

The public experienced considerable difficulty on the new grades on either side of Eagle River during the latter part of the month. It was impossible to keep ahead with the sanding due to the many snow storms, and traffic became snarled up several times on this section.

The contractor on Section A has been hauling gravel from the pit in Mile 45, widening and raising the grade between Palmer and the Butte road, and has dozers and carryalls working on the line change east of Fort Richardson East Guard Station. The Resident Engineer is preparing an estimate on a proposed grade reduction on the west approach to the Eagle River span, and this will be submitted when completed. It is recommended that this grade change be made, due to extreme icing conditions found on this road during the winter months.

Arrangement with A for section thru Post

Anchorage Depot

Work on this project is proceeding rather slowly. The first interior coat of paint in the garage building is not yet completed. Some welding remains to be done, wheel guards poured around columns, insulation to be put on steam pipes etc. In the warehouse building, work is progressing more satisfactorily, though some materials are still short, including some of the glass and doors. The heating plant fuel tank is being welded, the stack is not yet up, and work will soon begin on excavating for the fuel tank.

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Miscellaneous

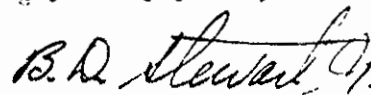
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The bridge at Bethel was completed during the month, and repairs to the bridge at Flat were made.

Foreman Stover is proceeding to Karluk to make repairs to the bridge damaged during a storm.

No reports have been received from Dillingham.

Very truly yours,



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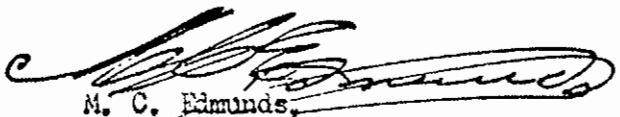
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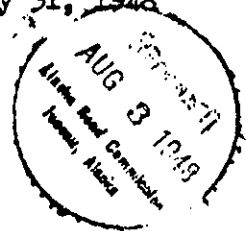
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The connecting of the Edlund road with the Knik road was completed during the month. The whole road was surfaced and it is now in good condition.

A total distance of new road is 2-3/4 miles.

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Work was started on a low road to connect the Snow Bird and the Fern Mining Company with the Little Susitna Inn, on the Little Susitna river, on the Archangel road.

One mile of road was opened up. Considerable powder was used in breaking up and removing large rocks which are common in this area.

Material was hauled for a bridge crossing Archangel Creek.

Palmer-Wasilla Road.

A bridge on one of the branch roads, 22' long was replaced near the Warden homestead.

Lucky Snot-Willow Station Road.

Four bridges which were in bad condition were repaired during the month.

Bridge at Mile 8, Deception Creek bridge at mile 24 and Thomas Creek and Shorty Creek bridge in mile 25.

The surface of the road was maintained with patrol during the month.

McKinley Park Road.

Reports from the Park sound like the "lamentations of Jeremiah". It seems everything went wrong this summer, including a large rock falling upon the D-8 tractor and possibly putting it out of commission entirely, at a time when both shovels and the 75 tractors were being repaired.

A couple of men out of the bridge crew were left at the Park to complete repairs when lumber arrives. It is reported out of Seattle on July 24th.

Heavy rain fell around the 20th of the month, and it is reported that the fill at the Toklat was again washed out, and the road blocked at Polychrome Pass, after the road has been put in good condition.

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Maintenance work was performed upon the Iliamna road during the month, snow removed, ditches and culverts opened up and some gravel hauled to soft places.

Newhalen Roads.

The extension of the road towards Lake Clark was completed during the month, and work started on connecting the school house with the village at the mouth of the Newhalen River.

This work will be completed the first week in August.

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Maintenance is being performed upon these roads, and some work done on the direct road between Peters Creek and Cache Creek, which is in general use during the winter months by mining outfits to the west of Cache Creek.

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Rainy weather also retarded operations in this vicinity.

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Some culverts were installed during the month.

Anchorage-Palmer Roads.

The gravel crushing plant gave considerable trouble, and was down for ten days around the end of the month.

During this period material was taken from the 15 mile pit, and hauled on the road between Eagle River and Peters Creek.

It is expected that this work will be completed about the 10th of August.

Brush was removed from the berm ditches cleaned out and back sloped, and the surface maintained with patrols.

At a meeting with Army officials regarding the paving of local roads, it appears almost certain that we will not be able to make any arrangements with them to get Fourth and Fifth Avenue paved, and Mr. Davis, of the Public Roads Administration, is including these projects in estimates which are being submitted for bids for paving the road from Anchorage to Palmer.

While he was not informed regarding the policy of doing work in the army reserve he also included the balance of the road thru the reserve which has not been surfaced.

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Anchorage-Potter Road.

The work on this project is making fair progress. The ground has been opened South up to the swamp at Station mile 514, and the swamp corduroyed to station 535.

Work has been started to connect with Fireweed Lane, the ground has been cleared and stripped to Campbell Creek, from station 115 to station 594, and the swamp South of Fireweed Lane is being filled by truck haul, where 1000 feet has been graded and 700 feet of swamp covered.

The removal of the black muck between stations 492 and 507 was completed early in the month, and the road partly graded.

The railroad survey has been completed to Potter, so that we have a point to tie in to.

Farm Roads.

Palmer-Eklund Road.

The remainder of the gravelling of this road was completed during the month, making 2-1/2 miles of completed gravelled road.

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This road was extended to the McNeeley homestead during the month, entailing an additional half mile of clearing, grubbing and stripping, and 1/4 mile of surfacing, completed this road for the time being.

Potter-Klatts Road.

The road partially constructed to last years camp was extended along the center line of section 19, to the west boundary, to open up ground for eight persons who are located in this area, giving an additional mile of farm road.

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Potter-Klatts Road - continued

This road may require extension later. Good gravel was available at the railroad but we ran into sand at the west end.

Medfra.

The work at Medfra is completed, and the equipment moved back to Takotna.

Medfra Airfield.

While the equipment was available considerable work was done; cleaning of brush, widening and lengthening the field which is now 125 feet wide and 2500 long.

An additional 50 feet was cleared, and 2000 feet of ditch made on both sides of the field.

Dillingham Roads.

Light maintenance was performed upon the road during the month, when most of the activity of the area is concentrated on fishing.

Kodiak Roads.

Maintenance is being performed, and the local roads are reported in good condition.

Glenn Highway.

This road has been in good condition during the month.

A washout occurred in the vicinity of Mile 69, near where the first detour connects with the original railroad alignment. Material was pushed over from the sidehill and this section is now in good condition.

Homer Roads.

The local roads were maintained with patrol, and some surfacing hauled to soft places.

No work was done towards extending the mill road in the vicinity of Fletchers homestead.

Seldovia Bridge

A small crew of four men started work towards the latter part of the month, on this project.

Anchorage Depot.

Work is in progress on the garage, the sides of the building are being erected and the work is estimated to be 60% complete.

Gothberg has a good supply of lumber and other materials on the ground, and the foundations are beginning to shape up. It is estimated that 10% of this work

Anchorage Depot. - continued

is completed.

Eagle River Bridge.

The steel for the Eagle River Bridge arrived at Anchorage and is being freighted to the site.

Camp is being erected and it is expected that the work of erection will start in about ten days.

General.

Public Roads Administration have been installed in our office, and are engaged in surveying the road between Anchorage and Palmer.

People still coming in over the highway, and certain classes of labor is plentiful altho' we seem to have difficulty in getting a baker for the Kotter camp.

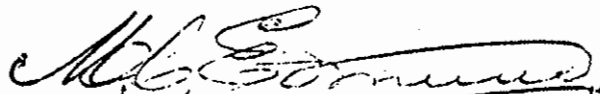
It is now definite that the agreement between the Army the Alaska Road Commission and the City of Anchorage regarding a cooperative agreement for blacktopping the local roads is cancelled and the PRA are including the roads in which we are interested with other roads in this area.

Hatchett is now located in Anchorage, and is getting broke in to office routine and public relations, which seem to take up a large portion of ones time these days.

Ben Peterson and I made a trip to Bethel and Dillingham during the month.

The WAA informed me that there was a surplus crushing plant at Skeneya which we could obtain without cost. It could be loaded with other supplies for Seattle (I understand without charge) and we could get it there.

Very truly yours,


M. J. Mumds,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

June 30, 1948

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of June is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, and some gravel and crushed material hauled to soft places where required.

The roads during the month were repaired so that they were in good condition by the end of the month.

Two carloads of lumber for bridge material arrived at Palmer and were unloaded during the month.

The Sno-Go plow returned from work at McKinley Park.

The Quickway shovel has been down waiting for parts since the 8th of the month.

Mountain Roads.

Roads to various mining properties were opened up on a cooperative basis during the month, and the road over the Hatcher Summit cleared of snow on the 18th.

Lucky Shot-Willow Station.

Materials were hauled to make repairs to the bridges at 8 mile and Deception creek during the month.

Both of these bridges were found to be in very poor condition when the road was opened up this spring.

Wasilla-Pittman.

Corduroy was cut to cover 900 feet of swamp during the month.

McKinley Park

Considerable delay was caused in opening up the road this spring due to

abnormal late heavy snow. A rapid run off caused a lot of damage to bridges and many slides to come down in sidehill areas, closing the road beyond the Toklat River.

A bridge crew was sent up from Anchorage, bents redriven on the Toklat bridge and repairs started on the Savage River bridge.

Slides were cleared up, and the road opened up for traffic at the latter part of the month.

Due to non arrival of lumber for repairing the decking and installing a guard rail on bridges, it is planned to bring the bridge crew, with the exception of a couple of men, to work on bridges, to Anchorage, for duty in this or the Kenai area.

Newhalen Roads.

A small crew is working on this project. They are using CAA equipment and are experiencing many breakdowns.

It is expected that this work will be completed the first week in September.

Talkeetna.

Maintenance is being performed upon these roads. Several small washouts were repaired and slides removed.

Some work is being done on the winter road between Peters Creek and Cache Creek as considerable freight is moved over this road during the spring for operations to the West of Cache Creek.

Russian River-Homer Road.

Kenai:

The summary of the work reported from Kenai is as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Cleared by Hand | 50 feet wide | .4 Miles |
| Cleared and Stripped | 70 feet wide | 11. " |
| Graded | 24 feet wide | 7. " |
| Moved by Carryall | | 125000. Cu. Yds. |
| Corduoyed | 18 feet wide | 3000. Lin. feet |
| Gravelling | 24 " " | 3. Miles |

Steel for the Kasilof River bridge was unloaded.

Homer:

A summary of the work reported from Homer follows:

The first twelve miles out of Homer are graded, with the exception of mile 8.

Swamps have been corduroyed and culverts installed for a distance of 14 miles and graded sufficiently so that this distance can be travelled with a pickup when conditions are favorable.

Russian River-Homer Road - cont'd.

Homer - continued

The dragline has been moved from the beach to a new pit at 11 mile. It is planned to use the large gravel carriers to connect with the gravel hauled from the beach.

The shovel and trucks are being moved ahead to cover swamp that is being corduroyed.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Graded | 24 feet wide | 0.5 miles |
| Corduoyed | 30 feet wide | 860. lin. feet |
| Culverts Installed | | 470 " " |
| Ditched with Powder | | 900 " " |

A checkup is being made of the progress of the work to date. As soon as this is done a report covering this will be forwarded to Juneau.

Surveys:

The survey of the missing link South of Kenai was completed during the month.

Anchorage Roads.

The Anchorage roads are in fair condition. There has been very little precipitation for the past three months, which is hard on maintenance of a gravel surfaced road.

Repairs were made to bridges in the railroad reserve, the army road and the Palmer road.

The surface was maintained on the main roads and the roads in Mountain View in which Mr. Metcalf was interested, and some culverts installed.

Anchorage-Palmer Road

The gravel crushing plant was operated during the early part of the month but was idle due to breakdown the last two weeks. Parts arrived the end of the month and it is expected the machine will be working in a couple of days.

Two miles of road between the two railroad crossings were covered with crushed material, and one mile covered with pit run material between Peters Creek and the military gate.

The hopper in the pit at Mile 15 was rebuilt before it could be used.

During the time the trap was being rebuilt considerable gravel was hauled on the road. This material was loaded by the portable loader out of banks adjacent to the road.

The bridge crew moved to Potter early in the month, finally ending up at McKinley Park.

Anchorage-Palmer Road - cont'd.

The road was maintained with patrols during the month, brush cut along the berm, some bank sloping done, and the fill at the lake in Mile 24 raised by dozer and visibility improved considerably.

The Army is placing a base of coarse material on the road North of the monument in the course of processing this road for surfacing.

Anchorage-Potter Road .

The work on this project is making fairly good progress. 0.4 miles of road was stripped and 1.7 miles graded during the month.

Culverts were installed in both Rabbit and Little Rabbit Creeks. Trucks are now able to travel South of Little Rabbit Creek without any hazard, and ~~xxxx~~ also about one-third of a mile beyond this creek to where tractors are working.

Some bad ground is encountered, possibly 1500 lin. feet, between stations 492 and 517, where solid ground is overlaid with black muck. About half of this ground has been removed and work is underway clearing off the balance.

Surveyors are running out new lines between the end of the work and Potter station. Van Zanten is back in town now and will be probably be put on this work. So far we have not been advised by the Railroad forces where their line will end.

Farm Roads.

Palmer-Eilund Road:

The progress on this road during the month consisted as follows:

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| Graded | .75 miles of road |
| Surfaced | 1.25 " |

Potter-Wells Road:

The work accomplished on this road is as follows:

| | | |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Cleared | 30 feet wide | 0.5 miles |
| Graded | 16 " " | 0.5 " |
| Surfaced | 16 " " | 0.75 " |

Medfra.

The work at Medfra is being closed, and it is expected that our equipment will be shipped down to Takotna about the middle of the month.

A tractor belonging to Walter Culver, a Caterpillar D-6, was purchased during the month and will be stationed at Takotna.

Dillingham.

Maintenance is being performed upon these roads.

The two new trucks arrived at Dillingham, and it is reported that the Sho-Go was delivered at Naknek, where it will be picked up by a local firm freighting in the Bay.

Kodiak.

Maintenance is being performed, and the roads are reported in good condition.

Glenn Highway.

Maintenance is being performed, and the roads are reported in good condition.

