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TITLE: 2nd Mapping Squadron Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1980.105

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1941-1942

Extent: 10 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): United States. Army Air Forces. 2nd Photographic Squadron

Administrative/Biographical History:

The unit history posted online¹ by the United States Army Combined Arms Center gives the following information:

2nd Reconnaissance Squadron: Constituted as 2nd Photographic Squadron on 15 May 1941 and activated 10 June 1941. Redesignated 2nd Mapping Squadron on 13 January 1942, 2nd Photographic Squadron on 9 June 1942, 2nd Photographic Charting Squadron on 11 August 1943, 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron (Long Range, Photographic) on 15 June 1945.

1/5/44 Peterson Field, Colo
8/2-9/2/44 Buckley Field, Colo
10/20/44 Hollanida, New Guinea
12/13/44 Morotai
5/5/45 Palawan
1941 F-2

¹ "US Army Air Force Squadrons." Web. <http://www.cgsc.edu/CARL/nafziger/941USAF.PDF>

1942 F-2, A-29, F-3
1943 A-29, B-25
1944 B-25, B-24/F7
1945 B-24/F7

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 10 images of Alaskan locations and scenes produced by the 2nd Mapping Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force. Most photos with stamp of 2nd Mapping Squadron on back. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Brought to the Museum by John Cloe on behalf of donor Bronson in August 1980.

RELATED MATERIALS

B2013.065 2nd Mapping Squadron Photographs

SUBJECTS

United States. Army Air Forces. Photographic Squadron, 2nd
Agriculture—Alaska
Airforce – Washington State – twentieth century
Alaska Natives—Alaska
Alaska Railroad

Alutiit Territory
Dena'ina Ełnena Territory
Eklutna / Idlughet (Alaska)
Eklutna Vocational School
Glaciers—Alaska
Ketchikan / Kichxáan (Alaska)
Lingít Aaní Territory
Matanuska River Valley (Alaska)
Seward / Qutalleq (Alaska)
Sugpiat Territory
Unangaġ Territory
Volcanoes—Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Eklutna School [group portrait of Eklutna Vocational School students standing at Alaska Railroad depot at Eklutna. Idlughet (Eklutna), Dena'ina Ełnena. At AFN 2013, two of the students in the front row identified: Leo Stephan (11th from left in overalls) and Lois Munson from Eklutna Village (14th from left in print dress and overcoat). At AFN 2015, individual 8th from right identified as Annie Ealok Zimin from Naknek. At AFN 2024, individual 4th from the right identified as possibly Hazel Aveogonna.]
- .2 – [Indigenous] glamour girl [portrait of Indigenous individual in fur parka. At AFN 2015, tentatively identified as Paulaguna, Mala's wife]
- .3 – (G30-2487-2ND)(7-9-41) The old [Inuit] custom [two Indigenous women in fur parkas rubbing noses, a form of affection called Kunik]
- .4 – (O3-2098-2M)(8-16-42-2:P)(12-5000) B-24 near Mt. Cleveland, Alaska [Mount Cleveland, Unangaġ Territory] [Cleveland Volcano]
- .5 – (O12-6018-2M)(6-7-41-2:25P)(12-1500) Matanuska farms, Alaska [on back] Matanuska Valley, June 1941 – Springer System Farms, Palmer, in upper center [aerial, Springer System Farms, Palmer, in upper center. Dena'ina Ełnena and Ahtna Territory]
- .6 – Big ice floes, Alaska [large free mass of floating sea ice]
- .7 – (G7-7032) Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska [Áak'w T'áak Sít' and Sít' Aant'aakú (Mendenhall Glacier), Áak'w K̄wáan, Lingít Aaní]
- .8 – (O1-2488-IF)(5-26-41-3:00P)(12-1500) Seward, Alaska (6019) [aerial of town and docks. Stamped “Confidential.” Qutalleq, Sugpiat/Alutiit Territory]
- .9 – (G35-6019-2ND)(7-28-41-10:00A) Placer Glacier, Alaska [note on back: Lowell and Spencer Glacier on Kenai Peninsula both called Placer Glacier at one time. Dena'ina Ełnena]
- .10 – (O5-2728-2ND)(11-8-41-3:00P)(12-2,000) Army radio station, Ketchikan, Alaska [aerial of town and docks. Stamped “Confidential.” Kichxáan (Ketchikan), Taant'a K̄wáan, Lingít Aaní]

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