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Guide to Collection

Russell, James S. (Admiral), Collector

**James S. Russell Photograph Collection, 1941-1943
Aleutian Campaign, World War II**

PCA 98

37 slides
9 b&w photographs

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ACQUISITION: Retired U.S. Navy Admiral James S. Russell donated this collection through Mr. Stanton Patty in 1972. Acc.#1986-004. Additional photographs (#38-46) were donated by Admiral Russell in 1986 with the same accession number.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing; however the images may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The photographs and slides are sleeved in Mylar. An item-level inventory is available. Positive Glass Lantern Slides for: 1-17, 19-22, 25-37. There are an additional 22 positive glass lantern slides that have not been scanned or numbered. Film Negatives for: 1-10, 12-15, 18-19, 21-25, 29, 34-35, 38-46.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James S. Russell, retired Admiral, was commander of U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron 42 (VP-42) from July 1941 to October 1942. The squadron first came to Alaska in the summer of 1941 and returned to Seattle in October.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the planes escorted some of the crippled ships coming back from Hawaii. Early in 1942, the squadron came back to Alaska for patrol duty. Until late May of 1942 the 12 planes in the squadron patrolled 2000 nautical miles of Alaska's coastline, flying from Southeast Alaska to the island of Attu.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains slides and photographs taken by various photographers before and during the Aleutian campaign of World War II. Included are images of U.S. Naval officers and enlisted men, many who are identified, and locations in the Aleutian Islands, including some aerial views and bomb damage.

The first 37 slides were copied from a set of 59 positive glass lantern slides.

INVENTORY

- 1 [PBY airplane flying near Dutch Harbor over snow-covered mountain peaks.]
- 2 [Aerial view of Kodiak Naval Station.]
- 3 [PBY airplane in bomb shelter at Dutch Harbor; vehicle and two buildings in background.]
- 4 [Aerial view of Dutch Harbor.]
- 5 [Aerial view of Dutch Harbor.]
- 6 [Dutch Harbor under attack with buildings in foreground, smoke from bomb and mountains, background.]
- 7 [Dutch Harbor showing smoke from bomb hit on oil tank.]
- 8 [Dutch Harbor bomb hit on oil tank.]
- 9 [Aerial view of bomb hit on hanger at Dutch Harbor.]

- 10 [Two men standing by damaged pill box at Dutch Harbor.]
- 11 [Close up of damaged home, possibly at Dutch Harbor.]
- 12 [View of Dutch Harbor Bay showing smoke from a salvo drop; buildings in foreground.]
- 13 [Bomb hit at Dutch Harbor.]
- 14 [Close up of the burning of the NORTHWESTERN after bombing.]
- 15 [Twelve men left on Kiska. J.L. Turner]
- 16 [Evacuation of men left at Kiska showing group in motor boat. Left to right: Coleman (boat engineer), Lieutenant Hood, Russell in foreground, Ensign Hart, Coxswain.]
- 17 [Aerial view of east end of Kiska Harbor.]
- 18 [Chart of Kiska Island, showing track of evacuation force. July 29, 1943.]
- 19 [Close up of General Buckner.]
- 20 [General Buckner getting out of plane.]
- 21 [Japanese intelligence picture showing northwest view of Adak.]
- 22 [Reconnaissance picture of Nazan Bay; captions in Japanese.]
- 23 [Invasion chart showing Agatter, MacDonald Bay.]
- 24 [Chart showing movement of Japanese force.]
- 25 [Aerial view of Adak.]
- 26-27 [Aerial views of military landing field; possibly Adak.]
- 28 [Aerial view of Adak Island-]
- 29 [Aerial view of Adak showing military vessels in foreground.]
- 30 [Aerial view of Adak?]

- 31 [Andrew Lake with Bering Sea in foreground, glacier and mountains in background.]
- 32-33 [Close up of Carlisle Mountain showing wreck of PBY plane. Similar views]
- 34 [Japanese Zero crashed on Akutan.]
- 35 [Mike Hodikoff, left, chief of the Aleuts; Commander Combs; Lieutenant Commander Anderson; and unidentified man on far right, on bridge of USS CASCO.] [Print at #43]
- 36 [Lieutenant Winters and Joe E. Brown acting as navigators, inside a boat.]
- 37 [Vessel WILLIE WAW in Woman's Bay.]
- 38 [Group of 12 U.S. Naval officers, Kodiak, Alaska, 1941. Back row, 1. to r.: Ed Winters, Wiljo Lindgren, Dave Brough, Sam Coleman, Royal Lett, Fred Smith ["Andy"]. Front row, 1. to r.: Mike Vincent, Norm Garton, Jim Russell, Alan Nash, Francis Grisko, Marshall Freerks.]
- 39-40 [Smoke rising over Dutch Harbor from Japanese bombing. Similar views]
- 41 [Aerial view of Cold Bay, Alaska. May 16, 1942.]
- 42 [Aerial view of Dutch Harbor showing military base installations. May 17, 1942.]
- 43 [Mike Hodikoff, Aleut Chief, left; Commander Combs; Lieutenant Commander Anderson; unidentified officer, far right, on bridge of USS CASCO.] [See # 35 for slide view]
- 44 [Admiral Russell, kneeling, right, talking to Ensign Leo T. Nuss standing on left; small tent in background. Aug. 1942.]
- 45 [Five men, all in uniforms, on wooden sidewalk at Annette Island, Alaska, April 1942. 1. to r.: Canadian officer from Royal Canadian Air Force; Cmdr. Paul F. Foster; Lt. Cdr. William Miller, Jr.; U.S. Army officer (C.O. at Annette) and Lieutenant Commander James S. Russell.]
- 46 [Men in uniform looking at bombers on airfield at Yakutat, Alaska; Cdr. Foster, far right. Identification from Charles E. Mac Kay: The airplanes are Fairchild Bolingbrokes; a Canadian license built copy of the British Bristol Blenheim IV]

INVENTORY OF GLASS LANTERN SLIDES

Stored in cabinet in vault

4 Boxes

Box 1 - #1-15

Box 2 - #16-33 (No glass slide for: #18, 23, 24)

Box 3 - #34-37 & 11 glass slides that have not been scanned or numbered

Box 4 - 11 glass slides that have not been scanned or numbered