




OFFLOADING, TRANSPORTATION AND SETTING

FIVE VERTICAL REACTORS

PORT OF DULUTH

Two halves
of the
schnabel
car



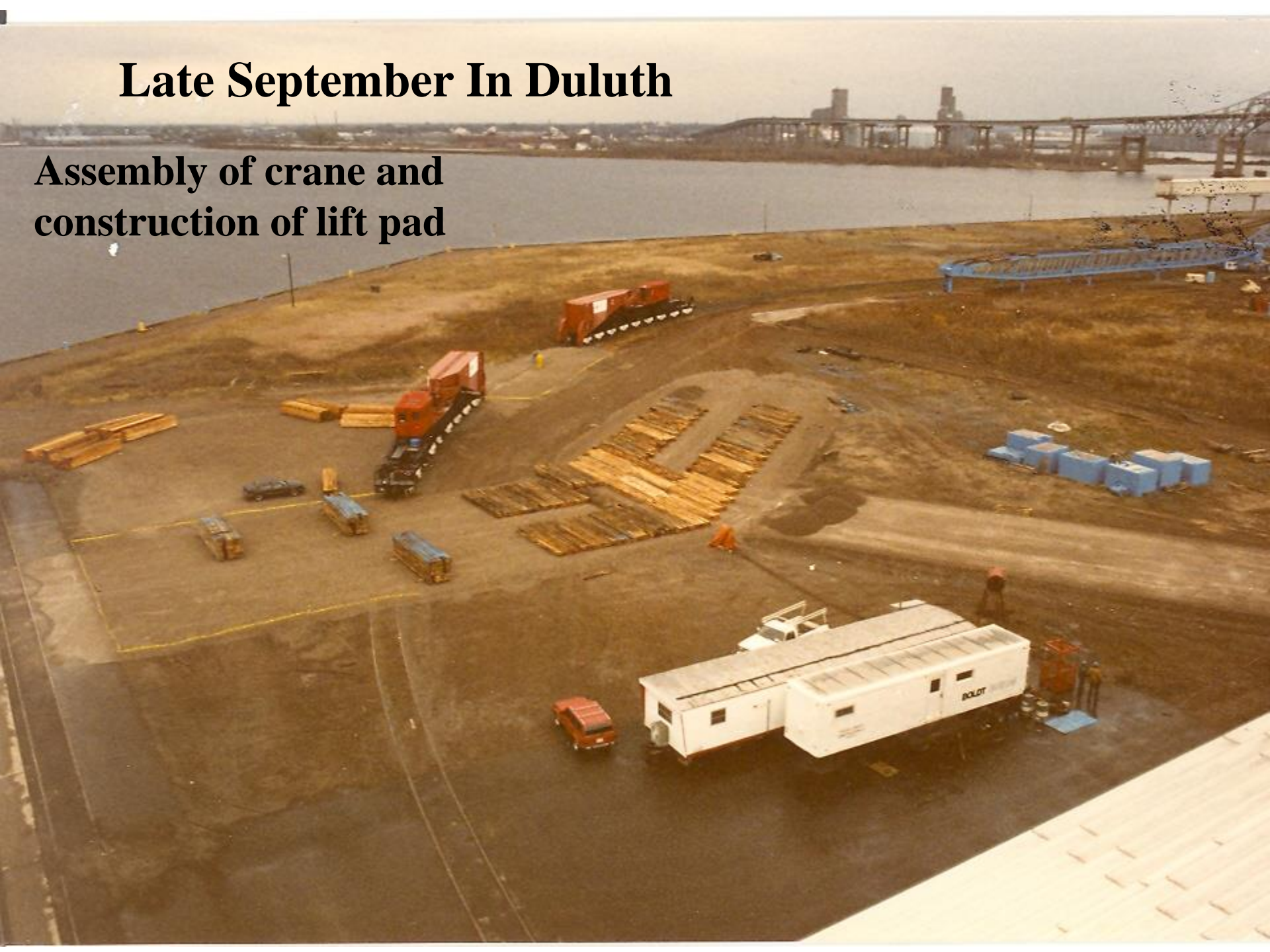
An aerial photograph showing the assembly of a massive blue crane boom. The boom is a long, lattice-structured truss extending across a large, flat, brownish construction site. At the left end, the boom is attached to a crawler crane base with the words "TRANSI-LIFT" visible. The boom extends towards the right, supported by several vertical posts. In the background, there are various construction materials, equipment, and a chain-link fence. The sky is clear and bright.

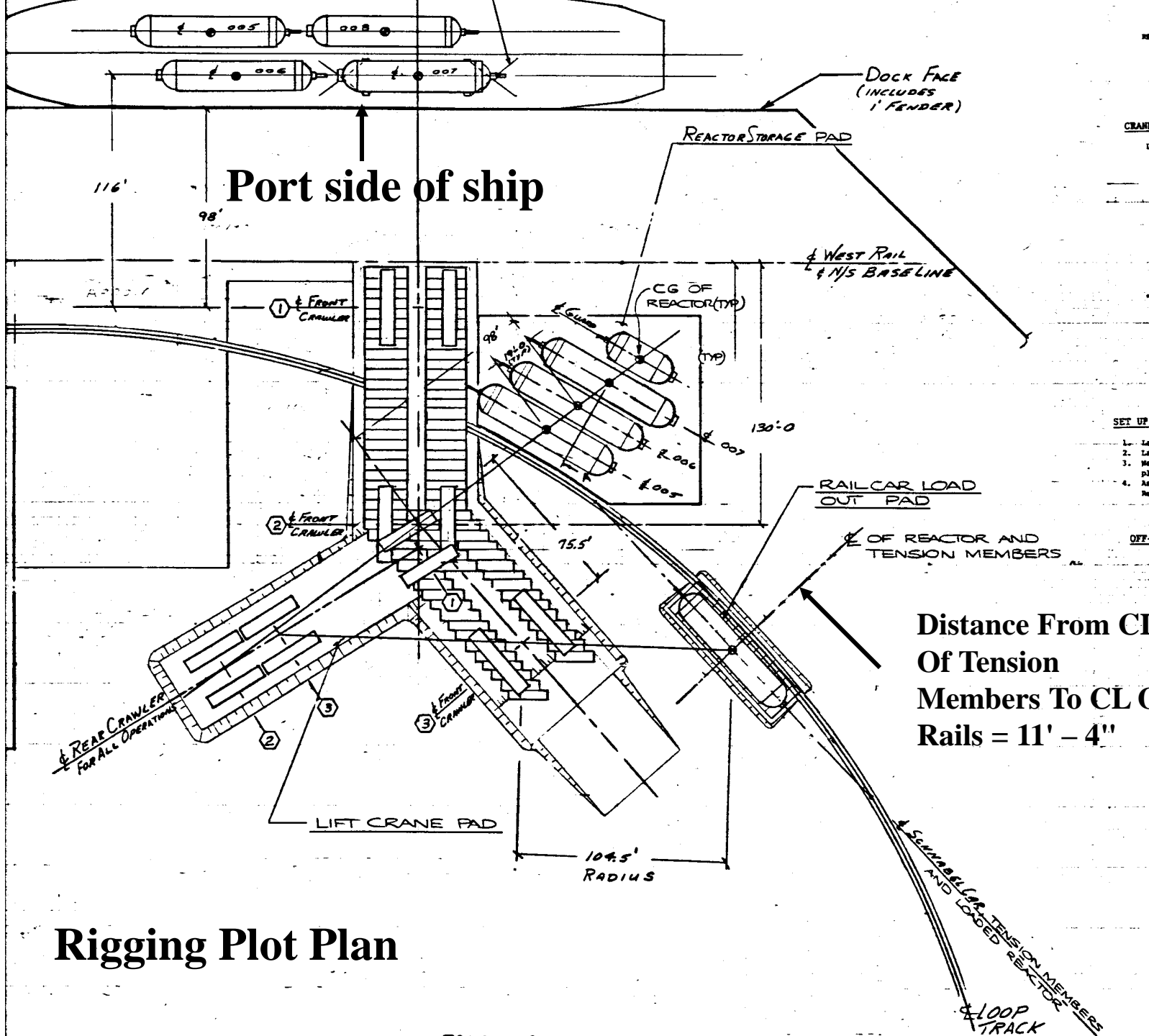
**Assembly of a 1,200 ton Lampson Transi-Lift crawler lift crane equipped with:
280' boom 950 ton counterweight**

