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Guide to Collection

**Consoli, Marino Joseph**

**Marino Joseph Consoli Attu Photographs and Papers, circa 1940-1945**

**PCA 567**

2 boxes  
9 folders  
b&w photographs, documents

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marino "Joe" Consoli was born in 1919 in Reading, Pennsylvania, and died January 10, 1989 in Baltimore, Maryland, at age 70. He played third base, shortstop, and the outfield in the Minor Baseball Leagues on the Huntington Aces and other teams. [From: *Joe Consoli, Minor League Statistics & History, Baseball-Reference.com*]. Consoli managed in the minor leagues from 1952-54. He was a longtime scout for the Pittsburg Pirates. Marino Consoli was athletic director, during WWII, for Fleet Air Wing Four in Attu, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, circa 1940-1945.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains b&w photos and publications relating to Wheat Hall sports complex at Attu, Alaska, Naval Air Station and Farragut, Idaho, Naval Training site (some persons identified). Documents and clippings related to WWII, Aleutians, baseball, boxing, Fleet Air Wing Four, Attu, Aleutians, ca. 1940s.

## INVENTORY

### Box 1

#### Folder 1

##### *Publications*

- 1 [Newspaper clippings, armed forces in Alaska, 1940s] *Alaska Sends Best Wishes to Boys in ETO. Blaze of Fanfare Marks Opening of New Theater at APO 729. Offers More Suggestions on Soldier Shows. And, Four USO Troupes Tour Alaska Area.*
- 2 [Poem] *Battle Without Guns*, by Herb Smith
- 3 [Booklet] *Battle Without Guns*
- 4 [Pamphlet] *Battle Without Guns*, Presented By Your Armed Forces Radio Station
- 5 LIFE Magazine section on U.S. Troops in the Aleutians, post 1943.

#### Folder 2

*b&w photographic images: Fleet Air Wing Four, Attu*

- 6 [Autographed portrait with personal note to Fleet Air Wing Four.] 17 May 1944. Admiral C.W. Nimitz.
- 7 [Image of two men in uniform, one man is pinning a medal ribbon on the other.]
- 8 [Image of eight men in uniform standing in form.]
- 9 [Camera portrait] Franklin Delano Roosevelt 1882-1945. Thirty-Second President of the United States. Image taken in 1939, never previously published. Work of Lt. Maurice Constant, USNR, who is presently engaged in photographing naval leaders in this war for a documentary collection undertaken by the Bureau of Naval Personnel.
- 10 [Group image of twelve men in uniform.]
- 11 [Portrait of man in uniform with USN, U.S. Navy, pin on hat with signature: All the Best Mussles [sic] Ganett or Garrett?].
- 12 [Image of seven men. From verso: Front row: L-R: H.B. Hughes, Coxswain, M.J. Consoli CSP(A), A. Borchers. Back row: L-R: LT. F. Brown, LT. S Kostka, LT. P. Hawk, LT. F. Maass.
- 13 [Portrait of man in uniform with USN, U.S. Navy, pin on hat with personal message on photo.] Sincerely, Pete Le Bean or Bear, ?, USA]
- 14 [Headshot portrait of man wearing article of clothing with fur collar. Personal note on image: To a Swell Fellow, Ray. On verso: [?] 2004 [?] 9<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City 3, Kansas.
- 15 [Group image of men in uniform at attention. Men are standing in front of airplane hangar with airplane in background.]

**Folder 3**

*Wheat Hall sports complex, Gehres Point, Attu. June-December, 1944*

- 16 Officers engaged in various activities as part of daily athletic program, Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island. [Weight-lifting]

- 17 [Basketball court.]
- 18 [Playing handball]
- 19 [Basketball court, stage like set-up behind hoop]
- 20 Officers working out in Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island.
- 21 [Interior wall. Fleet Air Wing 4 stamp on bottom right of photo.]
- 22 [Climbing rope and weights.]
- 23 [Handball]
- 24 [Exterior of building.] Oct. 3.
- 25 [13 men doing squats. Three names listed on verso: Reilley, Adams, JA, and Nash, U?.R.]
- 26 [Basketball practice or game in the gym]
- 27 Squash game in progress as part of daily atheletic [athletic] program, Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island. July 4, 1044
- 28 [Squats in the gym]
- 29 Officers getting rubdown in solarium after exercises in Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island. June 28, 1944
- 30 [Basketball game in the gym]
- 31 Officer starting giant swing, Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island
- 32 [Calisthenics, August 18, 1944]
- 33 [Wheat Hall compound, exterior] October, 1944
- 34 [Push-ups]

