

Walter Andersen: And then after the war the ... it wasn't after the war, it was before the war ended that the Coast Guard came out to take over Cape Wrangell and I remember they brought a crew in but they didn't have a weather man because he was sick in the hospital. He had the flu or something back in Kodiak so I had to stay on with the Coast Guard for maybe a month. They were all nice guys too.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you say that was after the war was over or is that...?

Walter Andersen: No, it was not. Because I can remember I was in Attu on V-J Day. So, I don't think the war was over then because I had gone back to celebrate. I've got that one picture of we're all drinking beer there.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah. How did you find out that the war was over?

Walter Andersen: I don't know. I don't know how we got word.

But anyway, that was a big day. We had ... they had beer – truckloads of beer – so we went back in a little gully and we had a picnic back there.

Janis Kozlowski: Were you still at Wrangell then or over on the other side?

Walter Andersen: No, I was at Attu. The officers got the beer for us. We had really good officers too. They were just super.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you normally have beer or was this a special thing?

Walter Andersen: I think it was ... I think before we had it ... you had to have a ticket for it or coupon or something you know. You couldn't drink all the beer you want, but on that day they just left the beer there for us and we just drank the beer.



Photo 8: V-J Day picnic on Attu with free beer