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**TITLE:** Iner C. Nelson Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2004.010

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1940-1945

Extent: 150 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Iner Carl Nelson, Sam H. Whitfield Family

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Iner Carl Nelson was born in Alexandria, Minnesota on July 19, 1890. As a civil engineer, his experience included building railroads in France while serving with the 18<sup>th</sup> Engineers in the United States Army during World War I<sup>1</sup>, developing flood control of the Skagit River in Washington state, and working on the expansion of Boeing Field in Seattle.

In early 1940, Nelson sailed to Kichxáan (Ketchikan) to work on construction of a proposed runway on Annette Island. By early 1941, he had joined the first Alaska Corps of Engineers office in Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage) as the territory was preparing defenses for World War II. With the Corps of Engineers, he travelled throughout the territory to remote areas of the Aleutian Islands and Prince William Sound and was later stationed at Prince Rupert, British Columbia to build docks.

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<sup>1</sup> Military Records, <https://digitalarchives.wa.gov/DigitalObject/Download/aec99591-890e-4626-b07e-b5488226916b>

He passed away in Seattle, Washington on August 28, 1981 at age 91.<sup>2</sup>

**Scope and Content Description:**

There are 148 photographs (144 prints and 4 negatives) in this collection, dated 1941-1945. There is a map of Meshik (Port Heiden) with notes made by Iner Nelson and an associated report on a survey of Cape Cleare and Montague Island. There is a letter from the Sam H. Whitfield family, stationed in Chaluka (Nikolski), to Iner Nelson dated January 27, 1942.

**Arrangement:**

Arranged by previous archivist.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Acquisition and Appraisal Information**

Donated by Shirley English in March 2004.

**Processing Note**

Item level description created by volunteer George Darrow in November 2025.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

B1975.090 Aleutian Campaign Collection

B1980.075 AAC History Office Collection

B1983.058 Thomas Dowell Aleutian Islands Clean-Up Collection

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<sup>2</sup> Certificate of Death, <https://digitalarchives.wa.gov/DigitalObject/Download/2ce3e3e6-8dbe-4228-8580-ce547f837ad2>

B1988.055 Helen E. Jones Collection  
B1991.001 Gerald Smith Collection  
B1996.031 William Niemi Collection  
B1996.035 Adak Historical Society  
B1998.014 Vern Brickley Collection  
B1999.026 Ervin-Adak Island Collection  
B2001.006 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force Manuscript collection  
B2001.034 Cecile Kay Richter Collection  
B2007.012 Roy W. Bean Collection  
B2008.022 Jimmy H. Long Album  
B2009.002 Ernest Alexander Gardner Album  
B2009.046 Lee 349<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiment Aleutian Campaign Album  
B2011.007 Etta Jones Collection  
B2012.030 Hobert Hyatt Collection  
B2014.024 Nancy Warren Collection  
B2015.024 Kenneth M. Roberts Negatives

## **SUBJECTS**

Nelson, Iner Carl (1890-1981)  
Anderson, Carl E. "Squeaky" (Lt. Commander)  
King, George  
Street, Charlie  
Whitfield family  
Alaska Railroad  
Augers  
Boats and boating  
Chaluka / Nikolski (Alaska)  
Corps of Engineers – Army – United States  
Dgheyaytnu / Anchorage (Alaska)  
Dzantik'i Héeni / Juneau (Alaska)  
Hunting – Alaska  
Igya'aq / Cordova (Alaska)  
Iluulu / Unalaska (Alaska)  
Kichxáan / Ketchikan (Alaska)  
Meshik / Port Heiden (Alaska)  
Metlakatla Christian Mission Church  
Military engineering  
Nikolski School  
Óot Xwáa Ta Ye / Tamgas Harbor (Alaska)  
Pile drivers  
Qutalleq / Seward (Alaska)  
Sand Point (Alaska)  
Seattle (Washington)  
Sod structures

