

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

Ministry of Transport,
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Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

7th December, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Minister of Transport, in accordance with the Order of the 5th November 1940, the result of my inquiry into the serious accident which occurred at about 3.47½ a.m. on 4th November at Norton Fitzwarren on the West of England main line of the Great Western Railway.

The 9.50 p.m. passenger train, Paddington to Penzance, travelling at 40 to 45 m.p.h. on the Down Relief Line, passed two successive stop signals at danger, and became derailed at the catch points protecting the Down Main, where the two lines converge at the west end of the station, some two miles beyond Taunton. The driver was under the impression that he was running on the Down Main, the signals of which had been lowered for a newspaper train. The engine was thrown clear and came to rest on its side 140 ft. beyond the last rail of the catch points, having traversed an open drain; the first five coaches were wrecked and blocked all lines.

Some 900 passengers were travelling in the train, including many men of the Services, and I regret to report that 26, including one Company's Servant, were fatally injured, of whom 13 were Naval Personnel. Fireman W. Seabridge was also killed at his post. In addition, 56 passengers were injured sufficiently seriously to necessitate their retention in hospital, and 18 others complained of shock or minor injuries; of these 16 were members of the Services.

The 12.50 a.m. newspaper train, Paddington to Penzance, travelling on the Down Main line under clear signals at 55 to 60 m.p.h., overtook the passenger train as the derailment occurred, and a rivet-head from the bogie frame of the derailed engine was subsequently found in the 4th van of the newspaper train, having broken the window of the leading door; there were also indentations in the panelling of the 5th vehicle, caused by flying ballast as the engine became derailed. In fact, the newspaper train only just got clear before the line was obstructed - a very fortunate escape.

Doctors, Nurses, Ambulances, and the Police arrived promptly (first ambulance at 4.30 a.m.) in response to calls initiated by the Norton Fitzwarren Stationmaster, and 10 trained ambulance men of the Company's staff assisted. A Surgeon Commander on the train did valuable work before other help arrived, and the Military authorities rendered every assistance; the rescue work proceeded by the light of hand lamps and torches. Emergency equipment in the train vans was used; also tools stored in the old signal box and the gangers' hut. In addition, some tools were brought by local residents. There was evidence to the effect that everyone behaved with complete composure.

The passenger train was hauled by Engine No. 6028, type 4-6-0, weighing in working order with tender 135 tons 14 cwt; it comprised 13 bogie coaches weighing 409 tons. The train was fitted throughout with the vacuum brake operating blocks on all wheels except the engine bogie and the centre pairs of the 6-wheeled bogies of one sleeping coach (7th). Including the load of 60 tons, the total weight was 605 tons, and the brake power was 69.4% of that weight; the overall length of the train was 890 ft.

The engine was not seriously damaged, having overturned on to soft ground. The two leading coaches passed it to the right and came to rest roughly parallel to each other diagonally across the up and down lines. The 3rd coach was telescoped against the tender, and the 4th was thrown out to the right; the 5th was telescoped for about half its length into the 3rd, and the 6th was derailed and damaged at the leading end. The rest of the train remained on the road and suffered little damage. The stock was of modern construction and electrically lighted throughout. The permanent way and signalling equipment were only slightly affected.

The newspaper train comprised 5 bogie vehicles and was hauled by an engine of the same class. Its total length was 370 ft.

Breakdown gangs and trains arrived from Taunton, Newton Abbot, and Swindon at 6.2 a.m., 8.57 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively. There were 9 trained ambulance men among the crews. The Up Main was available for traffic by 8.8 p.m. on the same day, and the Down Main at 6.38 p.m. on the following day.

It was a very dark night, and the weather was stormy with a strong westerly wind; but it does not appear to have been raining at the time, though the rail was wet and greasy.

Description.

In the down direction from Taunton to Norton Fitzwarren, a distance of approximately 2 miles, the line runs from east to west; there are 4 tracks, in order from south to north, Down Relief, Down Main, Up Main, and Up Relief. At the west end of Norton Fitzwarren Station the line becomes double; the Down Relief joins the Down Main by a connection over which speed is restricted to 40 m.p.h., the latter line being protected by facing catchpoints with a lead and crossing; the open end of the lead is 85 ft. from the toe of the switches.

