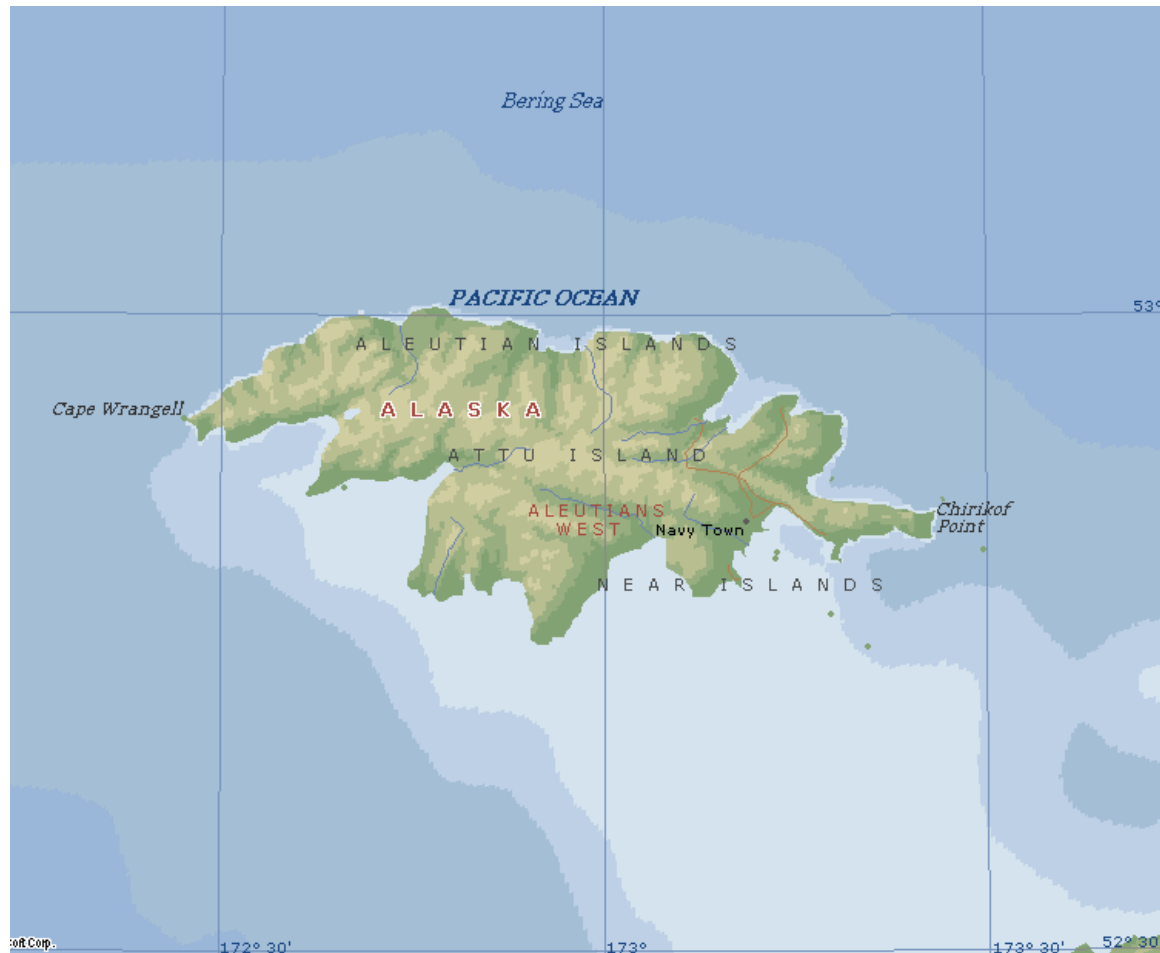


Janis Kozlowski: How long did you end up staying in the Aleutians?

Walter Andersen: Oh, two, two and a half years. Let's see, I went in there the last of '43, then I got out ... about two years.

Janis Kozlowski: That's a pretty long rotation.



Map 1: Location of Cape Wrangell on the island of Attu, Alaska.

Walter Andersen: Yes. Well, then I had it broken up too, because I was sent out to Cape Wrangell to the aerological station there.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, so for part of the time you were at Cape Wrangell?

Walter Andersen: Yes, as I recall I was there for about 10 months, it was quite a long time. There was only 6 of us.



Photo 4: Cape Wrangell, Attu Island, Alaska, 1944. Tex, name unknown, Hans Juhr, Maurice Huntley, "Heavy" Cornwell Junior, Andy Andersen.

Janis Kozlowski: And what was your job at Cape Wrangell?

Walter Andersen: Weather, aerological.

Janis Kozlowski: The same thing that you did at Attu?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: So what was your typical day like for an aerographer? What were your duties?

Walter Andersen: Well, I had to send out a report every six hours, I think it was, 24 hours a day.

Janis Kozlowski: So did you take weather readings? Did you have a weather station there and that's what you used to...?

Walter Andersen: Yes, in fact that one photo where I'm on top of the anemometer ...

Janis Kozlowski: The anemometer tower?

Walter Andersen: Yes, that was at Wrangell, that was on top of a little mountain there.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok. So did you lose those anemometers pretty frequently hanging up there in the wind?

Walter Andersen: No, the wind wasn't the factor, it was freezing rain. It would just get ... end up with a great big chunk of ice at the top of the pole.

Janis Kozlowski: So did you have to climb up there and free it?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Good thing you were young, huh?

Walter Andersen: Yes. [both laughing]



Photo 5: Andy Andersen, 1944, checking the weather! Aerological station at Cape Wrangell, Attu Island, Alaska.