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church  
Surveying – Alaska – History  
Tàakw.àani / Maxłaxaał / Metlakatla (Alaska)  
The Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral  
Udaamagax / Cold Bay (Alaska)  
Unangan / Unangas – Alaska  
World War II, 1939-1945

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box 1

#### Folder 1, .1-.50

- .1 – Cordova 1942 [one individual standing in a snowy street near an Alaska boundary marker. Sign directly above reads “U.S. Post Off[ice], One Block Ahead” and sign on adjacent building reads “Boundary [...] Shop Oil”. Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak territory]
- .2 – [two dogs and two individuals likely from the Army Corps of Engineers are in a field. Location identified as possibly Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .3 – Looking 79° from intersection of runways. [a field with a body of water and mountains in the background]
- .4 – [an outhouse sided and roofed with shingles with “AC” written on its door]
- .5 – First test boring. Hump in distance. [an individual using a hand auger to drill a test hole in a field at Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory. Image from circa 1941]
- .6 – Port Heiden. Surveying for Aleutian airport, fall of 1941 [four individuals use surveying equipment, including a hand auger, in a field in Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .7 – [a subterranean sod structure with a peaked roof. Location identified as possibly Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .8 – [a field with mountains in the background. Location identified as possibly Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .9 – [U.S. Navy District Patrol Boat YP-72, formerly the purse seiner Cavalcade. Image from 1940-1943]
- .10 – [several individuals stand on board the U.S. Navy District Patrol Boat YP-72, formerly the purse seiner Cavalcade. The individual in the dark cap and jacket is identified as possibly U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Commander Carl E. “Squeaky” Anderson. Image from 1940-1943]
- .11 – [seven individuals, including two youths, are in a wooden boat propelled by oars]
- .12 – [two individuals launch a boat from a beach into the surf using oars]
- .13 – [an individual stands on rocks next to a seaside cave]
- .14 – [Douglas OA-5 Pelican flying boat, tail number 6 1-AB, on the water. Image from circa 1940]
- .15 – [Douglas OA-5 Pelican flying boat, tail number 6 1-AB, on the water off the coast of Sand Point, Unanga territory. Image from circa 1940]
- .16 – [five individuals gathered around an inflatable life raft between the engines on the wing of a Douglas 4B-11 flying boat. Image from circa 1940]
- .17 – [an aerial view of mountains and valleys with the wing of a flying boat on the right side. Image from circa 1940]

