

Anchorage, Alaska  
March 12, 1942

Mr. J. T. Cunningham:

I am quoting a radio received from W. L. Kinsell, Tacoma, regarding shipment of the Locomotives that we purchased from Northern Pacific Railroad:

"FIVE CARLOADS CONTAINING 51 PARCELS WEIGHING 165 TONS ENROUTE TONIGHT TO AMES TERMINAL SEATTLE CARE ARR PERIOD FRAMES WITH CYLINDERS HEAVIEST PIECE WEIGHING 43 TONS AND 44 FT LONG AND BOILER NEXT WEIGHING 37 TONS AND SUGGEST USING CRANE 103 TO HELP UNLOADING PERIOD GOING TO SEATTLE THURSDAY AND AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING FOR ANCHORAGE SAILING DATE OF TRANSPORT UNCERTAIN"

When you receive word of arrival at Seward of the Transport handling this shipment, arrange to have Ditcher #103 sent to Seward as suggested by Mr. Kinsell.

I understand that #103 is now undergoing repairs in the Anchorage shops, but Mr. Dout has been advised to expedite repairs in order that the machine be ready for use at Seward.

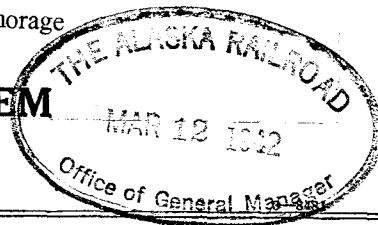
"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager

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COL OHLSON

ALS RR ANCHORAGE ALS

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YOUR INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING FOR ANCHORAGE SAILING DATE OF TRANS-  
PORT UNCERTAIN

WILLIAM L KINSELL 925P

Leol Ahlson

att'd copy of telegram  
is reply to your wire to me  
mar 3rd.

att is packing list which  
they will check when loading  
on transport and we will  
check off when unloading  
at Denward

Shall for your file on  
N P loca # 676

4/7/42 MCK

Government Message Rush Priority

Tacoma 3/4/42

Hampton  
Asst Director Division of Territories  
Washington, D.C.

Col Ohlson Alaska Railroad instructed me wire you following information regarding estimated sizes and wts of parcels of knocked down locomotive-front engine truck 68" x 90" x 34" Weight 7,000 lbs

3 sets driving wheels 63"x63"x80"	"	8,600	"	ea.
1 " " " 63"x63"x100"	"	11,300	"	
Back eng. truck 48"x48"x68"	"	5,000	"	
Stoker Eng. 28"x54"x18"	"	1,800	"	
Running boards 15'x3'x2'	"	1,200	"	
Boiler 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x7'x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ '	"	77,000	"	
Cylinders & frames 44'x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x6 $\frac{1}{2}$ '	"	79,000	"	
Air pump 52"x36"x20"	"	1,800	"	
2 Tender trucks, ea 9'x3'x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ '	"	9,000	"	ea.
Tender Tank & Frame 31'x10'x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ '	"	52,500	"	
Casing 46"x46"x32"	"	1,600	"	
Sand box 52"x52"x40"	"	2,000	"	
Cab 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x8'	"	2,000	"	
Rod box 16'x3'x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ '	"	7,500	"	
Pipe box 24'x3'x3'	"	5,000	"	
Box misc. 8'x4'x4'	"	4,000	"	
Stack 26" dia. 30" high	"	400	"	
Pilot 46"x38"x40" high	"	400	"	
Reservoir 24" dia x 102"	"	600	"	
Reservoir 24" dia x 78"	"	500	"	
Reverse gear 5'x3'x2'	"	1,200	"	
Box misc. 3'x3'x6'	"	2,000	"	

Number of smaller parcels might vary over 10% in weight and size and number of parcels but total estimated weight approx 150 tons.

