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### Railway Service Telegram

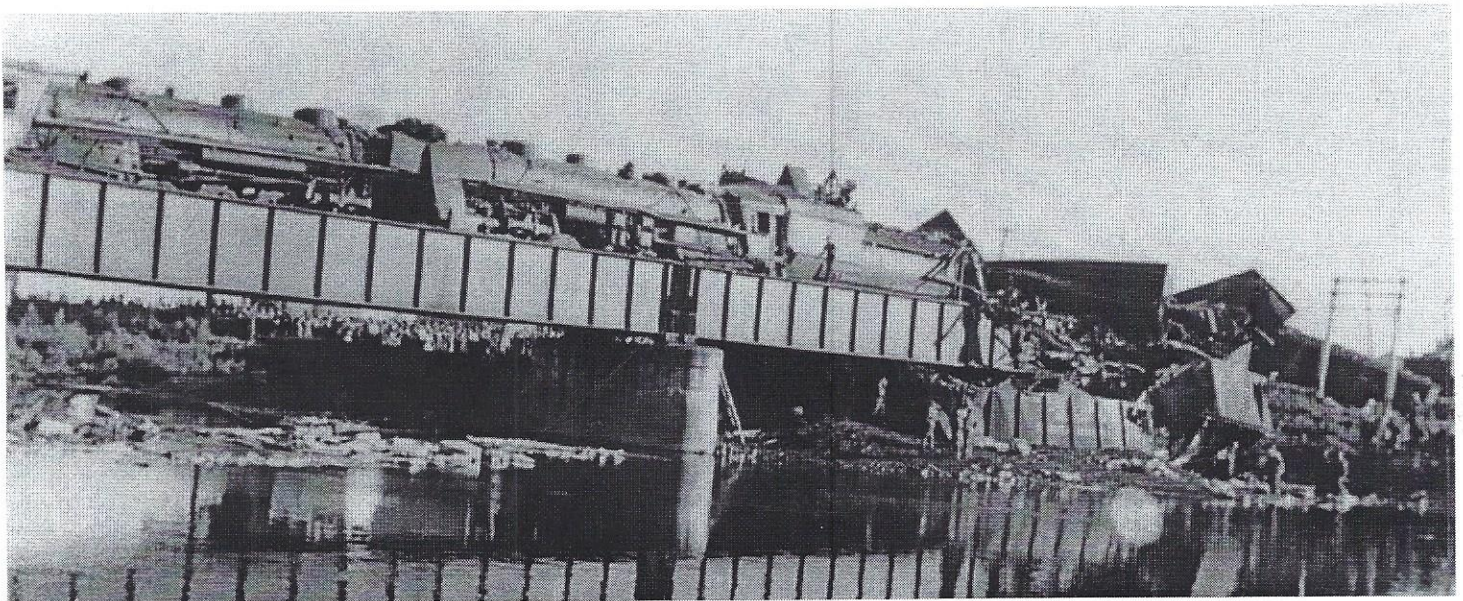
CN 21  
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BE BRIEF

Levis Que July 6th 1943

Have Report At 335PM That Train No 1 Engine 6166 With 15 Cars Collided With No 702 Eng 6167 With 41-1-3284 Tons About 315PM On Bridge Just East Of Montmagny Station Mileage 77 Montmagny SD Both Damage To Engine And Bridge One Refer CN 10010 Demolished Loaded With Fish Baggage Car 8778 Derailed Across Track On Bridge Steam Cranes From Joffre And Riv Du Loup Ordered At 335PM All Local Officers Going To Scene Of Accident Further Details To Follow.D-217.

