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### SYMBOLS AND NOTATION

#### 1. Character of the Earthquake-

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I. Perceptible II. Moderately strong. III. Strong.

d (terrae motus domesticus) Local shock (origin nearby, perceptible

at the station).

v (terrae motus vicinus) Near shock (origin less than 1,000 kilo-

meters distant).

r (terrae motus remotus) Distant shock (origin from 1,000 to 5,000

kilometers distant).

u (terrae motus ultimus) Very distant shock (origin more than

5,000 kilometers distant).

#### 2. Phases of the Seismogram-

P (undae primae) First phase, or first preliminary tremors.

PRa Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.

S (undae secundae) Second phase, or second preliminary tremors.

SRn Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.

PS Waves changed from longitudinal to transverse

oscillation, or vice versa, through reflection at

the earth's surface.

L (undae longae) Long waves, chief phase, or principal part.

M (undae maximae) Greatest motion in the chief phase.

C (coda) Tail or end portion.

F (finis) End of discernible movement.

#### 3. Nature of the Motion-

i (impetus) Sudden beginning of the motion.

e (emersio) Gradual beginning of the motion.

T (period) Time of one complete oscillation.

A amplitude of the motion, measured from the median line in microns  $(\mu = 1/1000 \text{ mm.}).$ 

A E-W component of A.

AN N-S component of A.

Av vertical component of A.



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#### THE BERKELEY STATION

#### CONSTANTS

Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

 $\phi = 37^{\circ} 52' 15''.9 \text{ N. Lat.}$ 

 $\lambda = 122^{\circ}$  15' 36".6 W. from Greenwich.

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 85.4 meters (280 feet) above mean sea level.

#### CONSTANTS OF THE SEISMOGRAPHS

	Period	Magnif.	Damping
Bosch-Omori Seismograph N-S component	15s	80	8-1
Bosch-Omori Seismograph E-W component	15s	80	8-1
Weichert Seismograph Vert. component	6s	80	8-1
Omori Tromometer N-S component	2s	60	
Omori Tromometer E-W component	2.5s	60	
Marvin Strong-motion Seismograph-			
E-W component	6.5s	5.8	1.3-1
N-S component	6.5s	5.1	1.4-1

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-				m1		An	nplitud	le	
No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	G. M. C. T.	Period	A <sub>E</sub>	AN	Av	Remarks
1	1914 6 Apr.	Iv	e E e E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E	h m s 9 56 07 9 56 17 9 56 42 9 56 45 9 56 48 9 56 55 indefinite 10 01 05+	3 4	μ S	26	μ	F lost in microseisms after 10 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup> . Recorded by Vertical but record was illegible on account of overscoring. Recorded by both components of Omori. Origin near Tonopah, Nevada.
2	11 Apr.	Ty	e F	4 51 22 4 57 23					Barely discernible trace of a near shock. Re- corded on all compon- ents.
3	11 Apr.	Tu	e Pe i Pv S e Le e Lv Me Mv C F	16 42 42 16 42 43 indefinite 17 08 29 17 08 31 17 15 11 17 16 11 indefinite 18 14+	18 14	7		4	Simple sinusoidal waves from 17 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> to 17 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup> . Long flat waves on North-South record about the time of the maximum. Beginning and ending obscured by strong microseisms.
4	20 Apr.	1?	e M <sub>N</sub> F	13 46 40 14 04 42 14 31 30±	17.		4		Trace of a distant earth- quake. Barely percept- ible on East-West rec- ord. Not recorded by Vertical.
5	(24) Apr.	H	e Pe e Py e Py e Si e Ly e Ly My My Me C F	8 34 43.1 8 34 44.5 8 34 45.5 8 35 22 8 35 39.7 8 36 39 8 36 29 8 36 32 8 39 05 8 39 05 8 59 20±	9½ 5½ 8	295	242	98	See discussion in text. Recorded by Omori. Omori records show marked resonance effects. E-W pen on Omori off paper during early part of chief phase.
6	8 May	Iv	ex ee M C F	11 48 54 11 48 59 11 49 20 indefinite 11 55 02	2	3	4		Not recorded by Vertical. Recorded by both components of Omori. No phases can be made out.



