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TITLE: Victor Ritter Copy Prints

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.021

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1941-1945

Extent: 24 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Victor Ritter

Administrative/Biographical History:

Victor Ritter served with the Alaska Communication System during World War II and assisted in maintenance and addition of telephone and telegraph facilities on the Alaska Railroad.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 12 copy prints and 12 copy negatives of photographs taken by Victor Ritter during his service with the ACS during World War II.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Photographs lent by Victor Ritter in September 2000. Copies made and originals returned in January 2001. Materials accessioned in August 2012.

RELATED MATERIALS

SUBJECTS

Ritter, Victor
Alaska Communication System
Alaska Railroad
Telecommunication--Alaska
Telegraph—Alaska
Telephone—Alaska
Radiotelephone—Alaska
Military telegraph—Alaska
Military telephone—Alaska
Road-rail vehicles
World War, 1939-1945—Alaska
Broad Pass (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Lt. Ritter and the ACS M-7 railmobile. AD Photo Lab
- .2 – Vic Ritter and the ACS M-7 railmobile.
- .3 – Cocktails at the South Seas in Anchorage. Left to right: Jim Lollar, Chuck Granger, Vic Ritter, John MacMahon, Harold Watson, and unknown.
- .4 – ACS construction crews lived in box cars as shown here. AD Photo Lab
- .5 – [men raising utility pole]
- .6 – First row, left to right: Leo Schweger, Lloyd Dixon, Emil Zahacheski (with dog), ??, Ralph Wildasin and Harry Duer. Second row, left to right: Carl Fontana, Andrew Cirata, Adrian Lamm, Herman Krogn, Graftin Andrews, and Smine Manmood.

.7 – Left to right: Sgt. Owen Hanratty, New York; Pfc Elmer Meade, Virginia; Vic Ritter, Ohio; Sgt Woodroe Moreland, Washington; Pfc Max Kurz, German refugee.

.8 – Setting a telephone pole. Leo Schweger with pick. Behind him is Ray McGarey. On the left is Adrian P. Lamm and behind him is Martin Sommer. Obviously I cannot see who is holding the pike pole.

.9 – Emil Gollings the chow hound. He died shortly after WWII.

.10 – Broad Pass, Alaska

.11 – I got stuck in Broad Pass for four days while working on the railroad. A big storm closed everything down. Temperatures were in the minus 50 [degrees] range. A railmobile froze so solid I could not start it. I had to get help from Anchorage after the RR tracks were cleared.

.12 – Emil Gollings at the McKinley Park Repeater Station.

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