The passenger train had stopped at Taunton Down Relief platform, on the left of this line, the Down Main being immediately adjacent and to the right. Beyond the platform, there is a facing crossover from the Down Relief to the Down Main. The block sections are short, and the signal boxes concerned are from east to west:-

Taunton West Station
 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Taunton West Junction
 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Silk Mill Crossing
 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Norton Fitzwarren
 1 mile
Victory Crossing

The signals between Taunton and Norton Fitzwarren are more or less evenly spaced, as is usual with short sections. The Relief line home signals, however, for Taunton West Station box should be described in detail, having regard to the evidence of the driver of the passenger train and of the signaller concerned. They are located at the top of the platform ramp, and apply to the Relief line and Relief to Main; in order to display them clear of the platform verandah roof, both are bracketted out to the right of the post, which is 50 yards short of the facing crossover from Relief to Main.

The signals leading straight along the Relief, viz., the Taunton West Station home (No. 10), with the Taunton West Junction distant arm below it, are carried on the left-hand and taller of the two subsidiary posts on the bracket; the home arm (No. 3), leading through the facing crossover (No. 49), with no distant below it, is on the short post to the right. There is also an elevated shunt signal (No. 16) suspended under the bracket, which leads to down sidings to the left of the running lines, through a facing connection (No. 34), short of crossover No. 49. The corresponding Main line signals are home and distant arms on a single post to the right of their line, about 40 yards ahead. All these signals could be seen from the driver's (right-hand) side of the cab as the engine was standing ready to start. Taunton West Station box is nearby, at the west end of the Down Main platform.

Beyond there, all except one of the Down Relief signals are located in the usual position on the left of the line; this exception is the group of starters for Taunton West Station box which are distinctively arranged on a gantry spanning all four lines. Owing, however, to the track layout, the majority of the Down Main Signals are between the Down and Up Mains, viz., to the right of the line to which they refer. Exceptions are the gantry signal referred to above and the home, starter, and advanced starter for Norton Fitzwarren, where the space between the Down Main and Down Relief widens to accommodate the island platform between these two lines.

The locations of the Norton Fitzwarren Down Relief signals with reference to the switches of the catchpoints, and other relevant distances, are as follows :-

Norton Fitzwarren advanced starter and Victory Crossing distant below it.		20 yards East.
3-shot detonator placer	190	" "
Norton Fitzwarren starter	210	" "
Norton Fitzwarren signalbox (on South side of line)	263	" "
Centre of Station	296	" "
Norton Fitzwarren home	631	" "
Silk Mill Crossing Starter and Norton Fitzwarren inner distant below it	1,151	" "
Silk Mill crossing home and Norton Fitzwarren distant below it	1,677	" "

The corresponding Down Main signals are located opposite, or nearly so. The 3 detonators referred to above stand normally on the rail with the lever normal in the frame; the lever has to be pulled to release that of the starting signal immediately in rear.

Viewed from the footplate of an engine of the same class on a clear night, all the signals for each line showed up distinctly, and were well separated. The line is almost straight from Taunton to Silk Mill Crossing box, after which there is a gentle left-hand curve, straightening again through Norton Fitzwarren Station; for a few moments when rounding the curve, the signals for both lines are lost to the view of the driver from the right-hand side of the engine. At the present time Norton Fitzwarren Station is unlit at night.

Gradients over the stretch of line concerned are negligible, and advantage is taken of this by trains starting from Taunton to gather speed for the ascent of the formidable Wellington Bank, which begins soon after passing Norton Fitzwarren.

The Company's system of Automatic Train Control in connection with distant signals (but not inner distants) was in operation. There is a ramp in the 4ft. way in connection with each signal, which is not electrically energised when the signal is at "Caution", in which case a siren is sounded in the engine cab and a moderate application of the vacuum brake is made automatically; this brake application can be subsequently cancelled by the driver. When the signal is "Clear", the ramp is energised through contacts on the lever and arm, and a bell is sounded in the cab, with no brake application.

The apparatus at the distant signals concerned was examined and tested soon after the accident; it was found to be working properly, as also the corresponding electrical circuits on the derailed engine. In fact, the evidence showed that all signalling equipment on the ground and in the boxes, as well as on the engine, was in good order at the time of the accident.

