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CRATING OUR RADAR FOR SOUTH AFRICA

A PACKING PROBLEM that would seem to us to be beyond normal proportions is a routine job for our packers at Rivenhall.

The planning and erection of a twoton case about its six-ton contents is a constructional proposition which is necessary for the safety of our equipment travelling by trailer, crane and ship. The bottom and base boards of this crate were chocked up beneath the radar cabin, the sides and top were bracketed together with interior supports to take the cross weight when lifting; then the trailer was run beneath it, the cabin legs let down and folded in.

The crate, which was originally designed by Charles Tunstill, costs £158 and over another £150 to pack. When you see one of a consignment for South Africa borne away to the docks, there will go our radar, armoured in enough timber to build a house.

Packing equipment for South Africa at Rivenhall. The bottom, four sides and top of a crate are assembled round the equipment. The stretchers are put in, it is bolted together, and then steel strapped for dockside lifting. Johnny Everitt of Packing is releasing the tackle used for hoisting the crate parts

One of the awkward spots in crating and packing. Extracting the locating bolt of the leg stay is Bob King, left, and ready to fold it up is Vic Prior, right. George King, the 128 HP trailer tractor driver, centre

After removing the stays and folding up the leg the arm is swung into the crate. On the left with the locking bolt is Tom Clay of Rivenhall; below him, Bob Brown of Packing and, right, Len Snell



Yet another crate of equipment on its way. Stan Allerton, Foreman of Packing, and some of his gang at Rivenhall. Tom Clay, Cyril Witham (Chargehand), Vic Prior and Bob King

GENERAL MANAGER AT THE CRYSTAL PLANT

Our General Manager, F. N. Sutherland, and Works Manager, J. P. Wykes, right, at Hackbridge, with D. Fairweather, Chief of Crystal Production, left. Mr. Wykes was himself chief of the department at one time

Hackbridge Photographic Club



MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AT OUR BASILDON FACTORY

At Basildon to look over our factory was, centre, Mr. F. S. Barton, C.B.E., Ministry of Supply's Principal Director of Electronics Research, with E. B. Greenwood, Basildon Works Manager, and F. N. Sutherland

