TITLE: Willis C. Warren Album

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2010.011

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1945-1946

Extent: 0.9 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Willis C. Warren

Administrative/Biographical History:
Willis C. Warren was born in Portland, Oregon, on September 16, 1908. He earned degrees in economics from the University of Oregon (B.A., 1930; M.A., 1932) and a certificate in librarianship from University of California, Berkeley. He was working as a librarian at the University of Oregon in March 1944 when he was commissioned as a lieutenant junior grade in the United States Navy. From 1945 to March 1946, he was assigned to Adak, Alaska, as harbor control officer.

After the war, Warren was employed with the First National Bank in Eugene and Portland, Oregon, until his retirement in 1973. Warren died on April 12, 1987.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of one album measuring 5.5 x 8.5 inches and containing 123 black-and-white photographs from Warren’s service as harbor control officer in Adak, Alaska, during World War II.

Arrangement: Not applicable
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RELATED MATERIALS

SUBJECTS
Warren, Willis C., 1908-1987
United States. Navy—Military life
World War, 1939-1945—Naval operations, American
World War, 1939-1945—Alaska—Aleutian Islands
Adak Island (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [Map of Adak, with legend “Map of Adak, on Aleutian Island of the Andreanof Group. Drawn by R.C. Winsett.”]
.2 – HECP Station Zeto Point [Harbor Entrance Control Point, showing Quonset huts, buildings, stairways]
.3 – HECP Station Zeto Point [showing Quonset huts, buildings, stairways]
.4 – Looking forward HECP from Zeto Point proper [Kuluk Bay on right]
.5 – Looking north from HECP
.6 – Looking northeast from HECP [Kuluk Bay on right, sandbagged revetment in left foreground]
.7 – Looking east from HECP, Great Sitkin in background
.8 – [similar to .7]
.8a – [3 7/8 x 5 inch manuscript map showing locations of the following: CGRacom station, 24’ light shed, bridge station, steps, water supply towers, my hut, Dave’s & Art’s hut, road, sonar station, Vern’s hut, s. hut, CG hut, water tank, st. sm. Hut, gym, head, mess hall, cook’s hut, Officers’ Club, theater]
.9 – East from Clam Lagoon Spit [possibly Great Sitkin Volcano in distance]
.10 – On beach elev. H.E.C.P. Head Rock [view looking to the east from Clam Lagoon Spit]
.11 – Looking S.E. from beach
.12 – Rocks below station
.13 – Fleet in Bering Sea, Great Sitkin
.14 – Head Rock, ship in distance
.15 – Looking south to Kagalaska
.16 – Across Kuluk Bay S.S.W.
.17 – Fleet in bay at Zeto Point, taken from signal towers
.18 – Entrance to bay, toward southern Adak
.19 – Looking west from H.E.C.P., Zeto Lake
.20 – Looking west, Mount Moffett in background
.21 – The ladder, 134 steps, H.E.C.P. Zeto Point [view of Quonset huts, stairs, boardwalk, sheds and storage tank]
.22 – Going up H.E.C.P.
.23 – My hut, topside Lt. Vandeworker’s hut [two Quonset huts on hillside]
.24 – My hut, Narcissus anemone in bloom
.25 – Officer’s Club
.26 – Lt. (j.g.) Arford & Lt. (j.g.) [Dave] Moore, gym [two Naval officers standing on a wooden stairway in front of two Quonset huts]
.27 – Lt. (j.g.) Dave Moore in front of his hut
.28 – Lt. C.C. Vandaworker O. in C
.29 – Lt. Art Zahn and Zeke [dog]
.30 – Lt. (j.g.) Willis Warren [Naval officer standing on a boardwalk in front of a building]
.31 – Lt. (j.g.) Willis Warren
.32 – Lt. (j.g.) John Houston [standing on a boardwalk in front of a Quonset hut]
.33 – Lt. (j.g.) F. Davis Moon [standing on a boardwalk]
.34 – Fleet in bay, 66 total, V.J. Day [warships in the harbor on V-J Day; destroyers on the left and in center, aircraft carrier on right]
.34a – [List of naval vessels on sheet of paper:
  “Amphibious Force Flagship:
      AGC 13 Panamint
  Net-laying ships:
      Boxwood (AN8)
      Buckthorn (AN13)
  Oilers:
      AO12 Ramapo
      AO18 Rapidon
      AO36 Kennebec
  Gasoline tankers:
      AOG35 Ogeechee
      AOG61 Sakonnet]
Repair ship:
   AR19 Xanthus
Ocean tugs, fleet:
   ATF111 Sarsi
   ATF 149 Atakapa
Heavy cruisers:
   CA24 Pensacola
   CA25 Salt Lake City
   CA26 Chester [note: this should be CA27]
Light cruisers:
   CL9 Richmond
   CL10 Concord
   CL11 Trenton
Aircraft carriers, escort:
   CVE9 Bogue
   CVE69 Kasaan Bay
   CVE70 Fanshaw Bay
   CVE71 Kitkun Bay
   CVE74 Nehenta Bay
   CVE75 Hoggart Bay
   CVE78 Savo Island
Destroyers:
   DD410 Hughes
   DD419 Wainwright
   DD472 Guest
   DD474 Fullam
   DD475 Hudson
   DD480 Halford
   DD800 Porter
   DD411 Anderson
   DD589 Izard
   DD592 Howarth
   DD593 Killen
   DD594 Hart
   DD649 Albert W. Grant
   DD654 Bearss
   DD655 John Hood
   DD662 Bennion
   DD664 Richard P. Leary
   DD677 McDermut
   DD679 McNair
   DD680 Melvin
   DD688 Remey
   DD691 Mertz
   DD798 Monssen
   DD799 Jarvis
Destroyer escort vessels:
  DE382 Ramsden
  DE383 Mills
  DE384 Rhodes
  DE385 Richey
  DE386 Savage
  DE255 Sellstrom

