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Guide to Collection

Thomas, Jean

Joseph J. Nekoranec Collection, ca. 1942-1943

PCA 483

1 folder
41 Computer-generated prints
96 negatives

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PROCESSING: 41 of the 96 negatives were scanned. Computer-generated prints were made of the scanned images. The prints were placed in an acid free folder and then placed in an archival box. The negatives have been placed in the freezer in the vault.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph John Nekoranec was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, June 8, 1914. He received a degree in Mining Engineering from West Virginia University in 1938. Mr. Nekoranec was stationed in Alaska during World War II. He was involved in the surveying of airfields in the Aleutians. Joseph Nekoranec passed away March 10, 1997.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains 96 negative images that illustrate Mr. Nekoranec's living conditions while stationed in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. Of the 96 negatives in this collection, 41 have been scanned and a computer-generated print has been made of each of these. Subjects include: soldiers, locations, construction, animals, airplanes, cemetery, church, Alaska Natives.

SUBJECTS

Alaska – Aleutian Islands; World War, 1939-1945

INVENTORY

1. [Two soldiers standing in front of single-engine amphibian plane]
2. [Man in fur coat standing among Russian crosses in cemetery area]
3. [Man in fur coat standing beside small airplane, buildings in background]
4. GI sitting on 500 lb. general purpose bombs
5. [Group of soldiers surrounding woman in fur coat, getting autograph]
6. [Person in hooded coat standing in snow covered open area]
7. [Group of youngsters kneeling in snow in front of soldier, jeep and buildings in background]
8. [People in fur coats standing on snow covered mound, sled in foreground, buildings in background]
9. [Three Alaska Native youngsters standing by entrance to tent structure]
10. [Two men sawing ice]
11. [Three children in hooded, fur coats standing in snow covered area, trees in background]
12. [Crosses in cemetery area, ground covered by wild grass and snow, buildings in background]
13. [Russian Orthodox Church]
14. [Two Alaska Native women standing with child, all dressed in fur parkas, open water in background]
15. [Men on board a boat]

16. [Soldier feeding chained bear in snowy, wooded area]
17. [Soldier petting chained bear in snowy, wooded area]
18. [Soldier with chained bear in snowy, wooded area]
19. [Soldier standing in front of wooden fish drying racks]
20. [Group of men putting up trusses for roof of building]
21. [Soldiers standing on top and around a camouflaged structure]
22. [Soldier with rifle slung over his shoulder standing in open area]
23. [Man with chained bear in wooded area]
24. [Man walking chained bear on muddy, rutted area]
25. [Soldiers installing trusses for roof of building]
26. [Four people walking on snow and ice toward two people standing near boat]
27. [Dogs staked out in clearing near beach]
28. [Soldier standing near hammock like netting, two dogs in foreground, tent in background]
29. [Group of soldiers with rifles and ammunition standing in clearing]
30. [Three soldiers standing near jeep parked by building]
31. [Soldier standing in the snow outside of building #58]
32. [Soldier with rifle slung across back standing with man in wild grassy area near water's edge, barrels on barge in background]
33. [Group of soldiers, many leaning on shovels, mounds of dirt around them]
34. [Five men, three in uniform, standing near jeep, water in background]
35. [Soldier in long winter coat and stocking hat standing near beach, icy water in background]
36. [Soldier standing on stairs of building, muddy road in foreground]
37. [Two soldiers walking chained bear over muddy, rutted area. More soldiers, wooden platforms, and mounds of covered materials in background]
38. [Soldier standing on deck of U.S. Army-F.P. 29]
39. [Seven soldiers standing on wooden platform; hatchet, square, and saw in hand]
40. [Soldier standing near jeep, row of buildings in background]
41. [Two soldiers sitting in jeep parked outside of building]

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in vault

1 Box:

#1-96 (most are 1½ x 2½ negatives)