

THE CROSSING Chapter 20

Personnel records for the train's crews.

The Rocky has redacted
their Social Security numbers.

“Suspension” indicates the railroad
did not need the staffer's services,
as opposed to suspension for
disciplinary reasons.

TRANSCRIPT OF PERSONAL RECORD

NAME: HERBERT FRANK SOMMERS 72 990
 BORN: June 9, 1897 Grass Creek, Indiana
 SSA#:

DR CR BAL

			DR	CR	BAL
10-12-18	Denver	Employed as Fireman			
12- 6-18	"	Resp for delay to 2-155	10		10
2-14-19	"	Suspended			
9- 1-19	"	Recalled			
4- 6-20	"	Clear record nine months		10	
4- 8-21	"	Suspended			
6- 8-21	"	Recalled			
6- 9-21	"	Watch comparison failure	5		5
12- 4-21	"	Clear record six months		5	
5-16-22	"	Suspended			
6-18-22	"	Recalled			
4- 1-23	"	Watch comparison failure	5		5
10- 1-23	"	Clear record six months		5	
4-10-25	"	Suspended			
7- 2-25	"	Recalled			
8-25-25	"	Passed 3rd Yr Mech Exam for Fireman			
3- 1-27	"	Interview regarding safety & rule observance			
2-16-29	"	Interviewed regarding safety			
5-28-29	"	Instructed regarding use of Fire Fighting Hose on Engines			
5-23-29	"	Instructed on rules governing use of color light signals			
7-16-29	"	Notified to prepare for examination for promotion to Engineer			
7-30-29	"	Qualified on D. U. T. Co. Rules			
5-17-30	"	Suspended			
6-14-30	"	Recalled			
7-24-31	"	Instructed on rules governing use of Color Light Signals			
1-25-32	"	Suspended			
2-17-32	"	Recalled			
2-19-32	"	Suspended			
10- 1-32	"	Recalled			
1- 5-33	"	Suspended			
10-10-33	"	Recalled			
1- 4-34	"	Suspended			
8-17-34	"	Recalled			
2- 6-35	"	Suspended			
8-14-35	"	Recalled			
11-22-35	"	Suspended			
7- 2-36	"	Recalled			
9-20-37	"	Qualified on D.U.T. Ry Co. Rules			
3-18-38	"	Qualified on C&S Rules as Fireman			
3- 4-40	"	Failure to comply with instructions requiring that guage cocks be tested as a result of which Engine 298 left LaSalle with inoperative guage cock			
			20		20

DH CR BAL

7-17-40	Denver	Instructed & orally examined in connection with rules changed in Transp. Dept Book of Rules eff 8-1-40.		
7-20-40	"	Granted 60 days leave - Per. Sickness		
8-28-40	"	Returned from Leave		
3-4-41	"	Clear record one year	20	--
10-1-41	"	Promoted to Engineer		
10-17-41	"	Accompanied by Road Fireman of Engines on 1st trip as Engr (10-1-41)		
11-24-42	"	Failure to require proper compliance of Rule 11 by head brakeman	10	10
10-6-42	"	To Wyoming Division		
1-2-43	"	Resp loosening left # 1 and 3 tires Engine 2904 helping train 1st 7	20	30
1-25-43	"	Specr to Gleason working on Colo Divn.		
2-14-43	"	Resp of hazard of accident & moving against opposing superior train without authority D		
4-14-43	"	Reinstated		
8-21-43	"	Viol of Rule 15-R X5016 East	15	45
2-21-44	"	Violation of Rules 86 and 824	D	
5-29-44	"	Reinstated		
5-29-44	"	Qualified on D.U.T. Ry Co Rules		
5-21-45	"	Demerits of 11-24-42, 1-2-43, and 8-21-43 removed	45	--
1-14-46	"	Instructed on changes and additions to Operating rules eff 7-1-45		
10-8-46	Hugo	Failure to stop until engine and ten cars passed beyond point which stop signal given, X7004-E, 208PM, Viol Rule 93	20	20
5-26-47	Denver	Granted L/A to 7-9-47 - Pers. Business		
7-10-47	"	Returned from Leave		
10-8-47	"	Twelve mos. clear record	20	--
5-16-49	"	Granted L.A. to 6-30-49 On duty Pers. Inj.		
7-1-49	"	L/A extd to 8-14-56. On duty P. I.		
8-26-50	"	Viol of Rule 27 at Dent Colo 8-16-50 when he failed to properly observe light out in Train Order Signal	30	30
2-26-51	"	Six mos. clear record	15	15
5-10-51	"	Viol of Gen Rules B and L, and Speed Restrictions as outlined in current Wyo. Divn. Timetable #11, MP 38 to 34, Dent Branch	15	30
11-10-51	"	6 mos. clear record	15	15
5-10-52	"	six months clear record	15	--
1-12-54	"	Passed biennial physical re-examination. Must wear glasses on duty.		

