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TITLE: 2nd Mapping Squadron Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.065

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1941

Extent: 1 box; 0.2 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): United States. Army Air Forces. 2nd Photographic Squadron

Administrative/Biographical History:

The unit history posted online¹ by the United States Army Combined Arms Center gives the following information:

2nd Reconnaissance Squadron: Constituted as 2nd Photographic Squadron on 15 May 1941 and activated 10 June 1941. Redesignated 2nd Mapping Squadron on 13 January 1942, 2nd Photographic Squadron on 9 June 1942, 2nd Photographic Charting Squadron on 11 August 1943, 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron (Long Range, Photographic) on 15 June 1945.

1/5/44 Peterson Field, Colo
8/2-9/2/44 Buckley Field, Colo
10/20/44 Hollanida, New Guinea
12/13/44 Morotai
5/5/45 Palawan
1941 F-2
1942 F-2, A-29, F-3
1943 A-29, B-25
1944 B-25, B-24/F7
1945 B-24/F7

¹ "US Army Air Force Squadrons." Web. <http://www.cgsc.edu/CARL/nafziger/941USAF.PDF>

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 82 images of Alaskan locations and scenes produced by the 2nd Mapping Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection. Most photos with stamp of 2nd Mapping Squadron on verso.

Arrangement: Loosely arranged by subject.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

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RELATED MATERIALS

B1980.105 2nd Mapping Squadron Photographs

SUBJECTS

United States. Army Air Forces. Photographic Squadron, 2nd

Alaska Railroad

Eklutna Vocational School

Airplanes, Military

Mountains—Alaska

Glaciers—Alaska

Anchorage (Alaska)

Palmer (Alaska)

Matanuska River Valley (Alaska)

Seward (Alaska)
Yakutat (Alaska)
Fairbanks (Alaska)
Eklutna (Alaska)
McKinley, Mount (Alaska)
Iliamna Volcano (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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- .1 – (G12-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Anchorage, Alaska at night [street scene of Fourth Avenue looking east to Chugach Mountains, with automobiles and signs for businesses including Ship Creek Meat Co., Dr. Hines Optometrist, Montgomery Ward, Rexall Drugs, Hewitt's Drugs, Cheechako Tavern, Anchorage Grill]
- .2 – (G11-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Anchorage, Alaska [automobiles and pedestrians outside the federal building on Fourth Avenue]
- .3 – (G10-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Anchorage, Alaska [bird's eye view of Fourth Avenue looking east to Chugach Mountains, with pedestrians, automobiles, and signs for businesses including Montgomery Ward Order Office, J. Vic Brown & Son, Sears Roebuck & Co., Lois Beauty Salon, Rexall Drugs, Hewitt's Drugs, Cheechako Tavern, Star Air Lines, North Pole Bakery, Anchorage Grill, Piggly Wiggly, Engebretsen Hardware, Walt's Transfer]
- .4 – Bars & bars, Anchorage, Alaska [Fourth Avenue looking east to Chugach Mountains, with pedestrians, automobiles, gasoline pump, and signs for businesses including Sourdough Cocktail Bar, Owl Cocktail Bar, Schodde's, Big Dipper Bar]
- .5 – Anchorage "Broadway" [bird's eye view of Fourth Avenue looking east to Chugach Mountains, City Hall lawn at right, with pedestrians, automobiles, and signs for businesses including Sears Roebuck & Co., Lois Beauty Salon, Rexall Drugs, Hewitt's Drugs, Cheechako Tavern, Star Air Lines, North Pole Bakery, Anchorage Grill, Piggly Wiggly, Engebretsen Hardware, Walt's Transfer]
- .6 – Anchorage, Alaska [Fourth Avenue street scene near G Street looking east to Chugach Mountains, with woman and baby carriage, pedestrians, and automobiles and businesses including Alaska Transfer Co. and Eckmann's Furniture]
- .7 – Post Office, Anchorage [federal building on Fourth Avenue, with flag post]
- .8 – Palmer, Alaska [gravel road in foreground, buildings and water tower in middle ground, mountains in distance]
- .9 – Palmer, Alaska [street scene with automobiles and signs for businesses including Bert's Liquor, Palmer Cocktail Bar, Alaska Greyhound Stage Depot]
- .10 – Knick Arm Bridge [Knik River Bridge, view down gravel road with automobile]
- .11 – Matanuska Valley Road [bird's eye view of gravel road, mountains in distance]
- .12 – (G2-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Matanuska Valley, Alaska [field in foreground, Matanuska Colony barn, mountains in distance]
- .13 – (G3-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Matanuska Valley, Alaska [buildings, parked automobiles, mountains in distance]
- .14 – Matanuska Farm [plowed field in foreground, homestead in middle ground, mountains in distance]
- .15 – Matanuska [Matanuska Valley Fair building, mountains in background]