Homer Roads.

Maintenance was performed with patrols, and 645 cubic yards of gravel hauled to soft places.

The local roads are not in good condition.

It is planned to start working on a farm road in the vicinity of Fletchers early in July, provided a satisfactory agreement is made with Fletcher regarding the route to be followed in crossing his land.

So far no word has been received regarding plans for the construction of a new dock.

Seldovia.

Some material for the bridge across the slough is arriving. As soon as deliveries are completed arrangements will be made to construct the bridge.

The old bridge has been damaged further and is getting more dilapidated all the time.

Anchorage Depot.

The new garage is making good progress. The iron skeleton work is completed, and a Septic tank is under construction.

Mr. Gothberg has moved on to the site and has erected a small building for office and workshop.

General.

We still seem to have plenty of most kinds of labor available, altho we have difficulty in getting some men, such as pull grader operators, who have been scarce now for some years.

General - cont'd.

Newcomers are still coming in over the highway, and new settlers along the roads are increasing all the time.

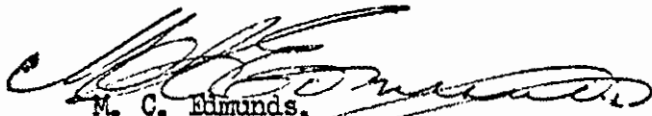
We are hiring a married woman to work in the office. Her husband works in a local garage, and we do not have the acute housing problem to contend with that we usually have with employees hired elsewhere.

FWA Men visited this district, going over the roads with Mr. Taylor, looking over the local roads with the view of calling for contracts for grading and asphaltting. Since Mr. Taylor left they have not contacted this office.

We have been in touch with the Army regarding a cooperative agreement on black topping local roads. So far letters have been exchanged and many conversations taken place, but no definite agreements or plans have been made so that the work can be started.

Hatchett is still tied ~~xxx~~ down to the Kenai job, and is not getting familiar with his new duties. Van Zanten returned to the office on July 2nd and will be used on some of the engineering work which has been postponed in this area.

Mr. Ed Taylor, of the Division of Territories, has been in this district for some time, and visited the local roads.


M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

May 31, 1948

Ike F. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of May is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads. This is the worst break-up, from the standard of the roads, for a good many years. Considerable gravel was hauled to soft places, and at times most of the local roads were impassable for short periods.

Wasilla-Pittman.

Corduroy was cut to cover swampy places.

McKinley Park.

Due to heavy snowfall and slow progress on snow removal the Sno-Go was sent to the Park to open up the road. The Alaska Railroad shipped the machine free for this work. No report has been received at the end of the month regarding progress, but it is believed that the road should be plowed out at the end of the month.

Mr. Been passed thru Anchorage during the month after attending a superintendents conference in the States.

Pedro Bay Airfield.

It has already been reported that an examination was made of the proposed field and that the location is satisfactory.

Newhalen Roads.

A small crew left for Iliamna on May 24th, to work on extending the road up the Newhalen River, extending the road from the School at Newhalen to the camp at the mouth of the river, and maintain the existing roads.

We are using equipment belonging to the CAA for this work, with the men boarding at the roadhouse.

Talkeetna.

Talkeetna.

A small crew under Foreman Mulvaney left for Talkeetna on May 26th to take care of the maintenance on these roads.

Russian River-Homer Road.

Kenai

The Kenai bridge was completed during the month, except for nailing down decking and putting on guard rails.

One of our older employees, Alec MacDonald, fell off the bridge on May 5th and was drowned.

The following work was accomplished:

| | | |
|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Graded | 24 feet wide | 2. miles |
| Stripped | 70 " " | 0.8 " |
| Corduroyed | 16 " " | 400. lin feet |

Maintenance. Did considerable work on both the Kenai and the Russian River end of the rodd, ditching, cleaning out culverts, removing slides and hauling gravel to soft places.

Built a 12-man portable camp on skids for stripping crew. Opened up the Moose Creek camp. Unloaded from barge and hauled to Kenai Depot approximately 20,000 gallons of gas and oil.

Homer

All swamps are corduroyed and culverts installed for a distance of 12 miles from Homer.

The fills are practically completed across the swamps for the first 11 miles, altho there is a lot more material to be moved by carryall in miles 8 and 9.

A coarse gravel deposit has been located 11 miles out of Homer which has been cleared and stripped and is available for filling some of the wet ground ahead with trucks and shovel.

The work accomplished during the month is as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|----------------|
| Corduroyed | 24 feet wide | | 1500 lin. feet |
| Culverts, installed | | | 550 " " |
| Ditched (with powder) | | | 1200 " " |
| Graded | 24 feet wide | 80% | 2 miles |
| " | " | 50% | 1 mile |

Surveys

Survey work on the portion of line South of the Kenai River toward Kasilof was underway during the month.

Anchorage Roads.

The spring breakup was particularly hard on the local roads this spring. We really had two periods when the roads were in very poor condition.

The maintenance crew was busy the greater part of the month hauling gravel to soft places.

If it had not been for the use of Tournapulls belonging to the Alaska Railroad during the month of March some of our main roads would have been impassable.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

After placing a stockpile of 2200 cubic yards of crushed material at Goat Creek, and covering soft places on the road, the crusher was moved to the pit at Eklutna on May 19th and 1800 cubic yards of crushed material stockpiled near the pit at the railroad crossing.

As soon as the bridge crew moves out of camp and there is room for additional men, more truckdrivers will be sent to the job and the gravelling of the road will get under way.

A snow slide came down in the vicinity of the Knik Bridge on the 18th, but did not reach the road.

Eklutna Bridge.

The work of widening and strengthening the Eklutna bridge was completed during the month. A temporary road was constructed to detour traffic around the bridge while construction was underway.

Anchorage-Potter Road.

Work is well underway on this road. Camp is now established at Rabbit Creek and about one-half mile of road cleared and stripped towards Little Rabbit Creek.

Considerable work was done cutting down grades and maintaining the road so that traffic could use it.

It is planned to start construction on the Wells road early in June.

The new work accomplished during the month follows:

| | | |
|----------|--------------|----------|
| Cleared | 80 feet wide | .5 miles |
| Stripped | 70 " " | .5 " |
| Graded | 24 feet wide | .6 " |
| Surfaced | | .1 " |

Medfra.

A few men were sent to Medfra to take care of the work on this road towards the end of the month.

Dillingham Roads.

Maintenance is being performed upon this road.

Kodiak Roads.

Maintenance is being performed upon these roads, which are now reported in good condition.

Glenn Highway.

All of the snow has been removed from this road, which is now in good condition.

Homer Roads.

Maintenance work, consisting of hauling gravel on the East road and patching soft places on the two roads leading to the bench, was performed during the month.

The roads were also maintained with patrol, ditches and culverts cleaned.

So far no further developments have come up regarding the construction of the dock.

Anchorage Depot.

The construction of the garage is going along nicely. Electricity and water has been brought to the site.

The contract for the warehouse has been awarded to the Gothberg Company.

General.

With the opening up of other activities a good many men are finding employment altho we have not had any difficulty in getting men so far.

There are a lot of new settlers on the Kenai Peninsula, most of whom are available for filling up the crews.

We were unfortunate in losing Foreman Roy Johnson, who was in charge of the Potter Crew, who was taken ill at Noon on May 23rd and died the same night.

We also lost Alec MacDonald during the construction of the bridge across the Kenai River, as mentioned before.

There is considerable activity in the Anchorage area with new people coming in and land being subdivided in all directions.

General - cont'd.


With the large amount of extra work necessary in signing up men and extra work entailed by additional reports and so forth, we have been on the lookout for some one to add to the office force.

While we have had a couple of prospects, so far we have not been able to get anyone.

Up to date Hatchett has been busy on the Kenai project. He came to town for a few days but should be here the greater part of the time to familiarize himself with the work.

Grammer and O'Malley left for Fairbanks on Wednesday, May 24th, by train, for duty in that district for the season, after running some line changes on the Anchorage-Palmer road.

Very truly yours,

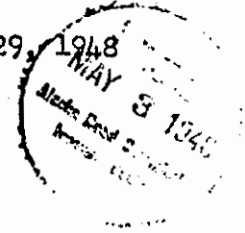

M. C. Edmonds,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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April 29, 1948



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Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of April is as follows:

Palmer, Roads.

Spring maintenance was performed upon the local roads, which are generally in good condition.

Cribbing was constructed for a distance of 700 feet on the upper side of the road on the right limit of Moose Creek, which it is hoped will prevent the periodical damage formerly caused by storm waters of this creek.

The cribbing was constructed from two to four large cottonwood logs high with ties every ten feet to back logs. The space between was filled with gravel hauled from the adjacent sidehill.

It is planned to place a rock "Sausage" at the foot of the cribbing later on when the ground is thawed.

Wasilla-Pittman.

Some timber is being cut for use as corduroy on this road.

McKinley Park.

The weather in the Park has been very inclement, with considerable snow, wind and cold weather.

The crew of five men have been working on overhaul during the month, and will start to move out the road to take care of the runoff early in May.

Mr. Been has been outside attending a superintendent's conference for some time.

Iliamna.

So far, I have been unable to get any information regarding the possibility of an airfield being constructed at Pedro Bay, but expect to find out whether it is feasible before making definite arrangements to send our tractor over.

Russian River-Homer Road.

Kenai.

The main work at Kenai during the month has been the construction of the bridge across the Kenai river.

Erected steel pier and permanent bents on the South side of the river. Drove 300 feet of falsework and moved piledriver across river. Erected 100 lineal feet of bridge.

Machines are being overhauled. Two men from the garage were sick at the end of the month. Alec McDonald with an eye injury, and Harry White with a bad case on tonsillitis and a slight attack of pneumonia. Both men were in Anchorage for treatment.

As White intended leaving the service of the Road Commission in a short time, Oliver Onkka was sent to Kenai on the 29th to replace him.

The roads were kept clear of snow and the berm widened on 50 miles of road.

The surface became soft towards the latter part of the month.

Frank Johnson is maintaining the road from the Moose Pass end, keeping water away and hauling gravel to soft places.

Homer.

A camp was constructed on skids, 10-1/4 miles from Homer, to accommodate thirty men.

Tractors and carryalls have been working out of Homer filling the worst of the swamps leaving about 400 feet of wet ground to be corduroyed and filled between Homer and the camp. One thousand feet have been corduroyed and six culverts installed.

Two miles of road have been 75% graded.

The hauling of gravel on the new road was discontinued for a week and considerable material hauled and spread on the local roads in order to keep traffic moving.

About 1/2 mile of road which had been surfaced previously on 55-C was re-gravelled to improve and make them passable during the breakup.

Russian River-Homer Road. - cont'd.

Surveys.

Due to snow conditions no work was done on surveys during the month, but this work will be started as soon as possible after May 1st.

Talkeetna.

It is planned to send a small crew to Talkeetna the latter part of May.

Anchorage Roads.

The breakup this year was hard on the roads. Increased traffic is also a contributing factor. The Spenard road was in very poor condition and the road from Anchorage to Mountain View also developed soft places and mud holes.

By the end of the month the worst places had dried up, and some gravel was hauled to keep traffic moving.

Some tournapulls were borrowed from The Alaska Railroad and used in gravelling the road from Anchorage to Mountain View and the Fireweed ~~Lane~~ road. these machines are certainly ideal for putting a lot of gravel quickly on long hauls.

Anchorage Palmer Road.

The crushing plant started up on April 26th, to complete the stock pile at Goat Creek and haul some material where needed on the road.

It is expected that it will be moved to the Pit at Eklutna in ten days or two weeks.

Knik Bridge.

Rock was hauled and placed around pier number two during the month.

Eklutna Bridge.

Preliminary work was undertaken to set up a camp at the Anchorage Light and Power Company premises at Eklutna, using their buildings and facilities.

It is planned to make a detour and construct a temporary bridge across the river during the time work is under way on widening the bridge.

Harry Mackey is going to be in charge of this work.

The road has been maintained with patrols, and is in good condition.

Anchorage-Potter Road.

Camp was established at Faroe Creek, in readiness for starting work on this route and taking care of maintenance. No progress is reported for April.

Roy Johnson is in charge of this camp.

Dillingham.

Arrangements have been made for the Army Transport Service to take the Sno-Go plow from Kodiak to Dillingham.

It is expected that it will be moved about the middle of May.

Kodiak.

Maintenance was performed upon this route which is in good condition.

Glenn Highway.

Most of the snow was removed from this route during the month, and the crew from mile 115 moved back to the camp at mile 88.

This road is reported to be in good condition.

Homer.

Graders have been working steadily maintaining the East end and other roads to keep traffic moving, and considerable gravel hauled with trucks and the DW-10s improving and repairing the worst places.

Mr. Metcalf has indicated that he will put up money for redriving the dock at Homer. Mr. Vic Rivers is doing the engineering work for him on this project.

Anchorage Warehouse.

Bids were opened for building the new warehouse at Anchorage. Bids were fairly close and Mr. Gothberg was the low bidder at 100,797.00.

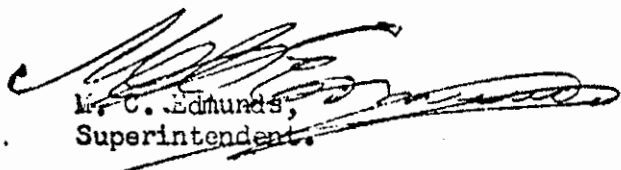
General.

The weather during the month has remained cold, holding up thawing of the ground.

There appears a surplus of men available looking for work.

Mr. Ghiglione left for Juneau on April 28th, to assume his new duties.

The new wireless telephones were installed at Anchorage and camps on the Kenai Peninsula during the month. With the new frequency the performance was satisfactory and a great improvement over that of last year.


Mr. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

March 31, 1948

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of March is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Winter maintenance was performed, and the roads opened up after storms.

Some work was done cutting timbers for rip rapping the road on the right limit of Moose Creek, on the Glenn Highway.

It is planned to haul some rock around pier number 2, of the Knik bridge, early in April.

McKinley Park.

Chet Diess left for the Park on March 19th. It is planned to put on four more men in April.

Russian River-Homer Road.

Kenai.

Completed parts room and moved parts from the old building where they had been stored to get out of the weather. This building is now used as a truck garage.

