

Camp 86

Tues. -1-1-18

In camp all day.

Wed. -1-2-18

Set finishing stakes for Moquist's. Gignoux went to Anchorage.

Ralph Davis & wife went to Hospital.

Light snow warmer.

Thur. -1-3-18.

Set finishing stakes for J. Anderson & measured up his work.

Mr. S. in camp.

Moderate

Fri. -1-4-18.

All worked in office on J. Anderson's estimate.

Gignoux & Ralph, came back from town. G. & family went on for Seward & the Outside. A lot of the fellows went through on their way out.

Mr. Mears, who is now Major Mears expects to go out Sunday & will go to Washington D. C. to make arrangements for starting to recruit a volunteer regiment of R-R. Engrs.

No one can leave the service here to enlist with him without a permit from the commission.

Very cloudy?[sic: cloudy] 5" snow.

Sat -1-5-18

Worked on Est. all day, Mr. Secrest in camp. Frank & Ralph took weekly figures.

Snow & cooler.

Sun -1-6-18

In camp all day. Cold & clear.

Wrote Laur.

Mon. 1-7-18

Ran offset line & Daniel's Borrow Pit at 2007 to 2010 & +sec'd some. Came back to camp, plotted + sections & ck'd Moquist's notes. Mr. Mears went through on his way out A.M.

Clear & cold zero at Bird Cr.

Tues. 1-8-18

Kelsey & I cut stakes A.M. & restaked Christ's cut & ck'd notes P.M. Davis & Brace moved [illegible] household belonging to tent vacated by Gignoux.

Messrs Hansen & Secrest went N. along line P. M.

Moderate temp.

Wed. -1-9-18

Office work all day. Doors worked on Sheep Cr. notes.
Wind & snow AM.

Thur. -1-10-18

Measured part of Moquist's cut AM. & office workbal. of day.
Mr. Secrest & Mr Bauer in camp P.M.
Mr. Leech & Scottie through camp.
Beautiful day.

Fri. -1-11-18.

Ralph & I measured material in bridges 16, 17 & 17 ½ & est'd no. ties Kuloff has
on bank.
P.M. worked in office.
Brace & Kelsey went to Anchorage.
Fine day. Cold & partly cloudy.

Sat. -1-12-18

Took Weekly Progress on line & worked in office on Moquist final. Mr. S. down
PM.
Bauer went through on way to Anchorage.
Dose going out today
Wrote to Jules tonight.
Cold & Cloudy.

Sun -1-13-18

In camp all day except for a walk to Bird Cr. Washed, put tin on floor under
stove & read. Started to read El Supremo a romance of the dictator of Paraguay. It was
sent to me for Xmas by Vera.
Fine day.

Mon. -1-14-18

In office nearly all day. Kelsey & Brace came back from town P.M.
They say Alaska draft will probably not be pulled before April. They say the
town is very quiet & people are still going out.
Low clouds all day.

Tues. -1-15-18

Ran CL [centerline] for Moquist Christ & Kasavitch. Mr. S. here P.M.
Brace makes out application to enlist. Sent transits [illegible] to Magnus.
Cloudy & cold.

Wed. -1-16-18.

Took readings on fill from 2015 to 2053+50 & made rough measurement of
borrow pit at 2041 to 2044.

Worked in office part of P.M.
Paymaster here tonight.
Cooler. P.M.(cloudy)

Thur. -1-17-18

Ran CL [centerline] & gave grades to Nils Anderson, & made stakes & did office work P.M.

Fine clear day.

Com. are filling up bridg [sic:bridge] #17. which was completely finished

Fri -1-18-18

All worked in office on notes all day.

Obtained application blanks for permission to join Mr. Mear's Eng'r Regiment.

Clear & cold A.M. Moderating & stormy tonight.

Sat. -1-19-18

In office on notes all day except for a trip up the line to get weekly progress. Mr. Secret in camp. He signed our applications for permission to join the Army.

Wind & wet snow

Frank Daniels supposed to shoot coyote tonight.

Sun. 1-20-18

Went up to see Daniels shot, he used 120 kegs which was a little too much.

In camp most of day.

Warm & light snow, several slides reported.

Mon -1-21-18.

In office all day, except for setting four grade points for Christ.

Paddy Henney & Russian got into a row tonight. All in bad temper.

Cloudy & warm, rain [illegible] night.

Tues. -1-22-18

Office AM.

Measuring up Moquist PM. Cold & windy.

Party at Chet Murphy's Evening.

Wed. -1-23-18.

Office all day.

Rain & sleet.

Thur. -1-24-18

Finished measuring Moquist Cut AM. & completed figuring his estimate PM.

Had all but this cut done & gave notes to Mr. S. who was at cut A.M.

Kelsey went to 83 P.M.

Cold & windy 10 above 6 P.M.

Fri. -1-25-18

Took final notes of Moquist cut to 83 & went to Indian Cr. [creek] for Monthly [sic: monthly] est. data & back after dinner. P.M. checked monthly estimate.

Howard on est. all day.

Kelsey at 83.

Zero A.M. clear.

Sat. -1-26-18.

Sent Mo. Est. to Mr. S. A.M. Office work.

Howard went to 91 PM. Kelsey back tonight. Mr. S. in camp P.M.

Cold & clear.

Sun 1-27-18

In camp all day.

Kelsey went back to 83

Brace went to 91 AM. & back P.M. & to 83 after supper. He heard that Hansen Mayhew & Jones are out Wednesday to join the Army.

Light snow

Mon. 1-28-18.

In office all day. Brace & Kelsey at 83.

Warmer & cloudy.

Tues. 1-29-18

Worked on notes all day & completed Hedlunds & Burglands except for getting over haul diagram & putting [illegible] & B. M.'s

Messrs. Hansen, Mayhew, Jones, Jenichic [illegible] & Bauer went out to Seward today. K. K. Kinney came out over line with them. Heard also that a new man was expected to take over the work on the Seward End this winter.

Windy & light snow.

Wed. -1-30-18

In office all day. Kelsey & Brace came back AM. slides came down between 84 & 83 that stopped teams all AM.

Wind & snow all day.

Thur -1-31-18

Ran CL [centerline] & set grades for Chas [Charles] Anderson & Mike Kasovitch & measured part of Anderson's.

Mr. S. over line P.M.

Light snow & cloudy.

Fri. 2-1-18

Measured up Chas Anderson & Mike Kasovitch.
Was at Murphy's tonight G. was calling there.
Snow & wind moderate temp.

Sat -2-2-18

All in office working on the two estimates. Mr. Leech & Pette's in camp today.

Sun. 2-3-18

I worked all day on Kasovitch's estimate.
He will have 15600 cy. & his over haul. done tonight about 10 P.M.
Clear & cold,

Mon. -2-4-18

To Anchorage.
Rode to 91 with Mrs. M. & G. Met Donald Mc Donald going out for a vacation.
Met a young fellow by name of White going in way to Eska Creek to work for Summer
Smith in the mines. [Side note: The [illegible] mut died from poisoning this A. M.]
To local talent show tonight with Stortzman.

Tues. 2-5-18 1st Deg.

Saw [illegible] board, saw Mr. Truitt, made out Income Tax blank and tonight
went to Masonic temple for first time.
Mrs. Ralph Davis gave birth to an 8# girl baby this morning.
Mr. Secrest's little Bill was operated on for a rupture yesterday.
Fine weather.
19° below at Com. grounds.

Wed -2-6-18

Came back to Camp. Dick O'Neil married Chet Murphy's sister this morning.
Townsend going over to Seward to work.
Mr. Davis of Mr. Fogelstrom's office came out to look over the line & stayed here
tonight.
Fine day.

Thur. -2-7-18

Mr. Davis, Kelsey & Brace went to camp 83 A.M. Boys will work there a while.
Mr. D. back here tonight. I worked on notes. Scottie & Mr. D. made sketch of Pile
Driver for purpose of getting out plans for one.
Had fine visit with Mr. D.
Fine day a light snow.

Fri. -2-8-18.

Worked on notes. Mr. D. went back to Anchorage A.M.

Ralph Davis came back to camp after spending two days in A. to see the wife & new baby.

Nyberg was tried Wed. & got a sentence of 30 days & \$500.00 for having booze in his possession.

I went up to Frank Daniels work & took picture of Bird Cr. Bridge P.M.

Scottie is having trouble with his engine & got the driver just off the bridge.

Learned of the sinking of transport an [sic: and] the loss of about 200 lives. Julian was probably aboard it.

Cloudy & Light snow.

Sat. -2-9-18

Worked on notes all day. Mr. S. started up here P.M. but could not get by the snow slides with the horse.

Kelsey, Brace & Herb came down from 83 tonight.

Scottie got driver to Bird Cr. Bridge tonight.

Fine day clear & cold.

Sun. 2-10-18

Went to 83 A.M to drill on 1st deg.

Kelsey, Brace & Herb went back to 83 P.M.

Heavy slides reported between 83 & Kern Cr. & several have come down between 84 & 83.

The long trestle has been moved considerably sideways [sic: sideways] toward the Arm by the ice & heave for about 100 ft toward the S. end.

Snow & wind all day temp moderate.