Transcript of Personal Record - Herbert Frank Sommers - Page 3:

DR CR BAL

9-21-54	Denver	Viol Gen Rule L, Opr Rules 106, 108, 810 and resp. for derailment of WP 6653 in Ex 1469 East, near Ft. Morgan, 9-11-54	30	30
9-21-55	"	12 Mos. clear record	30	---
1-25-59	"	Granted L/A to 4-24-59 - Pers. Illness		
2-17-59	"	Returned from L/A as Engineer		
6- 8-60		Passed Physical Examination - Qualified		
6- 5-61		Passed Physical Examination - Qualified		

TRANSCRIPT OF PERSONAL RECORD

NAME: MELVIN CLARENCE SWANSON 73 027
 BORN: December 7, 1912 Labanon, Nebraska
 SSA#:

DR CR BAL

7-10-42	Denver	Employed as Fireman
8- 1-42	"	As Laborer MP&M Dept
8-31-42	"	First date worked as Fireman
12- 1-42	"	Inducted into Military Service
1- 7-46	"	Returned from Military Service
1-10-46	"	Instructed on changes in and additions to Operating Rules eff 7-1-46
8-16-46	"	Passed 1st Yr Prog Mech Exam for Fireman
3-18-47	"	Passed 2nd " " " " " "
6-19-48	"	Passed Exam and Qualified as Hostler
8- 9-49	"	Ridden with and qualified as Hostler on diesel units.
2-25-50	"	Suspended
3- 7-50	"	Recalled
2- 3-51	"	Passed 3rd Yr Prog Mech Exam for Promotion to Engineer - J. W. Neal
9- 8-51	"	Passed Air Brake Examination for Promotion to Engineer - J. W. Neal
3-24-52	"	Granted L/A to 4-23-52 - Pers. Business
3-19-52	"	Passed Rules Examination for Promotion to Engr. Seniority date 3-19-52.
4-30-52	"	Passed PX for promotion to Engineer
3-21-53	"	Granted L/A to 4-20-53 - Pers. Business
3-19-54	"	Granted L/A to 4-18-54 - Pers. Business
4-8 -54	"	Returned from L/A as Fireman
2- 3-58		Passed Physical Examination - Qualified
1-30-60		Passed Physical Examination - Qualified

Transcript of Personal Record - Raymond William Courtney - Page 21

			DR	CR	BAL
12-13-39	Denver	Suspended			
6-18-40	"	Return			
12-14-40	"	Clear record one year		30	-
12-24-40	Sterling	Furnishing incorrect consist Fr 248	10		10
9-24-41	Hazeltine	Clear record nine months		10	-
11-7-43	"	Viol. rule 104A Tr 455	15		15
3-20-44	Denver	Qualified on D. U. T. Rules			
9-5-44	"	Date of birth corrected to 11-22-10			
11-7-44	"	Clear record one year		15	-
12-4-47	"	Resp in conn with Tr 248 11-27-47 failing to stop before passing home signal 37, Den. Yd Viol Rule 27-34-509-810	20		20
12-4-48	"	12 Mos. clear record		20	-
11-19-51	"	Viol rules L, 108, 220-C, failure to comply with contents of Train Order #46 Extra 7025 West leaving Campus, Kan. approx. 4:00 PM, 11-5-51	30		30
11-19-52	"	12 Mos. clear record		30	-

TRANSCRIPT OF PERSONAL RECORD

NAME: RAYMOND WILLIAM COURTNEY 72 025
 BORN: November 22, 1910 Loveland, Colorado
 SSA#:

DR CR BAL

6-22-28	Denver	Entered service as Student Brakeman		
28	"	Qualified as Brakeman	15	15
12-21-28	"	Derailment UP 84689		
1-9-29	"	Suspended	15	
3-21-29	"	clear record 15 months		
8-6-29	"	Reinstated		
1-6-30	"	Suspended		
9-10-30	"	Return as Brakeman		
1-20-31	"	Suspended		
7-3-31	"	Return		
8-1-31	"	Suspended		
10-1-31	"	Return		
12-28-31	"	Suspended		
10-3-32	"	Return		
11-25-32	"	Reduction		
9-18-33	"	Return		
12-27-33	"	Suspended		
6-21-34	"	Return		
7-3-34	"	Suspended		
7-24-34	"	Return		
12-1-34	"	Suspended		
12-22-34	"	Return		
1-7-35	"	Reduction		
1-21-35	"	Return		
1-28-35	"	Suspended		
3-23-35	"	Reinstated		
5-15-35	"	Suspended		
6-1-35	"	Return		
7-5-35	"	Suspended		
8-12-35	"	Return		
11-26-35	"	Suspended		
1-19-36	"	Return		
4-13-36	"	Suspended		
5-11-36	"	Return		
1-11-37	"	Failure to be available for call for 2nd Colo 8, 12:05 AM 1-9-37 No. Platte	D	
1-30-37	"	Reinstated		
10-12-37	"	Promoted to Conductor		
10-12-37	"	Qualified on rules for prom to Condr.		
12-14-38	Sedquick	Violated rule 99 ex 2495	30	30
1-1-39	Denver	Force reduction		
3-19-39	"	Return		
4-1-39	"	Suspended		
4-25-39	"	Reinstated		
5-9-39	"	Suspended		
6-8-39	"	Return		