Hauled in some equipment from Hidden Creek and freighted 15 tons of oil, parts and lumber from Seward and Moose Pass.

Overhauled five Chevrolet trucks, one D-8, one D-7 and two HD-14 Tractors.

Kenai Bridge.

Cut and hauled piling and poles for braces and ties, hauled timbers from Kenai to the bridge site and re-built the piledriver.

Drove two false bents, two permanent bents and the steel pier on the North side of the river.

Russian River-Homer Road - continued

Homer.

One mile of road was graded during the month, bringing the grade to approximately one mile of Diamond Creek.

Two miles of road was gravelled with Euclid; and DW 10s.

An "Elephant" hut culvert, 60 feet long, was installed in Diamond Creek.

There is an additional 1200 yards needed to complete the fill across Diamond Creek. There was no good material available close to the fill for carryall work.

It is planned to use the Euclids and DW-10s to complete the fill when the dragline is in this vicinity.

Survey.

The map work has been completed of the located line.

Fuller was notified that he would have to take leave until we were able to start work on the portion of the road which has not been surveyed.

After the survey was completed he was to be given leave of absence.

He objected to taking leave at this time, and it is doubtful whether he will be available for the survey, which is alright as Hatchett can take care of this short survey.

Anchorage Roads.

Winter maintenance was performed upon the roads, snow removed, culverts opened up and ditches cleaned out in readiness for the breakup.

Storms at the end of the month caused snow to pile in various places.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

Same as Anchorage.

Cantwell Survey

In compliance with instructions from the Juneau office, plans for the above survey were cancelled for this season.

Dillingham.

A snow plow was purchased for this vicinity from the War Surplus, and feelers are being put out for getting it move from Kodiak to Dillingham.

Maintenance is being performed upon the road, which is subject to constant winds and drifting snow.

Dillingham - continued

During cold weather the road is packed down with the D-7 tractor instead of moving the snow off the road. This works fairly well as long as it remains cold but does not work when the weather warms up.

Kodiak.
Glenn Highway.

Winter maintenance was performed upon these routes. Considerable snow was removed during the month.

Homer.

The fill at the intersection of the Diamond Ridge road and the main road from Homer to Russian River was completed, and some surfacing placed.

Some spot gravelling was done on the road on the East,

Winter maintenance was performed and repairs made to the loading ramp.

Paxson-McKinley Park Survey.

The making of the maps was completed during the month.

General.

The weather was fairly cold, with high winds, particularly at the end of the month.

The following reports were forwarded to Juneau during the month:

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|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Financial Report | March 8th | (Form B-1 etc) |
| Financial Report (McKinley Pk) | March 9th | |
| Project Summary Sheets | March 24th | |
| Statement of Plant Account | March 31st | |
| Plant Record Cards | March 31st | |
| Bridge Report | March 31st | |

The paving of any local roads by contractors working for the army is indefinite for this summer. So far no funds have been appropriated for this work.

We have been unable to confirm the rumor that the Standard Oil is going to install tanks at Kenai.

Requisitions have been forwarded for a 38 foot bridge at Seldovia, and is being made up for the same span for Bethel, in accordance with instructions from Mr. Metcalf.


C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE ALASKA
FEBRUARY 29th, 1948

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Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of February is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Winter maintenance was performed, and the roads kept in good condition

McKinley Park.

It is planned to send Diess to the Park about the 19th of March, and to increase the crew by four other men on April 1st.

No mess will be maintained at the station, as meals can be obtained at the Alaska Railroad hotel.

Russian River- Homer Road.

Kenai.

Overhaul progressing, with the exception of several 4 x 4 trucks, expect to have all equipment in operating condition when construction starts.

Road maintained through from Russian River, and considerable traffic noted.

Bridge camp started, preliminary work of rigging driver, boiler and cleaning steel and bolts initiated.

Parts building erected out of remaining "Knock down" sections to allow using original truck shop for overhaul of trucks; large shop was not able to hold sufficient equipment to permit needed progress on truck and tractor overhaul.

Homer.

Grading completed to Diamond Creek and partially finished on hill North out of Diamond Creek.

Preparations made for installation of "Elephant Hut" culvert in Diamond Creek.

The overhaul of the equipment is progressing satisfactorily.

Surveys;

The work on the maps of the completed line practically completed.

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Anchorage Roads.

Winter maintenance was performed, and the roads kept in good condition.

Anchorage Palmer.

Winter maintenance, consisting of snow removal, sanding slippery places and picking ice, was performed, and the road kept in good condition.

A small snow slide came down in the vicinity of the Knik bridge, but did not extend entirely across the road so that traffic was not delayed.

Cantwell Survey.

The map work was completed during the month and Miller will be taking leave until such time as we are able to use him, which will probably be around the early part of April.

Dillingham.

Winter maintenance was performed upon this route during the month.

A bid has been submitted for one of the "Snogo" plows available for purchase by the War Assets Administration now located at Kodiak.

If our bid is accepted we will then try and make arrangements to get it moved to Dillingham.

Kodiak
Glenn Highway
Homer.

Winter maintenance was performed upon these routes, which were kept in good condition.

Faxon-McKinley Park Survey.

It is expected that these maps will be completed by March 15th

General.

With weather during the month was moderate, with some snow and a lot of sunshine. Ghiglione returned to the office February 5th.

Ghiglione, White and myself attended the conference at Juneau during the month. The office force busy on routine work. It is expected that cost accounts will be completed in readiness for forwarding to Juneau by March 19th.

Considerable time lost by employees on account of sickness during the month.

Lottsfeldt has advised that he is not interested in working at Nome.

It is rumored that the Standard Oil company is contemplating installing tanks at Kenai, if they are able to get a suitable site for their depot.


M. C. Edmunds, Sup't

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
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Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of January is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Considerable snow removal work was performed during the month, with three motor graders opening up 299 miles of road, and the Sno-go plowing out 16 miles of drifts on various routes.

Cinders were hauled on icy surfaces, mostly on the Anchorage Palmer road.

Glacial conditions were prevalent, and considerable work was required keeping ice off the road and in thawing out culverts.

McKinley Park.

Bids have been posted calling for furnishing piling for the McKinley Park road.

I was unable to contact any loggers on the Northern end of the Alaska Railroad and timbers will have to be obtained from this vicinity.

Russian River- Homer Road.

No work was done on the Northern end of this road apart from snow plowing, the section from Kenai to Russian River being plowed out three times during the month by motor grader.

Harry White, Jr, is in charge of the overhaul, with his family moving down to Kenai at the end of the month.

A small amount of construction work is underway out of Homer, where Rogers has three men covering a swamp with tractors and carryalls in the vicinity of Anchor River.

Tracings have been finished from Russian River to Kenai, and work is underway on maps South of the Kenai River.

There is a gap of about eight miles which has not been surveyed South of the Kenai River Crossing.

Crews are engaged in overhauling equipment at Kenai and Homer.

Anchorage Roads.

Snow removal was performed during the early part of the month until the roads were all opened up.

Later on when the weather was quite warm and the roads became covered with ice considerable sanding was done on hills and curves.

Anchorage-Palmer.

Snow was removed off the road during the early part of the month, and cinders hauled on the worst places when the surface became slippery. Warm winds from Prince William Sound come down the Knik River, thawing snow which turns to ice, creating greater hazards in the vicinity of the Knik bridge than on other parts of the road, particularly during wind storms.

Cantwell Survey.

Miller advises that the portion of the map from McKinley Park to Cantwell which has been located, has been completed and forwarded to the Juneau office.

He also expects to be thro with the balance of the map work in the first week of February.

He states that he will take leave after getting thro with the map work to take care of private work, until such time as we want him to report.

Dillingham

Winter maintenance is being performed upon this route, principally removing snow altho we are not giving very good service against conditions in this vicinity and available equipment, which has been covered in previous correspondence.

Kodiak.

Winter maintenance was performed upon local roads, consisting of picking ice, sanding slippery places and snow removal.

Glenn Highway.

The Glenn Highway was maintained in good condition during the month. Slippery places were sanded, considerable snow removed, ice kept off the road, rocks removed from sidehill sections and some culverts thawed out.

Homer.

Winter maintenance was performed upon the local roads, and snow removed.

A lot of clay was placed against the cribbing on the new road across Mud Bay, and some hauled on the road across the slough, where a lake was formed for use as a pontoon ship landing.

Seldovia Bridge.

Investigations have been started regarding the possibility of getting timbers for the replacement of the bridge across the slough at Seldovia, which has been covered by separate correspondence.

Paxson- McKinley Park Survey.

The work of mapping the survey conducted by Grammer is as follows at the end of the month.

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| Tracing- map only | 70% | " |
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Pedro Bay- Proposed Airstrip.

A letter has been written to Foss, and Williams, at Iliamna Bay, regarding possibilities of moving our tractor.

General.

Some snow fell during the early part of the month in the Anchorage area, and later on at Palmer and the Glenn highway.

Temperatures generally were warm and pleasant.

Harry White Sr, returned from his vacation and reported for work on January 20th. He advised that he would accept the position of master mechanic formerly occupied by Jack Coats.

Jack Coats physical condition is improving.

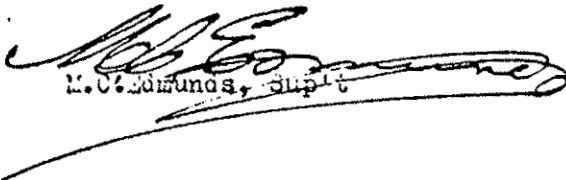
A letter from Ghiglione advises that is is beginning to travel North, that he is coming over the Alaska Highway, and will be back in time for the conference in Juneau on February 16th.

A Mr Cederstron. of the Geological Survey, connected with water table conditions in the Territory, is now making a survey of ice and glacial conditions in this vicinity.

The office force is busy working on routine matters, and collecting data for cost accounts and reports.

We have had an epidemic of flu and related sicknesses, and considerable time has been lost by employees during the month.

Two new Ford pickups arrived. The one I have been using is a very good car and anyone would be well pleased with it.


M.C. Edwards, Supt

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Gentlemen:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of December is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Considerable brush was cut during the month, until too much snow fell, when the work stopped.

1-1/4 miles of brush was cut by hand on one side of the Palmer-Matanuska road, and 2-1/2 miles cut on both sides with dozer on the Wasilla Palmer roads.

Culverts were thawed during the month, and 200 miles of roads cleaned of snow.

Anchorage Roads.

Mild weather during the early part of the month caused the roads to become slippery, requiring cinders on hills and curves to make them safe for traffic.

A heavy fall of snow at the end of month kept crews busy on snow removal.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

Same situation as at Anchorage, except that the weather was milder at Palmer than Anchorage, and the roads, particularly in the vicinity of the Knik bridge, were very slippery.

Eklutna Tail Race.

The "Elephant Hut" used as a culvert to take care of the drainage from the Eklutna Light and Power Company plant settled on the lower end about four feet and considerable erosion took place before it was noticed.

It was not possible to raise the lower end of the culvert without closing the road, so rock was hauled from the vicinity of the Knik bridge to bring the road back to normal for the time being and see how it works.

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Russian River-Homer.

Apart from mechanics repairing equipment and engineers working on maps, no work was done on this route during the month.

Two maps have been received in the office, on tracing cloth, covering 30 miles of located road from Kenai West. Some changes will have to be made in the map of the road from Kenai to the junction before it is turned in.

Cantwell.

Miller is working on the maps at Ketchikan, reporting that all lines have been completed on paper and that eight miles of line towards McKinley Park have been traced on cloth except profile.

Dillingham.

Maintenance is being performed upon the roads.

Kodiak.

Maintenance is being performed upon the roads.

An additional allotment of \$1500.00 will be required to take care of these roads to February 29th.

Homer.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, and snow removed.

Paxson Survey.

The work on the maps for the Paxson survey is as follows:

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| Profile and grades, in pencil | 95% " |
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General.

The weather during the month has been quite mild and no snow until December 30th and 31st when a heavy fall occurred.

Jack Coats is slowly improving.

Harry White expected back in a week or so.

Harry White, Jr., is at Kenai in charge of the overhaul work.

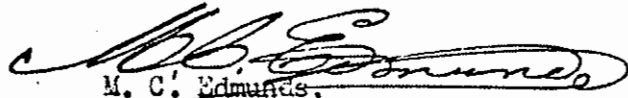
The office force working on routine work and preparing data for cost accounts.

The garage force overhauling equipment.

General - continued

Emil Schupp returned a few days ago, apparently in good condition.

Soberg was married about the 20th of December, and is now on vacation.


M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
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Mr Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska .

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern district for the month of November is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Palmer Fishhook Road.

Three miles of brush was cut with dozers on one side of the road during the month.

Palmer- Matanuska Road.

One mile of brush was cut on one side of these roads.

Wasilla- Finger Lake- Palmer Roads.

One mile of brush was cut on one side of the road, and 6 yards of cinders hauled to slippery places.

Palmer RR Crossing-Moose Creek.

A sump was constructed in the vicinity of the Buffalo junction. to get rid of water which collects in low places during the runoff in the spring. Ditches were deepened and two culverts installed to lead water into the sump. 6 yards of sinders were hauled to slippery places,

Edlund Road. (New work.)

A hopper was constructed on this road during the month, and 722 cu yds of gravel placed. One culvert was installed. Brush was cut along the old road for a distance of 1/2 mile on both sides of the road, and 6 yards of cinders hauled to slippery places.

All the Palmer roads were maintained with patrols and snow removed

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Anchorage Roads.

Mild weather and rain has caused the roads to become sheets of ice, and crews are kept busy putting cinders on curves and hills.

Anchorage- Palmer Roads.

Same as the Anchorage roads, except that some gravel had to be hauled in the vicinity of Palmer when the roads became soft.

Eagle River and Peters Creek Revisions.

The grading work on these projects was completed during October.

Anchorage- Potter.

No construction work done on this route. The survey of the proposed revision at Potter was completed and the map forwarded to Juneau.

Russian River- Homer.

The work on this project was completed in October, and equipment and supplies were hauled to the shops at Kenai and Homer for overhaul. This work is now on a winter basis.

The surveyors are working on maps.

Maintenance was performed upon both ends of the road, due to very mild weather

Cantwell.

Miller is working on the maps at home in Ketchikan, where he is working in the Forest Service quarters, where draughting equipment is available

Dillingham.

