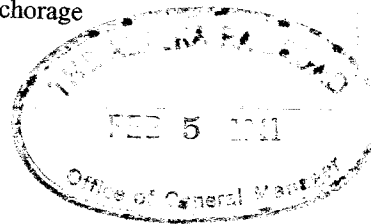


PORT QUARTERMASTER  
SEWARD, ALASKA



January 31, 1941

General Manager  
The Alaska Railroad  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We are advised by the Superintendent, Army Transport Service, San Francisco, that the transport EDENTON arriving at this port on or about February 8 will have aboard one locomotive, weight twenty-two tons.

Reference is made to the fact that your cranes rated respectively 18 and 25 tons were unable, working together, to move a twenty-ton lift from the hold of the transport CHIRIKOF on its last trip here. It was necessary to use your cranes rated respectively 35 tons and 25 tons, together, to discharge this twenty-ton lift.

Our transport Superintendents at Seattle and San Francisco have been informed that equipment available to the Seward Dock is inadequate to move twenty-ton lifts or over from lower holds of transports to dock and request has been made that such heavy lifts of twenty tons or over be placed on deck or not below tween decks.

For your information, your cranes rated 35 tons and 25 tons, together, were unable to move a single 46-ton lift from a favorable position on the deck of the transport CHIRIKOF which arrived here some two months ago.

Yours very truly,

*Reuben Wm Smith Jr*  
REUBEN WM SMITH JR  
Capt (Eng-R) QMC-R  
Port Quartermaster

*Original  
sent to P. H. Reynolds*

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Anchorage, Alaska,  
February 6, 1941.

Captain Heuben Wm. Smith, Jr., (Eng-R) OEC-R,  
Port Quartermaster,  
United States Army,  
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 21st, advising that the Transport EDMONTON, arriving Seward on or about February 5th, will have aboard one (1) locomotive, weight twenty-two (22) tons.

We do not anticipate any difficulty in discharging this lift, particularly if it is loaded on next to ship's rail.

We appreciate your notifying the transport superintendents at Seattle and San Francisco to place heavy lifts of twenty (20) tons or over on the deck, and would greatly appreciate your keeping after this to see that your request to place these heavy lifts on the deck next to the rail is complied with.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Cunningham,  
Acting General Manager.