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TITLE: Lemmon Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1969.007

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1900-1961

Extent: 1 box

Language and Scripts: English

Name of creator(s): Unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

Major General Kelley B. Lemmon was born on May 14, 1912 at Fort McKinley, Maine. He graduated from the United States Military Academy West Point and was commissioned as an infantry officer in the United States Army in 1937. In 1944, Lemmon received the Distinguished Service Cross by order of Lieutenant General George S. Patton for extraordinary heroism along the banks of the Seine River. His military awards and decorations also include the Distinguished Service Medal and the Bronze Star with V Device and Oak Leaf Cluster. In 1979, after long and dedicated service to the U.S. Army, Lemmon retired to his home in Arlington, VA.

Lemmon passed away in Gaithersburg, Maryland on February 11, 2012 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 12 Army scene photographs. Subjects in the collection include the "Flying Tigers" at Fort Glenn, the First Japanese defenses to fall at Attu, Chilkoot Barracks, Fort William H. Seward, the Nike-Hercules missile "Adolph" (to achieve longest successful flight on record) and "Pilgrim" (from Site Summit), Co. B. 21st Infantry,

Muster of Company L, 7th Infantry, Fort Egbert (Eagle), and P-38's on Aleutian Islands. The photographs were taken by the U.S. Army. Please see photo list for specific photograph information.

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in fair condition.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by General Kelley B. Lemmon of the United States Army in May 1969.

Processing Note

As of December 2024, two items (.11 and .12) are missing.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1955.002 CIHS Marston Poster

B1963.x.014 CIHS Cremer Collection

B1966.007 CIHS Griffin

B1969.016 CIHS Howell

B1975.090 Aleutian Campaign Collection

B1976.014 FIC CIHS Photographs

B1980.001 AHFAM FIC Collection

B1980.075 AAC History Office Collection

B1980.092 June Bender Collection

B1980.168 Lyman Woodman Photographs

B1983.058 Thomas Dowell Aleutian Islands Clean-up Collection
B1983.127 Kukla Copy Photograph Collection
B1986.027 Woodman World War II Posters
B1988.055 Helen E. Jones Collection
B1989.006 Richard D. Huff Collection
B1989.015 Don Miller Adakian Photograph
B1989.020 Johns Collection
B1990.002 Frances and William C. Ray Collection
B1990.004 Schiffman Collection
B1991.001 Gerald Smith Collection
B1991.003 Walter Blue Collection
B1992.011 Samuel Brice Hastings Scrapbook
B1992.032 Nye-Rhodes Photograph Collection
B1993.005 Larry Simonet Collection
B1995.014 Eugene Tetinek Photographs
B1996.031 William Niemi Collection
B1996.025 Adak Historical Society
B1998.012 Charlotte Hazelet Turtainen Photographs
B1998.014 Vern Brickley Collection
B1998.025 Candy Waugaman Collection
B1999.026 Ervin-Adak Island Collection
B1999.027 Sgt. George W. McAllister Collection
B2000.009 Aleutian Interlude
B2000.010 John Fick Collection
B2001.006 11th Air Force Manuscript Collection
B2001.034 Cecile Kay Ritcher Collection
B2002.016 Albert G. Miller Photographs
B2002.018 FIC Collection
B2004.005 Charles Ireland Collection
B2005.010 Kenneth Hillman Photograph Collection
B2005.021 Vince and Linda Whalen Collection
B2006.018 Jeff Overstreet Collection
B2006.x.001 J.A. Diefenbeck Collection
B2007.012 Roy W. Bean Collection
B2007.020 William H. Eakins Album
B2008.008 Willaim M. Svensson Collection
B2008.017 Pfc. Ford R. Dally Album
B2008.022 Jimmy H. Long Album
B2008.041 Rookus Photographs
B2008.048 George Cartter Photographs
B2009.001 Monroe B. Goldberg Photographs
B2009.002 Ernest Alexander Gardner Album
B2009.016 Farrel Smith Album
B2009.018 Laurence Schall Photographs

