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Guide to Collection

Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. Photograph Collection, 1942-1948

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1 folder
10 b&w photographs

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The ten photographs depict mining in Juneau and in the Kougarok District north of Nome on the Seward Peninsula and highway construction in Alaska. Several feature various Caterpillar heavy machines. In addition there is a picture of the rookeries of the Pribilof Islands and the Mendenhall Glacier. Some photographs are dated.

SUBJECTS

Mining, Highway Construction, Caterpillar, Juneau, Kougarok, Pribilof Islands, Rookeries, Mendenhall Glacier

INVENTORY

1. Rec'd From: Northern Comm. Co.
Their Letter: 1-20-38
Model: RD7
Owner: J.J. Keenan

Hydraulic placer mining operation. Kougarok District north of Nome on Seward Peninsula, Alaska. "Capterpillar" Diesel RD7 equipped with bulldozer stripping overburden. Working 20-24 hours a day on 2 gals. fuel per hour. Also used for assisting the nozzles in moving the material up to the sluice boxes. Our Negative No. 21172.

2. Rec'd From: Herbert C. Lanks
Their Letter: 4-30-44
Model: D8

"Caterpillar" Diesel D8 Tractor with winch pulling army jeep and trailer through unbroken muskeg swamp in Alaska. Credit: Herbert C. Lanks. Our Negative No. 44560.

3. Rec'd From: United States Army
Date Taken: 1942

Alaskan Highway project. "Caterpillar" Diesel Tractors with LeTourneau Angledozer are clearing a dense growth of trees for the pioneer road. Other tractors with bulldozers and scrapers follow to do the rough grading. Our Negative No. 42359. Ferdinand S. Hirsh.

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5. Rec'd From: Northern Commercial Company
Their Letter: 3-17-45
Model: D8
- The "Caterpillar" Diesel D8 Tractors hauling freight on sleds, over snow-covered roads in Alaska. Our Negative No. 46228.
6. Rec'd From: United States Army
Date Taken: 1942
Model: D8
- The Alaskan Highway - "Caterpillar" Diesel D8 Tractor with LaPlant-Choate trailbuilder clearing for right-of-way and camp sites. In the selection of a camp site in this area, care is taken to locate in a well-drained spot convenient to wood suitable for fuel, and providing protection against the elements. Our Negative No. 42303.
7. Rec'd From: Roberts & Roberts
Date Taken: Aug. 1936
Model: Diesel Forty
Owner: Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp., Palmer, Alaska
- "Caterpillar" Diesel Forty Tractor equipped with Hyster double drum winch, piling stumps and logs preparing the site for a colonist's home. Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp., Palmer, Alaska. Our Negative No. 13222N.
8. Alaska. Mendenhall Glacier. U.S. Forest Service sign "Limit Of Ice 1916". Photo by: Management James Sawders; The Workshop; Nutley, New Jersey.
9. USA, Alaska. Rookeries of Pribilof Islands, and "fur" seals. Photograph by James Sawders; The Workshop; Nutley, N.J.
10. Alaska, Juneau. Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.; largest quartz mill in the world. Photo by: Management James Sawders; The Workshop; Nutley, New Jersey.