

Janis Kozlowski: Let me ask you something. You mentioned once that you ... that they took some photos of you guys at Attu for a magazine. Can you tell me about what that was all about?

Walter Andersen: I don't know.

Janis Kozlowski: Was it Look or Life magazine or one of those?

Walter Andersen: I, truthfully, I can't tell you. I remember the fellow had us sign some papers and I think he gave us a dollar.

Janis Kozlowski: Wow. [laughing] Big payoff, huh?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: I wanted to ask you about a few of the pictures that you sent.

You know, in a couple of the photos I see there are dogs or puppies in them. Where did they come from?

Walter Andersen: [laughing] I think they came from a ship that came in. And I think some guy on the ship sold the dogs - one dog - to us and then we think the other dog came from some Army guys that were being transferred back and they left the dog with us.

Janis Kozlowski: So they were just kind of like everybody's dog?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you have one over at Wrangell too?

Walter Andersen: No. We had the fox there.

Janis Kozlowski: They didn't mind if you had dogs?

Walter Andersen: No.

Janis Kozlowski: It was probably good company for people.

Walter Andersen: Yes, it is. I don't think they even knew we had a dog [both laughing]. We had some good officers, really good officers.

Janis Kozlowski: Do you remember any of their names?



Photo 9: Walter "Andy" Andersen and Bob Wyman.



Photo 10: Bob Wyman and Jim McNaughton with puppy "Ryp" (Russian Weather Schedule)

Walter Andersen: Yes, Hoffman, Lilic, oh ... my memory is failing me.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you say one name was Lilic.

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok.

Walter Andersen: And Hoffman.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok. So they were pretty good guys?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Were they young guys?

Walter Andersen: Uh, maybe they were [laughing]. They were ... I would think they were in their 30s maybe.

Janis Kozlowski: If they were 40 you would have said, "Nah, they were old men."

Walter Andersen: Yes. [both laughing]

Janis Kozlowski: I don't know if you have these photos...

Walter Andersen: Yes, I have them right in front of me.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok. Number 10 looks ... there's a bunch of guys doing something. I can't quite figure out what they're doing. Do you remember?

Walter Andersen: Well, let me look. Oh, this is V-J Day.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, it is.

Walter Andersen: Yes, this is a beer party.

Janis Kozlowski: Did they have you set up pretty well for winter gear when you were in Alaska?

Walter Andersen: Oh, yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you have that right from the start, right when you got on the boat?

Walter Andersen: Yes. No, we had to get to Attu before they gave us the gear.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok.