Safety Hint Saves 4 Lost in Desert

Quitanah’s Commissary Clerk Muhammad Srour is recovering from the shaking experience of being stranded in the Saudi Arabian desert for ten full days.

With three companions, Muhammad left Al-Hayel, where he was vacationing, by car on March 20. Driving a pickup truck across the desert toward Qaisumah, the party had travelled some 300 kilometers and was crossing the sandy terrain of Al-Dahanah, when the car’s axle broke.

Muhammad’s companions immediately suggested that the group strike out on foot for the nearest village, Leeqna’, about 150 kilometers away, to ask for help.

But Muhammad, recalling safety suggestions he had read some time before in Arabian’s publication, “Desert Travel,” decided the wise thing to do was stay with the car. He knew that it was safer not to leave the vehicle because, as the booklet pointed out, a car is easier to find in the desert than a man.

Besides, the wind was starting to blow; a sandstorm could make the long walk to the village extremely perilous.

Muhammad kept his head, and the safety-minded Muhammad took things calmly and immediately started raising the water and provisions carried in the vehicle. There were eight gallons of water, five cases of dates, sugar, tea and some milk.

For ten long days, each man received little more than a cupful of water and a handful of dates. During the day, the men took shelter from the sun and heat under the truck.

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9 TEAMS TIE FOR SAFETY LEAD

The company-wide response of employees to the drive to improve Tapline’s safety record has been encouraging over the past several weeks. Safety Engineer Report.

During April, the first month of the company’s safety contest, the total number of injuries declining as well as those requiring only first aid dropped to 79, an all-time low for any single month. By comparison, lowest one-month totals for each of the last four years were 77 injuries in 1959, 44 in 1958, 75 in 1957, and 79 in 1956.

With teams from all areas of the company’s operations competing in the safety contest, no fewer than nine teams compiled perfect, no-penalty scores during the first month of the contest. Three teams had one-point penalty records. Under the rules of the contest, a disabling injury costs a team 10 points, a chargeable motor vehicle accident 5 points; an injury requiring light treatment, 1 point; each day of charged lost-time, 1 point.

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Group No. 2 (Communications, Stores, Community Services and Dining Rooms) Rafha, J. R. Bell, captain, zero penalty score.

Group No. 3 (Workshops, Water Wells, Roads and Motor Transport) Central Mechanical Shops in Turaif Central Facilities) H. T. Jensen, captain, zero penalty score.

Group No. 4 (Sidon Operations) Ludvigsen and M. Rutherford, respectively, each with one point penalty.

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**OPERATIONS REPORT**

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Because of continuing low fillings at Sidon, Tapline's auxiliary pumping system has been shut down. The recently installed electric booster pumps at Turaif, part of a system that will fill the new crude booster pumps in March, 1960. Other operators are helping to compensate for the low throughput during the weeks of operation. The two crude booster pumps at Turaif were in operation. The April daily throughput was about half the record average throughput of 406,878 barrels pumped in March, 1959. Other operations figures are at low levels.

For May, average fillings were forecast at 202,000 barrels per day, plus 3,000 BPD for Iraq Petroleum Company, under an exchange arrangement wherein LPC delivers an equivalent amount of crude oil to the government refinery at Hamra.

**PIPELINE PERISCOPE**

**Lead Commissary Clerk Sa'ad Abdullah Ali marks the price of a canteen item at Turaif's community store, where more than S.R. 100,000 worth of goods are sold every month. (Photo by Near).**

Pleasing, outgoing Sa'd Abdullah Ali, Lead Commissary Clerk, Turaif, joined Tapline on January 1, 1935, at Ras Al Mokha, as laundry operator. His father, Abdullah, Ali, had been, preceded him into the oil industry way back in 1938, and were received by W. R. Chandler, Executive Vice President, and other company executives. (Photo by Issa Bros.).