Assembly area required: 300' wide x 1,000' long

Late September In Duluth

Assembly of crane and
construction of lift pad





CRANI

SET UP

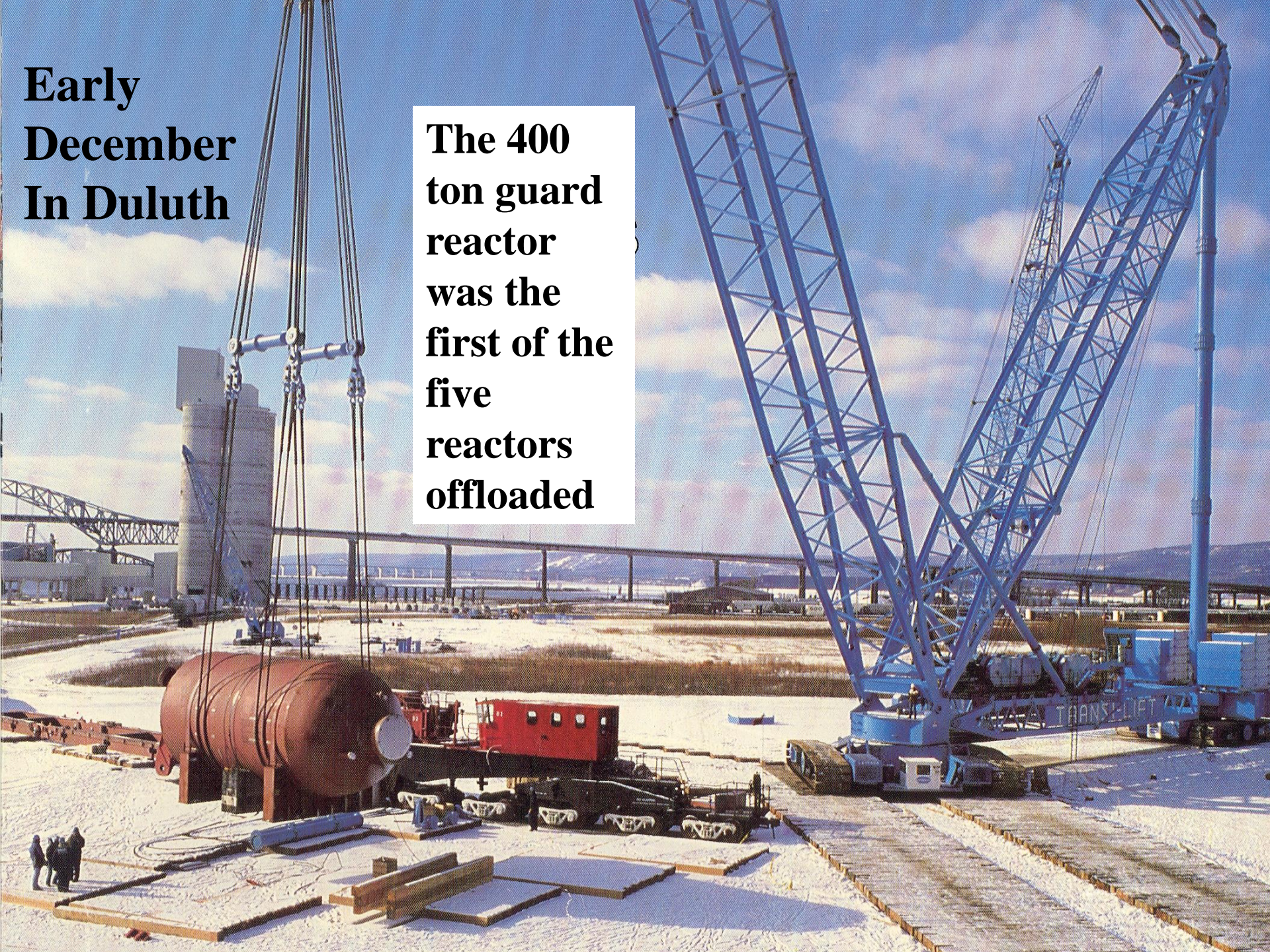
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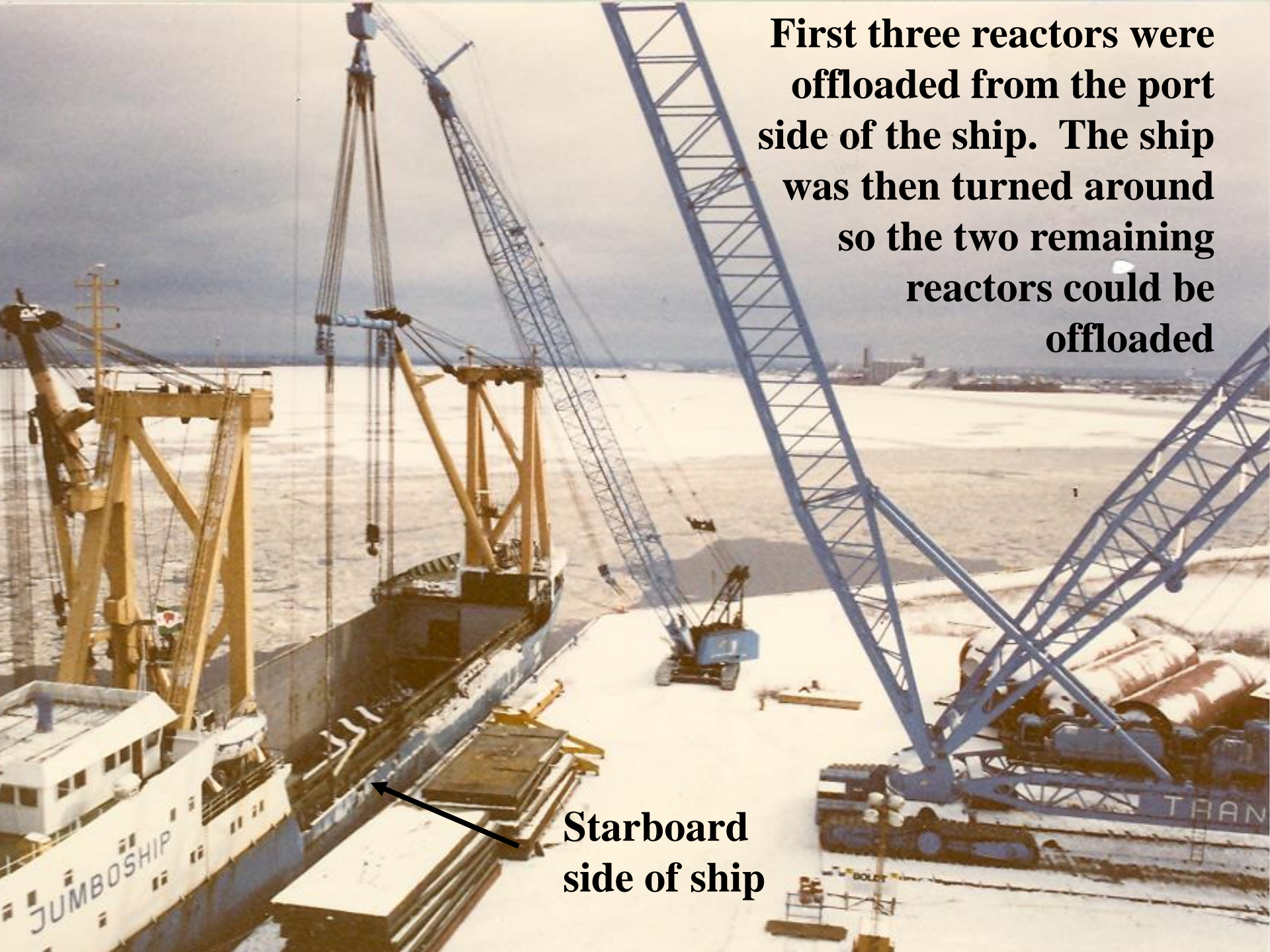
Rigging Plot Plan

