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Sat. May 19th 1917

Settled on an instman named Gott. Blute called up tonight & said he would go but it was too late.

A bunch from Potter came in today. Bal. will come tomorrow.

Went to dance tonight good time.

Light clouds.

Sun. May 20th 1917

Potter Cr. came in to play baseball with city team. Score 3 to 1 favor City.

Vonde ?Veere & Ober batters for P. Boys from up as for as camp 83 were in.

Rce'd [recieved] many congratulations for Promotion.

Took walk through R.R. yards & up the track PM.

Send small box cigars to Dr. Scholeben.

Cool & cloudy.

Mon. May 21st 1917

Found out the boat would not leave for three or four days. Did some more buying of supplies. Ate dinner with Mr. Wanamaker, & saw Mr. & Mrs. Hodenfile off on the boat for Seattle and spent the evening at Mrs. Wanamakers with Miss Watt. Mr. Edes in on *Evons?* today.

Tues. May 22 1917

Took walk to above Chester Cr. A.M. Had baggage taken over to dock PM. Joe Mecham came in from Rainbow to take a residency in the Talkeetna District.

Cloudy & cool.

Wed May 23rd 1917

Down to Com. P.M. but did nothing about getting supplies out. Went to Dentist. Evening went for walk with Mrs. W.

Cool & cloudy.

Clear & cool tonight.

Thur. May 24<sup>th</sup> 1917

Got out Requisitions & packed stationary chest at Warehouse. Called on Mrs. W. this evening. Took long walk with Miss Watt after 9:30 PM. She is a real live wire.

*Alaska* in & out tonight.

Light rain P. M.

Fri. May 25<sup>th</sup>

Requisitioned Hardware & paint & tagged all parcels A.M. Read in Labor Union Reading Room PM. Rool? & Show Evening.  
Cloudy & cold with wind.

Sat. May 26<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Took walk down past com. grounds & stopped at Office. P.M. went out to Lake Spenard with Miss Watt and Mrs. Wanamaker. Took lunch & made coffee over a campfire. Had fine time. Miss W. I guess was rather bored at times. Clear & warm. Heard "A" line of Mr. Secrist's was approved by Mr. Mears & Mr. Hansen so will probably go through. Cliff Weir quit & 83 & come to Anchorage & will go out with Joe Mehom as rodman.

Sun. May 27 1917

Down to Com. grounds A.M. & learned that boat would leave at 3 P.M. Tues. Ate lunch with Mrs. W. then went with Miss Watts to baseball game. First game City 4 Matanuska 2 Second game, 5 innings only Com. 11 Turnagain Arm 2. ~~After~~ She had never before seen a game of baseball. After the game we went for a walk out to Mr. Ossiers where we called then returned at supper at Aunts? & she went to church. Fine visit good day. Evening called on Jack Taylor's family over on Gov Hill. Cloudy & cool.

Mon. 5-28-17

*Farragut* in. Agreed to trade men with Joe M. Called on Mrs. W & took pictures over to her. She is now wanting to leave but cannot sell for enough to lether? come out ahead on the deal.  
Beautiful Day.

Tues. 5-29-17

Went to dentist & had crown reset A. M. Left on Omineco? at 3 P.M. for Talkeetna. On board are Joe Mecham & party, Max Kinney & party, myself & party, Judge Brown, Marshall Brennemont? & several clerks & timekeepers for the Talkeetna District. Tonight we are entering Susitna River. Fine day. Mrs. W. was at the boat.

Wed. 5-30-17

Arrived at Susitna Station about 1 P.M. & got away about four P.M. This is an old Indian Village & Trading post.  
River very high & rising. Light Rain

Thur. 5-31-17

Arrived Kroto? About 10 A.M. & lay here all day unloading freight & transferring the load from the Omineco? to the B & B boats. Both boats loaded tonight ready to start at 5 A.M. River still rising. There are no buildings at Kroto? landing. It is only a sheltered landing place and will be used by the commission this year as a transfer point.  
Fine day. Are making very slow time.

Fri. 6-1-17

Made very slow time because of swift water. In many place [sic: places] we could barely make headway. Figured on getting to Montana Creek tonight but had to tie up at a point about two miles below.

Fine weather.

Sat. -6-2-17

Got to Montana Cr. about 7. A. M. Max Kinney & party left the boat here. Several of us also left the boat & walked to Talkeetna about 16 miles. I started out alone but caught up with U. S. Marshall Brenneman, Mr. Townsend, & Mr. Fordice. We walked slow. I left them about two miles from town & came in alone. Got log out of trap? Saw Mr. Dose & found that I would be stationed at mile 34 but would not get away for a few days. B & B #1 in about 8 P.M. & #2 not in tonight. Bunked in the jail with Townsend Crefean? & Fordyce.

Fine Day.

Sun. 6-3-17

B.B. #2 in about 4 A.M. B.B. #1 left up river for Dead Horse Hill at 5:30 A.M. & B & B #1 left here for Kroto at 10:30 A.M. Marshall & Judge went back. Most of the clerks went up to Dead Horse Hill.

Mon. 6-4-17.

B & B #1 returned going down about 11. P.M. last night & left here again going down at 5 A.M. today. Notes & profiles comes down from D.H. Boys hung & sharpened axes. Gott & I adjusted level & copied some note. Light rain all day.

Tues. 6-5-1917.

Around camp A.M. Bough & I took walk up grade about 5 ½ miles P.M. & I also walked to camp 221 to get some B. M's & ate supper there. Met Conty & Holsgate Light showers P.M.

Wed. 6-6-17

Around camp A.M. P.M. Gott, Petterson & I took two blankets each & walked to camp 234 at which place we will be located. The rock is poor & we got arrived there at about 6. PM. leaving here at 1:45. Camp just being put up & we slept on ground on boughs.

Cloudy.

Thur 6-7-17.

Staked R.W. for Gorwell & Co's contract & went up line away. Bunks are in tonight. Mr. Ralph Kinney came in from Dead Horse Hill about 7 P.M. Met him for first time. Like him well. Fri. -6-8-17

Walked to Talkeetna with Mr. Kinney. Let Gott & Petterson to build another bunk in tent. Word came from Headquarters at Anchorage to not let anymore contracts north of

Talkeetna. Both B & B boats are disabled and unable to get grub up river. Mr. Dose & bunch of men came down tonight from Dead Horse. Mr. Dose says to stake RW make stake recross section near Lone Cr. on upper end of residency where stakes were washed out. He will send lumber down from D. Horse on first boat down.

Cloudy. Planting potatoes

Sat 6-9-17

Bough, Armstrong & Cufaugh? took packs beds & axes & walked to 234. left about 8:45 B & B #2 was to go down river with with about 50 men including Mr. Dose & Mr. Kinney at 9:30 AM. but orders came to stay here until Sunday noon as the Omineco? was still in Anchorage. No news from B & B No 1. Stuck about camp all P.M. Quite warm & light clouds.

Sun. 6-10-17.

B & B #2 left for Kroto at 1:30 P.M. Had boys come back from 234 because Mr. D. said it would probably be several days before a boat went up the river & that we had better pack our stuff up to camp About fifty went down on the boat. A bunch of us were at the Indian camp this P. M. I took a picture of a squaw Michole & a bunch of children. Walked down to 221 & back. (inserted bottom to top on left side of page: Gave Cks to Mr Dose to transfer my savings acct to Bk. of Alaska.) J. & J. stuck on a bar opposite 221 at 3 P.M. but in here 7 P.M.

Thunder shower, PM

Mon. 6-11-17

The whole party packed the personal belongings we needed for the next few weeks & munched to this camp #234 Ate lunch at 232 & reached camp about 3:30 P.M. All are in one tent & will be until we get the permanent summer tents up.

Light shower. Fine day.

Tues. 6-12-17

Gott, Peterson & Armstrong staked R.W. from 10565 to 10715 Crepeaw? & Bough cut stakes. I walked over line noting its location with respect to side hill & river from 10665 to 10765. Pack train of seven horses went up to Dead Horse with grub but left ? here. We are about out. First clear day since I left the Arm Mt. McKinley was in plain sight this morning. Phone Sachs? about notebooks of + sections on about monthly estimates. Also got Employment Agreements & Personal Records completed & ready to send to Dead Horse.

Wed. -6-13-17

Cut stakes & staked R.W. I walked over line from camp to 10290 noting especially the nature of the ground along the slides where cribs are proposed. Only meat in camp is some codfish. Pack train here from Talkeetna late tonight. Clear day. River rose a little.

Thur. 6-14-17

Bough & Crefan? cut stakes all day at 10655 Gott, Peterson & Armstrong staked R.W. A.M. & cut stakes at 10591 PM. A.M. I walked over line N. of camp and P.M. walked up to Cashe Cr. (10592) & back by way of upper trail noted chance for borrow Pit at Cashe Cr. & considerable spruce & birch above river. Mr. Kinney showed tonight that Mr. Dose had sent word to have my party disband & go to Anchorage. Cloudy shower tonight I hear that Joe Mecham will go out also.