- .16 – Seward Port [steamship in Resurrection Bay]
- .17 - U.S. St. Mihiel [ship docked at Yakutat. Name on ship reads: “U.S. Army Transport. St. Mihiel”]
- .18 – Fairbanks, Alaska [street scene with pedestrians, automobiles, and signs for businesses including Kaye Fur Corp., Golden Belt Tours, Alaska Steamship Co.]
- .19 – Yakutat future post office [view of Yakutat docks, with sign at right reading “Lot reserved for future post office”]
- .20 – Snow gauge, Elmendorf Field, Alaska [with tent at left, trucks parked outside building at right, construction site in background] 2 copies
- .21 – First Alaskan locomotive [Alaska Railroad engine #1 at Fairbanks depot]
- .22 – Alaska Railroad [locomotive 618 on tracks]
- .23 – Alaska Railroad [locomotive 618 on tracks, depot on right, mountains in background]
- .24 – Russian Orthodox burial [spirit houses and chapel at cemetery in Eklutna]
- .25 – Eklutna School [group portrait of Eklutna Vocational School students standing at Alaska Railroad depot at Eklutna; at AFN 2013, two of the students in the front row identified: Leo Stephan (11th from left in overalls) and Lois Munson from Eklutna Village (14th from left in print dress and overcoat)]
- .26 – (G8-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Eskimos at Eklutna, Alaska [woman in fur parka and man in Army uniform]
- .27 – Alaska Maid [woman in fur parka holding fur slippers or moccasins, Eklutna student]
- .28 – (G9-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Eskimos at Eklutna, Alaska [close-up of woman in fur parka]

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- .29 – Alaska Glamour Girl [woman in fur parka, Eklutna student]
- .30 – Eskimo raincoat [woman in gut parka with feather decoration, Eklutna student]
- .31 – Native Alaskans [two men and one woman in fur parkas, Eklutna students]
- .32 – Making Alaskan handiwork [two female Eklutna students in fur parkas sitting at workbench in school building making mukluks or moccasins]
- .33 – Eskimo ivory work [display of carvings and jewelry]
- .34 – Eskimo mukluks [finished shoes and soles laid out on ground]
- .35 - (G20-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Loaded for bear [bear cub peeking out of barrel of heavy gun]
- .36 - (G21-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Looking for trouble [two bear cubs on barrel of heavy gun]
- .37 – Baby moose, Alaska [calf in field]
- .38 – Alaskan sourdoughs home [log cabin]
- .39 – (O3-2468-IF)(6-12-41-1:00P)(12-3000) “F2s” over Cook Inlet Alaska (6006) [military airplanes in flight over water]
- .40 - (O4-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2:00P) F-2 over Mt. McKinley, Alaska (5089) [military airplane in flight over glacier]
- .41 - (O5-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2:00P)(12-14,000) F-2 over Mt. McKinley, Alaska (5089) [military airplane in flight over glaciers]
- .42 - (O7-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2:00P)(12-14,000) F-2 over glacier, Mt. McKinley, Alaska (5089) [military airplane in flight over glaciers]
- .43 - (O8-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2:00P)(12-14,000) F-2 near Mt. McKinley, Alaska [military airplane in flight over clouds]
- .44 - (O19-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) “F2” over ribbon glacier (5089) [military airplane in flight over glacier]

