

**Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections**

**Guide to Collection**

**West, LeRoy, 1916-1985, Collector**

**LeRoy West Collection, ca. 1940s-1950s**

**PCA 393**

[Loran Stations - Alaska, World War, 1939-1945 - Alaska]

586 photographs (includes photo album)  
0.4 linear ft.

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**ACCESS:** The photos may be viewed. However they may not be photocopied.

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**PROCESSING:** Photographs were numbered and placed in mylar protectors. Photo album was interleaved with tissue. Negatives are unidentified and housed in an envelope at this back of the collection.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

LeRoy West came to Juneau in 1929. He began working for the federal government in 1935 with the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. Later he worked for the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Corps of Engineers. After receiving a certificate as a professional electrical engineer in 1949 he began working for the U.S. Coast Guard in Juneau as a civilian employee. In 1975, at his retirement, he was presented the Commandant's Award, the highest civilian award possible for outstanding job performance. LeRoy West died December 31, 1985 in Juneau.

## **SCOPE & CONTENTS NOTE**

The photographs are primarily of Loran (long range navigation station) stations during the 1940s and early 1950s. Places include Umnak, Naknek, Cold Bay, Annette Island, Cordova, Yakutat, Gustavus, and Sitka.