Fri. 6-15-17

Boys in camp all AM. I took walk over line from camp to 10715 noting chance for Borrow pit. P.M. Boys cleared underbrush near camp. Bough & I dug test pits in point at 10663 & found gravel on river side & sand on hill side. B. & B. #1 in Talkeetna tonight.  
Showery all day.

Sat 6-16-17

In camp all day. Mr. Kinney went through on way to Dead Horse Hill A.M. His personal advise [sic: advice] is to stay with the commission even if one's position is lowered. B & B #1 passed here on way up about 2 P.M. We expect it back tonight or tomorrow morning & will go down on her. Pack train & of 11 horses went down today. Clear & warm. B & B #1 did not stop for us so we had to unpack our beds again. B & B #3 will go up tomorrow morning & come get us on the way down.

Sun. 6-17-17

Packed up & went down to end of point to wait for B & B #3. She came along & went on past so we thought she had been instructed at the last moment not to stop. We took our beds back again & I unpacked took a bath in the Cr. & when I got back she was coming back up river for us She came up to camp took off some lumber & took us down. Ate supper at Talkeetna & went on down. Stopping at Montana Cr & Browers Cashe In to Kroto at 11:30 PM.

Mon. 6-18-17

Lay at Kroto transferring freight until about 6 P.M. Then came down river. Mosquitoes thick at K. Fine ride down.

Tues. 6-19-17

Arrived at Anchorage 6. A.M. At 3:30 PM. learned that party is to be disbanded, men transferred to go back to old jobs and new men to be time checked. All dissaponited [sic: disappointed] but we were prepared for anything. Fine day. Will get away for Turnagain Arm Thursday. Not many people in Anchorage.

Wed. 6-20-17

Made Pay Roll Discharge papers, etc. Saw Mr. Oliver arranged for having tools checked Saw dentist. Visited Miss Watts tonight. Long walk out to Osier's & back on R. R. Miss W. is now runs Rooming House.  
Clear & Warm.

Thur. 6-21-17

Go back to camp 83. To Potter by train & to 83 by boat. Fine day. In camp about 9:30 P.M.

Fri. -6-22-17

Plotted CL? from 1770 to 1850 & ck'd Teko's Final Estimate.  
Cloudy & windy. Large force working line. Camp cleaned up. Saur? in Anchorage to bring his family out. Subscribed for *Anchorage Times* & for *Seattle Times*.

Sat. -6-23-17.

Teko's estimate out today. Bal Party run // line & stake borrow pit for Mouzri.? cloudy & windy Bentley & Stimpson left.

Sun. 6-24-17

Washed & cleaned up. Found small chest soaked with water leached through the can of hypo? & all the letters & books wet & a big bunch of pictures ruined dried the letters & some pictures & cleaned up the mess. Cloudy. Clarence Stubb? & Barnard went to Glacier.

Mon. 6-25-17

Work in office all day. Mat & bunch gave grades part of day. Rain all day.

Tues 6-26-17

Ran CL between A1465 & A1472 where the stakes had been burned out. Saw boys from Glacier who said they expected a train out from Seward to Kern Cr. Thursday.  
Rain all day Foresters fixing up tent next to ours.

Wed. 6-27-17

Ran CL & gave Grad [sic: grade] at 1712 and Ran CL from 1763 to 1767 + 50.  
Measured Mazarins Borrow for June estimate Barnard was let go and Major White and Smith were taken on as axmen. No Rain fine day.

Thur. 6-28-17

Measured material in tents at Camp 82 and at So? Camp and set stakemarking tide at landing.

No much doing now.

No Rain cloudy.

Fri. 6-29-17

Office work. Bal. Party in field. Monthly reports finished today. Ligh Showers.

Sat. 6-30-17

Ran CL & set stakes at lower edge of Road Bed 1731 to 1742 A.M. Mr. Secrist left for Potter Cr. AM.

P.M. Matt, Stubb & Clarence went to Anchorage. White, Smith & I made shelf for rolls under drafting table, and loafed. Light Showers.

Sun. 7-1-17

In Camp all day. Light showers.

Mon. 7-2-17

Office all day. Met Miss Georgia McManus? & we agreed to go to Anchorage to the celebration of the Fourth together. We left in launch Vivian about 7 P.M. Stuck on mud 15 minutes & had to get all hands over board to get launch off. Just got off & propeller rope broke. Ran into high sea & were late on the tide so had to stop at Sheep Cr. Miss Mc borrowed Mr. Stanfords uniform & rode horse to Potter Cr. She stayed with Leaches tonight. Fair day.

Tues. 7-3-17

Came into Anchorage on train.

Supper, Show & Dance. Fine time.

Wed. 7-4-17.

Parade, Athiettes A.M., Baseball PM Miss Mc got acquainted with Mr. Reynolds last night and seemed to fall hard for him. He went to dinner with us today and after dinner I had him go over to take her to the ball game. I called at Mrs. Wanamakers, she was not home, I went over to th [sic: the] game & was late so got no seat. Then called on Miss Watts at her Rooming house had good visit with her until about 5:30 & went up & got Miss Mc to go to supper. We went up the street to find Sam & see Mrs. Leach.& Maude. Found both of them & ran into Reynolds who went to supper with us. R. is a fine fellow, a gentlemen. we took her home to get ready for the dance. R. & I smoked a few cigarettes in my room then he went to his room & I over to get Miss. Mc. Had three dances with her during the evening & let Reynolds take her home. This will be heard from later. Had a fine time, however.  
Light Showers.

Thur. 7-5-17.

Ball game this P.M. Went to dentist A.M. & had tooth crowned again. Later crown came loose. Dr. Rystrom? advised leaving it as it was. Consulted Dr. German and & he advised extracting broken root, which I had him do. Miss Mc & Mr. R. returned to her room to get her & we three went to ball game. Potter Cr. 10, City 0. Left Anchorage at 6 P.M. for Rabbit Caboose Observation car five flats. Left Potter at 8 P. M. on *Vivian* for 83. Tide was going out too strong to make 83 so we stopped at Rainbow Cr. In Thur at 10:30 PM Lunch at 11 PM & out good beds. Got wind of comments of women concerning my not taking Mc home last night.

Friday 7-6-17.

Up at 3:45 & on boat. Into 83 at 5:45. All well tired out. Sam Estes came back with us & is about all done up. Slept A.M. Went out & staked ditch for Sam P.M. at 1765 Fine day.

Sat. 7-7-17.

Ran CL & grades for Paoletich? & ran // line on lower side of Morgan's cut. A.M. I worked on book and rest loafed P.M. Called at Sam's 45. Warm day. Clarence Stubb came back this morning.

Sun. 7-8-17

In Camp all AM. Took walk alone P.M. Fine Day. Got word of more laborers to be let go this week.

Mon. 7-9-17

Boys cut wood & worked around Mr. Secrist's place. I was in office all day, (G. 75°) Fine day.

Tues. 7-10-17

Office all day with two hrs. work. All loafing in camp. Rain all day. No G.

Wed. 7-11-17

Rain all day & all of us stayed in. Made two checker boards A.M. Talked & read. G. A. 75°

Thur. 7-12-17

Boys cut wood A. M. & I ck'd non expendable list. P.M. Stubb & Smith cut wood & rest of us ran ch. levels and checked grade points from 1690 to 1765. No. Rain cloudy & windy. Dr. Scholeber here tonight. Sam up but pretty weak. No G.

Fri 7-13-17

Rain all day & all loafing. Worked on notes A.M. & a little PM. Had callers P.M. Called on Sam Estes tonight. His is very sick and weak G. 80°

Sat. 7-14-17

Measured up Com. crest 1765 to 1767+18 cut stakes & ran ck. levels to 1798. A.M. Cut stakes and figured out yardage in cut P.M.

After supper took walk up to top of the schute [sic: chute]. Called on Sam Estes tonight. He is much better. G. A. 80°.

Light Showers.

Sun 7-15-17

Miss McM & I went for a walk up the track. to about mile 86. Jack Jian, Mr. Bose & Mr. Kelsey came down this A.M. for a visit. Showers all day. G. A. 80°

Mon. 7-16-17.



Set Stakes for gridiron at boat landing A.M. P.M. Matt went to Collins. Clarence White & Smith cut stakes. Mr. S & I walked down to landing and loafed. Sam felt good this morning & walked over to Commissary. When he got home was all in & had to go to bed. Showers all day. Strathcona? in camp today & tonight.

Tues. 7-17-17

Matt & I went up to boat landing A.M. & P.M. cross sectioned cut & set some guide stakealong channel. Sam walked up there PM. Boy banked tent Light Showers P.M.

