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#### **PHO 420**

#### YA# Description:

91/24 #1 Ormbrek, Sgt. Robert H. Ormbrek. Summer 1944. Shemya

Island, Aleutian Islands (Western Tip)



91/24 #2 1986. Robert H. Ormbrek, Ex. Sgt. Co E 18th Engineers.

Alcan Highway, Whitehorse to White River. April 1942 to Dec 1942. Construction - Non com. On Alcan Job. 44 years after Alcon Job. Picture taken above Oakridge, Oregon on way to

Klamath Falls Ore.



91/24 #3 Ex. weapons Sgt. Co E 18th Engineers. Robert H. Ormbrek,

taken 1987, age 77. Retired from U.S. Army Yard Bromerton,

Wash. 1964.



91/24 #4 1988 age 78. Robert H. Ormbrek, Ex weapons Sgt. Of Co E

18th Engineers. Alcan Highway from Whitehorse to White River, April 1942 to December 1942. Picture at South Bend

Wash. - Old Logging Donkey at the museum



91/24 #5 April 1942. Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. 18th Engineers

watching the celebration of Mounted Police and 18th

Engineers Band.



91/24 #6 Whitehorse RR Depot April 1942. Mounted Police - Canadian

and 18th Engineers Band had celebration together. I think the

building was the RR station.



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#### **PHO 420**

## YA# Description: 91/24 #7 April 1942. Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Canada. 18th Engineers Band and Canadian Mounted Police put on a celebration. Building - RR Depot (I think). Note British Flag on wall of Depot 91/24 #8 McClelland April 1942. Just out of Whitehorse. Home made road scraper pulled behind a d-4 Cat. Larger machinery had not arrived as yet. McClelland (bulldozer man) was one of 2 men on the road grading gang and traded off with the driver. 91/24 #9 July 1942 Alcan Highway. D-8 Bulldozer. Moving up (leap froging) to next section to be worked on. July 1942. Cpl Skeels and his D-8 dozer - stuck Alcan 91/24 #10 Highway. 91/24 #11 June 1942. Alcan Highway. North of Whitehorse, Y.T. Canada. Co E 18th Engineers. Bulldozer in action good ground - little real mud. 91/24 #12 April 1942. Road building. Equipment being assembled for Alcan Highway just out of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

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#### **PHO 420**

# **YA# Description:** 91/24 #13 April 1942.

April 1942. 18th Engineers, tents of camp laid out on bluff

above Whitehorse, Y.T., Canada.



91/24 #14 April 1942. Troop ship St. Hehile (spelling) docking at Prince

Rupert, B.C. Canada. Co E loading up after a rail trip from Vancouver, Washington to Vancouver, B.C. and up The River Fraser to Prince George and over to Prince Rupert to Troop ship and on up to Skagway Alaska and Narrow gauge train to Carcross B.C., Whitehorse, Y.T. Canada.

91/24 #15 April 1942. On the bluff above Whitehorse. 18th Engineers

waiting for preamble tents to arrive and be erected.



91/24 #16 April 1942. 18th Engineers Co E - Sgt. Nolan in foreground.

Just arrived and waiting for tents to arrive - on Bluff above

Whitehorse, Y.T.



91/24 #17 April 1942. Close to Whitehorse, Y.T. - Ice breaking up on the

Lewes or Yukon River - 1- 18th Engineers trying to fish



91/24 #18 April 1942. Alcan Highway, just out of Whitehorse, Y.T. Ice

on the Lewes or Yukon River.



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<b>YA#</b> 91/24 #19	<b>Description:</b> April 1942. Ice breakup on the Lewes River, Whitehorse, Y.Tor Yukon River	
91/24 #20	July 1942. D-4 pile driver cat. Stuck in mud-bottom dropped out of road due to thaw	
91/24 #21	Alcan Highway, June 1942. D-8 Bulldozer pulling another stuck in the mud. Bulldozer free. Sometimes it took 2 bulldozers to pull one free. Ground froze solid in winter and regular bog in summer and lots of mosquitoes	
91/24 #22	July 1942, Alcan Highway. Building a raft to ferry across the river - Slims River I think. Prior to building a pile bridge.	
91/24 #23	October 1942. Pile driver on Alcan Highway. Picture taken from top of tower (drop hammer)	
91/24 #24	Drop hammer pile driver for bridge building. October or November 1942. Being assembled drop guide not up yet.	
91/24 #25	October or November 1942, Alcan Highway. Assembling a drop hammer pile driver for bridge construction. All bridge materials from local forest except metal. Planks and stingers by a small saw mill.	

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#### **PHO 420**

#### YA# Description:

91/24 #26 October - November 1942. Alcan Highway. 1st thing on truck

trouble. Build a fire. Temp 40o to 50° below zero.



91/24 #27 November 1942. Alcan Highway. Co E 18th Engineers.

Tents - temperatures 40° to 50° below zero.



91/24 #28 December 1942. Alcan Highway. Yukon-Alaska border on

White River. Co E 18th Engineer striking camp on 300 mile trip to Whitehorse. Tent and equipment trucks. Nobody rode

outside on the trip out.



91/24 #29 December 1942. Convoying out from Yukon-Alaska border at

White River to Whitehorse, Y.T. Alcan Highway Co E 18th Engineers. Temp about -40o. Trip took 2 days for about 300

miles.



91/24 #30 May 1943. L.S.T. unloading (Navy) unloading 18th

Engineers. Co E on Shemya Island 2 mi x 4 mi in the semichi group - Attu area. Shemya became a large bomber base (air

camp).



91/24 #31 Shemya 1943. Elmer Jenson (dark sweater) and T-5 Jenson.

The 2 Jensons on Shemya by a Nissan hut. Elmer was a

medic 1st aid man an the other a truck driver.



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#### **PHO 420**

## YA# Description:

91/24 #32 1944 (Summer). Shemya Island Western Aleutians. Sgts. (Weapons) Charles Montgomery next to bldg. - from

Tupelomiss Regular army. Sgt. Robert Ormbrek, coat on - center, Centralia Washington draftee. 3rd unidentified Pvt.



91/24 #33 Left Sgt. Arnold Andrews of Maine came to Co E 18th at Ft.

Denver Mass. in 1939. Discharged after war and went back up north for good. Ernest Webber of Odessa, Washington came to 18th Co. E - December 41 at Vancouver Brks-Wash.



91/24 #34 Shemya Island, 1944. Mail call.



91/24 #35 James Q. Goldie came to Co. E 18th, December 1943. Cory

B. Brady of Texas came to 18th Co E, December 1943. Co E 18th Engineers 1/2 track armed vehicle - We had to drag along - we lost one in the woods up there.



91/24 #36 Sgt. Arnold Andrews of Maine - Came to 18th Co E at Ft.

Denver Mass in 1939. Shemya Island (air base bombers) 1944. Andrews liked the north so well that he came back and spent his life up there.



91/24 #37 August 1944. Sqt. Robert Ormbrek sweater of Centralia

Wash. Pvt. Harms, Hood River Oregon, truck driver. Shemya

Island, Nissan Hut door.



## **Bob Ormbrek fonds**

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#### **PHO 420**

## YA# Description:

91/24 #38 Sgt. Carpenter brought the last of E Company trucks to

Whitehorse in December 1943. Sgts. Carpenter & Ormbrek were weapons Sgt. for E Co. along with Sgt. Montgomery. Picture taken on Shemya 1943. Sgt. Floyd Carpenter and

Sgt. Robert Ormbrek, right, dark sweater.



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