A card from Laur announcing the birth of John Alden Todd, Jan 12th

Mon. -2-11-18

Office work all day.

Mr. S. came in about 2:30. He went through the ordeal of yesterday again. Had it a little better today.

Snow & wind.

Tues. -2-12-18.

In Office all day.

Scottie got timber for top of Bird Cr. [creek] bridge & started to pull piles. He found them broomed for two ft on the ends.

Clear & cold.

Wed. -2-13-18

In office all day. Scottie pulling down bridge.

Fine day clear & cold.

Thur. -2-14-18

Davis & I measured up material left on outside of steam shovel cut at from 2041 to 2043 A.M. Office P.M.

Paymaster Fields was around today & came in here tonight for a rag chewing.

Mr. S. in camp A.M.

Foggy & cold 10 below at 7 A.M.

Fri. -2-15-18

In office all day. Mr. S. stopped on his way to Anchorage and gave me a little more drill.

Beautiful day clear & cold 8 below at 7 A.M.

Sat. 2-16-18

In office all day except to give Christ grade in his cut.

Brace back from 83 tonight.

Fine day light clouds & moderate temp 10 above.

Sun. 2-17-18.

In camp all day except for a walk to the Bird Cr. Bridge & back. The false work for the S.

span & most of the S. approach is torn out. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the piles pulled were broomed. The middle pier is still raising on the upstream end & is now about 18 inch high.

Brace went back to 83 P.M. I called at Murphy's tonight.

Snow slides down between 84 & 83 so teams could not get over snow & wind last night.

15 to 25 above today.

Mon. 2-18-18

In office all day

Scottie started to remodel driver. Mr. S. came back from town. Word came that Mr. Hansen is on his way back to Alaska.

Davis went to Anchorage.

10 to 20 above.

Tues. -2-19-18

Office part of day & went to Camp 83 bal. of time. Ordered iron yoke for Pile driver for Scottie at 83.

Trail full of snow A.M.

Snow & wind last night & snow today.

Wed. -2-20-18

In office all day. Mr. S. was here P.M. He did not think it necessary to go down to see Scottie & seemed to think D. Leech was vested with power to give Scottie orders. He told me to get out a bill of piling necessary for 15 ft penetration, which he could give to Dan. High wind & snow from South temp ~~ab~~ 25 to 32

Thur. 2-21-18.

In office most of day. A.M. walked down to Bired Cr. Bridge where Scottie is rebuilding the driver.

Made out list of piles needed for Bird Cr. Bridge to replace part heaved by ice.

D. Leech in camp tonight.

High wind & rising temp last night

trail black [sic: block] by slides between 83 & 84 so teams could not get over.

Washingtons Birthday.

Fri. -2-22-18

All of Scotties gang went to Anchorage Brace also went in. Ralph Davis & wife & baby came back from town.

Worked A.M. & went up toward 83 to get some pictures P.M.

Beautiful, clear day.

Sat -2-23-18.

In office all day. Mr. S. here P.M. I relea?sed to him a little while.

Dan Leech in camp P.M. He asked me to write him a letter telling what I knew of the accident to John Velhof's [illegible] eye last Fall when he was working on the pile driver. I wrote it & will mail it in the morning.

Moderate & cloudy.

High wind P. M.

Sun. -2-24-18.

Went to camp 83 A.M. & returned P. M.

Herb here to see his new niece.

light snow & windy about 30°

Mon. -2-25-18

In office all day on Moquist's final Rc?

Davis moved his work over here from his home tent.

Scottie's crew, Brace & a lot more came back from town P.M. Mrs. Cunningham came out to camp on today [sic: todays] train. Called on Ralph Davis & family to see the "first born". It is reported that a station man was buried by snow slide while working in Mile 79.

Light wind 20 above.

Mr. L. went S. to meet Mr. Hansen.

Tues. -2-26-18

In office all day. Finished Moquist's & started & Chas Anderosn's final records.

All Scottie's crew worked on rebuilding the driver.

Cold & clear.

Wed. -2-27-18.

Messrs. Hansen & Gerig went thru to Anchorage P. M.
In office all day on C. Anderson's final Record.
An earthquake occurred last night that shook enough to awaken me startled. It was the first I had plainly felt.
Letters from Mother & Vera say Jules arrived safely in France.
Beautiful day, cold & clear.

Thur. -2-28-18.

In office all day on Kasovitch's est. Scottie started to cut piling.
Cloudy & light snow

Fri. -3-1-18

In office all day on Kasovitch's final records. Scottie's crew cutting piling for Bird Cr. Bridge. They started to move sawmill from 83 to 88 yesterday.
Clear & cold.

Sat. 3-2-18.

In office all day. Finished Kasovitch's final records.
Mr. S. in camp P.M.
Cold & clear N. wind. Dan Leech here for supper.

Sun. 3-3-18

Went to 83 for dinner & recited again to Mr. S.
Started to draw plan of pile driver tonight.
Brought back some of Bauer's notes from which to start making his final Records.
Cloudy 4 below 7 A.M.

Mon. 3-4-18.

In office all day except for a walk to Bird Cr. Bridge. Temp about 25 & high wind with snow from South.

Tues. -3-5-18.

Went up to Frank Daniel's Borrow Pit & measured coyote hole, came back & calculated yardage over same.
Started work on Bauer's final Records.
Mr. S. was in camp P.M. Geo. Trumbly went to Sward [sic: Seward] & Outside today.
Fine & moderate.
about 30° all day.

Wed. -3-6-18

Kelsey & Brace met Davis & I at Nels Andersons cut where we ran CL & measured up part of his work. K. & B came back here to work for awhile.
Herb went into town.

Clear & cold wind from North.

Thur. -3-7-18

All worked in office
Cold N. wind.
10 to 15 above

Fri. 3-8-18.

In office all day, except for about an hr. A.M. when I went down to driver to get some measurements. Jim Park, Kelsey & Brace wrote out a telegram asking to enlist in the 20th engr's.

Clear & cold.
Letters from Alf & Donna

Sat -3-9-18.

In office all day
Mr. S. here A.M.
Scotties bunch went to Anchorage tonight in Land car.
Clear & cold

Sun. -3-10-18

Took Laundry to Bird Cr. [creek] Road House AM& worked on Pile Driver plans & walked to 83 PM. Brace Kelsey & I came up here to do some work tomorrow.
Fine day.

Mon. -3-11-18

Went up to Johnsons to give CL [centerline] & grades but the snow was so thick in the air & the wind blowing so hard it was difficult to accomplish much so we only gave grades.

Saw the snow slide that came down over Johnson's work about a week ago. It broke off trees 2 ft in dia. & filled the road for probably 400 ft.

Back to 83 for dinner.
Brace & Kelsey stayed at 83 & I came back here to 86 P M.
Meet Cullen going out to join the Army
Scotties bunch came back today.

Tues. -3-12-18

In office all day on Nels Anderson's est.
Snow all day.
Temp about 32. Some rain tonight.

Wed. -3-13-18

In office all day. Paymaster here tonight.
Station men from above camp 83 are leaving their work because of danger from slides, several came down last night.

Clear & moderate all day & tonight.

Thur. -3-14-18

In office all day. Trail from 84 to 83 closed on account of snow slides.

Official photographer out taking pictures of slides today.

Zero at 7 AM.

Brigh [sic: bright] & clear all day.

Fri. -3-15-18

Davis & I went to 83 & with Herb, Van, Kelsey & Brace ran CL [centerline] & took elevations & shift of long trestle. Did not quite finish job.

Dan broke trail along beach outside of trestle P.M.

Scottie went to 88 to see about taking his crew down there & found that they would have to let a bunch of men go in order to put him to work but he refused to go there under the circumstances and is going to town, so he says.

Cloudy & cool all day. Learned today that Mr. Dose is on his way back.

Sat. -3-16-18.

Davis & I went up to long trestle & finished running CL [centerline] on it. There the whole party with asst. of Mr. Secrest measured Nels Anderson's cut. We finished before noon so got back here for dinner. Davis & I worked on estimate P.M.

Brace & Herb went with the bunch from 83 & Chet & Tom Murphy to 91 for a dance. Left here about 4 P.M.

Kelsey & I went after supper with one horse on a double ender.

People from Rainbow from 88, 86 & 83 were there. Had good time & we got back here about 3 A.M.

Sun -3-17-18.

In camp all day, up late & worked some on estimate bal of day.

Two sleigh loads of people from 83 went back from 91 P.M.

Clear & cold

Mon. 3-18-18

Went to Anchorage to take 2nd deg. To dance at Labor Temple tonight fine time.

Cold & windy.

Sixty men have enlist [sic: enlisted] for the army and will start out Wed. No more enlistments taken.

Tues. 3-19-18

Did errands. Met Mrs. Summy[illegible], saw Woodhouse & went over 1st with him. Later saw Ralph Mayer & recited to him. Went through alright tonight & later went up to dance given in Robarts Hall in honor of the volunteers. Got up there about 1

P.M. Met Mrs. Thompson Mrs. Arthur Thompson Mrs. Chet Murphy & in general had a fine time.