Tom McKinney came up last night & went back today.

Wed 7-18-17

At landing all day Boys banked Mr. S's tent & excavated for a woodshed for him. Boy master tonight. Mr. Mears & Mr. Hansen were supposed to be here tonight but wind was too high. Fine AM. Showers PM.

N. G.

Thru. 7-19-17

Walked to landing AM. No one working on grid. Went to landing & gave grade for one sill. Boys built woodshed for Mr. S.

Mr. Mears & Mr. Hansen got to camp early this A.M. & left before noon. Drew sketch for cut & dock last night & added a little tonight.

G. A. 80°.

Rainy all day

Fri. 7-20-17

Ran CL in stretches from 1693 to 1725. Payed [sic: paid] \$50.00 on 50 shares computing machine stock @ \$3.00 per share. All resident engineers & a lot of others bought stock. They left machine here. Jack Taylor in camp tonight. He say Mr. Mears is trying to get permission to raise 3000 men for a const Regiment. G. A. 75° & TK. No Rain

Sat 7-21-17

Ran CL & ck'd grades & cut stakes. Mc 40° late PM 75°  
No Rain

Sun. 7-22-17

Walked to Kern Cr. & back with Paddy McCormick. Stopped at Glacier going and coming. Ate supper & the way back.

During the year that I have been away things have changed wonderfully. All the cuts but the one at the snowslide are nearly out. The fill across the Glacier Cr. marsh as [sic: has] settled about three ft and will probably settle more. The Kern Cr. bridge is up and steel is layed [sic: laid] across it about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. Glacier Cr. bridge is driven &

capped and the other small pile bridges are driven. However, work seems to be going slow on that end.

Met Mr. Keller & he seems to be a perfect gentleman. They talk of having all the work to Bird Point but I think they are dreaming. It rained all the forenoon & we were thoroughly [sic: thoroughly] wet when we got to Glacier. Came back fast way ? beach & were dry when we got in to camp. M. Mc & M to 86 & K. 70°

Mon 7-23-17

Mr. S & I walked out on mud flat A.M. & note where channel changes are to be made. He left for Anchorage just after dinner. I was at landing P.M. Boys worked on changes in their tent. Warm A.M. Rain P.M.

Tues. 7-24-17

Cross-sectioned channel changes.

Men started digging ditches.

Mrs. Hilford & Mrs. Secrest were in today telling a little current stuff. It's good!

Some came with Rhentism? Tonight.

Miss McManus honored us with her company at supper.

Raining.

Wed. 7-25-17

Went up to Colins camp & stayed to

Dinner. C. came back with me.

Boys made stakes A.M. Matt at gride P.M.

Taffy pull tonight. Good time

A.M. 75°

Rain all day

Thur. 7-26-17

Rain AM Took readings for monthly estimates in Mcquri's? & Paveltich's cats & measured material in dock & warehouse Looked at channel changes in plats Cut stakes

Mr. S. returned tonight called at S. A. [Anchorage] 40° (gave [unreadable] sure all in bal) Trembly here tonight. Got acquainted with Martin the asst timekeeper tonight he is an Oxford man & math wizzard [sic: wizard].

Fri. 7-27-17

Changed slope stakes figured monthy [sic:monthly] estimates & made stakes & cut wood for Mr. S.

Card Party tonight at Commissary.

A 60°

No Rain Clear tonight.

Sat 7-28-17

Arranged to go to Anchorage & did figure. Collin's Clearing.

Asked G. to go to town & she said she would go then changed & said she would not because Sam did not want her to go. Later she decided she would & [unreadable word] Miss. Leach thot [sic: that] she would be there.  
So we left here about 8:30 & got a boat at  
10 P.M. getting into Potter at 1 AM

Sun. 7-29-17

Special train went to Anchorage from Potter to se [sic: see] the base ball game. We got in about 11 A.M. & got dinner & went to game P.M. Seward beat 4 to 3 12<sup>th</sup> inning. It is reported that Anchorage lost \$12000.00 on the game. I took G. with Mr. L & M.

Mon. 7-30-17

G & I went to game alone. Seward beat 7 to 0

Tues. 7-31-17

Anchorage won 7 to 6 11<sup>th</sup> inning good game. Dance tonight. G. pretty gal. Saw Mrs. Wanamaker & Miss Watts & ate lunch with Miss Watts. Mrs. Leach & Maude came in the morning & G went down to meet them.

Wed 8-1-17

Came back to camp. left A [Anchorage] at 10 AM ate dinner at Potter, left here at 3 P.M. went to Kern Cr. & back to 83 after supper. G wanted to stay at Potter to play tennis or to loose [sic: lose] sight of me probably the latter However she did want to stay & play tennis. Dan & Hansen josh me tonight about it.

Thur. 8-2-17

Ran CL [centerline] from 1692 to 1712 & started to set finishing stake. About 2 PM we quit to help fight fire in the woods back & s out [sic: out] of the 82 Camp. The fire started about noon and gain great head way with the high wind through dry brush & moss. All the men in camp turned out to help fight & kept to above the old Alaska Northern R. W. and from getting in the timber below the trail. We (part of us) worked all night until 3 A.M. when the rain started. The sky was clear all day. Mrs. H. & Mr. L went back to Potter this A.M.

Fri. 8-3-17

Slept all fornoon Set finishing stakes P.M.  
Light showers all day.  
Geo. Trembly in tonight.

Sat. 8-4-17

Ran CL [centerline] & set finishing stakes on [unreadable] work and set corner stakes for Powder House ~~for~~ at landing. Bill K went to Potter Cr. & to town .  
Clear & warm.

Sun. 8-5-17

In camp most of day. Took walk up on hill near tie shoot & over old trail to new trail & back to camp by grade.

Clear & windy.

Mon. 8-6-17

Ran CL & set finishing stakes in Swanson's & Paveltich's cuts & finishing stakes Mcries[unreadable] cut & N. fill

Barge load of dinky & dump cars towed by *Alaska* & *Elkutna* tried to get to landing A.M. but failed Tried again on next tide tonight & failed Bill K. returned from Anchorage. Mr. Secrest left for Anchorage by trail tonight.

High wind & cloudy. Showers P.M.

Tues. 8-7-17

Did not work on line. Was at landing A.M. & PM watching steam shovel unloading. *Anna W.* brought it in safely on the morning tide. Rainy all day. Geo. came in tonight on launch.

Wed. 8-8-17

Finished setting finishing stakes on [unreadable] fill check notes. Went to landing. Shovel off last night barge with dinky and dump cars in this A.M. tide & unloaded tonight.

Cloudy No Rain

Jack Taylor in camp tonight.

Thurs. 8-9-17

Measured most of the old Teko cut AM Matt & I in office & boys cutting stakes P.M. S. called. I Poured cold water.

Walked to landing to meet two boats tonight but neither came.

Taylor in camp tonight Mr. S. returned from town.

Anne [sic: *Anna*] *W.* in A.M. with barge of coal

Cloudy

No Rain.

Fri. 8-10-17

Finish measuring the Teko cut & worked in office balance of day on estimate of above cut.

Boat expected in last night arrived this noon. Mr. Thompson & his wife & little boy came in on the *Alaska* & will live here this winter. He will be the "dinky skinner." Taylor left P.M. Doc-Scholeber? came in & went out.

Clear & warm all day No Rain

Sat. 8-11-17

Worked in office on Teko estimate all day.

Matt & White measured piling.

Clarence Smith cut wood.

Figured that rock moved by Swanson cost about \$2.00 per c.y. Dinkies & cars unloaded.

Fine day.

It appears that I am a looser [sic: loser] in the [unreadable] run

No Rain

Sun. 8-12-17

Mr. S. & I worked on estimate until 3 P.M. Called on G tonight. Beautiful Day.

No Rain

Mon. 8-13-17

Measured part of Unreadable cut and computed some. Boys cut wood at Mrs. S's.

Paveltich killed a bear last night at his camp.

Beautiful Day No Rain.

Tues. 8-14-17.

Finished measuring Mcz? cut AM. & worked on estimate P.M.

Mrs. Secrest & Mrs. Estes & G called P.M. G: about 32° Decorated for party G & I had planned but Maude Leach came up on boat to get subscriptions for Anchorage.

Times in auto contest & G had to go around with her so she could not come over & a bunch of us fellows had a stag party & had a poker game with music. Messrs, Hansen, Leech, Bauer & Orville Leech & Geo. Trembly are in camp tonight.

Fine day.

Andy Laymen & his wife came also came up from Potter. Smith came No Rain

Wed. 8-15-17

Worked on estimate all day & tonight It is complete except for inking the over haul diagram.

All visitors left

Cloudy

Thur. 8-16-17

Finished & checked estimate & got it off on the morning mail.

Made copy of overhaul diagram & inked it in. Measured Paveltich's south cut.

