Yang 1971 a, b, & c, 1976).

In a recent review, Davy & Davies (in press) established that it was not valid to transfer certain thermodynamic laws governing the behaviour of entropy in a system to streams. While the observed behaviour of streams is not in qualitative conflict with entropy principles they caution against further *quantitative* application of these principles.

This study attempted to better understand the significance of pool riffle morphology to the dissipation of a stream's kinetic energy. Although it concerns some of the same principles as Yang (1971, 1976) and others have reported, its aim was to consider, in controlled conditions, some possible features of mountain stream behaviour. This study was not concerned with attempting to understand the evolution of mountain channel forms.

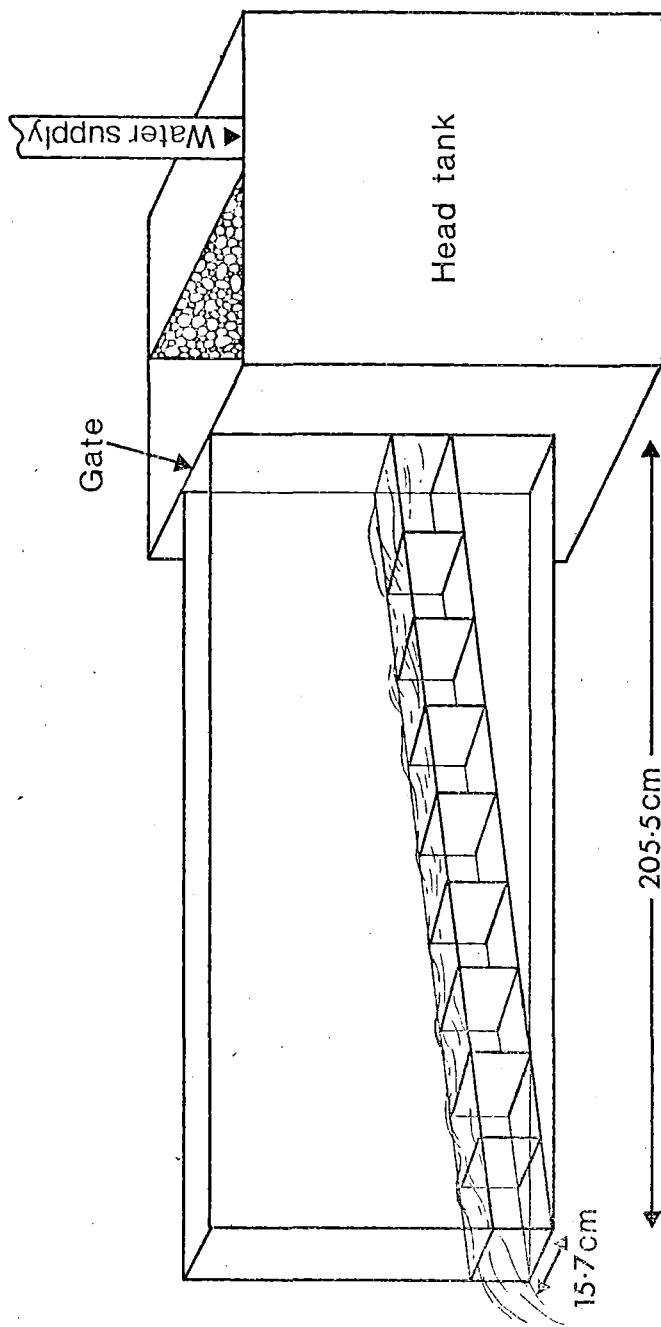
METHODS

Fig.XI.1 shows the model that was built to simulate the pool riffle channel

Figure XI.1. follows

FIGURE XI.1.

The laboratory model to simulate a mountain stream catchment.



of the Torlesse stream. The test reach was contained within a flume 2 m x 0.15 m. The channel slope was set at 0.03 and the step length to height ratio was arbitrarily set at 14:1. Water was supplied from a calibrated head tank.

