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TITLE: Lee 349th Engineer Regiment Aleutian Campaign Album

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2009.046

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1941-1955, bulk 1941-1944

Extent: 1.25 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): George C. Lee?

Administrative/Biographical History:

The 349th Engineer General Service Regiment of the U.S. Army was activated at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, on 13 May 1942. The unit arrived at the New York point of embarkation on 27 July 1942 and departed that location on 5 September 1942. The unit arrived in Seattle on 10 September 1942 and departed that location for Alaska on 21 September, arriving at Fort Mears, Alaska, six days later on 27 September. The Regiment moved to Adak, Alaska on 3 February 1943 and then on to Fort Glenn, on Umnak Island, on 28 June 1944. On 6 November 1944, they arrived back at Seattle and from there transferred back to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, arriving on 14 November 1944. The 349th Engineer General Service Regiment was disbanded on 12 March 1945.

Both items of correspondence are addressed to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lee of Port Arthur, Texas. George C. is listed as brother of Linton Wayne Lee, Sr. (d. 1955).

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of one photograph album, 10.5 x 13.5 inches, containing 135 mounted photographs, 11 loose photographs, two pieces of correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Photographs depict scenes from the 349th Engineers Regiment, U.S. Army, on duty in the

Aleutian Islands during World War II. Clippings document the deaths of Linton Wayne Lee, Sr., and Norman Woodrow Roebuck, both of Port Arthur, in 1955.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased from Laurent Brocard, Past to Present, in July 2008.

Processing Notes

Clippings photocopied and original newsprint discarded.

Notes

RELATED MATERIALS

Farrel Smith Album B2009.016

Norman Kozberg Album B2011.005

SUBJECTS

United States. Army. Engineer General Service Regiment, 349th
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Alaska--Aleutian Islands
Aleutian Islands (Alaska)--History, Military--20th century

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [unidentified serviceman standing next to vehicle]

- .2 – [Lee standing next to Quonset hut]
- .3 – This was taken on Xmas day and I was about as blue as this picture looks [Lee standing next to Quonset hut]
- .4 – [Aleutian coastline]
- .5 – [Lee in summer]
- .6 – [Lee in winter]
- .7 – [group of soldiers standing outside Quonset hut with sign for 349th Engineer Regiment, Lee in front]
- .8 – [entrance to building dug out of deep snow]
- .9 – [trucks clearing snow from roadway]
- .10 – [Lee standing in snow; rooftop visible behind him]
- .11 – [tents and Quonset huts of military base]
- .12 – Building almost covered with snow [stairs and entrance to Quonset hut dug out of deep snow]
- .13 – [buildings, tents and Quonset huts of military base]
- .14 – [trucks on road along coastline]
- .15 – [Lee digging]
- .16 – [same as #9]
- .17 – [Quonset hut in deep snow]
- .18 – [same as #11]
- .19 – Digging a building out that is completely covered with snow [group of servicemen in snow]
- .20 – [vehicle and pedestrian traffic on road leading up from military base; buildings and Quonset huts in distance]
- .21 – The fellow in this pic is the brother of Dub Galyian. He was supposed to know that I worked with Dub at the con co. I'm sure that Jack Dowdy knows this boy, maybe Geo. Merwin [Lee and Galyian sitting at table in Quonset hut]
- .22 – [tractor on road, with military base in distance]
- .23 – May 24, 1944 [group of servicemen posed in snow]
- .24 – These two pictures [#24, #26] are of a party in our hut on a Saturday nite. It so happened that I was C.Q. and couldn't join in the fun. It wasn't as bad as it looks. Tell [Mervola?] to show these two pictures to Henry. [group of servicemen drinking beer in Quonset hut]
- .25 – Taken just at quitting time [Lee standing outside Pacific hut]
- .26 – [see description for #24]
- .27 – [Lee and serviceman standing next to truck]
- .28 – [buildings, tents, and Quonset huts of military base]
- .29 – [l-r] A visitor, Spelgis, Raymond Morelock, John Ard. The guy that you don't see is me taking the picture. The group picture that included me didn't turn out good at all.
- .30 – [Lee standing in front of two decorated cakes]
- .31 – Chaplain [Richard B.] Cheatham [standing in front of cakes]
- .32 – Donald Braziale & yours truly. That name Braziale reminds me of someone?? [men in front of cakes]
- .33 – There isn't any snow but the wind is plenty cold [Lee with base buildings behind]
- .34 – I'm trying to do something about keeping warm [Lee with gasoline can]
- .35 – [Lee in front of Quonset hut]
- .36 – Res. Eng. Lab [two men inside Quonset hut]