Bill gave a little party tonight G. present 20° I left early.

No Rain

Fri. 8-17-17

Office work all day. Narrow gauge steel layed [sic: laid] to about 1750 *Anna W* in & out on morning tide Party end disastrously last night G got up & left alone just as Bill was about to serve supper. B dumb founded. Getting good again! Letter from father tonight telling of his trip east.

Light showers.

We bought Bill McMillan's phonograph for \$25.00

Sat. 8-18-17.

Cross sectioned the mud flat 1764 +50 to 1802 +36 A.M. P.M. plotted & copied notes. Mr. S. to Collins. Mrs. S. gave us a call. Two scows of supplies in tonight. 4 dump cars loaded with coal run off barge in to the water P.M.

Ties & steel to sta. 1756.

Light showers.

Sun. 8-19-17

Went hunting up Bird Cr. Saw no game. Was up about 6 mis from mouth. Ate supper at 86.

Showers all day. Edes, Miller, Bill Murphy, Walters, Oneil, & two others were fishing in Penman? Cr. which runs into Bird about ¼ mile up from its mouth. The largest they catch are only about 5" long.

Mon. 8-20-17

Ran CL & set CL stakes for temporary trestle bents?[unreadable] across mud flats. Gust. Backstram started on trestle today. Steel to about 1760 to ties to 1768. Wind & light showers.

Tues. 8-21-17

Set line stake for trestle bents on mud flats. Steam shovel moved to station 1718 Track layed [sic: laid] to 1768 & partway around point. A barge load of dump cars in today.

G. went to Potter with Guy.

Rainy all day.

Wed -8-22-17

Gave Backstram grade on his mud sills, finish setting line stakes for trestle bents made stakes & did office work. Steam shovel up to about sta 1755 tonight. Track layed [sic: laid] nearly around the point.

Backstram erected tin bents today Tommy Martin the asst. timekeeper was canned & left for Seward on his way outside.

Showers all day.

Thur. 8-23-17

Gave Backstram grade on mud sills & worked in office Clarence & Metcalf made stakes all day. Mat & Major went to Collins AM. to measure R W.

Steam shovel got to cut & worked about a half hour *Alaska & Vibbianna* in & out today.

Cloudy. Rain tonight

Fri. -8-24-17

Ran CL set finishing stakes & measured two small cuts on Pavletich's work & worked in office. Boys cut stakes PM.

Steam shovel working. Has been filling in track around point. Dr. Scholeben was up today & found two cases of tyhoid sic: typhoid] fever in camp 82. It has been

decided to abandon the camp. These cases came down from camp 201 where they had several. They were to be taken to Anchorage tonight. Dan Leech Geo Trembly & new Asst. timekeeper (Bickle) in camp tonight.

Cloudy. Rain tonight.

Sat. 8-25-17

Office most of day. Gave Backstram elevs. on mud sills & measured a few bents.

Boys cut stakes Mrs. S. went up line.

Steam shovel outfit started to dump cars off trestle.

Breeze & rain all day.

Sun. 8-26-17

In camp all day. Big wash. 113 to dinner

Rainy all day.

Mon. 8-27-17

Office most of day. Measured up a few bents of trestle.

Rain all day. Talked to Sam about Social Hall for men tonight.

Tues. 8-28-17

Set grade stakes 1730 to 1740 & ran ck levels from 1748 to 1699. Office P.M.

Boys set large guard stakes on flats Messrs. Hanson & Leech came to camp over line A.M & returned by boat P.M.

Messrs. Wier, Keller Tickner & Bauer came in P.M. & stayed overnight. Bauer came home with Miss McMerrus from camp 91

Rainy all day.

Wed. 8-29-17

Ran Ck. levels & ck'd yesterdays levels. P.M. look for film with Mat & worked in office.

Boy [unreadable] large guard stakes & correct stakes to flat opposite trestle.

Messrs Wier, Keller & Tickner went back A.M. & Secrtest & Bauer went over line with them. Location of line still unsettled Bauer in camp tonight. Murphy also here tonight.

Cloudy. No Rain

Thur. 8-30-17

Measured Pavletich's borrow cut & trestle bents for monthly estimate. Office bal [balance] of day Mat looked over timber on hill at head of schute for files A M & layed [sic: laid]in PM.

Eli? the Forester & Tommy Martin came back from the head of the Arm where they had been on a hunt. Tommy wanted to get to Seward to catch the boat for the State but could not get off the mud because of rip tides.

Cloudy No Rain

Fri. -8-31-17

Gave grades on mud sill this morning & in office bal. of day. working on monthly [sic: monthly] estimate. Geo. Trembly, & Morgan in camp last night. Dr. Scholeben here this P.M. Guest tent up today.

Rain tonight.

Sat 9-1-17

Measured logs in deck of landing in powder house, in Cardroy? in road etc for monthly estimates. AM. & in office P.M. Finished estimate about 8 P.M. Tommy Wousbury? brought down notes from Mr. Wier for Mr. S to copy & run in as new location on our end of the new line.

Attended card party at Sarus? tonight had personal invite from G.

Fine day. No Rain

Sun. 9-2-17

Started on a hunting trip this morning. Went to Indian Cr. & called at Road House to say hello to McNutt but found Mrs. Laundry there Had a visit & her boy & I went up Indian to look for bear and sheep. Went. to "pass" & saw neither. Saw mining ground & their holes that had been worked some. Mrs. L. had some gold that had come from their mine. Ate supper with them & went on to Falls Cr. Stayed here over night. Camp pretty quiet most of the bunch went to town. Boat left 83 this A.M about 4 with all who wanted to go to town.

Fine day No Rain.

Mon. 9-3-17 "Labor Day"

Elick, Kenney & I went up the hill on the N. side of the valley goat hunting. Very foggy. Saw no goats but lots of trails. Beautiful view of upper end of Valley. Found lake There. Hard trip down.

Staying at Falls Cr.

tonight.

Light Showers PM.

Big celebration in Anchorage today, tomorrow & next day. A majority of the men along the line went in.

Tues. 9-4-17

Came back to camp A.M. Rest of party were out running line & I went out after dinner. Were starting to run Wiers new location. Steam Shovel idle acct [account] men in town Some of men returned tonight. Beautiful Day.

No Rain.

Wed. -9-5-17.

Set finishing stakes in Paveltiches cut, ran E line change & measured up trestle tonight. Mr. Hansen in camp last night. Two boats out A.M. & one in tonight.

Cloudy No Rain

Thur. -9-6-17



Ran E. Line.

Boys took Bill Mc. Millans phonograph records to camp 86 tonight.

Boat in & out this A.M.

Mr. S. gave grades on mud sills for trestle bents. P.M. He used ? [unreadable] & condemned it & said he would order another one.

Beautiful day No. Rain

Fri. -9-7-17

Finished measuring Pavletiche's cut Set grades on mud sills cut hubs & worked on Pavletiche's final estimate

Rain all day.

Dr. in camp tonight Dan Leech in to supper & out on boat tonight. Dinky Skinner injured by loosing control of engine & it's running into a string of cars.

Sat -9-8-17

Finished running E. line to 1640 which is as far as it had be projected Got to camp about 3:30 P.M. & worked on Pavletiche's estimate balance of day. Rain & wind all day. Set grades on mud sills *Eklutna* came up after piles tonight but stranded on mud going down. Mail came in this morning

Sun. 9-9-17

Worked in office with Mr. S. all day on Pavletiche's estimate. Hard rain all day. Aired my opinion on Red Cross donations to Bill & Blicke & to Secrest.

Mon 9-10-17

Mr. S. & I worked on Pavletiche's estimate all day & finished it tonight.

He had 11851 c.y.s & will make about \$102.00/month each.

Hard rain all last night that drove through tent & wet drafting table so we had to move it. Rain continued all day & is coming down tonight.

Bridge at Bird Cr is gone & trail along slide has slid out. No one working today.

Tues. -9-11-17

Office all day. No let up in rain. Only outside work today was on trails. No mail. Mat took some mail to Bird Cr. & said water was about 2' ft up in Road house. No phone conections either way.

Wed. 9-12-17

Set grades on mud sills & both Mat & I ran levels on E Line & plotted some on profiles made yesterday. Beautiful day. Phone line open both ways but trail still closed. Sam had a force working on it all day.

Men from Glacier & Kern say great damage was done up that way by flood. Cuts filled with dirt bridges washed out and water flowing over tracks in many places. Rail communications broken in several places out from Seward. One train stalled at Twenty Mile Creek & one at Mile 18 out of Seward. Fill between Glacier & Kern nearly all gone. Light rain tonight.

Thur -9-13-17

Major & I took slope notes over E. Line & I copied them on profile. Major left camp to go back to school to Stanford.

Mat Clarence & Metcalf cut poles for tent fly & cut wood.