W. L. Kinsell

Gov business  
Charge Alaska Railroad  
510 Virginia St.,  
Seattle

Winthrop Hotel

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Anchorage, Alaska  
11 March 1942

P R I O R I T Y

W. L. KINSELL  
CARE UMMEL  
BELL STREET DOCK  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

REURAD NINTH APPRECIATE GOOD WORK DISMANTLING ENGINE STOP WE HAVE PURCHASED  
TWO NEW LOCOMOTIVES THROUGH QUARTERMASTER GENERAL MANUFACTURED LIMA OHIO  
ABOUT SAME SIZE OUR SEVEN HUNDRED CLASS BUT ONLY FIFTY INCH DRIVING WHEELS  
HOWEVER SUITABLE FOR FREIGHT SERVICE PARTICULARLY BETWEEN CURRY AND HEALY  
STOP WILL BE STARTED FROM LIMA APRIL FIRST STOP CONFER UMMEL ABOUT OPENING  
BIDS NEW BOX AND FLAT CARS AND REMAIN SEATTLE UNTIL OPENING DATE AND YOU  
ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AWARD ALSO MAKING AWARD PONY TRUCK MANUFACTURE WHICH  
LOVSTED WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BID ON

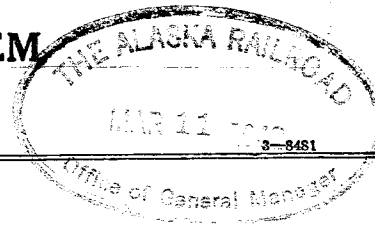
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The Alaska Railroad

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ANCHORAGE ALS

WILL FINISH LOADING LOCOMOTIVE BY TUESDAY NIGHT MAR 10 AM. CHIP TO  
 TIER 40 SEATTLE PER UMSEL WHO ADVISES NO SAILING DATE AS YET FOR  
 TRANSPORT PERIOD WILL BE AT UMSEL'S OFFICE THURSDAY

WILLIAM L KINSELL

1257 PM

72 P.

Anchorage March 6, 1942

F. L. KIRSELL  
SHOP SUPERINTENDENT MOULAIN  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RY  
SOUTH TACOMA WY

Contact Superintendent Army Transport Service Seattle to ascertain  
at what dock locomotive should be delivered Seattle

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C. F. Chilson General Manager.

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COL O F OHLSON

ANCHORAGE ALS *16*

AM SENDING HAMPTON INFORMATION PER YOUR WIRE PERIOD STARTED TO  
DISMANTLE LOCO YESTERDAY AND EXPECT TO SEND TO SEATTLE BY  
MIDDLE NEXT WEEK IF CARDS ARE AVAILABLE BUT WILL KEEP YOU  
POSTED

W L KINSELL

312AM





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H. F. Eugene

Anchorage March 6, 1942

Ruth Hampton  
Acting Director  
Territories  
Interior  
Washington D C

Reurad fourth Mr. Kinsell now South Tacoma inspecting and dismantling engine advises that locomotive and parts will be delivered at such dock Seattle as the Superintendent of Army Transport may designate March eleventh and that he will contact him he also informs that he has redioed you estimated dimensions and weight of each parcel

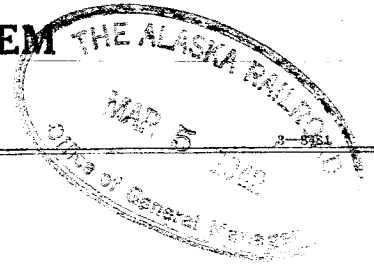
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ALASKA RAILROAD ANCHORAGE ALS

REOURRAD SECOND QMG OFFICE STATES KNOCKED DOWN LOCOMOTIVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO SUPERINTENDENT OF ARMY TRANSPORT SEATTLE WHO WILL ADVISE AS TO DOCK WHERE IT WOULD BE DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH PERIOD QMG ALSO REPORTS THERE IS NOW NO DEFINITE SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORT SAILINGS FROM SEATTLE BUT THAT VESSELS LEAVE IF AND WHEN READY PERIOD PLEASE RADIO DIVISION PRIORITY AS TO PROGRESS BEING MADE FOR DELIVERY KNOCKED DOWN LOCOMOTIVE WITH ESTIMATED DIMENSIONS AND

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WEIGHT EACH PARCEL AS REQUESTED ON SECOND AND PROBABLE NEED OF ARR FOR FLAT AND BOX CARS REPORTED AVAILABLE SAME DATE  
HAMPTON

