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1. ADC FR ATTU 43-124. PFC VINCENT MANCUSO, 32303428. (photographer)
124. Massacre Bay, 5/14/43. From atop the high knoll, before entering the valleys into Hlotz and Chichighoff Harbor, one can see the supply lines established by the tractors from the beach. From the supply dump in the middle of the picture the remaining transportation was by hand.
2. ADC FR ATTU 43-126. PFC VINCENT MANCUSO 32303428 (photographer)
126. Massacre bay, 5/14/43. From a top the high knoll, before entering the valleys into Holtz and Chichigof Harbors, can be seen men going to the front to replace those already there. Not that the men are only carrying sleeping bags and their arms. The rucksacks were left on the beach.
3. ADC FR ATTU, 43-128. 2nd LT FERRIS P/ COPPER O-469996 (photographer)
728. Massacre Bay, 5/17/43. A ration dump established between the Division Command Post and the high knoll. From the beach to the dump the supplies were hauled by tractors from there on it was hard and slow work as it was carried by hand.
4. ADC FR ATTU 43-129. 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996 (photographer)
129, Massacre Bay, 5/17/43. Close up of a Kitchen established between the Division Command Post and the knoll. This kitchen had continuous serving for all men proceeding to and returning from the front. The average servings amounted to over a thousand per day. Within five minutes after this picture was taken a Japanese shell burst between the right end of the ovens and the can on the extreme right, killing the first three men on the right side of this picture. The photographer was then on the other side of the ovens bending down to pick up a box. For the first week this kitchen was under constant shelling
5. ADC FR ATTU 43-130. 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996 (photographer)_
130. Massacre Bay, 5/17/43. General view of a kitchen established between the Division Command Post and the high knoll overlooking Massacre Bay area. This kitchen by continuous serving averaged over a thousand meals per day to men proceeding to and from the front.
6. ADC FR ATTU 43—134. PFC VINCENT MANCUSO, 32303428
134. Massacre Bay, 5/17/43. A Japanese field piece destroyed by them when the American troops began cleaning up the Massacre Bay area. This gun was located near the beach overlooking the west cove of the bay.
7. ADC FR ATTU 43—143. T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238

143. Massacre Bay, 5/15/45. Men putting up a pyramidal tent in a resting area, located just behind the beach, for those men relieved at the front
8. ADC FR ATTU 43—144 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
144. Massacre Bay, 5/15/43. Because of the mud and the tundra tractors were unable to move the artillery guns into position. For this reason it was necessary to pull them everywhere by hand. In this picture men can be seen pulling a 37mm anti-tank gun forward into a new position.
9. ADC FR ATTU 43—154 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 31296238
154. Massacre Bay, 5/16/43. During the first week of the fighting at Massacre Bay the 105mm Howitzer Batteries were located approximately 200 yards inland from the beach. This picture shows the location of one of the guns, taken during one of the firings. It also gives an idea of living conditions around the gun.
10. ADC FR ATTU 43—158 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
158. Captured Japanese 3” Howitzers.
11. ADC FR ATTU 43—161 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
161. Holtz Bay, 5/19/43. On top of the ridge between the East and West Arms of Holtz Bay were found two Japanese 3” Howitzers. These guns overlooked both arms of the bay and were one of the objectives our troops had to eliminate before entering the East Arm. This picture shows a front and side view of the guns.
12. ADC FR ATTU 43—163 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
163. Easter Services aboard UST North Coast. Men singing hymns.
13. ADC FR ATTU 43—166 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
166. Capt. Charles Hollingsworth, Capt. Cantley, S/SGT. McDonald, Lt. Klatman performing appendectomy aboard the UST North Coast.
14. ADC FR ATTU 43—172 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
172. Aboard the US Transport Bell, 5/11/43. About six miles from Holtz Bay the men were loaded into landing barges and shoved off to land at Red Beach, located over the ridge on the Northwest end of Holtz Bay. This picture was taken from one of the barges being lowered into the water in the first wave.
15. ADC FR ATTU 43—181 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
181. East Arm of Holtz Bay, 5/19/43. In the East Arm of Holtz Bay near the Japanese runway the smoking remains of a Japanese barracks is shown. This barracks was set afire by the enemy in their haste to evacuate the area. In the smoking remains were found many charred bodies. This picture also shows to advantage the method the Japanese used for constructing their barracks.
16. ADC FR ATTU 43—188 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
188. West Arms of Holtz Bay, 5/19/43. Next to the beach the Japanese had installed a battery of six dual-purpose, anti-aircraft and field artillery, guns. This picture shows one of the guns in its emplacement. Because the Japanese were forced to leave in such a haste they were not able to disable this gun. As a consequence, when the American troops came into the area, they used it against the Japanese. This picture was taken showing the rear of the gun and the emplacement it is in. The dugout to the right of the gun was used to store ammunition. That to the left of the gun was an entrance leading to an underground barracks between this gun emplacement and one some 50 yards to the left. The wooden forms lying about in the emplacement are the forms used in crating the shells.