**Early
December
In Duluth**

**The 400
ton guard
reactor
was the
first of the
five
reactors
offloaded**



First three reactors were offloaded from the port side of the ship. The ship was then turned around so the two remaining reactors could be offloaded



Starboard side of ship

Special hook up spreader bars made the 16 hook ups on each end safer & faster

On the average, one Engineering Man-hour in home office spent on safety and efficiency will save one Crew Man-hour in the field = \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on crew size and equipment involved

In this case, the two bars saved \$50,000

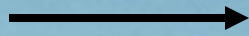
Cost of two bars: \$1,800



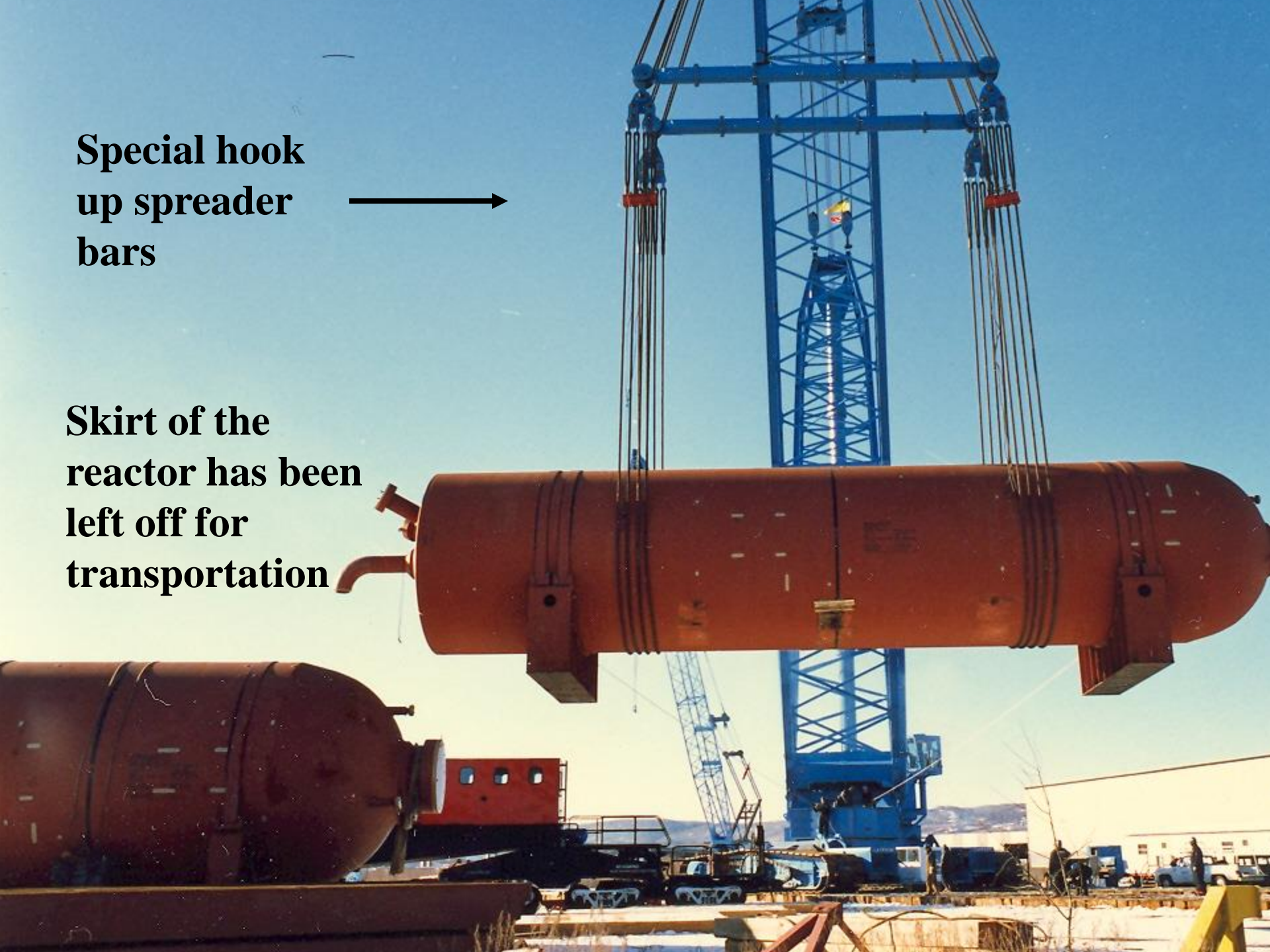
**Using the
special
spreader
bar to hook
up the four
slings**