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	******		Di	Time		Aı	nplitue	le	Description
No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	G. M. O. T.	Period	AE	AN	$\Lambda_{\rm V}$	Remarks
7	1914 12 May	I	en en Mn ME F	h m s 12 12 31 12 12 41 12 13 09 12 13 24 12 16 22	2½ 2	6	4	μ	Horizontal records consist of a series of minute waves in which no phases are discernible. Not recorded by Vertical. Barely percept ible trace on both components of Omori.
8	26 May	Iu	e Pe e S e Lx e Le Mx Me <sub>1</sub> Me <sub>2</sub> C F	14 40 38 indefinite 15 17 58 15 18 06 15 21 33 15 22 06 15 29 22 15 42± 17 07±	21 20 18	100 72	9		Chief phase consists of separated groups of large waves of sinusoidal form. Record much stronger on East West. Preliminaries of North-South much confused by strong microseisms.
9	28 May	13	e Pen	3 32 40 4 31 44					Time of beginning sharp ly marked on bot horizontal records. The seismograms consist of barely perceptible waves in which ne phases can be recognized. Not recorded by vertical.
10	28 May	1?	ee Mni Mei Me2 Mn2 F	18 04 13 18 18 15 18 18 55 19 22 23 19 13 08 19 37 13	12 13 16 9	14	5		Record shows continuous motion from 18h 04m 13 to 19h 37m 13*. Then are two periods of maximum motion: first from 18h 14m 58* to 18h 24m 13*, second from 19h 11m 18* to 19h 15m 18*. Apparently the record record resents the dying chic phases of two distinuently arthquakes. Vertical record illegible on a count of overscoring
11	28 May	Iv	e F	23 17 07 23 20 58					Series of minute way on horizontal record No phases apparent.
12	16 June	Iv	e <sub>E</sub> e <sub>N</sub> M <sub>E</sub> M <sub>N</sub> F	10 54 27 10 55 00 10 55 49 10 56 04 11 03 30±	4 3	6	5		Origin near Oxnard, Ventura County, Californ Horizontal componer only. No phases decernible.

				Tin	ne	Period	A	mplitu	de	Remarks
No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	G. M.		renod	AE	AN	Av	
	1914 20 June	In	e P e S e L M F	h .m 7 32 7 43 7 58 7 58 9 01	15 38 57	36	8	4	μ	Not recorded by the Vertical. Few barely perceptible waves on North-South about time of maximum. Simple sinusoidal waves 8h 01m 28 to 8h 18m 03s. Average period 20 sec. Amplitude 3 microns. East-West record shows a complete dying away of energy before beginning of S and L.
14	25 June	Tu	i Pv e Pn e Pn e S e Ln Mv Mn Mn C F	19 26 19 26 19 26 19 26 indefi 20 09 20 09 20 10 20 35 indefi 21 33:	32 34 nite 08 33 41 56 39 nite	26 30 26 18	7	3	5	
15	26 June	19	e F	5 12 6 12						Simple sinusoidal waves. Period 22 sec. Amplitude 3 microns. Not recorded by East-West or Vertical.
16	5 July	17	e F	22 45 23 12:						East-West only. Simple sinusoidal waves from $22^h 50^m 10^s$ to $22^h 54^m$ $35^s$ . Period 18 seconds. Amplitude 2 microns.
17	17 July	13	e F	7 20 8 16	32 52					East-West only. Simple sinusoidal waves from 7 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup> to 7 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup> 57 <sup>s</sup> . Period 22 seconds. Amplitude 4 microns.
18	21 July	Id	e P <sub>N</sub> i P <sub>E</sub> i LM <sub>N</sub> i LM <sub>E</sub> C F	17 38 17 38 17 38 17 38 17 38 17 39	09.9	<\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	11	6		Vertical record illegible through overscoring. Recorded by both com- ponents of Omori seis- mograph.