Mr. Hansan in & out. Dr. in camp tonight. Mr. Adams ex clerk at Potter Cr. also in camp on way to his road house at Mile 40.

Light Shower PM. Bal. of mail in today.

Fri. -9- 14-17

In office all day on estimate of E Line.

Clarence quit & went to Anchorage.

Mat went to town for a couple of days. I gave him \$10.00 Guy Lunch got through with mail tonight – first time this week. Fine day. No Rain Ray cut wood.

Sat -9-15-17

Worked up notes on estimate of E Line. We found that Mr. Secrest's rough estimate was sufficiently close to that obtained from

plotting the sections Mr. S. worked most of the day on inking notes. Ray on odd jobs Dick O'Neil & Bauer in camp tonight. *Eklutna* at landing tonight.

(Snow on peaks and light flurry in camp today.)

Sun. -9-16-17

In camp all day Wash & letters O'Neil went back to Rainbow. Bauer in camp tonight. Light snow & rain.

Mon. -9-17-17

Ray and I put fly on tent & measured up trestle. Then I walked up to point at 1850 & back over trail P. M in office inking notes Mr. S. on line. Ray made hubs. Mat back from town tonight. Van de Veere came in on boat from Potter to join our party as chainman.

Geo. Trembly, Harry Lane, the new timekeeper & Mangus in camp tonight.

Rain all day

Tues -9-18-17

Inking notes in office all day. Bal. party cutting stakes. Mr. S. in office part of day. Trembly & Mangus in camp tonight. Light showers. Clear tonight.

Wed. 9-19-17

Referenced points on E Line.

*Vibbianna* in & out A.M & in P.M. Mr. S went to Potter Cr on her tonight. Clear & cool No Rain

Thur. 9-20-17

Finished referencing points on E Line. Mr. Hansen came to camp last night and is here tonight with Mr. S. Dr. Scholeben in & out of camp today. Clear & cool nearly all day. Cloud & windy tonight No Rain

Fri. 9-21-17

Office all day. Rain all day bal. party in camp. Mr. S. returned from town P.M. Bill Kissel left camp tonight in route for the Outside. Says he is going to Honolulu. Lots of mail. Letter from Vera says she has gone to Willard Wm to teach.

Sat. 9-22-17

Office all day inking notes.  
Bal. of party out cutting stakes most of day. Rain A.M. G. called with Mrs. S. and appeared quite cheerful.

Sun. 9-23-17

In camp all day Mr. S. went over line with Mr. Wier PM He says they decided to throw line to the hill. Boys got big stove & put it up in their tent Showers all day.

Mon. -9-24-17

Reran one curve on E Line & continued it back to 1636. Mr. S. on line ~~M~~ P. M. Mr. Leech in an [sic: and] out today. *Anna W* came with a barge of coal & went back on morning tide. *Alaska* in & out P.M. "Montana Bill" here tonight.  
Cloudy. No Rain

Tues. 9-25-17

Ran E Line to 1627 & made a tie to F Line & to B' Line. Figured curves in office tonight. *Eklutna* [sic: *Eklutna*] took tow of piles down P.M. Partly clear No Rain

Wed. 9-26-17

Ran E Line to 1615. Mr. S. on line PM. tied to B'Line & were 4'65 too far down hill. angle ck'd. Found an error in computations Mr. S. gave grade to mudsills A.M. *Eklutna* in and out *Vibbianna* in tonight. Rain nearly all day.

Thur. -9-27-17

Reran E Line from 1623 to 1613. Mr. S. out part of day. *Vibbianna* in tonight. Pile driver landed at far end of mud flat fill (about sta. 1840) last night.  
Cloudy No Rain

Fri. 9-28-17

Ran E Line to 1600 But made bull? at last Hub so will have to run 150 ft over again Mr. S. on line P.M.  
Fine Day

Sat. 9-29-17.

Ran last 150' & ran levels back to 1611+30  
Ray helped Mr. S get monthly estimate datta [sic: data].  
Spearman from Bauer's camp in camp tonight. Bill Falman also here.  
Fine day

Sun. 9-30-17

In camp all day. Spearman here until afternoon. Mr. S. worked on monthly est.  
AM. Sam & Andy unloaded barge of coal  
Fine day. Light showers.

Mon. 10-1-17

Was at camp 84 where pile driver is starting work. Crew did not get there before 9:30 & because of delays they drove only one bent. Anderson, one of Jigneax's? men, was there as inspector & I was to only observe. Left at 3 P.M. & came back to 83 to help ck monthly ests.

Mat & Van ran levels & M & I plotted profile tonight. Mr. Leech in camp today.  
Fine day No Rain

Tues -10-2-17

At Pile driver all day.  
Mat & Van finished running E line levels. Ray made stakes.  
McDonald in tonight to join party.  
Mangus & Mr Leech in camp tonight.  
Fine day No Rain

Wed. -10-3-17.

Set stakes for trestle bents at camp 84 McDonald worked P.M. Driver moving from scow to cut.

Very high tide A. M. Mr. Hansen & Mr Leech in & out Geo. Trembly in camp tonight.

Fine day. Rain tonight

Thur. -10-4-17

Set stakes profile trestle back to 1825. Pile driver drove two temp. bents.  
Mr. Hansen & Mr. Mears in camp tonight.  
Fine Day  
No Rain

Fri. -10-5-17

At Pile Driver all day. Finished drivin [ sic: driving] temporary bents. Bal. party made stakes, except McDonald who went to camp 91 after transit & did not get. Mr. S. gave grades on mud sills for fill trestle.

Fine day No Rain

Sat. -10-6-17

At Pile driver all day. Drove bulk head bent & three piles on next bent. Bal. party cross sectioned. Mr. S. at Pile driver P.M.

Mr. Awdry? joined party as axman

Rain & wind all day.

Sun. 10-7-17

In camp all day Party at Sam's tonight.

Rain all day.

Mrs Leech & Maude in camp tonight.

Mon. 10-8-17

At pile driver all day. Foremen got sore & said he would quit. Mr. S. sized up the layout. Capped bent 236 & drove & capped bent #234.

Bal party + sec'd.

Rain A.M Windy all day.

Tues. 10-9-17

At pile driver. Bal. pary [sic: party] + sec'd. Rain & wind

Wed. 10-10-17

At pile driver Drove only 4 piles. Drove none P.M. acct. [account] tide.

Bal. party + sec'd.

Rain & wind.

Thur. 10-11-17

At pile driver. Drove 8 piles 15 to 17' penetration. Mr. S there A.M. Mr. Leech there at noon. Bal. party + sec'd. Mr. Leech & boatman from *Vibbianna* in camp tonight. Wind & rain all day.

Fri. 10-12-17

At pile driver. Drove 7 piles & put on 2 caps. New driver & outfit came in last night but driver went back on Camp 86 work this PM

Saltie Parks will take over driver at 84 all but two of old bunch quit. Mr. Hansen Mrs. Leech & Jack Taylor were at 84 at noon. Mr. S. says station work will be let right away & that drivers will work Sundays.

Boats *Alaska*, *Elklutna* & *Vibbianna* were at 84 working.

Rain all day.

Sat. 10-13-17

Salty started to take down pile driver in order to put on swing leads. I walked down to Bird Cr. bridge, ate dinner at 84 & came back here right after noon to make out pile report.

Bal party + sec'd.

Contracts are now being let station men on upper end of their residency. Bauer & Geo Trembly in camp tonight.

Fine day No Rain

Sun. 10-14-17

In camp all day. Sent bal. due on merchant stock & wrote to Laur. Did wash & went through papers.

Fine day No Rain

Mr. Leech in camp tonight.

Mon. -10-15-17

Ran CL [centerline] stakes for South end of pile trestle. A pile driver is expected in on this end on tomorrow morning's tide. The one at 84 is being remodded.

Frost last night & clear all day. No Rain.

Harry Lane the time keeper left for the outside as did also one of the Dinky skimmers & one of the steam shovel men. Guy Leech made his last trip today & expects to catch the next crook? some time this week, with the rest of the Leech family by Mr. L. Several of the fellows up the line will go out on this trip of the boat.

Tues. -10-16-17

Set offset stakes for pile trestle.

Casod? came to camp to be pile inspector at camp 84 Pile driver & crew came in on AM. tide to start driving on S. end of trestle Scotty Parks is still working at rebuilding driver at 84.

Cold rain & wind all day.

Wed. -10-17-17

Set offset stakes AM. Casod? & I ran check levels from 1773 to about 1832 P.M. Bal party finished setting offset stakes. New driver is getting in place & Scotty working on his repairs to driver at 84

Messrs. Hansen & Leech in camp tonight as is also Mangus. Nearly 200 to supper tonight. Three station crews came in today.

Light showers & cloudy.

