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**TITLE:** Willis C. Warren Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2010.011

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1945-1946

Extent: 0.9 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Willis C. Warren

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Willis C. Warren was born in Portland, Oregon, on September 16, 1908. He earned degrees in economics from the University of Oregon (B.A., 1930; M.A., 1932) and a certificate in librarianship from University of California, Berkeley. He was working as a librarian at the University of Oregon in March 1944 when he was commissioned as a lieutenant junior grade in the United States Navy. From 1945 to March 1946, he was assigned to Adak, Alaska, as harbor control officer.

After the war, Warren was employed with the First National Bank in Eugene and Portland, Oregon, until his retirement in 1973. Warren died on April 12, 1987.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of one album measuring 5.5 x 8.5 inches and containing 123 black-and-white photographs from Warren's service as harbor control officer in Adak, Alaska, during World War II.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by son James W. Warren in June 2010.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

### **SUBJECTS**

Warren, Willis C., 1908-1987

United States. Navy—Military life

World War, 1939-1945—Naval operations, American

World War, 1939-1945—Alaska—Aleutian Islands

Adak Island (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [Map of Adak, with legend “Map of Adak, on Aleutian Island of the Andreanof Group. Drawn by R.C. Winsett.”]

.2 – HECP Station Zeto Point [Harbor Entrance Control Point, showing Quonset huts, buildings, stairways]

.3 – HECP Station Zeto Point [showing Quonset huts, buildings, stairways]

.4 – Looking forward HECP from Zeto Point proper [Kuluk Bay on right]

.5 – Looking north from HECP

.6 – Looking northeast from HECP [Kuluk Bay on right, sandbagged revetment in left foreground]

.7 – Looking east from HECP, Great Sitkin in background

.8 – [similar to .7]

- .8a – [3 7/8 x 5 inch manuscript map showing locations of the following: CGRacom station, 24' light shed, bridge station, steps, water supply towers, my hut, Dave's & Art's hut, road, sonar station, Vern's hut, s. hut, CG hut, water tank, st. sm. Hut, gym, head, mess hall, cook's hut, Officers' Club, theater]
- .9 – East from Clam Lagoon Spit [possibly Great Sitkin Volcano in distance]
- .10 – On beach elev. H.E.C.P. Head Rock [view looking to the east from Clam Lagoon Spit]
- .11 – Looking S.E. from beach
- .12 – Rocks below station
- .13 – Fleet in Bering Sea, Great Sitkin
- .14 – Head Rock, ship in distance
- .15 – Looking south to Kagalaska
- .16 – Across Kuluk Bay S.S.W.
- .17 – Fleet in bay at Zeto Point, taken from signal towers
- .18 – Entrance to bay, toward southern Adak
- .19 – Looking west from H.E.C.P., Zeto Lake
- .20 – Looking west, Mount Moffett in background
- .21 – The ladder, 134 steps, H.E.C.P. Zeto Point [view of Quonset huts, stairs, boardwalk, sheds and storage tank]
- .22 – Going up H.E.C.P.
- .23 – My hut, topside Lt. Vandeworker's hut [two Quonset huts on hillside]
- .24 – My hut, Narcissus anemone in bloom
- .25 – Officer's Club
- .26 – Lt. (j.g.) Arford & Lt. (j.g.) [Dave] Moore, gym [two Naval officers standing on a wooden stairway in front of two Quonset huts]
- .27 – Lt. (j.g.) Dave Moore in front of his hut
- .28 – Lt. C.C. Vandaworker O in C
- .29 – Lt. Art Zahn and Zeke [dog]
- .30 – Lt. (j.g.) Willis Warren [Naval officer standing on a boardwalk in front of a building]
- .31 – Lt. (j.g.) Willis Warren
- .32 – Lt. (j.g.) John Houston [standing on a boardwalk in front of a Quonset hut]
- .33 – Lt. (j.g.) F. Davis Moon [standing on a boardwalk]
- .34 – Fleet in bay, 66 total, V.J. Day [warships in the harbor on V-J Day; destroyers on the left and in center, aircraft carrier on right]
- .34a – [List of naval vessels on sheet of paper:  
     "Amphibious Force Flagship:  
         AGC 13 Panamint  
     Net-laying ships:  
         Boxwood (AN8)  
         Buckthorn (AN13)  
     Oilers:  
         AO12 Ramapo  
         AO18 Rapidon  
         AO36 Kennebec  
     Gasoline tankers:  
         AOG35 Ogeechee  
         AOG61 Sakonnet