231P

Anchorage March 3, 1942

PRIORITY

W. L. Kinsell  
Shop Superintendent McClain  
Northern Pacific Railway  
South Tacoma Washington

Following wire received from Hampton Assistant Director Division of Territories Washington D. C. March second quote Reured February twenty eighth please radio priority estimated dimensions of each parcel of knocked down locomotive at Seattle Dock also estimated weight of each parcel period this information required by QMC Office unquote Wire Hampton direct mesh giving information requested also wire me approximate date will have locomotive on Dock in Seattle

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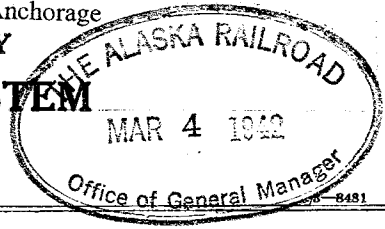
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COL O F OHLSON

THE ALS RR ANCHORAGE ALS

REURAD FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHTH PLEASE RADIO PRIORITY ESTIMATED DIMENSIONS  
 OF EACH PARCEL OF KNOCKED DOWN LOCOMOTIVE AT SEATTLE DOCK ALSO ESTILATED  
 HEIGHT OF EACH PARCEL PERIOD THIS INFORMATION REQUIRED BY OIG OFFICE

HAMPTON

ASST DIR

450P

*Handwritten:*  
 1-2-9106

411-107  
Engel

PRIORITY

Anchorage February 28, 1942

Ruth Hampton  
Acting Director  
Territories  
Interior  
Washington

Reurad twenty seventh all parts of the locomotive will be on dock

Seattle March tenth

Ohlson

Signed O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson General Manager.

Full Report

Admiral

Secretary of the Interior Dept

Washington DC

Enclosed herewith

All parts of the document

will be on desk Seattle

March 1944

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COL O F OHLSON

THE ALS RR ANCHORAGE

REURTEL NINETEENTH AND TWENTY SIXTH ON PURCHASE LOCOMOTIVE FROM NORTHERN  
PACIFIC IT IS ASSUMED THIS LOCOMOTIVE WILL BE KNOCKED DOWN AT SEATTLE  
BUT WAR DEPARTMENT STATES AS NECESSARY FOR ITS PURPOSE THAT LOCOMOTIVE  
BE COMPLETELY KNOCKED DOWN AND CRATED IN SEATTLE BY MARCH TENTH TO ALLOW  
FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE.. IT ABOARD TRANSPORT LEAVING SEATTLE MARCH  
TWENTIETH PERIOD PLEASE WIRE DIVISION PRIORITY WHETHER LOCOMOTIVE WILL  
BE READY BY THIS DATE AND WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED BY WAR DEPARTMENT  
THERE RELATIVE ITS TAKING OVER CUSTODY OF KNOCKED DOWN LOCOMOTIVE BY

DATE STATED

HAMPTON ASST DIR

303P

Anchorage February 25, 1942

Ruth Hampton  
Assistant Director  
Territories  
Interior  
Washington

Reurad twenty fifth Railroad has travelling crane on Seward Dock of sufficient capacity to lift all of the parts of the locomotive from Transport which will be done at Railroads expense and we appreciate the courtesy of War Department in handling this locomotive on Transport

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"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

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O. F. Ohlson General Manager.

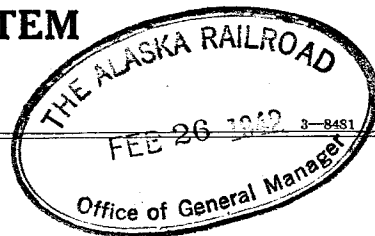


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GENL MGR THE ALS RR ANCHORAGE ALS

REFERENCE IS MADE TO CRATING AND SHIPPING LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASED FROM  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD WAR DEPARTMENT WISHES TO KNOW IF YOU  
CAN MAKE NECESSARY LIFTS TO TAKE MATERIAL OUT OF SHIP AS  
TRANSPORT NOT EQUIPPED TO DO THIS TWO CRATES WEIGHT THIRTY SIX  
TONS EACH AND ONE CRATE WEIGHTS TWENTY TONS PLEASE WIRE REPLY  
IMMEDIATELY

RUTH HAMPTON ASST DIRECTOR

325P