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Guide to Collection

Tripp, Doyle C.

Doyle C. Tripp Photograph Collection, 1939-1940

PCA 454

1 album: 127 photographs  
1 magazine

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Doyle Tripp was born in Blanchard, Iowa, Jan. 3, 1912. He was hired as secretary to the Commissioner of Fisheries in early spring 1939. Tripp, a stenotype operator, joined the newly appointed Commissioner and a congressional committee on a trip to Alaska that summer to hold public hearings in communities so fishermen could voice their opinions regarding the fishing regulations being promulgated in Washington, DC.

In 1940, Tripp visited Alaska, again, for public hearings, this time with Dr. Ira Gabrielson and Charlie Jackson. Gabrielson started the trip as Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey and Charles Edgerton Jackson was Commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries. During the trip, the two organizations merged, with Gabrielson becoming Director of the new Fish and Wildlife Service and Jackson becoming his Assistant Director. Although the trip to Alaska's coast was primarily a business trip to get acquainted with the personnel and problems of the newly formed Fish and Wildlife Service, Gabrielson, as an ornithologist, had a special interest in Alaska. Gabrielson's log notes (filed with album and in Master File) correspond with the photographs in the Doyle Trip Collection.

Shortly after Dec. 7, 1941, Tripp joined the U.S. Navy and served for the duration.

After the war he worked five summers as head bookkeeper for Alaska Packers Association at the Chignik cannery.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the pictures in the album were taken by Doyle Tripp during his trip to Alaska with the Commissioner of Fisheries in the summer of 1940. They show the communities, ships and boats, float planes, fishing activities including a salmon weir and king crab, sea lions and a beluga whale. Locations include Ketchikan, Matanuska, Nunivak Island, the Pribilofs. People include Charlie Jackson, Commissioner of Fisheries, Laritz Melchior (famous opera singer on a guided hunt), Dr. Ira Gabrielson, USF&W Director and some of the Nunivak residents.

The magazine, *Pic*, contains an article about the development of Alaska (1941) and 2 photos taken by Tripp.

## INVENTORY

**Note:** The following inventory is by page number. Each album page has 3-5 photographs.

- 1 Views of Ketchikan from Alaska passenger steamship arrival from Seattle.
- 2 These may have been Juneau, especially the middle left one.
- 3 Possibly Matanuska with cabbages in the garden (left top). Middle & bottom left may be Nunivak Island showing school & teacher's house. Natives lived in Barabas [barabaras]. Upper right may be hotel at Circle Hot Springs with cocktail bar in foreground (close-up of bar in right lower).

- 4 Can't remember location but fisherman mending nets and salmon drying on line.  
 5 Top left probably Lake Illiamna day's catch. Other pictures fishing tender and small boat at cannery dock.  
 6 Can't remember where taken.  
 7 Mendenhall Glacier(?)  
 8 Unknown except top right probably of Matanuska again.  
 9 Left top & bottom, a silhouette of reindeer on ridge taken about midnight near Circle Hot Springs (used in PIC magazine-page 17) Right bottom seabirds nesting.  
 10 Husky pups on left & salmon swimming up stream on right top.  
 11 Huskies and unknown animal (pig?)  
 12 Salmon weir at Chignik? (Top left) and fish being counted bottom left. Salmon jumping falls (probably someplace in Southeast Alaska).  
 13 Salmon waiting to go through weir for counting. (left top & bottom) Right top & bottom are king crabs.  
 14 Upper left king crab in crab pot. Float plane we used for transportation to more remote locations.  
 15 Upper right view of tundra from plane. Boat used by Fisheries' personnel on lower mouth of the Yukon River.  
 16&17 When our pilot spotted some natives surrounding a Beluga whale, we landed and watched as they pulled it ashore (used in PIC magazine-page 17)  
 18 Upper left Charlie Jackson (Commissioner of Fisheries) in a kayak. Lower right unknown village and river. Upper right school house I believe at Nunivak Island. Lower picture of school children there.  
 19 Upper left entrance to bararba [barabara] (natives lived in these underground homes). Upper right kayak and lower Nunivak Island natives.  
 20 More pictures of Nunivak natives. Only above-ground structures were school house and teacher's house  
 21 Nunivak natives.  
 22 Pribilof Islands of fur seal rookeries.  
 23 Same as 22 & picture of long boat used for taking workers to seal breeding grounds.  
 24 More long boat pictures  
 25 Pribilof Islands housing for workers, visitors, & observers who come from Russia, Canada and Japan (they shared in fur seal take) as well as U.S.  
 26 Upper left a game being played & more Pribilof Islands fur seals & trading post.  
 27 Fur seals & trading post  
 28 Unknown dwelling (lower right - man on right is Lauritz Melchior, famous Wagnerian opera singer standing by his hunting guide).  
 29 Unknown road and various pictures of men.  
 30 Upper left - fisheries agents at lower mouth of Yukon River. Dr. Ira Gabrielson, Fish & Wildlife Director. Doyle Tripp with "today's catch."  
 31 upper & lower left unknowns. Right picture of Dr. Gabrielson, Doyle Tripp & (?) Thompson, F&WL employee.  
 32 Same three "fishermen." Middle picture: Charlie Jackson & Dr. Gabrielson. Right Doyle Tripp & unknown man. Cooper's Landing on Kenai Peninsula.  
 33 Both pictures unknown location, but Doyle Tripp on right. [loose picture, unknown location]

Magazine:

- 34 *PIC, covering the entire field of entertainment*. Dec. 9, 1941. [magazine published by Street and Smith, Vol. X, No. 12 which features D.C. Tripp's photos, p. 17]