17. ADC FR ATTU 45—189 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND 37021329
189. West arm of Holtz Bay, 8/19/43. Close up picture of a captured Japanese fire control scale. This was used with the artillery battery captured near the beach. This picture was made by request of Ordinance Intelligence Officer, Captain Edward Creid.
18. ADC FR ATTU 43—191 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
191. West arm of Holtz Bay, 5/13/43. When the American forces were being held up on the ridge between Red Beach, where the American forces landed, and Holtz Bay, Navy planes came over and strafed the enemy in Holtz Bay. The American Forces were then able to advance into the area and drive the enemy out. This picture shows the Navy planes coming in to strafe the enemy.
19. ADC FR ATTU 43-191 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
200. Red Beach near Holtz Bay, 5/12/43. Men digging foxholes to be used for protection against Japanese shelling during the day. At night the men slept in them both for protection against shelling and from the wind. Some of the men's ruck-sacks can be seen strewn about.
20. ADC FR ATTU 43—206 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
206. Aboard the US Transport Bell, 5/9/43. Looking ahead off the transport Bell at the part of the convoy in battle formation, while enroute to Attu.
21. ADC FR ATTU 43—207 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
207. Aboard the US Transport Bell, 5/9/43. Looking to the rear off the transport Bell at the part of the convoy in battle formation, while enroute to Attu.
22. ADC FR ATTU 43—213 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
213. Aboard the US Transport Bell, 5/12/43. The cameraman riding the rear of the landing barge was able to get a fine shot of part of the first group of barges as they proceed to shore for the attack. In some places the fog was so heavy that it was impossible for the photographer to see more than one barge.
23. ADC FR ATTU 43—220 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
220. High ridge between Red Beach and Holtz Bay, 5/12/43. This picture shows an American 37mm anti-tank gun set up in a camouflaged position overlooking Red Beach.
24. ADC FR ATTU 43—223, T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
223. Motor from Jap Zero on beach at Holtz Bay.
25. ADC FR ATTU 43—225 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
225. Holtz Bay, 5/15/43. During a heavy tide one of the Navy landing barges, loaded with supplies, was washed out into the bay and capsized. This picture shows the landing barge moored down until the tide calms down enough to enable the Navy to salvage it.
26. ADC FR ATTU 43—227 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
227. Holtz Bay, 5/15/43. Next to the beach the Japanese had installed a battery of six duo-purpose, anti-aircraft and field artillery, guns. This picture shows one of the guns in its emplacement. Because the Japanese were forced to leave in such a haste they were not able to disable this gun. As a consequence, when the American troops came into the area, they used it against the Japanese. This picture was taken showing the rear side of the gun. The entrance, to the right of the gun, under the muzzle, leads to an underground barracks which is itself connected to the next gun in the battery. All the guns are connected together in the same manner. The dugout to the left of the gun was used to store ammunition. Some of the boxes which had contained ammunition can be seen lying about. The cane sacks contain coal of coke for heating purposes.