Brace, Kelsey Chet Murphy & his wife & Scottie came in on the land car. They pushed it about half way & finally left it near Campbell & walked in. They got in about 8 P.M. & cleaned up & were at the dance.

Cold N. wind.

Wed. -3-20-18

A parade formed in front of the post office & marched to the depot. The whole town seemed to be there to see them off. About fifty went out to the end of steel with them.

Brace got in too late to enlist but when he got back here today on his way out he learned that he could enlist when he got to Seward. Jim Park was also with the bunch. Kelsey in town making arrangements for transportation out.

All of us who stayed behind felt as though we should be with them.

Beautiful Day.

Thur. -3-21-18

Worked in office all day.

Chet Murphy, & Ralph Davis & Barnard Knudson had made up their minds to enlist before [sic: before] the privilege is taken up April 1st

Fri. -3-22-18.

In office all day. Kelsey came back P.M. He has decided to enlist here. They will be able to enlist up to April 15th.

Mr. S. came down from 83.

Received letter from Victor. He is working out of Alice Arm, B. C. on a reconnaissance [sic: reconnaissance] for Powersight for the Gromby Smelter Co. It's the first I have heard from him for more than a year.

Cold wind 3° below at 7 A.M.

Sat -3-23-18

Van came down from 83 & we ran CL [centerline] through Christ's cut but had poor luck in checking.

Tonight Kelsey & Tom Murphy & I went to 83 to a dance.

They had a canvas on the dining room floor & had the place decorated. Had the phonograph for music & a good 12 o'clock lunch. People from 91, 96 & 75 were there.

Had a good time.

Mr. & Mrs. Secret danced for the first time

8° below at 7 A. M.

Cold all day.

Sun. 3-24-18

Up late recited part of 2nd to Mr. S. A.M. & P.M.

Walked back to 86 P.M. Tired all day. Heard that Blute [illegible] who worked with me at Kern Cr. the summer of 1916 is now in France.

Cold & clear.
Beautiful day.

Mon 3-25-18.

Herb came down from 83 & helped Ralph & I run CL [centerline] & measured most of Christ's cut. News came over the wire last night & tonight saying Germany was throwing shells into Paris from a distance of 76 miles & that the English (according to a dispatch from Berlin) had lost, and captured, 45000 men. English, French & Americans were forced back.

Drive started Saturday night.
Clear & warm, 7 below at 7 A.M.

Tues. -3-26-18.

In office all day on Christ's final est. Mr. S. in camp. He says they will close camp here this week & Called at Murphy's tonight.

Tonights news says Germany is still advancing. That large guns are from Austria & that they are shot with gas. That all of Germanys forces are being applied on one sector of the west front & that Haig is getting ready for a big attack.

Moderate & partly cloudy.

Wed. -3-27-18

Ralph Davis packed his good [sic: goods]for moving to 83. I packed & work on Christ est.

Van came back from town & is here tonight to help finish measuring up Christ's cut tomorrow

Word came tonight that English had captured & killed 400,000 Germans.
Beautiful day
Warm & clear. Snow going.

Thur. -3-28-17 [sic: 18]

Packed up goods to move early A.M. Then Van, Mr. S & I finished measuring Christ's cut.

P.M. we moved to 83. Load tipped over, But we got it back on & got everything here safely.

Am located in bunkhouse with Van at 83.
Fine clear day.

Fri. 3-29-18.

In office on Christ's est. all day.

Kelsey got back form Anchorage P. M.. He is going to stay until the 1st boats run.
High S. wind with snow.

Sat. -3-30-18.

In office all day.
Van, Kelsey & I worked over in our tent.
Clear & N. wind
Letters from Mother & Vera. Vera thinks there is need of men here instead of in the war.
Porter, Chet Murphy & Dan Leech went into join the Elks which were organized today.

Sun. 3-31-18.

In camp AM. cleaning up etc. recited to Mr. S. P.M. Took walk to 84
Card Party this evening in Mess House.
Windy & cold.

Mon. -4-1-18

Set time ahead 1 hr.
In office all day on notes.
Porter came back & brought mail.
High S. wind with snow.

Tues. -4-2-18

In office all day.
Wind and snow 12" to 14" has fallen during the last 24 hrs.
Walter Howard, Storekeeper at Kern Cr. is going in to Anchorage on his way out to join the Army under Breck.
He say [sic: says] Tickner has gone outside.

Wed. -4-3-18.

In office all day. Herb, Kelsey & Van out on line.
Cloudy No snow.
Wrote to Julian tonight. Very little war news.

Thur. -4-4-18.

In office all day. Mr. S. went to 86 & back.
Dan Leech went through to Kern & back here.
News that Russians has come back into the war & were mobilizing 2 million men.
Clear all day & tonight.

Fri. -4-5-18.

In office all day.
Cloudy.
Hahn has been over to Hope & back with his boat Northernlights.
Tonights news:
Germany tries to break through both English & French lines but is held at both place with terrible slaughter. U. S. takes over all Russian ships

Sat. -4-6-18.

In office all day.
Herb Van & Kelsey on line.
Clear & N. Wind.
War news.
Germans making strongest offensive of war but gaining no ground & being slaughtered by thousands.

Sun. -4-7-18

In camp all day
Worked on pile driver drawings & recited to Mr. S.
Cold & Clear.

Mon. -4-8-18

All but Mr. S & I out on line.
Tonight we had a dance in the Mess house. Miss Maltby Dick O Niel & his wife & Dan Leech came up from 91. Miss M. & Mrs. ON. in trousers.
All the camp women were there. Great time.
Cold & Clear.

Tues. -4-9-18

All but Mr S & I on line.
Folks from 91 went back.
Tom McKinney up to doctor a horse.
Mr. Chapin asst. Bridge Eng'r. In camp tonight
I found that he is a Michigan graduate of 1911.
Moderating.

Wed. -4-10-18.

In office all day.
Party on line.
Clear & warmer.
Paymaster in camp.

Thur. -4-11-18

In office all day, Party on line, Rainy all day, Dan Leech & Max Thompson here on up the line taking subscriptions for Liberty Loan Bonds.
They got sales for \$16000.00 before they left here going back,
No War news,
I subscribed for \$200.00 worth.
Kelsey received an answer to the telegram he, Brace & Jim Park sent in regard to enlisting in the 20 Eng'rs. He leaves camp in the morning for Anchorage on his way out.
Worked on pile driver plan tonight.

Fri. 4-12-18

Kelsey went to Anchorage on his way outside. Herb, Ralph & Van ran line Mr. S went to Daniel's Borrow Cut P.M.

Wind & cloudy
Warmer.

Sat. -4-13-18

In office all day. Herb, Ralph & Van on line.
Rainy part of day.
Heard that Dan Leech sold \$20,000 worth of bonds & took in over \$11,000 in cash.

Sun. 4-14-18

Worked on Pile driver all day. Started to trace it.
Chet Murphy & his wife & Max Thompsen & Miss Maltby walked over from 86 P.M. We tried to induce them to stay for a dance but Mrs. M. would not do so.
Hargarty & Miles from survey parties at Glacier & Kern stopped [sic: stopped] here on way to Anchorage. Miles is from [sic: from] Michigan.
Clear & Warm.
Several small snow slides.

Mon. -4-15-18.

Rolf & I checked final records & Van & Herb put a winday [sic:window] in the office and one in Herb's House. Have the bunk house fixed up good for an office now.
Cloudy all day, Sam & Mrs. Estes went in to town
Dan Leech is out tonight
Walked to Landing after supper. The ice has not yet broken away from the dock.

Tues. 5-16-18.[sic: 4-16-18]

In office all day, working on final Records.
Mr. Leech in camp all day.
Partly cloudy & light snow.
War News: Germans still gaining near ypes [sic:ypres] but losing heavily. 25 train loads of German wounded going back from the front every day. Reported that Germans are putting strikers & permanently wounded soldiers in the front ranks.

First Boat

Wed. -5-17-18[sic:4-17-18]

In office all day. *S. S. Admiral Watson* got to Fire Island last night & was going to come in to Anchorage today but did not dare take the risk so unloaded on scows at the island & went out again. *S. S. Alaska* is due tomorrow
Light snow & wind all day.
Tom McKinney in camp.

Thur. 4-18-18.

In office all day. 3" snow last night

Rain nearly all day.
Sam & his wife came back from town.
Mr. Mumma & Mr. Hooker of the T & T. dept. in camp tonight as is also Mr.
Miles of Camp 71.
Sam says many are leaving Anchorage and the the next two boats are sold out for
out going passengers.
War new[sic: news]. No particular gains on either side.

Fri. 4-19-18.

In office all day. Van, Herb & Ralph ran CL [centerline] & grades over
Johnson's and in office most of P.M. Mr. S. went to 86 & back.
Cloudy. Did not thaw much.
War news: - German losing before Armies. Stallions [sic:Itallians] reinforcing
French in southern France. Rheims still burning & deserted.

Sat. 4-20-18

In office all day & worked on pile driver tracing tonight.
Herb & Van went to Anchorage P.M. I was going with them but it has been
snowing & blowing all day & I wanted to finish pile driver drawing.
Dan Leech in camp PM& back to 86 tonight
War news: - British holding & gained a little. Apparently both sides are
preparing for another hard offensive. 12000 british lost last week.

