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**TITLE:** CIHS Scott Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1963.x.007

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1932, 1945

Extent: 2 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Anchorage Photo Supply

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Maurice Scott was a conductor on the Alaska Railroad. During World War II, the Alaska Railroad was used by the army to transport military personnel, supplies, and construction materials between Seward, Whittier, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. To facilitate these activities and to provide security for railroad operations the 714th Railway Operating Battalion was assigned to operate the railroad in May of 1943 in cooperation with civilian railroad personnel. The 1,150 men of the Battalion also helped construct the Whittier cut-off and 31 miles of branch lines from Fairbanks to nearby air bases. The army operation ended in May, 1945.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of two black-and-white photographs of Alaska Railroad subjects. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Maurice Scott to Cook Inlet Historical Society in 1963. Transferred to the Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note

Image .2 damaged April 1980 with red ink. Copy print produced from negative.

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

Alaska Railroad Collection, B1979.002

## **SUBJECTS**

Alaska Railroad

United States. Army. Railway Operating Battalion, 714th

Railroads—Alaska

Railroad accidents—Alaska

Detailed Description of Collection

.1 - #2 derailed on Talkeetna Hill all ice on rails. Bob Lewis, fireman, killed (brother of Archie Lewis). Fred Brayford, eng., burned and injured but came out ok, retired 1936 (father of Cecil Brayford). No other casualties. [Alaska Railroad Engine No. 614 in railroad accident]

.2 – Anchorage Photo Supply. [on verso:] Part of the 714<sup>th</sup> Railway Batt. 1945, part of the operating division. Photo taken at camp near Ship Creek, Alaska. [U.S. Army battalion, with Quonset huts]

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