R B Corrigan  
557P

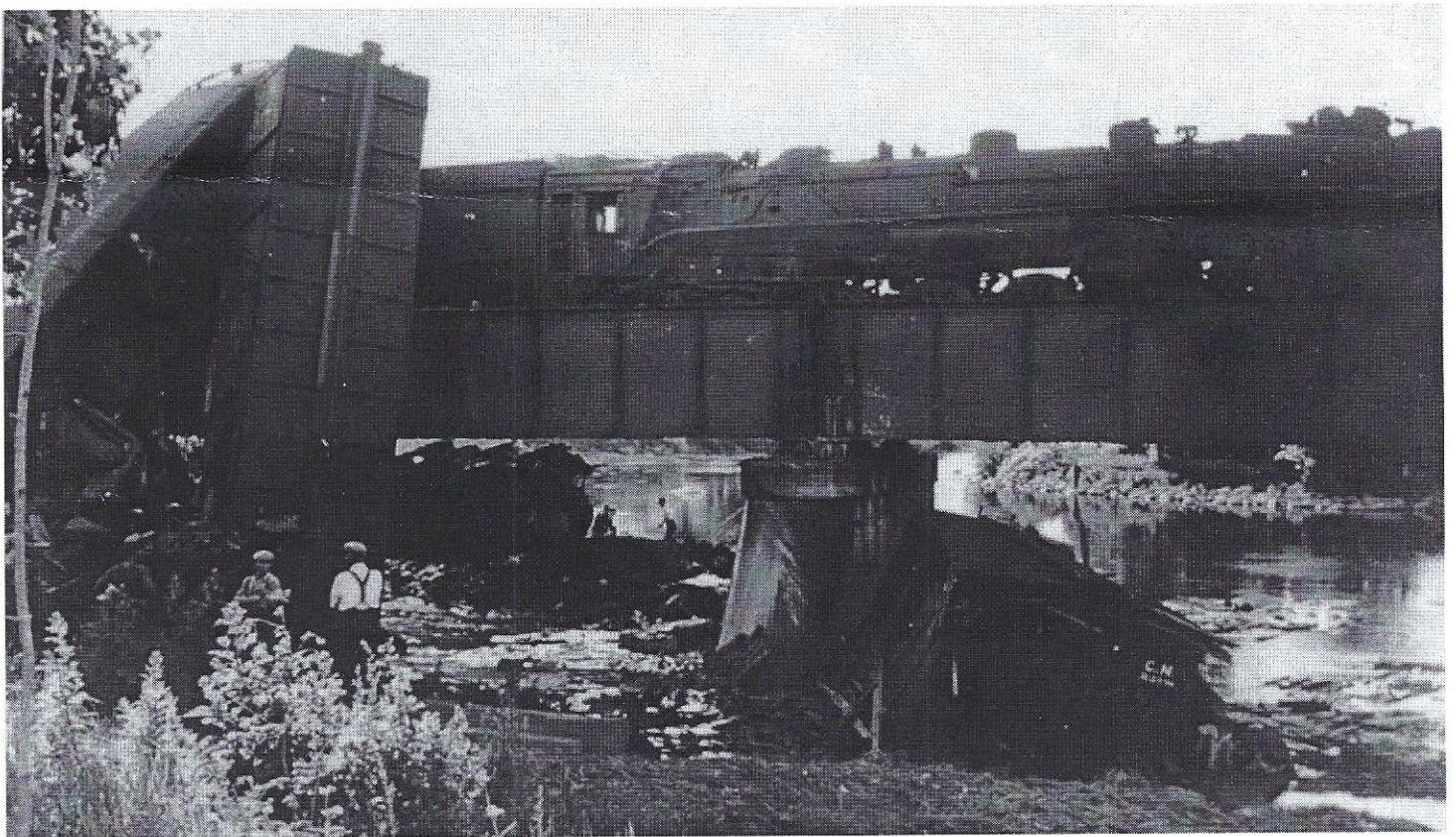






Notice how the feedwater heaters of both locomotives are touching. There would normally be about 8' of pilot between the two locomotives, which would offer a likely explanation for the massive welds we found on 6167's frame in that location.

John R. Davis photo, courtesy Grant Kingsland



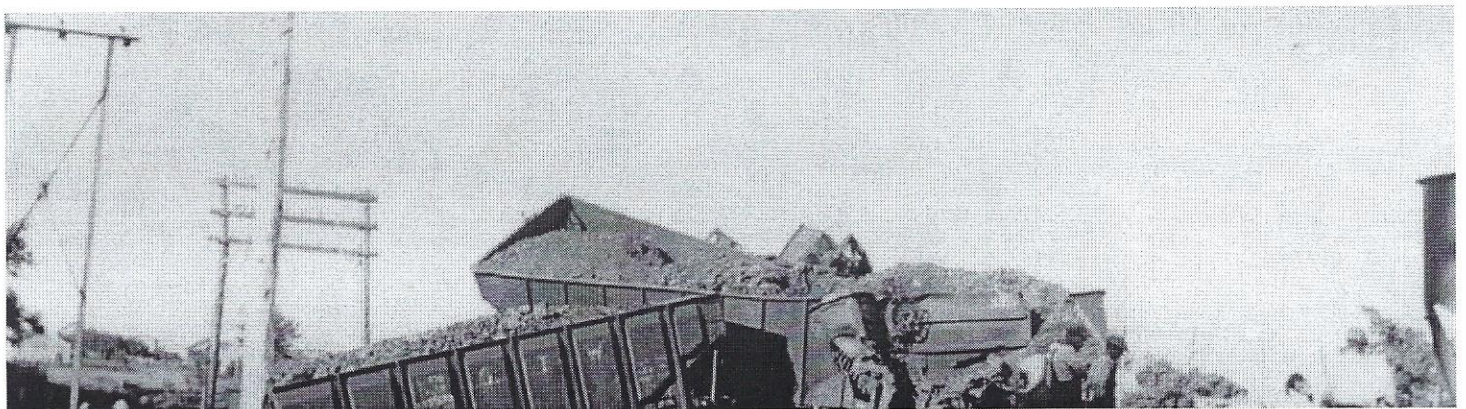
View from the opposite side of the bridge. Most of the boxcars at the front of the train ended up in the river, whilst many of the hoppers of OCS (On Company Service) Coal ended up compressed into a small space.