Sun. -4-21-18

In office all day.
Worked on Pile Driver tracing. Have it nearly completed.
Rainy all P.M.& tonight.
Ralph Davis & wife going to Anchorage with Hahn's boat on early morning tide ?
at 82 tonight.

Mon. -4-22-18

In office all day
Van & Herb got back about 11 A.M. Had a hard trip, but a good time.
Dr. Scholenben in camp tonight.
War news: - Americans with the English are holding a 20 mile front. No
particular gains.
Light clouds & windy.

Tues. 4-23-18

Herb, Van & I went up line & made a tie to "A" Line & lined up Johnsons coyote
hole. Got back at 82 about 2:30 & stayed there all P.M.to eat supper with Mc Taggart.
Dan Leech in camp tonight.
News: tonight : - a lull in the fighting Germans seem to be making preparations
to bombard Reims[sic:Rheims] & Arros [sic:??]. President Wilson recommends voting
of A.E.C. appropriations.

Beautiful day
Light N. Wind.

Wed. -4-24-18

In office all day on records.
Papers that came today give statement of President Wilson regarding the Work here so it now seems certain that the appropriation will be granted.
Wind & snow.
War news: - English have bombarded Zeeburge(?) with considerable success

Thur -4-25-18

Van & I went to camp 88 to measure Lumber in Saw Mill. We at[sic"ate] diner[sic:dinner] at 88 & P.M.he returned to camp 83 & I went to Anchorage. Walked to 91, helped pump hand car from there to Rainbow, walked to Steam Shovel borrow Pit at 99 & rode into A.[Anchorage] on the work train.
Stopped on Anchorage Hotel. Got room with bath, cleaned up, barber, supper, show Miss Watts & back to Hotel after 1 A M.
Cold S. wind.

Fri. -4-26-18

Back to camp on train
Hard wind with snow & rain.
Van, Herb & Ralph worked on Line today.

Sat -4-27-18

In office A.M.& part of P.M. Went to 86 for notes on Pile reports an 86 residency.
Saw Chet Murphy & wife. They were greatly disappointed in not being able to go to the dance tonight.
Wind A.M. Wind & rain P M.
We were planning on going to Hope For a dance but weather would not permit.

Sun. 4-28-18.

In camp all day.
Stormy.

Monday -4-29-18.

Office Work.
Van Herb & Ralph on Line.
Snow & rain
War news: -
Kaiser observes Battle from Mt. Kimmel? which has been taken by the Germans.
Allies Lines holding Americans go into trenches before Amiens.
Dan Leech & Geo. Trumbly in & out of camp today.

Tues. 4-30-18.

In office AM. Mr. S. Herb & I went to Bird Cr.[creek] to vote in primary election
P.M. Thompson Chet Murphy & Jack Dunn an old Sourdough were election officials &
Tom Gretian was bartender. Georgis & Mr. Murphy were watchers.

Had cider & cigars.

Tom Torfy? Was getting the pile driver at the bridge down off the grade to load
onto a scow which is to take it to Anchorage when it will be used on the new harbor
work.

Snow & wind all day.

Letter from Alf including Brandon paper with notice of John Whites Marriage to
Aberta Smith of Chevington.

War News: -

Germans made heaviest attack of war on Ypres Sector but were held with a
fearful loss on their side. British loss is 52000 for April.

Wed. -5-1-18.

Walked to 91 & took train to Anchorage. Train late Reached A. [Anchorage] 6
P.M.

Attended dance with Mrs. Reed Miss Domily Miss Lynch & Mr. Darwin. Fair
time, home 12:30 A.M. Called on Mr. Mayer

early in evening & met Mrs. M. Very pleasant people.

[side note] Pile driver moved from Bird Cr to Anchorage by scow today.

Called at Scottie Park's house but he is out of town on job.

Thur -5-2-18

Met Ralph Mayer at General A E.C. Office & went with him to Y.M.C.A. where
he rehearsed with me.

Later took tracing of Pile Driver to Bridge Eng'rs Office & left it to be printed.

Called on Mr. Hansen

Uptown for dinner & errands. About 2 P.M.back to A. E. C. Y. M. C. A. where
I rehearsed with Mr. Mayer again. ~~P.M.~~ This evening was invited into the 3rd Degree of
Masons. Had a fine time. Hooker went # in also.

Find day light clouds.

Fri. -5-3-18.

S S. Almeda [sic: *S.S. Alameda*] came in about 1 A.M.& was due to sail before
noon. She carried out a capacity load of passengers.

Mrs. Sunny,? formerly

Mrs. Willoughby of Katalla went out to Katalla on her.

Got Blue Prints and came back to 91 with Dan Leech on the "Speeder."

Ate dinner at 91 & walked to 83 P. M.

Met Dr. Scholeben on grade & learned that I was not the least bit indebted to him.

Mr. Hansen & Mr. Leech & Mr. Trumbly came out to 83 tonight & will be here
until morning.

Quiet & cloudy.

Two men started yesterday, to get the Shovel at 88 ready to run.

Sat. -5-4-18

Mr. H., & Mr. L. went up the line with M. S. & back to 86, A.M. Van & I gave grade & CL to Bordin & Rasmussen A.M. Van cut stakes P.M. & I went up to 88 find some stakes and locates hubs so we could run that line tomorrow at 88 tonight
Fine day.

Sun. 5-5-18

Mr S. & Van came to Daniel's cut & we ran CL to the bridge at 88 that P.M.
Van & I at 88 tonight.
Beautiful day.

Mon. -5-6-18.

Van & I cut stakes A.M. Herb & Ralph came down about 10:30. P.M. we set finishing stakes from Indian Cr.[creek] Bridge to about 2/3 of the way to Daniel's Cut.
Herb & Ralph went back to 83 & Van & I stayed at 88 tonight
Mr. Secrest went to Anchorage to take job as Locating Eng'r & left Herb in charge at 83.
Beautiful day. Mr. S. phoned that I should go to Anchorage to work.

Tues. -5-7-18

Finished running CL[centerline] through Daniels cut & setting finishing stakes through[sic: throughout] the same.
Herb stayed at 88 & the rest of us returned to 83
Packed my belongings and got them to the landing at 82 tonight.
Fine day.

Wed. 5-8-18.

Walked to 91 to catch train from Anchorage.
Got in to Anchorage at 3:30 P.M. engaged room, saw Mr. Hansen, then reported to Mr. Archibald. Saw Mr. Secrest tonight. He is getting the locating party together to leave town next week.
Fine day.

Thur. -5-9-18

Reported for work to Mr. Archibald at 8 A.M. Mr. Hall seems to be Resident Eng'r. His two chainmen & myself went out to Mile 139 on the tram & ran CL [centerline] across a fill that had slid out.
Got in town again about 2 P.M. & started to get points from which to run a travers around the curve in from of the depot. At lodge tonight.
Fine day.

Fri. 5-16-18

Ran traverse around curve in front of depot before train went South then took it out as far as Campbell Cr. [creek] Here we located the P. O. T. s on the long tangent & came back on the train.

Move my baggage over to the Y. M. C. A. buildings and am located tonight.

Went to supper & show with Hugh Mc Laughlin.

Sat. 5-17-18

Ran line for a new driveway in front of Hospital. Boat in last night & out this morning. 102 passengers went out.

The Official car with the officials went out to 91 & back.

Chilly & light rain all day.

Sun. 5-12-18.

Walk up on Gov. Hill A.M. Saw Mr. S, ~~P.M.~~ & played pool & took Ralph Davis to supper PM. to show tonight.

Cold & windy.

Mon. 5-13-18.

Cke'd curve in front of Depot again. Deflection from E. C. to B. C. checks but tangent on other end is out. 3 m?

Took train out to Campbell Cr. flats & set points on long tang. [illegible]

Met Mc Donald up town tonight & contributed \$2.00 to fund in support of a single tax movement in California.

Tues. -5-14-18

We went out to Campbell Cr. [creek] with a land car & ran track centers Hard day's work. With hot bath feel fine.

Beautiful day slightly cloudy.

S S. Valdez in last night with 800 tons frt. *Wainright* expected tonight.

Wed -5-15-18

Checked total angle on 8°38' curve & 8° curve, then waited for train to take us out to Campbell Cr. where we ran levels of top of rail across the long swamp about 2 miles. Back on train.

Beautiful day.

To show tonight.

Thur 5-16-18

Started to run track centers from 8° near depot south.

Fine weather.

Visited Mr. W. tonight.

Fri. 5-17-18

Ran track centers. Fine weather.

At Dentist tonight

Sat -5-18-18

Ran track centers.

Beautiful day.

At Dentists tonight Also at Eastern Star Dance Had good time. Met Mrs. Gerig, Mrs. Barton & several others

Mrs. Chet Murphy & her mother, Mr. & Mrs. Hill and several other couples whom I knew were present.

Sun. -5-19-18

Up late. Read at A.M.until 2 PM Then went up to Mrs. W. where the bal of the day was spent. Dinner, walk & to show. Saw play called "She" by Rider Haggard. It was good.

Fine day.