Starting or advanced starting signals are released by "Line Clear" on the block, and an interlinking circuit prevents the acceptance of a train unless the distant arm is properly at "Caution".

REPORT AND EVIDENCE.

1. With regard to the time of the derailment, it appears from the train registers that the clocks of Taunton West Station and Victory Crossing boxes synchronised, and that those of the three intermediate boxes, Taunton West Junction, Silk Mill, and Norton Fitzwarren, were approximately 2 minutes fast in comparison. Taunton West Station clock is electric, controlled by a master clock, and, as it was correct, all the following times are related thereto; allowing for the discrepancy of 2 minutes, the registers appeared to be consistent throughout.

The passenger train arrived at Taunton Relief line platform at 3.30 a.m., 68 minutes late; it left at about 3.44 a.m., on the Relief line. The newspaper train, travelling at about 55 m.p.h., passed through the station on the Main Line soon after 3.45 a.m., 8 minutes before time; according to the evidence (see later), it was fast overhauling the passenger train as it reached Silk Mill Box, and passed Norton Fitzwarren and Victory Crossing boxes at 3.48 a.m. (booked at 3.50 a.m.) and 3.49 a.m. respectively.

Calculation showed that the speed of the passenger train might have been at least 45 m.p.h. at Norton Fitzwarren, with an average of about 35 m.p.h. over the 2 miles from the start at Taunton. Based on this, and the fact already referred to that the rivet-head was carried forward in the fourth vehicle of the newspaper train, the two engines would have drawn level as they reached Norton Fitzwarren Station, some 300 to 400 yards from the catch-points. Having regard to their relative speeds, and to the probable differences of booking, it seems likely that the derailment took place at about 3.47½ a.m.

2. According to his evidence, it was at this point, as the engines drew level, that Driver P.W. Stacey of the passenger train realised that he was travelling on the Relief line and not on the Main, too late to effect much reduction in speed. His evidence was entirely straightforward and quite emphatic. It was to the effect that, about a minute after his arrival at Taunton, he observed the Down Relief to Down Main home signal (No. 3) for Taunton West Station box change from red to green; he observed it again a little later, but just before starting away, when he saw a green light on the third occasion, he was "not sure which one this was". His account of what happened thereafter is as follows :-

"I proceeded with my train on what I thought was the Down Main line, and on running over the ramp about the end of Taunton platform I heard the A.T.C. siren. After leaving Taunton and having the ramp signal, of which I heard the siren, I did not touch the A.T.C. again, by which I mean I did not have another siren. On approaching Norton Fitzwarren a train passed on my right-hand side. As this train passed me on my right-hand side I immediately shut my regulator and applied the brake, being under the impression that we were getting nearer the verging point and I saw this train and the station on my right-hand side, which brought to my mind that I was on the Down Relief. At the time I turned to my mate and told him that we were on the Down Relief, and with that the train became derailed at the catchpoint".

Stacey said that the anti-glare sheets were fixed in position, and that on the fireman's side (left-hand) was fitted. The one on his own side was also fitted on the top and bottom, the back being fastened and the front undone, leaving a space for his head outside the cab, from which position he was observing the signals. He said that his speed passing through the station was 40 m.p.h. according to the speedometer, and he thought he was able to make some reduction; but having regard to the extent of the wreckage, it seems doubtful whether the derailment occurred at less than this speed. He did not hear the explosion of detonators and did not think that the passage of the newspaper train alongside would have prevented this; nor did he observe the starter and advanced starter at danger 210 yards and 20 yards respectively from the catchpoints. He had a remarkable escape, and was saved by his position on the right-hand side of the footplate and by the engine overturning to the left he climbed out of the cab, and, after wading waist deep through flood water, walked about a mile to Victory Crossing Box to protect the line. Signalman W.W. Langford of this box said that Stacey borrowed a lamp, and that while he seemed to be in a very agitated and dazed condition, he made an observation to the effect that he was afraid that he was responsible for the accident.