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No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time	David T	A	mplitu	le	
			Line	G. M. C. T.	Period	AE	AN	Av	Remarks
19	1914 21 July	Ir	e Pe e Pv e Ps e Sev e Lv e Le	h m s 22 34 26 22 34 27 22 34 30 22 37 06 22 38 39 22 38 54	8	μ	μ	μ	e S <sub>N</sub> and e L <sub>N</sub> indefinite.
			Me Mn Mv C F	22 40 04 22 40 14 22 41 07 22 49 55 23 09±	8 8 8	4	9	5	
20	4 Aug.	13	e M F	23 05 17 23 39 33 24 49±	18	15			Trace of distant shock Barely perceptible or North-South. Not re corded by Vertical.
21	8 Aug.	Ir	e P <sub>N</sub> i P <sub>V</sub> e P <sub>E</sub> e L <sub>E</sub> e L <sub>N</sub> e L <sub>N</sub> M <sub>N</sub> M <sub>E</sub> M <sub>V</sub> C F	19 13 26 19 13 27 19 13 30 19 17 32 19 17 37 19 17 41 19 17 44 19 17 46 19 22 31 19 31 46 20 41±	9 9 9	63	34	11	
22	22 Aug.	Ir	e Pav e Pe e Lv e Le e La Me Mv Mv C F	5 30 20 5 30 22 5 32 36 5 32 44 5 32 50 5 34 00 5 34 04 5 34 37 indefinite 7 01±	13 11 12	138	125	20	
23	4 Sept.	Ta	i Pen i LM C F	8 56 11.7 8 56 16 8 56 26 8 56 49	<1	5	6		Recorded on Vertical by a thickening of the per trace. In spite of the small amplitude this earthquake was felt by several persons in Berkeley.
24	7 Sept.	La	i Pv i Pen e Lv e Len Men C F	18 05 48 18 05 49.5 18 05 58 18 06 00 18 06 01 18 06 20 18 08 10	<1	14	10		My uncertain on account of confusion with min ute mark.

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#### CONSTANTS

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Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

 $\phi = 37^{\circ} 20' 24.5$  N. Lat.  $\lambda = 121^{\circ} 38' 34''$  W. from Greenwich.

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 1281.7 meters (4202.25 feet) above mean sea level.

#### CONSTANTS OF THE SEISMOGRAPHS

	Period	Magnif.	Damping
Wiechert Seismograph N-S component	8.0	80	4:1
Wiechert Seismograph E-W component	7.0	80	5:1
Wiechert Seismograph Vertical component	2.5	80	2:1

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No.	Date	Charac	Phase	G	. М. (		Period	AE	AN	Av	Remarks
*	1914			h	m	8	8	μ	μ	μ	*Vertical seismograph was not in working order during the month of April.
1	24 Apr.	Iv	i Px e Sx? e Lx Mx C F	8 8 8 8 u	34 35 35 35 37 1cert	31.2 34 21	13		138		F uncertain on account of improper action of damper. Record on East-West very imperfect.
2	27 Apr.	La	i Pen i LM <sub>EN</sub> C F	8 8 8	51 51 51 52	43 44.3 48 04	<1/2	5	19		
3	17 May	La	i P i LM C F	0	defi	42.2 44.6 nite 48	<1	7	9		Displacement of pen trace on Vertical.
4	21 May	La	e P i LM C F	22 22 22 22 22	43 44 44 44	59 02,7 05 08	<1	5			Thickening of pen trace on North-South. Not recorded by Vertical.
5	22 May	Ia	e F	21 21	17 17	24 32					Thickening of pen traces on horizontal records. Shift of pen on Ver- tical.
6	4 June	Ia	e i LM C F	in	40 40 defir 40	03 tite	<1		4		Thickening of pen traces on East-West and on Vertical.
7	30 June	Ia	e F	19 19		03 12					Marked thickening of pen traces on horizon- tal components. Not recorded by Vertical.
8	2 July	Ta	i P i L M F	21 21 21 21		42 52.5 57 37	<1	5			Thickening of pen trace on North-South. Barely perceptible shift of pen trace on Vertical at time of maximum.



