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SECTION V.—SEISMOLOGY.

SEISMOLOGICAL ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE INSTRUMENTAL REPORTS.

CHARACTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

I = noticeable.
II = conspicuous.
III = strong.
d = (terræ motus domesticus) = local earthquake (sensible or felt).
v = (terræ motus vicinus) = near-by earthquake (within 1,000 km.)
r = (terræ motus remotus) = distant earthquake (1,000 to 5,000 km. distant).
u = (terræ motus ultimus) = very distant earthquake (beyond 5,000 km.).
Δ = distance to epicenter.

PHASES.

P = (undæ primæ) = first preliminary tremors.
PR*n* = P waves reflected *n* times at the earth's surface.
S = (undæ secundæ) = second preliminary tremors.
SR*n* = S waves reflected *n* times at the earth's surface.
PS = transformed waves; longitudinal (P) to transversal (S) or vice versa.
L = (undæ longæ) = long waves in the principal portion.
M = (undæ maximæ) = greatest motion in the principal portion.
C = (coda) = trailers.
O = time at epicenter.
L_{rep1} = Long waves reaching the station from the antiepicenter (40,000 km. − Δ).
L_{rep2} = long waves again reaching the station from the antiepicenter (40,000 km + Δ).
F = (finis) = end of perceptible trace.

NATURE OF THE MOTION.

i = (impetus) = abrupt beginning.
e = (emersio) = gradual appearance.
T = period = twice the time of oscillation.
A = amplitude of the earth's movement, reckoned from the zero line.
E, N, or *Z* attached to a symbol signifies the E–W, the N–S, or the vertical component, respectively, thus:

A_E is the E–W component of A.
A_N is the N–S component of A.
A_z is the vertical component of A
} Measured in microns (μ), $\frac{1}{1000}$ mm.

INSTRUMENTAL CONSTANTS.

T = period of instrument.
V = magnification of instrument.
ϵ = damping ratio.

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TABLE 1.—*Noninstrumental earthquake reports, January, 1917.*

Day.	Approximate time, Greenwich Civil.	Station.	Approximate latitude.	Approximate longitude.	Intensity Rossi-Forel.	Number of shocks.	Duration.	Sounds.	Remarks.	Observer.
		CALIFORNIA.								
1917.	*H. m.*		° ′	° ′			*M. s.*			
Jan. 12	22 42	Fairmont	34 45	118 25	3	1				Wm. F. Lowe.
	22 42	Mojave	35 03	118 12	3	1				R. Kelsey.
	22 42	Neenach	34 47	118 37	3	1				J. Anderson.
19	13 20	Mt. Wilson	34 13	118 16	2	1		None	Recorded on float raingage	Wendell P. Hoge.
		NEW YORK.								
26	19 37	Alexandria Bay	44 22	75 54	2	2				Douglas F. Manning.
	19 37	Canton	44 36	75 10	4	2	7		Caused pumping in barometers	U. S. Weather Bureau.
	19 37	Gabriels	44 25	74 10	3	2	5	Rumbling	Shook buildings slightly	R. Shea.
	19 37	Harkness	44 31	73 34	4–5	1		Rumbling	Shook buildings	J. W. Harkness.
	19 37	Ogdensburg	44 42	75 30	4	1	2	None		D. C. Farley.
	19 37	Plattsburg	44 43	73 27	4	1			Rattled dishes	Press report.