Velocity measurements were made by injecting a salt solution (sodium carbonate) into the upstream pool and recording its passage through the test reach. Electrodes were set on upstream and down stream riffles and connected through conductivity meters to chart recorders.

The time between the peak values for upstream and down stream salt concentrations was used to estimate mean velocities. Test trials showed that the trace of downstream salt concentration was unreliable when gravel covered the down stream electrode. The last pool was therefore excluded from tests of the effects of gravel storage on stream velocity. Test trials also established that more reliable results were obtained when the upstream electrode was located on the third riffle (from the top). (Variability in entry conditions for water and salt into the upstream pool lead to variations in the storage and release of salt from that pool. This frequently produced a multiple peak of salt concentration of the upper riffle. By recording concentration at the third pool, the multipeak problem was eliminated.)

A series of trials was carried out in which mean velocities were determined for a range of flow conditions.

A second series of trials was then carried out for the same flow rates but with gravels occupying 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 and total pool storage capacity. At the beginning of each trial, gravel was placed parallel to the slope. Water flow repositioned the gravel, and at the highest flow rates scoured some of it to the lowest pool.

RESULTS

Figs. XI.2, XI.3 show velocity depth relations through the test channel,

Figures XI.2, XI.3 follow

FIGURE XI.2.

Mean velocities through laboratory model with increasing discharge.

