

RESTRICTED

SECTION 7-TACTICAL ROADS AND TRACKS

0202. Tactical routes include:

- a. General purpose roads suitable for all types of military traffic.
- b. Temporary tracks for wheeled traffic.
- c. Special routes for tracked vehicles.
- d. Tracks for ¼ ton trucks or carriers, particularly in hilly country.
- e. Tracks for pack animals.

0203. Layout and design are governed by the immediate military requirement and constructional standards are dictated by the anticipated period of use.

0204. Whenever possible, separate tracks should be provided for low-speed transport (local vehicles, animal transport), both to avoid traffic delays and because light surfaces cut up quickly under animals hooves.

0205. Fine weather tracks may require little more than clearing and rough grading; all-weather tracks will demand attention to road drainage and at the least the use of improvised surfacing (see Chapter 24).

0206. All tracks, including hill tracks for ¼ ton trucks etc. are likely to be used, eventually by all classes of vehicle. The improvement or replacement of purely operational routes will usually have to be undertaken later.

0207. If temporary tracks are constructed to one side of an alignment suitable for an all-purpose road time and labor can be saved at a later stage because the temporary track can be used as a supply road for the new construction. It will also serve as a detour whenever work is in progress on the final alignment