

## Ken Kurtz Collection

Colonel Ken Kurtz, US Army Reserves, scrapbook of WWII memorabilia compiled by his mother Helen Kurtz (Mrs. C.C. Kurtz) of Redwood Falls National Guard during Ken's World War II experiences. Listed below is each page in the album with a description of the item(s) on that page.

### Photograph/Scrapbook:

Inside front cover Top: "This Scrapbook Compiled by My Mother, Helen Kurtz (Mrs. C.C. Kurtz) of Redwood Falls During World War II." Bottom corner: card with: "Colonel Kenneth M. Kurtz, United States Army Reserve, 1629 West Coffman, Casper, Wyoming 82601, Tel: 307.235.1868"

1. "United We Stand"; picture of flag
2. Magazine picture President Franklin D. Roosevelt
3. cut out Newspaper pictures of U.S. Flag, George Washington, & Abraham Lincoln
4. Sheet music to The Star Spangled Banner p.1
5. Sheet music to The Star Spangled Banner p.2
6. President Franklin D. Roosevelt radio show picture; Pictures of flags of American military – Secretary of War, Secretary of Navy, General of the Armies, Admiral of the Fleet, Commander-in-Chief (President of US)
7. Newspaper articles: "Friends ad Relatives at Station as Battery Leaves for California;" "60 Officers and men will entrain;" "Adjutant Finds Armory 'Spick'," Major-General E.A. Walsh, adjutant-general of Minnesota & Lt. Clifford Janes, commanding officer of unit with pictures – Redwood Falls Nation Guard Battery at Camp Haan near Riverside, California
8. Newspaper articles: "California Girls Toss Oranges Notes to Parading Battery Men;" "Captain Writes with Cold Hand But Likes Campsite:" "Recreation Hall Provided at Camp;" "Radio Will Give Haan Broadcasts." – newspaper picture of Brig. Gen Colladay, Commander, Camp Haan
9. Newspaper pictures Minnesota Troops; Open Air School;
10. Newspaper articles: "Antiaircraft unit prepares to protect March Field;" "Pastor Driver;" "Brother Teams;" "Caffey's Corner;" "Singing Notes"

newspaper clippings from Camp Haan across from March Field. – 216<sup>th</sup> coast artillery

11. Newspaper articles: "Battery Lesson Includes One in Mess Manners, Writers Says;" "[National] Guard Faces Extension of Service;" "Minnesotans Go into High Gear in Camp Hann Drill (May 27);" "Army Life Agrees with Bellevue Boys;" – Harlan Otto, Alden Davidson, Harold Mosier; Eugene Yackel of Sanborn, Gilbert Kohls of Belview, Kenneth Kohn and Arbie Jacobson, Zorn of Vesta, Murvine Fagen, Henry Krueger, and Tom Wolverton of Redwood Falls, Richard Teich of North Redwood,
12. Newspaper articles: "Minnesotans, Makes Selves at Home at Riverside, Calif;" "Soldiers Life at Camp Hann - Hollywood Comes to Army --- 'Artillery' Grumbles at Marching" [Kay Kyser and USO in Hollywood Bowl entertain for troops]
13. Newspaper photos – "St. Paul City Limits;" Private James Flaherty, Sgt. Lee Sutton and Staff Sgt M. A. Cowing; Sgt. William Moss identified
14. Newspaper article: "Army finds Desert Hot" 3 pictures included; "Minnesota Soldiers in Ca. Desert Pine for Pines, Lakes;" "Clifford James to Arrive Here Today;" "Guardsmen May be Gone Many Years--Walsh;" "St. Cloud Girls is Bride at Camp Haan" [Miss Evelyn Langer and Private Delroy C. Danielson of St. Cloud]
15. Printed official photograph copy: HQ. Battery, 1st Battalion 215 Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Capt. Paul E. Hallman, Commanding Officer; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ralph a. Heine, assisting. [Arrow drawn to Pfc K.M. Kurtz on upper group photo. Originally Company "L" 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Minnesota National Guard, stationed at Redwood Falls, MN. Unit converted to Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft) July 1, 1940, becoming Headquarters Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, of the 215<sup>th</sup> C.A. Regiment. Inducted into federal service on January 6, 1941 and went to Camp Haan, California for antiaircraft Training.
16. Six photographs: (1) 3 inch anti-aircraft gun; (2) Stereoscopic height finder; (3) Sight Director; (4) 3 inch gun Carrier (Bogies?); (5) Search light 100 million candle Power (6) Sound Detector (Ears)

