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4. Carlton, P.F. and Behrmann, R.M., *Model studies of prestressed rigid pavement for airfields*, Bulletin no. 179, Highway Research Board, Washington, 1958, pp. 32-50.

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