John R. Davis photo, courtesy Grant Kingsland

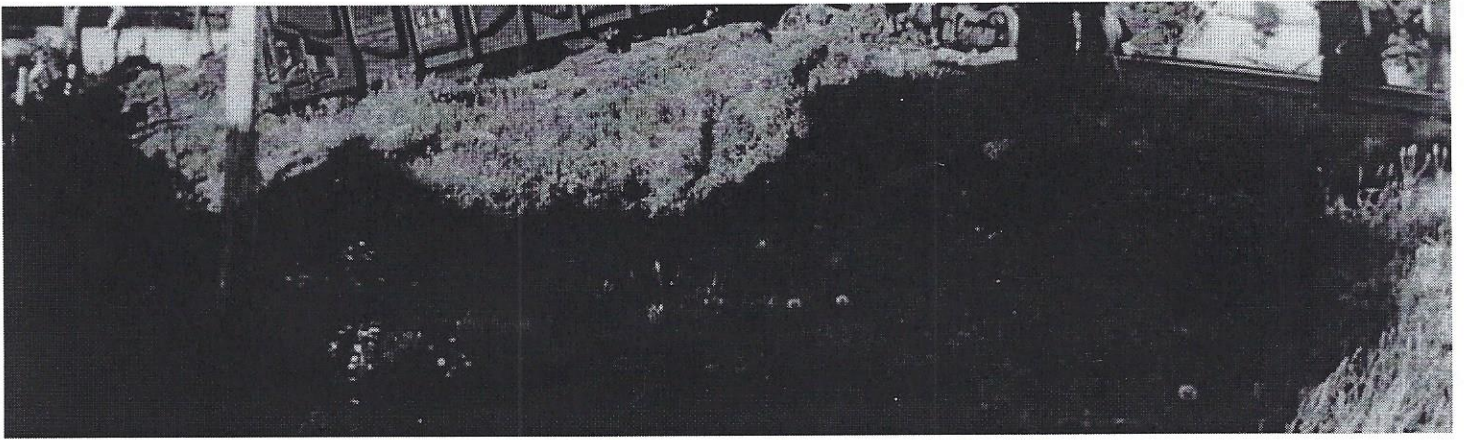




In the background, 6166's train has been removed and the wreck crane has pulled up behind it.  
John R. Davis photo, courtesy Grant Kingsland







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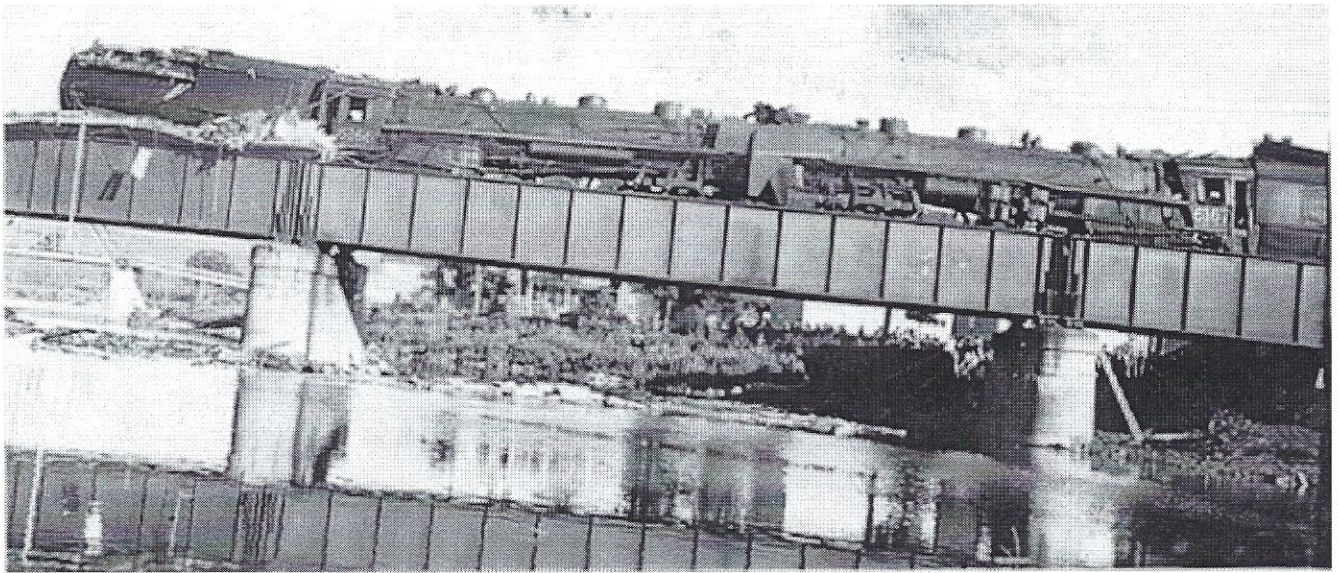
CNR 6166's tender can be seen in the background. Note the extreme angle it is resting at.  
John R. Davis photo, courtesy Grant Kingsland





While 6166's train had almost stopped at the moment of impact, 6167's train was still moving at a high rate of speed, causing the damage seen here.  
John R. Davis photo, courtesy Grant Kingsland





The remains of the baggage car can be seen around 6166's tender. It would appear that at in the impact, 6166 was forced backwards, ramming into the baggage car, completely obliterating it and causing the tender to rest at that extreme angle.