3. Guard J.W. Winyard, from his position at the back of this long train, did not see the signal before leaving Taunton, and could give little information beyond the fact that the train was usually routed via the Main line and that speed was normal. He did not actually know which road the train was on until it came to a stand. Travelling Ticket Collector J. Pearce, however, observed a green signal (which he could not identify) just before leaving Taunton, after he had reminded Fireman Seabridge to stop at Teignmouth, and before he had passed on the "Right Away" signal; he did not know on which line the train travelled, he did not hear any detonators, and estimated that speed at Norton Fitzwarren was 35 to 40 m.p.h. He was riding in the front coach and had a fortunate escape. Travelling Parcel Porter J. Hodgey was also on the train, but could give no material information. At Winyard's request he went forward to protect the obstruction and met Driver Stacey returning from Victory Crossing Box; he would not let Stacey discuss the matter.

4. The enginemen of the newspaper train, Driver H. Hawkins and Fireman T. Lindsey, saw and heard nothing of the passenger train as they overtook it, nor did they hear any detonators; Lindsey, on the left-hand side, was firing at the time. Hawkins said that his speed was 55 m.p.h. according to the speedometer, and he had no difficulty in observing signals between Taunton and Norton Fitzwarren. Similarly, Guard E. Baggett was not aware of the passenger train, but felt something hit his van. He applied the brake and the train was brought to a stand some distance beyond Victory Crossing; after consulting with Hawkins, they proceeded for examination to Wellington, where they heard of the derailment.

5. Signaller H.J. Wadham had served in Taunton West Station box (old and new) for 17 years. Before dealing with the 2 trains in question, there was a postal train on the Down Relief Platform which left at 2.58 a.m., via crossover No. 49, to the Main line, Signal No. 3 being cleared for it. Wadham then disposed of a shunting engine which had been working at the rear of the postal train; it proceeded to the locomotive shed via the down sidings at 3.21 a.m., and to make this movement, he was compelled by the interlocking to restore crossover No. 49 to normal before reversing facing points No. 34 and clearing shunting signal No. 16. To make the subsequent reverse movement into the locomotive shed, the interlocking again compelled Wadham to restore signal No. 16 and points No. 34 to normal, and he was positive that thereafter crossover No. 49 also remained normal and was in that position when the passenger train arrived at 3.30 a.m.

Wadham had learnt from Westbury that the newspaper train was running 5 minutes before time, and some time between 3.30 a.m. and 3.35 a.m. (after the passenger train had arrived), he telephoned to Athelney Junction, 8 miles away, to ascertain its position. On learning that it was still gaining time, he decided to give it a clear run through on the Main line and to send the passenger train forward on the Relief; he knew that the latter line was clear and that the signaller at Norton Fitzwarren was in a position to stop the passenger train, if necessary, and let it follow.

Wadham accordingly obtained "Line Clear" for the passenger train on the Relief line at 3.37 a.m., and lowered the relevant signals, namely, the home (No. 10) at the end of the platform, and the starter on the gantry ahead of his box; from the train register, it appears that Signaller Tucker of Taunton West Junction obtained "Line Clear" for the train from Silk Mill at the same time, 3.37 a.m. (booked as 3.39 a.m.) and it is likely that his distant and inner distant signals under the station home and starter respectively, were lowered a few seconds later. Both these distant signals were

repeated in the box, and Tucker said that he saw the repeaters change. Wadham also noticed that these signals were lowered for the passenger train when it left the station at about 3.44 a.m., and he remarked that Stacey should have received no siren warning at the end of the platform.

The newspaper train was offered to Wadham at 3.37 a.m. on the Main line; but before accepting it at 3.38 a.m., he obtained "Line Clear" ahead from Taunton West Junction in accordance with the short section rule. He then lowered the Main line home and starting signals, about a minute after he had lowered the signals for the passenger train on the Relief. The newspaper train passed at 3.45 a.m. "running very quietly - possibly at 55 m.p.h." Wadham stated emphatically that subsequent to the light engine being dealt with, no signal on the bracketted post at the end of the platform was cleared until 3.37 a.m.; he had purposely deferred his decision to allow the newspaper train to proceed, and had had no occasion to change his mind with regard to the routing of the passenger train. Indeed, he said that if he had done so, he would have had no reason to deny it.