**Special hook
up spreader
bars**

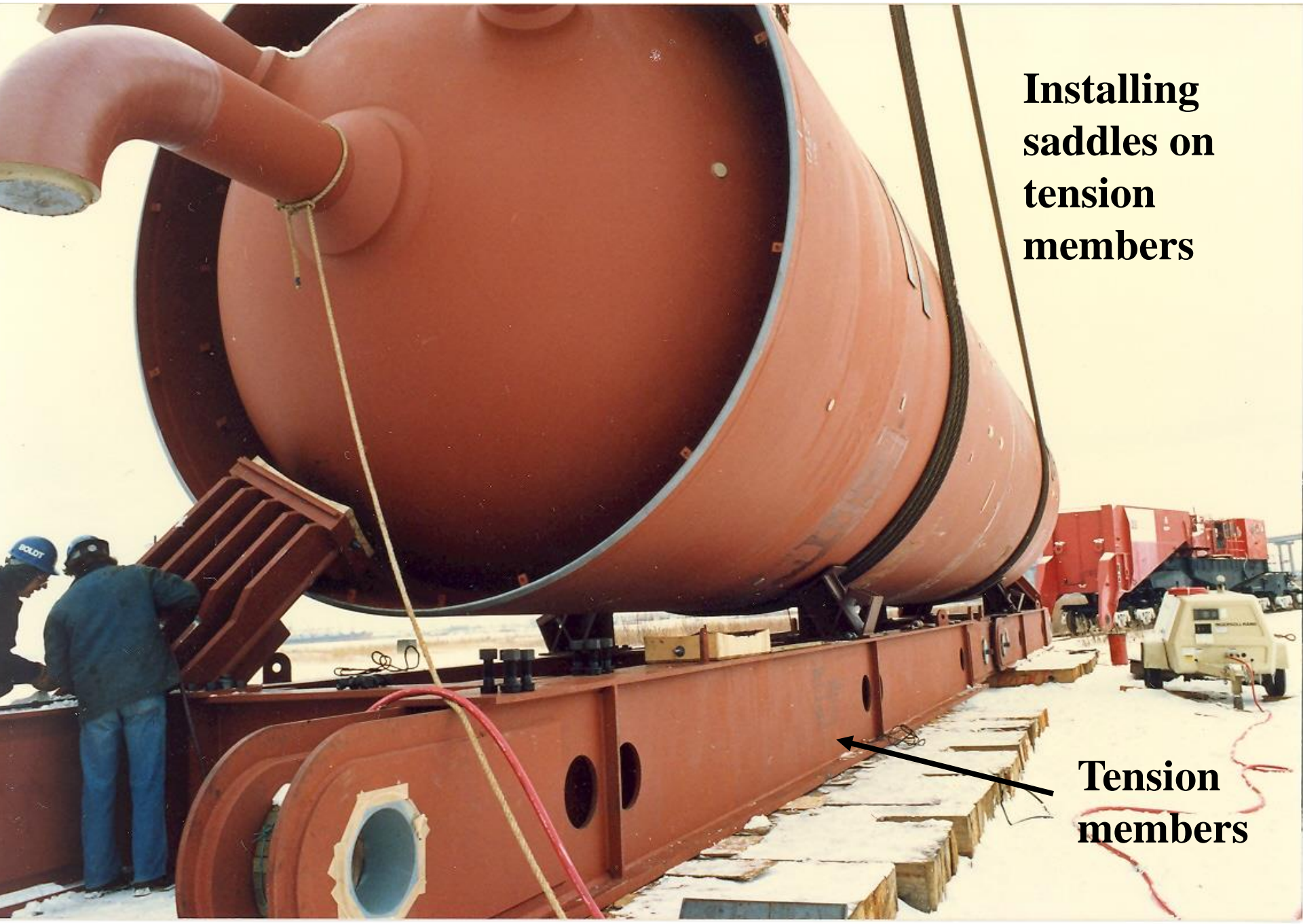


**Skirt of the
reactor has been
left off for
transportation**



**Fifth reactor placed
on tension members**





**Installing
saddles on
tension
members**



**Tension
members**

SCHNABEL CAR

CAPACITY: 880 tons, Reactor wt. 790 tons

No. Axles: 36 axles, 18 each half of the car

Axle Load: 66,800 Lbs.

Allow. Load: 67,000 Lbs. on frozen rail bed

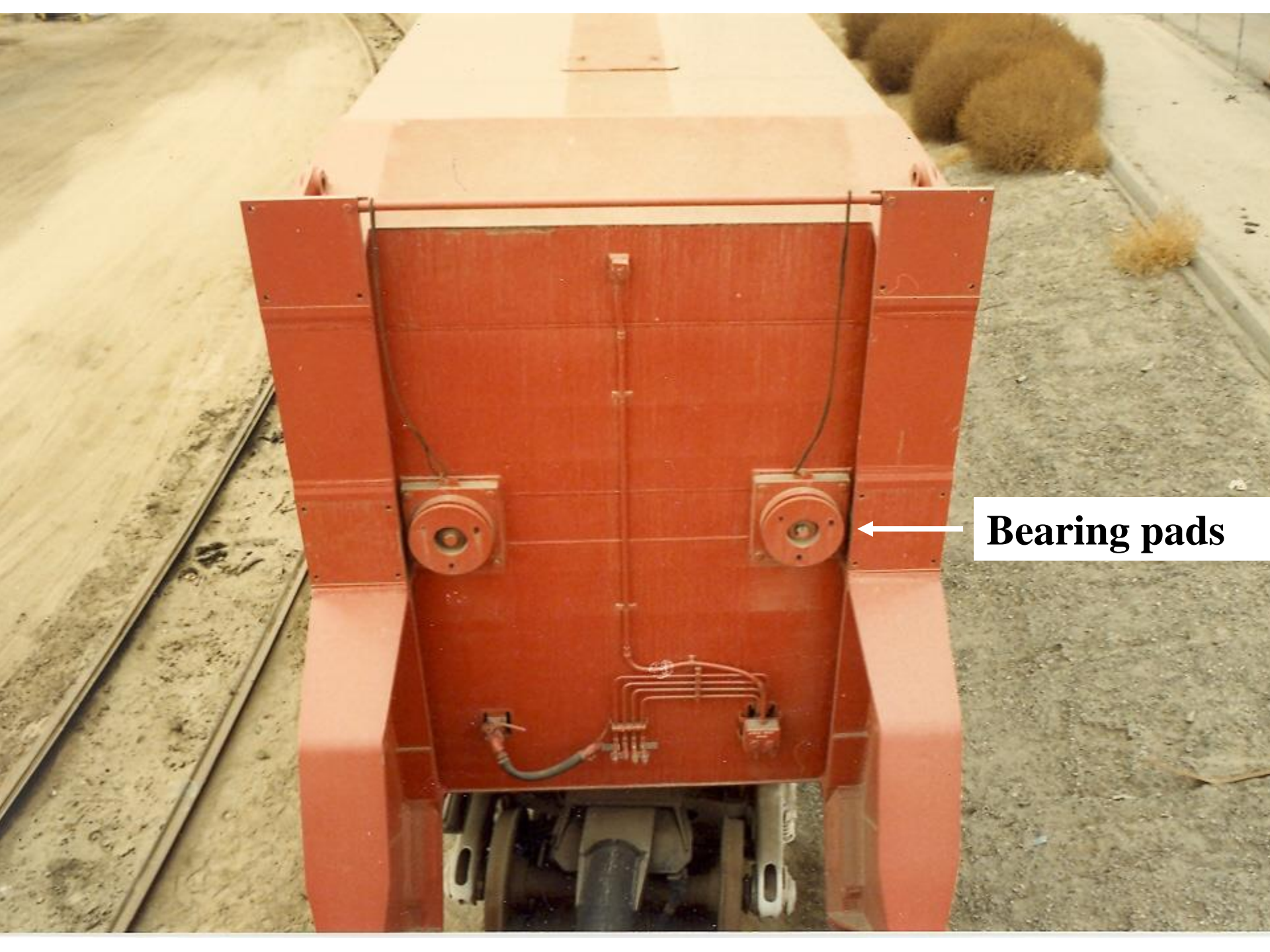
**TIME: Three weeks for round trip, from
Duluth to Regina, Canada**

**COST: \$1,000,000 per round trip,
\$5,000,000 for five reactors
\$2,000,000 lump sum railroad upgrades**

DEFINITION OF A SCHNABEL HITCH

A Schnabel hitch is defined as one where the load itself is used as a compression and tension member for support during transportation. Usually two lugs welded near the bottom of each end of the load are designed to carry the tension and two bearing pads welded near the top of each end transmit the compression load.

For this move, tension members supported the reactors and were designed for a tension load of 3,000,000 lbs. Heavy wall compression pipes were positioned between the bearing pads of the schnabel car halves and the reactor heads. They were designed for 3,000,000 lbs of compression. The next slide shows the bearing pads of the main load carrying structure.