Thur. 10-18-17

Casod? & I finished running levels & ck'd in at A. B. M. at 1850 within  $\pm 0.003$ , but missed B.M. at end of bridge 0.22 from which cut offs had been taken. Mr. S. said to raise grades 0.01 for each bent. until up to grade again. Bal. party + sec'd.

Both driver outfits worked on getting set up.

Messrs. Hansen, Leech, Frazer, Carl Stohl & Geo. Compton & Bill Talman in camp tonight.

Light showers but good day.

Fri. -10-19-17

Casod? & I gave grades to Backstram at the fill trestle and went to 84 A.M. Were at Pile driver at 84 & at 83 P.M. Mr. Hansen left 84 for Potter about 1 P.M. with Lee Frazer the sawmill man. Scotty got started driving. drove 3 piles

Light showers.

Good day.

Sat. -10-20-17

At pile driver at 83. They started driving about 11 A.M. & drove 6 piles. Being on the ground & just starting things went slow.

Others + sect'g every day, Boats were busy delivering piles A.M. tide.

Ground frozen this morning clear, fine day.

Sun 10-21-17

At pile driver. Drove six piles. Engine worked loose & water supply gave out . so we lost about 2 hrs. time. Drive at 84 also worked. Anna W. brought in a barge of piles & a barge of caps & stringers. Tonight 1 or 2 barges arrived at 82 landing. Pay Master in camp tonight.

Stremberg came today to act as asst. timekeeper.

Cold & cloudy. Ground stiff with frost this morning.

Mon. -10-22-17

At pile driver A.M. drove 4 piles & changed water line. P.M. they cabled up to get on top of bents. Mr. S. & I staked culvert at 1669 or 1669+28 PM.

Party + sec'd.

New cooks in camp today.

Fine day.

Tues. 10-23-17

At pile driver. The pulled up on top & drove one bent A.M. Drive six piles & put on 2 caps P.M. Mr. Hansen out at driver P.M. & promised to get new tackle for the outfit. Driver works fine since it got on the caps.

Backstram finished his trestle A.M.

Bal party + sec'd.

Cold wind & snow from North P.M.

Mr. Hansen & Leech in camp tonight. Dr. Scholeben in & out of camp today.

Wed. -10-24-17

Drove 19 piles & put on two caps. & lost 1 hr. rafting piles to driver. Are getting penetration of 17 ½ ft. & penetration of about 1 ½' per blow of 15' at last blows.

+ sec'd'g.

Mr. Leech in camp tonight. Mr. Hansen went back to Potter Cr.

Fine day S wind.

No rain or snow

Thur. -10-25-17

Drove 23 piles & put on 4 caps. lost 1 hr. getting piles.

The *Anna W., Islander, Alaska & Vibbianna* were hauling supplies to the pile driver today, + sec'g. Mr. S. working on Gust? Backstrams final estimate of temp. trestle. He finished it today.

1 ½ inches snow last night & it started in about 1 PM & still snowing tonight.

Mr. Leech in camp tonight.

Fri. 10-26-17

Drove 22 piles & put on 5 caps. + sce'd!

Mr. S. worked on Backstrams estimate. A scow load of groceries in P.M. allties? & piles unloaded & these barges taken out.

Clear & cold. Light N. wind. High wind & colder tonight.

Mr. Hansen & Leech in camp tonight.

Sat -10-27-17

Drove 15 piles & put on 3 caps. Water pipes froze solid this morning & it took 2 hrs to thaw them out. Tide came in at 3:30 P.M.

Sotty [sic: Scotty] Parks brought the third pile driver around from camp 86 to sta 1824 on this P.M. tide.

Tide flat froze about 1 inch deep & hard so one could not dent it with the heel.

Cold all day light snow tonight

Sec camp up the main channel on the tide this PM. Mr. Leech in camp today.

Light snow tonight 9° above at Potter this A.M.

Sun. -10-28-17

Drove 12 piles & put on 2 caps. Piles were frozen again this morning. They got 2 men to carry water. Driver did not start work until 9:15. At 1:40 P.M. one of the truss rods broke which layed [sic: laid] it up for the afternoon.

Last night's tide brought in lots of slush ice & left it all over the flat. A cold North wind has been blowing all day & was a high wind by night. A large part of the bridge timbers got loose & drifted up towards shore. Clear & cold tonight with high N. wind.

*Alaska* tied up at landing.

Mr. Leech boat crew of V[Vibbianna] in camp tonight.

Scottie got third driver in last night & intended locating it on line tonight so he could driver from it

Mon. -10-29-17

Last night's high wind with the high tide carried all the piles & bridge timbers up towards shore braking the rafts and left tie's caps & stringers as well as piles strewn all along the flat from the S. end of the hill to the N. end of the trestle. Most of them we [sic: were] coated with ice. They gathered most of them together again & put some on the top of the bents driver. The middle driver was pushed out of line but managed to drive one permanent and two temp. bents. The N. driver worked P.M. The S. driver worked at hoisting timbers on the deck of the bridge.

Boys. +sec'd



We had lining put in new stove & got it in PM.

*Anna W.* came in tonight with two scows one with powder & one with spuds & provisions. All the men were got out to help unload it. This A.M was clear but clouds started to gather at noon & snow started to fall about 2:30 PM. & is still coming down another high wind is blowing tonight.

Tues. -10-30-17

The driver on the S. end hoisted timbers all day. Scottie finished driving 3 bents & got on top. The N. one drove 12 piles & pulled back to start to take up timbers. High wind & tide tonight.

Last nights tide left about two ft. of slush ice all over the flat.

Tonight the ice was so thick in the Arm that the *Anna W* could not land at 82 until the tide had quit flowing & then only with difficulty.

Mr. Hansen in camp tonight.

Snow fell all last night & all day & is falling tonight. I was in camp most of day.

Wed. -10-31-17

Went to 84 & wired up stove pipe A.M. There was about 12 inches of sluch all over the flat. The two end drivers worked at hauling bridge timbers to the top of the bridge. Sottie [sic: Scottie] got on top last night & drove 9 piles today. Helped boys +sec. P.M. Snow about 14" deep on level.

Arm full of ice and there was so much at the landing that the Mr. Leech thought it was not safe for any boat to try to get in. The *Anna W* & the *Islander* were out of control in the ice yesterday & drifted up & down with it.

The first slide came down yesterday and one came down last night that a horse could not get over.

Clear tonight.

A card from Laur tonight said Jules was camp a mile from their home. Laur was in St Paul Party at Sam's tonight.

Thur. -11-1-17

Went to camp 84 & back A.M. & worked with bunch +sect'g P.M. The two end drivers hoisted timbers & the middle one drove ten piles. Water was on flat until about 10 A.M.

Mr. S. worked in office all day.

Three inches snow last night

Light clouds & still all day.

*Alaska* came & went from 82. *Anna W* due in tonight.

Fri. -11-2-17

Around camp A.M. Ray & I gave cut offs & spotted piles at S. driver P.M. They drove nine piles & put on two caps. The slush is about 3 ft deep & the water supply is poor. The other two drivers also drove most of P.M.

Mr. Leech in camp & will stay here most of time. *Anna W* came in on morning tide & brought a barge loaded with coal, coal oil & the sawmill outfit.  
Ice is increasing in the Arm & makes boating very difficult.  
cloudy & cold

Sat -11-3-17.

At pile driver drove ten piles & put on two caps. Hauled up timbers & piles from back of driver 1 ½ hrs.

Ice & slush about 3 ft deep which we had to shovel out to get piles spotted Van helped.

Matt & MacDonald at center driver & Awbry? & Casod at driver

Cloudy all day.

No snow.

Sun. 11-4-17

Pile drivers & steam shovel worked S. driver drove 3 bents & capped them. Middle & N. ones hoisted timber & hauled in piles all day.

Cloudy.

Boyce ? which middle driver was brought to the bridge is froze in about 500 ft out from CL [centerline]

Mon. 11-5-17

Drove 15 piles & put on 2 caps. 2 hrs. pulling piles & caps ahead. Sottie [sic: Scottie] hoisted timbers N. [unreadable] hoisted timbers AM & drove 10 piles PM.

Ray worked as carpenter Casod & Seinberg left for States toady. Dr. Scholeben in & out.

Cold & clear all day snow tonight.

Tues. 11-6-17.

Drove 15 piles & put on 3 caps. Both the other drivers drove. Mr. Hansen & Mr. Breck went through here on horses tonight on their way to Kern Creek.

Ralph Doseis? came into camp tonight to work at pile driver in place of Casod who quit to go outside.

Cloudy. 2 in. snow last night.

Wed. 11-7-17

S. driver worked at hauling timbers & piles. Others drove Van & I set a levels site on hill on S. end of tangent and layed up most of the bal. of the day.

Mr. S. made out Backtroms? final estimate of culvert contract. Mr. Hansen returned from Kern Cr. P.M. & is in camp tonight. The first four horse teams came over trail from Rainbow today with a load of meat.