Landing ship dock:
  LSD White Marsh

Frigates:
  PF3 Tacoma
  PF4 Sausalito
  PF5 Hoquiam
  PF6 Pasco
  PF7 Albuquerque
  PF8 Everett
  PF46 Bisbee
  PF47 Gallup
  PF48 Rockford
  PF49 Muskogee
  PF50 Carson City
  PF51 Burlington

Gunboat
  PG51 Charleston

.35  – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [five warships in bay; destroyer on left, aircraft carrier in center]
.36  – Fleet, VJ Day [six warships in bay; destroyer and aircraft carrier in center right]
.37  – Fleet, VJ Day [two destroyers in bay]
.38  – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [four aircraft carriers and destroyer in bay]
.39  – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [similar to .37]
.40  – Zeke and Topsy, H.E.C.P. dogs
.41  – U.S.O. Troup [sic] Base End Theater [three performers with a pianist, possibly Billie Holiday and Cab Calloway]
.42  – Shagak Bay trip, crash wagon, Lt. (j.g.) Warren at wheel
.43  – Signal tower on 90mm Hill
.44  – “Skippering” tower O in C [man operating a signal light; charts on the lower wall show the phonetic alphabet in signal flags and Morse code]
.45  – Dan Hartzog, SM2/c [Signalman Second Class operating signal light; charts on wall]
.46  – Dale Marcey SM3/c & Stan Deyer S1/c [men standing by a signal light]
.47  – Jarvis McGowen S2/c [man in a control tower with two signal lights; charts on wall]
.48  – 1 ½ mile palisades through long glass
.49  – 20 mi. tip of Great Sitkin through long glass
.50  – Visitor Jim Garrison Lt. (j.g.) on way to States from Attu
.51  – Mt. Moffett from front of Isanotski
.52  – In front of Isanotski L:NS George Kunan, Lt. (j.g.), John Houston, Lt. Comdr. Bob Heay [three men in Naval uniform and an enclosed jeep in front of a building]
.53  – Lt. W.C. Warren in front of Isanotski
.54 – Isanotski, Lt. (j.g.) K.M. McDade [Naval officer in front of a building; jeep on the right]
.55 – The Parka [Lt. Willis C. Warren wearing a parka and standing in front of a building with a sign “Isanotski” over the door]
.56 – Willis and his jeep
.57 – En. George Kunan being a sack rabbit
.58 – First snow, Oct. 30th [a row of four jeeps in front of buildings]
.59 – Lt. (j.g.) John Houston, Lt. Jack Swink, Ens. George Kunan [three Naval officers standing beside a Naval Transportation Service jeep in Adak; buildings and jeeps on the right]
.60 – The jeep no. 170, Lt. (j.g.) W.C. Warren & Lt. (j.g.) John Houston [two Naval officers standing near a jeep]
.61a-c – The [?] Nave Base Adak [Panoramic view of Adak Naval Base, with three component photographs]
.62 – The village area from topside ship service [sign on the building in center right reads “Hobby Shop”]
.63 – Mt. Moffett, village area