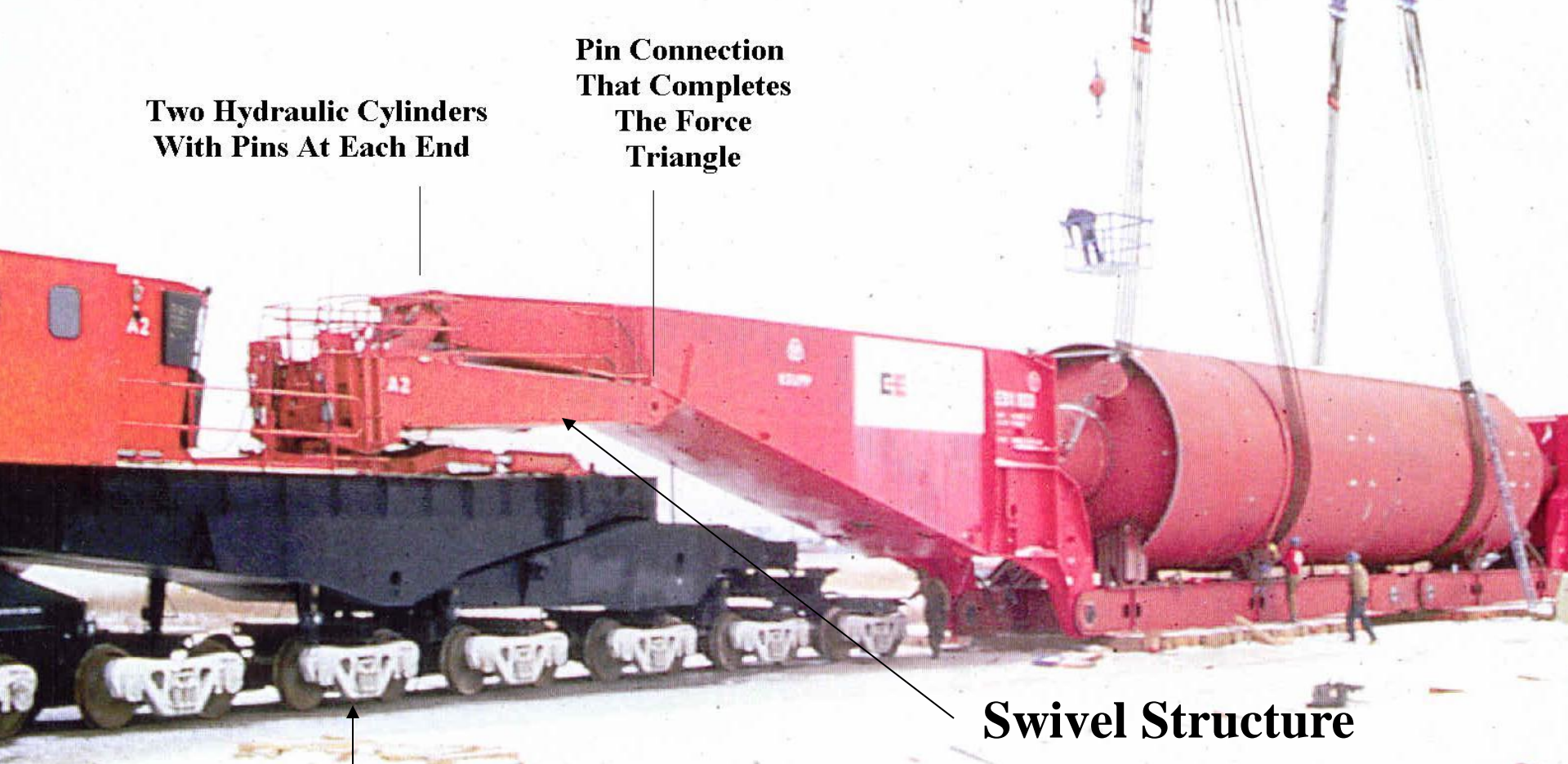


Bearing pads

PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Each half of the schnabel car is made up of a force triangle, i.e., two 12" hydraulic cylinders that pin to the swivel structure and the main load carrying structure. The inboard end of the swivel structure is also pinned to the main load carrying structure. The schnabel car is ready for lifting when the reactor is resting on the tension members that are pinned to each half of the schnabel car and when the heavy wall compression pipes are bearing on the heads of the reactor and the bearing pads of the main load carrying structure. See next slide.

As the four 12" hydraulic cylinders, two on each end, are extended, the gap between the compression pipes and the bearing pads begins to close up. When the gap is completely gone and the compression down thru the center of the reactor reaches 3,000,000 lbs and the tension in the tension members reaches 3,000,000 lbs, the reactor starts to raise vertically above the rails (ATR). The clearance can be adjusted up to 36" by adding more shims at the bearing pads.