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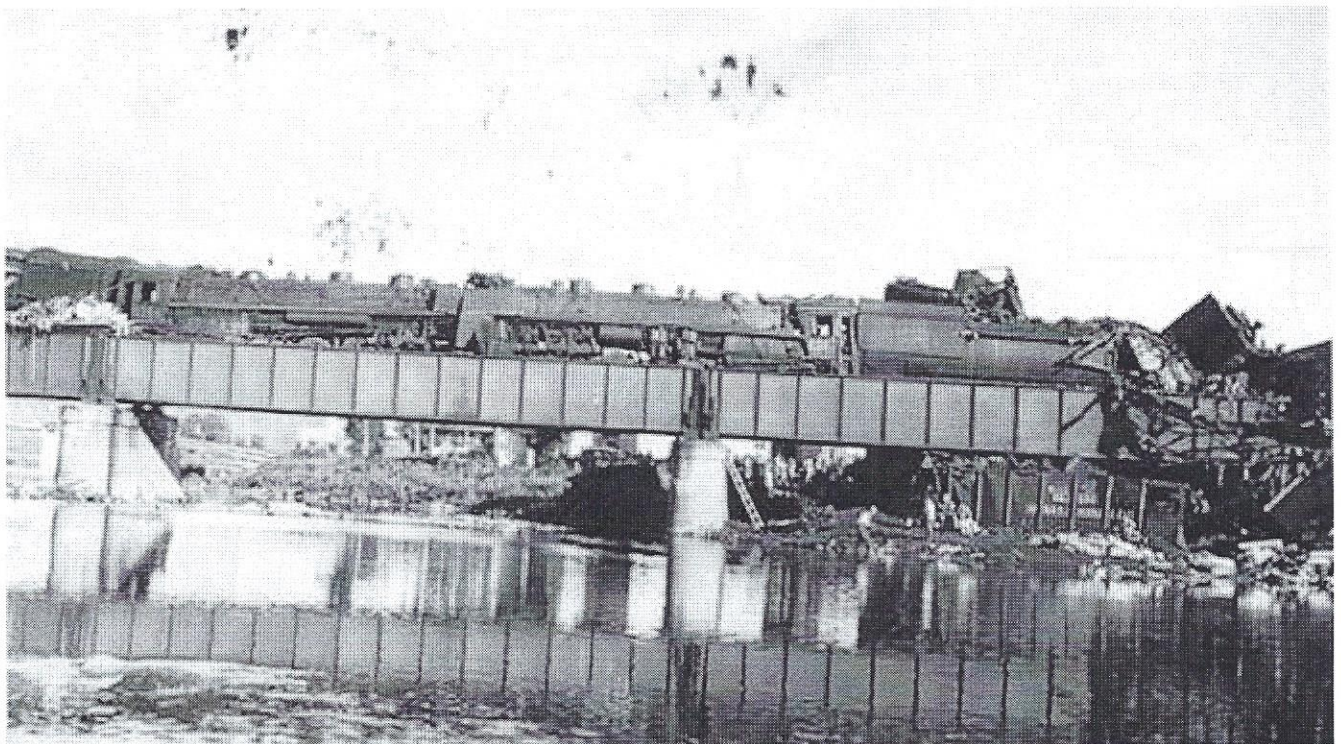


