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TITLE: Edward Marshall Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2020.004

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1942 - 1945

Extent: 1 folder (59 photographs, 1 document)

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Edward Marshall

Administrative/Biographical History:

Edward "Eddie" Marshall was born April 13, 1921 in Farmingdale, New York. He was enlisted in the New York National Guard Reserve 71st Infantry Division on November 1, 1938 in New York, New York. He lied about his age when he enlisted stating that he was born in 1920 when his real birth year was 1921.

In September 1940, he entered regular army reserves 71st Infantry and trained at Fort Dix in New Jersey (now known as Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) where he was promoted to Platoon Sergeant. After training his regiment was sent to the Carolinas for maneuvers and on the way back home the regiment received news of the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The regiment was then sent to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana in January 1942, Fort Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis-McChord) in Washington in February, and Fort Richardson (now Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson) in Alaska on July 2. His regiment returned to Fort Lewis in September 1942, but Marshall stayed in Alaska on his commanding officer's recommendation.

In May 1943, Marshall was part of the Amphibious Assault on Attu. He described it as the worst day of his life to his family but did not discuss it. Three months later he was involved in the US Military assault on Kiska where Japanese forces had evacuated weeks earlier. Marshall remained in Alaska until August 1944 when he was reassigned to Camp Swift in Texas. Before he arrived at Camp Swift, Marshall took leave and married Evalyn Marshall.

In 1945, Marshall was assigned to Camp Callan in California that specialized in overseas amphibious assaults. Later that year, Marshall was discharged from the US Army on August 25 at the end of World War II.

Marshall passed on April 21, 1997.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 59 black-and-white photographs and one document related to Edward Marshall and his service in the US Army during World War II, including the Aleutian Campaign in Alaska. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:

Donated by son Bruce Marshall in June 2020.

Processing Note: Seven images not retained due to damage.

SUBJECTS

Marshall, Edward "Eddie," 1921-1997

United States – Armed Forces

World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns – Aleutian Islands

World War, 1939-1945 – Military life – American

Aleutian Islands (Alaska)

Attu Island (Alaska)

Kiska Island (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.001 – Eddie and boys [five men with shovels, storage containers stacked in the background]

.002 – Aleutians, 1943, "Benny" [man standing with his hands in pockets of a fur trimmed jacker, tents in the background with snow on the ground]

.003 – Man standing in front of subterranean tent with other structures in the background]

.004 – [two boats sailboats in the water]

.005 – Eddie [man standing with tents in background]

.006 – [two men standing with shovels in hand with tent, stacked metal drums, and possible storage unit in background]

.007 – [man sitting on the ground with his legs crossed and a wooden pole behind him, tents and other structures in the background]

.008 – [three men laying on the ground with possibly stacks of boxes behind them]

.009 – [man standing in snow with rifle in hand, wearing possibly goggles on his head, fur trimmed jacket, gloves, belt, and snowshoes on his feet]

.010 – [two men standing in front of tent]

.011 – [two tents and possibly vehicles on road]

.012 – [five men digging in snow covered ground]

.013 – [man carrying something, possibly metal cans, in each hand with tents in the background]

.014 – [man straddling a grass covered rock with a rifle slung in his back]

.015 – [man sitting on a mound of grass holding a glass bottle with tents and other structures in the background]

.016 – [man laying on a blanket in a dug out hole in a sand dune on the beach with fabric draped over the top, a helmet sitting on a ledge above, and possibly holding a field telephone to his right ear]

.017 – [five men sitting and one standing, with a dog in front and snow on the ground]

.018 – 1942, Oct. [man standing with right hand on shovel and snow on the ground]

.019 - [two men standing in snow with rifles slung on their backs, wearing goggles, fur trimmed jackets, gloves, belts, and snowshoes on their feet]
.020 – [man standing in front of tent with snow on the ground]
.021 – [four men standing, two holding shovels, with dirt mounds and vehicles in the background]
.022 – [two dogs laying on wooden boardwalk with possible Quonset hut in background]
.023 – [three men standing above, five men in dug out area with snow on the ground]
.024 – [thirteen men standing outside Quonset hut]
.025 – That’s me on the right, honey [two men kneeling in the snow wearing fur trimmed jacket, belts, holding rifles, and wearing snowshoes]
.026 - Eddie [man standing in snow with rifle in hand, wearing possibly goggles on his head, fur trimmed jacket, gloves, belt, and snowshoes on his feet]
.027 – [man standing at entrance to snowed in tent with snowshoes placed upright in snow]
.028 - [two men kneeling in the snow wearing fur trimmed jacket, belts, holding rifles, and wearing snowshoes]
.029 – Eddie [man standing at entrance to tent with snow all around it with snowshoes placed upright in snow]
.030 – [three men standing in snow with tent and hill behind them, man on the left is holding a saw in his right hand and wearing goggles over his eyes]
.031 – [vehicle on treads moving through snow with tents in the background]
.032 – Eddie [two men standing above, seven men in dug out area with snow on the ground]
.033 – Eddie [group of men gathered around helicopter with snow on the ground]
.034 – [man standing with helmet on, rifle slung on right shoulder, belt, and boots on with man walking in background]
.035 – Aleutian Island, 1943, Eddie [two men standing arms draped over each other’s shoulders, tents and wires in the background]
.036 – [man standing in a drainage ditch holding a shovel]
.037 – [one man sitting and one man standing on a snow covered rock beach]
.038 – [man sitting on grassy slope holding an unidentified object in his hands]
.039 – [seven men working in a dug out area that is possible being prepped for construction]
.040 – March 1944 [two men standing next to a large metal ball with helmets sitting on top and snow on the ground]
.041 – Aleutians, 1943 [six men in full gear in a valley with snow covered mountain in the background]
.042 – [three men standing in a drainage ditch holding shovels and possibly storage containers in the background]
.043 – [two men standing with structures in the background]
.044 - [two men standing arms draped over each other’s shoulders, tents and wires in the background]
.045 – [man standing with hands on hips and tents in the background]
.046 – [four men standing with wood pallet behind them and snow on the ground]
.047 – Eddie [man standing and holding a rifle wearing a helmet, belt, and boots with tents in background]

- .048 – Eddie [man standing with the hood of his jacket pulled up a pile of possible gear sitting on the ground to the right with a row of boxes behind]
- .049 – Aleutians, 1943 [one man bent over two metal pales, possibly washing laundry as there are other clothes hanging on a line to the left, and one man standing in the doorway of a tent]
- .050 – [tents in the snow with one man walking towards the camera]
- .051 – Eddie [man standing in a drainage ditch holding a shovel]
- .052 – [man standing next to rock wearing helmet, glasses, jacket, belt, boots, and rifle slung over right shoulder]
- .053 – Aleutians, 1943 [eight men digging out snowed in tent, two tents visible in background]
- .054 – [landscape view of tents in snow with mountain in the background]
- .055 – [one driver and nine men sitting in truck bed, structure to the right has two signs, “Office R.E. Maintenance” and “Dispatcher”]
- .056 – Aleutians, 1943 [seven men in full gear with packs and rifles]
- .057 – [eight men standing, six men kneeling, baseballs and gloves are being held and placed on the ground]
- .058 – [man standing next to two metal drums, one resting on its side on a wooden platform, three containers on the ground, tents visible in the background]
- .059 – Eddie, Aleutians, 1943 [a group of men with one dog standing with snow on the ground and a hill in the background]

Documents

Discharge papers, Army of the United States, August 25, 1945

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