**Two Hydraulic Cylinders
With Pins At Each End**

**Pin Connection
That Completes
The Force
Triangle**

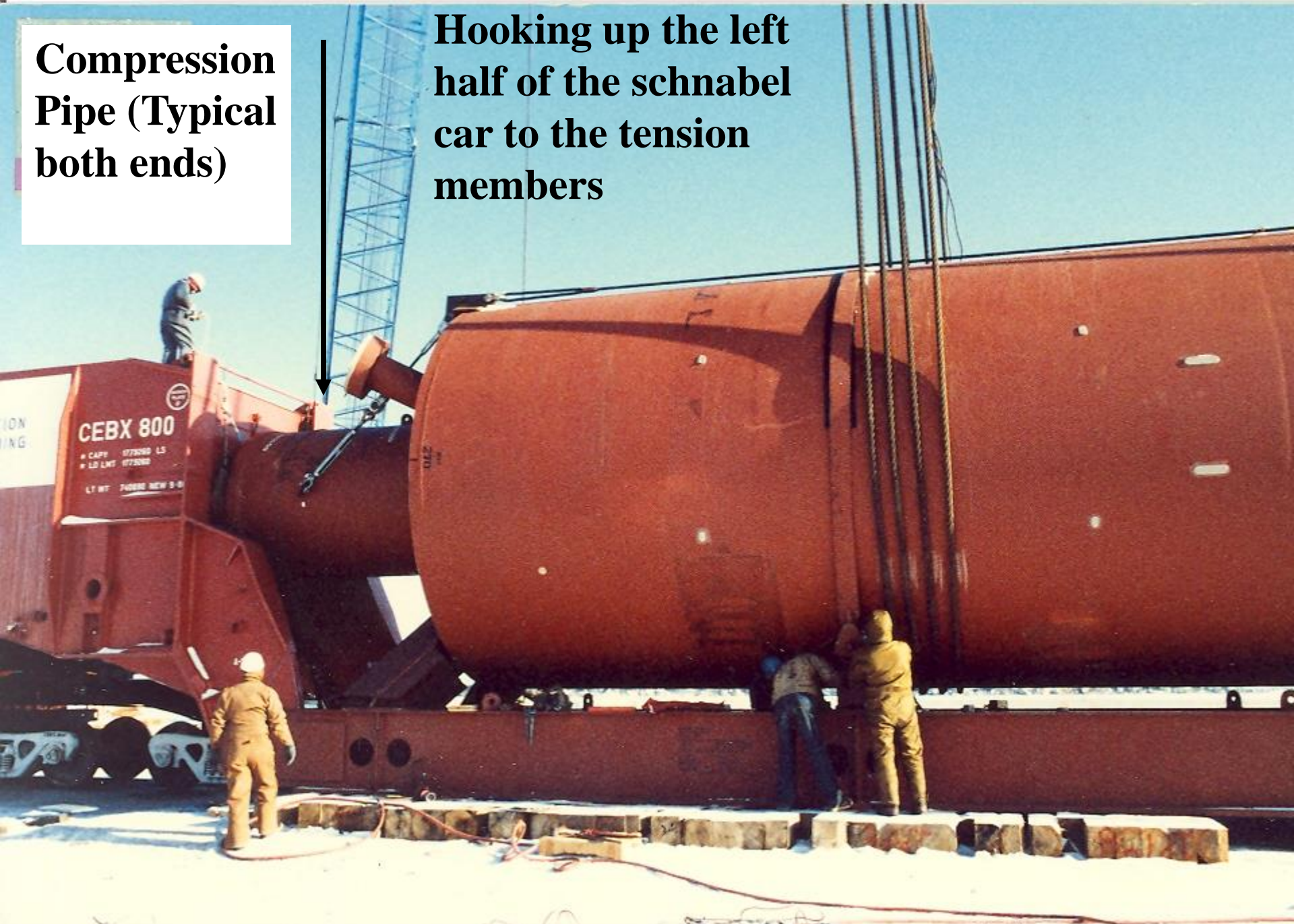
Swivel Structure

**Centerline of one
half of the
schnabel car and
the swivel
structure**

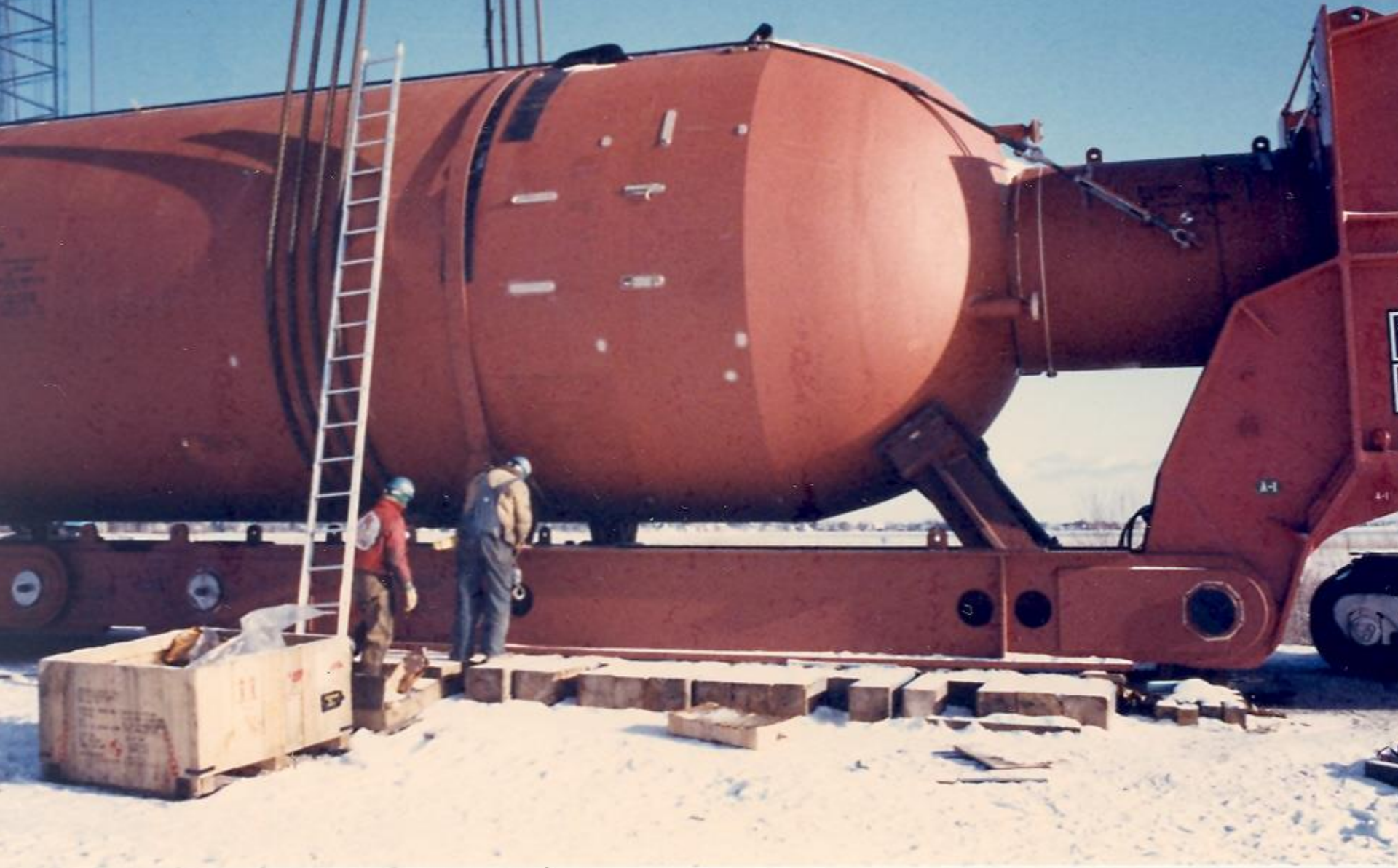
**Note: It is 196'-7" from this
centerline to the centerline on
the other half of the schnabel
car**