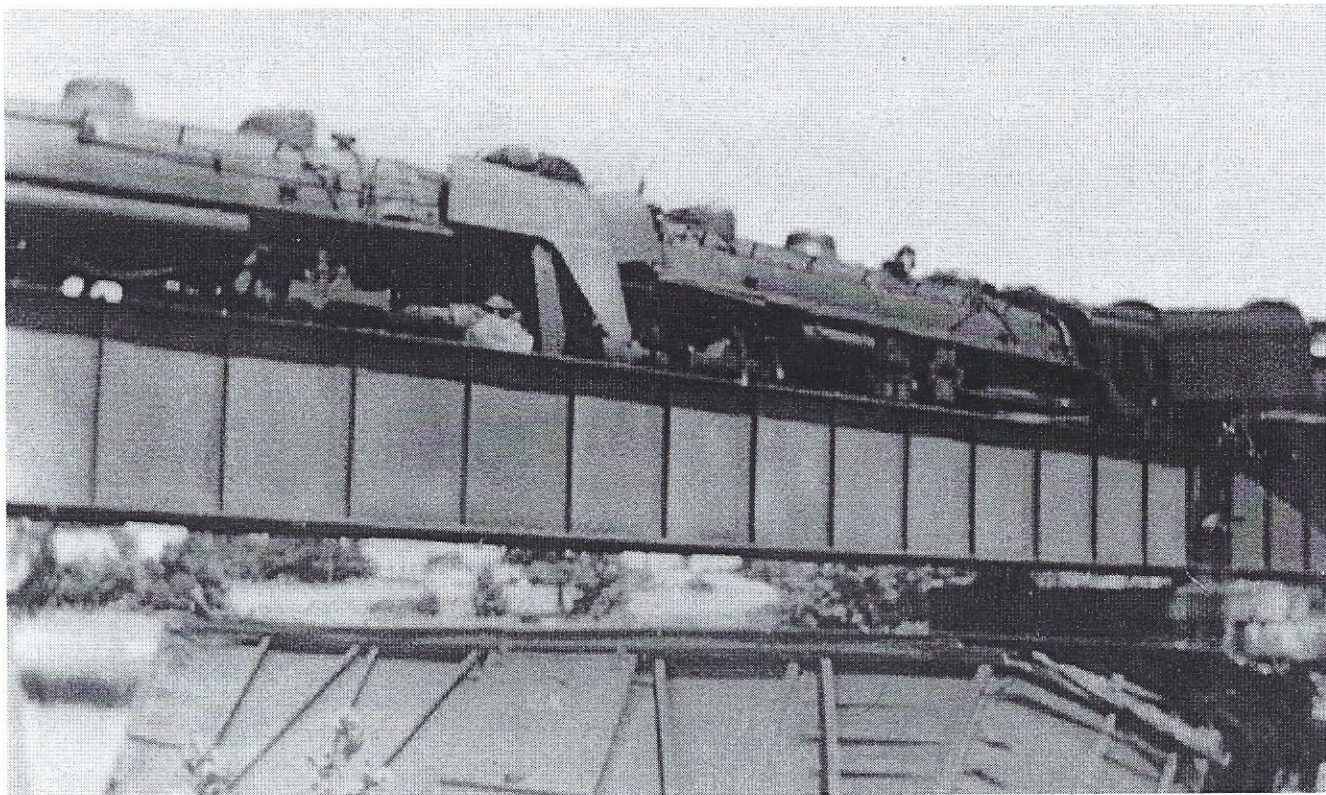
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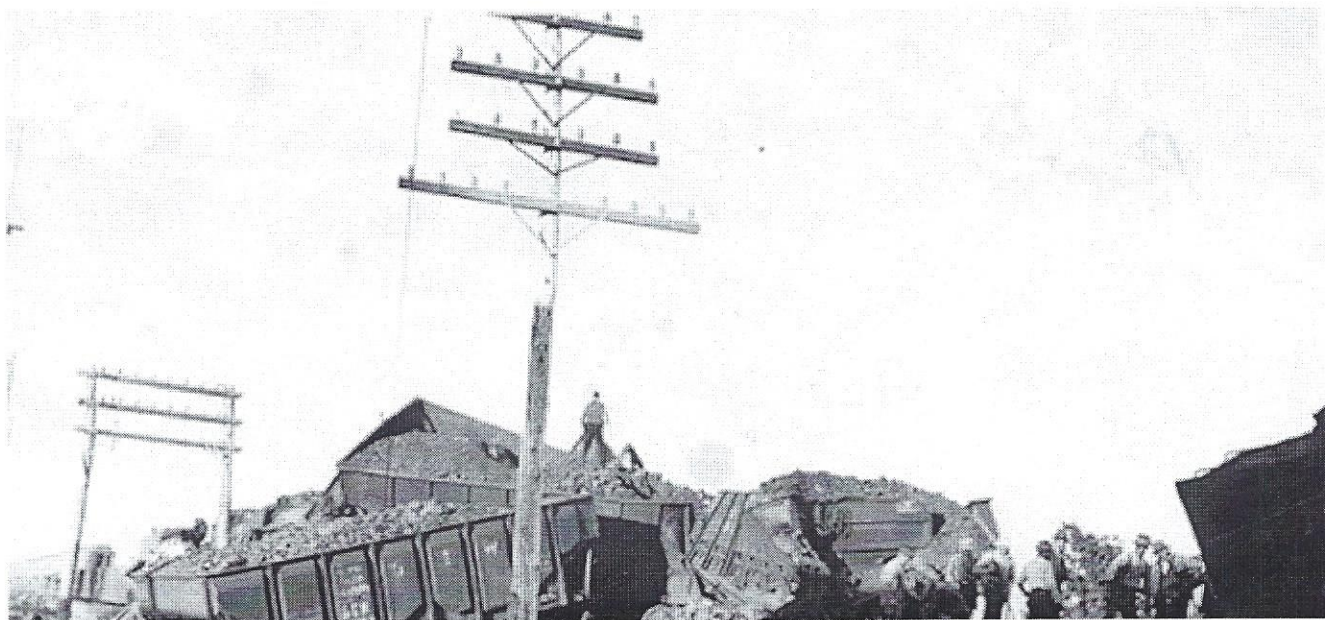


Photo courtesy of the Group Traq Collection





Another view of the opposite side of the bridge.  
Photo courtesy of the Group Traq Collection







CNR 6166's train can still be seen in the distance  
Photo courtesy of the Group Traq Collection

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262-266 NA U BR. Messrs. JWW BW. FLCB. Toronto. Ont.

