

Fr. Nash
Fairbanks Alaska.

Hot Springs Alaska

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Dear Sir:

Will give you a few lines on how we are getting on out here in the wilderness.

We got the pit running and it works fine but the material is not the best in the world. it is gravel OK but is too small and too much sediment in it to make good road. We are using Rotary scraper down from the pit towards camp. as far as practical to use it it hauls 2 yds per load. we are using trucks back towards half way camp. trucks have been hauling 50 loads each per day but have lot trouble in turning round. road so narrow and ditches full of water etc. we have to corduroy all the way and are corduroying when pit is to wet to haul gravel it is raining here now has been drizzling all day pit too wet to haul gravel we had 12 good days for this work then rain set in. we lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ days with Truck. 588. master gear broken we received parts

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for it. O.K. had some trouble putting them in account not having socket wrenches.

But-the story of their landing here is another story which I will tell you when I see you. again.

I have no paper and no envelopes. at all I sent for some but none came as yet. received 30 Tausis. gas and 2 sac potatoes.

am enclosing receipts for checks rec'd today

We have used most of the powder in blowing ditches trying to drain worst places where we are working have only $3\frac{1}{2}$ boxes left now will use them all before we finish.

are we still planning on doing

work on Miller aviation field I suppose east end of the field is still very wet. advise soon as possible in re this field.

Pay roll - month Sept will approximate \$1386.00 other expenses approx \$100.00 as far as I can say at this time.

Yours Respt

Ed Wilkinson