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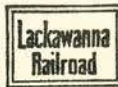
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THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

SCRANTON, PA. January 30, 1939

E. B. MOFFATT  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. J. H. Lerbs:

Under date of January 18, I wrote you as follows:

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Please handle for correction and let me have explanation of failure to send advance information concerning the car to the Scranton Division."

Will you please advise.

E.B.Moffatt.

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Hoboken Jan 31 1938

Mr E B Moffatt

Answered under date  
Jan 28

JH Lerla



January 30, 1939

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Hoboken, N.J. January 28, 1939

Mr. E. B. Moffatt

General Superintendent

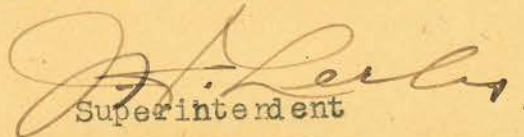
Dear Sir:

Your letter Jan. 18th., no file, relative advices to Scranton Yard office in connection with heater service of car MDT 6114 in HB-1 night of Jan. 14th from Hoboken for Ithaca, N.Y.

The arrangement some time ago was that the Terminal Trainmaster's office at Hoboken would telephone these advices direct to Scranton Yard office, instead of relaying through the Chief Despatcher's office at Hoboken and then waiting until operator came on duty to send the message.

We have given Terminal Trainmaster Reagan to understand that these advices are to be telephoned direct by his office, and that care must be exercised to see that it is done promptly and regularly, which should eliminate further complaint.

Yours truly

  
Superintendent



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E. B. Moffatt.

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*Mr. Moffatt  
These notes  
Jan 1/8*

File 454-519-1060

Scranton, January 16, 1939.

SUBJECT: MDT 6114.

Mr. G. W. Murphy,  
Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

MDT 6114, billed beer, Ithaca, N.Y., arrived  
Scranton HB-1, X-1603, Conductor W. J. Coslar, 1:42 AM,  
Jan. 15th, lighted heater in car leaving Hoboken and  
temperature there 23 degrees above.

No advance information received on same.  
Waybill instructions: "Light 27 or lower; extinguish  
40 above or higher." Bills for train received by  
Train Clerk DeLacey from conductor at 1:50 AM and, when  
car in question was being booked it was discovered.  
Car was the 21st car in train. Freight House employe  
Davis notified to have men service same, causing 20  
minutes' delay to train at Scranton. Temperature  
at Scranton 23 degrees above.

Please take up for correction.

Yours truly,

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*J. J. Garity*  
General Yardmaster.



17109



Mr. E. B. Moffatt

Please note, refers to Superintendent Murphy's letter to you of Feb. 1st.

Gerrity was sent wire of one car in train with heater and Agent Hillman has handled with his clerk for failure to also cover the other two cars in same train.

W.G.A. 2/7/38.



East Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 5, 1938

File A-112-9

Mr. W.G. Alexander  
Supt. - Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Have copy of your letter of February 2nd, file 206, to Messrs. Kline and Miller at Elmira relative to complaint from Superintendent Murphy to General Superintendent Moffatt of no wire advice from this office on URT 88320 and two other cars containing heaters.

Mr. Barger called me on this, and, as explained to him and to your office, we telephoned a wire on MDT 21824 to the operator at Elmira January 28th at 4:10 AM and I know you are investigating as to why this wire was not transmitted. However, Train Clerk Andrews is responsible for failure to wire on the other two cars. This relief clerk at present is only getting in a day a week, and to avoid recurrence I had him stop in to see me today on this matter. He regrets that he overlooked wiring these two cars and will be particularly careful to wire all such cars when he works this position in future.

Yours truly

*L. A. Hillman*  
Agent

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206  
Elmira, N.Y. Feb 4, 1938

File A-4876.

Mr. W.G.Alexander,  
Superintendent,

Dear Sir;

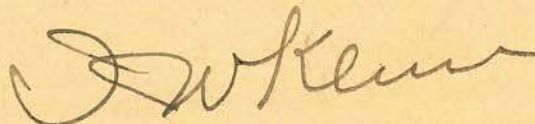
Replying to your letter of the 2nd, file 206 in regard to complaint from General Yardmaster Gerrity, Scranton, account not receiving advance information of heater service, cars URT 88320-MDT 21824 and NRC 6895 east train BH-2 January 28th.

East bound ventilation, Heater Service and refrigeration is handled by Ice House Foreman, Bills for BH-2 on Jan, 28th were taken direct to ice house on arrival of train, Please see Agent Miller reply in connection with cars URT 88320 and NRC 6895.

