Kenneth Peddie

Served with the 42 Survey Engineer Regiment (believed to be with 19 Topographic Squadron / 3 Troop) during the early 1950s, travelling from Cyprus to Egypt on HMT Diwara in 1950. Between 1952 and 1954, he was part of the trans-desert geodetic survey team operating in civilian clothing along the Iraq/Jordan border and (IPC) pipeline and remembers Major Buckley and Major Gunn. He was stationed at the H3 pumping station in western Iraq and remembers being the primary observer who took the final reading that closed the major primary triangulation loop around May 1954: the honour of taking the final reading had been given to a senior member of the Survey School of the Ordnance Survey at Southampton who had flown out for the occasion but apparently, he very graciously gave it to Ken, saying something like 'you better do it, you know what you are doing....'. I might be wrong but I think the final reading may have been made at Jabal Anayzah.Brian

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