Flurries of snow Mail late tonight.

Thur. -11-8-17

Drove 20 piles & put on 3 caps. N. drive drove all day & middle driver drove 1 bent & hoisted timber & piles all day.

Four inches snow last night & about 9 inches fell today.

It's mighty hard getting around out on the flats. The piles are covered with about two inches of ice & so are hard to handle. Mr. Hansen & Mr. S. were out there tonight. Mr. H. said it was the toughest looking place to work & conditions under which to work he ever saw. Mr. H. & Mr. Leech are in camp tonight.

Fri. -11-9-17

Drove two bents & made up weekly pile report to date. After 2:30 driver pulled piling to within easy reach of driver. Middle driver hoisted timbers & N. one worked also pulled up piles to within reach of driver. Matt, McDonald & Ray referenced points.

4 inches snow last night.

Mail man came out in Cutter.

Orville Leech wrote that he enlisted as Recorder in Engr. Corps & gets \$80.00/mo. 19° above zero.

Sat 11-10-17

Drove 20 piles & put on 4 caps. & hauled some caps ahead.

Middle driver hoisted timbers & N. one hoisted [sic: hoisted] timbers AM. & drove two bents P.M.

Mat, Mac & Ray referenced points.

Cold N. wind all day clear. 12° 7 AM. 15° Noon & 6 PM.

Sun. 11-11-17

Drove 15 piles from 9 AM to 3 P.M.

Made some pegs. Washed & mended Both other drivers drove.

First mail team of 23 dogs went through toward Anchorage today. They were about worn out & a team carried the mail on a sleigh to 88 from here for them. Snow & wind from S. all day.

Was invited out to Dinner at Mrs. Estes' tonight but declined because of having to work.

Mon. 11-12-17

Drove 15 piles & put on three caps, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 P.M. Scottie drove 2 bents

Ray is making sleds for the kids.

Mr. Leech in camp tonight.

Six cars went over the dump this AM.

Wind & snow all day with temp about 25°

Tues 11-13-17

Drove & capped 4 bents from 9:45 to 4:30.

Both of the other drivers drove.

Temp about 20°

Snow all PM & tonight.  
Decking crew came to camp this noon.

Wed. -11-14-17

Drove 2 complete bents A.M.  
Set centers on caps P.M. Both other drivers drove  
Mr. Hansen was in camp last night & he & M. L. went down the line today.

Seward mail went through with horses this noon. The big problem now is to get piles.  
They are cutting for the lower driver. The middle one has about 40 left & the S. one  
about 65

They are going to try to haul them from the landing to , S driver with dinky & from  
there onto middle driver with teams.

A slide came down over the trail opposite south end of trestle & cover trail 12'  
deep.

Cloudy & snow about 22°

Thru. -11-15-17

Driver crew worked at hauling timber & piling all day so Van & I were in camp.  
Middle driver drove 22 piles & N. one drove only 8 & put on bracing bal. of day.

Mr. S. in office AM. & on line P.M.

6" snow last night Big bunch of men came to camp

Women were in to call P.M. all feeling good

Fri. -11-16-17

Drove 25 piles & put on four caps.

Other drivers also drove Scottie drove 26 piles & put on five caps.

Mrs. Estes, Georgeanne & Ray went to Glacier to vote at a school election. They  
are trying to get a school started there & get Gerogeanne to teach.

Moderate wind from South.

Dan Leech & camp tonight.

Sat -11-17-17

Drove 25 piles

Other drivers drove only part of the day Bridge gang started working on decking  
the bridge.

Team went over the side of the trail & rolled down hill about 100 ft without injuring  
them.

Paymaster here tonight

Slightly cloudy & cold.

Sun. -11-18-17

Drove 25 piles

Middle driver hoisted timbers & lower one did same & drove 5 piles.

Rain & Sleet P.M.

Raining tonight Messrs Gerig, Fleishman, & Engleman stopped here at noon on their way through to Seward to go outside. Mr. Hansen was with them.

Bridge decking crew worked.

Asked Mr. Secrest to hand in my application for membership in the Masonic Lodge.

Mon. 11-19-17

Drove 8 piles A.M. which were the last piles on hand. The crew hoisted timbers bal. of day. Scottie hoisted timbers. Lowered drivers drove P.M. Van & I ck'd levels Mat Ray & MacDonald cross sec'd.

Weather greatly moderated & temp has been above freezing all day

Snow on flats lowered about 18 inches & channel in Arm is pretty well cleared of ice tonight.

Big snow slide on trail last night.

Tues. -11-20-17.

Driver did not work except to haul a few timbers AM. Scottie hoisted timber. N. rig drove.

Rain nearly all last night & today. Practically all ice is out of the channel but the flats are still covered.

Mat Ray & Mac referenced points.

Andy got the fill across the Creek. Mail went both ways. Mr. Hansen went through from Kern Cr. in Cutter.

Trains still running to Kern Several Musers through on their way outside.

Wed -11-21-17

Stayed in camp to be ready if driver worked but they did not start. Mat, Ray & MacDonald finished referencing points.

Scottie pulled piles from the bank to the driver & the lower rig drove 25 piles.

Andy got track layed [sic: laid] to about bent 60 & they hauled 15 piles out from the landing. The sawmill started but could not keep up steam to keep saw going They have two boilers which are together rated at 40 HP & their engine is rated at 65 HP It seems that the engine is very inefficient run in this way.

Fine day just freezing temp.

Light snow tonight.

I made a couple of chairs.

Loaned films to Georgeanne.

Thur. -11-22-17

Drove 17 piles. Scottie drove 35 & lower rig drove none 44 piles were delivered from landing by train to S. driver.

Messrs. Hansen Mears & Official photographer went through to Kern Cr. and took moving pictures of shovel, dinky trains and drivers. Freezing temp all day cooler tonight with N. wind.

Fri -11-23-17

Drove 20 piles, Scottie hauled piles & put on sway braces & the lower rig drove 30 piles.

Veltrap was layed up with an injured eye. Andy completed fill to bridge but has not quit, expecting to make some fill along the bridge where the slough cut out from the piling. Messrs Hansen & Mears went through on their way back to Anchorage. Yesterday all the party signed a card pledging to ourselves to contribute 25 cts per month for 1 yr or during the war for Red Cross. Tonight Geo Trembly is collecting \$1.00 from everyone in camp to buy tobacco for the soldiers.

Sun shone clear.

Leech had the launch Northern Lts start to tow a raft of pilings to drivers but just about opposite the S. rig the got stuck in the ice and the launch had to leave the piles & beat it back to the landing.

Sat. -11-24-17

Drove 10 piles Scottie drove 25 & lower rig drove 25

Tide prevented S driver from working after 3 P.M.

Fill at slough near bridge settled about 2 ft today. Norris (asst paymaster in camp) on way to Seward to work in that division. Coulmnan arrived in camp today to act as asst time keeper to take place of North who is going outside.

Clarence came back to camp.

Mrs. Secrest had a birthday party for Bill. She had us come over to entertain the women candy etc.

Fine day. Cloudy.

Sun . -11-25-17

Drove 15 piles Rig worked logging [sic: logging] most of PM Scottie drove 15 P.M. & lower rig 20 Fill across slough settled about four feet today. The tides running under it are washing out the ice it was made on. Snrow? A.M fine P.M.

Mon -11-26-17

Drove 16 piles Scottie drove 5 & riged [sic: rigged] up a haul back line. Lower rig hauled piles.

Snow

Ray worked shoveling out trenches.

Hackal?, Porter & Wilson res. Eng'rs from Talkeetna District went through on way to outside.

Tues. -11-27-17

Drove 19 piles Scottie hauled piles. Lower rig drove 30 piles Mr. Hansen came over the line today. Heard that the booze scandle [sic: scandal] in Talkeetna District caught the whole layout up there. Three books came in mail from Donna?

Cold N. wind all day Temp lowering tonight 7° above at 9 P.M.

Wed. -11-28-17

High wind from N. W. all day & temp between 5° & 8° above. Wind blowing & colder tonight. The S. rig did not drive Scottie & the lower rig each drove 10 piles. The transit & level blew off the trestle last night. They landed in ice & water

\*The level was out of adjustment but apparently not seriously hurt. The transit was sprung in three places set screw on the vertical arc was bent. The guard of the vertical arc was also bent and one of the standards was sprung. We straightened it out P.M. but did not adjust it.

Dr. Scholenben in & out of camp.

Thur. 11-29-17

Thanksgiving

Ate dinner at Mrs. Este's which was got up by Mrs. E. & Mrs. Secrest. Mat, Van & 2 from our party & Mr. Roberts the boin? [eom?]boss & Fred Bleckle. were there. Fine Turkey dinner with all the trimings. They had turkey at the Mess House this noon.

Clear & cold all day. 3° above at 8 A.M.

Fri. 11-30-17

2° below zero this A.M.

