

SALE OF
557

June 7, 1965

Mr. Norman F. Kurts
Public Relations Representative
Great Northern Railway
101 Union Street
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Kurts:

Upon receiving your letter of June 1, I gathered together everything I could find on steam locomotive No. 557.

The locomotive was built in 1943 by Baldwin Locomotive Works for the U. S. Army. The Army number was 2523. Our records indicate that it was practically new when The Alaska Railroad acquired it from War Surplus in 1945.

Enclosed you will find two photographs - one of 557 in June, 1959, after shop crews and painters had readied her for a special run to Whittier (at the request of the California-Nevada Railroad Historical Society), and the other showing her returning from Whittier on that special run.

The two Railbelt Reporters pretty well cover story of the locomotive on the ARR.

If you need further information, let me know.

Sincerely,

MARSHALL E. PRINCE

Marnadine E. Prince
Chief, Office Services

Enclosures

(E. Prince)

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

NORMAN F. KURTZ,
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June 1, 1965

Miss Bernadine Prince, Editor
The Railbelt Reporter
Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

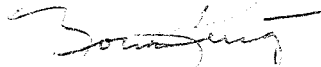
Dear Miss Prince:

I have been informed by officials of the Alaska Trainship Corporation that sometime during the month of June your company will ship retired steam locomotive #557 to New Westminster and points south via the trainship "Alaska."

This being the case, we are very interested in obtaining a good 8x10 glossy shot of #557, preferably on the move, in service. In addition, we would appreciate receiving anything pertinent to her prior service that you may have.

We are interested in doing some publicity on behalf Alaska Trainship Corporation and will certainly appreciate any assistance you can give on old #557. We will, of course, give all necessary credits.

Thank you,



N. F. Kurtz

NFK:sk

cc: Mr. Dan Musch

Anchorage, Alaska
April 26, 1965

Memorandum

To: Chief Mechanical Officer
From: Assistant General Manager
Subject: Movement of Locomotive 557 to Whittier

Reference our conversation regarding preparation of Steam Locomotive 557 for movement to Whittier.

Attached is copy of a letter from Michelson Steel and Supply Co. requesting that we proceed with the preparation of the steam locomotive for movement to Whittier.

[Signature]

Assistant General Manager

Attachment

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Michelson Steel and Supply Co.

ALPINE 2-1139

P. O. Box 776



3126 HILL STREET • EVERETT, WASHINGTON 98201

April 21, 1965

Department of the Interior
The Alaska Railroad
P.O. Box 7-2111
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Attention: R. H. Bruce

Gentlemen:

Per your night letter of April 15th, we request that you prepare the Steam Locomotive which we purchased for movement for a charge of approximately \$300.00.

Very truly yours,

MICHELSON STEEL and SUPPLY CO.


Joe Kraft

JK:b

General 557

The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

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For Michaelson Steel and Supply, Telephone AL-21139, Everett,
Washington. Approximate \$300 charges to prepare Locomotive
557 for movement Anchorage to Whittier. Advise.

R. E. Bruce, Assistant General Manager, The Alaska Railroad

Confirmation

cc:

- D. L. Allen
- W. C. Davidson
- G. V. Randall

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cc: R. E. Bruce

R. E. Bruce
Assistant General Manager

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April 15, 1965 4:00 P.M.

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Anchorage, Alaska
March 31, 1968

Memorandum

To: Chief Mechanical Officer
Supt. of Procurement and Supply
General Traffic Manager

From: Assistant General Manager

Subject: Movement of steam locomotive

On this date I talked to Mr. Clark of C. S. A. in Seattle on the movement of the scrapped locomotive from Anchorage to the South 48. Mr. Clark stated that C. S. A. looks on this sale as being made as is, where is. However, they feel that they owe some assistance to the purchaser in the possible movement of this locomotive on its own wheels to the South 48 as the bid did state that the locomotive was movable.

After conferring with Mr. Randall I advised Mr. Clark that the locomotive could be moved by The Alaska Railroad Anchorage to Whittier at a cost to the shipper for the freight rates that govern and, in addition, The Alaska Railroad would have to be reimbursed for preparation work necessary for the movement of this locomotive. I also informed Mr. Clark that any movement beyond Whittier by water and rail would have to be made by the shipper himself and only after acceptance by a water carrier for movement beyond Whittier would we move the locomotive from Anchorage to Whittier. Mr. Clark was also informed that, if a shipper contacted The Alaska Railroad, freight rates and preparation charges would be furnished.

This is for your information.

(Signed) K. H. Cross

Assistant General Manager

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