27. ADC FR ATTU 43—229 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
229. Holtz bay, 5/15/43. When the American forces entered the Holtz Bay area they found a large supply of Japanese submarine diesel oil, stored on the beach. This was camouflaged by means of straw mats with rocks and sand thrown over them, as shown in the picture.
28. ADC FR ATTU 43—240 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
240. East Arm of Holtz Bay, 5/19/43. When the American forces captured the Japanese runaway they found the tractor shown in this picture. It is interesting to note that the wheels are weighted and this vehicle is also used as a roller.
29. ADC FR ATTU 43--241 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
241. East Arm of Holtz Bay, 5/19/43. When the American Forces captured the Japanese runaway, they found the Dodge truck, shown in this picture. The rear wheels of the truck were equipped with large steel bands which can be seen in the picture. The tracks on each side of the truck were used to haul dirt along the runaway in push carts.
30. ADC FR ATTU 43—250 2nd LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
250. Massacre Bay, 5/17/43. This picture shows one of the 17th Inf. Medical aid stations located near the Div. C.P on top of the high knoll overlooking Massacre Bay.
31. ADC FR ATTU 43—257 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
257. Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. When the US Transport Perida ran aground in Massacre Bay, a great deal of equipment and supplies were ruined. These supplies were eventually brought ashore for salvage. This picture shows a group of soldiers loading a trailer with some of the supplies salvaged. On the left can be seen a pile of shoes and helmet salvages from the ship.
32. ADC FR ATTU 43—260 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
260. Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. Soon as there was a lull in the fighting they men found some time to do some much needed laundry. This picture shows men hanging up their clothes to dry in front of their tents located near the beach.
33. ADC FR ATTU 43—261, 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
261. Ovens of Field Rangers.
34. ADC FR ATTU 43-263 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
263. Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. When the US Transport Perida ran aground, in Massacre Bay, a great deal of supplies were ruined. In this picture can be seen piles of coffee and flour among other rations piled on the beach. Until tractors could haul these supplies away they were guarded by MP's as is shown in this picture. Most of the damage was due to oil.
35. ADC FR ATTU 43—265 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
265. Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. When the US Transport Perida ran aground, in Massacre Bay, a large quantity of supplies were lost. In this picture can be seen a pile of field rations and canned food from one of the holds damaged. Some of these supplies were salvaged and later hauled to the supply dump located further inland. Most of the damage was due to the oil which soaked into the supplies.
36. ADC FR ATTU 43—266 T/5 VINCENT A WALLACE, 32196238
266. Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. In order to make more room in loading the caterpillar tractors into the ships for transportation to Attu, the cabs of many were removed. This picture shows some of the cabs lying on the beach. Some of them were used by the men to sleep in at night while others were broken up and used for firewood. In the background

- can be seen a pile of ammunition waiting to be hauled to the dump further inland, after having been unloaded from a landing barge.
37. ADC FR ATTU 43—334 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/31/43. Supplies and equipment were unloaded directly into trailers hauled by tractors to be hauled to the supply dumps further inland, as shown in this picture.
 38. Photo No. 335
CA supply dump on Attu. The soldier standing in the center is leaning against a stack of K-Rations. The gun in the foreground is a 37mm anti-tank gun.
 39. ADC FR ATTU 43—332 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/12/43. This picture taken the day after landing shows rations piled along the beach. The banner on the poles was used to indicate the type of supplies to be unloaded at the particular portion of the beach. This picture also shows a Shore Party C.P. established at the time of the landing.
 40. ADC FR ATTU 43—337 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/12/43. Looking west from the south end of the beach, this picture shows supplies and equipment piled along the beach after being unloaded from the landing barges. The banner on the poles was used to indicate the type of supplies to be unloaded at that particular portion of the beach. Attention is called to the bareness of the land behind the beach, on the right side of this picture, compared to that of a later date.
 41. ADC FR ATTU 43—339 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/12/43. Looking west from a point approximately a thousand yards inland, this picture shows the area behind the beach and the beach itself, the day after the American forces landed. The tracks leading to the right were made by tractors hauling guns, ammunition and supplies to a point further inland. Attention is called to the 105 Howitzer batteries located approximately 200 yards about the beach, as shown in this picture.
 42. ADC FR ATTU 43—341 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/12/43. This picture taken the day after the American forces landed on Attu, looking southwest, shows the ammunition dump being established approximately 500 yards behind the west end of the beach.
 43. ADC FR ATTU 43—353 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/20/43. In this picture a tug is seen pulling three barges ashore loaded with supplies and equipment for the construction of the dock and other buildings.
 44. ADC FR ATTU 43—379 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
Red Beach near Holtz Bay, 5/25/43. Looking southwest this picture shows supplies piled along the beach after American forces landing for the attack on Holtz Bay. These supplies are piled behind the beach waiting to be hauled over to Holtz Bay. In the background can be seen the 200 ft incline to the top of which the supplies had to be pulled when our forces were advancing against Holtz Bay. The holes in the hill were dug by American forces for the protection against possible Japanese fire and for sleeping, at night.
 45. ADC FR ATTU 43—385 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
Holtz Bay, 5/26/43. Looking southeast this picture shows the ammunition dump located behind the ridge and beach of Holtz Bay. Men can be seen loading ammunition into the trailers to be hauled to the front.

