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**TITLE:** CIHS Morgan Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1962.x.022

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1948

Extent: 8 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Frank Morgan

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

The Diomed Islands consist of two rocky islands: the U.S.-held island of Little Diomed and the Russian-held island of Big Diomed. They are located in the middle of the Bering Strait between mainland Alaska, USA, and Siberia, Russia, with the Chukchi Sea to the north and the Bering Sea to the south. The islands are separated by an international border and the International Date Line which is approximately 1 km (0.62 mi) from each island. The small habitation on Little Diomed Island is centered to the west side of the island at the village of Diomed. The native population of Big Diomed Island was relocated by the Soviet government to mainland Russia and the island is currently home to a small Russian military presence. Little Diomed Island has an Inupiat Eskimo population of 170, mostly in the City of Diomed.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection includes 8 photographic prints (8 x 10") showing Inupiat dancing and hunting. One image is a view across the International Date Line from Little Diomed to Big Diomed. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Frank Morgan in 1962.

## **SUBJECTS**

Inupiat--Alaska--Social life and customs

Inupiat--Hunting--Alaska

Diomed Islands (Alaska and Russia)

Ukivok (Alaska)

Kotzebue (Alaska)

### Detailed Description of the Collection

[Captions provided by donor, descriptions provided by cataloger]

.1 - Eskimos dancing, Schoolhouse, 1948 [young boys in schoolroom decorated for Christmas, three dancing with large mittens and headdresses as in the Wolf Dance, drummers just visible in lower left. At AFN 2013, dancer at left identified as Oscar Akingak of King Island, and dancer at right as Alec Mayac; at AFN 2015, dancer at left identified as James Okpealuk, boy seated left wearing white shirt as possibly Moses Milligrock]

.2 - Eskimo Dancing, Kotzebue [man dancing in hall, with four seated drummers and spectators sitting along walls; drummer seated second from right identified as Wilfred Lane Sr. at AFN

2013; at AFN 2014, identified as Point Hope dancers performing in Cudd Hall in Kotzebue, drummers seated left to right identified as Chester Seveck, Alvin Shagloak, Frankie Lazarus or Lane?, [unknown], woman in back row, center, identified as Lucy Jensen; at AFN 2015, drummer previously identified as Alvin Shagloak identified as Charlie Jensen, drummer at right as Sitamii Wilson, dancer as Paul Green, spectators as Nereus Harris Sr. (far left), women left to right as Blanche Lincoln, Lucy Allen, Lucy Jensen, Hensley, Marie Stalker with baby Annie Stalker]

.3 – Eskimo using bow-drill, Little Diomedé [missing as of 2003]

.4 – Eskimo and walrus head (Little Diomedé) [missing as of 2003]

.5 – Eskimo cutting up walrus [five men in parkas butchering walrus on ice]

.6 – Eskimo seal and walrus hunt (Little Diomedé) [hunters pulling boat on shore, children and dog nearby, carcasses and gear on ice]

.7 – Eskimo with umiaks at seal hunt (Little Diomedé) [men pulling boat onto shore, dog nearby, open water in distance]

.8 – From the shores of America's Little Diomedé Island we gaze across the advancing polar ice pack, across the International Date Line, where the snow covered cliffs of Big Diomedé, Russia's far eastern outpost represents another day, another hemisphere, and another way of life [umiaks on racks and several dogs on shore in foreground, ice floes in water between islands]

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