Met Bill Berg tonight.

Mon. -5-20-18

Was already to get on to car & ? away when Mr. Archibald told us that he had changed plans and we would set top of rail stakes. However we took all day to get B. M. located & data [sic:data] on super elevation & running check levels.

Cloudy Rain tonight.

Northwestern came & went. About 25 came in & probably 100 went out.

The Red Cross drive for \$2500.00 to be raised here starts today. \$1400.00 have been subscribed up to 6 P.M.today.

Tues. -5-21-18

Set Top Rail stakes about 1 mile south from town. Up town tonight.

Fine day.

Wed. 5-22-18.

Made T. R. stakes over at Carpenter shop.

Fine day.

Thur. 5-23-18

Hill & the rest of the party ran CL [centerline]& set T. R. stakes on the long tangent S. of Campbell.

Rain P.M.

Fri. 5-24-18.

Mr. Hansen took myself & Kenny & Fisk? out to long tangent to set T. R. Stakes. Max & his bunch were out staking culverts & running a little CL[centerline]. Frank D & I celebrated until late.

Fine Day.

Sat 5-25-18

Set T. R. stakes out toward Chester Cr. [creek] Hill with us part of time. There just to keep away from the office. Awfully uneasy.

Masons & Elks had a ball game this P.M. starting at 4.45 Masons team contained Mr. Gerig, Mr. Hansen, Jack Roberts, Walter Delong & several other well known men. Dan Leech & Bill Hemmer? Were among the Elks. Masons won. Gate Receipts were for the benefit of the red cross.

Dance was given last night in Roberts hall benefit of Red Cross & to celebrate the anniversary of Italy's declaration of War on Germany.

Dance tonight in A.L.U. hall
Rainy.

Sun. 5-26-18.

Not up until after noon. Went to Dentist's twice but did not get work completed. Will have to take another day.

Light Showers.

Vandeveere came in last night with Bill Taulman & Herb Davis. Van will leave for the outside on the next boat.

Mon. 5-27-18

Our party composed of Hill, Fink, Henry & myself went out to Falls Cr. to run CL & put in Top of Rail

Stakes. We arrived there about 1PM and made note & distributed stakes

Fine day. Tues. -5-28-18. Ran CL[centerline]

Fine day.

Wed. 5-29-18

Ran CL [centerline] Chas. Bowker came out to help.

Windy.

Thur. 5-30-18.

Memorial Day. No work in camp

Rainy

Fri 5-31-18

Ran CL[centerline] A.M. and

Set T.R. stakes P.M. Hill went into town P.M.

Mr. Hansen came out & went back on his inspection car.

Cloudy.

Sat -6-1-18

Set T.R. stakes & get them out as far as we had set CL[centerline].

M. Hill found out that we were to come in with all the tools on Monday's train.

We started to come in with Dan Leech on the speeder but the load was too much for the

speeder so the rest of the boys went back with the tools. After we were about half way to Rainbow the speeder started to work good & we came in with out any trouble until we stopped to pick up two men. Then we had a hard time to get it started again. It did start good finally & we arrived in town about 9:15.

Fine day.

Had my dental work finished tonight It feels odd to have the new tooth in the vacant place in my jaw.

Sun. -6-2-18

Up late Breakfast at Y. M. Read 1 hr. then up to Dentist's a few minutes & later to Ball game with Hugh.

Beautiful day

At show tonight.

Do not understand Mr. Hansen attitude toward me last Saturday night & today. He does not seem to care to speak & in fact would apparently rather not speak.

Mon. -6-3-18

Up at 5 AM. expecting

to go out to 91 with Dan Leech but after waiting until 7. AM. I learned that he was not going out until about 11 AM.

Worked at copying alignment notes into note book all day.

Boys came in from 91 with the outfit.

Bought a Masonic pin today.

Fine day.

Rainbow

Wed. 6-12-18

During the past nine days have been working with Extra Gang #1 outfit & having our head quarters in an outfit car. We have been running track centers & silling ballast stakes. Our party consists of eight including Mr. Hill. Mr. Shea has charge of the track gang which consists of about one hundred men. He seems to be a good foreman & I would say gets more out of his men than any foreman I have seen on the line.

Yesterday word came that the appropriation was granted & amounted to \$5,250,000.00 The commission had asked for \$7,250,000.00

Last Monday we moved from Campbell siding to here Rainbow siding. Work from here started at Mile 91. Gravel trains are running night & day.

Today I started running track centers at 91 & Walter Leech who is running levels is setting top of rail stakes north from here.

Hill went into town this P.M. on passenger train.

A letter from Father last Monday suggests that if I join the Army I apply for a commission. He thinks my work here in Alaska would be a strong recommendation. Judging from the experience of others who have gone from here I do not think I would have much of a chance to get a commission.

Yesterday's news tells of the Germans making another heavy drive toward Paris with a terrific slaughter.

Thur – 6-13-18 Camp #94

Ran track centers. Dinner at 91

Windy.

In town after supper on gravel train to attend Lodge.

Saw Miss Watts. She is going out on the *Alaska* and says she will not take another rooming house.

Fri. 6-14-18 Camp 94.

Ran track centers. Made poor progress. Curves do not check. Left town on gravel train at 3:50 A.M. arrived in camp at 5:20. Quite cool in A. [Anchorage] this morning.

Messrs. Hansen, McGinnis, Archibald & a stranger came out on speeder today.

Boys went to town tonight.

Hill in town every night.

Beautiful [sic: Beautiful] day.

Sat – 6-15-18

Track centers in front of Warehouse. Slow line does not check. To Anchorage tonight on gravel train arrived about 11 P.M. took bath & went to bed.

Fine day.

Sun. 6-16-18

Up late

S. S. Almeda in about 12 Noon Bauer came on it to take the place of Archibald who is leaving for the States. Max Kinney expected to get the job but it seems Mr. Gerig would not approve of him. B. says there are lots of engineering jobs but salaries are low. He says living is very high.

Dinner with Frank Daniel, to ball game with Ralph Mayer. Left for camp on 6 P.M. gravel train which came only to Campbell & unloaded there caught one which brought me out to 96. In camp at 11 P. M.

Fine day.

Mon. 6-17-18

Track centers

Fair weather light showers.

Wrote letters tonight to Folks & to Donna. Its hard for me to write letters any more.

Rainbow – Tues. 6-18-18.

Track centers & top of rail stakes.
Windy.

Potter Cr. 6-19-18

Track centers & top rail stakes.
Outfit was moved from Rainbow this P.M. We were working at mile 96.
Had to take cars off at 99 to let gravel train Got in late.
Potter Cr camp of last year in pretty well torn down. All the cottages & bunk house are gone.
The place seems lonesome and has no attraction for me. In fact I'll be glad to get away from it.

Potter C. Thur 6-20-18.

Track centers & Top of Rail stakes. T'was a long pull out this morning & we had to take all the cars off for the gravel train Took out dinner however.
This morning about 5 oclock the trains bumped our cars down the siding about 400 ft & woke the whole lay out. Hill comes out & back the same day. We do well to even see him.
Beautiful day.

Potter Cr. Fri. 6-21-18.

Track centers & Top Rail stakes.
Windy.

Anchorage Sat 6-22-18

Track centers & Top Rail. Transit party worked all day & went in on first train after supper. Chas Bowker & Jack Bell went in about 4 P.M.
Went to show alone Wondered into Roberts after show & talked with Mc Innis then went out for shower bath.
Learned that Tom Shea had quit the job here & is going outside.

Sunday 6-23-18

Up about noon Lunch at Y. M. Read for 2 hrs. Up town with Ralph Mayer.
Walked back & took walk out to rock dump for docks & on out to rifle range slept from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. then up town & back.
Fine day. Town dead.

Potter Monday. –6-24-18

Ran track centers & top rails. Top Rail party checking Saturday's work.
Windy.

Potter C. ~~Monday~~ Tues. –6-25-18

~~Usual~~ Ran Track Centers

Leech took a few levels & plotted profile with Hill Lowered grade line across flat 0'43 & changed grade slightly. We are almost up to surfacing gang.

Windy all day.

War news: - Italians & Americans on Italian front killed wounded & captured 200000 Austrians.

Word came that appropriation for Alaska R. R. has been passed.

Potter C. . Wed -6-26-18

Set track centers. Messrs. Hansen, Gerig, Hill & McInnis went to 91 & back on speeder.

Hill says for our transit party to start setting top of rail stakes so to get all of them in as soon as possible so gravel trains & be moved from the Arm.

Took pictures of outfit tonight.

Fine day.

Potter Cr. Thur. 6-27-18

Set top of rail stakes beginning at 2985 & comming south. Made poor progress. Level was out of adjustment & T. P. set by Leech was off 0.20 Leech & party work toward us from this end.

Hill was with us for dinner.

Chas. Bowker went to town today.

War news is that Austrians are still loosing, & food riots are breaking out all over Austria.

Kernensky is comming to the U. S. & spoke in London today.

Fine day.

Fri. 6-28-18

Set top rail stakes. Leech & party worked A.M.& he went in to Anchorage P. M.

