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Guide to Collection

Pittman, D. D.

D. D. Pittman Photograph Collection, 1912-1917

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

D.D. Pittman served 30 years in the military from July 7, 1898 until July 27, 1921. He was Chief Telegraph Officer and Cashier with the U.S. Army Signal Corp at Fort Gibbon and Valdez, Alaska between June 1912 and March 1917. He died in 1958 at the age of 83.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Fort Gibbon was the detail headquarters and distributing point of the U.S. military telegraph and cable service. Photographs include views of Tanana, Fort Gibbon, Ruby, Gulkana and Valdez. Copy negatives are available for all views. Photocopied documents containing a listing of Pittman's military service and his Alaska journals are included in a separate folder.

INVENTORY

Photographs:

- 1-1A Ft. Gibbon, Alaska 4/23/14 [fort buildings beyond stern-wheeler *Gen. Jeff C. Davis* and *Gen. J.W. Jacobs* in dry dock].
- 2-2A Joe Bauer M.S.E. 4/23/14. Ft. Gibbon, AK [man in uniform beside snow arch].
- 3 Tanana, Alaska. [Man in doorway of Tanana News building]. (no. 48)
- 4 Ft. Gibbon, Alaska, Mar. 6, 1913. [Dog corral with sleds in foreground].
- 5 Dog corral Ft. Gibbon Alaska March 6, 1913. [Man and dogs inside corral]. (no. 344 b)
- 6 Chapel, Indian Mission, Tanana, Alaska [exterior view].
- 7 Birds-Eye-View, Tanana, Alaska. [River beyond town]. (no. 34)
- 8 [Two pipe smoking men sitting at a desk playing chess.]
- 9 [D.D. Pittman wearing snow shoes and holding a rifle; near Tanana, Alaska. Dec. 1, 1912.]
- 10 Ft. Gibbon, AK. 4/23/14 [man in uniform beside snow arch].

- 11 Joe L. McEacheru [portrait, $\frac{3}{4}$ length, of man wearing brimmed hat and suit].
- 12 [U.S. Army Signal Corps building at Ft. Gibbon, April 24, 1914; five men on steps are, 1st row: D.D. Pittman (left) and Samuel H. Elliot; 2nd row: James W. Boon, Grover C. Leagh and Randal S. Garretson.]
- 13 [Man wearing wool sweater and hat on skis. Building and signal tower in background.]
- 14 [Group portrait, Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Tanana, Dec. 1913. Back row, 1 to r.: Kirby, Farrel, Elligood, Stanley and Lenisky; middle row: Leon, Elliott, Stokes, Franzel, D.D. Pittman, Swartz, Shade Adams, Pinkey, Rodgers; first row: Mr. Bemis, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Harper, Mrs. Bemis, Mrs. Swartz, Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Woods.]
- 15 Tanana Moose April 16, 1914. [Group portrait of members].
- 16 [Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Hannah Swanson on left, and Miss Elmina Wheeler, center, outside log building, Tanana, Alaska, March 1914]
- 17 [Mrs. Hannah Swanson with dog team; Elmina Wheeler in sled; Tanana, Alaska; March 1914]
- 18 Miss Wilson and I, Dec. 1913 [woman on sled; DD. Pittman, standing],
- 19 D.D.P. & Hainline, Dec. 1913. Tanana, Alaska [men on dog sled; dogs in harness].
- 20 [DD.Pittman, wearing snow shoes & fur parka, beside small igloo. Dec. 1912.]
- 21 The freeze-up. Tanana, AK. Oct. 1913 [ice forming on river].
- 22 Dawson, Yukon Territory. [Aerial view.] (no. 24)
- 23 Drying salmon on the Yukon. Tanana, Alaska. (no. 43)
- 24 [Group of adults and children near Valdez, 1916.]
- 25 Native fish wheel on Yukon River near Tanana, Alaska, May 25, 1914 [three children on shore, foreground].