- .18 – [multiple individuals work with supplies and a boat either landing on or launching from a beach. A larger boat is farther out in the water. Location identified as possibly Udaamagax (Cold Bay), Unangâ territory. Image from circa 1940]
- .19 – [an aerial view of mountains]
- .20 – Anch. office Corps of Engineers 1941 [an office with a desk, chairs, office supplies, and rolled up documents. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory, Dena'ina Elnena]
- .21 – Anch. office Corps of Engineers - 1941 [multiple vehicles are parked outside two buildings. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory, Dena'ina Elnena]
- .22 – Iner Nelson on far left. Charlie Street next to him. Corps of Engineers Office staff in 1941 [eight individuals stand at the edge of the sidewalk outside a store window. Individual on far left in back row identified as Iner C. Nelson and individual second from left in back row identified as Charlie Street, similar to .26]
- .23 – Information Center Anchorage, Feb. 1941 [multiple individuals work on a log structure, possibly a buttress for a bridge. A bulldozer and another vehicle are parked on the right. Dena'ina territory, Dena'ina Elnena]
- .24 – Date 2/12/41. Time 10:15 A.M. Taken 60' E. of Sec. Cor [four square with 15 in upper left, 14 in upper right, 22 in lower left, 23 in lower right] T. 14 N. R. 3 W. Referred to Seward Meridian. Looking West on Loop Rd. 8-mi. N.E. from Anchorage [an individual wearing snowshoes and holding ski poles stands on a snowy road with a parked car behind them. A cabin is in the background on the right. Dena'ina territory, Dena'ina Elnena]
- .25 – Anchorage RR. Sta. 1941 [an individual boards Alaska Railroad car number 17 while two train conductors stand nearby at Anchorage train station. Dena'ina territory, Dena'ina Elnena]
- .26 – Iner Nelson + Charles Street leaving Seattle for Ketchikan about 1940 [two individuals, identified as (left to right) Iner C. Nelson and Charles Street, stand on board a dock next to a passenger ship]
- .27 – Seward 1942 Iner C. Nelson on right w/ gun [three individuals stand in a garden outside a building in Qutalleq (Seward), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory. Individual on far right holding a gun is identified as Iner C. Nelson]
- .28 – Charles Street in Ketchikan about 1940 [an individual, identified as Charles Street, stands on a sidewalk outside the Miners and Merchants Bank in Kichxáan (Ketchikan), Taant'a Kwáan, Lingít Aaní]
- .29 – [two individuals stand inside St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Chalukâ (Nikolski), Unangâ territory]
- .30 – [the interior of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Chalukâ (Nikolski), Unangâ territory]
- .31 – Church of St. Nicholas at Nikolski [the exterior of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Chalukâ (Nikolski), Unangâ territory. Image from circa 1940]
- .32 – [twelve children lined up on steps in front of a school, possibly in Chalukâ (Nikolski), Unangâ territory. Similar to .33. Image from circa 1940]
- .33 – This is my school [multiple children lined up on steps in front of a school, possibly in Chalukâ (Nikolski), Unangâ territory. Similar to .32. Image from circa 1940]
- .34 – Russian Orthodox Church Unalaska, Alaska. Pogue UN 102 [photographic postcard. The exterior of The Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral in Iluulû (Unalaska), Unangâ territory]

- .35 – Unalaska Alaska [photographic postcard. A view from an opposite hillside of Iluuluŋ (Unalaska), Unangaŋ territory. A large ship is pulled up to a dock and The Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral is on the left]
- .36 – Unalaska, Alaska Pogue IJN-106 [photographic postcard. A view from an opposite shoreline of Iluuluŋ (Unalaska), Unangaŋ territory]
- .37 – [From front] Sand Point, Alaska. [From back] Mrs. Andrew Grosword. (Arthur H. Mellick) Sand Point Store [photographic postcard. A view from Popof Strait of Sand Point, Unangaŋ territory. Buildings are identified as (from left to right) unidentified, the hotel (in back with the turret), the combined warehouse/saltery/carpenter shop (in front on the pier), the bunkhouse (in front), the residence of the hotel owner’s son (in back), and the U.S. Customs House]
- .38 – School in Nikolski, Umnak Is. (Iner Nelson in center with camera) [six individuals stand outside the school in Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory. Two individuals on the left are identified as possibly from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and individual third from left holding a camera is identified as Iner C. Nelson. Similar to .43]
- .39 – Iner Nelson (center) St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church @ Nikolski (Umnak Is.) [three individuals stand in front of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory. The inscription over the door behind them reads “Saint Nicholas The Thaumaturge”. The center individual is identified as Iner C. Nelson]
- .40 – [From front] Iner in Aleutian Islands school [From back, part of the inscription is cut off] Nikolski, Umnak Is. [five individuals stand around an individual wearing a dunce cap and sitting with their face toward the corner of the room. Location identified as the school in Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory. Individual on the left identified as Iner C. Nelson]
- .41 – [eight individuals stand on a wooden porch. Location identified as possibly Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory. Individual on the left leaning on a shovel identified as Iner C. Nelson]
- .42 – [the school at Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory. Steel drums holding fuel for the school’s stoves are stacked next to the building]
- .43 – [five individuals stand on or next to the stairs outside the school in Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory while another individual holding a camera faces them. Two individuals standing on the ground on the left are identified as possibly from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Similar to .38]
- .44 – Group of natives at Nikolski (radios popular there) [Indigenous individuals, including youths, stand outside a house in Chalukaŋ (Nikolski), Unangaŋ territory]
- .45 – Railroad Station, Anchorage 1941 Crew departing for Seward enroute to Umnak Is. [multiple individuals stand on the platform at the Anchorage train station. Dena’ina territory, Dena’ina Elnena]
- .46 – [six individuals on a beach, possibly in the Aleutian Islands. Individual on the left wearing a hat and dark jacket identified as possibly Iner C. Nelson]
- .47 – [a group of individuals gathered around surveying equipment set up next to tents]
- .48 – [several individuals work next to tents set up in a field with a mountain in the background]
- .49 – [three individuals holding rifles kneel behind a hunted caribou]
- .50 – [an individual in a field taking a picture of a caribou]