Maintenance is being performed upon the local roads.

Kodiak.

Maintenance is being performed.

Homer.

The soft weather of the past month caused some soft places to develop in the local roads, which were repaired by gravel haul.

The crib on the road across the slough was filled with gravel where it had settled.

Takotna.

The work at Takotna is closed down, everything put away, and Bayless is spending the winter at Fairbanks with his family.

Flat.

A request has been made to have the airfield cleared of snow occasionally and I have assumed an obligation not to exceed \$100.00 for this work.

General.

The weather during the month was quite mild, with rain and occasional snow, making the roads icy and hazardous.

Jack Coats is making good recovery as far as his limbs are concerned, he now sits up in a chair. His mind however is not functioning up to normal. I am informed that it takes much longer for the brain to clear up than the body.

I am afraid he cannot be considered as available for returning to work with the ARC, at least not for a very long time.

Ghiglione left for the States on vacation on November 15th, expecting to be away about three months.

Grammer is working on maps of the survey between Faxsons and the Susitna River with C'Malley helping on the drafting.

Harry White left for the States on November 28th, for a months vacation.

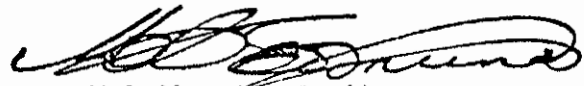
Harry White Jr, is going down to Kenai to take charge of the overhaul work early in December, which I believe will work out alright.

The office force working on routine work. It is expected that the Annual Report and Recommendations will be forwarded to Juneau within one week.

The garage force busy overhauling equipment and helping the maintenance crew take care of the local roads.

Emil Schupp left about a week ago for Portland, where he is to be operated upon for Hernia, and Ralph Soberg plans on getting married about the middle of December.

Arrangements have been made to have Fred Poorman take charge of the work in the Takotna District during the coming summer.



M. C. Edmunds, Sup't

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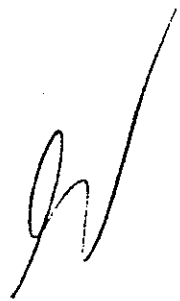
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From Taylor Junction Alaska

To Edwards Road Commission Anchorage

Radio your progress report for month November

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



October 31, 1947

Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of October is as follows:

Mountain Roads

Some gravel was hauled on this route during the month, and stakes set up to mark the road during the winter.

Palmer - Fishhook

Brush was cut alongside the road, with dozer, for a distance of 1/2 mile on both sides of the road, and for 2 miles on one side, during the month, and the surface maintained with patrols.

Palmer - Matanuska Roads

Brush was cut by hand and moved by dozer for a distance of 1 mile on one side of the road on this route and the surface patrolled. One-half mile of snow fence erected for winter.

Palmer - Moose Creek

The surface of this road was maintained with patrols, and 70 yards of gravel hauled to a soft place which rutted up.

Edlund Extension (Farm Road)

Due to inclement weather, and the lack of equipment to load gravel, no surfacing was done on this route. A quarter mile of side hill road was graded, and timber cut for corduroy. Some sections of the road are very wet, and it is doubtful whether we will be able to do much more work on this route this year.

The work accomplished to date follows:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Cleared | 2.75 miles |
| Stripped | 2.75 " |
| Graded | 1.00 " |
| Surfaced | None |

McKinley Park

The bunk house was removed to a new location North of the warehouse and garage and connected with the hotel water and power. A septic tank was built; the temporary garage was completed, and electricity installed. The work in the Park was completed and the crew returned to town on October 28th.

Talkeetna

The work in the Talkeetna area closed down, and the crew returned to town early in the month.

Anchorage Depot

According to advices received from the Juneau office, bids were awarded to the J. B. Warrack Company for the erection of a new garage in the vicinity of Fourth Avenue and the Airport.

Two quonset huts are being erected on the site for warehousing our supplies and the one now used in the railroad yards for a bunkhouse is also being moved to the new site.

Anchorage Roads

The Anchorage roads are in good condition. A considerable number of culverts were installed and ditches cleaned out, particularly in the vicinity of the airport, where there is a heavy run-off during the breakup.

Spenard Roads

The Spenard roads were maintained in good condition. Some culverts were installed, ditches cleaned out by shovel on Chester Creek and some surfacing placed.

Anchorage - Palmer Road

Maintenance was performed with patrols, brush removed from the side of the road with dozer and culverts were cleaned out.

Peters Creek Revision

Rains hampered operations a great deal during the past month, but grading operations were practically completed by the end of the month. The status of the Eagle River and Peters Creek revisions are as follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Cleared | 2.3 miles |
| Stripped | 2.3 " |
| Graded | 2.3 " |
| Surfaced | None |

No further work is contemplated on these two projects until steel arrives for the bridges to be erected. Piling for falsework has been cut.

Anchorage - Potter

The work on this project was brought to a close at the end of the month. Most of the work done during the month consisted of widening and raising the surfacing, doing a little grading and moving material off the top of some steep knolls into low places so that settlers in the vicinity of Rabbit Creek could use the road during the winter. A road was dozed out South of Rabbit Creek to permit travel up on the bench.

It is surprising the number of new settlers homesteading along this route.

The work accomplished to date on this route is as follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Cleared | 6.1 miles |
| Stripped | 5.1 " |
| Graded | 3.7 " |
| Surfaced | 2.5 " |

A preliminary line is being run between Little Rabbit Creek and Potter in accordance with instructions from Mr. Taylor, who questioned the original location.

Russian River - Homer

Fairly good progress has been made on this route during the month, after the rainy weather stopped.

Moose Pass

Camp was moved to Moose River, where grading is completed to within 2 miles of Moose River. One grading crew with carryalls is working between Moose River and Kenai, working out of Moose River the greater part of the month and Kenai at the end of the month. One crew was working out of the rock camp finishing up grading.

| | | |
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| Cleared and Stripped, 70 feet wide | 0.8 miles | |
| Grading, 24 feet wide, about 90% completed | 6.3 " | |
| Moving by carryall | | 80,000 cu. yds |

No gravelling was done during October.

Kenai

Steel and piling have all been hauled to the bridge camp, site prepared and some tent frames moved.

Two mechanics have been busy getting ready for the winter, hauling oil, steel and making up requisitions for winter overhaul.

Homer

The grubbing and stripping crew were camped at Anchor River at the end of the month. It is hoped that they will be able to get to the bridge site before work closes down so that the bridge crew will be connected with Homer by truck after freeze-up.

The work accomplished is as follows:

| | |
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| Cleared, Grubbed and Stripped, 80 ft. wide | 3.5 miles |
| Grubbed and Stripped | 1.5 " |
| Graded | .5 " |
| Graded, 25% completed | 2.0 " |

The lumber stored on the spit at Homer was hauled to the depot. Repairs were made to the lower end of culvert in No. 1 fill which was extended 10 feet, hauled 60 yards of gravel to fill and put 32 feet of culvert in road above fill to take care of drainage.

Surveys

At the end of the month, Fuller tied in to Wilson's line at his stationing 4570 plus 00 which is approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Deep Creek. This was station 1976 plus 99 on Fuller's line, which started 5.2 miles north of the Kasilof River. Fuller has completed an additional 5 miles of "P" line north of his 00 station towards the Kenai River which will be "L" line when curves are run in, leaving approximately 4 miles unsurveyed. This line is mostly tangent. It is planned to complete the unsurveyed portion in the spring when the bridge is completed, working out of Soldotna.

Camp is closed down, equipment sent to Homer and Fuller moved to Kenai.

The work accomplished to date is as follows:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Cleared | 62.2 miles |
| Stripped | 56.9 " |
| Graded | 39.6 " |
| Surfaced | 19.7 " |
| Surveyed | 120.6 " |

CANTWELL

The survey work on this route was completed during the month and the crew returned to town. Supplies were stored in the quonset hut erected at Cantwell.

Arrangements were made for us to get a lease of land from the Alaska Railroad for depot purposes. Deeds were also obtained from John Carlson for a Right of Way for the road where it crosses his property and for a plot of land for depot and storage facilities. Deeds will be forwarded to Nenana in a few days for recording.

Miller is leaving for Ketchikan on the 31st. In view of the housing situation, arrangements have been made for him to make the maps at home in Ketchikan.

Total length of located line 11 miles

Dillingham

Work on repairing the Klondyke bridge was abandoned due to heavy snow. The Scandinavian Creek Flat was covered with gravel and raised about 1½ feet and the roads opened up for traffic.

Kodiak

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, buildings from the Anton Larson Bay area erected adjoining the garage and the work on repairing the Cape Chiniak road for the army completed. The crew is now reduced to two men who will be on a 40 hour week basis after October 31st.

Glenn Highway

Maintenance was performed upon this route during the month and some brush cut. The weather tightened up during the month and some snow fell. The Quickway shovel cleaned out ditches and slides.

It is planned to leave the crew at mile 41 and have two additional men at mile 115 during the winter.

Homer

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, leaving them in good condition. Logs and stumps were removed from both sides of the Spit road to widen it and prevent snow from drifting across the road.

Now that the fill across the slough is used as a dam for the lake constructed above for a pontoon plane landing, the wave action erodes the upper side of the road. 300 feet of cribbing was constructed to protect the fill, and no doubt, more will be required in the future.

20 feet of 15" culvert was installed and 362 cu. yds. of gravel placed on the Diamond Creek road.

Takotna

Maintenance work at Takotna closed down during the month. Inventories are being taken and supplies stored for the winter.

Bayless had been offered a job on the Glenn Highway, but preferred to stay in the Takotna district for the winter, where he has acquired an interest in a mining prospect near Medfra.

It is planned to make a change in the Takotna setup next summer. So far, no definite plans have been made but we are considering putting Poorman in charge of this work. He has done very well at Flat, is energetic, interested, gets along well with people, keeps everything ship shape and is good at paper work.

Flat

The main work done at Flat during the month consisted of freighting materials for and erecting the Otter Creek bridge, which was finished except for the decking and completing fills at abutments.

Inventories were taken and the work closed down around the 10th of the month.

General

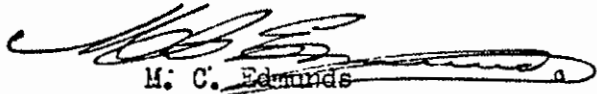
The weather during the fore part of the month was quite wet, but tightened up later, with frost gradually going down deeper into the ground. With the exception of a few small jobs, which may be continued for a couple of weeks, all of the ~~major~~ construction projects are being closed down this month. While the weather is clear and fairly good, it is believed good business closing down and not try to keep working. The last day the shovel worked on the Potter job we lost half a day getting started.

Jack Coats had a slight stroke on October 30th, and it appears now that he will not be able to return to work with us.

Cunningham is working a half day each day at the garage and apparently getting along all right.

Lottsfeldt started working for us at the garage about the middle of the month.

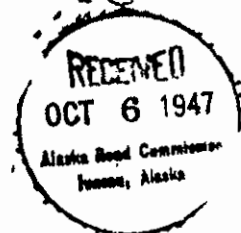
Grammer returned from the Park - Richardson Highway survey early in the month, and is working on the maps for this project keeping O'Malley, who is a good draftsman, on to help with this work.


M. C. Edmunds
Superintendent

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

September 27, 1947

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of September is as follows:

Mountain Roads.

Heavy continuous rains caused some slides on this route, which were removed.

Palmer Roads.

The roads in the Palmer area were maintained with patrols during the month, and are in good condition.

Repairs were made to the two bridges across Wasilla Creek, on the Palmer-Fishhook and the Wasilla-Palmer road.

Repairs were made to the bridge across the outlet of Wasilla Creek, on Route 35-H.

Heavy rains caused washouts along the Little Susitna River, at the site of the bridge crossing and near Monument rock, which were repaired.

Palmer-Moose Creek, 35-I.

On September 18th heavy rains caused Moose Creek to leave its regular channel about 1/4 mile above the bridge and run down by the old railroad grade, washing out 160 feet of road. The creek was changed back to the old channel and the road rebuilt. The road was closed to traffic for two days.

Some gravel was hauled to a soft place on one of the farm roads.

Edlund Road Extension, 35-J.

Completed clearing and stripping on this route--2-3/4 miles 60 feet wide corduroy laid 300 lin. feet.

3/4 of a mile graded 24 feet wide from the end of the Edlund road.

McKinley Park.

The two miles of road in the vicinity of miles 70 and 72 were gravelled during the month.

Brush was cut in the worst places between Igloo and the Railroad Depot.

600 cubic yards of rock was hauled to the center fill on the Toklat River where the West stream had run along the bank and caused erosion.

The small office building was removed to a new position in line with the warehouse.

A tent garage, boarded at the sides, size 18' by 30' was erected for a temporary garage.

The parking place for planes was constructed alongside the field, in the vicinity of the railroad depot.

Maintenance was performed with patrols, keeping the road surface smooth.

The crew was reduced to four men on the 27th of the month, and it is expected that the work will close down by the end of October.

Talkeetna.

Maintenance was performed upon this route, and surfacing hauled in the vicinity of mile 13.

It is expected that this crew will close down early in October.

Iliamna.

Some surfacing and ditching was performed upon this route during the month.

Russian River-Homer.

The work accomplished during the month, which was retarded by steady rains, is as follows:

At Moose Pass:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Cleared and Stripped | 70 ft wide | 15 miles |
| Graded | 24 ft wide | 5 miles |
| Moving with carryall and dozers | | |
| Gravelled | 24 ft wide | 2 miles |

The main camp was moved from Hidden Creek to Moose Creek during the month.

At Kenai:

Repair of equipment is under way.

Steel is being hauled to the site.

Russian River-Homer - continued

At Kenai - cont'd.

The two quonset huts were erected.

At Homer:

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cleared | 70 feet wide (on line change) | 1 mile |
| Grubbed and Stripped | 70 " | 2 " |
| Graded | 24 " | 1 " |

The stripped section North of Diamond Creek graded sufficiently to move camp.
Corduroyed 24 ft wide 2000. lin ft
Ditched South of Diamond Creek, and installed culverts 3500. "

Will be moving Diamond Creek camp 4-1/2 miles at the end of the month and continue grubbing and stripping.

There has been a lot of rain during the month and it was not practical to attempt to do too much grading. The work of grubbing and clearing is not interrupted too much by wet weather.

