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TITLE: Ronald Hahn Slides

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2016.021

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1958

Extent: 103 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ronald Hahn

Administrative/Biographical History:

Project Nike began in 1945 as a United States Army project to develop line-of-sight anti-aircraft missiles. The first system, Nike Ajax, became operational in 1953.¹ Three Nike sites were built in the Anchorage area during the Cold War. Site Point A Battery was constructed on Fire Island and was activated in September 1951. Site Summit B Battery was constructed on Mount Gordon Lyon in the Chugach Range, and became operational on May 5, 1959. It was deactivated in 1979, one of the last two Nike sites in the United States to close. Site Bay C Battery was constructed across the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet from Anchorage. The sites were manned by the 4th Missile Battalion, 43rd Artillery.²

Ronald Hahn visited the Nike sites under construction in Anchorage in 1958.

¹ "Project Nike," https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Project_Nike&oldid=741275978 (last visited Sept. 26, 2016).

² "Nike-Hercules Alaska," <http://nikealaska.org/> (last visited Sept. 26, 2016).

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 82 color 35mm slides of Nike sites in Anchorage, as well as images of Fort Richardson, Anchorage, and the surrounding area, all taken in 1958. There are also 20 photographs of renderings and plans of site buildings and one of a manuscript map of the sites in the Anchorage area. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Donor order maintained.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials. A light box may be used to view transparencies.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Ronald Hahn to Friends of Nike Site Summit and Alaska Association for Historic Preservation in June 2016. Transferred to Anchorage Museum in September 2016.

RELATED MATERIALS

Alaska Command Collection, B1970.079

Lemmon Photographs, B1969.007

SUBJECTS

United States. Army – Military life

Military bases – Alaska

Air defenses – Alaska

Nike rocket

Surface-to-air missiles – Alaska
Guided missile ranges
Antiaircraft missiles – Alaska
Fort Richardson (Alaska)
Anchorage (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Ft. Rich, east side, main post [aerial of base]
- .2 – Ft. Rich golf course [aerial]
- .3 – Ft. Rich golf crse [aerial]
- .4 – Ft. Rich 5005th USAF hosp. [aerial of base hospital]
- .5 – Ft. Rich, housing [aerial]
- .6 – Ft. Rich, main post & housing [aerial]
- .7 – Ft. Rich, 5005th USAF hosp. [aerial of hospital]
- .8 – Ft. Richardson, USAS & MC [aerial]
- .9 – Ft. Rich, main post [aerial]
- .10 – Turnagain Arm [aerial]
- .11 – Turnagain Arm, low tide [aerial]
- .12 – Anchorage [distant aerial, Cook Inlet in background]
- .13 – Chugach Mts., Ship Creek [aerial of snow-capped mountains]
- .14 – Chugach Mts., Ship Cr. [aerial of snow-capped mountains]
- .15 – Ft. Rich disp. & dental clinic [bird's eye view of dispensary and dental clinic]
- .16 – Ft. Rich post chapel [exterior of building, soldier walking on sidewalk near automobile in foreground]
- .17 – Ft. Rich USA GAR & Theater 1 [buildings]
- .18 – Ft. Rich Skyline Service club & library [bus parked outside of club]
- .19 – Ft. Rich quarters [view down paved street past row of housing]
- .20 – Ft. Rich quarters [similar to .19]
- .21 – Ft. Rich Officers' Club [exterior]
- .22 – Ft. Rich gym [nets set up on gymnasium floor]
- .23 – Ft. Rich swim. Pool [indoor swimming pool]
- .24 – Anchorage, Alaska Housing Corp., Hollywood Vista? [automobiles parked along street curb outside Hollywood Vista Apartments]
- .25 – Ft. Rich post chapel [exterior; print date May 58]
- .26 – Ft. Rich shopping center [view across parking lot to building; print date May 58]
- .27 – Airplanes L19 [small US Army Air Force airplane tail number 14977 next to small storage unit, with gas canisters on wheels, Chugach Mountains in background; print date May 58]
- .28 – Ft. Rich heater outlet for cars [electric outlets on post in front of parking spaces, with signs reading "Reserved"; print date May 58]
- .29 – Anchorage, Alaska, housing Govt. Hill [view across parking area to apartment buildings; print date May 58]
- .30 – Anchorage, Alaska, housing Govt. Hill [exterior of apartment building; print date May 58]
- .31 – Bay IFC [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]