- 26 Martin, Silver & Black Fox, Mink, Cross Fox, Lynx, Red Fox, "Ermine" Red Fox at Tanana, Alaska, 1914 [skins outside Rodman Alaska Trading Company store].
- 27 Stevens Village, Sept. 28, 1914 [view from river].
- 28 Wood Chopper, Alaska, Sept 29, 1914 [cabins, background; six men under fish drying rack, foreground].
- 29 Ft. Hamlin, AK Sept 28, 1914 [view of buildings from river].
- 30 Residence of Judge Fred M. Brown, Valdez, Alaska, Oct 1915 [exterior view; snow on ground].
- 31 W.M. Cuddy and Louis R. Douglas, Valdez, AK. Oct, 1916 [Cuddy, left, was with Valdez Mercantile Co.; Douglas was quartermaster sergeant, U.S. Army].
- 32 U.S. Cable office, Valdez, Alaska Oct. 1915 [exterior view],
- 33 Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Lillie St. Marie, Mrs. Ross Hickie and Mr. E.E. Ritchie Valdez, AK. Oct 1915 [all standing behind table in Mrs. St. Marie's dining room, a Valdez restaurant].
- 34 Mrs. Magnuson, Elsie Schmidt and I, Camp Comfort, May 28, 1916 [Pittman, behind young Elsie, center; Mrs. Magnuson, left; near Valdez].
- 35 Abandoned houses at Hazeletville [Alaska] July 16, 1916 [exterior view of 3 buildings].
- 36 Launch "Eagle" at Sawmill Bay [west of Valdez, July 30, 1916].
- 37 McKinley at Valdez 2/8/17 [snow on McKinley Street and roof tops],
- 38 Prospector working "G" pole, Donnely, Alaska, March 1915 [man and one dog pulling loaded sled].
- 39 N.C.[Northern Commercial Co.] stage horses crossing big Delta near Donnely to Summer pasture [horses wading in river].
- 40 Ruth Selby & Feister (Babe) Hayes. Valdez Docks. March 19, 1917 [Selby and Hayes, foreground].

- 41 McKinley St Valdez, Als Sept 1916 [buildings on either side of street].
(Cameron photo)
- 43 Meiers Road House April 1916 [exterior view; located between Paxson and Hogan].
- 44 Str JACOBS at McCarthy, on Tanana River, Sept. 1915 [buildings, left; steamer, center].
- 45 Donnelly Telegraph Station, Jan. 26, 1915 [exterior of Donnelly's Roadhouse].
- 46 [Exterior view of Donnelley's Roadhouse, March 1916.]
- 47 Construction camp at Casey's Cache near Mc Callum, AK. July 1916 [view from above; U.S. Signal Corps camp].
- 48 Construction party piking pole Darling Creek near Donnelly, July 1916 [four men raising a pole; trees beyond].
- 49 Episcopal Church, Valdez, Als 2/8/17 [drifted snow around church].
- 50 Mrs. Tracy Depuy's, Valdez, Als 2/8/17 [exterior view of 2 story building].
- 51 [Picnicing near abandoned building at Hazeletville, Alaska. July 16, 1916; group of men and woman].
- 52 Picnic at Hazeletville, July 16, 1916 [group of people near abandoned building].
- 53 The first Ford car in Valdez [Claude Boyles driving early model car, Oct. 1914].
- 54 A wood pile, Yukon River, Oct. 6, 1914 [seven men working near wood pile],
(Blurred image.)
- 55 CO-B, 14th Infantry arriving at Ft. Gibbon, Als, July 1914 [river steamer pushing three barges].
- 56 Co."B." of 14th U.S. Infantry arriving at Ft. Gibbon, Alaska. July 1914 [closer view of steamer; men on barge, left].

- 57 Mrs. Matie Gillmore winning horserace. Tanana Alaska July 4, 1914 [distant view of horses and riders; stores, right],
- 58 "Mission of our Savior" Indian Village [distant view from river; 2 ½ miles above Tanana. June 1914].
- 59 John Lynch, Valdez, Als [man on snowy bridge, Nov. 1915].
- 60 Valdez, Alaska
- 60 Valdez, Alaska [overall view; from 1912 postcard. (P.S. Hunt photo no. J1024)
- 61 [Three men in office of unidentified telegraph station.]
- 62 [Five men, one standing, in office of unidentified telegraph station.] (fuzzy image)
- 63 [Two men playing music; D.D. Pittman, right, with violin; man on left with guitar.]
- 64 [Group of 8 men on steps of building.]
- 65 Front Street, Tanana, Alaska

Documents: (housed in separate folder)

Military Service of D. D. Pittman (photocopy)

Journal, June 1912, Enroute to [and in] Alaska to March 31, 1917, Valdez (photocopy)

Typescript of journal, May 30 1912 to May 13, 1913 [typescripted by daughter Marcia Johann]