In regard to car MDT 21824 which message was sent to Operator Orcutt, Elmira to be relayed to Binghamton and Scranton, Please note attached explanation from him, also copy of wire which was sent by him to J.J.G at Scranton 6.36 am, signed for by Operator (DS)

Operator W. Burrell sent wire to Binghamton at 8.11 am, signed for by operator (X). Train left Elmira 10.30 am on this date.

Yours truly.



General Yardmaster



Elmira 2-4-38

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Attached find copy of message showing wire service on this car  
from this office

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17109  
Scranton, Pa., Feb. 1, 1938.

File 1037.

Mr. E. B. Moffatt,

General Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

General Yardmaster Gerrity reports following cars arriving Scranton Yard requiring heater service without any advance notice of same having been sent to his office:

FGE 18132, sparkling water, from I&HR-Port Morris to St. Paul, Minn., arriving Scranton in HB-9, engine 1608, 3:45 P.M., January 26th.

Also, the following which arrived Scranton in BH-2, engine 1649, 2:10 P.M., January 28th:

URT 88320, beer, Buffalo to Newark.

MDT 21824, lard, Buffalo to Philadelphia, via Taylor-CRR.

NRC 6895, turnips, Buffalo to Wallabout Terminal.

Please handle for correction.

Yours truly,

*G. Murphy*  
Superintendent.

*Phone 1211*  
cc: JHL WGA

COPY

East Buffalo I-28-38

~~JJG Sen~~  
~~RLD LF Bingn~~

BH2 Exa I649 has MDT 2I824 lard Phila heater burning

LAH  
4I5am

*We Had no record on cars  
MRT 88320 or MRC 6895*



Hoboken, N.J. March 25, 1937

copy to  
3 Reylee -  
JFW  
Hall

Mr. E. B. Moffatt

General Superintendent

Dear Sir:

Attached from General Yardmaster Gerrity regarding absence of advices from Hoboken, in advance of arrival of cars at Scranton, of PFE 27987 and MDT 22659 traveling under heater protection.

Telegraphic advices were given but the record indicates they were not received at Scranton in advance of the arrival of the cars, due to the fact that we have no operator in Chief Despatcher's office from 5-30p.m. to midnight.

X This should have been realized by those handling these messages and they should have made it their business to give the information to Mr. Gerrity's office by telephone. This will be done in future, and will you please arrange that Mr. Gerrity's office will accept these telephone reports and be governed accordingly.

Yours truly

*J. H. ...*  
Superintendent

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17109  
Office of General Superintendent

Scranton, Pa., March 22, 1937

J.H.Lerbs:

Note the attached from Supt. Murphy regarding  
no advance notice given of heaters burning on MDT 22659  
arriving Scranton 1.10 am March 19, train HB-1.

E.B.Moffatt.

6-h°

Office of General Superintendent

Scranton, Pa., March 22, 1937

J.H.Lerbs:

Note the attached from Supt. Murphy regarding  
no advance notice given of heaters burning on MDT 22659  
arriving Scranton 1.10 am March 19, train HB-1.

E.B.Moffatt.

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*Mr. Moffatt  
Please note  
GWM 3/20*

File 983-519

Scranton, Pa., March 19, 1937.

SUBJECT: MDT 22659, wine.

Mr. G. W. Murphy,

Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

HB-1, Engine 1612, Conductor J. Doherty, arrived here at 1:10 AM, date, with MDT 22659, wine, Seattle, Wash., via NKP, with two heaters burning in car. This is the second case within a week that we have had no advance notice on such cars from Hoboken. Last case reported also and delayed train 20 minutes.

Please take up for correction.

Yours truly,

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*J. C. Gentry*  
General Manager



*Mr. Moffett  
Please note  
sum 2/17*

File 713-519

Scranton, Pa., Mar. 16, 1937.

SUBJECT: P<sup>W</sup>EX 27987, wine.

Mr. G. W. Murphy,

Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

HB-1, X-1619, Conductor J. Hetherson, arrived  
Scranton 12:55 AM, date, with P<sup>W</sup>EX 27987, wine, Lewiston,  
Idaho, via NKP; 2 heaters in car; no advance information  
received from Hoboken covering car.

The Freight House was notified and their  
men examined car at 1:15 AM. Both heaters burning  
on arrival and departure; temperature 29 degrees  
above.

Yours truly,

*Look  
How about  
this*

*GBW*

*3/17*

*J. P. Curran*  
General Foremaster

17109

File 713-519

Scranton, Pa., March 27, 1927.

SUBJECT: Telegraphic Advice from Hoboken on Heaters.

Mr. E. B. Moffatt,

General Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

Herewith returned all papers received with Superintendent Lerbs' letter to you of March 25th, with your notation on same to me, relative to absence of advices from Hoboken on cars under heater protection.

All concerned instructed accordingly.

Yours truly,

b

Enc.

*J. Garity*  
General Yardmaster.