- .45 - (O22-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) F2 over glacial mountains (5089) [military airplane in flight]
- .46 - (O23-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) F2 over jagged mountains near McKinley (5089) [military airplane in flight]
- .47 - (O24-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) "F2" near Mt. Foraker & Mt. McKinley (5089) [military airplane in flight]
- .48 - (O27-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2:P)(12-14000) Ribbon glacier, Mt. Foraker & Mt. McKinley (5089) [military airplane in flight over glacier]
- .49 - (O28-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) Riding the glaciers (5089) [military airplane in flight over glaciers]
- .50 - (O29-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) "F2" over Arctic mountains (5089) [military airplane in flight]
- .51 - (O22-2488-IF)(6-6-41-10:45A)(12-500) "F2" over Tiger Glacier, Alaska (6019) [shadow of military airplane in flight over glacier]
- .52 - (O4-2488-IF)(6-5-41-3:15P)(12-2500) "F2's" near Ninilchik, Alaska (5092) [military airplanes in flight over lakes]
- .53 - (O4-2445-2nd)(8-20-41-2:00P)(12-20,000) Mt. McKinley, Alaska [aerial of mountain]
- .54 - (O5-2445-2nd)(8-20-41-2:00P)(12-20,000) Mt. McKinley, Alaska [aerial of mountain]
- .55 - (O6-2445-2nd)(8-20-41-2:00P)(12-20,000) Mt. McKinley, Alaska [aerial of mountain]
- .56 - (O26-2445-2nd)(8-4-41-2P)(12-14000) Mt. McKinley sticking its head above the clouds [aerial of mountain]

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- .57 - (O1-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Iliamna Volcano, Alaska (5062) [aerial of steam vent]
- .58 - (O2-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Ilimna [sic] Volcano, Alaska [aerial of Mt. Iliamna]
- .59 - (O3-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Iliamna Volcano, Alaska (5062) [aerial of steam vent]
- .60 (O6-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Iliamna Volcano, Alaska (5062) [aerial of steam vent]
- .61 - (10-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Iliamna Volcano, Alaska (5062) [aerial of steam vent]
- .62 - (O11-2408-2nd)(7-3-41-3:00P)(12-9,000) Iliamna Volcano, Alaska (5062) [aerial of steam vent]
- .63 - Alaskan storm [trees and clouds]
- .64 - Alaskan sunset [trees in foreground, sun setting over water]
- .65 - Otter Lake
- .66 - Chugach Mts. [field with brush piles in foreground, mountains in distance]
- .67 - (G7-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Chugach Mts., Alaska
- .68 - (G4-2487-2nd)(5-18-41) Chugach Mts., Alaska
- .69 - Talkeetna Mts.
- .70 - Talkeetna Mts.
- .71 - Kenai Mountains, Alaska
- .72 - [spring scenery with lake, fir trees, mountain]
- .73 - [glacier and mountain peak]

- .74 – (G38-2488-2nd)(7-28-41-10:00A) Placer Lake & Glacier, Alaska (6019)
- .75 - (G33-2488-2nd)(7-28-41-10:00A) Ice floe, Placer Lake, Alaska (6019) [with three men in small boat]
- .76 - (G35-2488-2nd)(7-28-41-10:00A) Placer Glacier, Alaska (6019)
- .77 - (G[?]-2488-2nd)(7-28-41-10:00A) Ice floes, Placer Glacier, Alaska (6019)
- .78 – 200 foot iceberg crevasses, Alaska
- .79 - (G45-2488-2nd)(7-28-41-10:00A) Placer Glacier, Alaska (6019)
- .80 - (O21-2488-IF)(6-6-41-10:15A)(12-500) Tiger Glacier, Alaska (6019) [aerial]
- .81 – Floating icebergs, Alaska

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