

Herb Gedney: And I was in the Aleutian Islands ... from 19 ... early 1941 to the end ... 1943 after the retaking of Kiska and Attu.

In 1938 in Atlanta, Georgia, I enlisted in the Army when I was 16 ½ years old. My father helped me reach this decision and choice as he was one who had to sign me up because of my age. I had Army experience after three years of ROTC training in high school my last three years there. After enlisting in Georgia, I was shipped to three different states and bases before volunteering for foreign duty in the Territory of Alaska. One has to remember that Alaska was not a state at that time, just a possession of the United States.

I chose the Army where I was assigned to field artillery and went into the 40th Air Force when I was transferred to the 11th Air Force in the Territory of Alaska. I was in the Headquarters of the 28th Composite Group in the 11th Air Force stationed in Alaska from early 1941 to November of '43.

My commanding officers that I remember from this time were Colonel Eareckson and Captain Jack Donahue who both were big jock pilots.