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Guide to Collection

Luebben, Gerold E.

Gerold E. Luebben Photograph Collection, ca. 1917

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Biographical Note

Gerold Edward Luebben was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1895. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin. In World War I he was drafted and stationed first at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, then took command of the army post at Fort Liscum near Valdez, Alaska. After the war he was sent to Rockford, Illinois where he resigned from service.

Scope and Content Note

The photographs collected by Captain Luebben include Fort Liscum grounds and army personnel (three panoramic views of the fort and soldiers), ships, and Keystone Canyon. Community views include Juneau, Valdez, Ruby and Telegraph Creek, B.C. Photographs were taken by Winter & Pond Co., Case & Draper, J.E. Thwaites, Private Basil Clemons, U.S.G.N.A., Post Photographer at Fort Liscum and others. News clippings of Valdez events are included at the end of the file. The collection is arranged by subject.

Inventory

ANIMALS

- 1 Ptarmigan, Alaska [in winter plumage]. G.J.
- 2 Alaskan Livestock [two cows near log buildings]. H.C. (?) (no. 48)
- 3 A Team of Huskies, Alaska [in camp]. H.A. Ives (no. 13, 2222)
- 4 [Head-on view of dog team and sled.]
- 5 Coming to the 1916 Ruby Derby-Dog Race. Ruby, Alaska. Mar. 17(?) [1917; several dog teams and people on winter lakeshore].
- 6 [Army pack horses on the trail, ca. 1916.]
- 7 [Two men and herd of reindeer in winter, ca. 1917.] Blurred photo

COMMUNITIES AND PLACES (Fort Liscum and Valdez are listed separately)

- 8 Chilkoot Pass During Stampede to the Yukon [overall view of the Scales]. W.H. Case (no. 101, 11800)
- 9 Carcross, Yukon Territory, W.P. & Y. Ry. [White Pass & Yukon Railway]. W.H. Case (no. 11888)
- 10 Cordova, Alaska [bird's eye view]. H.A. Ives (no. 25, 2790)

- 11 First Ave., Cordova, Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 12, 2217)
- 12 Ore Section of Cordova, Alaska [bird's eye view over buildings]. (no. 3)
- 13 Douglass, Alaska [(sic) wharf and waterfront]. Tinted
- 14 Ellamar, Alaska [waterfront and buildings]. Maude Dempsey, Seattle (no. 113-D)
- 15 Gastineaux [Gastineau] Channel, Juneau in foreground, Treadwell and Douglas in Distance. (no. 11558)
- 16 Juneau, The Capital of Alaska [looking south from the top of North Franklin Street (?) over the town and Gastineau Channel]. Color
- 17 Vegetable Garden, Juneau, Alaska [cemetery at left background]. W.H. Case (no. 11714)
- 18 A.J.M. Co.'s Mill, Juneau, Alaska [Alaska Juneau mill]. Tinted
- 19 Juneau - Alaska [view from Gastineau Channel, ca. 1917]. Winter & Pond (no. 510)
- 20 Along the Waterfront at Ketchikan, Alaska [large crowd and steamer at wharf]. (no. 3499)
- 21 Koel Bldg., First Concrete Structure in Ketchikan, Alaska. (no. 3506)
- 22 "The Mosquito Fleet" of Fishing Boats at Ketchikan, Alaska [in harbor]. (no. 3510)
- 23 Ruby on the Yukon - Center of Future Development of Interior Alaska. Aug. 1917, 9 P.M. [bird's eye view]. B. Clemons
- 24 Leaving Seattle, Bound for Alaska [looking toward pier of Alaska Steamship Co.]. Thwaites (no. 4064A)
- 25 Telegraph Creek, B.C. [bird's eye view]. W.H. Case (no. 11817)
- 26 [Distant view of an unidentified town and bridge.]
- 27 [Street scene.] Blurred view

MILITARY VIEWS INCLUDING FORT LISCUM

- 28 [Six soldiers at attention at Fort Liscum, ca. 1917.]
- 29 Fort Liscom [Fort Liscum], Valdez, Alaska [soldiers at attention on parade grounds.]
- 30 [Eight soldiers (four kneeling in front with rifles); Lt. Gerold E. Luebben is in the back row, third from left.] (no. 9285)