The evidence of Signaller W. J. Tucker of Taunton West Junction, and A. R. Birch of Silk Mill, showed that both trains passed their boxes under clear signals. At Silk Mill, all the block times for the passenger train were a minute before those for the newspaper train, and Birch stated that he saw the two trains approaching his box with the passenger train a little ahead and the newspaper train rapidly overtaking it; he gave a rough estimate of 200 yards as their distance apart when they passed him.

6. Signaller W. J. Coles, 51 years in Norton Fitzwarren box, accepted the passenger train on the Relief line at 3.36 a.m. (booked 3.38 a.m.), and the newspaper train on the Main line at 3.37 a.m. (booked 3.39 a.m.); he maintained his Relief line signals at danger, and was quite sure that the lever controlling the 3-shot detonator plunger was normal in the frame. As soon as he saw the track circuit in rear of the Relief home signal was occupied, he lowered this signal to draw the passenger train forward to the starting signal, 50 yards ahead of his box; but the train passed at about 40 m.p.h., and, although he was watching it, he did not hear the detonators explode, nor any sound of braking. His attention being thus diverted, he did not actually see the newspaper train, but he knew that it was passing at about the same time. He sent the "Obstruction Danger" signal promptly to the boxes on either side.

Coles had heard the three detonators explode at other times for example during shunting movements. He could not say whether there were fresh detonators in the machine on this occasion; their inspection was not his responsibility, but if they had been previously exploded it was the signaller's duty to ask the station staff to replace them. The cases (two) in the clips of the machine were rusty and corroded; they gave the impression of not having been recently exploded.

CONCLUSION.

7. The accident was not due to enemy action or to sabotage; nor were the permanent way, works, or signalling equipment concerned in any way. The sole cause was an unaccountable lapse on the part of Driver P. W. Stacey, who is an experienced and capable man in the top link at Old Oak Common Shed, with an excellent record and 40 years service. He mistook the line on which he was running, and, while disregarding the Relief line signals, he was observing those for the Main line, which were all clear for the newspaper train. He

frankly admitted his responsibility, but his account of what happened, given in good faith, appears to have been affected by his experiences.

I am forced to the conclusion that his memory of the circumstances which led to his initial mistake on starting from Taunton was, in fact, unreliable, and that his error must have been the outcome of failure to concentrate. The normal route for the train was via the Main line, but his statement that he saw the Relief to Main signal (No. 3) at the end of the platform change from red to green about a minute after his arrival was definitely contradicted by Signaller Wadham, whose evidence I accept. There would have been no purpose in setting crossover No. 49 and clearing this signal unless Wadham had asked for and received "Line Clear" on the Main line; but this did not occur till 3.38 a.m., a minute after signal No. 10 had been cleared for the passenger train to leave on the Relief line. Further, Wadham was not working under any pressure at the time, and even if he had changed his mind and made a last-minute change of route, he had no reason to conceal the fact.

It may be suggested that Stacey's initial misunderstanding when starting away was due to the fact that the Relief line home and distant arms are carried on a bracket to the right of the main post, but this group of signals is distinct and well sited, and admits of no confusion with reasonably careful observation, for which Stacey had full opportunity from his standing start. Once, however, he began to think that he was running on the Main line, it was unlikely that he would have realized his mistake until reaching Norton Fitzwarren distant signal; as already explained, the signals for this line are located to the right of it, and from his position on the Relief, they appeared a little further to his right than usual, which evidently did not arouse his suspicions.

A feature of Stacey's evidence was his suggestion that he did not receive an Automatic Train Control siren warning, or brake application, at this (the Norton Fitzwarren) distant signal, which should have reminded him of the true position and averted the accident; on the other hand, he referred to a siren warning at the West Junction distant at the end of Taunton platform, and indeed stressed the point. There can be no doubt, however, that the Norton Fitzwarren Relief distant was properly at caution; with the Main line signals clear, the interlocking held the lever normal in the frame, and the interlinking of the block would have prevented the acceptance of the passenger train, if the arm had been drooping.

As already stated, the Automatic Train Control apparatus, both on the ground and on the engine was proved to be in proper working order soon after the accident; Stacey had been receiving its indications correctly throughout the journey, and the likelihood of the coincidence of danger-side failure occurring at the psychological moment when he was making a mistake as to the road on which he was running may be dismissed. I can only assume that in this respect also his memory was confused; he must have cancelled the warning at the Norton Fitzwarren (Relief) distant, having regard to his view of the clear Main line signals ahead, and not at the start from Taunton, where the bell would have sounded for the clear distant for the West Junction, as it did on passing the next distant for Silk Mill.