## Folder 2, .51-.100

- .51 – [a bluff next to a shoreline in the summer; a snow-covered mountain is in the background]
- .52 – [waves crashing against rocks on a beach]
- .53 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Island about 1942 [wall tents and wooden tent platforms leading down to a shoreline. A boat named Siren is next to a scow or a floating dock with a ramp leading to shore. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .54 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Island about 1942 [wall tents on a rocky beach at the base of a cliff. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .55 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is about 1942 [wall tents on a rocky beach with driftwood and logs in the foreground. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .56 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is. about 1942 [several individuals unload a boat, named Siren of Cordova, using floating docks and wooden boards as a bridge to shore. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .57 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is about 1942 [several individuals stand on a shoreline covered in boulders while two individuals sit next to equipment on a scow pulled up to shore and one individual stands on a boat named Siren anchored next to the scow. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .58 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is. about 1942 [multiple individuals works with ropes on shore and a scow loaded with equipment that is pulled up to shore. A boat named Siren is tied off to the scow. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .59 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is about 1942 [multiple individuals unload a box, a chest, and lumber onto a beach covered in boulders using wooden planks as a bridge across the rocks. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .60 – Hinchinbrook or Montague Is. about 1942 [several individuals unload items onto a beach covered in boulders and driftwood using wooden planks as a bridge from a floating dock and across the rocks. Cases and a tarp lie on the rocks on the left. Location identified as Hinchinbrook Island or Montague Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .61 – [a building and dock at a shoreline at the base of a rocky hill or mountain]
- .62 – 329 [possible construction site with multiple sets of stairs and equipment, possibly a crane]
- .63 – [an individual smoking a cigarette looks down at something in their hands while standing in a field with a mountain in the background. Location identified as possibly the Aleutian Islands and time period as circa 1940. Unanga territory, Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .64 – [an individual looks through a surveyor's transit]
- .65 – Surveying the Umnak airport [an individual adjusts a surveyor's theodolite. Location identified as Umnak Island, Unanga territory and time period as 1940-1942]
- .66 – Surveying Umnak Airport [an individual stands between surveying equipment on the left and gear and supplies, including possibly a rifle in a carrying case, on the right. Location identified as Umnak Island with Umnak Pass in the background, Unanga territory]

