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TITLE: Dowell Aleutian Islands Clean-up Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1983.058

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1943-1984

Extent: 10 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Thomas Dowell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Administrative/Biographical History:
Thomas Perry Laning Dowell, Jr. received his master’s (1972) and doctorate (1973) degrees from the University of Illinois. He was hired in 1976 to do a debris removal study of World War II-era military sites in the Aleutian Islands for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The results of Dowell’s study, along with several of the photographs included in this collection, were published in Debris removal and cleanup study, Aleutian Islands and Lower Alaska Peninsula, Alaska (Anchorage, Alaska: U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, Corps of Engineers, 1977).

Scope and Content Description:
The collection includes research files, reports, financial data, 125 sheets of maps, and 364 black-and-white photographic prints created or collected by Thomas Dowell during his survey of World War II-era military debris remaining on the Aleutian Islands in the 1970s.


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 by Thomas Dowell, PhD, in May 1983.

Processing Notes
Oversize maps removed from manuscript material folders and moved to flat files. Three photographs located in folder 16 were left in place.

Separated Materials
Remnants of Japanese inscribed boards transferred to Collections in 1983.

RELATED MATERIALS
1983.065

SUBJECTS
Hazardous waste site remediation--Alaska--Aleutian Islands.
Hazardous waste site remediation--Alaska--Alaska Peninsula.
Aleutian Islands (Alaska)--Environmental conditions.
Alaska Peninsula (Alaska)--Environmental conditions.
Construction and demolition debris--Alaska--Aleutian Islands.
Construction and demolition debris--Alaska--Alaska Peninsula.
Military base closures--Environmental aspects--Alaska--Aleutian Islands.
Military base closures--Environmental aspects--Alaska--Alaska Peninsula.
World War, 1939-1945--Environmental aspects--Alaska--Aleutian Islands.
World War, 1939-1945--Environmental aspects--Alaska--Alaska Peninsula.
Aleutian Islands (Alaska)
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Rat Islands (Alaska)
Attu Island (Alaska)
Adak Island (Alaska)
Kiska Island (Alaska)
Umnak Island (Alaska)
Unalaska Island (Alaska)
Amchitka Island (Alaska)
Atka Island (Alaska)
Shemya Island (Alaska)
Cold Bay (Alaska)
Dutch Harbor (Alaska)
Port Heiden (Alaska)
Yakutat (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Manuscript materials
B1
F1 – Recommendations
F2 – Disposal
F3 – Published material on the project
F4 – Reference material
F5 – Contract & correspondence, DACA85-76-C-0034 USA
F6 – Cost figures
F7 – Adak
F8 – Atka
F9 – Amchitka
F10 – Cold Bay
F11 – Dutch Harbor/Unalaska
F12 – Great Sitkin
F13 – Kiska
F14 – Port Heiden

B2
F15 – Shemya
F16 – Fort Glenn/Umnak
   .1 – written on back: Cape AFB; marked on front: 0113 USN VJ61(D) 5/10 12 June 1953
   .2 – marked on front: 265 43TRS 5000 ft. 6 in. AAC 58-21 004
   .3 – marked on front: 265 43TRS 5000 ft. 6 in. AAC 58-21 006
F17 – Small sites
F18 – Attu
F19 – Tanaga/Kanaga

Series 2: Photographs

B3
Set 1
.4-.24 – [no location; debris, cleanup sites, structures, boats]

Set 2
.25-.40 – [no location; debris, cleanup sites, vehicles, structures, equipment, water tower, pier]

Set 3
.41-.51 – Umnak

Set 4
.52-.59 – [no location; debris, cleanup sites, structures, pier, equipment]

Set 5
.60-.63 – Ulatka Head/Unalaska

Set 6
.64-.96 – Great Sitkin

Set 7
.97-.139 – Atka

Set 8
.140-.159 – [no location; debris, cleanup sites, structures, pier, church. Identified in 2016 as Attu by Richard Ragle]

Set 9
.160-.199 – [no location; debris, cleanup sites, structures. Identified in 2016 as Attu by Richard Ragle]

Set 10
.200-.364 – Unalaska [In 2016, Richard Ragle identified some images as Fort Glenn and Kiska, including .212-220 as possibly Kiska]

Series 3: Maps

Rolled maps

B4
- Tactical map. Confidential. September 1948; Mar. 21, 1957. [Shows Unalaska Bay and land to the south and west]

B5

Flat maps

F1: Adak

F2: Aleutians, Western and Alaska, General
- Aleutian Islands, Cold Bay to Attu. Engineer Section, Alaskan Dept., ALS. July 1944. 10 sheets. [Unalaska, Umnak, Atka, Adak, Tanaga, Kiska, Shemya, Attu]

F3: Attu and Kiska

F4: Rat Islands

F5: Umnak

F6: Unalaska

**F7: Yakutat**

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