Repair ship:

AR19 Xanthus

Ocean tugs, fleet:

ATF111 Sarsi

ATF 149 Atakapa

Heavy cruisers:

CA24 Pensacola

CA25 Salt Lake City

CA26 Chester [note: this should be CA27]

Light cruisers:

CL9 Richmond

CL10 Concord

CL11 Trenton

Aircraft carriers, escort:

CVE9 Bogue

CVE69 Kasaan Bay

CVE70 Fanshaw Bay

CVE71 Kitkun Bay

CVE74 Nehenta Bay

CVE75 Hoggart Bay

CVE78 Savo Island

Destroyers:

DD410 Hughes

DD419 Wainwright

DD472 Guest

DD474 Fullam

DD475 Hudson

DD480 Halford

DD800 Porter

DD411 Anderson

DD589 Izard

DD592 Howarth

DD593 Killen

DD594 Hart

DD649 Albert W. Grant

DD654 Bearss

DD655 John Hood

DD662 Bennion

DD664 Richard P. Leary

DD677 McDermut

DD679 McNair

DD680 Melvin

DD688 Remey

DD691 Mertz

DD798 Monssen

DD799 Jarvis

Destroyer escort vessels:

DE382 Ramsden  
DE383 Mills  
DE384 Rhodes  
DE385 Richey  
DE386 Savage  
DE255 Sellstrom

Landing ship dock:

LSD White Marsh

Frigates:

PF3 Tacoma  
PF4 Sausalito  
PF5 Hoquiam  
PF6 Pasco  
PF7 Albuquerque  
PF8 Everett  
PF46 Bisbee  
PF47 Gallup  
PF48 Rockford  
PF49 Muskogee  
PF50 Carson City  
PF51 Burlington

Gunboat

PG51 Charleston]

.35 – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [five warships in bay; destroyer on left, aircraft carrier in center]

.36 – Fleet, VJ Day [six warships in bay; destroyer and aircraft carrier in center right]

.37 – Fleet, VJ Day [two destroyers in bay]

.38 – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [four aircraft carriers and destroyer in bay]

.39 – Fleet in bay, VJ Day [similar to .37]

.40 – Zeke and Topsy, H.E.C.P. dogs

.41 – U.S.O. Troup [sic] Base End Theater [three performers with a pianist, possibly Billie Holiday and Cab Calloway]

.42 – Shagak Bay trip, crash wagon, Lt. (j.g.) Warren at wheel

.43 – Signal tower on 90mm Hill

.44 – “Skippering” tower O in C [man operating a signal light; charts on the lower wall show the phonetic alphabet in signal flags and Morse code]

.45 – Dan Hartzog, SM2/c [Signalman Second Class operating signal light; charts on wall]

.46 – Dale Marcey SM3/c & Stan Deyer S1/c [men standing by a signal light]

.47 – Jarvis McGowen S2/c [man in a control tower with two signal lights; charts on wall]

.48 – 1 ½ mile palisades through long glass

.49 – 20 mi. tip of Great Sitkin through long glass

.50 – Visitor Jim Garrison Lt. (j.g.) on way to States from Attu

.51 – Mt. Moffett from front of Isanotski

.52 – In front of Isanotski L:NS George Kunan, Lt. (j.g.), John Houston, Lt. Comdr. Bob Heay [three men in Naval uniform and an enclosed jeep in front of a building]