**Compression
Pipe (Typical
both ends)**

**Hooking up the left
half of the schnabel
car to the tension
members**

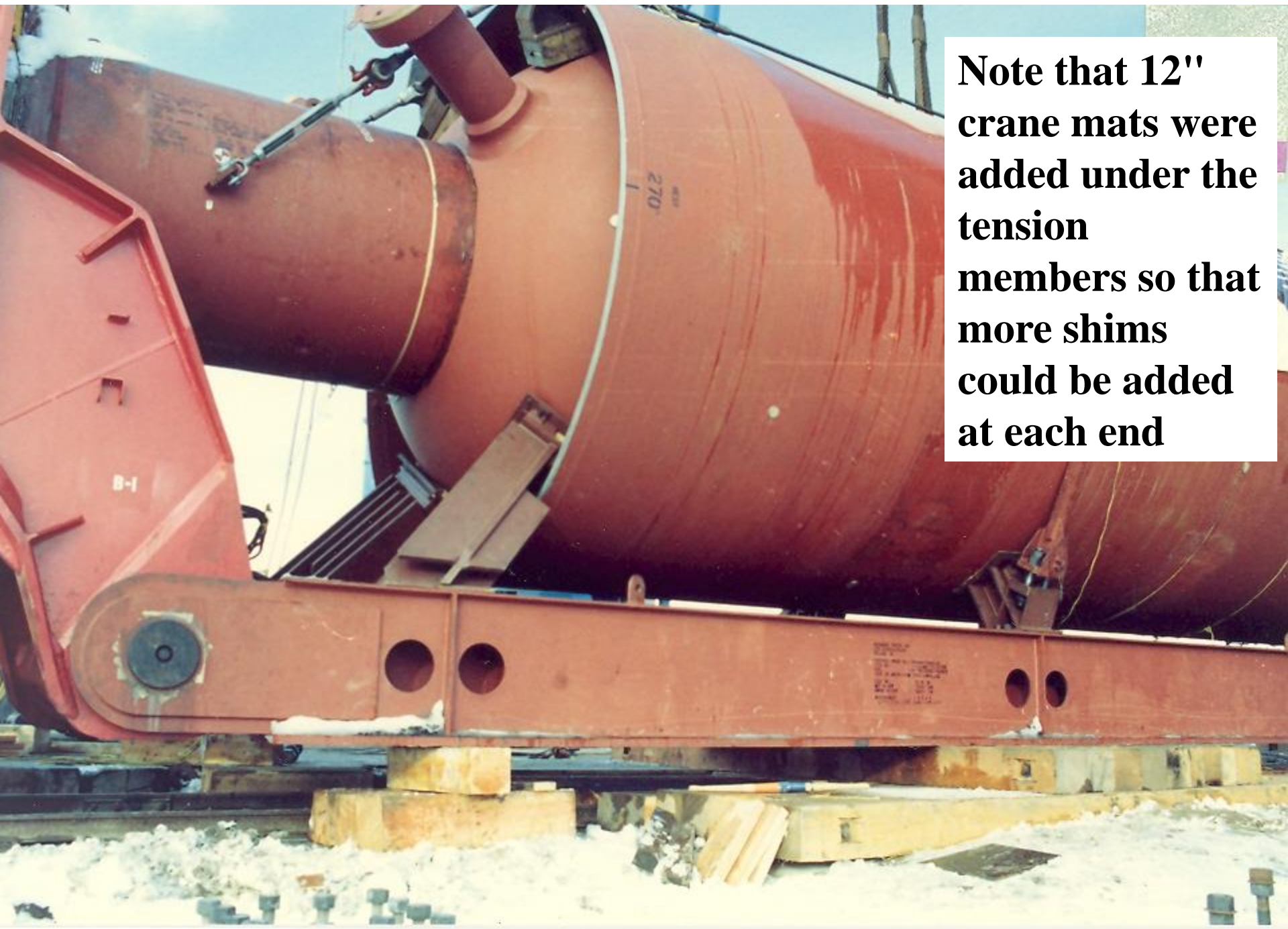


**Hooking up the right side of the
schnabel car to the tension members**



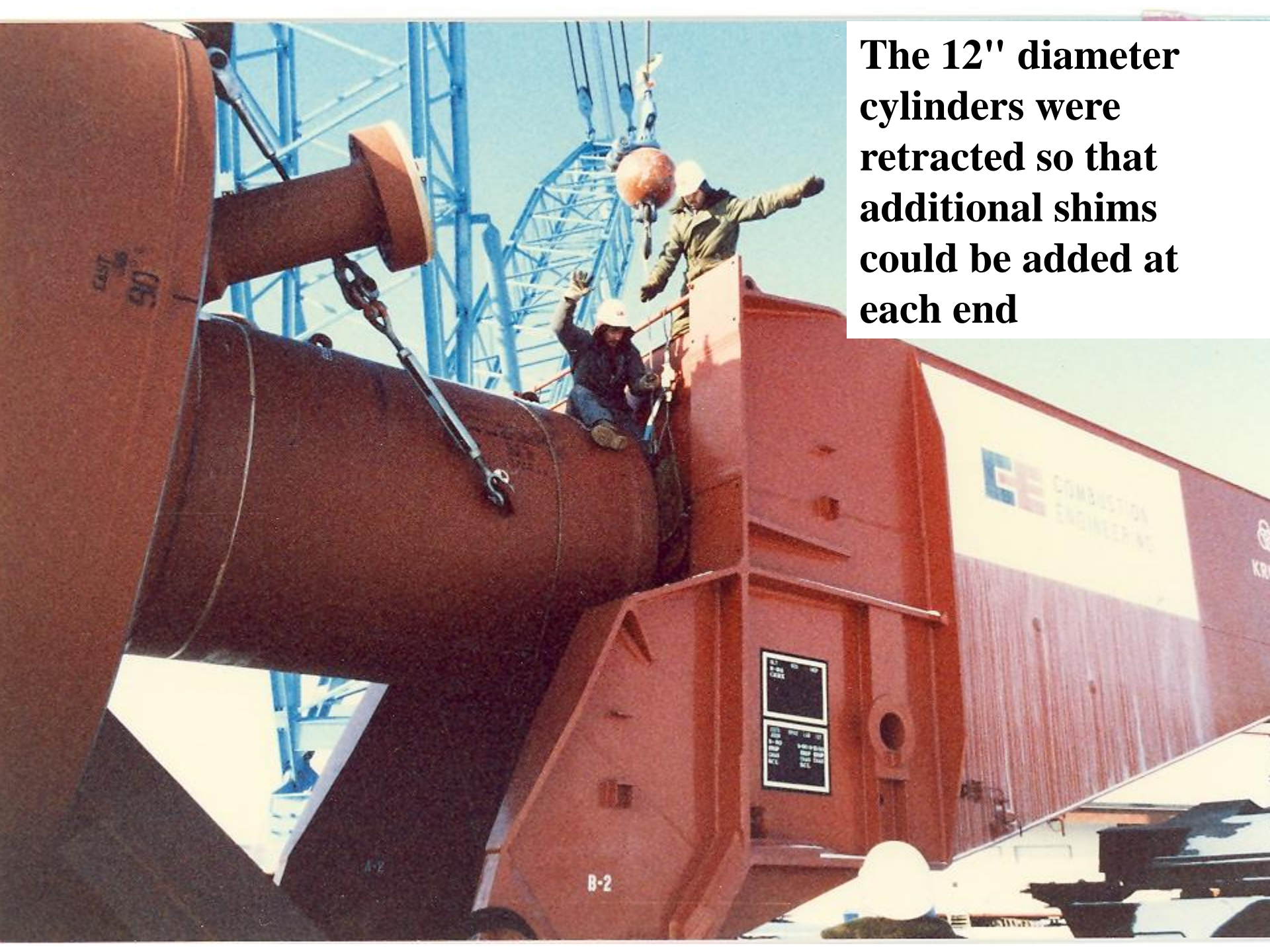
**Adjusting the height of the
tension members Above The
Rails. The Goal is 24" ATR**





Note that 12" crane mats were added under the tension members so that more shims could be added at each end

The 12" diameter cylinders were retracted so that additional shims could be added at each end



**The reactor & schnabel car
part of a dedicated train
leaving the Port Of Duluth**




**First of five
reactors on the
road to Regina**



A reactor arriving in Regina with the tension members set at 12" ATR.

Note that the 12" cylinders are extended quite a bit further than when the lifting operation started



A large, horizontal, cylindrical reactor is being lifted by a blue crane. The reactor is suspended by two thick steel cables that are attached to a horizontal pipe spreader bar. The spreader bar is supported by two vertical cables. The reactor is being moved across a large, flat, industrial area. In the background, there is a large steel structure, possibly a building under construction. Several workers in hard hats and work clothes are visible on the ground, some holding yellow cables. The ground is covered with crane mats.

