

Anchorage, Alaska  
June 10, 1953

Memorandum

To: Mr. John E. Manley, Acting General Manager  
From: G. A. Benedict, Supt. of Motive Power & Equipment  
Subject: Heater Cars for Military Shuttle Service

An inspection of the seven old Alaska Railroad Reefer cars, now used in the shuttle service by the Army at Fort Richardson, was made on May 28 and these cars are all beyond repair.

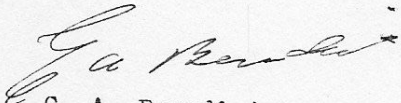
A survey of former Army troop sleeper cars, now in service on the Railroad, shows that the below listed cars could be converted into Heater cars for this Army service.

Car numbers are as follows - 8306, 8418, 9013, 9582, 9705, 9763, 9819, 1046, 1047 and 1051.

Of the above cars, the first seven are troop sleeper cars that have never been renumbered by The Alaska Railroad. The last three cars are temporary cabooses which are surplus to our needs.

The conversion of these cars would probably have to be done by a Contractor, due to the man power shortage in our shops.

In a conversation with Mr. Stevenson of the Army, this date, he indicated that the Army was not very much interested in obtaining our Heater cars at this time.

  
G. A. Benedict  
Supt. of Motive Power  
and Equipment



Anchorage, Alaska  
July 13, 1954

Memorandum

To: G. V. Randall, Supt. MP&E  
From: R. H. Bruce, Supt. of Operations  
Subj: Stove Cars used for Freight Service

Following is list of stove cars and their location:

No. 920 - Fairbanks	No. 936 - Fairbanks	No. 977 - Houston
922 - Houston	939 - Houston	978 - Fairbanks
924 - Fairbanks	971 - Fairbanks	979 - "
926 - Houston	973 - Houston	
927 - "	974 - "	
928 - Portage	975 - "	
935 - Fairbanks	976 - Fairbanks	

The use of such cars is for handling of way freight by local train crews and cars are equipped with coal stove for the purpose of making it possible for train crews to work freight enroute.

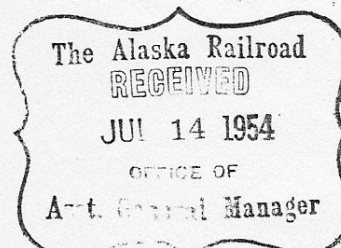
The past years operation has proven that these cars are in poor condition and in need of repair if they are to be used this coming winter. Condition of the cars is such that leakage of cold air caused a considerable amount of merchandise to freeze.

This is for your handling so that these cars may be prepared for service this coming winter.

R.H. Bruce/gk  
Operations  
cc-John E. Manley  
L. E. Hilsabeck  
N. E. Renner

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Anchorage, Alaska  
October 3, 1952

To: All Concerned  
From: T. A. McClendon, Supt. Car Department  
Subject: Heater Cars

The following cars have been equipped with coal stoves:

920*	926*	935*	972*	976*
922	927*	936	973*	977*
924*	928	939*	974*	978*
925%	934	971*	975*	979*

The following cars have been equipped with large charcoal heaters, unless otherwise designated by symbol:

11050*	11067*#	11084*#	11101*	11118*	11135*
11051*	11068*	11085*	11102*	11119*	11136*
11052*	11069*#	11086*	11103*#	11120*#	11137*#
11053*	11070*#	11087*	11104*	11121*#	11138*#
11054*	11071*	11088*	11105*#	11122*	11139*
11055*#	11072*	11089*	11106*	11123*#	11140*#
11056*#	11073*	11090*#	11107*	11124*	11141*
11057%	11074*	11091*	11108*	11125*	11142*
11058*	11075%	11092*	11109*#	11126*	11143*#
11059*	11076*	11093*#	11110*	11127*	11144%
11060*	11077*#	11094*	11111*	11128*	11145*
11061*	11078*	11095*	11112*#	11129*	11146*
11062*	11079*#	11096#	11113*	11130*#	11147*
11063*	11080*	11097*#	11114*	11131*#	11148*#
11064*	11081*	11098*#	11115*	11132*	11149*#
11065*	11082*	11099*	11116*	11133*#	11505* (Under-
11066*#	11083*	11100*#	11117*	11134*#	slung heater*
					11600 Bulk Head
					Hot & Cool Car

Refrigerator Cars:

11500\$	11510	11519
11501	11511	11520
11502	11512	11521\$
11503\$	11513	11522
11504	11515 Bulk Head	11523
11505	Preco Fan/Hot & Cool Car	11524\$
11506	11516 Bulk Head	
11507	Hot & Cool Car	
11508	11517	
11509\$	11518\$	

# Have been over the Rip Track this fall, cleaned, ice hatches sealed and heaters cleaned for winter service

\* Cars are equipped with large charcoal heaters.

% Not in service (wrecked)

\$ Ice hatches, under the racks and been cleaned and racks repaired.

/s/ T. A. McClendon



THE ALASKA RAILROAD  
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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Anchorage, Alaska  
October 11, 1954

To: T. H. Jones, General Agent M/T  
I. R. Dyer, Dock Agent  
Seward

From: R. H. Bruce, Supt. of Operations

Subj: HEATER CAR SERVICE

After completion of the program of modification to refrigerator cars for the purpose of using such cars in heater service, there will be fifty cars carrying numbers from 11700 through 11749 inclusive. These cars will be equipped with eight foot wide door on one side and a conventional type door on the other side, reinforced floor racks and side racks, and with ice bunkers and roof ice hatches. Charcoal heaters will be placed in the ice hatches.

Also, there will be fifty cars, numbers 11750 through 11799 inclusive, which will be equipped with eight foot wide door on one side and with conventional door on the other side, reinforced floor racks and side racks, with ice bunkers removed and cars equipped with Luminator heaters.

Only cars of this latter type (11750 thru 11799) are to be used in heater car service north of Anchorage. There will be no facilities for servicing charcoal heater equipped cars at waypoints.

It is imperative that the above instructions be followed to the letter in regard to heater car service this winter.

RHB:gk  
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All Yardmasters  
John E. Manley ✓  
G. V. Randall  
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