Hill came out on first train before Breakfast. I flew off the handle to him about what I would do if they left me in my present capacity. Was afterward ashamed that I exposed myself so recklessly. Mr. Hansen came out early this A.M.& returned about 6 P.M.on speeder.

Fine day. Hard shower tonight about 4:30

War news: America to lend aid to Russia. German ministers resign. - Americans make small gains on western front.

Anchorage

Sat. -6-29-18

Checked into Leech's T. P. at end of Top of Rail stakes set by him then went back to 2985 & checked back to 3022 & corrected error of about 02 made by L. when he came S from Campbell. Checked in on B. M. about 3 P.M.then all of us pumped car to Anchorage. Brewington & I got our pay for May tonight. Had power of Attorney made out to Bank of Alaska and asked to have my checks sent there.

Saw show tonight not in bed until 2 A M.

Big celebration to honor drafted men

parade & dance.

Sun. 6-30-18

Up Late.

Called on Mr. Gerig (Eng'r. In Charge) to find what they planned on doing with me this Summer. He said they would give me a residency in the Talkeetna District as soon as the appropriation was voted. He seemed to think it would be only a few days before the money came. Am not anxious to go up there nor to stay in Alaska all summer but am anxious to have attained a higher position in this work.

S. S. Alaska came in last night & went out this morning. Se[sic:She] took out probably 50 passengers.

Saw Ball game P.M. with Mayer who also invited me to go to supper with him. But owing to having to go out to Potter tonight on hand car excused myself & went to room & to bed.

Slept until 10 P.M. Dressed & went up town to supper. Came back got on working clothes & joined the boys who were waiting with the car. We came out here in 1 hr & 30 mins.

Beautiful day.

Potter Cr. Mon. 7-1-18.

Set Track centers & Jack Bell sharpened stakes.

Hugh Laughlin in camp tonight.

Hill out today & back on train He took his grip & supplies leaving meal books with me.

Tues. -7-2-18

Set track centers from 2680 to 2750 which was as far as we could go before the surfacing gang got ahead.

Messrs Hansen & Gerig went south on speeder & back late tonight.

Walt Brewington & I were planning on a hunting trip for the fourth but we heard that the appropriation has been voted so we will probably go into town instead. Hill phoned out that John Karth & Chas. Bowker are to be transferred to Max Kinney. Neither of them want to go.

Windy.

Farragut in tonight about 11 P.M.

Wed. 7-3-18.

Did not work as surfacing crew were not out of our way. All went in on train P.M. In town about 4 P.M. Work train went out to Mile 91 a little later and brought in people from 86 & 83.

Up town met a big lot of men from out the line Hill brought out D?. John & Chas took their blankets in figuring on stay in town.

Beautiful day.

Anchorage, Thur. - 7-4-18.

Up late. Lunch at cafeteria. *Northwestern* in this morning.

Celebration: Parade of soldiers, Loyal Legion, Home Guard, Red Cross, Moose, Elks, & children; Piegon[sic; pigeon] shot, & ballgame with dance tonight at Union Hall.

Fred Wilson who was Res'd Eng'r at Dead Horse Hill last year came in on *Northwestern*. He says Res. Eng'rs are getting 150.00 & board but have to do all the Inst work. Laborers getting \$5.00 per day. Instmen in ship yards getting \$40.00 per week & overtime. Saw Mr. Dose but did not talk with him but heard that nothing had been decided as to when work would start on the Talkeetna end.

Called at Arthur Thompsons. Found the Judge in bed with a paralytic stroke, Mrs. Thoms. Sr. tired out from over work & Mrs. T. Jr. raring to go to a dance and totally absorbed in Red Cross. Not looking good to me.

Potter Cr. Fri. 7-5-18

Up late train left for here at 7 P.M. so had all day in town, got changes in party arranged satisfactorily. Did a few errands etc. Wrote to Alf.

Train came out with two coaches & a flat car. A lot of the Office force rode out & back for an excursion. I rode up to 91 & back here. The road is in fine shape where the track has been raised & lined.

Tonights paper reports that the President signed the appropriation bill and tonight I heard that ~~rais~~ wages would be raised 15% commencing with the 1st of January. It all helps.

Max Kinney went out with outfit of two cars & party of three to Montana Cr. on maintenance of way ballast stakes & tract centers & to make section ties.

Nils went out to Montana to do some bridge work, Dose also went back to Talkeetna.

Potter Cr. Sat -7-6-18.

Have party of four now. Chas. Bawker, Gerald Arbuckle, & Leo Fink. Ran track centers

Easy day.

All but decided to send application blanks to get in officers reserves. But think I had better wait a while longer before leaving the commission.

Warm & clear.

Anchorage, Sun. 7-7-18.

Sat in camp A.M. & decided to walk to town P.M. It was a hot walk but I took my time. Fires are going in the scrub spruce & marsh grass near Campbell Cr. The smoke is so thick that it drives the mosquitoes away. A big crowd of people were at Spenard Lake in swimming. Arrived in town about 7:30 about "all in". Took shower bath & went up town for supper. Heard that there is considerable excitement about a raise in wages. Saw a bunch of the boys up town.

Mon. 7-8-18.

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Up at 9:15. Ate at cafeteria [sic: cafeteria] hurried uptown & got my shoes & had others repaired.

Sent cable to Washington D. C. asking for application blanks for Engineers Officers reserve corps. By running changed clothes & caught train. Mr. Hill came out & back.

We measured material in bridge at Borrow pit at Mile 99.

Boy went in swimming tonight.

Warm & clear.

Pottr [sic: Potter] Cr. Tues. 7-9-18.

Ran track centers to end of curve over Big Rabbit bridge. Another lift of the track will have to be made here before we set centers. Back in camp about 3 P.M. Leo, Gerald & I went in swimming tonight at high tide. The water was pretty dirty but it was warm & felt fine. It's the first time I have been in for five years, or when I was at Anderson Lake B. C. Has been a fine day, Mr. Hansen to Lent. Longare [illegible] & the new Cap. through to 83 & back today on the speeder.

Potter C. -Wed - 7-10-18

Measured culverts from 91 to Potter Cr. Hill out & back. Received paint & brushes for painting stationing on track.

Saw one of Jos [Joseph] Johnsons partners in station work at 82. He said Mr. Hansen promised them their pick of work between Dead Horse & Indian River & that he had as much to say about the letting of it as did Mr. Dose. Hill say they are sending men up there. He said the Com. ~~M~~ made Bedell quit signing up men for the Kennicott Mines.

Cool & smoky.

Potter Cr.

Thur. -7-11-18

Painted stationing on rails from 2800 south to 2586.

Warm & cloudy.

Potter Cr. Friday -7-12-18.

A.M.set tract centers above Big Rabbit bridge. P.M.painted stationing on rails south to 2502.

Outfit was switched to Main line son [illegible] siding could be raised tomorrow two gravel trains out.

Beautiful & warm

Letter from Mother

She reports Julian working in connection with the construction of a large hospital in France. He is looking after the water supply & drainage. Donna has just quit her school work & Los Gotos & Vera is at Summer School at Univ. of Washington.

Sat -7-13-18

Ran track centers up to 2903 which is to where the [illegible] quit raising track. Gang raised track at Potter Cr. siding. We finished our work at Noon, ate dinner and

came into town P.M. on Hand car getting in about 3 P.M. Was informed just before supper that I was to get an outfit & party ready to go out to the Talkeetna District. Rustled around tonight but found no one who would promise to go. None of the fellows want to get out of town, and there are plenty of jobs in town. Learned that the Masons of Anchorage are going to have a chance to go into the "Shrine" within the next 6 weeks & that about 40 will take advantage of it. I would like to do so.

Beautiful [sic: Beautiful] day.

Sun. -7-14-18.

Up early. Worked on list of supplies needed. Bower promised to let Leo go with me but could find no one else.

Elks & Oddfellows had picnic at [sic: at] Lake Spenard. I did not go.

Fine day.

Mon. -7-15-18

Rustling all day to get my outfit together. Bauer informed me that I could not have Leo as he wanted to send him out as bridge rodman at 185. Did get track of a lad over at Knik who will probably go. Bauer's actions make me sore.

Bought & paid for suit of clothes of Gofbe & Bayles & left them in their store.

Fill as though I would just as soon start for the "outside" as for Talkeetna. The atmosphere is anything but enthusing. More leave town on each boat and others are only staying until they can get enough cash to take them out.

Fine day.

Tues. -7-16-18 - Montana Cr.

Got away from town alone & took on one Adam Simmons at Wassila [sic: Wasilla]. He is a lad about 17 who appears to be frontier breed.

Donald McDonald, Hugh Laughlin, Mr. Chase, Hart the chief clerk to M. Gerig, Mr. Gerig, Mr. Hansen & several wives of Comm. Men were on the train. Mrs. Krutter of Talkeetna was also along. We left Anchorage about 7:30 & reached Montana about 7:15. Had lunch at Matanuska. Train men stopped for lunch at comm. camp at 185. It seemed that after we left Matanuska we stopped about every ten minutes. Had a pleasant trip however.

Met Mr. Dose here. Am to be located at Mile 215 for about ten days then go to Mile 221 for a permanent camp.

Stationmen coming down from above Dead horse report poor work & poor prices.