Surveys:

The survey has been completed to Ninilchik, and camp was moved at the end of the month to Deep Creek.

Located 13 miles

The total accomplished to date on this project is as follows:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Cleared | 57.9 miles |
| Stripped | 52.6 " |
| Graded | 32.8 " |
| Surfaced | 19.7 " |
| Surveys | 29.0 " |

Anchorage Roads.

The Anchorage roads have been maintained with patrols, and are in fair condition.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

Maintenance was performed with motor patrols, brush cut with dozer, and some sections scarified and large rocks removed, in some cases powder was required.

Culverts were cleaned and some extensions made.

A line change was made in the vicinity of Mink Creek.

Knik Bridge.

Soundings were taken of the stream bed of the Knik River after the annual high water.

Farm (Clark) Road.

The surfacing of this road was completed during the month, 636 cubic yards of gravel being hauled from the Katanuska Rive bar, loaded with the truck shovel.

The total work accomplished on the two farm roads in the Palmer area at the end of the month as follows:

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Cleared | 5.55 miles. |
| Stripped | 5.55 " |
| Graded | 3.55 " |
| Surfaced | 2.8 " |

Eagle River Revision.

Grading reported completed last month.

Peters Creek Revision.

Grading on this project is 65% completed.

Continuous rains retarded operations a great deal, and tractors were moved away from this job to make emergency repairs where high water had washed out the road, delaying this project.

The total work accomplished on these two projects to date as follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Cleared | 2.3 miles |
| Stripped | 2.3 " |
| Graded | 2.1 " |
| Surfaced | 0. " |

Potter Creek Road.

Work progressed steadily on this project, gravelling was completed to Campbell Creek on the 16th, and cars now travel by means of the Spenard road.

Work is underway widening the gravel surface, low places which settled during the heavy rains are being raised and additional culverts are being installed.

A small amount of work was done with the tractor, but considerable mechanical trouble occurred.

The way things are shaping up, it seems that it will take the greater part of October to complete the Peters Creek Revision, and that it will not be worth while to move the grading camp to Rabbit Creek this year, as the camp will be required for putting in the bridges next spring.

Potter Creek Road - continued

The status of the completed work to date is as follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Cleared | 5.8 miles |
| Stripped | 4.3 " |
| Graded | 2.5 " |
| Surfaced | 1.8 " |

Cantwell.

Reconnaissance trips were made during the month, and the route over the Windy Creek summit and down Riley Creek was accepted as being the most feasible route for the road to McKinley Park.

A quonset hut was erected at Cantwell station for sleeping quarters, and for storage of supplies when the work is completed.

Four miles of line was located during the month.

At the end of the month camp was moved to one of the ranger cabins, about six miles from Cantwell.

Total line surveyed at the end of the month 9 Miles

Dillingham.

The main work accomplished at Dillingham consisted of completing the repairs to the Scandinavian Creek, the Andrews Creek and the Klondyke Creek bridges.

Maintenance was performed, and some low swampy places raised.

Kodiak.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads.

Buildings from the Larson Bay area were moved to our depot.

Repairs to the Cape Chiniak road, undertaken for the army on a reimbursement basis, was started during the month, with the crew camping with one of the farmers in the vicinity.

Glenn Highway.

Maintenance was performed with motor patrols.

Brush was cut with mowing machine between Sutton and 41 mile.

Heavy rains during the middle of the month caused considerable sluffing on sidehill sections and filling of ditches.

Erosion occurred at the right limit of Granite Creek bridge, where 75 yards of rock was hauled to the bridge end to replace material washed away.

Homer.

The main work done in the Homer area consisted of regravelling approximately two miles of the spit road with carryall, gravelling 3/4 mile of the Brandvold road and corduroying 300 feet of swamp connecting the Diamond Ridge road with Route 55-C.

Culverts were cleaned, extended and staked where necessary.

The surface was maintained with motor patrols.

Takotna.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, chiefly repairing bridges and surfacing soft places.

Flat.

Light maintenance was performed upon the local roads, and preparations made to get started on replacing the Otter Creek bridge when the materials arrive.

Flat Airfield.

The grading and surfacing of the field is completed, and levelling with the motor grader is under way.

More surfacing should be placed next year. All the fine material that was available was cleaned up and new roads will have to be built to get additional gravel.

A total of 1700 cubic yards was put on the field.

A strip fifty feet wide was cleared of brush the entire length of the field, making the width 200 feet, clearing four acres.

Medfra.

The work at Medfra was completed on the 11th of the month, when Ueck left for Anchorage.

Brush was cut on shoulders from the landing of the 7 mile post, and used for corduroy in mile 5. and 600 feet of brush laid in miles 2, 3 and 4.

Bridge approaches were filled in, ditches cleaned out and material hauled on road. Lateral ditches were cleared of snags, opened up and deepened, culvert markers put up, and 600 feet of new road built around a wet place.

A portable loading trap was constructed.

Two bridges were repaired, one in mile 1 and the other in mile 4.4 and a new bridge constructed at mile 4.8. Two timber culverts were replaced with 100-gal oil drums.

Medfra - continued

Latest reports from the Kuskokwim indicate that the river boat will not make a trip to Medfra again this season, therefore, our equipment will have to remain there until the boat goes up next spring.

Medfra Airfield.

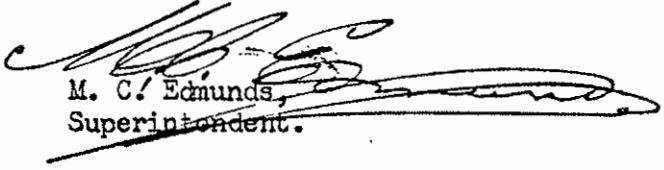
Brush, which was encroaching on the field, was cut for a width of fifty ft. of approximately 2-1/2 acres, leaving this field in good condition.

General.

Jack Coatw and Cuningham have both returned to work, putting in half a day only. Both men seem to be getting along alright.

Five contractors have obtained plans and specifications for bidding on the new buildings.

Weather during the month was generally wet, and detrimental to construction activities, with damage occurring to the roads in the Little Susitna canyon and on 96-B.


M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

DATE Sept. 12, 1947

FILE NO.

SUBJECT—

Juneau Office . . . DISTRICT

REFERENCE— Anchorage Situation report, your letter of Sept 8

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Your assumption that the 3 miles of clearing at Homer was by dozers is correct however the report was made in accordance with Mr. Taylor's instructions. He has requested that we show monthly the total amount of clearing, stripping, grading, and surfacing; taking credit for clearing in heavy timber even if it is handled in one operation with the stripping.

The mile of swampy ground is mostly on the south side of Diamond Creek, I'll admit that we all walked over this ground and thought it would be good but on opening it up it was found full of water with no bottom. This is now the missing link in Rogers line since he has accomplished considerable grading past that point but can't work up this section very well in our wet weather.

We have finally pinned down the line through Cantwell towards the Park. Miller made reconnaissance trips both through the Windy Riley route and down the railroad. The Park Service indicated that they would just as soon have us come down the railroad and since the line was around six miles shorter we had to give it serious consideration. The line up into the Windy Creek has always been planned as you described it in your letter - that is over the flat divide from Cantwell, not down to the mouth of Windy and up from there. Millers preliminary line was east of the Jack River, straightening out and pinning down Mac's line, also going up over the rock bluff instead of around (about three miles east of the bridge), Ike walked this line and agrees that it will be better. Miller has also worked on the line through Cantwell, avoiding as much of the swamp as possible, and is now working towards the Park.

A. F. Ghiglieri
A. F. Ghiglieri
Asst. Supt.

September 8, 1947

Anchorage

Situation Report for August

In looking over your situation report for August, it is noted you show on Route 55C at Homer, 3 miles of clearing, 60 feet wide done during the month. The intention was to do no hand clearing unless necessary on steep side hills, furthermore it is not believed that 3 miles could be done in one month with your Homer crew. It is believed this is in error and that the trees were pushed off with dozers as a part of the Grubbing and Stripping.

You refer to one mile of swamp between the end of the grading and the ridge on the north side of Diamond Creek. Though I have walked this line several times, the swamp is not familiar. There are two or three short sections of wet ground, the aggregate about 1/4 mile, excepting for the wet slope on the right limit of Diamond Creek.

On page 4, (Cantwell) you state "five miles of preliminary run on right limit of Jack River with intent on of crossing this stream below present bridge site." Was this for the purpose of reaching the mouth of Windy Creek or a part of the contemplated route down the right limit of the Nenana. If the former, it is believed to be a mistake, as there is an ideal location from Cantwell Station to a point several miles up Windy Creek via Sinyon Creek and a flat divide. If a location down the Nenana is desired, it would be preferable to take on two crossings of the Nenana as against crossing Jack River and following the left limit. One of these crossings would be near the mouth of the Nenana and the other above Yanert Station. I am familiar with the country between these two crossing having been on the first railroad survey which took this route, all very good country and cheap construction.

It is noted from bill of lading recently received that the balance of your Dillingham lumber is enroute.

Hawley Sterling
Asst. Chief Engineer

HS:pmi

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE ALASKA
AUGUST 31st, 1947

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Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of August is as follows:

Mountain Roads.

Light maintenance was performed upon these roads during the month.

Palmer Roads.

These roads were maintained with patrols during the month, and are in good condition. Gravel was removed from some sections of road which were abandoned during the construction of the Glenn Highway, in accordance with the recent request from Mr Don Irwin.

Edlund Road Extension. 35-J.

A bridge 14ft by 36 ft was constructed across Cottonwood Creek, one quarter mile of road cleared and 500 ft of corduroy laid.

McKinley Park.

Maintenance was performed upon the Park roads, including repairs made after high water had run across the road in the vicinity of 9 mile.

Tests were made for bridge foundations at the Toklat River.

A HD7 tractor, dump truck, camp outfit and sundry tools and supplies were shipped to Cantwell for use of the survey party.

Asnowfall on August 3rd closed the road for one day to traffic.

Talkeetna.

Maintenance was performed upon this route, chiefly between Elwells and Cache Creek.

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Iliamna.

Light maintenance was performed upon this route.

Russian River- Homer.

The work accomplished during the month follows.

At Moose Pass.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cleared and stripped, | 70 ft wide | | 2.7 miles |
| Graded, | 26 " | | 2.1 " |
| " | 24 " | | 3.0 " |
| Gravelled | 24 " | | 7.0 " |
| | Moved with carryall scrapers | 125,000 cu yds | |
| | " " dozers | 52,000 " | |
| | " " Shovel and trucks | 4,500 " | |
| Rock, Excavated | | | 4500.0 cu yds |

At Kenai.

Repairing of equipment is under way, with Darnell in charge of this work.

Steel for the Kenai River bridge is being hauled to the bridge site. Two quanset huts, from Seward, are being erected.

At Homer.

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|----------|
| Cleared | 80 ft wide | 3. miles |
| Grubbed and stripped | 70 " | 3.25 " |
| Graded | 24 " | .25 " |
| Gravelled | 24 " | 1. " |

The portion cleared is in heavy timber, North of Diamond Creek, close to the clearing done by contract last winter.

The gravel was hauled between four and five miles. on grades between 4 and 7 per cent. It was loaded and hauled with equipment brought from Haines and the two DM10 wagons purchased from Putnam.

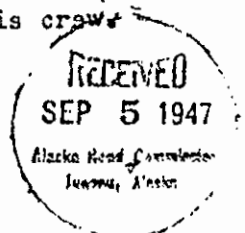
There is one mile of very wet ground between the end of the grading and the ridge on the North side of Diamond Creek. There is a gravel deposit near the creek which will be available for filling the swamp when accessible.

Surveys.

8 miles of located line was run and 2-1/2 miles of preliminary line, bringing the line to a point approximately half way between Kasilof and Ninilchik.

Camp was moved from Clam Gulch to within two miles of Ninilchik, travelling by way of the beach.

Some trouble was experienced with the dozer tractor used by this crew



The total work accomplished to date on this project follows:

| | | |
|----------|------------|---------------|
| Cleared | 41.9 miles | |
| Stripped | 35.6 " | |
| Graded | 26.8 " | |
| Surfaced | 17.7 " | |
| Surveys | 16.0 " | (this year.) |

Anchorage Roads.

The Anchorage roads have been maintained with patrols and are in good condition.

A small washout on the KFD road was repaired

Anchorage- Palmer Road.

Maintenance was performed with patrols, spot surfacing placed and brush cut by hand and by dozer.

Clay was hauled from Palmer to the Marsh homestead, in mile 46, covering an area where pole corduroy, which was continually coming to the surface, was removed.

A stretch of road between the Eklutna Bridge and the railroad crossing near the Anchorage Power station, was scarified and considerable oversize rocks thrown off the road. Clay was hauled on this section and some fine material on a part of the road as an experiment towards improving the surface,

Farm Road.(Clark road.)

Some additional surfacing was placed upon this road during the month, covering 0.4 miles.

The work accomplished on the two farm projects at Palmer to date follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Cleared | 3.8 miles |
| Stripped | 3.8 " |
| Graded | 2.8 " |
| Surfaced | 1.4 " |

Eagle River Revision.

The grading on this project is completed as far as practicable until the bridge across Eagle River is constructed.

The grading is 95% completed.

Peters Creek Revision.

A good start has been made on this line change. Fills have been started on both ends, the creek water diverted to a new channel, and the connection at the Anchorage end stripped and partly graded. Carryall scarapers from Eagle River will be moved to this job in a few days. It is estimated that the grading on this project is 20% completed.

Anchorage-Potter

Fairly good progress is being made on this job. Most of the work accomplished during the month being the continuation of the gravelling, laying of corduroy, installing culverts and completing the grading started last month.

The work done during the month follows:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Cleared | 0.5 miles |
| Stripped | 0.3 " |
| Corduroyed, 10 ft wide | 3200. lin feet |
| Gravelling, placed | 3320. cu yds |
| Culverts, installed | 6. |
| Graded | 0.4 miles |

At the end of the month there was a gap of one half mile to connect the gravelled surface with the existing road at Campbell Creek.

The road being pushed thro to connect with the Anchorage system of roads is narrow, it is settling considerably during rains, and much more work will be required before the road will be brought up to the standard of other roads in this vicinity.

When a mile of road is reported as being gravelled, this applies to a low standard road and is not intended as a report on a finished road.