B2009.025 World War II Seldovia Photographs
B2009.032 Bonnie Thomas Photograph Collection
B2009.036 Aleutian Campaign Photographs
B2009.037 Becky Gay Collection
B2009.046 Lee 349th Engineer Regiment Aleutian Campaign Album
B2010.011 Willis C. Warren Album
B2010.017 Nona Johnson Collection
B2011.005 Norman Kozberg Photograph Album
B2011.006 Charley Crowley Alaska Territorial Guard Certificate
B2011.007 Etta Jones Collection
B2011.011 Doris Rhodes Scrapbooks
B2011.012 John N. Rupp Collection
B2011.014 Lane Family Photograph Collection
B2012.016 Eugene Tetinek Album
B2012.021 Victor Ritter Copy Prints
B2012.030 Hobart Hyatt Collection
B2014.017 James L. Oswald Jr. Photographs
B2014.020 Darrell G. Wood Album
B2014.021 Carlton F. Rinck Collection
B2014.024 Nancy Warren Collection
B2014.031 William R. Gore Collection
B2014.036 Adak Naval Station Bering Hill Galley Photographs
B2014.037 Sara Elaine Atwood Collection
B2015.004 Jose Romano Collection
B2015.018 Austin E. Kiser Scrapbook
B2015.023 Cora Horton Kendall Collection
B2015.024 Kenneth M. Roberts Negatives
B2016.005 Anthony John Michalski World War II Album
B2016.027 Edward Vincent Morsch Photographs
B2017.015 Charles Gullede Album
B2017.018 Edward J. Peplinski Collection
B2017.019 Elanor Marie Johnson Collection
B2017.023 Wallace J. Wellenstein Collection
B2017.025 Arthur Waldron Application for Permission to Depart Alaska
B2017.027 Col. Jesse E. Green Photographs

SUBJECTS

World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns – Alaska – Aleutian Islands
World War, 1939-1945 – Alaska – Aleutian Islands
United States. Army – Alaskan Department
United States. Army – Military life
United States. Navy
Adak Island (Alaska)

Aleutian Islands (Alaska) – History, Military – 20th Century

Attu Island (Alaska)

Haines / Deishú (Alaska)

Kiska Island (Alaska)

Eagle / Tthee T'äwdlenn (Alaska)

Unalaska Island (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Attu in May 1943. Site of first Japanese defenses to fall [view of campsite with tents and supplies, and boats pulled up on shore and anchored in water with mountains in the background]

.2 – P-38's on Aleutian Islands, 1942 [two individuals standing next to an airplane with one individual in the cockpit]

.3 – Muster, Company L, 7th Infantry, Fort Egbert (Eagle), March 1900 [view of United States Army troops mustered in front of log barracks, Tthee T'äwdlenn (Eagle), Hän Hwëch'in¹]

.4 – Company B, 21st Infantry, arrives for duty in Anchorage, 15 Nov 1919 [view of ship Admiral Watson at docks with troops on deck, November 15, 1919]

.5 – WAMCATS construction crew (infantry) on Valdez-Fairbanks Telegraph route near Gulkana, 1909. Back, "Infantry right-of-way party on Gulkana Section of telegraph line between Valdez and Fairbanks, 1908." [twelve individuals posed in front of a tent with trees in the background]

.6 – DH-4's of Air Service, Army Signal Corps, en route Alaska, 1920. Back: " DH-4s under Capt. St. Clair Street, Air Service, Army Signal Corps enroute Alaska at Whitehorse, 1920. [a group of people standing in front of park DeHavilland airplanes and an automobile in the foreground]

.7 – Fort Wm.H. Seward (later named Chilkoot Bks) about 1920. NCO and civilian quarters [four individuals standing in front of buildings with Lynn Canal and mountains visible in the background, Fort William H. Seward in Deishú (Haines), Jil̄koot K̄wáan]

.8 – Kiska, 23 Dec. 1943. Post hq in foreground, harbor. [view of United States military encampment on Kiska Island]

.9 – "Flying Tigers" (343d Ftr Gp under Lt. Col John Chennault) awaiting mission, Cape Army Air Field, Fort Glenn, Umnak Island, 1942. [view of soldiers and pilots standing with parked airplanes and automobile, Umnak Island]

.10 – Chilkoot Barracks, near Haines, 1923 [view of buildings at Fort William H. Seward from the water, Deishú (Haines), Jil̄koot K̄wáan]

.11 – [missing] CC19545. The firing of the Nike-Hercules "Pilgrim" from Site Summit by Battery C, 4th Missile Bn, Commanded by Capt. Gilbert M. Reese. 27 Nov. 1961. Photo by Sp4 DeNuccio, Spt Cmd Photo Fac, Fort Richardson. Given to Major Gen. Kelley B. Lemmon, Com. Gen. U.S. Army

.12 – [missing] cc-19545 High in the Chugach Mountains east of Anchorage, members of Btry 1, 4th Missile Bn., commander by Capt. Harold E. Mortimore, fire the Mike-Hercules "Adolph" at 1430 hours, to achieve on of the longest successful flights on record for the Nike-Hercules "Adolph" Missile.

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¹ <https://www.tananachiefs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Native-Village-of-Eagle-Economic-Development-Community-Plan-2019-Final.pdf>