Max Kinney is located here with a party in ? cars. He is on Maintenance running track centers & ballast stakes. Has fine quarters.

Fires all along track out to 185. Heard tonight that Camp 83 and all camps from there to Glazier [sic: Glacier] have burned out and that 200 men are fighting trying to keep it from running to 86. Got 3 more men.

Mile #215 - 7-17-18 - Wed.

Walked to 221 & back to here to look over line.

Max Kinney went with me on horse back. This is a pile driver camp, poor quarters & lots of mosquitoes, but not too bad for a few days.

Warm day. Shower tonight.

Camp 215 – 7-18-18 Thur.

Ran CL line & offset line at Adair cut at 9770

Hot day.

Have a green party but think they will learn & shape up into a pretty fair bunch for the field.

Mosquitoes [sic: Mosquitoes] bad, had to smoke them out of tent tonight.

War news: Germans suffered 100,000 loss.

Camp 215 – Fri. 7-19-18.

Finished running CL & +sec'd cut at 9770.

Hot day. Bugs thick.

Mr. Dose came back from town.

Camp 215. Sat – 7-20-18

Ran levels from 9746 to 9770, took width of top of dump 9770 to 9753 & +sec'd 9746 to 9753

Warm day. Breeze tonight.

Mr. Dose out on works A. M.

Sun. – 7-21-18 – Camp 215

Kruitter [illegible] & I took a swim in lake about 2 mis. S. of camp. Water warm.

Fine day. Light breeze & considerable smoke in the air.

Camp 215 Mon – 7-22-18.

Ck'd B. M's & cutoffs on bridges from 9426 to 9488. Part of party cut stakes.

Mosquitoes & flies fierce.

Timekeeper see a black dog going down the road gets excited & thinks it a bear.

Gets a gun & chases it until within range & kills. He woke us up talking about it in his sleep. Don't be too anxious to kill.

Camp 215

Tues –7-23-18.

Staked 3 bridges. Rain & mosquitoes all day. Boss goes south to meet 125 men for work above. Am writing this in a tent full of smoke which is far less unpleasant than a tent full of mosquitoes

Camp 221 Wed. –7-24-18

Moved to here A.M. Made following shifts: Carried across Question Cr., pulled cart across by hand loaded on 2 wheeled dump cart & took to end of O'Davis? dump packed it up the dump & loaded on dirt cars & O'D. hauled it up to cut, here we

unloaded & packed it, to the top of his cut where team from 221 came & got it. Boy cut stakes P.M. & I took walk along grade to Talkeetna River & talked with Mr. Dose about work. B & B boat came up from Montana & left for Talkeetna & Dead Horse P. M.

This is an old camp & has with one exception log buildings. I occupy the south one in the row as an office. Its large & light, has a front room & two backrooms. It has been occupied by Mr. Cameron the time keeper up until now.

The work being done here now is putting in bank protection & driving pile trestles.

Fine day. Very few Mosquitoes here.

Camp 221 Thur -7-25-18.

Staked bridges.

Mr. Dose left for Dead Horse with 20 horses but five refused to cross Talkeetna River & came back to camp.

Mosquitoes were thick out on the grade where breeze could not strike them.

Met camping outfit consisting of buck Indian, his squaw two children & two dogs all were packed but the kids & the Squaw had the biggest pack of all.

True Indian.

Camp.221 -Fri. -7-26-18.

Staked bridges A.M. & made estimate of material in Protection work done this year P.M. Have been trying to get next to what is to be done & think what to do first.

War news tonight is very cheering. Kaiser admits having lost 200000 in last offensive and that the Allies now have the best of the fight. Munition workers strike in England. The war outlook is very cheering to us. Fine day & lots of mosquitoes.

221- Sat - 7-27-18.

Lamb, McDonough & I went to 215 to ck no [check number] of bridges & to change some stakes set for piles. Long & hard walk.

Salmon running in Birch Creek.

Grant Krotter came back with us.

Walked up to Talkeetna with G. K tonight. The place is very quite =compared to a year ago. Called at Krotter's. They are going to move to Dead Horse Hill on first boat up.

Beautiful day

War news: Allies still gaining English capt'd 6000 & French & Americans 30000 together with large amt. of munitions & guns.

Camp 221 - Sun - 7-28-18.

In camp all day working on Pile Reports etc. At Talkeetna tonight tonight

Got letters from Mother & from Jules & letters to Folk from Jules. Had good visit with Land Surveyor Wilhelm? tonight.

Krotter goes to D. H. Hill tomorrow.

Beautiful day.

Camp 207 - Mon - 7-29-18.

Lamb & I came down here from 221. Riding to Question Cr. & walking from there. We made the trip to get some datta [sic: data] on the bridges that were finished. Arrived here in the rain & just at supper time.

Mr. Irwin is waiting for the train to take line to Anchorage. He has been to Cashe Creek mine.

Mr. Coffee exporter on Anchorage Times is time keeper here. About a half dozen men.

Raining tonight

221 - Tues. - 7-30-18.

Left 207 in rain about 8 A.M. and got back to 221 about 12:30

On notes PM. Boys made plumb bob scabbards & mended tapes & loafed.

War news: Allies still advancing

American casualties since beginning of present offensive 33,000.

Germans meeting opposition in Ukarane [sic: Ukraine] Russia.

Austria attacking Italian front 0 gain

Camp 221 - Wed - 7-31-18.

To Adair's? ~~A.M.~~ & office work AM. O'Rourke & I went across Talkeetna River to look over sight for anchor for ferry cable & to size up the bridge sights. Decided to try & talk Mr. Dose into getting a steam driver up to drive Talkeetna River approaches.

Chapin came in tonight from Montana. He came out to get the stationing on the openings between here & Montana & to see the condition of the bridges. He & I walked up to the city. Had a visit at Marshall Brown home. He: Heavy on the Bull.

Fine day. Buck pretty [sic: pretty] week.

NEWS: - Germans putting up

a stubborn resistance but Allies still gaining. Edes in Anchorage & working on new wage schedule.

Thur. 8,1.18.

Working on Monthly reports all day. Chapin went back on boat to Montana.

Nyberg went down on boat with Mr. Dose. Clymax? came up

Rec'd. notebooks & papers from Talkeetna. Mc Donough fixed drafting board & set it up.

Steady Rain tonight.

Fri. - 8-2-18 Camp 221

Office work all day. Mr. Dose walked up from Montana last night getting in about 1 A.M. B & B boat arrived here 6 A.M. going up.

Received mail in answer to wire for application blanks for Officers Reserve Corp. War office said get them from Governor of Alaska.

Letter from Donna says she is attending a stenographer & bookkeeping school in preparation for Civil Service work.

Fine day.

Sat – 8-3-18.

In camp all day. Rearranging office & working on notes.
Raining so could not work outside.

Sun. 8-4-18.

Kroutter [illegible] & I rode to Question Cr. to get pile data & look over work. Salmon running thick in Birch Creek and in Answer Creek. Got out monthly reports tonight. Phoned Wilhelm in Anchorage and learned that the chances are good to get in the Officers reserve corps from Alaska. He thinks he can get application blanks in Anchorage.

Earthquake shock this morning.
Raining tonight.

Mon. –8-5-18

In office nearly all day.
Back pretty sore. Started taking medicine prescribed by Doc. Layne last night.
Boys completed repairing roof.
Cameron in camp.
War news: Americans & Germans hard fight Germans admit failure of their planned offensive.

Tues. –8-6-18.

In all day. Rain A.M. But did not dare go out P.M. account lame back.
O Rourke? Getting along fine with pile driving.

Camp 221 – Wed. 8-7-18

Set CL hubs from 9586 to 9751. Fine day to work. No clouds. About 24 horses went through on way to Dead Horse Hill. About 40 Station men went up.

Wilhelm came back and brought a set of papers which hed had got from Watts. It seems that if a person make them out he could be called for examination with in two weeks and then be called to training camp in ten days. I don't feel like leaving this work now but think I'll make out papers & hand them in.

Camp 221 – Thur 8-8-18.

Staked bridges near Birch creek. Back weak all day but better tonight. Cannot decide about making out papers of application for examination to Army service.
Fine day but cloudy tonight.

Camp 221 – Fri. 8-9-18

Staked bridges south of Birch Creek & gave cut off for Temp. trestle at end of Adairs fill.

Fine day At Talkeetna tonight.

Bolescheveki's [sic: Bolshevik's] declared war on England.

Camp 221 –8-10-18. Sat

Gave cut offs to John Alsos on temp bridge and checked chainage.

Long hard day.

Gave lunch to cook who was going down from Secrests party. Had talk with Mr. Dose about cook & our going up to board with Adair. He said if we could find a cook we could stay here.

Fine day.

Camp 221 – Sun. 8-11-18.

Worked all day on Pile Reports and Progress Profile. Tonight went up to Talkeetna

Had quite a talk with Wilhelm. He wondered that I had not been farther along than I am now after staying so long with the comm. He expressed a view that probably many more had that thought. But as I explained to him it was partly due to hard luck.

It has been raining a little all day & is continuing tonight.