Gravelling is applied to both grading and surfacing.

The work accomplished to date follows:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cleared | 5.8 miles |
| Stripped | 4.3 " |
| Graded | 2.2 xxx " |
| with grader | 0.4 miles |
| with shovel and trucks | 1.8 " |
| Surfaced | 1.4 " |

Cantwell.

Due to difficulties in keeping the survey crew moved and supplies freighted, it was decided to work from the Cantwell end, revising the line already located and investigating the possibilities of finding the best route to continue the road to McKinley Park.

A reconnaissance trip was made over the head of Windy Creek down Riley Creek where a crossing was made in the vicinity of the railroad bridge. Miller reports that the route as feasible and that a very good location could be worked out.

Five miles of preliminary line was run on the right limit of Jack River, with the intention of crossing this stream below the present bridgesite.

Mr Been, in conversation with Chiglione regarding the Park connection, stated that as far as he was concerned he would prefer the location to follow the Nenana River than Windy Creek.

According to the map the railroad route would be about 8 miles shorter than the Windy route.

Two quancet huts are being erected at Cantwell station, for quarters and for warehouse purposes.

The items of work accomplished follows:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Surveyed, located line | 5 miles |
|------------------------|---------|

Dillingham.

The chief work at Dillingham during the month consisted of repairs to the Scandinavian Creek bridge.

Lumber arrived at Dillingham this summer, but we were short 70 stringers out of 100 ordered, so will have to quit finishing other bridges. Unless Larson is able to get timber locally he will have to cut down on the number of stringers on the Scandinavian bridge. So far we have had no report as to what action he has taken.

Kodiak.

Maintenance has been performed upon the base road, and improvements made to the Mission road, consisting of widening and surfacing.

Some buildings which were abandoned by the Army at the end of the Anton Larson Bay road are being moved to our depot in town.

A request has been made by the Army for us to make repairs to the Chiniak Cape road, and for us to take over the maintenance of this road in the future.

Homer.

The main work done at Homer during the month consisted of grading 1/2 mile of road and sanding 2-3/4 miles on the Diamond Ridge road, and gravelling 1/2 mile of road on both roads leading to the upper bench.

There remains 600 feet of swamp to be corduroyed and covered to complete the connection of the Diamond Ridge road and the new main road.

No further work was done on the road to the East, on the lower bench.

Glenn Highway.

Maintenance was performed upon this route, which is in good condition.

A start was made cutting brush near Kings River, but wet weather kept the crew busy on other work.

In several places the river is encroaching on the road, altho not enough to cause hazard.

Takotna.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, ditches cleaned out, bridges repaired and soft places surfaced.

The bridges across the Tataline River and Gaines Creek were painted, and part of the Takotna bridge painted.

Arrangements were made to convert an old building, size 16 ft by 20 ft used as a warehouse, into a garage, and to build a lean-to on to it for a parts room.

It is proposed to transfer Bayless to the maintenance camp at mile 88, on the Glenn Highway at the end of the seasons work and send another man to Takotna next season.

Flat.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, which are in good condition.

Beams and lumber for the Otter Creek bridge were shipped from Anchorage near the end of the month.

Flat Creek Airfield.

A start was made widening this field to a width of 150 feet, brush was cut and some deep dredge ponds filled. One of the local miners, Pete Miscovich, gave us the use of a D-8 tractor for three days, without charge, for this work.

Some further levelling will have to be done, and fine material hauled for surfacing.

Medfra.

The status of this work is uncertain. A tractor used at the mine to furnish power broke down, and the tractor we were using had to be taken to the mine.

Parts laying around here for a week waiting for Clint Winans were finally shipped by Alaska Airlines. Whether they moved out of McGrath is not known.

If parts did not arrive and Ueek ran out of work, he will probably return promptly.

General.

Our offices were moved from the railroad yards to the West Penthouse of the Federal building on August 3rd, making a big improvement as far as the business and force is concerned.

The ACS has been very helpful, installing a telephone connection with their switchboard at a time when the city operators were on strike, and having their men install our wireless telephone, which is underway at this time.


We have no word as to Coats and Cunningham returning to work. Coats seems to be getting along quite well--probably while he is resting up at home--but I doubt whether Cunningham will come back. While he seems to be getting along fairly well at time other times he is not so good. He is getting along in years and does not pick up like a younger man.

Specifications for the depot were sent to Juneau on the 14th of August.

General Steese left for Fairbanks by plane late in July.

The weather has been generally favorable for construction work during the month, with occasional heavy rains.

There are no surplus men available for most classes of labor. Repeated calls to the employment office fail to get results, with the exception of truck drivers.


M. C. Egan,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

August 11, 1947

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of July is as follows:

Mountain Roads. 35-A

Very little work was done on the mountain roads during the month, apart from repairing a bridge on the Archangel road, repairing the bridge across Reed Creek, on the Gold mint road, and doing some work on this road so that cars could travel over. Interested miners cooperated on this project.

The bridge across Craigie Creek, near the Lucky Shot Mine, was redecked during the month.

Edlund Road Extension. 35-J

3/4 mile of new road was grubbed and stripped 60 feet wide from the Knik road and timbers hauled to Cottonwood Creek to construct the bridge.

Palmer Roads.

These roads were maintained during the month, and are in good condition.

McKinley Park Roads.

Maintenance was performed upon the roads, ditches cleaned out and some brush removed.

Two shovels were in operation, cleaning up slides and ditches, and surfacing.

The warehouse from East Fork was removed to Toklat during the month.

Talkeetna.

Maintenance is being performed upon this route, and a short stretch of road was opened up along Peters Creek.

The new road down Long Creek was completed.

Cache Creek Airport.

Maintenance was performed upon this field during the month. Two saugages

Cache Creek Airport - continued

were constructed for riprap, large rocks removed and the surface smoothed.

Peters Creek Airport.

The surface of this field was smoothed up and ruts levelled leaving it in good condition.

Russian River-Homer.

The work accomplished on the Moose Pass end is as follows:

| | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>Graded.</u> complete | 26 feet wide | 2.8 miles |
| including moved with carryall scrapers | | 60521 cu yds |
| " | shovel and trucks | 9026 " |
| " | dozers. est | 56000 " |
| Corduroyed, | 12 feet wide | 450. lin feet |
| Cleared and stripped, | 80 ft wide | 2.5 miles |
| Rock work, excavated | | 6424. cu yds |
| feet of holes drilled | 5045 | |

Helped move and load 12 quonset huts for Anchorage and 2 for Cantwell, together with 3000 ft lumber for McKinley Park.
Three quonset huts, 5000 BM ft lumber, together with windows, doors, benches, etc, were moved into the ARC storage at Seward.

Kenai End:

The work on this end consisted of repairing equipment and opening up the Tote road towards Hidden Creek.

Considerable time was lost with both crews, Hidden Creek and Kenai, fighting fire on our own and cooperating with the Army who used equipment furnished by the Alaska Road Commission.

Homer End:

Good progress has been made on the Homer end, the main fills have been completed and grubbing and stripping is in progress.

The equipment from Haines arrived and is in use.

Surveys:

A line has been located from Kasilof North to within about ^{5 or 7 gmt} 3 miles of the Kenai River.

The camp is now established at Clam Gulch, about 13 miles below the mouth of the Kasilof River.

2-1/2 miles of line has been located, and 2 miles of preliminary line run from this camp towards the Kasilof River.

Lowell Point Project.

This project has been completed.

Anchorage Roads.

These roads have been maintained in good condition during the month.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

Maintenance has been performed upon this route, with some low places being raised and brush cut along the road.

Corduroy near the Marsh homestead, in mile 46, was taken out.

Eagle River Revision.

With the arrival of the four new International tractors, the work on this change is making much better progress.

The whole location, where level, has been grubbed and stripped, and it is estimated that the carryall work will be completed as far as practicable by the middle of August.

This work is about 60% completed.

Peters Creek.

Work was also started on this change from both ends, this work is approximately 6 % completed.

Clark Road. (Farm Road)

600 yds of gravel was hauled to the Clark Road from the bed of the Matanuska River during low stage of water. More gravel will be required later but this leaves this road in fairly good condition.

A home for children, formerly located at Valdez, is being constructed on this road, and it will have to be put in shape so that school busses will be able to operate during the winter months.

Eklutna Tail Race.

An "Elephant hut", 10 foot diameter, was installed in this stream and a fill made replacing the 64 feet pile bridge which was constructed in 1936.

180 cubic yards of rock was hauled for riprap to protect the toe of the fill.

So far this culvert seems to work very satisfactorily, and the replacement of the bridge removes a bad hazard.

Knik River

The glacier broke on July 26th this year, reaching the high of 15 feet 5 inches on August 1st.

Knik River - continued

Considerable drift piled up against the trestle, requiring one box of dynamite to loosen it up.

Anchorage-Potter Road.

Fairly good progress is being made on this project, a narrow road is being surfaced ~~in gravel~~ from a gravel pit three miles south to connect with the end of the existing road at Campbell Creek.

The work accomplished during the month is as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Corduroyed | 10 feet | 6700 lin feet |
| Gravelling, placed | | 5100 Cu yds |
| Culverts, installed (21" by 30 ft.) | | 2. |
| Stripped | 60 feet wide | 2. miles |

The status of the work at the end of the month was as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Cleared, Grubbed, Stripped 60 feet wide | 3. miles |
| Graded 3/4 mile - 40% | .3 miles |
| Gravelled | 1.75 miles |

It is estimated that the road will be connected early in September.

Cantwell.

A start was made towards getting a survey party on the ground to work on the survey from Cantwell towards the Richardson Highway. No maintenance has been done on this route since 1935, and it was in very poor condition. Sidehill areas were all sluffed in, with the exception of the bridge across Seattle Creek, which was alright except for being undermined on both ends, and eroded in places. All of the other native bridges and culverts were either broken down or washed away.

Before the survey crew can get to the end of McDonalds survey a lot of work will have to be done so that supplies can be moved.

It is planned to send Mackey down to Cantwell to put in narrow culverts, corduroy wet places, repair bridges, place some gravel, and take care of freighting operations, leaving the surveyors free to get ahead and start work.

One HD seven tractor with dozer, one MK tractor, one dump truck and one six by six truck (belonging to the Alaska Railroad) is in use on this project.

It is planned to send a boat, with outboard motor, up from Kenai, to be used for freighting on the Nenana River and to be available for crossing the Susitna River when they reach this point.

By using the boat on the Nenana River (from 20 mile to Brushkana Creek) and the truck out as far from Cantwell as possible, it will save a tractor from making the trip.

Dillingham

Maintenance is again being performed upon the road, after the period when the men were engaged in fishing.

Colorado.

The work on this route was completed early in the month.

The bolts on the 100 ft span across the West Fork were tightened up.

A channel was dozed 250 feet long, average width 50 feet to divert water into channel and away from the end of the bridge.

One 36" culvert at the forks on the coal branch road was replaced with a 4 ft by 7 ft wood culvert.

A diversion channel was opened up on the left limit of the Middle Fork to keep the stream from encroaching on the road.

Kodiak.

Maintenance and improvements is being performed upon this route. The widening of the road to the base has been completed and guard rail erected.

Glenn Highway.

Maintenance was performed upon this route, which is in good condition.

A small amount of erosion has taken place during the month. The drum riprap near Kings River had to be reinforced, and some cutting was done near Chickaloon.

Takotna.

Maintenance was performed upon the local roads, which are in fair condition. The first boat of the season arrived during the month, and were freighted to the mining camps.

Flat.

Brush was cut along the roads, ditches cleaned out with grader, and 660 cubic yards of gravel hauled, principally on the road between Iditerod and Flat.

So far the beams for the Otter Creek bridge has not arrived.

Medfra.

Foreman Ueek is at Medfra repairing the road. It is expected that the work will be completed as far as funds permit about the middle of August.

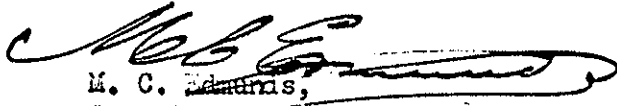
General.

Many people still coming to this area from the States, and settling along the roads wherever they can find a place to sit down, particularly on the Anchorage-Palmer road between Eagle River and Mile 24.

General. - continued

The weather has been dry the greater part of the month, favorable for construction activity, altho some days were rainy.

There is still a scarcity of good men, except truckdrivers.


M. C. Edwards,
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

July 3, 1947

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the month of June is as follows:

Mountain Roads

Some snow removal work was done during the month, the road to the Gold Chord Mine, on the Little Susitna watershed, and the Lilo Kelly Mine on the Willow Creek slope, were opened up.

The road over the Hatcher Pass was opened up on June 13th.

Palmer Roads

The roads in the valley were maintained during the month, and are in good condition.

McKinley Park

A small crew is engaged at the Park maintaining the road. It is planned to erect a tent garage near the site of the old garage to take care of repairing equipment this summer.

A D-8 tractor was shipped from the Park to Fairbanks during the month.

The road was graded to the Park boundary, spot gravelled and regraded to Mile 17. The side road around Park headquarters was gravelled.

The unsightly remnants of the fire at the depot was cleaned up, leaving the place presentable looking.

Edlund Road Extension

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Apart from scouting around to find a suitable route, the cutting of corduroy cover 200 lin feet, no work was done on this project during the month.

When the Clark road is completed the crew will move down to work on this connection.

Talkeetna

A small crew under foreman Mulvaney left Anchorage on June 3rd, to work in this vicinity.

No report has been received regarding the work done. The mail service is very

Talkeetna - continued

erratic and uncertain, depending to a great extent upon travellers passing by.

Russian River-Homer

Moose Pass

A fire of undermined origin caused considerable damage to the country between Moose Pass and Kenai during the month, causing loss of tent buildings, one truck and one pickup, considerable parts for repairing equipment, construction materials, including 8 tons of dynamite, and some personal losses amongst employees.

A great deal of time was lost fighting fire and trying to prevent it from spreading, mostly without avail.

The work accomplished at this end follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Rock Drilled | 4000 feet |
| Rock Blasted | 1600 cu. yds. |
| Corduroy laid, 12 feet wide | 700 lin feet |
| Cleared, by hand, 60 feet wide | 800 lin feet |
| Stripped, 60 feet wide | 5300 lin feet |
| Graded, 26 feet wide, completed | 1.5 miles |
| Graded, 26 feet wide, 50% completed | 1. mile |

One pickup truck was shipped to Moose Pass from Anchorage.