- 35 [Punching bags]
- 36 [Calisthenics-squats]
- 37 [On the parallel bars]
- 38 Officers jumping rope and punching bags as part of daily atheletic [athletic] program...
- 39 [Wheat Hall complex, exterior]
- 40 [Basketball hoop, court, interior]
- 41 [Men punching bags]
- 42 Officer doing handstand off horizontal bar as part of daily atheletic [athletic] program...
- 43 [Half court, with partition]
- 44 [Half court with net]
- 45 [Half court with goal?]
- 46 Adams, Nash [playing a game in gym]

**Folder 4***Boxing at Attu*

- 47 To Joe – Only the best to a real athletic Chief. Lots of luck, Freddie Maass. [In boxing pose]
- 48 [Boxing match]
- 49 Attu Golden Gloves Tournament Finals. Monday, May 29, 1944 [Program]
- 50 Attu Golden Gloves Tourney [names of fighters] Barabara Gym
- 51 Attu Golden Gloves Tourney [names of fighters]

- 52 Army – Navy Finals. Attu, Alaska. [Boxing]
- 53 Attu vs Amchitka Inter-Island Boxing meet. Monday, 17 July Nats Hangar [with officer judge's names]
- 54 Recreation Ashore [guide]
- 55 **Harbor News**; Dutch Harbor, Alaska  
Wednesday, March 15, 1944 [Pages 1-4]

“Rules Governing Play of the Departmental League” [Pages 1-2]  
Navy - NOB 230: “The New Athletic Arena Is Open” [Pages 1-4]  
Tuesday, March 14, 1944 [Pages 1-4]

**Adak Tribune**

Wednesday, March 22, 1944 [Pages 1-2]  
Monday, April 3, 1944 [Pages 3-4]  
Sunday, April 9, 1944 [Pages 1-6]  
Monday, April 17, 1944 [Pages 1-2]  
Wednesday, April 19, 1944 [Pages 3-4]  
Thursday, April 20, 1944 [Pages 3-4]

- 56 Fleet Air Wing Four Permanent 1945 Department Ath. [embossed card]

57 **The Attu Morning Sun**

December 24, 1944 [Page 1-2]  
Friday, June 9, 1945; Special Edition “Fight Xtra” [Page 1-2]  
Monday, June 11, 1945 [Page 1-4]  
Wednesday, August 8, 1945; War Xtra! “Russians Enter War” [Page 1-2]  
Undated; “Anchors Aweigh” [1 page]

- 58 Attu, June 16, 1945 b&w photo. [Heavyweight boxing champion Sgt. Joe Louis signing autographs]

**Folder 5 - #59**

[Scrapbook: Items related to WWII in Aleutians (mostly Attu), and a few personal.]

Newspaper and magazine articles: Attu Golden Gloves Tournament, cow at Attu, baseball. Conditioning and calisthenics instruction, entertainment, Recreation Ashore Naval Air Station Attu Alaska (booklet)] *Most items loose.*

**Pee Vee Haphazard** [Attu, Alaska]

Thursday, August 10, 1944 [Page 1-2]

Undated [Page 1-2]

Saturday, September 2, 1944 [Page 1-2]

Saturday, September 30, 1944 [Page 1-2]

Monday, October 9, 1944 [Page 1-2]

**Attu Morning Sun**

Tuesday, May 8, 1945 "VE Day" [Page 1-6]

**Golden Gloves** [May-June 1944]

Golden Gloves: "Last night's Golden Gloves prelims at the Barabara..." [2 pages, one 1/2 page]

Sports: Golden Gloves – "Tonight's quarterfinals in the Attu Golden Gloves Tourney..." [1/2 page]

Golden Gloves – Quarter Finals – "Seven bouts, comprising the Golden Gloves quarterfinals, were ..." [2 pages]

Friday Night's Simi-Finals – Golden Gloves [2 pages, two 1/2 pages]

Finals Golden Gloves [2 pages, one 1/2 page]

**Folder 6** - #60-69

[Personal letter regarding baseball contract, effects related to service in the war and to post-war veterans issued by the government].

**Folder 7** - #70-74

[Norfolk Seabag, U.S. Naval Training Station issues: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, 1943]

**Folder 8** - #75-79

[Publications related to military service and physical education]

**Folder 9** - #80

[Scrapbook: clippings, call to service documents, and some personal news and documents regarding minor league baseball, circa 1940s].

**Box 2**

1 NBC Farragut Calling.

[Autographed 8 x 10 glossy b&w photograph of two Navy musicians at Farragut]

2 United States Navy Training Station, Farragut, Idaho, [32 page booklet]

3 Second Battalion Graduates, 1943[Photo album, group photographs, persons identified]