.64 – Destroyers in bay, from office window
.65 – Harbor area from south end of Ad. Bldg. [one warship in harbor]
.67 – Blaine Lindall, Y1/c at my desk
.68 – Tulik [Quonset hut with arctic entry and boardwalk]
.69 – Looking north from Tulik, Mt. Moffett [Adak harbor with Mt. Moffett in background]
.70 – Looking northwest from Tulik
.71 – Looking west from Tulik
.72 – Looking east from Tulik
.73 – Lt. Kenneth Lee
.74 – Tulik interior from entrance [Quonset interior]
.75 – Tulik, north end of living room [man reading book, possibly Ensign George Kunan?]
.76 – Tulik, south end of living room
.77 – Tulik, Ken Lee’s bedroom
.78 – Tulik, Willis’ bedroom
.79 – Tulik galley
.80 – Trip to Tanaga P.C. 793 [Patrol craft 793 tied up alongside a pier; covered lifeboat on the foredeck]
.81 – Tanaga Mountain in background
.82 – The sunken net tender Atlantis [U.S.S. Atlantis]
.83 – Approaching Tanaga dock
.84 – The settlement of Tanaga
.85 – Tanaga, Lt. E.O. Hamley stands in entry to old collapsed Aleut dwelling or dugout known as barabara
.86 – Willis in entry to dugout
.87 – Ready for return trip from Tanaga
.88 – Burning the tent area, Lt. Houston in charge
.89 – Burning tent area
.90 – Burning tent area
.91 – Bay with transports
.92 – Lt. John Houston in charge of loading transport Carl Schurz [Houston on left]
.93 – Loading the Carl Schurz
.94 – Adak Greyhound Line with men for Carl Schurz [tractor trailer converted into a bus]
.95 – All ready to go Stateside [tugboat YTB-136 nudging the U.S.S. Carl Schurz out to sea]
.96 – The Carl Schurz on its way, 1478 passengers, 28 Nov.
.97 – Lt. W.C. Warren, Dec. 16, ’45, taken on trip out to Zeto
.98 – Clam Lagoon in background, Lt. Ken Lee, taken out at Zeto
.100 – Village Theater decorated for Christmas service
.101 – Symphonettes U.S.O. show in Jan. 1946
.102 – The reliefs Jan. 1946, Lt. Rod Langston and Ens. Clark Gamble [two Naval officers in front of the Tulik Quonset hut]
.103 – Feb. 1946 Ens. Clark Gamble, Lt. Rod Langston
.104 – Lt. Rod Langston, Jeep 859
.105 – Ensign Clark Gamble [standing in front of Jeep #859]
.106 – Feb. 10th Ens. Clark Gamble and Lt. Willis Warren
.107 – More snow [jeep in front of a snow-bound Quonset hut]
.108 – [A winter scene of the Tulik Quonset hut]
.109 – [A winter scene of Quonset hut #17]
.110 – [A winter scene of Quonset hut #17]
.111 – [Three log cabins]
.112 – [A military camp on Adak?]
.113 – [Fox cub]
.114 – [Three fox cubs]
.115 – [Three fox cubs]
.116 – [Three fox cubs and a dog]
.117 – [Dogwood]
.118 – [Yellow anemone a.k.a. Richardson’s anemone]
.119 – [Chocolate lily a.k.a. Rice lily]
.120 – [Lupine]
.121 – [Wild geraniums]

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