A wireless telephone was installed at the Hidden Creek camp. It is now working fairly satisfactory. Our present office in the railroad yards, with equipment and high voltage lines, is not ideal for radio reception but on the average we manage to carry on conversations which facilitate our operations.

Kenai end

The work at the Kenai end consisted chiefly of repairs to equipment, working on the tote road, unloading of materials, including steel for the Kenai River bridge, and fighting fire.

Four D-8 tractors, five trucks, a motor grader and one pickup were moved over the Tote road to the crews at Moose Pass, arriving there on July 1st.

Two tractors, one four-by-four truck, camp equipment and supplies were shipped to Kasilof for use of the survey party, by barge.

Homer

Four D-8 tractors have been operating, two with carryalls part of the time, working on four large fills.

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| Fill No. 1 | is | 80% complete |
| Fill No. 2 | is | 60% " |
| Fill No. 3 | is | 90% " |
| Fill No. 4 | is | 25% " |

226 lin feet of 24" culvert has been installed in Fill No. 1, and 120 lin feet of 15" culvert in Fill No. 4.

Russian River-Homer

Homer - continued

Fairly good progress is being made, a great improvement over last years work.

Surveys

A crew under Kent Fuller is engaged in surveying the route between Kenai and Kasilof. It is believed that 8 miles of located line has been run.

Hatchett is engaged with the Moose Pass crews, lining up the rock and other work ahead of the construction crew.

Lowell Point Project

Good progress has been made on this work--it is expected that it will be completed by July 15th.

Anchorage Roads

The Anchorage roads have been maintained in fairly good condition.

Considerable work has been performed upon bridges in the vicinity of Anchorage. Several of the bridges over the years have been getting into a bad state of disrepair, finally getting to a point where they were dangerous and something had to be done.

A bent was placed under the Chester Creek bridge, on the Spenard road.

The abutment of the bridge across Ship Creek, on the Fourth Avenue Road was planked up and a hole under the black top filled with gravel. Traffic was carried by the blacktop until it failed and a hole appeared.

The Bents of the Ship Creek bridge, in the railroad yards, were blocked up so that the caps rested on the piling, and the piling braced so that they supported the caps.

The Peters Creek bridge, on the Palmer road, was raised and timbers which had failed replaced, leaving this bridge in good condition.

The bridge across the tail race, the filling of which was delayed waiting for elephant huts to be freighted from Kenai, was braced up and gravel hauled at the ends of both abutments, removing the hazard of this bridge breaking down.

The caps of the Goat Creek bridge were braced to prevent further movement.

A bent was placed under the bridge across Campbell Creek, at the end of the Lake Otis road, to permit settlers to the South to connect with the Anchorage system of roads, and permit light equipment to cross the bridge. Running planks were also placed on the bridge.

Large convoys are frequently going over the roads to Fairbanks, loads frequently reach 20 tons, some heavier. The lack of lumber has held back repairs for some years, which makes a bad situation, particularly in view of increased and heavier traffic.

Anchorage Depot

Plans for the new Depot and estimates are about completed. A separate letter is being forwarded on this subject.

Anchorage Palmer Road

The main work done on this route consists of the line change at Eagle River where a camp was established early in the month.

Two small carryall tractors, with D-7 tractors, and one D-7 with dozer, have been engaged on this work. Considerable time was lost waiting for parts to repair tractors. One carryall was used fixing up the tractor road to our camp at Potter Creek and also in eliminating a frost hazard on the Fourth Avenue road in readiness for blacktopping.

8500 cubic yards was moved by carryalls, the road opened up on the left limit so that trucks could travel to camp, and a temporary road constructed from Eagle River bridge to camp, which is located near the location on the river bottom.

With the arrival of the four new tractors, it is hoped to make a better showing on this project.

Some brush was cleared off the side of road in the vicinity of Mile 24, with the small D-4 tractor, and a gravel trap constructed near the Power Plant, where material is available for filling the tail race.

Considerable work was done on the Clark road, in the vicinity of the Matanuska bridge, as follows:

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| Cleared and stripped, 60 feet wide | 2.75 miles |
| Graded, 18 ft top | 2.25 miles |
| Corduroyed, 13 ft wide | 320. lin feet |
| Gravelled. None placed. | |
| Culverts installed 56 feet of 21" | |
| Culverts installed 71 feet of 18" | |

Knik River Bridge

We have not been able to get any more lumber for decking the Knik River bridge. Chiefly on account of forest fires destroying timber.

Fourth Avenue Road

Considerable work was performed upon this road, eliminating a section which contained clay, ^{causing} a high bump to appear in the road during the winter months.

A railroad hoe was used on this job. A ditch which drained a lake was excavated to a depth of six feet, and the material in the road in the vicinity excavated and replaced with gravel.

A stratum of clay crossed the road at this point, preventing the free flow of drainage water which froze during the winter months, when surface drainage closed up.

Medfra

It is planned to complete the gravelling of this road during July, when the Culver tractor will be available for this work.

It is expected that this work will be started about July 8th, after the holidays.

Ed Ueck is being sent over to take charge of this work.

Dillingham

Maintenance was performed upon the roads in this vicinity, which are in good condition.

Anchorage-Potter

The work on this project is well under way. The tractor road from Campbell airport has been put in shape so that it can be travelled by cars.

The Speeder shovel was hauled to the location on a trailer borrowed from the Alaska Railroad, and trucks and other equipment moved over this road. There was no siding on the Alaska Railroad in the vicinity, and this was the logical way to move our equipment.

The crew is camped near mile 105.5 on the Alaska Railroad, boarding at one of the settlers.

The road has been stripped from sta. 265, where our gravel pit is located to sta. 327, at Faroe Creek, and a road dozed out down to Little Rabbit Creek, sta. 473, which trucks can travel over, permitting settlers in this area to connect with the road system and travel to Anchorage.

The road has been surfaced 16 feet wide from sta. 230 to sta. 265, crossing the first swamp, and the swamp at Faroe Creek covered.

The items of work accomplished follows:

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| Cleared, grubbed and stripped, 60 ft wide | 1.2 miles |
| Graded | none. |
| Gravelled, 16 feet wide | .67 " |
| Tractor road, in shape for trucks--good weather | 5. miles |

Colorado

A small crew of 5 men are engaged in maintenance work at Colorado. It is expected that this work will be finished about July 7th, when foreman Ueck will go to Medfra.

Kodiak

The work at Kodiak is getting along well, the main road to the base has been widened. Apart from stringing cable, the guard rail along the road to the base has been completed.

Kodiak - continued

Gravel was hauled to the Mission road, and three culverts installed.

The Navy has been very co-operative in furnishing equipment for widening the road and loading trucks.

The Army was tentatively enquiring regarding the possibility of the Alaska Road Commission maintaining some of their roads outside the Navy reserve on a reimbursement basis. I informed them that we would be glad to do this work provided that we were able to get equipment.

Glenn Highway

The Glenn Highway has been maintained and is in good condition. Heavy rains in the vicinity of Long Lake caused several small road and mud slides during the month.

Takotna

The roads in the Takotna area have been maintained, and are in better condition than they have been for some years at this time.

Bayless has made an informal arrangement with the owners of a sawmill for us to get lumber. The bridges are all in very poor condition and lumber is needed badly to repair them.

He is also in hopes of getting some lumber for the construction of a garage but it is doubtful whether we can get sufficient for this purpose.

Flat

Maintenance is being performed at Flat, and the roads are in good condition. As soon as the steel beams arrive at Flat the bridge across Otter Creek will be replaced. It is planned to send Mackey over to do this work.

General

The weather generally has been dry and hot, favorable for construction activities, but bad for forest fires, particularly in the Kenai area.

Jack Coats is recovering rapidly, his condition is very encouraging, and it is now expected that he will be able to return to work before too long.

Mr. Cuninghame has been under the weather the past few days, in the hospital. It looked bad for him for awhile, but he has had two blood transfusions and is now much better. It is hoped he will be able to return in a week or ten days.

There are lots of new people coming to this vicinity, and there is a surplus of most kinds of labor, except grader men.

Mr. Sterling left for Juneau on the 20th. He has been in poor physical shape all summer and used good judgment in taking steps to correct his condition.

M C Edmunds
M. C. Edmunds, / *MEG*
Superintendent.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

June 6, 1947

Mr. Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the month of May is as follows:

Mountain Roads

Maintenance was started on the mountain roads during the month, with ditches and culverts being opened up, and water drained away from the roads.

The road to the Kabel and the Snowbird mines, on the Archangel branch, was plowed out during the month, on a cooperative basis with miners interested.

The road to the Gold Chord mine and the one leading to Willow Creek, will be opened up early in June, on the same basis.

Palmer-Wasilla Road

The road from the Four Corners to the crossing of Wasilla Creek, was raised one foot by gravel haul, to get away from ice conditions during the winter and spring.

Wasilla-Matanuska Road

A new gravel trap was constructed on this route, and the branch road raised in a low place in section 18, to eliminate glacial conditions which caused hazards during the winter months.

McKinley Park

A small crew was engaged in overhauling equipment, maintaining the road and plowing snow, opening up the road to the Kantishna during the month.

A fire destroyed the ARC garage and blacksmith shop on May 23rd. While a few small tools were saved, everything else was a total loss.

The mechanics kept busy working on the road with the maintenance crew for the time being until such time as plans are formulated to suit changed conditions.

Talkeetna

A small crew of five will be leaving Anchorage on June 3rd to take care of the maintenance on the Talkeetna roads.

It was intended starting a week earlier, but due to the ferryman being out of town we had to wait a week for him to return.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Russian River-Homer Road

The main work done at the Moose Pass end consisted of getting organized for repairing equipment, erecting a garage, maintaining the road and starting up a rock crew.

328 lin feet of holes were drilled, 75 feet of corduroy laid, 12 feet wide and 75 feet of 18 inch culvert installed.

The main work done at Kenai consisted of overhauling equipment, three tractors were dismantled and partly overhauled.

Two barge loads of lumber were unloaded, and a floor put in the blacksmith shop.

A man was sent to Kenai to replace Ben Peterson in taking charge of the overhaul work, and Foreman Teague was employed as a foreman in opening up and putting the tote road in condition for summer travel.

On the Homer end the main work consisted of grubbing and stripping one mile of road, and making a fill with dozers. Two D-8 tractors were engaged in this work, and it is expected that a third one will be in shape about June 2nd.

A meat house was built and a platform constructed for handling diesel oil. The Creuger clearing contract has been completed, and vouchers are being prepared so that payment may be made for the work.

Surveys

A survey crew, under Kent Fuller, is engaged in surveying a location between Kenai and Kasilof, and the crossing of the Kasilof River. Five miles of line was located during the month.

Lowell Point Buildings

It is planned to start dismantling these buildings early in June, getting a local man, Malcolm, to do this work.

Anchorage Roads

The Anchorage roads have been maintained, and some surfacing placed to take care of soft places which developed during the breakup.

Anchorage Depot

Plans for the new depot are nearly completed, waiting for Van Zanten to get some levels of the proposed site, so that foundations and sewage disposal can be figured on.

According to reports, we should be able to move into the Federal Building some time in June.

Anchorage-Palmer Road

Considerable soft places developed between Eagle River and Peters Creek during the month requiring surfacing.

A start was made opening up the proposed revision at Eagle River. The entire

Anchorage-Palmer Road - cont'd

line was cleared and stripped.

A camp will be erected at Eagle River early in June.

Eklutna Tail Race

It is planned to install an "Elephant Hut" to replace the present bridge across the stream at Eklutna and fill up the opening. This work will be done early in June.

Knik Bridge

The portal brace on the left limit of the Knik Bridge was damaged during the month by a freighter taking equipment across the bridge.

The openings between the running planks are being closed, planks being obtained when ever available, from a local sawmill.

Dillingham

A new arrangement is being tried out at Dillingham this summer, keeping the local man, Larson, on as foreman instead of sending a man from Anchorage.

Larson will be off fishing for about three weeks, but it is not anticipated that any particular damage will occur during this period, and if it does, Larson will be available to take care of any emergency.

Kodiak

The work at Kodiak is progressing very satisfactorily. Stover has been able to obtain the use of Navy equipment, including a 22B shovel, for sloping the banks of the rock cuts, and for gravelling. A compressor and Jackhammer was also used for making holes for posts for guard rail.

The Galion grader purchased from Surplus is in good shape and working very satisfactorily. Local mechanics seem to have a prejudice against the Galion machines which is not based upon facts.

Anchorage-Potter

A couple of men have been working stripping and grubbing the Potter road also fixing up the tractor road so that we can drive to the job with cars.

A gravel pit has been stripped and work can be started on gravelling across swamps as soon as a shovel can be transported.

Arrangements have been made for local people to furnish meals, eliminating at least temporarily, the need for a camp for this project.

Glenn Highway

With the exception of some soft places between Palmer and Moose Creek, this road is thawed out and in good condition.

Homer

324 cu yards of gravel was hauled to soft places, and 12 miles of road smoothed up with motor grader.

Takotna

The spring work in the Takotna district started up on May 15th.

Flat

The work at Flat has been underway all month. Trucks have been overhauled and the tractor will be worked over as soon as parts are freighted from Takotna.

Medfra

Mr. Walter Culver has returned to Anchorage, and indicated that we will be able to get the use of their tractor sometime during the month of June, in which case we will finish up this work and arrange to get the equipment moved back to Takotna.

General

The weather has been very favorable during the month, and no washouts or other mishaps has occurred so far this month.


Jack Coats, who started to work half shifts each day, is back home now and it is indefinite when he will return to work.

Van Zanten has been down in the Homer area the greater part of the month.

There is a surplus of men looking for work this spring.

Mr. Taylor visited this district at the end of the month, and Mr. Charles Sterling also visited Hawley.

After a long delay, due to shortage of funds, the work is now opening up in fairly good shape.


M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE ALASKA
APRIL 30th, 1947

Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the month of April for the Southwestern district is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Several soft places developed in the local roads during the month, which were graveled and kept open.

The road used by the Alaska Railroad for hauling material for the dyke for diverting the waters of the Matanuska River away from the town of Matanuska, was fixed up in good shape at the end of the month.