Veltrop hauled piles ahead Van & I dug out some holes PM. & office A.M. Gang for other rigs in town

Clear & cold all day.

Fill went down again last night. Mr. Leech in camp tonight also Geo Trembly. Mat helping make monthly reports Ray & McDonald working at Secrest house Awbry quit & went to Anchorage after his check.

Made off. to T & A.M.

Clear & cold tonight

Sat -12-1-17

Drove 20 piles. Scottie drove 20 & lower rig drove 15

Cold & clear all day 1° below A.M.

Don Leech in camp tonight.

Swanson's camp move out today. Mr. S. & I had a very animated talk on laborers & their treatment tonight I condemed the lack of consideration they receive here. He admitted it but thought better conditions could not be expected in a temporary camp.

Sun. -12-2-17

Drove 10 piles AM. & dug & staked holes & hauled piles PM. Scottie drove 15 piles & fixup hauling them P.M. Lower rig finished driving & closed lower gap. Mr. S. worked on Monthly estimate all day & tonight. Helped him ck. it tonight.

Rec'd Merchant Stock in tonight & mail.

Cloudy & about 5° to 10° above

moderate tonight

Awbry Bros. got back from town & went on to 71 P.M. North left with Tom Haines & Bill Hudson for Seward & Outside, PM.

Mon. -12-3-17

Drove 30 piles. Scottie hauled piles & the lower rig hauled stringers ahead. Cold & clear all day.

Bill Jinecky came back from Kern Cr. on his way to Potter & got dinner here. Andy hauled piles out to trestle.

Tues. -12-4-17

Drove 10 piles AM. & hauled piles PM. Scottie drove 20 & lower rig drove piles to on which to set driver to one sid [sic: side] of track. About a dozen dog teams went through tonight on way to Seward. A bob sleigh & cutter the one horse express and probably 75 walking also were going through to catch train that leaves Kern Cr tomorrow morning. Heard today that Herb Doors is going to move up here for the winter Matt said today that he has decided to go out the middle of this month. I may be with him. Our whole bunch looked tonight as though they would like to beat it to a more lively place

Every thing indicates that this will be a pretty quit place within ten day.  
Cloudy & moderate.

Wed. -12-5-17

Drove 30 piles Scottie drove 35. Lower rig got set out on false work beside trestle. Messrs. Hansen & Leech were in camp & went toward Potter tonight

Tonight's paper announced the serial numbers of the registered men and that the drawing would probably take place about Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Matt says he is going to quit next week &

go out to enlist before he can be drafted.

Fine day cloudy.

Thur. -12-6-17

Drove 15 piles. Scottie drove 20 Both hauled piles part of the day. Lower outfit worked on decking.

Mat & McDonald set B. M. at ends of cuts.

Cloudy, Moderate.

Fri. 12-7-17

Drove 25 piles Scottie drove 15 which completed the trestle. They also started to driver piles on which to set the drivers out. Matt & McDonald ran levels.

Mr. Leech said tonight that Mr. Hansen is to take Mr. Mears place in Anchorage while he goes to Washington & that the District Office will move to Anchorage.

Cloudy. Took pictures of drivers.

Sat -12-8-17

Matt went to Anchorage A.M. Ray helped Rolf Davis run centers on the bridge.

Mac. Van & I ran offset line at bluff and could not tie in by about 13 ft.

Jack Jigneaux & Brace were in camp P.M.

50 to 75 men were on the trail for Seward.



Clear & cold.

Sun. 12-9-17

In camp all day. Washed & wrote letters etc.

Mr. Leech brought the cook's wife Mrs. Wagner to camp. We will go to housekeeping here

Mon. -12-10-17

ck'd Offset line but found no error figured it over tonight with Mr. S. & found that we had not computed it correctly.

Cold & clear all day, probably coldest day of year.

Ray & Rolf Davis finished running centers on bridge.

Tues. -12-11-17

Ran offset line & ck'd is fairly close, set intermediate points and +sec'd some of it. Mat came back from town A.M. Ebert who has been working at Nenana for the past year & a half and came out on the Broad Pass trail is stopping here tonight. Mr. Hamil & several others are also here. Very cold. Probably coldest day of year. No thermometer.

Wed. 12-12-17

Finished +sec't'g at bluff & reset one hub in McCormicks cut. Mat left for Seward & the outside to join the Army.

A big bunch went through for the outside, among them was Max Kinney so McDonald said. K. K. Kiney? is on his way out.

Thur. 12-13-17

Put in CL [centerline] points in McCormicks cut & fill

Cold & cloudy all day.

Fri. 12-14-17

Ran CL [centerline] points from 1606 to 1614. Herb Davis & family came in today & are to be located here this winter. What will happen to me no one seems to know but from what Herb says I will be left on the roll in some capacity.

Am not worrying & will let things take their course. Tom McKinney & Dan Leech in camp tonight. Probably coldest day of year.

14° below at Bird Cr. at 2 P.M.

Sat. -12-15-17

Ran CL & line into McCormicks coyote.

Ralph Kinney, Connelly & Jack Taylor are here tonight on their way outside. It seems that a big shake up is taking place in Anchorage as well as on the line & a lot of men are being let out.

This was another very cold day.

Sun. 12-16-17

In camp all day. Mr. S. went to Potter to meet Mr. Hansen.  
Very cold all day.  
Paymaster tonight

Mon. -12-17-17

Ran CL [centerline] & offset line 1600+50 to 1604+00. So cold that it was hard to do much work. 30° below at Glacier & 25 below at Bird Cr. Van froze his nose.  
Arthur Thompson here tonight to collect funds for Red Cross

Tues. -12-18-17

Cross-sec'd at upper end of line.  
Geo Trembly, Leech A. B. Camp in camp tonight. The latter is on his way outside.  
Very cold again today. Got tip of what lines up will be after first of year.  
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Wed -12-19-17

+Sec'd at upper end of work. Cold & windy P.M.  
Fred Blicke left for Seward & the outside. Mr. Porter who was at Rainbow took his place. Mr. Secrest asked me if I would be willing to take the position of rodman and said that's what I was slated for. Herb would take my place & there would be one other man in the party. He stated that the party at camp 86 would be the same size & that Kelsey would probably be the instman there. As the news of the cuts in the parties spreads, all the boys are looking down cast.

Thur. -12-20-17

Finished +sect'g & ran a traverse into Johnson's coyote & gave him grade. Herb started to work. in office.  
Zero weather with high wind.

Fri. 12-21-17.

Figured +sec'ts, all did office work, Ray decided to quit & go in the Army. MacDonald learned that he was to be let out. Rec'd a book from Vera & one from Donna.

Very cold & windy. Magnus in camp tonight

Sat. 12-22-17

MacDonald, Ray & I came to Anchorage. Walked to Falls Cr. & took train from there. Tonight went up to visit Miss Watts. Was there from 10 PM to 2 A.M.. She's the same all girl. Headstrong & not one to get all with Americans. She caters to foreigners.  
35° below zero in town.

Sun. 12-23-17

Around town most of the day. Called at Mr. Thompson's.  
about 35° below tonight

Mon. 12-24-17

Saw Hamill & Temme? tonight on the latter signed application. Visited Miss Wanamaker and met Boothby there. He is a fine fellow

Tonight Mrs. W. & I went to dance. Had fine time but did not stay late.

Very cold. 40° below.

Tues. -12-25-17

Ate dinner at Mrs. Wanamaker's with Spengler & Boothby. Had a fine goose dinner. with all the trimmings including cheer.

B. got over loaded & was wanting more when we stopped the flow.

Temp. 35 to 40 below.

Wed. 12-26-17.

Changed locations from White House to Anchorage Hotel. Fine warm rooms at better place.

Went to show with Bill Jenicke & Geo Creller & afterward called on Mrs. W. Home 1 A.M. 25° below

Thur 12-27-17.

Back to camp. Rode horse from 91 to 83.

Mr. S. says I am to go to 86 as Instman

Greatly moderated? Herb did first inst work on line.

Fri -12-28-17

Mac, Van & I took est. of material in Barn, Mill & Wagners House. Herb & Mrs. S in office.

Sat. 12-29-17

Figured + sects.

Herb Mc & Van field work, Ray put windows in office

Fine weather zero here & 28 ° below at Glacier.

Sun. 12-30-17

Moved to 86 P.M. to be Instman there. Cool recpt. Metcalf & McDonald plan on leaving for Seward tomorrow morning for Outside. Mrs. S. gave me box candy.

Weather moderate (written on right side of page from bottom to top)

Mon. 12-31-17

Layed in camp all day

Mr. S. came up and went over line with Jack. Big time tonight

Tues. 1-1-18

In camp all day

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Wed. 1-2-18

Finishing stakes for Moquist Gignoux went to Anchorage, Rolph Davis to wife to Hospital. Light snow warmer.