

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
FAIRBANKS ALASKA

May 20, 1946

AIR MAIL

Colonel Clifford,
Commanding Officer,
N. W. District,
U. S. Army Station Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Alaska Road Commission be allowed the use of a Mess Hall and a Barracks at the Fairbanks Camp of the Canol Project, as per our conversation with Lt. Crandal.

Our reason for requesting the temporary use of these buildings is on account of projected road repairs adjacent to this area.

It is understood that permission to use these premises would be of a temporary nature and that no change of property is contemplated.

Yours truly,

John G. Shepard,
Assistant Superintendent

JGS/d

*Verbal permission given by phone
by Col. Clifford 5/20/46*



ADDRESS
REPLY TO
THE COMMANDING OFFICER

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
NORTHWEST DISTRICT
APO 722, c/o Postmaster
Minneapolis, Minnesota



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23 May 1946

Mr. John G. Shepard
Assistant Superintendent
Alaska Road Commission
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Shepard:

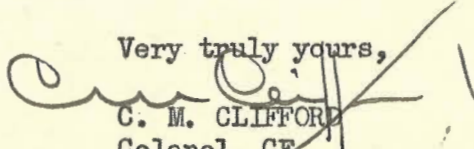
Reference is made to your letter of 20 May concerning your request for the use of a mess hall and barracks at the Fairbanks camp of the Canol Project.

I am very happy to confirm my verbal approval to Lt. Crandall for your use of the mess hall and barracks at the Fairbanks camp, on a temporary basis. Conditions as to the conduct of your parties within the camp, sanitation and restoration of the used facilities during your occupancy can be taken up with, and should be governed by advice from Lt. Crandall, the Officer in Charge.

I desire also at this time to mention the many occasions during my travels along the Alaska Highway between the border and Fairbanks both individually and with official parties, when courtesies of your personnel in road camps between these points have been extended.

During a recent trip over the highway, I have been disturbed by encroachments upon the properties of the Canol Project at inactive pumping stations, where buildings have been ransacked and in some cases torn down and materials removed. I would be glad if you could assist me by notifying your camp foremen along the highway that the pumping stations have not been abandoned and are not available for the removal of materials, and ask them to make reports to your office of instances where working parties are active ransacking these facilities. We have enlisted the cooperation of the Alaska Highway Patrol and feel that the problem can be handled without placing caretakers at each inactive station, provided all governmental agencies having activities along the highway will cooperate in passing on information wherever unauthorized persons are noted tearing down these structures. Any information of this nature can be transmitted to Lt. Crandall or the Territorial Highway Police. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


C. M. CLIFFORD
Colonel, CE
Commanding

CANOL PROJECT
U.S. ARMY
Whitehorse, Y.T.

File No. CGL

28 August 1946

Alaska Road Commission
Fairbanks, Alaska

Attn: Mr. Frank Nash, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Fairbanks Terminal Camp, Pipelines Distr. Div.

Dear Sir:

Upon a recent inspection trip to our Fairbanks Terminal Camp, I contacted your Road Superintendent, Mr. George Purser, who is at present living in our camp, in an effort to make plans for evacuation of the buildings and grounds being used by the Alaska Road Commission. He recommended that your office be contacted; this was done but you were out of town at the time.

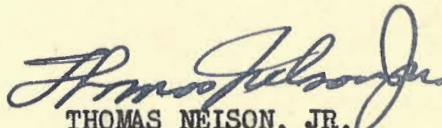
Due to curtailment of pumping operations and the demobilization of military personnel in our organization, it will be necessary to close all buildings and drain all utilities with the exception of those needed to house and service the two families stationed at this camp under our Protective Caretaker Organization. Our schedule calls for accomplishment of this work before 15 September 1946. It is therefore imperative that steps be taken by the Alaska Road Commission to evacuate subject camp prior to that date.

We request that this office be advised as to action taken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

copy to:

Mr. David M. Buttry
Fairbanks Terminal Station


THOMAS NELSON, JR.
Project Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
FAIRBANKS ALASKA

September 3, 1946

Mr. Thomas Nelson, Jr.,
Project Manager,
Canol Project,
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of August 26, 1946, concerning evacuation by our crew of the Fairbanks Terminal Station Buildings (Mess Hall and Barracks).

When we were permitted to occupy these buildings by Colonel Clifford, it was understood that occupancy was to be of a temporary nature only and we, of course, must abide by your decisions as to our evacuation of the premises.

At the present time we have approximately twenty men quartered at this camp. This crew is engaged in the repair and improvement of the network of roads in the immediate vicinity of the camp. This work is projected to be completed October 15, 1946.

You are undoubtedly familiar with the housing shortage at Fairbanks and also of the cost of eating in restaurants. We fear that we will lose the crew engaged in the foregoing work if we are forced to turn them out to search for subsistence at the excessive costs of the area, and that we will have to abandon the balance of the projected road improvements if forced to evacuate the camp. Our limited funds will not permit the establishment of a camp of our own and we would not be able to complete such a project in time to do any good in any event.

Because of the foregoing reasons, we request that if it is at all possible that you consider your decision for the date of our evacuating the building as a special concession and make same October 15, 1946. In case you can accede to this request, our forces would undertake any necessary work in closing the buildings under the orders of and to the satisfaction of your caretakers.

Yours truly,

John G. Shepard,
Assistant Superintendent

JGS/d

cc - Mr. David Buttry, Fairbanks Terminal Station

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JGS*

WAR DEPARTMENT
CANOL PROJECT
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY
GREAT LAKES DIVISION
Whitehorse, Y. T.

CGL

21 October 1946

Department of Interior
Alaska Road Commission
Fairbanks, Alaska

Attention: Mr. John G. Shepard, Asst. Supt.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

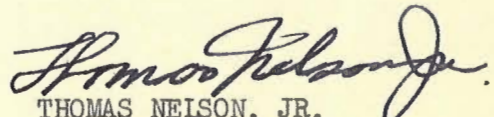
Reference is made to your letter of 3 September 1946 and our recent meeting in your office on 7 October 1946 during my visit to Fairbanks, Alaska, at which time we discussed the occupancy and use of barracks building and mess hall by personnel of the Alaska Road Commission.

The original plan of the Pipeline organization, was to inactivate all buildings with the exception of two loxstave buildings to house the two families to be stationed there on a protective caretaker basis.

At the meeting held in your office, request was made that Alaska Road Commission personnel be permitted to occupy the barracks and messhall buildings during the winter months. Permission was granted with the understanding that evacuation would be effected at any time upon 30 days written notice; also that the Alaska Road Commission provide help necessary in closing buildings and utilities to the satisfaction of the Pipeline organization. It was further agreed that any or all necessary mechanical help is to be provided by the Alaska Road Commission to maintain all utilities in use for camp operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation and help given to personnel of the Pipeline organization in overhauling pumping equipment for the utility system at our Fairbanks Terminal Camp.

Sincerely yours,


THOMAS NELSON, JR.
Project Manager

Copy to:
Mr. Oscar P. Rolfsness,
Pump Sta. Foreman,
Fairbanks Terminal Camp