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No	Date	Charac	Phase	Time	Period	Aı	mplitu	de	
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9	1914 3 July	T <sub>a</sub>	i I' i LM C F	h m s 22 16 54.4 22 16 56.2 22 16 59 22 17 03	s <1	μ 5	μ	μ.	Barely noticeable on North-South and Ver- tical,
10	3 July	Ia	i P e L M C F	22 56 25,1 22 56 38,9 22 56 41 22 56 45 22 57 23	<1	6			Thickening of pen traces on North-South and Vertical.
11	4 July	Id	e F	13 16 38 13 16 48					Not recorded by North- South, Barely notice- able on Vertical.
12	7 July	Ia	i P i L M C F	0 27 44.5 0 27 47 0 27 56 0 28 02 0 28 07	<3	5			Thickening of pen trace on North-South. Not recorded by Vertical.
13	9 July	Ia	M <sub>N</sub> C	22 40 13.5 22 40 17.2 22 40 23 22 40 27 22 40 45	<1		4		Barely perceptible dis- turbance on Vertical. No definite maximum on East-West.
14	11 July	Ia	e F	11 31 34 11 31 51					Thickening of pen traces on East-West and Ver- tical.
15	12 July	Ia	e F	0 12 53 0 13 04					Thickening of pen trace on East-West. Barely noticeable on Vertical
16	14 July	Ia	e M F	3 35 08 3 35 42 3 35 56	<1	6		1	Chickening of pen trace on North-South. Barely noticeable disturbance on Vertical.
17	16 July		e P <sub>E</sub> e L <sub>E</sub> e M <sub>E</sub> C F	1 35 21 1 35 26 1 35 29 1 35 32 1 35 44	<1	10		Т	hickening of pen trace on North-South. Barely noticeable on Vertical.
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No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	G. M. C. T.	Period	AE	AN	Av	Remarks
18	1914 17 July	1.3	e F	h m s 7 15 52 8 10±	8	μ	μ	μ	Trace of distant earth- quake. North-South only.
19	21 July	13	e L ? M F	22 34 38 22 37 54 22 41 30 22 43 30±	8		43		North-South only.
20	25 July	Id	e P e L M C F	19 49 12.5 19 49 25 19 49 30 19 49 33 19 49 48	<1	5	9		Slight disturbance on Vertical.
21	26 July	La	e P e L M C F	22 49 44 22 49 45 22 49 46 22 49 47 22 49 54	<1	10	8		Slight disturbance on Vertical.
22	26 July	Id	e P e L M C F	22 50 55 22 50 56 22 50 57 22 51 00 22 51 05	<1		13		East-West record imper- fect due to chattering or the pen. Slight dis- turbance on Vertical.
23	27 July	I	e P e S? e L M C F	5 30 44 5 30 53 5 30 59 5 30 03 indefinite 5 33 42	4	6			Phases not discernible on North-South. No definite Mr. Not recorded by Vertical.
24	28 July	Ia	e P <sub>N</sub> i L <sub>EN</sub> M <sub>EN</sub> C F	6 31 38 6 31 39 6 31 40 6 31 42 6 31 49	<1	6	5		Vertical record poor.
25	28 July	Ia	e P i LM C F	19 16 48 19 17 06 19 17 12 19 17 22					East-West record imperfect on account of chattering of pen trace. Maximum on North-South confused by minute mark. Barely noticeable thickening of pen trace on Vertical.

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No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	G. M. C		Period	AE	A <sub>N</sub>	Av	Remarks
26	1914 29 July	Ia	e L M C F	h m 19 22 19 23 19 23 19 23 19 23	s 56 03 09 12 26	s < 1 = 1	μ	2	μ	East-West record imper fect on account of chattering of the pen. Slight disturbance on Vertical.
27	1 Aug.	Id	i P i L M C F	1 02 1 02 1 02 1 02 1 02	31 33.5 36 41 50	<1		8		No phases discernible on East-West. Not re- corded by Vertical.
28	4 Aug.	Ia	e F	2 56 2 56	39 48					Not recorded by Vertical. Horizontal records confused by minute marks.
29	4-5 Aug.	17	e <sub>N</sub> F <sub>N</sub>	23 06 0 24	14 30					Trace of distant earth- quake. North-South only. Both e and F con- fused by microseisms.
30	8 Aug.	Ir	i P <sub>N</sub> i L <sub>EN</sub> M <sub>E1</sub> M <sub>N1</sub> M <sub>N2</sub> M <sub>E2</sub> C F	19 13 19 17 19 17 19 17 19 23 19 24 19 29 20 43	26 24 50 50 25 52 15 30±	9 12 9 8	95 91	95 113		Preliminaries not appar ent on East-West. Not recorded by Vertical.
31	12 Aug.	Ia	e F	0 23 0 23	32 46					Thickening of pen traces on all components.
32	17 Aug.	Id	e F	9 33 9 33	38 45					Slight disturbance on all components.
33	22 Aug.	Tr	i Pen i Len Mei Mni Mea C F	5 30 5 32 5 35 5 36 5 37 5 49 6 51		8 8 8	225 192	215		S not apparent. Not re- corded by Vertical.
34	7 Sept.	Ia	i Pen i Len C F	17 17 17 17 indefin 17 18	57 lite					Maximum uncertain on account of confusion of record by the minute mark. Poorly recorded by the Vertical. No phases apparent.



