

# **'Holing Through' Ceremony**

**WHITTIER TUNNEL**

**November 20, 1942**

**PASSAGE CANAL CONNECTION  
ALASKA RAILROAD CUT-OFF**

## Guests

Maj. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Jr.  
Brig. Gen. Jesse A. Ladd  
Col. E. D. Post  
Col. T. M. Crawford  
Col. P. W. Brown  
Col. J. G. Nold  
Col. D. McK. Ashton  
Col. C. M. Chamberlin  
Col. O. F. Ohlson  
Col. S. F. Skinner  
Col. Francis I. Maslin  
Col. Lester A. Daugherty  
Lt. Col. V. L. Womeldorff  
Major D. O. Givens  
Major Craig Smyser  
Major J. D. Bush, Jr.  
Major Kermit Roosevelt  
Major Rubin Smith  
Captain J. Wark  
Mr. H. E. Carleton  
Mr. Robert B. Atwood  
Dr. George Chase  
Mr. Earl Delaney  
Mr. Winfield Ervin, Jr.  
Judge Simon Hellenthal  
Mr. E. Jacobsen  
Mr. W. L. Kinsell  
Mr. H. Leppich  
Mr. John Manders  
Mr. D. W. Meitzdorf  
Mr. R. Musser  
Judge Thomas Price  
Mr. L. V. Ray  
Mr. V. Rivers  
Mayor William Stolt

## Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Fruit Cocktail

Cream of Clam Soup

Shrimp Salad

Entree'

Moose

Caribou

Goat

Mashed Potatoes

Green Asparagus

Whole Kernel Corn

Hot Rolls with Honey

Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Coffee

Fruit and Nuts

## Administrative and Executive Personnel

Colonel Peter B. Goetz, C. E. - - - - - District Engineer  
 Mr. H. E. Carlston - - - - - Vice-Pres., West Construction Co.  
 Colonel B. B. Talley, C. E. - Officer in Charge Alaska Construction

## Construction and Engineering Personnel

### Whittier and Portage

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Major C. B. Burgoyne, C. E.                    | Resident Engineer                 |
| Mr. A. M. Coker                                | Gen. Supt., West Construction Co. |
| Mr. S. J. Schrode—Camp and Tunnel Supt.        | WCC                               |
| Mr. A. A. Andersen—Engineer Civil              | USED                              |
| Mr. J. M. Adams—Associate Engineer             | USED                              |
| Mr. W. L. Blanchard—Asst. Paymaster            | WCC                               |
| Mr. J. J. Brown—Equipment Foreman              | WCC                               |
| Mr. R. M. Canady—Steward                       | WCC                               |
| Mr. Floyd D. Chase—Outside Construction Supt.  | WCC                               |
| Dr. George W. Cline, M.D.—Camp Surgeon         | WCC                               |
| Mr. R. W. Craig—Chief Draftsman                | USED                              |
| Mr. Thomas Carrigan—Shift Foreman              | WCC                               |
| Mr. R. F. Dixon—Outside Asst. Cons. Supt.      | WCC                               |
| Mr. K. A. Ferris—Shift Foreman                 | WCC                               |
| Mr. Jacob Felte—Electrical Supt.               | WCC                               |
| Mr. B. T. Gruensieb—Camp and Tunnel Supt.      | WCC                               |
| Mr. R. C. Gates—Chief Clerk                    | WCC                               |
| Mr. M. C. Holt—Asst. Paymaster                 | WCC                               |
| Mr. G. O. Jelmberg—Electrical Foreman          | WCC                               |
| Mr. K. G. Klintworth—Shift Foreman             | WCC                               |
| Mr. A. C. Klaus—Cost Auditor                   | USED                              |
| Mr. Ole Kukkonen—Associate Engineer            | USED                              |
| Mr. H. L. Lykken—Auditor                       | WCC                               |
| Mr. L. A. Meader—Shift Foreman                 | WCC                               |
| Mr. P. G. Mims—Off. Mgr. and Paymaster         | WCC                               |
| Mr. Angus McDonald—Night Asst. C. and T. Supt. | WCC                               |
| Mr. Victor Parr—Mech. and El. Asst. Supt.      | WCC                               |
| Mr. E. H. Plumer—Acting Chief Clerk            | USED                              |
| Mr. F. D. Ralston—Asst. Mech. and Elect. Supt. | WCC                               |
| Mr. F. A. Randall—Office Manager               | WCC                               |
| Mr. O. I. Ronne—Steward                        | WCC                               |
| Mr. John Samstead—Shift Foreman                | WCC                               |
| Mr. A. C. Swalling—Dock Superintendent         | WCC                               |
| Mr. H. R. Shupert—Power Plant Engineer         | WCC                               |
| Mr. Lee Sanderson—Shift Foreman                | WCC                               |
| Mr. C. H. Scribner—Plumbing Foreman            | WCC                               |
| Dr. R. O. Sellers, M.D.—Camp Surgeon           | WCC                               |
| Mr. L. C. Thomas—Camp and Tunnel Asst. Supt.   | WCC                               |
| Mr. H. R. Taylor—Shift Foreman                 | WCC                               |
| Mr. W. A. Turrentino—Shift Foreman             | WCC                               |
| Mr. H. T. Uhlerk—Day Tunnel Asst. Supt.        | WCC                               |
| Mr. W. D. Urquhart—Night Tunnel Asst. Supt.    | WCC                               |
| Mr. V. E. Warner—Cost Accountant               | USED                              |
| Mr. W. A. Young—Chief Eng. Aide                | USED                              |
| Mr. Louis Zeppi—Night Asst. C. and T. Supt.    | WCC                               |

# Program

8:00 a.m. Special guest train, furnished by the Alaska Railroad, leaves Anchorage.

9:30 a.m. Train arrives at Portage Junction.

Motor transportation takes guests to north end of Turnagain Tunnel.

Party proceeds through Turnagain Tunnel, across Bear Valley to the north portal of Whittier Tunnel.

General Buckner sets off the last charge, "holing through" the Whittier tunnel.

After the "holing through" the party proceeds through Whittier Tunnel to Whittier. An Alaskan banquet is served.

## CEREMONIAL SPEAKERS

Mr. H. E. Carleton, Vice President, West Construction Company.

"The Contractor's Viewpoint of the Project."

Col. B. B. Talley, C.E., Officer in Charge, Alaska Construction (for Col. P. P. Goerz, District Engineer, Seattle)

"The Administration of the Project"

Maj. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Jr., Commanding General, ADC.

"Defense Aspects of the Project."

Col. O. F. Ohlson, General Manager, Alaska Railroad.

"The Importance of the Project to the Territory of Alaska."

Mr. A. M. Coker, General Superintendent, West Construction Company.

"Interesting Features of the Project."