- 31 Arrival U.S. Guards, 7-2-18 [1918; Captain Gerold Luebben stands in foreground with bent elbows]. H.C.(?) (no. 26)
- 32 [Four men sitting on steps of headquarters at Fort Liscum, ca. 1916-1917.]
- 33 Detachment Co. A., 14th Infantry, Fort Liscum, Alaska [panoramic view].
- 34 [14th Infantry Division, Fort Liscum. Men not in uniform were recruits in the area. Ca. 1916-1917 [panoramic view]
- 35 [Panoramic view of solders lined up at an unidentified post.]
- 36 [Boy wearing uniform.]
- 37 The lawyer's daughter [at Fort Liscum, feeding a bear cub].
- 38 Some snow, 10-1-17 [1917; drift against building at Fort Liscum]. K.W.(?)
- 39 [Deep snow at Fort Liscum].
- 40 A Little Snow, April 5-18 [1918; Fort Liscum]. H.C.(?) (no. 4)
- 41 Parade ground, Ft. Liscum, Alaska. H.C.(?) (no. 37)
- 42 Fort Liscom [Liscum] [rows of soldiers]. Blurred view
- 43 Retreat. Fort Liscum, Alaska. 1918 [rows of soldiers on parade grounds; distant view]. B. Clemons
- 44 [Similar to 43.]
- 45 Fort Liscum, Alaska. The Bay, Valdez & Glaciers In Background. Aug. 1918. B. Clemons
- 46 Suburbs of Ft. Liscum, Alaska [shack, boat and small dock]. H.C.(?) (no. 8) Blurred view
- 47 The Fort Boat. Blurred view.
- 48 A study of reflection right here at the Fort [Liscum; snowy mountains over water].
- 49 In the frozen north. Ft. Liscum, Alaska. H.C.(?) (no. 16)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 50 A pontoon bridge [suspended bridge of rope and planks].

51 [Man crossing a large stream on a suspended bridge.]

KEYSTONE CANYON

52 Bridal Vale [Veil] Falls near Valdez, Alaska [men, car and tent, base of falls]. G.J.

53 Bridal Vale Falls, Government Road. Valdez, Alaska. G.J.

54 Leaning Rock, Keystone Canyon near Valdez, Alaska. G.J.

55 Keystone Canyon near Valdez, Alaska [river view].

56 Keystone Canyon, Valdez, Alaska. Mighty, roaring & majestic - now how to get across. G.J.

57 Keystone Canyon near Valdez, Alaska [road approaching a small tunnel?]. G.J.

58 [Waterfall.]

59 [Narrow waterfall.]

ALASKA NATIVES

60 Native Packer, Alaska [studio portrait].

61 Family of Copper River Indians, Alaska. (no. 403,063)

62 Eskimo Medicine Man. Alaska. Exorcising Evil Spirits From a Sick Boy. "Working to Beat the Devil." J.E. Thwaites (no. 493)

SCENICS, INCLUDING GLACIERS

63 Shoupe Glacier near Valdez, Alaska. The Glacier from which the Fort [Liscum] gets its ice supply. G.J.

64 Shoupe Glacier. G.J.

65 Shoupe Glacier, Alaska. Jenner, Valdez (no. 2)

66 Glacier on route from Cape Spencer to Cordova, Alaska [distant view over water]. Maude Dempsey, Seattle (no. 22-D)

67 Iceberg in Lyn Canal [Lynn Canal], Alaska.

68 View in Icy Straits, Alaska [icebergs]. Maude Dempsey, Seattle (no. 52-D)

- 69 [Forested island and reflection.]
- 70 Castle Cape, Alaska. Maude Dempsey, Seattle (no. 181-D)
71. How would you like to tumble down here [snowy mountain and reflection].
72. Mt. O'Neill [glacier and bridge below mountain]. H.A. Ives (no. 2218)
- 73 [Wide river and mountains, ca. 1917.]

SHIPS

- 74 S.S. ALAMEDA In Alaska. Thwaites (no. 4169)
- 75 S.S. MARIPOSA. Maude Dempsey, Seattle (no. 221-D)
- 76 MARIPOSA wrecked, Nov. 18th, 1917.
- 77 Wrecked Nov. 18th, 1917 [half sunken S.S. MARIPOSA].
- 78 [S.S. MARIPOSA tied up to dock and listing.]

VALDEZ

- 79 Valdez, Alaska [boats at dock]. Thwaites (no. 2416)
- 80 Valdes (sic), Alaska [bird's eye view]. G.J.
- 81 U.S. Cable Office - Valdez, Alaska. Kanler(?) (no. 33-3)
- 82 Valdez, Alaska [looking over rooftops]. G.J.
- 83 Valdez, Alaska [winter view from water]. Thwaites (no. 4098)
- 84 View on Government Road. Valdez, Alaska. 1917.
- 85 Wetzler Property, Mineral Creek, Valdez, Alaska [waterfall]. Genner (no. 11)

NEWS CLIPPINGS

- 86 "The Week in Society" [newspaper article announcing arrival of Luebben's mother and fiancée, Miss I. Wiener at Valdez].
- 87 [Departure of the Fort Liscum Minstrels and Vaudeville company for Cordova.]

88 "News of the Post" [poem, "Kitchen Police," by K.P. from the *Valdez Miner*.]

89 "Alaska Winters are Not Severe."

90-131 [Additional photos donated to the Historical Collections in 4/91 by Mrs. Louise Luebben Palmer.]