- .67 – [three individuals stand in a field. Individual on the left carrying two rifles may be a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers]
- .68 – [a view of a community on a shoreline taken from the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Hermes. Location identified possibly as the Aleutian Islands. Unangaâ territory, Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .69 – [two individuals rest on the stern deck of a boat, possibly the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Hermes. The canisters in the racks surrounding them are depth-charges for anti-submarine warfare]
- .70 – [an individual looks out from a sleeping bag while reclining between a structure and a rolled tarp on board a boat]
- .71 – [an individual reads while resting on the deck of a boat]
- .72 – [several individuals stand next to multiple boxes on a scow or barge that is alongside a boat]
- .73 – [a B class Coast Guard cutter, possibly the Hermes, is in the water]
- .74 – [multiple individuals pull a boat up onto a beach]
- .75 – [three individuals stand in the grasses next to a beach. Individual on the left is holding a pole with a flag on it, possibly a surveyor's pole. Location identified possibly as the Aleutian Islands. Unangaâ territory, Alutiit/Sugpiat territory. Image from circa 1940]
- .76 – [four individuals, the rightmost of whom is identified as possibly Iner C. Nelson, stand in front of tents]
- .77 – [two individuals stand on a beach looking out at a ship in the water]
- .78 – [a ship on the water with mountains in the background]
- .79 – [four individuals pose together on board a boat]
- .80 – [an individual cuts another individual's hair while the second individual sits on a kerosene container in front of a tented structure. Image from circa 1940]
- .81 – [three individuals talk while sitting together. One individual holds a book and one individual adjusts their hat. An object that is possibly a sleeping bag is behind them]
- .82 – [two individuals carrying rifles stand next to a hunted caribou]
- .83 – [an individual holding a gun poses behind a hunted caribou]
- .84 – Cordova [a view from a boardwalk or dock partly covered in snow of Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak territory]
- .85 – Seward 1942 [two individuals look at a gun while a third individual stands nearby in a garden in Qutalleq (Seward), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]
- .86 – [multiple individuals are posed on and next to the steps outside a building. A large triangle shape hangs from the building's eaves. Image from circa 1940]
- .87 – Photo point 80' West of Trav. Hub #4 Taken looking East towards apprx. center of Information Center Structure. Loc. SE. ¼, -S.W. ¼ Sec. 22 + 23. T. 14N. R3W. [an individual stands on a snowy slope with multiple trees]
- .88 – [a view from mud flats of a shoreline with multiple buildings, boats, and a structure that is possibly a drying rack]
- .89 – Nikolsky School on left Church on right [a view from the water of the community of Chalukaâ (Nikolski), Unangaâ territory]
- .90 – Nikolski on Umnak Is [a view across a grassy field where horses are pastured of the community of Chalukaâ (Nikolski), Unangaâ territory]

- .91 – George King + girl? Cordova? (about 1942) [an individual smoking a pipe, identified as George King, talks to another individual wearing a skirt and sweater. Location identified as possibly Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak territory]
- .92 – [a boat in white-capped water near a shoreline with trees and buildings. Mountains are in the background]
- .93 – Picture #5. View of U.S. Engr. Survey Boat Orcas. Taken on Aug. 22, in Tamgas Bay. Looking towards Purple Mountain. [a ship, identified as U.S. Engineer Survey Boat Orcas, is in the water with a mountain, identified as Purple Mountain, in the background. Location identified as Óot Xwáa Ta Ye (Tamgas Harbor) near Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant'a Kwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaala (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory]
- .94 – Picture No. 10. Taken Sept. 2, U.S. Engr's Ship Cavanaugh assigned to transporting troops from Ketchikan to Annette Island Air Base. Bald, triangulation point situated directly above rear mast of S.S. Cavanaugh. [a ship, identified as U.S. Corps of Engineers steamship Cavanaugh, is in the water with mountains in the background. Possibly Lingít Aaní, Tsimshian territory]
- .95 – [multiple individuals hand-operate a pile driver. Two individuals use hooks on wooden handles to hold the pile steady while two other individuals hold pieces of lumber that may be leveling sticks. Wall tents and trees are in the background]
- .96 – [an aerial view of a lake surrounded by forested and snow-capped mountains]
- .97 – [an aerial view of a pier extending into the water from forested land surrounding a cleared area with multiple buildings and some smoke. Similar to .100, .125]
- .98 - #6. [two individuals stand next to a tracked construction vehicle in an area that is partly cleared of trees]
- .99 - #1 U.S.G.S. Camp, Annette Island. Taken on Aug. 18, 1940. at the N.W. edge of Tamgas Bay looking across slough at high tide towards timber. [a view from a log extending over the water of multiple wall tents set up next to trees. Location identified as Óot Xwáa Ta Ye (Tamgas Harbor) near Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant'a Kwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaala (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory]
- .100 – [an aerial view of multiple barges or scows tied up to a pier extending from forested land into the water at low tide. Similar to .97]