**790 ton Reactor being
offloaded using two 14''
dia. std wall x 28'
longitudinal pipe
spreader bars**

900 ton Crane

**Note crane
mats over the
whole area**

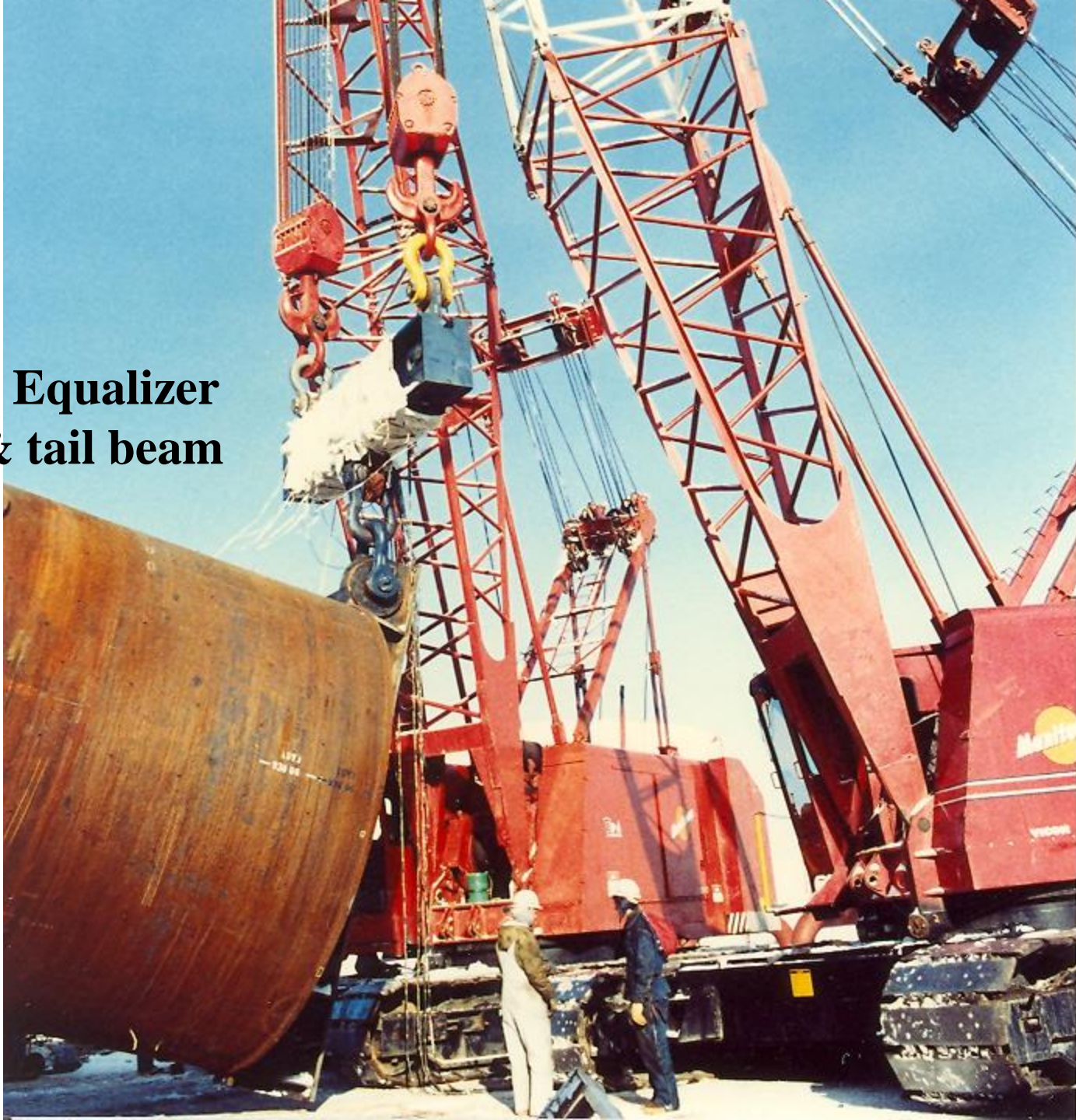
A large red cylindrical reactor component is being lifted by a crane at a construction site. The reactor is suspended by a blue hook and is being moved towards a large red cylindrical structure on the right. In the background, two tall cranes are visible against a clear blue sky. The ground is covered with construction materials and equipment.

**Flange lug
with a
temporary
work
platform
built
around it**

**Two 230 ton
tail cranes**

**Reactor, 12" wall x
15' dia. x 120' x 830
ton, made from 10'
long forging rings**

**600 ton Equalizer
beam & tail beam**



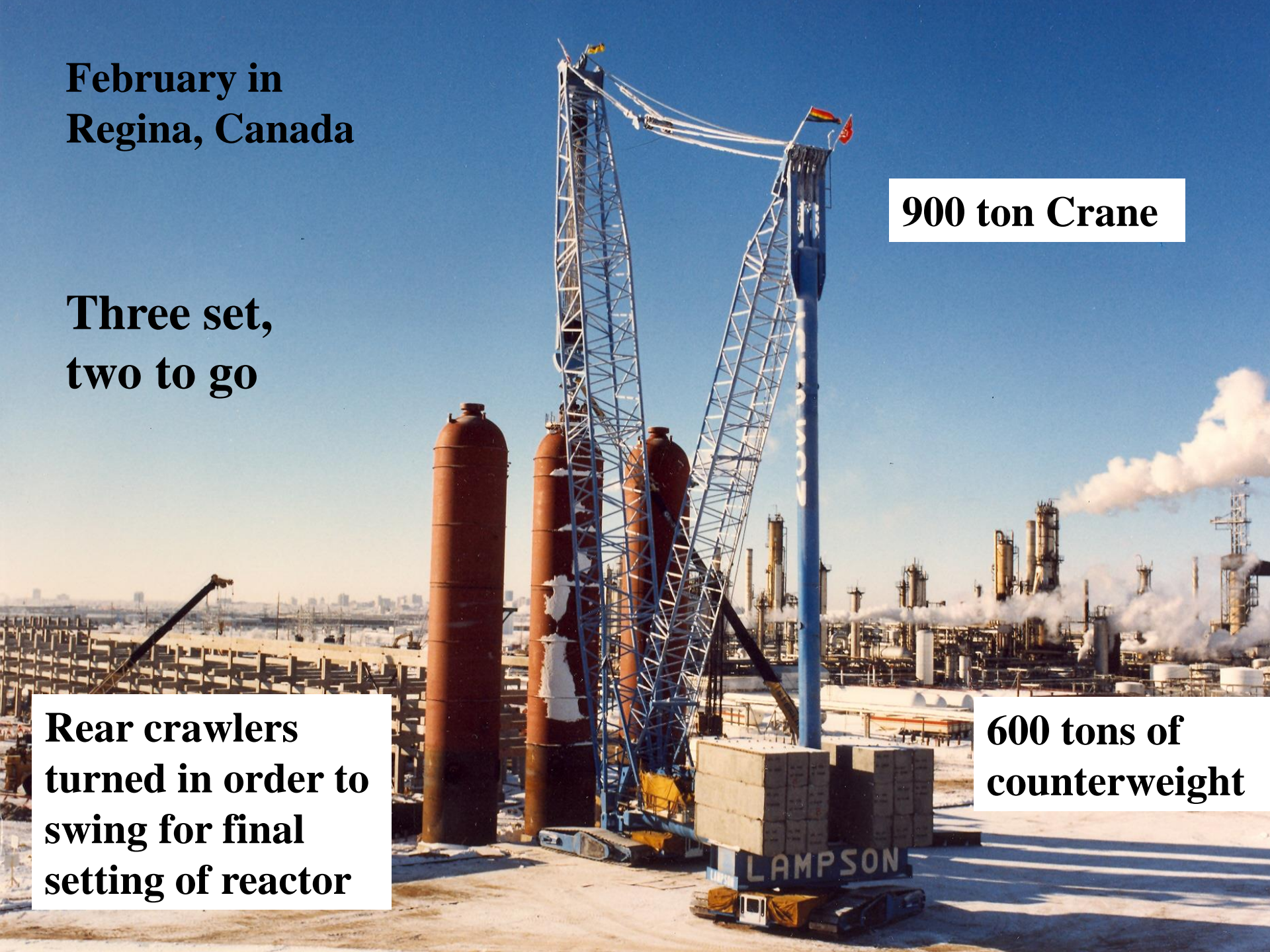
**February in
Regina, Canada**

**Three set,
two to go**

900 ton Crane

**Rear crawlers
turned in order to
swing for final
setting of reactor**

**600 tons of
counterweight**



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