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Consoli, Marino Joseph

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

PCA 567

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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
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

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA567.pdf
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.]


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 Mussels [sic] Ganett or Garrett?].


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 [?] 9th, 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.


26 [Basketball practice or game in the gym]

27 Squash game in progress as part of daily athletic program, Wheat Hall, Gehres Point, Attu Island. July 4, 1944

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]

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA567.pdf
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]
   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]
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]