


Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen



T.J/ Potter Lodge No 6

Aurora, Illinois,

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Dear Sir and Brother:

I received your letter today and I will give you all the information I can.

I went on this job August 24, 1927 and the Conductor said it had be customary for the Brakeman to hepp load milk. He said the Brakeman hepped previous to this time I come on the job and I understand that the trainmaster asked the brakeman to help. I was on this job about a year ago and Conductor Pressler gave me to understand that I had to hepl load milk. I asked by whose instructions and he said Mr. Carters. He said Mr. Carter said ifwe didn't hepl load milk he would put somebody on the job that would hepp. So all I can do as work under the Conductors instructions. Conductor Semitt puts in the time for me loading milk every trip on train No.42.

I put on my overalls coming into Shabbona on train No.42. The first stop at Shabbona is to stop at the water tank. I go over cut my stean nose between mail car and baggage car, when thru taking water we pull down and spot for the transfer from the Sterling Branch. While the Express is being transferred I cut behind the mail car and pick up the milk. I leave my overalls on but take care of passengers to Waterman. When thru loading and unloading passengers there at Waterman I go ahead to milk car and I remain there until we leave Big Rock. Then I return to the passenger and take off my overalls, then I do not hepp unload milk until we get to Pola. There I go over and put the milk cans to car on platform so the milk Conductor can put in car. I remain ahead in milk car from Pola to the milk stand just west of Naperville. After leaving milk stand west of Naperville I return to the passenger coach. At Pola and milk stand west of Naperville I work on platform, but from Waterman to Big Rock I hepp place cans in car.

Hoping this covers the information you wish and I also regret I cannot be at lodge to present this personally but I am getting out tonite and will not be able to attend. If any information lacks I will be glad to give it.

I remain
Yours Truly
R.L. Burkhart