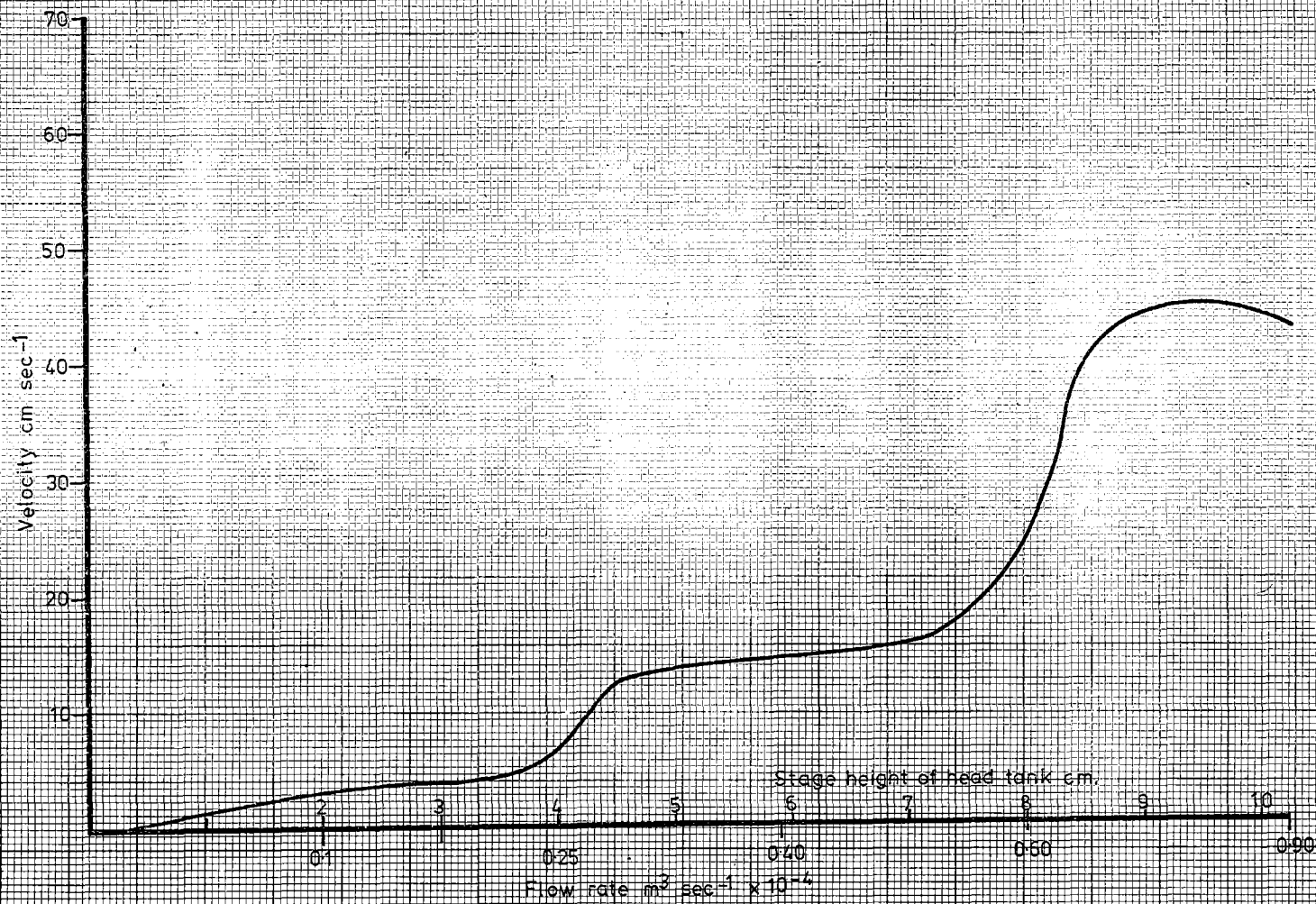