Anticipate Have Freight Cars Out Of Way At West End Early This After Noon, And To Have Engs 6166 And 6167 Rerailed And Clear Of Bridge Late Tonight. Tender Of 6166 Train No 1 Resting On South Side, Girder, And Now Being Rerailed By Riv Du Loup Auxiliary. Pony Truck And Drivers Both Engs Derailed But Close To Rail. Twenty Freight Cars Six With Mdse, And 14 With OCS Coal, Derailed And Piled Up, Both Sides Of Track Between Bridge And Crossing Distance About Two Hundred Feet. Estimated Damage Eng 6166 Thirty Five Thousand Dollars, to 6167 Forty Thousand Dollars, To Freight Equipment About Thirty Thousand Dollars, Also One Baggage Car Totally Destroyed And Another Very Badly Damaged. Anticipate Will Take About Fifteen Hours Make Bridge Passable After Cleared Of Two Locomotives. A Few Bents Will Require Be Installed To Support Bridge. Span No. 5, West End, South Girder, Badly

Twisted, End Section Will Have To Be Renewed. Span No 4 Floor Beams, Panels Nos 6 And 7, Are Bent, Also Stringers In The Bays. We Will Endeavor Avoid Further Damage In Rerailing Two Engs, But May Find Other Damage To Bridge, After Engs Removed, Residents In Vicinity Testify No 1 Was Almost Stopped And Freight Train Still Running At Good Speed With Brakes Applied At Time Collision, Clear Weather And Good Rail, Track Tangent Approaching Montmagny From West, About Two Miles And From East About Five Miles, I Just Found Fire Started In One Of Derailed Mdse Cars, While Being Handled By Auxiliary. M-1.

O. Masse. 120PM

Rush. Urgent

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B139-145NAHK

Montmagny Que July 7th 1943

F L C Bond. Toronto Ont  
J W Wardlaw. " " "Copy JWW And FLC Bond In Montreal"

Opr Doyer On Duty Montmagny Yesterday States Was Aware No. 1 Running Late On Late Order But Did Not Have Copy Late Order For Any Train. When He Heard 702 Approaching West End Of Yard He Was Working At Cash Book And Knowing No. 1 Was In Vicinity Cap Stignace He Asked Despatcher Hudon Where 702 Was To Meet 1.. Hudon Replied Montmagny. Doyer Immediately Displayed Train Order Signal To Stop Position Picked Up Red Flag And Went Out On Platford Giving Violent Stop Signals.. Train Order Signal Was Displayed At Stop Position As The Engine Passed It... He Claims Brakes Not Applied On Train Before Collision Caboose Stopped Short Distance East Of Station.. He Saw Condr And Brakeman On Rear Platform Caboose When It Passed Station When Both Of Them Entered Caboose.. Doyer In Service Sixteen Years. Well Acquainted Montmagny Sub.. Understand Conductor Sirois On 702 Failed To Register Or Check Register St Charles Where He Received Clearance Only There Being No Orders For His Train.. Agent Roy On Duty St Charles Delivered To M 702 Clearance Showing Nil In Each Lines Regarding Superior Trains Having Arrived And Left.. Will Interview Agent Roy On My Return.. He Has Been In Service Over Forty Years And At St Charles For Many Years



3/10/13

CNR 6167's July 6, 1943 Wreck

SERVICE OVER POLY LEADS AND AT ST CHARLES FOR RAILY LEADS...  
M-1.JNT FLCB...JWW...CY JEG....

O.Masse

CN

340PM

TELEGRAPHIC ACCIDENT REPORT			
PERSONAL INJURIES, TRAIN ACCIDENTS, SLIDES AND WASHOUTS			
(FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY'S SOLICITOR, AND HIS ADVICE THEREON)			
CNR-3903 10-32		TO FLCB JWW DFMCC WCS BW CPN CPD HCB OFFICE TORONTO ONT	
TIME FILED	930 AM	M. DATE	JULY 6TH 43
STATION		LEVIS QUE	
(A) PLACE OF ACCIDENT	MILEAGE 77.5 MONTMAGNY SD.		
(B) DATE	JULY 6TH	(C) TIME	318PM
(D) TRAIN	NO 1 NO 702	(E) ENGINE	6166-6167
(F) CONDUCTOR	O LAMBERTON NO 1		
(G) PARTICULARS OF ACCIDENT	HEAD ON COLLISION RESULTING IN DAMAGE AND DERAILMENT ENGINE AND TWO BAGGAGE CARS OF TRAIN NO 1 AND ENGINE AND 20 FREIGHT CARS ON TRAIN 702 BRIDGE APPARENTLY EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED.		
(H) NAME OF INJURED PERSON	LIST FOLLOWING		
(I) RESIDENCE	(STREET NUMBER, AND CITY OR TOWN)		
(J) NATURE AND EXTENT OF INJURY			
(K) INJURED WHILE A	(PASSENGER, EMPLOYEE, FREIGHTMAN, ETC.)		
(L) IF PASSENGER GIVE DESTINATION	(STREET NUMBER, AND CITY OR TOWN)		
(M) HOW PERSON CARED FOR WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN			
(N) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES			
(O) APPARENT CAUSE OF ACCIDENT	TO BE INVESTIGATED		
(P) AUXILIARY ORDERED	FROM 107FB 330PM AND 425P AND 530P 614P AND TO FOLLOW		
(Q) IS MAIN LINE OBSTRUCTED?	YES CAN TRAINS BE OPERATED AROUND OBSTRUCTION?		
(R) WHEN LINE IS EXPECTED TO BE CLEAR	1200 NOON TOMORROW JULY 7TH		
(S) DELAYS TO TRAINS			
(T) IF CARS DERAILED GIVE INITIALS, NUMBERS, CONTENTS AND FULL WAYBILL REFERENCE	TO FOLLOW		
(U) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESPECTING CROSSING ACCIDENTS: (1) ARE THERE GATES, BELL OR FLAGMAN AT CROSSING?			
(2) IF SO WERE THEY FUNCTIONING?			
(3) IF RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY GIVE DATE AND HOUR SLOW ORDER PLACED.			
(4) DATE OF LAST ACCIDENT AT CROSSING			
(V) NAME OF OTHER RAILWAY OR COMPANY, IF ANY, THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN ANY PROBABLE CLAIM OR RESPONSIBILITY			
(W) WEATHER CONDITIONS	CLEAR		
SIGNATURE		R B CORRIGAN 1030PM	
READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF PAD CAREFULLY			

