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Guide to Collection

Ostenson, Burton T.

Project Chariot Marine Mammal Study, Cape Thompson, 1960-61

PCA 561

2 boxes
32 slide boxes, 1 slide carousel
2 slide index boxes
10 b&w prints with negatives

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Biologist Burton Ostenson was assigned to Point Hope, Alaska, to participate in the study of marine mammals during the hunting season, November 1960 through June 1961. Using information from the study Mr. Ostenson co-authored Chapter 33 titled *Marine Mammals* in the manuscript Environment of the Cape Thompson Region, Alaska published by the United States Atomic Energy Commission, 1966.

A copy of Chapter 33, *Marine Mammals*, can be found here:

http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist_docs/docs/asl_QH105_A4_A57_ch33.pdf

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The images were taken while Burton Ostenson was doing field work in connection with Project Chariot. The slides were taken in and around Point Hope and Kivalina, 1960 and 1961.

INVENTORY

Box 1 of 2: Small Slide Boxes Series

Slide Box

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|----|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Nov 1960 | On way to Pt. Hope Desc. & Plane Kivilina, Fairbanks to Kivilina [Empty] |
| 2 | Nov 1960 | Kotzebue to Pt. Hope- Icebergs, Burt & Beth & Duk on brown steps, Pt. Hope |
| 3 | Dec 1960 & Jan 1961 | Christmas Feast in Browning Hall. - Dog races - Eskimo games - New Years Eve - Fetus #92 243 73 |
| 4 | | Xmas wall decorations, Xmas Browning Hall |
| 5 | Jan 1961 | Aurora - P. hispida fetus #72, 91, 65 & 252 Mission buildings, B.T.O's sled trip with w. Lisbouria[?] Pt. Hope Village |
| 6 | Jan 1961 | Winter dog races, Murry & plane |
| 7 | Jan 1961 | Hunting Trip with Augustus Kowunna- Seals #528 & 529 Mission Hospital & Cache Wind Storm (16 good slides 4 bad) |
| 8 | Jan 1961 | Johnson's visit the village mission-school & post office, Flight #1-Jan 18, Amos first Polar bear, Flight #2 |
| 9 | Feb 1961 | Walk to Nuak and water from Son. Special forces activities Flight #3 Feb 10, 1961 |
| 10 | March 28, 29, 1961 | Preparing Whaling boats, Trip to Nome |
| 11 | April 3, 1961 | Pt. Hope - whale, feast, a church service |
| 12 | June 1961 | Burt & Ron at Jackies, also plane pictures |
| 13 | 6/14/61 | Whaling Camp, Dan's Whale, Hauling, Whale head to camp, dog pulling sled. |
| 14 | 6/14/61 | Rocks' whale |
| 15 | June | Beach Seals & June flight |

Undated

- 16 XIV Departure from Pt. Hope
- 17 XIX Alaska Hottle to Eilson
- 18 Christopher Cessna to Thompson
- 19 Snow in doorway Cape Thompson
- 20 Air-Thompson Cliffs, Pt. Hope, Moving boat thru rough ice, rock
- 21 Hunting with Henry, Hausean Snow Storm, Beluga fetus, DuleRice[?] -Graveyard
- 22 Henry hunting seal, Measuring ooqnuk fetus skin
- 23 Eskimo Carvings Ron M Belsoom
- 24 Whaling, Dan's Whale-Pulline up
- 25 Dan's Whale
- 26 Telephoto Dick, Whaling Camp, Leaving for whaling
- 27 Beluga harpoon whaling gun
- 28 People duplicates
- 29 Trip up river
- 30 Seal Twins, Seal pup
- 31 House Fire - Pt. Hope
- 32 Millakatuk[?] Dance
- 33 Duplicates Keith's slides
- 34 [Envelope] Slides Misc. Alaska [Slids printed in 1959]
- 35 Loose slides