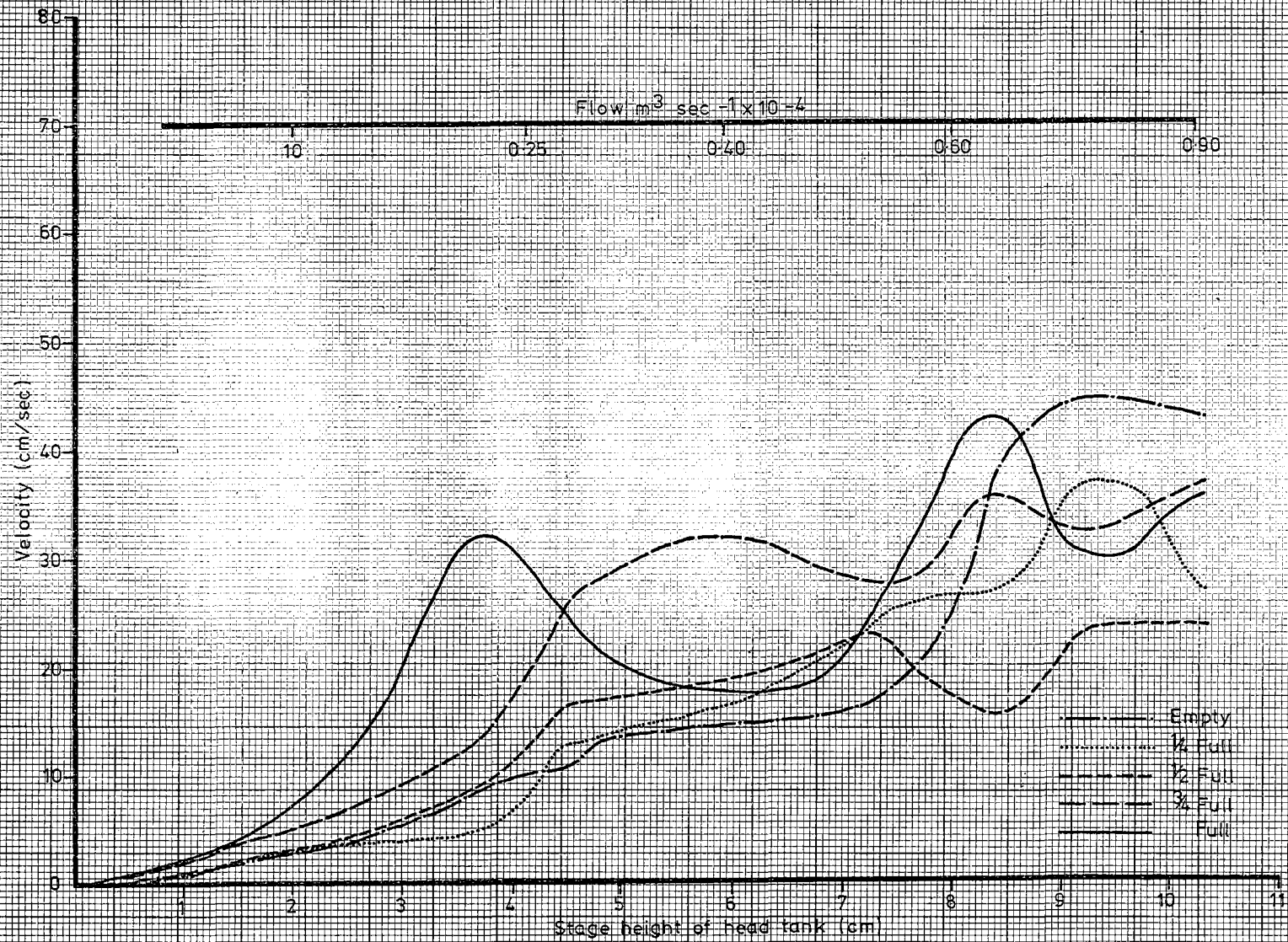