### **Folder 3, .101-.143**

- .101 – [several individuals stand on a beach near a pier under construction with a pile driver next to it. A ship, possibly belonging to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and two boats with passengers and gear are in the water nearby. Similar to .106]
- .102 – [a wooden pier extends into the water with multiple boats tied up to it]
- .103 – [a wooden pier under construction with boats tied up to it. Similar to .105]
- .104 – View of Dock from direction of camp site. 9/23/40. Before the longitudinal bracing was in place on shore end. Yellow Hill at right center [a wooden pier that is under construction with scows or barges next to it. On the right side is Kaséik'w Góoch (Yellow Hill) near Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant'a Kwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaala (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory]
- .105 – [a wooden pier under construction with boats and lumber in the water next to it. Similar to .103]

- .106 – [a pier under construction with a pile driver next to it and multiple boats in the water nearby. Several individuals stand on the beach nearby as well. Similar to .101]
- .107 – [a tugboat next to a dredge boat on the water. The tugboat has “2974 Van, BC” written on its bow. Image from circa 1940]
- .108 – [two boats are tied up to docks, one of which has a sign reading “Reserved by U.S.E.D. Keep Clear”. The boat in the background with ice on it is the Alaska, similar to .109, possibly a cannery tender. The boat in the foreground may be the Elk, a fishing boat]
- .109 – [a boat named Alaska, possibly a cannery tender, is tied up to a dock]
- .110 – Metlakatla from the air. Do you see the white church and beautiful town hall to left of church. I took this picture from plane Oct. 12. [an aerial view of Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant’a Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaałá (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory]
- .111 – This is the famous Father Duncan Church. He brought the [Tsimshian people] from Canada in 1887. I took this picture Nov. 4. [Metlakatla Christian Mission Church in Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant’a Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaałá (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory]
- .112 – [several individuals work on a Grumman G-21 Goose seaplane parked on an airfield]
- .113 – [two individuals stand on the front steps of Metlakatla Christian Mission Church in Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant’a Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaałá (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory. A sign above the door reads “Metlakahtla Christian Church”]
- .114 – [two individuals stand in front of wooden doors with a sign above them reading “Metlakahtla Christian Church”. Location identified as Metlakatla Christian Mission Church in Tàakw.àani (Metlakatla), Taant’a Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní and Maxłaxaałá (Metlakatla), Tsimshian territory, similar to .113]
- .115 – See the boats in an armistice day parade at about 1:30 P.M. 11/11/40 On the left side those pools of water is on the muskegg [sic]. [an aerial view of a parade of boats in Gastineau Channel with Dzantik’i Héeni (Juneau) on the right and Yaa Andagan Yé<sup>3</sup> (Douglas Island) on the left, T’aakú Ḵwáan and Áak’w Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní]
- .116 – [a view from Kichxáan X’áak (Tongass Narrows) of Kichxáan (Ketchikan), Taant’a Ḵwáan, Lingít Aaní. A waterfront building on the left has a sign reading “Tongass Trading Company” and a building on the right has a sign reading “Alaska Steamship Company”]
- .117 – Site of Dock at right center of picture. End of plank road at left center also showing a raft of lumber on beach. Taken Aug. 22, (Length of plank road is approx. 100’ at this date. Built by a C.C.C. unit [a view from the water of a shoreline with trees. A plank road ends at the beach just to the left of center of the shoreline]
- .118 – [a view from a boat of a waterfront community with multiple buildings, some of which are built on piers extending out over the water]
- .119 – [multiple individuals stand on a snow-covered, possibly plank, roadway with buildings and piles of lumber on either side of them and mountains in the background]
- .120 – [an individual, possibly a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Officer, stands on the float of a Stinson SR-5 floatplane with “Aircraft Charter Service Ketchikan-Alaska” written on the side that is pulled up to shore]
- .121 – [seven individuals stand on the deck of a boat pulled up to a dock. Two of the individuals wear U.S. Army uniforms and may be Corps of Engineers officers]