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No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time		Amplitude			
				G. M. C. T.		Ag	AN	Av	Remarks
35	1914 7 Sept.	HIa	i P <sub>ENV</sub> i LM <sub>NV</sub> M <sub>E</sub> C F	h m s 18 05 36 18 05 38 18 05 41 18 06 05 18 09 05	8 1	μ 75	μ 101	μ 19	Horizontal records somewhat imperfect on account of chattering of pen. Felt by a few people on mountain. Intensity III R.F.
36	7 Sept.	La	i P <sub>N</sub> i LM <sub>N</sub> C F	18 35 03.5 18 35 05.3 18 35 11 18 35 21	<3		16		East-West record illeg- ible on account of im- proper smoking of the sheet. Poorly recorded by Vertical.
37	7 Sept.	Ia	i Penv i Lnv Mnv Me C F	21 10 13.5 21 10 14.7 21 10 16 21 10 20 21 10 41 21 11 45	< <u>1</u>	>22	39	10	East-West record illeg- ible in part due to chattering of writing pen.
38	23 Sept.	T <sub>d_v</sub>	e M <sub>N</sub> F	4 45 31 4 51 46 4 52 42	2		4		Poorly recorded by East- West and by Vertical.

In addition to the earthquakes here tabulated there were a considerable number of disturbances of a doubtful nature. While some of these may be weak earthquakes, it was thought best not to include them in the report. These disturbances were not common during April, May, and June, but were numerous during July, August, and September.

#### EARTHQUAKE OF APRIL 24, 1914

The records of this earthquake which were obtained at Berkeley were exceptionally well written, while only one component was recorded at the Lick Observatory. The distance of origin from Berkeley was about the same as that of the Reno earthquake of February 18, 1914, but the amplitudes of the vibrations of this earthquake were several times as great at Berkeley as those of the Reno earthquake. When it was remembered that the Reno earthquake was strong enough to produce cracks in masonry walls in the region of its epicenter, it was naturally supposed that this latter earthquake had been one of considerable intensity.

The earthquake was felt at Sacramento, Stockton, Grass Valley, and at many other places in California and Nevada. None of the places which reported this earthquake made mention of any unusual intensity. It was not reported felt either at Berkeley or at Mount Hamilton.

An attempt was made to locate the epicenter from the observations at the University of California stations and at other stations. The observations thus used were obtained at Berkeley, Lick Observatory, St. Louis University, Washington University, Sacred Heart College in Denver, and the Tucson Magnetic Observatory. It was not found possible, however, to locate the position of origin in this way. This was doubtless due to errors in interpretation of the records.

The earthquake was not felt in Southern Oregon, as far as could be judged from reports there. It was not felt at Cedarville, California, yet it was strong enough at Susanville to displace loose objects and to waken sleepers. At Sacramento it was strong enough to cause a few people to run into the streets. At Randsburg and Markleeville the earthquake was reported felt. At Bodie sleepers were awakened. The earthquake was felt at Candelaria, Winnemucca, Genoa, and Belmont in Nevada, but was not severe at any of these points. At Lida, Nevada, two shocks were felt. Newhall, Nordhoff, Piru, Maricopa, and Santa Paula, in Southern California, reported that no shock was felt.

The reports of intensity at various points were not numerous enough nor complete enough to enable the isoseismal lines to be drawn. It was, therefore, not possible to determine the approximate position of the epicenter in that way.

The wide area over which this earthquake was felt, together with the fact that no very high degree of intensity was reported at any point, seems to indicate that it was an earthquake whose depth of origin was greater than is usual for the ordinary earthquakes of this region.