- 36 **10 b&w prints with negatives:** Houses, Dogsledding, Boats, Village

Box 2 of 2:**Folder 1: Slide Carousel Series****Slide**

- 1 [Map of Alaska with Pt. Hope marked by an arrow]
- 2 Nov 1960 Ogoturuk [Oooguruk] on coast 30 mi. SE of Pt. Hope
- 3 Pt. Hope from air 11/1960
- 4 Pt. Hope spring 1961
- 5 [View of ice and coast from air, part of plane in lower right of photograph.]
- 6 [Men pulling a small boat with a rope over snow and ice and beside a formation of snow as tall as the boat.]
- 7 [Men pushing a dog sled filled with luggage and a boat over ice field, trailed by a line of people.]
- 8 [Man in parka with fur lined hood and luggage-filled dog sled on icefield]
- 9 3/28/61 Finished skin boat & Dick [Person stands in front of propped up, upside down oil skin boat with burn barrel beneath it.]
- 10 3/28/61 Skinning umiak
- 11 3/28/61 Sewing Oogruk skins
- 12 3/28/61 Dick beside umiak frame
- 13 Whale Just Killed [Men surround and stand on top of dead whale stuck with harpoons.]
- 14 [Bloody beluga whale with stab wound surrounded by men]
- 15 [Musher with sled and dogsled team.]
- 16 [2 men near the sea with sled carrying skin boat.]
- 17 [Man aiming gun at unseen target standing next to nearly empty wooden sled.]

- 18 [Man with gun under one arm and pole with fishing hook in the other hand next to wooden sled.]
- 19 Weighing bearded seal
- 20 Ooqruk [Oooguruk] [Dead seal]
- 21 [Dead seal being towed by rope]
- 22 [Two-part Building with burn barrel outside]
- 23 [Native Family (Mother, child, father) sit at kitchen table.]
- 24 [Exterior view of house in snow storm.]
- 25 [Man, woman, and child in down coats with fur lined hood stand on porch of snow-covered building with the words 'Pt. Hope' written in the snow above the door.]
- 26 [Buildings surrounded by snow & ice field]
- 27 Jan 1961 Pt. Hope, Alaska. Looking NE. Antonio Weber's and the mission buildings.
- 28 [Two people stand in front of mobile camp tents surrounded by resting dogs.]
- 29 [View of interior front of skin boat with rope wrapped around item.]
- 30 [4 men sitting in front of a wall of ice blocks.]
- 31 [Girl in kuspuk stands in doorway of canvas tent.]
- 32 [Person in kuspuk sits in tent doorway eating doughnuts.]
- 33 [Painting of figures in boat attempting to harpoon a whale.]
- 34 [Group of men on ice with whale floating beside ice flow.]
- 35 [Pulling whale from water onto ice using a pulley.]
- 36 [Long line of people help pull whale onto ice flow.]
- 37 [Men in boat with poles push whale while others stand on ice flow.]
- 38 [Men in boat cutting up whale meat. Blood in water.]
- 39 Ron in Rook's whale [Man lies on baleen.]
- 40 [2 men sit on cut-off whale fin.]
- 41 [2 cut-off whale fins lie on the ice with a man's hat for size comparison. Two men on background.]
- 42 Rook [Group of men pull whale parts with poles]
- 43 [2 men stand in front of skin boats with paddles and American flags.]
- 44 [Large group around perimeter of bones put in ground in arch formations and American flags on pole.]
- 45 [Painting of man dancing in front of bones in arch formation while spectators watch.]
- 46 [Native couple]
- 47 [Blanket toss in front of American flag on pole.]
- 48 [Blanket toss in front of American flag on pole.]
- 49 [2 Men with skin boat and wooden sled.]
- 50 Burt [Man with animal parts over shoulders.]
- 51 [Portrait photograph of native woman.]
- 52 Eunice & Amos
- 53 Christopher Tingoer
- 54 [Sunset view of sled in yard.]

Folder 2 & 3: Silver Slide Index Box Series

Folder 2

LAB House Carvings

[?] Skin; Sun; Unlabeled

Unlabeled: Majority of slides labeled 'Pt. Hope'

Charts, Teeth, Ear Bones, Mostly

Outside village: Kotzebue, Nome, etc.; Telephoto-Fuzzy
Unlabeled

Folder 3

Covering Seal Skin Boat
Teeth charts, tooth sections
Village Activities
Unlabeled, Returned by Lou R.
Village People; Outside Visitors
Village Life, Parties
Whaling Feast Blanket Toss
Village Houses, graveyard
Mt. McKinley; Keith Family Plane[?]
Eskimo Kids
ICE Conditions

Folder 4: Black Slide Index Box Series

Unlabeled Group
April 9, 1980 Dr. Ostenson's Collection Carvings by Lou Rivera