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Gunnery Tables

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The following tables have been prepared from the results of experiments with the Bashforth Chronograph, and are most useful for the purpose of ballistic calculations:—

The general table of $\frac{d^2}{w}s$ for ogival-headed shot gives values for velocities 100 to 2,900, and in the equation—

$$\frac{d^2}{w}s = S_v - Sv \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

v , v , and s are so connected, that any two being given the third can be found from the table.

For example:—

(1) An ogival-headed shot of 100 lbs. in weight, and 6 inches in diameter, has a muzzle velocity of 1,860 feet; required the remaining velocity at a distance of 2,000 yards.

Here $v = 1,860$, $w = 100$, $d = 6$, and $s = 6,000$.

By equation (1)—

$$\begin{aligned} Sv &= S_v - \frac{d^2}{w}s \\ &= S_{1860} - \frac{6^2}{100} \times 6,000 \\ &= S_{1860} - 0.36 \times 6,000 \\ &= S_{1860} - 2,160. \end{aligned}$$

But, from the table, $S_{1860} = 44,677.4$, therefore—

$$\begin{aligned} Sv &= 44,677.4 - 2,160 \\ &= 42,517.4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from table, $v = 1,365$.

Therefore, the remaining velocity at 2,000 yards will be 1,365.

(2) An ogival-headed shot of 100 lbs., and 6 inches diameter, has a muzzle velocity of 1,860 feet; required the distance at which this velocity would be reduced to 1,598 feet.

Here $v = 1,860$, $w = 100$, $d = 6$, $\frac{d^2}{w} = 0.36$, and $v = 1,598$.

By equation (1)—

$$\frac{d^2}{w}s = Sv - Sv$$

or—

$$s = \frac{Sv - Sv}{\frac{d^2}{w}}$$

But, from table, $Sv = 44,677.4$, and $Sv = 43,597.9$.

Therefore—

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{44,677.4 - 43,597.9}{0.36} \\ &= \frac{1,079.5}{0.36} \\ &= 2,999 \text{ feet or } 1,000 \text{ yards.} \end{aligned}$$

(3) An ogival-headed shot, of 100 lbs. weight, and 6 inches diameter, is found to have a remaining velocity of 1,725 feet at a distance of 500 yards; required the muzzle velocity.

Here, as before, $\frac{d^2}{w} = 0.36$, $s = 1,500$, $v = 1,725$.

By equation—

$$\begin{aligned} Sv &= Sv + \frac{d^2}{w}s \\ &= 44.136.4 + 540.1 \\ &= 44,676.5. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from table, $v = 1860$.