FIGURE XI.3.

Mean velocities through laboratory model with increasing discharge and an increasing proportion of pool storage occupied by gravel.



(i) without gravel in the pools (Fig. XI.2), (ii) with varying amounts of gravel occupying pool storage (Fig. XI.3). Fig. XI.4 shows flow and kinetic energy relations for flows with and without gravel.

DISCUSSION

The results open interesting and potentially significant fields for interpretation and further study. The fluctuating pattern of velocity, depth relations indicate significant interaction between flow rate, flow regimes and bed form. (Tranquil flow, tumbling flow and rapid flow (Morris 1968) may well be significant in the evolution of the 'major' and 'minor' pattern of channel morphology (Chapter 9 Vol II) but are outside the immediate aim of this study.) The hydraulic aspects of this study are therefore not included in this discussion.

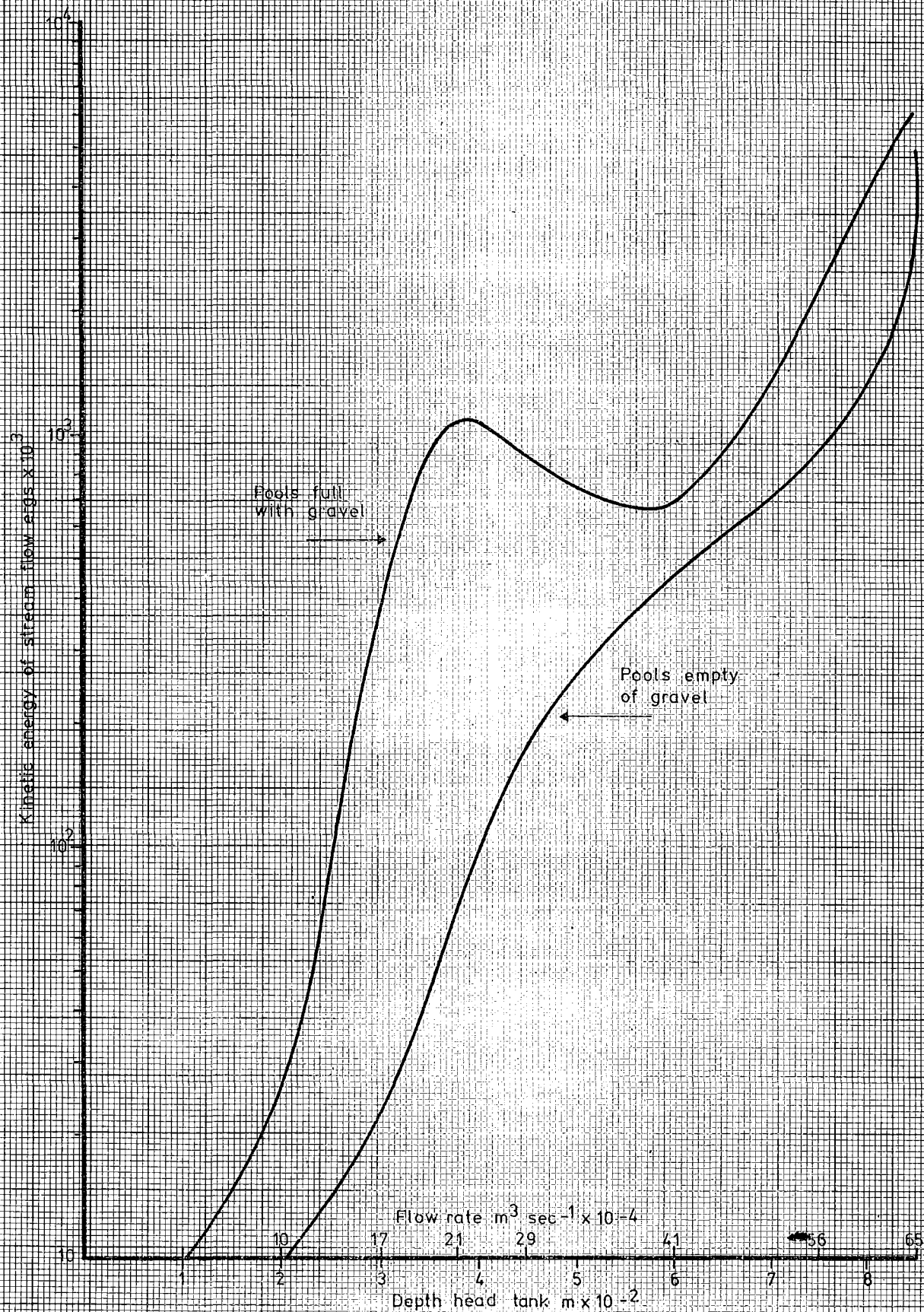
The results confirm field observations that gravels can affect stream velocities and kinetic energies when they occupy pool storage and thereby prevent energy dissipation by turbulent flow within the pool. However, if results from this laboratory model can be translated to the field, they would suggest gravel storage will have its most significant effect at lower flow rates. Figure XI.3 suggests that up to 50% of pool storage can be occupied without a significant effect on flow velocity. In fact, the presence of some gravel (1/4 full) may actually lower flow velocities. (This may have been caused by gravel reforming the pool into a more effective shape for turbulent flow within it.) However when 75% - 100% of pool storage capacity was occupied, the velocities of lower flows was increased up to 4 times. Figure XI.4 shows that this gives about a 20 x increase in kinetic energy. At higher rates of flow these differences were less pronounced.

Thus it appears that the major effect of gravel storage within the pools is to produce velocities which, in the absence of gravel, would only be found in larger (i.e. less frequent) events. At higher flow rates gravel effects on velocity are relatively minor.

Figure XI.4 follows

FIGURE XI.4.

Flow and kinetic energy relations in a simulated mountain stream channel with and without gravel storage in pools.



It must be emphasised that this was a laboratory study and it serves only to confirm field observations that gravel presence can significantly effect flow velocities and energy status. Because of the well known difficulties in translating results from hydraulic models to the real world, the results presented here should be regarded as tentative and qualitative. Further there is an obvious interaction of flow, flow regime and channel form at depths greater than 3.5 cm. Velocity results at the higher flow rates may well be unique to this model. Therefore the finding that gravels have their greatest influence on stream velocities and kinetic energy at lower flow rates should be considered as tentative. This topic clearly requires further investigation.

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