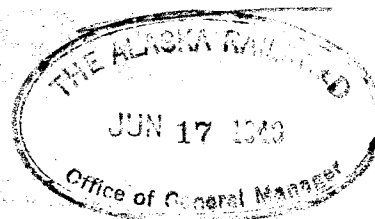


INITIAL CADRE TO
PT RICHARDSON



Anchorage - June 17, 1940

Mr. B. C. Elmes:

The ST MICHIEL is expected in Seward about June 25th or 26th with approximately 800 men. An advance contingent of men will be sent from the ship to Whitney to establish quarters and the balance of the men will be held in Seward two or three days pending the establishment of quarters at Whitney.

It is desired that when the troop movement is made that they be handled in two trains and we will, therefore, require all coaches available for this purpose. There is one coach coming in on the SS TANANA that should be immediately prepared for service. This would make a total of 11 coaches of which two are used on trains 1 and 2 and two on train 4 leaving seven available providing the movement is not made on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If used on those days four coaches would be used on Trains 3 and 4, and 5 and 6. It is quite probable that the troop movement will be made about the 28th or 29th and we should have seven coaches available. Also, have wooden coaches 1, 2, 3 and 81 and steel combination car 82. This would make a total of 12.

Also, desire that observation car KENAI and DENALI be placed in service and these cars equipped with sufficient chairs to make them serviceable. These two cars will be used on the rear of each train for officers.

The three Copper River cabooses are also to be put in the shop and benches put in these three cars so they will handle a maximum amount of men. This would make a total of 17 cars for this troop movement and arrangements should be made for the Mechanical Department to get these cars in shape for that service.

Two water cars are also required at Whitney. These cars should be prepared and ready for service to be sent to Whitney when advised.

J. T. Cunningham
Sup't. of Transportation

cc: W.A.S.