.53 – Lt. W.C. Warren in front of Isanotski

- .54 – Isanotski, Lt. (j.g.) K.M. McDade [Naval officer in front of a building; jeep on the right]
- .55 – The Parka [Lt. Willis C. Warren wearing a parka and standing in front of a building with a sign “Isanotski” over the door]
- .56 – Willis and his jeep
- .57 – En. George Kunan being a sack rabbit
- .58 – First snow, Oct. 30th [a row of four jeeps in front of buildings]
- .59 – Lt. (j.g.) John Houston, Lt. Jack Swink, Ens. George Kunan [three Naval officers standing beside a Naval Transportation Service jeep in Adak; buildings and jeeps on the right]
- .60 – The jeep no. 170, Lt. (j.g.) W.C. Warren & Lt. (j.g.) John Houston [two Naval officers standing near a jeep]
- .61a-c – The [?] Nave Base Adak [Panoramic view of Adak Naval Base, with three component photographs]
- .62 – The village area from topside ship service [sign on the building in center right reads “Hobby Shop”]
- .63 – Mt. Moffett, village area
- .64 – Destroyers in bay, from office window
- .65 – Harbor area from south end of Ad. Bldg. [one warship in harbor]
- .66 – Personnel Office staff, Lt. W.C. Warren, Lt. Jack Swink, Ens. George Kunan, Lt. John Houston [Four Naval officers standing in front of building 278, with sign “Naval Operating Base Adak Alaska” over door]
- .67 – Blaine Lindall, Y1/c at my desk
- .68 – Tulik [Quonset hut with arctic entry and boardwalk]
- .69 – Looking north from Tulik, Mt. Moffett [Adak harbor with Mt. Moffett in background]
- .70 – Looking northwest from Tulik
- .71 – Looking west from Tulik
- .72 – Looking east from Tulik
- .73 – Lt. Kenneth Lee
- .74 – Tulik interior from entrance [Quonset interior]
- .75 – Tulik, north end of living room [man reading book, possibly Ensign George Kunan?]
- .76 – Tulik, south end of living room
- .77 – Tulik, Ken Lee’s bedroom
- .78 – Tulik, Willis’ bedroom
- .79 – Tulik galley
- .80 – Trip to Tanaga P.C. 793 [Patrol craft 793 tied up alongside a pier; covered lifeboat on the foredeck]
- .81 – Tanaga Mountain in background
- .82 – The sunken net tender Atlantis [U.S.S. Atlantis]
- .83 – Approaching Tanaga dock
- .84 – The settlement of Tanaga
- .85 – Tanaga, Lt. E.O. Hamley stands in entry to old collapsed Aleut dwelling or dugout known as barabara
- .86 – Willis in entry to dugout
- .87 – Ready for return trip from Tanaga
- .88 – Burning the tent area, Lt. Houston in charge
- .89 – Burning tent area
- .90 – Burning tent area

- .91 – Bay with transports
- .92 – Lt. John Houston in charge of loading transport Carl Schurz [Houston on left]
- .93 – Loading the Carl Schurz
- .94 – Adak Greyhound Line with men for Carl Schurz [tractor trailer converted into a bus]
- .95 – All ready to go Stateside [tugboat YTB-136 nudging the *U.S.S. Carl Schurz* out to sea]
- .96 – The Carl Schurz on its way, 1478 passengers, 28 Nov.
- .97 – Lt. W.C. Warren, Dec. 16, '45, taken on trip out to Zeto
- .98 – Clam Lagoon in background, Lt. Ken Lee, taken out at Zeto
- .99 – Supper party at Tulik, Lt. Ken Lee, Ens. George Kunan, Lt. John Houston, Lt. (j.g.) Joe Hlista & Lt. Willis Warren taking picture
- .100 – Village Theater decorated for Christmas service
- .101 – Symphonettes U.S.O. show in Jan. 1946
- .102 – The reliefs Jan. 1946, Lt. Rod Langston and Ens. Clark Gamble [two Naval officers in front of the Tulik Quonset hut]
- .103 – Feb. 1946 Ens. Clark Gamble, Lt. Rod Langston
- .104 – Lt. Rod Langston, Jeep 859
- .105 – Ensign Clark Gamble [standing in front of Jeep #859]
- .106 – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Ens. Clark Gamble and Lt. Willis Warren
- .107 – More snow [jeep in front of a snow-bound Quonset hut]
- .108 – [A winter scene of the Tulik Quonset hut]
- .109 – [A winter scene of Quonset hut #17]
- .110 – [A winter scene of Quonset hut #17]
- .111 – [Three log cabins]
- .112 – [A military camp on Adak?]
- .113 – [Fox cub]
- .114 – [Three fox cubs]
- .115 – [Three fox cubs]
- .116 – [Three fox cubs and a dog]
- .117 – [Dogwood]
- .118 – [Yellow anemone a.k.a. Richardson's anemone]
- .119 – [Chocolate lily a.k.a. Rice lily]
- .120 – [Lupine]
- .121 – [Wild geraniums]

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