TRANSCRIPT OF PERSONAL RECORD

NAME: RALPH WALTON MURPHY 72645
 BORN: March 14, 1908 Greenwood, Colorado
 SSA#:

DR CR BAL

8-17-27	Denver	Entered service as Messenger Boy		
3- 8-28	"	Transferred to Trucker		
6- 1-32	"	Suspended		
5- 1-33	"	Clerk		
9- 1-33	"	Suspended		
10-16-33	"	B&B Laborer		
6- 1-34	"	Clerk		
9- 1-34	"	Suspended		
6- 1-35	"	Messenger		
9- 1-35	"	Resigned		
8-27-36	"	Re-employed as Student Brakeman		
9-16-36	"	Qualified as Brakeman		
12-14-36	"	Granted L/A to 1-14-36 - Pers. Business		
1- 1-37	"	Returned from L/A		
2- 6-37	"	Suspended		
10- 1-37	"	Recalled		
11-30-37	"	Suspended		
6- 1-38	"	Recalled		
6- 9-38	"	Suspended		
2- 5-38	"	Used in emergency - one day		
9- 4-38	"	Used in emergency - one day		
9-21-38	"	Used in emergency - one day		
10- 7-38	"	Recalled		
10-27-38	"	Failure to have necessary flagging equip.	10	10
12- 3-38	"	Suspended		
6-20-39	"	Water service Laborer		
6-22-39	"	Suspended		
7-27-39	"	9 mos. clear record	10	
9-16-39	"	Recalled as Brakeman		
11-22-39	"	Suspended		
6-30-40	"	Recalled		
7- 8-40	"	Instd on Rule Chgs. eff 8-1-40		
8- 8-40	"	Suspended		
10- 6-40	"	Recalled		
2- 1-41	"	Suspended		
4- 1-41	"	Recalled		
4-12-41	"	Failure to comply with Rule 27-A	10	10
5- 6-41	"	Suspended		
5-20-41	"	Recalled		
1-12-42	"	9 Mos. clear record	10	
12-18-42	"	Violation of Rule 99	30	30
12-18-43	"	12 Mos. clear record	30	
5- 7-44	"	Qualified on D. U. T. Rules		
		Instd on Rule Chgs eff 7-1-46		

Transcript of Personal Record - Ralph Walton Murphy - Page 2:

			DR	CR	BAL
3-25-54	Denver	Viol of Gen Rules B and L, Opr Rule 527 when failed to perform properly at "A" Signal east end Borie, No. 2 Track, 3-18-54 while HeadBrakeman with Condr. Wyse on Ex 1448 East			
9-25-54	"	6 Mos. clear record	15	15	15

TRANSCRIPT OF PERSONAL RECORD

NAME: GEORGE CLARENCE CAMPBELL 71 953
 BORN: March 17. 1918 Denver, Colorado
 SSA#:

DR CR BAL

9-10-41	Denver	Entered service as Student Brakeman		
9-30-41	"	Qualified on rules as Brakeman		
10- 8-41	"	1st date worked as Brakeman		
12-12-41	Greeley	Force reduction - Suspended		
1- 1-42	"	Brakeman		
1- 2-42	Denver	As Switchman		
1-18-42	"	Suspended acct reduction in force		
2-17-42	"	Switchman		
2-19-42	"	Suspended acct reduction in force		
3- 1-42	"	Switchman		
3-21-42	"	Suspended acct reduction in force		
8- 2-42	"	Reinstated as Brakeman		
10- 6-42	"	30 days L/A , sickness		
11- 6-42	"	Returned		
4-15-44	"	Qualified on D. U. T. Rules		
6- 3-46	"	Instd on Chgs in and additions to Operating Rules eff. 7-1-46.		
10-16-46	Greeley	Failed to lock inside cross-over switch UL Greeley, in viol. of Rules 104-A-B	10	10
3- 3-47	Denver	Resp in conn with auto AX 6th Ave and 10th St, Greeley, 2-24-47 X 316	15	25
3- 3-48	"	Clear record for one year	25	25
9-17-53	"	Failed to Pass Air Brake Examination for prom. to Condr - 62% - B. E. Brady		
1-27-55	"	Declined to report for Air Brake Exam for promotion to Condr. when notified, constitutes 2nd failure.		
6- 2-56	"	Did not report for Air Brake Examination. 3rd Failure. Will not get another chance without special permission from Supt.		