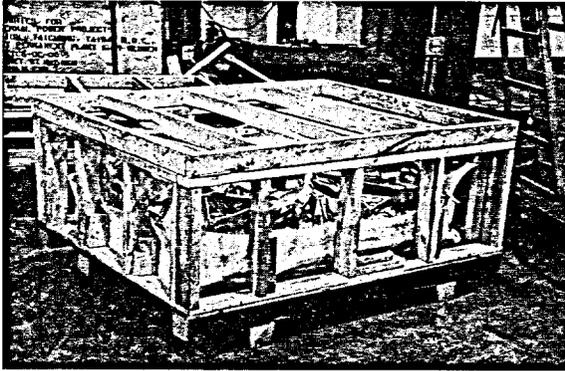


## Crates

There are two kinds of crates - the open or skeletal crate and the fully covered crate. Both types depend upon a solid framework, with the base being the most important structural element. Covering protects against exposure to the elements and should not be considered integral to the structural strength of the crate. The open crate can be used where contents are virtually indestructible, and crating will facilitate handling and stowage.

Consider these points in crate construction:

1. Provide a **SUBSTANTIAL** framework. Use corner posts or vertical end struts, intermediate struts and diagonal braces. Reinforce the base at load bearing points.
2. Choose unused well seasoned wood, free of loose knots and decay. Nails should be spiralled and cement coated.
3. If wooden covering is to be used, end the covering at the floor of the crate, not the ground, so as to permit entry of fork-lifts and to prevent tearing of the covering when the crate is moved sideways.



*Crate - Showing construction to ensure safe transit.*



*Wire crate filled with unprotected electronic items.*