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<sup>3</sup> <https://diataku.com/about-douglas-indian-association/>

- .122 – [an individual stands on a dirt road in front of buildings, vehicles, and equipment]
- .123 – [multiple individuals work to load or unload lumber on a scow pulled up to shore next to a crane]
- .124 – [a boat drives past buildings on shore]
- .125 – [multiple buildings and tents with smoke rising from some of them are surrounded by forested land next to a body of water with mountains in the background. Similar to .97]
- .126 – [forested land and mountains]
- .127 – [a shoreline lined by trees]
- .128 – [planks suspended at intervals across a ditch in a forested area with wires strung above them]
- .129 – [a mossy forest]
- .130 – [a cleared area in a forest with a mountain in the background]
- .131 – [a shoreline lined by trees at low tide with mountains in the background]
- .132 – [individuals stand near a dump truck on an earth and rock pier extending from a log bridge]
- .133A – [a view from the stern of a boat of a body of water, tree-lined shorelines, and mountains]
- .133B - [a view from the stern of a boat of a body of water, tree-lined shorelines, and mountains]
- .134 – [a view from the water of tree-lined rocky shorelines]
- .135 – [a boat drives along the water with mountains in the background]
- .136 – [buildings in a forested area with mountains in the background]
- .137 – [a view from the water of buildings on shore and on docks with boats pulled up next to them]
- .138 – [multiple individuals stand on shore next to a barge loaded with pallets and lumber. A boat named “Cape Hinchinbrook” is towing another boat through the surf. Location identified as possibly Hinchinbrook Island, Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]
- .139 – [a view from the water of a tree-lined shoreline]
- .140 – [the U.S. Engineers ship Cavanaugh sits in the water next to a forested, mountainous shoreline]
- .141 – [a view from a gravel shoreline of creeks running into a body of water with mountains on both sides]
- .142 – [a landscape with snowy mountains, a body of water, and rocky ground with trees and brush dotted with snow]
- .143 – [a view from the water of trees and snowy mountains]

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- .144 – [multiple individuals stand on the deck of a ship while talking to an individual, identified as Iner C. Nelson, standing in an adjacent boat]
- .145 – [an aerial view of a community]
- .146 – [two individuals work with ropes on board a ship while two more individuals are next to the ship, possibly in a small boat]

.147 – [several individuals on board a ship talk to two individuals standing in a small boat alongside the ship. The individual in the bow of the small boat is identified as possibly Iner C. Nelson]

**Folder 5, .148 – Map and Report on Survey**

.148 – Reconnaissance Notes at Port Heiden. Taken 3 :00P.M. to 9 :00P.M. 6/11/41. For Landing Field (Not fully reconnoitered, runway location approximate) [map with notes made by Iner C. Nelson regarding Meshik (Port Heiden), Alutiit/Sugpiat territory]

- Report on Survey of Cape Cleare and Vicinity on Montague Island for AWS Site made by Iner C. Nelson, George King of the Resident Engineers Office with the U.S. Engineers Department at Cordova, Otto Tiedeman (engineer of the boat Siren), and Lt. Welch of the 691 Signal Aircraft Warning Reporting Company. [Alutiit/Sugpiat Territory]

**Folder 6, Correspondence**

- [Includes sensitive language] Letter to Iner C. Nelson from “The Sam H. Whitfield’s” with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Field Service in Nikolski, Alaska dated January 27, 1942. [Chalukaâ (Nikolski), Unangaâ territory. Note an envelope included]

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