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Messrs. FLCB. WCS. JWW. DFMCC. BW. FPN. HCB. CPO. Toronto.Ont.

177-190 NA U BR.

Levis, Que July 7th-43.

Further To Form 3903 Re Accident mile 72.5 Montmagny Sub Divn.  
Symbol M-As Follows.-.

Jos Levasseur , Engman,Riv Du Loup Dead.

Albani Ouellet, Fireman Apparently Broken Leg

M.Mayers, Stewart,Light Pain To The Arms.

Jos Dumas, BaggageMan, Riv Du Loup, Light Pain To Arms, And Feet.

V Linder Express Msgr, 40 A-36th Ave,Lachine,Q.Montreal. Light Bruise On Elbow.

J M Lachance, Mail Clerk, 40 PereMarquette,Quebec,Light Cut On Forehead.

L Bernier, Mail Clerk, 24, 15th St.Limoilou,Q.Light Cut At The Face.

H.E.Belanger, Mail Clerk, 78 Rue Du Roi St,Pascal,Bailong,Quebec,

Light Pain to Stomach



Light Pain To Stomach.  
 L.Lemieux, Mail Clerk 83 1/2 2nd St, Limoilou Q, Light Cut At Back.  
 J.H.Blier, Eng Man Riv Du Loup, Nervous Shock, And Slight Scratches At Face  
 Taken To Hospital, At Levis.  
 C.Briand, Fireman, Riv Du Loup, Seriously Wounded, No Details.  
 Following Psgrs On Train no 1 Injured-..  
 A D Maclean, 3245 Vanhorne, Montreal, Left Knee Slightly Injured.  
 Elizabeth Glazier, 3 Yrs Old, Quebec Ouest Light Cut On Leg.  
 Mrs John Glazier, Quebec Ouest, Slight Bruise Forehead And Shoulders.  
 Mrs Gerard Duprix, 5998 Louis Hebert, Montreal, Light Scratch On Shoulder.  
 Mrs Berthe Pierre, 2530 Coursell, Montreal, Bump On Head, Pregnant.?  
 Miss Agnes Ouellet, 354 Marie, Lincarnation, Quebec, Slight Bruise On Leg.  
 Miss Gloire Gagnon, 888 Notre Dame, Ouest Montreal, Slight Injured.  
 M J Clark, 8-76342, Kingston, Ont, Light Bruise And Strain  
 Roland Levesque, 90 Rue Lafayette, Quebec, Slight Injured To Legs.  
 C J Morgan, Navy, 1034, Queens Ave, Victoria. Bruise On Left Leg  
 S C Akenhead, Navy, 111 Farquhar St, Menaumo, BC, Leg And Head Injured.  
 Therese Martin, St Annes De Lapocatiere, Leg Injured.  
 Jeannette Boicher, St Annes De Lapocatiere, Right Leg Injured  
 A H Apple, 62 Eldere Ave, Long Branch, Ont, Left Eye And Nose And Left Hand  
 Injured  
 Douglas Rogers, Navy, 62 Smith St, London Ont, Both Eyes Nose And Head  
 Slightly Injured.  
 Sylvia Silver, Windsor Hotel, Montreal, Pain At Neck, And Stomach.  
 J C Lloyd, Navy, 1129 West 10th St, Calgary, Bruise On Shoulder.  
 Carmen Morel, 4364 Delarche, Montreal, Slight Injury.  
 Gillies, Navy, Rodney Ont. Left Leg Slightly Injured.  
 Edith Damour, 3923 St Denis, Montreal, Nervous Shock  
 Miss Mary McNeil, 1208 Ossington Ave, Toronto Ont, Light Pain To The Head.

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2nd Sheet.