**The Badanah community said good-by to the E. E. Austins (right) and Mr. and Mrs. Tietien, (left), who are planning to return to their homes in Bahrain. (Photo by S. M. Siddique).**

Khalife Ahmed Lahig, shown at the new gas filling station and garage at Turaif, is one of Saudi Arabia’s most successful private business successes. Making his formal education in Bahrain, he applied for a job with, and became a driver. Young Khalife was two years short of the required age of twenty, but he managed to get the job any way. He had advanced to transportation dispatcher by 1946, and when, ambitions for bigger things, he obtained a two-year leave of absence to start his own contracting business. He has been at it since then.

Many large Tapline and Aramco projects were contracted to Mr. Lahig. In 1948, his first contract for S.R. 2,600 called for installing some piping and other utilities in Abqaiq. Again then, Mr. Lahig had twenty men working for him. Other successes followed. In 1960, Mr. Lahig moved from Abqaiq to Ras Al-Mokha’s and formed the B.L.T. contracting company, with two Saudi Arab partners. Movers, Bahlaam and Tamours, B.L.T. subsequently did much of the Tapline painting, electrical, and similar work during the building of the garage at Qainah.

Mr. Lahig moved to Turaif in 1969, and B.L.T. undertook a majority of the work under sub-contract to the Graver Tank and Manufacturing Co. on Turaif station facilities. In 1971, B.L.T. constructed Antarite buildings in Turaif and the Turaif storehouse and maintenance buildings.

B.L.T. dissolved in 1955, but Mr. Lahig continued to expand his business. He contracted to build the Middle East’s newest and most modern filling stations and workshops in Abqaiq and Jeddah, and the new water workshops in Ras el Misha‘ab and Ras Tanura. In 1957, he undertook the sub-contracts for the erection of Tapline’s storage tanks in Turaif, Badanah and Riyadh. He has built the Arabian school in ‘Ard, the station schools in Turaif and Badanah. He has installed the safety road signs between Qaimah and Tel El Hef, has built a group of Arabian employee homes in Dammam, and has supplied Tapline with garage mechanisms, pipe-fitters and other craftsmen. More recently, he has contracted for Tapline road-grading and, in Turaif, the transportation of employees by bus.
Qaisumah’s Adelia Samaha
A Prize-Winning Artist

Adelia Malouf Samaha, wife of Qaisumah’s Station Relations Representative J. N. Samaha, continues to impress her many friends with her artistic talents. A versatile artist whose oils and water colors have embellished many art exhibitions, Mrs. Samaha has been pursuing since she was eight years of age. In high school, her artistic talents impressed her instructors and earned her a three-year scholarship to the Boston School of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts. There she took painting as her major and sculpture as her elective courses.

Evidence Against Smoking

In its efforts to continue presenting medical information useful to Periscope readers, Tapline’s Medical Department submits the following material on the subject, Smoking and Lung Cancer, by Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, of the United States Public Health Service.

It is a statutory responsibility of the Public Health Service to inform members of the public about the dangers of smoking, and the public at all times requires important public health issues. In his message, the surgeon general says, “I am deeply concerned about the increasing incidence of lung cancer in the United States.”

The statistics show a familiar pattern: the death rate from lung cancer is increasing in proportion to the degree of smoking. There is heavy evidence that smoking is a causative factor in lung cancer.

The rapid increasing death rates from this disease, Dr. Burney notes, cannot be explained away solely by improvements in diagnostic techniques; better reporting on death certificates, or an increase in older persons in the population. After carefully reviewing the evidence on both sides of the controversy, he reached the conclusion that the Public Health Service has the “wrath of evidence against smoking.”

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Building under the Saudi Home Ownership Plan is reaching new peaks. Eighty homes have been completed under the company plan designed to help Saudi Arabian employees acquire permanent homes for themselves and their families near their work sites. Eleven more homes being built in Tapline, Saudi Arabia, are scheduled for completion before July 1. Between June and September of this year, work is expected to start on about forty more new homes for national employees.