Stacey's account, confirmed by calculation, shows that the engines of the 2 trains did not draw level until he reached Norton Fitzwarren Station, when he realised his unfortunate mistake; although still 300 to 400 yards from the catchpoints (13 to 18 seconds at 45 m.p.h.) he was obviously taken by surprise, too late to bring the train to a stand or materially to reduce speed.

8. The three detonators, 100 yards further on, were not heard by Stacey, nor by Driver Hawkins of the newspaper train, nor by Signalmán Coles in Norton Fitzwarren box, but a written statement was forthcoming from the proprietor of the Railway Hotel close by that he clearly heard three distinct explosions, followed by the noise of the derailment. Having regard, however, to Signalmán Coles' evidence, and to the apparently corroded state of the two exploded cases in the clips, it seems doubtful whether there were in fact fresh detonators in the machine on this occasion; but so far as the circumstances of this accident are concerned, their explosion or otherwise was immaterial. The necessity for conscientious attention to the replacement of such detonators needs no emphasis.

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

9(a) It is difficult to understand the reasons for a lapse of the kind in question on the part of such an experienced driver, whose record has hitherto been one of consistent reliability; but in spite of his knowledge of the road, the erroneous impression which he gained on leaving Taunton, and retained for more than 3 minutes, was apparently due, in the first instance, to failure to interpret correctly a simple and well displayed group of four signal lights. Thereafter, the Automatic Train Control warning, received at the Norton Fitzwarren distant, unfortunately did not have the desired effect, as it undoubtedly has in other cases (unrecorded) when accident has been prevented thereby.

The issue is largely psychological; Driver Stacey was fit and did not lack rest, but I feel that his breakdown may be partly attributed to operating conditions in the black-out, and to the general strain (for example, his house at Acton had been recently damaged) which Railway Servants, in common with other members of the community, are undergoing at the present time.

(b) It has been suggested that drivers should be specially advised when trains running out of course are diverted from their normal route, as on this occasion; but unexpected diversions from one road to another of a 4-track line are not uncommon at any time, as the result of traffic delays, and in present circumstances may occur more often. I do not think it is either necessary or practicable, as a general rule, to supplement the information given by the directing signals, which, indeed, are provided for this very purpose.

(c) I have also considered whether Driver Stacey's position on the right-hand side of the footplate, as in this Company's practice can have had any bearing on his failure to observe the signals on the left-hand side of the road on which he was running; but inspection proved that there is no doubt about the satisfactory display of the signals from the right-hand side, and his own evidence seems to dispose of this contingency.

(d) The arrangement of the Down Main signals to the right of the line, owing to insufficient clearance between the Main and Relief lines, is one of the not uncommon exceptions to the general rule. If they had been in their usual position to the left of the Down Main, at least Stacey would have had a better chance of realising his mistake in time, as in that case their unaccustomed appearance to the right from the Relief line might have served as a reminder. Similar mistakes have occurred in the past, even in daylight, and signals have been re-sited where their locations may

have confirmed a driver's erroneous impression. The possibility of momentary confusion in darkness and bad weather is obviously greater, and the circumstances of this accident show that, where parallel lines exist, any steps which are reasonably practicable should be taken to site signals where they enable drivers instinctively to verify the line on which they are travelling.

Standardisation of practice in this respect is, I believe, insisted on abroad, and is fairly general in this country, clearly every assistance should be given to the Signal Engineer to place his signals accordingly, and not only where he can best find room. I think that this point should receive closer attention in connection with any new widenings that may be undertaken, and when opportunity occurs, it would be well to review the position at Taunton and at other places where there are parallel lines.

(e) I also recommend that a short length of track covered with sand, to act as a drag, should be added to this and other catchpoints in similar situations where parallel running lines converge. Although it is doubtful whether such a sand drag of ordinary length would have prevented the partial derailment of the passenger train on this occasion, the retardation would presumably have been more gradual, and the destructive effect, brought about by the sudden stoppage, would have been reduced.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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Lieut. Colonel.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Transport.