- .37 – [servicemen gathered at base cemetery]
- .38 – Don't you think that bald head of mine stands out in this picture [Lee carrying sack]
- .39 – [Lee and unidentified serviceman]
- .40 – Navy Nov. '43 [unidentified Aleutian volcano]
- .41 – I was cold [Lee standing next to Pacific hut]
- .42 – I wasn't in any mood for taking pictures that day as the wind was really cold [Lee standing behind sign for 349th Engineers Regimental Chapel]
- .43 – Another Aleutian scene [truck traveling down road along coast]
- .44 – Regimental insignia
- .45 – We have eagles just like the one in the picture. I don't know whether or not this was taken here. I bought it at the P.X. I think it is a nice picture.
- .46 – Just another camp scene in the dead of winter. I have had this picture for quite some time.
- .47 – The wee house among the tundra, my roosting place [Pacific hut]
- .48 – [buildings, tents, and Quonset huts of base in snow]
- .49 – [smoking volcano, Aleutians]
- .50 – [smoking volcano, Aleutians]
- .51 – [volcano, Aleutians]
- .52 – [sunrise or sunset, Aleutians]
- .53 – [group portrait, 349th Engineer Regiment]
- .54 – Guess who? [Lee outside base building]
- .55 – John Ard & myself in the door of our hut
- .56 – [serviceman wading in ocean]
- .57 – Sgt. Baer, Philadelphia boy
- .58 – [Lee and unidentified serviceman posed with rifles]
- .59 – Henry Martinez (mail clerk for [H?] & S) & myself
- .60 – Henry Martinez & myself
- .61 – [Lee posed with rifle]
- .62 – That snow you see in the ravine is far larger than it look in the picture and it was taken around the first of August.
- .63 – These scenes were taken from a high knoll.
- .64 – This scene was prettier to the naked eye than the picture made it.
- .65 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .66 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .67 – Taken from the top of a high knoll.
- .68 – These scenes were taken from a high knoll.
- .69 – [Lee and unidentified serviceman in Aleutian landscape]
- .70 – Crater Lake, Aug. '44, APO 948
- .71 – [small waterfall]
- .72 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .73 – [small waterfall]
- .74 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .75 – [serviceman posed in front of waterfall]
- .76 – [waterfall]
- .77 – [waterfall]
- .78 – [waterfall]
- .79 – [tall rock outcropping]

- .80 – [man on beach near tall rock outcropping]
- .81 – [landscape]
- .82 – I just reached down and picked this salmon out of the creek
- .83 – [small stream]
- .84 – [stream with piled snags and debris]
- .85 – [boulder on shore line]
- .86 – Plenty of snow in Aug.
- .87 – [small waterfall]
- .88 – [shore with bay in distance]
- .89 – [Jeep parked in Aleutian landscape]
- .90 – [three servicemen walking in gravel riverbed near outlet to bay]
- .91 – [serviceman sitting near small pool]
- .92 – [small steaming pool]
- .93 – [dirt road along river]
- .94 – waterfall]
- .95 – [Lee and two unidentified servicemen in tall Aleutian grass]
- .96 – [Lee and two unidentified servicemen having a snack next to Jeep]
- .97 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .98 – [Lee, Guster DeSpain, Earnest Bendekovic having a snack next to Jeep]
- .99 – [Lee, Guster DeSpain, Earnest Bendekovic in Aleutian landscape]
- .100 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .101 – Sup[er] time. It was fun eating a picnic lunch on the lava beds [Lee, Guster DeSpain, Earnest Bendekovic]
- .102 – [Y.?] C. Lee, Guster DeSpain center & Earnest Bendekovic
- .103 – Snow in Aug. Believe it or not I have a snowball. [Lee, Guster DeSpain, Earnest Bendekovic]
- .104 – Lots of snow and ashes
- .105 – [Lee, Guster DeSpain, Earnest Bendekovic having a snack next to Jeep]
- .106 – Another view of the lava beds with fog settling down
- .107 – More lava beds
- .108 – I think that this is the best view of the lava beds. The two G.I.'s are Guster DeSpain the tall one and John Frank Rayburn.
- .109 – Notice the fox's white tail. Some are tame enough to eat out of your hand.
- .110 – [Lee posed in rocky field]
- .111 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .112 – [five servicemen sitting on small hill. Lee on far right]
- .113 – [Guster DeSpain and Earnest Bendekovic on pedestrian log bridge over river]
- .114 – [river]
- .115 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .116 – [river rapids]
- .117 – Looking toward Bering Sea [river with snags and debris]
- .118 – [Lee and DeSpain near waterfall]
- .119 – [Aleutian landscape]
- .120 – [serviceman in snow field making snowball]
- .121 – Coates River. I thought I was out of the picture but I see I wasn't [pedestrian and vehicle bridges over river]

- .122 – [wooden buildings and utility poles]
- .123 – Regt. Hqrs.
- .124 – Camp area
- .125 – [interior of chapel]
- .126 – [wooden buildings and utility poles]
- .127 – Mess hall
- .128 – Camp area
- .129 – Another view of mess hall
- .130 – Scenery
- .131 – [servicemen demonstrating use of bayonet]
- .132 – Commando Lee
- .133 – Camp area with snow on hills in July
- .134 – [waterfall on river]
- .135 – [tall waterfall]

Loose items:

- .136 – [man shaving]
- .137 – [military base, with large rock outcropping in bay beyond]
- .138 – [crowd of servicemen on and next to truck]
- .139 – [Lee sitting on rocks next to waterfall]
- .140 – Guerten, Boyle, Schmick
- .141 – This is where I live
- .142 – [waves coming on to beach]
- .143 – [landscape; damaged photo]
- .144 – [snow on mountain]
- .145 – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year [photograph of waterfall]
- .146 – Season's Greetings From Alaska [photograph of fox]

- Greeting card. With Sincere Sympathy. To Mr. and Mrs. George Lee from Christine B. Giordano, Port Arthur, Texas. 1955
- Greeting card. With Sincere Thanks. To Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lee from Woodrow Roebuck, Port Arthur, Texas. 1955
- Clipping. "Linton W. Lee Sr. Rites Are Today in Leesville Church." No date
- Clipping. "Port Arthurans' Brother Dies." No date
- Clipping. "Wayne Lee." No date
- Clipping. "News from Here and There." No date
- Clipping. "News from Here and There." No date
- Clipping. "Norman Roebuck Rites Are Today at 2." No date
- Clipping. "Man Killed by Lightning Bolt in Port Arthur." No date
- Clipping. "One Dead, Two Hurt in Electrical Storm." *Port Arthur News*, Friday June 10, 1955
- Clipping. "Nature Isn't Always Benevolent." *Sunday News*, September 2, 1945 [eruption of Tulik Crater near Umnak Island]

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