The Saudi Home Ownership Plan enables interested and eligible employees to obtain new, good quality and durable homes through a deferred payment plan. To obtain a home loan, a Saudi Arabian employee must obtain the recommendation of his supervisor and pass a medical examination. A counselor from the Community Development section of the company’s Engineering Department then explains the details of the Plan, checks the employee’s eligibility for a loan, assesses him of the terms of agreement he will make with the company and offers advice regarding the construction of his home.

The employee selects the design and location of his house and may borrow money from the company against 50 per cent of his earnings for the purchase of the housing materials. This money is advanced to him in several payments as construction proceeds. After his home is completed, the employee pays as little as 20 per cent of his earnings monthly toward the home loan.

Under the Saudi Home Ownership Plan, an employee loses possession of his home only if he fails to make the loan payments when they are due. After he has paid 80 per cent of his debt, the home is his without further claim by the company. The employee’s family is protected in the event of his death. If he had kept his payments current, no further payments are required from his family or dependents.

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To celebrate his move into a new home built for him at Qaisumah through Tapline loan funds, Control Room Operator Abdallah Khalaf and his young son (left) visited Station Superintendent H. C. Davis and Tapline contractor Abdallah Khalaf. (Photo by H. C. Van Putten).
Periscope reporters from the Line visited Sidon Terminal recently on a tour of installations, accompanied by J. A. Jabbour, Assistant Operations Manager, New York Office, and arrived in Beirut May 16 on temporary business. (Continued next page)

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Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Thaddaes, Mrs. O. E. Ritten and Miss Judy Dany returned from a wedding trip to Europe after attending a wedding couple at a bridge party.

Mrs. J. D. Thaddaes and children and Mrs. M. N. Prince and son are back from short trips to Beirut.

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President John Noble and Executive Vice President W. R. Chandlar are with us again after attending a meeting of Tapline's board of directors in San Francisco.

F. N. Khabbaz, of Engineering, is back to his duties after attending the Western Industrial Fair in Vancouver with G. E. Heide and E. B. Greens, of Tufraf. On his way back, Fred spent a short holiday in Rome.

Dr. A. Ghaffar has returned his work in the Medical Department after spending about five months in England. While in London, Dr. Ghaffar took a three-month course in chest diseases and general medicine at the Hamannsworth Hospital as well as a three-week briefing course on "A Child in the Tropics" at the Tropical Medicine Hospital.

Workers of the first of a series of monthly medal golf competitions, organized by the Zahrani County on Salobs, were O. K. Bigelow and Mrs. F. P. Cole.

The Tapline Sporting Club is looking better and better. For this, the background setting, soon to be painted dark green, is a real improvement. Ahmad Rafa, of Accounting, has made available the swimming facilities of Long Beach to employees, to help him spend his rehabilitation exercises. Ahmad is recovering from a broken leg.

Deepest sympathy to Victor Khodr, of the Hammersmith Hospital, as he passed away in London, Dr. Ghanma took a three-month course in chest diseases and general medicine at the Hamannsworth Hospital as well as a three-week briefing course on "A Child in the Tropics" at the Tropical Medicine Hospital.

Another Saudi Arab employee reaching the ten-year mark in his service with Tapline is Abdullah Abdul Mohsen, materials specialist at Tufraf's Central Storehouse, Better known to his friends as "Jackson," Abdullah joined the company at Ras el Misha'ab on February 26, 1959 as a clerk. He transferred to Tufraf from Rafha, in February, 1954. The ten-year service pin was presented by Socrate C. Salim. (Photo by S. M. Siddique).

Up and coming golfers all see these young Tapliners, who recently competed in an 18-hole tournament on the Tilal el-Bedou course at Rafa. A very creditable 56 putted forerunners at two-week tournament, 5. Mark Eckert (left), 60 and Steve Patten, 79. Shown with the trophies are Mrs. B. Harper, who served as scorer (Photo by Mrs. D. P. Harper).