

Janis Kozlowski: And now, how about photo number 25. It looks to me like in that photo that you got quite a bit of snow.

Walter Andersen: Yes, we did.

Janis Kozlowski: But was that on the Attu side or was that at Wrangell?

Walter Andersen: No that's Attu.

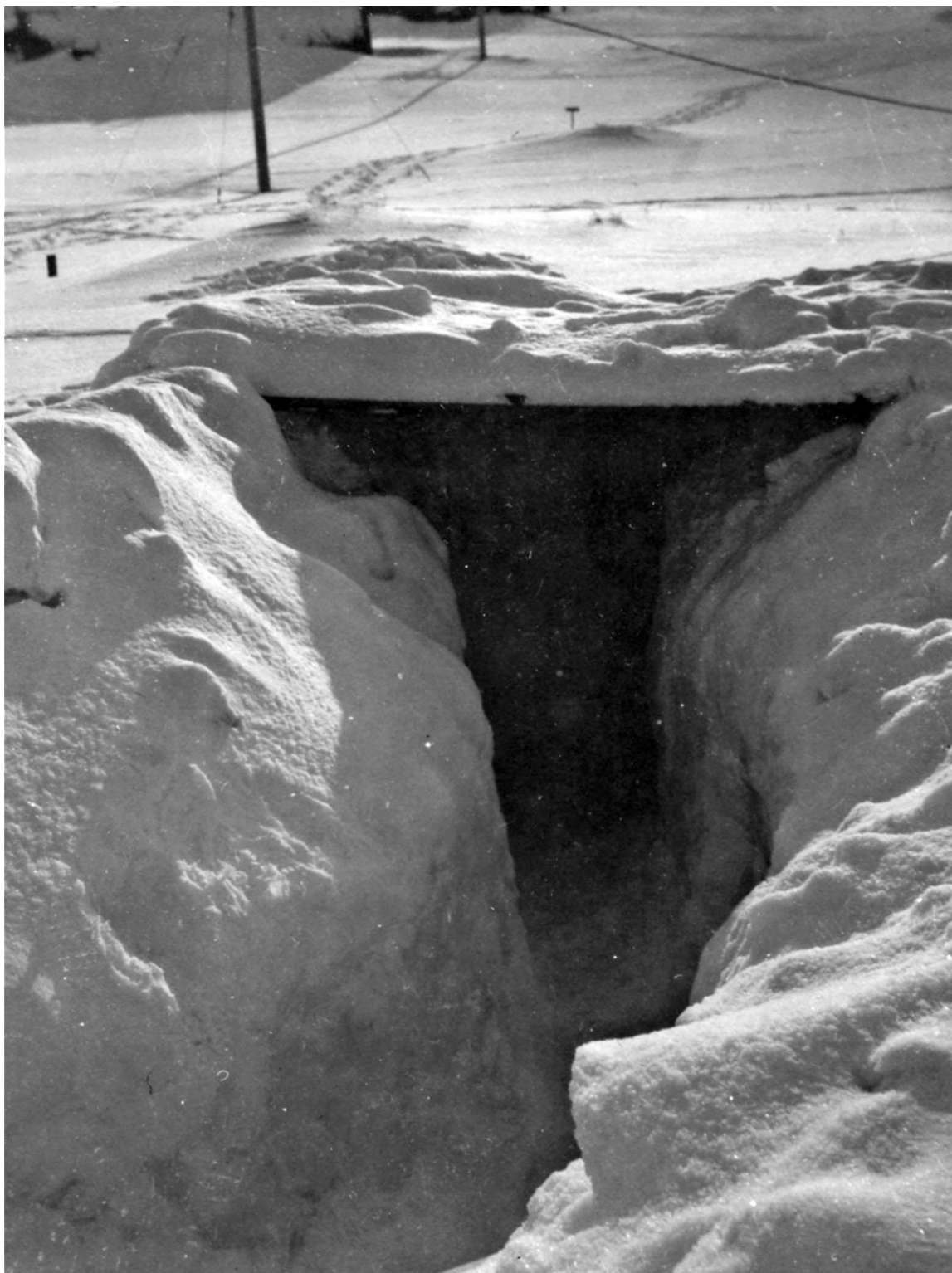


Photo 11: Hut 32 covered in snow. Attu Island, Alaska.(referred to in text as photo 25)

Janis Kozlowski: Do you remember where that hole was leading?

Walter Andersen: Yes, that was ... it went in the Quonset hut.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok.

Walter Andersen: I mean, it really snowed that time.



Photo 12: Hut 32, Attu Island, Alaska. PeeWee Welch and Andy Andersen (referred to in text as photo 26).

Janis Kozlowski: Did you have those Quonset huts kind of dug into the hillside anyway?

Walter Andersen: Yes, they were kind of half way, maybe a third of the way into the ground.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok. But it still looks like that snow was pretty deep there.

Walter Andersen: Yes, in fact, I think I remember that night where we were waiting for the watch, the second watch to come in to relieve us and they never showed up [laughing] so we decided those guys.... We sent one guy back to the hut and they were snowed in. We had to get them out of there.

Janis Kozlowski: You had to dig them out before they could show up for work. [both laughing]

Yes, I think a lot of people don't believe that the islands get a lot of snow but by these pictures it sure looks like it.

Walter Andersen: Oh yes. As I say, it doesn't get bitter cold - when I say bitter cold, like zero, not 10 or 15.

Janis Kozlowski: But probably with the wind sometimes it might feel pretty chilly.

Walter Andersen: Oh, yes, the wind was very strong, they call them williwaws.

Janis Kozlowski: Was that a common occurrence?

Walter Andersen: Yes, it happened frequently. The wind would come down ... you could see it come down the mountain, blowing snow.

Janis Kozlowski: And that was not going to be a good day to volunteer to take a flight, right?

Walter Andersen: [laughing] No.



Photo 13: "Heavy" Cornwell Junior and Hans Juhr, Cape Wrangell, Attu Island, Alaska, 1944.