46. (Photograph shows a group of soldiers loading rations on to a sled at Attu. The rations are labeled: "BEEF", "CORNERED" and "ANGLO")
47. ADC FR ATTU 43—430 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
Holtz Bay, 5/25/43. S/Sgt League pointing to a shrapnel hole in the wing of a Navy Grumman Wildcat airplane shot down by the Japanese over the Holtz Bay area while it was strafing their camp.
48. ADC FR ATTU 43—435 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/28/43. With the mid situation rendering the tractors practically useless the best road found was the river bed on the northeast side of Massacre Bay. This picture taken looking northwest shows the road extending up the valley along the creek bed and turning up towards the high knoll overlooking Massacre Bay. This road ran up the incline of the knoll and down the other side, turning to the right towards Chichagof Bay.
49. ADC FR ATTU 43—439 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 5/28/43. This picture taken from the top of the incline of the high knoll overlooking Massacre Bay, looking northeast down the road, shows the road being built by the Engineers up the incline of this knoll. This road led to Chichagof Bay. Attention is called to the muddy condition of the ground which made the building of the road very difficult. It was necessary to dig down from 6 to 8 feet to reach ground solid enough to make a base for the road, in some particularly muddy spots.
50. ADC FR ATTU 43—441 2ND LT FERRIS P. COPPER 0-469996
Massacre Bay, 6/1/43. This picture take from the top of the incline of the high knoll overlooking Massacre Bay, looking northeast down the road, shows the road being built by the Engineer's up the incline of this knoll. This road led to Chichagof Bay. Attention is called to the muddy condition of the ground which made the building of the road very difficult. It was necessary to dig down from 6 to 8 feet to reach ground solid enough to make a base for the road in some particular muddy spots.
51. ADC FR ATTU 43—460 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
Holtz Bay, 5/25/43. This picture shows the pole line construction over the creek on the southeast end of Holtz Bay. In order to get the wires high enough so tractors and trailers could pass beneath it was necessary to tie two poles together. Notice the number of wires on this one line leading from the switchboard toward the forces on Chichagof Bay.
52. ADC FR ATTU 43—465 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329
East Arm of Holtz Bay, 5/25/43. Looking southwest from the top of the ridge between the East arm of Holtz Bay and Chichagof Bay this picture shows the valley and beach in the East arm of Holtz Bay. On the beach are seen supplies unloaded from landing barges from the West Arm of Holtz Bay for troops in the East Arm of Holtz Bay and for those advancing toward Chichagof Bay. In the foreground can be seen part of the Japanese camp established when they were working on the runway seen in the middle of the picture. This camp consisted of caves dug into the ground and several wooden barracks and pyramidal tents camouflaged into the ground. The round marks mark the location of the pyramidal tents which were burned by the Japanese when they evacuated the area. Along the ridge next to the beach can be seen several trenches overlooking the beach and bay. Machine gun and artillery emplacements were also located in this area. Along the base of the ridge on the other side of the valley were located several Japanese trenches, caves for supplies, camouflaged barracks and gun emplacements. The darkened are in the

back near the runway are bomb craters from both aerial and naval bombings before and during the attack on Attu.

53. ADC FR ATTU 43—466 T/4 GEORGE F. NOLAND, 37021329

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Subject Terms

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Attu Island
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Construction Equipment
Drums (Containers)—Storage
Firearms
Landing Craft
Motor trucks
North Coast (U.S. Transport)
Tractors
Tugboats and Towing
US Army—Artillery
US Army—Personnel
US Army—Equipment and supplies
US Army—Uniforms

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