Freda Willimsky, Windsor, Hotel, Montreal, Light Pain To The Head.  
 Mde Edouard, Lauzier, 6978 St Denis, Montreal, Left Leg Slightly Injured.  
 Andree Simonneau, Army, Barryfield Ont, Left Leg Slightly Injured Scratched.  
 Alice Borgela, St Annes De Lapocatiere, Broken Glass, Light Pain To Eyes.  
 Edith Phillips, 653, Osborne Ave, Verdun, Q, Slight Cut Over Right Eye.  
 Miss Dore Auger, Val Brilliant, Light Pain To Left Leg.  
 George McLaughlin, Navy, 955 Thurlon, St, Vancouver, BC. Shaken Up.  
 A J Dalton, RCAF, On Duty, Christie St, Hospital, Toronto, Ont, Light Pain To  
 Head.  
 R.J.Nadon, 3756 Parc Lafontaine, Montreal, Nervous Shock.  
 G Huard, RCMP, On Duty, 458 Lewis St, Ottawa, Light Pain To The Neck.  
 Mrs D W Lonsdale, 78 Indian Road, Toronto, Light Cut To Right Leg.  
 Mrs W Turner, 392 King Street, Chatham Ont, Light Pain At Left Knee.  
 Francis Nigrail 3245 Vanhorne, Montreal Stiff Neck.  
 Miss M White, Bagotville, Light Pain At Head.  
 Mrs J A McDonald, Apt 2, Harold, Apt, Winnipeg, Bump At Head.  
 Lucien Tremblay, D 504920 5031 Market St, Montreal, Light Cut On Right Eye.  
 Mrs Leo Blais, Mormetal, Abitibi, Light Pain To Right Leg.  
 M S Brittain, Navy, On Duty, Barryfield Ont, Light Pain To Neck.  
 Mrs A Y Yurek, 392 Slater St, Ottawa, Light Pain To The Head. Claiming  
 Refund For Clothes.  
 Miss Jeanne Raymond, St Annes De Lapocatiere, Light Scratch On Left Foot A  
 And Claiming Three Dollars For Clothes, Refund.  
 Miss Rita Frigot, 714, Lagauchetiere, West Montreal, Light Pain At Side  
 Of Body.  
 Miss Isabelle Michaud, Amqui, Light Cut On Forehead.  
 Miss Marcelle Janet, Rimouski, Light Cut On Forehead.  
 Joint, D706.

R.B. Corrigan. Supt.

Montmagny Bridge Photos - May 23, 2011

Montmagny Station Photos - May 23, 2011

### The Mystery Of The Photos

John R. Davis sent me this story of how he came across the the photos of the Montmagny wreck:



While I have no idea who took the Montmagny pictures, it would appear the views credited to me and to Traq were all the work of the same photographer.

I was 11 years old at the time of the wreck and have never been east of Victoriaville on the CN, which was on the CRHA excursion behind 6167 October 27th, 1963.

The views credited to me came into my hands this way -

Back around 1974 the late Ed Quinn, a long time acquaintance and medically retired GT conductor, was setting up a small railroad museum in his garage in Gilead, Maine. As I was helping him occasionally when home from the base I was stationed at and knowing I was doing some printing of my own at the hobby shop's darkroom during the week, he asked if I could make some 5x7 enlargements for his display panels from some odd-size copy negatives he had made from some prints. Among them were 6 or 7 views of 6166 and 6167 in a head-on collision.

He told me the photos were marked "Headon collision of #1 and coal train at Montmagny 1943" and had found them in the cabin of idler 58164 attached to the Island Pond auxiliary, and that none of the shopmen recalled where they came from. I made him a set of 5x7s and as part of the deal, made several sets for myself of which I later traded some to other collectors.

Adding to the mystery of who the actual photographer was, is how some prints of the wreck turned up in 58164's cabin, as the Island Pond auxiliary was not involved in the cleanup at Montmagny, though it's possible some of the shopmen who crewed it had gone to Montmagny to relieve the auxiliary crews that were there, and one of the obtained the prints through coming in contact with the photographer.

Further complicating the prints coming into Eddie's possession, is that neither the prints or the copy negatives were in the contents of the museum were acquired by the Crockett Foundation shortly before his death and its being loaned to the Gorham Historical Society in Gorham, NH, and my having been the one who unpacked and arranged the exhibit in CV boxcar 41146 in 1994 on behalf of Mrs. Crockett who was anxious to see the material displayed after it had been sitting untouched in the boxcar for several years untouched, I can only surmise they were among things that Eddie had sold off when he and the late John Egan, a fellow conductor and collector, disposed of a mix of photos, negatives, timetables, station signs, etc, from their collections at an auction in Groveton, NH during the latter 1980's.

Am really curious now that I know more about the Montmagny collision as to who did take the photographs.



### Comments

The telegraphs transcribed here are all courtesy of Robert Burnet, while the photos from the Group Traq Collection were provided to me by Marc Carette.

In the photos, you can see how both engines have been sandwiched together (look at the feedwater heater bundles). We are quite certain that 6167 had to have a new smokebox rolled for her as part of her repairs. When the shop forces put the new smokebox on, they installed the builders plate way up the side of the smokebox, whereas the original location was just under the running boards (which was very unusual in itself as most engines had them mounted just above the running boards). Further more when 6167 rolled out of the shops, many of the cosmetic features of her front end had been revised.

Some additional points:

- Train No 1 is the Ocean Limited.
- 6167 was hauling 41 loads 1 empty (Caboose) and weighed 3284 Tons.
- Mdse=Merchandise, Opr=Operator


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