- .32 – Bay LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .33 – Bay LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .34 – Bay LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .35 – Acq radome, Bay [workmen constructing radome; print date May 58]
- .36 – Acq radome, Bay [workmen constructing radome; print date May 58]
- .37 – Bay IFC Bldg. [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .38 – Knik Arm, low tide [aerial; print date May 58]
- .39 – Knik Arm, Chugach Mts. [aerial; print date May 58]
- .40 – Summit LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .41 – Summit LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .42 – Summit LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .43 – Summit IFC & helicopter pad [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .44 – Summit IFC [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .45 – Summit IFC [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .46 – Summit view [view from road to Mount Gordon Lyon; print date May 58]
- .47 – Summit view [view from road to Mount Gordon Lyon; print date May 58]
- .48 – Summit view [view from road to Anchorage, base, and Cook Inlet; print date May 58]
- .49 – Anchorage view 1 fr. Summit [view west from Mount Gordon Lyon; print date May 58]
- .50 – Anchorage view 2 fr. Summit [view west from Mount Gordon Lyon; print date May 58]
- .51 – Summit view [site construction in middle ground, Cook Inlet in distance; print date May 58]
- .52 – Summit LA struct. [missile launch building under construction, worker in background, officer walking at left; print date May 58]
- .53 – Summit LC & Assy. Bldg. [bird's eye view of building construction; print date May 58]
- .54 – Summit LC & Assy. Bldg. [bird's eye view of building construction; print date May 58]
- .55 – Summit utilidor [concrete duct system under construction; print date May 58]
- .56 – Summit launch struct., crew shelter, note: revetment line [site construction; print date May 58]
- .57 – Summit launch struct. [missile launch building; print date May 58]
- .58 – Summit IFC bldg. [view from below up to building construction; print date May 58]
- .59 – Summit LA [bird's eye view of site construction; print date May 58]
- .60 – Summit LA [bird's eye view of missile launch and storage buildings; print date May 58]
- .61 – Point IFC const. [aerial of site construction]
- .62 – Point IFC const. [aerial of site construction]
- .63 – Point IFC [distant view of site with Cook Inlet in background; print date May 58]
- .64 – Point LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .65 – Point LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .66 – Point Site, LA & IFC [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .67 – Point LA [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .68 – Fire Island 626 AC & W [aerial of site construction; print date May 58]
- .69 – Turnagain Arm, Chugach Mts., Fire Island, Pt. [aerial; print date May 58]
- .70 – Point & Turnagain Arm [aerial; print date May 58]
- .71 – Launcher carriage (Point) [close-up of equipment; print date May 58]
- .72 – Launcher carriage (Point) [two men working on equipment; print date May 58]

- .73 – Blast “pad” slot utilidor (Point) [bird’s eye view of construction; – Launcher carriage (Point) [close-up of equipment; print date May 58]
- .74 – Launcher carriage & tracks (Point) [man working on equipment; print date May 58]
- .75 – Launcher carriage (Point) [man working on equipment; print date May 58]
- .76 – Launcher carriages & satellite pads (Point) [men constructing pads, tanker truck in background; print date May 58]
- .77 – LC & Assy. Bldg. (Point) [building under construction, missile launch building in background left; print date May 58]
- .78 – Acq. radome (Point) [radome under construction; print date May 58]
- .79 – Acq. radome (Point) [radome under construction; print date May 58]
- .80 – Acq. radome & IFC bldg. (Point) [radome under construction; print date May 58]
- .81 – Acq. radome (Point) [radome under construction; print date May 58]
- .82 – TRK radar pads (Point) [pads under construction; print date May 58]
- .83 – IFC bldg. [architect’s rendering, “Perspective, Battery Control Bldg.”; print date May 58]
- .84 – IFC bldg. [architect’s rendering, “Perspective, Battery Control Bldg.”; print date May 58]
- .85 – LA struct. [architect’s rendering; print date May 58]
- .86 – LA struct. [architect’s rendering; print date May 58]
- .87 – Radar plan [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .88 – [Radar plan sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .89 – TRK radar, cover open & raised [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .90 – TRK radar, cover open & covered [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .91 – [sketch, “Tracking radar with cover open & lowered”; print date Sep 58]
- .92 – TRK radar tower section [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .93 – TRK rad. cover closed [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .94 – Launcher cut & erect., ready msl. store [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .95 – IFC bldg., 1st floor plan [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .96 – IFC bldg., cable trench plan [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .97 – Plan view, launch structure [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .98 – IFC bldg., 1st floor plan [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .99 – IFC bldg., operations wing [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .100 – [“Battery Control Building cross section” sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .101 – IFC bldg., cross sect. [sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .102 – [“Launching Section structure” sketch; print date Sep 58]
- .103 – [map of Nike sites in Anchorage area; print date Sep 58]

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