O'Rork [sic:O'Rourke] is up in the air for a cook to go across the river with him.

Camp 221 – Mon –8-12-18

Set sights at ends of 4 mile tangent & walk to about mile 231

Light showers of rain & heavy fog of mosquitoes. While Shorty was resting after lunch he swallower [sic: swallowed] to [sic: two] Mosquitoes & lost all his dinner.

O'Rourke is sore at Dose for letting Mrs. Kennedy the cook stay after she had refused to keep her word about going with him. Mr. D. refused to let her stay & for some reason has changed his mind & now wants her to stay. He listens to too many people.

Camp 221 –Tues. 8-13-18

Worked across Talkeetna

Light showers all day

O'Rourke moved his out fit over & got camp up.

Mr. Dose came into camp from Montana & is here tonight talked with him tonight about work & about going to war. He said there would be a lot of work up here & they would have a hard time getting men but would advise me neither way.

Camp is quiet tonight.

Camp 221 – Wed – 8-14-18.

Working N. of Talkeetna showers P.M.

Mosquitoes thick.

Mr. Dose out looking things over.

Dick O'Rourke located in new camp & Mrs. Laundry of Turnagain Arm cooking Mrs. Kennedy who was to stay here is going to 255 because a man cook there would not stand for the women waiters. Papers from town tonight. It seems that it is expected that the draft age will be raised to 45 & lowered to 18. No enlistments are being allowed. I

am surely going to get in the service.

Camp 221 –Thur. 8-15-18.

Out in rain all day staking bridges N. of Talkeetna River.

Made up my mind last night to get out as soon as possible & join the Army. Will try to get out by last of this month.

Camp 221 –Fri. –8-16-18

Ck'd chainage South from N. end of long tangent at 9818+037. Had good dinner at Dick Smith's diner camp at Birch creek. Best feed for several day[sic: days].

We have new cook tonight.

Light showers P.M.

Camp 221 –Sat.-8-17-18

Raining all day.

I worked in office & managed to get my weeks washing done. Boys loafed. Received application blanks to be filled out for New Engineer's officers Reserve Corp. Wilhelm got some for me when he was in Anchorage and wired for these which should have been sent to Watts who gave his to me.

Marshall phoned that advanced degrees in Masonary would be given the last of inst & the first of next week. So I think I'll go down next Fri. the 23rd.

No War news tonight.

Camp 221 – Sun. 8-18-18.

Rode to Question Cr. & back A.M.to get measurements on bridge decking & on pile driving P.M.

Took nap, bathed etc & ~~worked~~ made out pile report.

Filled out application blanks for army service.

War news was encouraging tonight the town of Ray? is falling into the hand of the Allies. This is a big R R & distributing center. Allied soldiers are going into Russia in large numbers and being received with a welcome.

Fine day but Rain tonight.

Camp 221 – Mon. –8-19-18.

Ck'd chainage S. of Birch Cr., ~~ref~~ referenced points & got stakes ready for bridge at Birch.

Phoned Mr. Dose that I planned on going in tomorrow. He said it was O. K.

Talked with Wilhelm tonight & found that according to Mr. Walker of the Govs Land Survey that we are not liable to be called for some time, probably late fall.

Fine day.

Mr. D. says he has planned for me to go up there an[sic: and] take over some work in a short time.

Mont?.Cr. Tues. –8-20-18

Staked bridge at Birch Cr. I stayed there to Supper & walked to Monto? Cr.
tonight to catch train tomorrow for Anchorage.

Fine day.

Anchorage Wed –8-21-18

Came to town & after seeing Mr. Hansen about a letter which he agreed to write I went up to talk to Mr. Gerig about getting a release He asked if I had gained permission from Mr. Dose & I said I had. He called up Dose & D. said there was a lot of work to be done up here & did not want to let me go. I could get no satisfaction. Dr. Palmer was sick so I could not get a physical examination. Saw Gerig later tonight & he said he did not want to interfere with Mr. Dose's organization. But it seemed almost impossible to get his ear during ? of business hours.

Georgeanne & Thompson came to town from 86. Both are going out on the *Almeda* [sic: Alameda] & are to be married. I took them to supper.

Camp 221 – Thur – 8-22-18

Came back to camp having accomplished very little except to see that I will have to assert some of my rights if I get into this reserve cops.

Rainy all day.

Camp 221 –Fri – 8-23-18

Staked culvert & ditch & worked on notes a little Fine day with thunder showers P.M.

Camp 221 –Sat-8-24-18.

Ran CL & Levels A.M.& P.M. Clarence & I went across Talkeetna River to get datta [sic: data] of pile driving & measure material in wagon bridge.

Mr. Dose in camp tonight. Had a talk regarding my taking exam for army. He said he would talk over the proposition of my taking the exam & getting leave of absence with Messrs Gerig & Edes & thought they would fix it that way. *Betty M.* in tonight.

Camp 221 – Sun – 8-25-18.

A.M. walked down to Birch creek to get dope on pile driver last week. There for dinner. Walked back P. M., cleaned up & worked on pile reports. Mr. D. in camp.

Camp 221 – Mon – 8-26-18.

Staked culvert again. Went over the river for dinner & staked one bridge PM. Ran into flock of grouse just before reaching camp & got 8. Boys got 8 yesterday so we had a fine chicken dinner tonight.

First frost of Season this morning.

Mr. D. went to Montana.

Five horse went down.

Wrote note to Father.

Camp 221 – Tues. –8-27-18

Staked bridges 168-169 & 170.

Steady drizzle all day. Back to camp early. Bird supper tonight.

Camp 221 – Wed. 8-28-18

Steady rain all day

Worked on monthly Est sheets & completed both copies as far as possible. Mr. Dose & Hugh Laughlin came in from Montana. Mr. Gerig & Mr. Edes say they will come out next Thursday.

Saw Mr. Walker of the Land Department from Juneau. He gave me the latest dope on the New Engineers Reserve Corps enlistments. He advises me not to get in a hurry and I have a good chance for a Comm [Commission] . for First Lieutenant.

Camp 221 – Thur – 8-29-18.

Went out both A.M.& P.M.& got wet. Rained off & on all day.

Mail tonight. Letter from Mother, Films from Log?, & letter announcing that I had been elected a member of the American Association of Engineers.

The Folks seem very lonesome without some of the children home.

Mr. Dose around camp all day. He seemed very affable tonight.

Camp 221 – Fri. –8-30-18

Office A.M.on line P.M.

Messrs. Edes, Gerig, Fogelstram & photographer came up on boat on their way up to Indian River & north from there aways. They stopped here a few minutes & went up on to Talkeetna to stay overnight.

Mr. F. quite cheerful, Mr. Edes as chilly as usual & Mr. Gerig probably sore at me.

War news: tonight: Germans are making a retreat all along the western front. American & Japs had a fight west of Vladivostock [sic: Vladivostock] with the Bolshevickes [sic: Bolsheviks] & beat them. Axis are holding Archangel [sic: Archangel] in Russia.

Fine day cloudy No Rain

Camp 221 – Sat – 8-31-18.

Worked in field AM P.M.Shorty started for Montana Cr on his way to Anchorage. Lamb & I figured Adairs est for month & I rode to Birch Cr to get pile dope but could not get it.

War news: -

Allies gaining steadily. Germans retreating & burning supplies. Wilson's Peace Proposal being discussed favorably by G people but being kept quiet by G. gov.

Fine day Light rain PM.

Camp 221 – 9 –1-18

Lamb & I went across Talkeetna River AM.to get pile data [sic:data]. Took picture of the camp for the cook Mrs. Laundry. Back to 221 about 3 PM. Made out pile report tonight.

Am having a steady grind.

Cloudy but no rain. 4 men from Nenana went through today.

Camp 221 – Mon - -9-2-18 (Labor Day)

Went down to Birch Cr & took data [sic: data] on piles 1 pile 02 below cut off.
Back for dinner.

Working all P.M. on reports.

Rain all day.

Camp 221 – Tues. - 9 –3-18

Steady rain all day. Got monthly reports off to Dead Horse early this AM.
Looked up errors Fogelstam [sic: Fogelstom] mentioned in his letters & calculated quantities in Adair's cuts & fills N. of his Borrow pit.

Showed Lamb how to figure +sections.

River raising to top of banks. Within 3 ft of top of wharf at Talkeetna tonight.

Camp 221 – 9 –4-18 Wed.

On line all day running CL & levels on side ditches along Adairs fill.

“Shorty” came back P.M. He says town looks sick & every one is talking of getting out.

Edes, Gerig, Fogelstrom & Dose are at Dead Horse tonight. We should soon learn the plans for the winter work.

Rain A.M. Heavy cloudy P. M.

Camp 221 – Thur. - 9 –5-18.

Took levels over ditch line on left & set +sec. Stakes on ditch at Right. Also staked bridge.

Fine day for work.

Dirty job feet wet all day.

Letters from Alf & Mother acknowledging \$100.00 sent to each. Mother decides to take trip East. Alf wants me to go in with him on ranch. Vera is to teach at Thurston again this winter. *Betty M.* goes down river with Edes, Gerig Fogelstam [sic: Fogelstom] & photographer

Lodge Tuesday night 7:30