The weather has kept fairly cold, with snow at the end of the month, and the run off has been very light so far.

McKinley Park.

Mechanics have been engaged overhauling equipment during the month.

The weather has been fairly cold at the Park, and so far no work has been done towards snow removal or opening up the road.

Russian River- Homer Road.

Moose Pass.

Soberg has moved over to Moose Pass, and is getting organized for overhauling equipment.

Hatchett has also moved over to connect up the located lines and complete the survey.

Kenai.

Ben Peterson has been at Kenai the greater part of the month, taking charge of the overhaul, which is now making much better progress, altho they seem to be continually short of parts.

Homer.

Fairly good progress is being made with the overhaul program, altho parts present an acute problem.

The Shelford contract has been inspected and reported completed satisfactorily.

No report has been received about the status of the Crueger contract.

Surveys.

Fuller has moved to Kasilof, made surveys of the Aviation field and the site for school purposes donated by Mr Pollard. He is now engaged in making a survey of the crossing of the Kasilof River and has started to locate the line towards Kenai. For a start the survey party are boarding at the McLane ranch. Arrangements were made with Mr Ryan, Commissioner of Education, for us to have the use of the Kasilof school building as long as it was not required for school purposes.

Lowell Point buildings.

Due to finances, we have been holding off on starting the dismantling of these buildings, but will probably start about the end of May or early June.

Anchorage Roads.

While several soft places developed on the local roads, they have been maintained and are in good condition.

Anchorage Depot.

Arrangements have been made with the Alaska Railroad for them to make up plans for the proposed new depot. So far no word has been received as to whether, or when, we will be able to get quarters in the Federal building.

Anchorage-Palmer Road.

A lot of soft places developed in the road during the month, and considerable surfacing has been required to keep the road open. Culverts were thawed during the month, and ditches kept open. So far we have not had our usual slide in the vicinity of the Knik bridge and it looks as tho we may get by without one this year.

Knik Bridge.

After measuring up some of the busses, which measure 8 feet in width, and large trucks. it was decided better to fill in the spaces between the runways on the Knik bridge, than to put dividing timbers down the middle. Rough lumber is being obtained from a local sawmill, and the work is being done as lumber is available.

Dillingham.

Maintenance is being performed upon these roads. It is planned to start up for the summer around the end of the month.

Kodiak.

Arrangements were made for the Alaska Road Commission to take over the maintenance of the roads outside the city and the Naval Reserve, during the month.

Arrangements were made for us to use Navy equipment until such time as we were organized, which has been covered by separate report on this project.

Some work was done widening with a shovel to improve visibility around curves ditches cleaned out and some surfacing done.

A gallon motor grader was purchased from surplus and two trucks shipped down from Anchorage, for this project.

A local man was hired for foreman, who had previously worked for the city as street superintendent.

Glenn Highway.

Apart from the stretch between Sutton and the road to the Buffalo mine, where several soft places developed, the Glenn highway is in good condition, with snow gone off the road, and culverts all opened up.

The maintenance man at mile 115 was moved down to Long Lake, and this camp closed.

Local people are developing a gypsum deposit near the Sheep mountain Inn, and are very optimistic about making a go of the business.

Takotna.

Bayless has been working on equipment and opening up roads.

It is expected that he will start the summers operations around the middle of May.

Flat.

Two men went over to Flat on the 15th of the month, to take care of equipment and the run off.

One of the men is married, and his wife is going to cook, without charge for the crew during the summer, getting away from the deplorable conditions of the past two summers.

Medfra.

No plans have been made about finishing up the Medfra job, as I have been waiting to hear whether the Culver tractor will be available.

As long as funds are short it is as well to postpone the work for a month or so.

General.

Grammer left for Fairbanks on the 28th, and O'Malley, who replaced Van Zanten was taken up to Tok on the 30th, with baggage and equipment.

In view of the local work it is planned to keep Van Zanten in this area, as he is familiar with the engineering details of the construction work to be undertaken in this area.

Jack Coats is convalescing at home, getting along alright, but recovering slowly. Many families coming in over the highway, and lots of men looking for work

Made hotel reservation for Hawley for the 5th.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE ALASKA
MARCH 31st, 1947

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Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of ~~February~~ *March* is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

The roads in the valley have been maintained during the month, with cinders and gravel being hauled slippery places and soft spots.

The Alaska Railroad have started to put in a dyke to divert the waters of the Matanuska river from the old town of Matanuska, and have been hauling a lot of sheet piling and construction materials over the roads, cutting them up quite a little.

Snow is practically gone from all the main roads, and graders are maintaining the roads just the same as in the summer time.

McKinley Park

Hosler left for the Park on March 25th, with a cook and three mechanics, to start overhauling equipment and be on hand to take care of the road when water starts running.

Talkeetna.

The dump truck which was shipped to Talkeetna was freighted across the river during the month.

Homer- Russian River Road.

Homer. Overhaul progressing, shipment of parts and supplies from the States was transhipped from Seldovia.
The Supplies for Kenai was loaded on a barge for shipment which left Homer about the end of the month, but according to late reports engine trouble developed and the barge was stalled at Seldovia, and may have to wait for engine parts from the states.
Miscellaneous finishing work was done in the mess house and garage.

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| Clearing contracts: | Shelford | 85% completed |
| | Cruger | 30% " |

Moose Pass.

Frank Johnson picking up freight and keeping road passable. Latest reports indicate that roads are now drying up and fairly good shape except for a few bad holes.

Garage at Steele's camp has been blown down and must be rebuilt; consider it best to erect it at Hidden Creek.

Kenai.

Overhaul progressing. Several trips have been made to bring in broken down equipment from out the road,

It has been impossible to move survey equipment across the Kenai River due to thin ice, and it looks as tho it would be advisable to operate the survey party from Kasilof, on account of the construction of the bridge across the river being delayed.

Cook Inlet boats can run up the Kasilof River as far as Bergers wharf, and we should have no difficulty in landing equipment and keeping the party supplied.

The tote road has been very soft in places and whether we will be able to do much good freighting is questionable. Soberg is now making a trip thro to Moose Pass to pick up freight and take broken down equipment to Kenai.

There was 15 " of snow on the ground at Kenai at the end of the month but the ground from Botenike East.

Soberg was in Anchorage about threer weeks during the month; he intended being here for about a week but had an attack of dysentery and was in the hospital and under a doctors care for some time.

Fuller.

Map of Kenai River Crossing East. 26 miles of line and topography less atationing, done in ink.

One mile line and topography in pencil

27 miles of profile finished- in ink.

Kenai Spur road. 10.5 miles of center line and section ~~line~~ ties completed and inked- This date furnished local land office.

Topography 25% completed

Profile completed.

Homer end. No map work done; notes are being reduced and re calculated.

It is tentatively planned to have Fuller and Hatchett, if the snow is pff sufficently, start some reconnaissance work a round the middle of April, and if funds permit, start a survey party out around the first of May.

Apart from this, and putting on a few mechanics to work on equipment, we are not making any plans to start any rock or construction crews until late May or early June, on account of shortage of funds.

Anchorage Roads.

The Anchorage roads have been maintained in fairly good condition during the month, Considerable snow has disappeared and some of the main roads were full of chuck holes for a few days. Cold nights have helped keep water down and the roads seem to be coming out in good shape.

Anchorage- Palmer Road.

The Anchorage Palmer road is in good condition, cinders were hauled to slippery places, culverts thawed out and ice picked off the road during the month. So far our snow slide has not come down this year. (mile 38)

Dillingham.

Maintenance was performed upon this road during the month.

Glenn Highway.

- Maintenance was performed upon this road during the month, most of the road between Palmer and Caribou Creek is bare, with wind drifts in several other places. This road is in good condition.

Takotna.

Bayless has been busy cutting wood and doing routine work. He has been advised that we intend closing the work done in the fall, and has requested permission to stay on there during the winter as caretaker. It is assumed there would be no objection to this as long as he would be willing to stay there without being paid, altho it would entail expense for fuel if furnished by us.

General.

Mr Taylor made a trip to this district during the month. We were pleased to have him visit us during the winter months.

Jack Coats returned to Anchorage the latter part of the month. We were pleased to see him back, much improved and more like himself than he has been for some considerable time.

The weather has been very pleasant during the month, with warm days and cold nights which helped the roads during the critical period.

Donald Brown returned from his vacation, reporting for duty on March 31st.

The labor market- there seems to be considerable men looking for work and more coming in all the time. It is generally this way during the winter before work opens up, and one cannot figure too much on the same situation continuing.

The postmaster intimated that there might be a vacancy in the Federal building for us to occupy as offices at the end of the month, but so far there has not been any confirmation of this information.

We will be glad to get the "Interoffice" stationary when available, as this will permit considerable saving of time and effort as against the old system.


M.C. Edmunds, Sup't

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
FEBRUARY 28th, 1947.

Mr Iks P. Taylor, Chief Engineer
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Sir:

The situation report for the Southwestern District for the month of February is as follows:

Palmer Roads.

Considerable glaciation occurred during the month, with cinders being hauled to many slippery places.

Ditches were opened up and culverts thawed out when the cold weather ended. A special bus carrying boy scouts ran off the North end of the Knik Bridge, injuring about twelve of the boys. This accident was caused by strong winds coming from the head of the Knik river exerting considerable force against the comparatively large area of the bus on a slippery surface.

The opening of the road to the Independence men was completed during the month and the people who were snowbound brought out.

McKinley Park.

Supplies are dribbling in to the Park, and being received by our warehouseman. While we have not yet made any definite plans, we should send a few men up to take care of the equipment and the road around the end of March or early in April.

The railroad personnel have already been enquiring about when we are going to start in. We give them the usual answer, that we will start up when necessary to protect the road- that so far we have had no advice as to the amount of work contemplated.

Homer-Russian River.

There is very little to report on this project, the camp at Russian River has been closed, with Johnson staying at Hentons, the Kenai Lodge, where he is boarding and where our perishable provisions and other supplies are stored without charge.

Glaciers are very active, and Johnson is kept busy working on the roads and receiving freight as it arrives.

Soberg is going to look into the piling situation in a few days- we had tried to get some from the Kenai cannery, but they refused on account of the uncertainty of getting others with the present shipping situation.

It is planned to open up the road from Moose Pass to Kenai about the middle of the month, to haul parts and materials that have been accumulating for Kenai and facilitate the getting out of piling.

Equipment is being overhauled at Homer and Kenai.

Funds allotted for this project were exhausted at the end of February.

The surveyors at Kenai are working on the maps, and are making fair progress. Reports have been ~~Txxkaxixx~~ forwarded from time to time concerning these activities.

No report has been received regarding the actual amount of clearing done by the two contractors, but the Shelford outfit, who are well outfitted, have been making good progress, but the Cruger company, who made a late start, hauling with a team and delayed by extreme cold weather, are not making much of a showing.

Talkeetna.

A dump truck was shipped to Talkeetna during the month and moved across the river.

Anchorage Roads.

The Anchorage roads have been maintained in good condition.

Anchorage-Palmer roads.

The Palmer road is in good condition, considerable glaciation occurred during the cold weather requiring the opening up of culvers and ditches when the weather changed.

So far the snowslide has not come down near the Knik Bridge, altho it is expected to move any day.

Knik Bridge.

The last damaged member of the span which was run into by a truck last fall was repaired this month.

Dillingham.

Snows and wind required plowing during the month.

Glenn Highway.

Considerable snow drifted during the month, and glaciers were active, requiring continuous maintenance to keep the road open for traffic.

Takotna;

Bayles has been busy rustling wood, making up requisitions and cleaning up the depot.

Frank Johnson, on to take care of supplies coming in and work on the road, which is subject to glaciation.

It is planned to have him stop with Charles Lean, at Coopers landing, and keep all perishable supplies there also.

Provisions have been coming in recently, ordered months ago, and we have to have them taken care of, besides other materials and parts.

It is reported that the men on the Shelford contract are making good progress on their clearing, but that up to the 20th of the month no work had been done on the Cruger contract.

Overhaul work is under way at both Homer and Kenai, altho the work at the latter place is handicapped by the heating plant being out of commission.

Homer.

Light maintenance was performed on the roads.

The cold weather has extended to Homer, and it is reported that most water supplies to homesteads have dried up

Anchorage Local Roads.

The local roads have been maintained in good condition, snow removed, and a small wooden culvert installed on the Gov't Hill road, near the Standard Oil company depot, where water on the flats had frozen up and started to run across the road.

Anchorage-Palmer.

Constant maintenance was required keeping ice off the road, particularly at Eagle river and several new places along the road, caused by extreme cold weather.

Snow was removed from the roads, which are in good condition.

Most of the time the weather was too cold to take out our thawing boiler, and work had to be done by hand.

Dillingham.

Heavy snows and wind required maintenance on the road during the month.

Dillingham airfield.

Some drifts were removed from this field by our forces

Glenn highway.

This road was maintained during the month, the work done consisting of picking ice from glaciers and removing snow off the road.

Takotna.

No report has been received at Takotna at this time, but Bayless has been busy cleaning up the mess after the fire and working on routine matters

General.

Jack Coats is in the Virginia Mason hospital, in Seattle, getting built up in good shape for a thyroid operation.

They report that he is gaining weight and getting along satisfactorily.

In conformity with other parts of the territory, we have had very cold weather during January- it is reported that it was 35 degrees below zero this morning, which is said to break the low record. It has been consistently cold the greater part of the month, and at this time the weather bureau states very little hope of its getting any warmer in the near future.


The office force is busy on routine work, cleaning up vouchers which had accumulated during the summer, and working on data for routine and cost account purposes.

Donald Brown, clerk, has requested permission to take three weeks or one months leave effective about March 1st, when most of the work in connection with last year should be cleaned up, in order to visit his parents in the East, who are not in very good health.

Fuller was in town about one week, on account of sickness of his oldest boy, and Claude Rogers arrived here about a week ago, to take care of some business matters.

This report is sent off in order to get it to the Juneau office early, as requested, without waiting for reports from isolated sections, possibly not reporting some details which might be available if the report was delayed, altho it is not believed anything of importance is left out.

I did not mention in the Russian river-Homer report that the tote road had been blocked by snow all month. Up to the present time we had no occasion to open it


M.C. Edmunds, Sup't

I have been on jury duty this month- so far have lost three days, but manage to get a good lick of work done before reporting for duty.