

## Rock Island - Memphis Passenger Train Service - operational details

In February 1963, Rock Island operated two sets of trains into Memphis. Trains 23-24 (Memphis-Amarillo) were protected by RDC cars, with an occasional trailer coach [observation coach-parlor #454] added between Memphis and Little Rock. Trains 21-22 (Memphis-Tucumcari) were conventional trains, connecting with SP trains to Los Angeles.

To avoid servicing costs in Memphis, Rock Island had recently started deadheading a RDC car (a "Budd car" in Rock Island terminology) on night trains 21 and 22 between Memphis and Little Rock for servicing at Biddle (Little Rock) shops. Budd cars removed from train #21 would layover approximately 24 hours at Little Rock, then return to Memphis on #22.

Train #22 (from Tucumcari, NM)	Lv LRK 245am, Av MFS 530am
Train #23 (to Amarillo, TX)	Lv MFS 1045am, Av LRK 115pm
Train #24 (from Amarillo, TX)	Lv LRK 335pm, Av MFS 615pm
Train #21 (to Tucumcari, NM)	Lv MFS 1000pm, Av LRK 1230am

### Passenger Train Consists

(From car inspector reports. Cars designated "baggage" refer to car type; contents were usually pouched mail or railway express shipments.)

#### February 1, 1963

##### Train #22

RI	411	FP7
RI	862	baggage
RI	4397	baggage
SP	6363	baggage
SP	6707	baggage
RI	4129	baggage
RI	7013	Railway Post Office HW
RI	2866	coach HW
RI	9015	Budd Car (for train #23)

##### Train #24

RI	9002	Budd car
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##### Train #23

RI	9015	Budd car
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##### Train #21

RI	406	FP7
T&P	1702	baggage
RI	4196	baggage
SP	6363	baggage
SP	6707	baggage
RI	4129	baggage
RI	7013	Railway Post Office HW
RI	2866	coach HW
RI	9002	Budd car (off at Little Rock)

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**Train #22**

RI	406	FP7
RI	4300	baggage
RI	4331	baggage
SP	6084	baggage
SP	6481	baggage
RI	4393	baggage
IC	303	Railway Post Office
RI	2869	coach HW
RI	9002	Budd car (for train #23)

**Train #24**

RI	9003	Budd Car
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**Train #23**

RI	9002	Budd Car
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**Train #21**

RI	406	FP7
RI	4239	baggage
RI	4308	baggage
RI	4331	baggage
SP	6084	baggage
SP	6481	baggage
IC	303	Railway Post Office
RI	2869	coach HW
RI	9003	Budd car (off at Little Rock)