17. Picture – “Kane? Hollywood” [written below picture]; Newspaper article: “Battery Men Expect to Make Washington Trip in August;” (3) Telegrams: 1. Mother's Day; 2. Father's Day Greeting; 3. Father's Birthday
18. (8) Kurtz photographs – (2) CBS studios; NBC Studios; unidentified men.
19. Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif. History highlights
20. Brochure, “The Way It Was in the ‘Good Old Days’: The Story of Camp Haan,”
21. (10) photographs: picture 1. PFC. Kurtz; picture 2 Camp Haan, Cal South of Riverside; Picture 3 PFC. Kurtz. Pictures; 2A-2A Camp Haan; Bottom five pictures “Mohave Desert- 215<sup>th</sup> Established Anti-Aircraft Arty Firing Site.
22. Three California post cards in color
23. Three California post cards in color and 1 photograph taken near Riverside California, people unknown 2 men and 1 woman
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27. California postcards (3) in color
28. California postcards (3) in color
29. California postcards (3) in color
30. Newspaper articles: "Redwood Falls Battery Men, Beats Fairmont, Tie Mankato" (Kurtz Start of Basketball team); "Lucky pass Ties Game with Thirty Seconds to Play;" "Granny Discher Worthington Batter Ace;" "Re-Enlistment Bonus for Sailors, Marines, to be Doubled;" "217th Nine Holds Place at Head of S. B. Co. League;" "Cuff, Ahrens and Kurtz Stars of Touchball Team;" picture of *The Sightseer* boat in Lake Washington, Seattle
31. Fold out postcards of Puget Sound area; (2) pictures: 1. U.S. government Locks at Seattle, WA & 2. Lake Washington Floating Bridge, Seattle, Washington
32. (6) pictures; (2) of Ken, from Ken to his mother – Lake Union Seattle, WA & Seattle, WA with “On Mount Rainer – ’41, Sept” written in ink on page
33. (2) pictures of mountain; Mother's Day Card from Ken to his mother

34. Three pictures of Mt Rainier \* Seattle, WA
35. Newsletter: "The St. Mihiel Spiel" (Converted to a hospital ship)
36. Map with KODIAK marked as the place the ship was going
37. Newspaper articles: "Minnesotans Sent to Alaska;" "Seasickness Cases Few On Battery's Alaska Voyage;" "Fishing is "Too Good" at Kodiak;" "Rough Sea Spoils Fishing Trip of Battery at Kodiak." – newspaper photo of Lt. Col Richard Cook
38. Newspaper articles: "Minnesotans in Kodiak, Alaska;" "Mail for Kodiak Lost in Crash" (Unnamed column); Shipping tag from K. Kurtz to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kurtz; placard: "Wish you were here to chew the rag with me, Kodiak, Alaska"
39. Newspaper articles: "Backward Glances"; Map of Pacific Ocean; "Too Big for cook Parlor with Lt. Col Richard Cook standing between Kodiak bear skins;" Funny postcard; Alaska postcard: "Alaska, Land of the Totems"
40. Thanksgiving postcard; membership card: Wacker City Walrus Club for Kenneth Kurtz; Newspaper article: "Going In to the Army?"
41. Newspaper articles: "Richard Cook Bags 2 Huge Bear, One While Charging" " Skating Party for Christmas in Alaska Fund"; "Lions Told of Life AT Kodiak;" "Send Gifts to Soldiers Early" "Parents to Make Recording for Fort Greely Christmas;"
42. (3) Picture postcards of Kodiak , Alaska
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44. Page 1 letter;" Were You Guilty??" regarding vandalism and thievery at Ft. Greely; picture postcard of cubs eating; Kodiak Harbor and Rain every day of the week
45. (2) photographs 1. identified as, "Town of Kodiak, Alaska, with Devil's Prongs and Three Sister's Mountains." Picture 2, B-24 Crackup, Fort Greely, Alaska May 2, 1942
46. Panorama postcard/letter from Ken on back & 1 picture of log cabin on stilts
47. Letter concerning history camp Greely written by Wm "Bill" Carlson, Hq. Batry. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn and a panoramic photo of old camp in frame dated 8/30/00

48. (3) typewritten sheets of the Military History of Kodiak Alaska – copy dated 6/13/1999 [from internet]
49. Log of Headquarters, First Battalion, 215<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) for March 27, 1941 to Dec 7, 1941
50. (4) picture postcards of Kodiak Alaska – (1) main street, (3) Russian church;
51. (10) small picture postcards of Kodiak and one photo with “a bear track – Kodiak bear probably 10 to 11 ft. long” written below it.
52. Four Kurtz pictures; Photograph folder of Kurtz photos; 1 postage stamp; 1 Alaska postcard;
53. Newspaper articles: "Yule Greetings to Kodiak Fill Both Sides of Record": "Books on Alaska Gain Popularity at Library;" "Entire Coast on Holiday Alert;" "Lambertson Called Back to Alaska;" "Movies of Kodiak Shown Here;" "Kodiak Men Send Thanks for Christmas Greeting Record" with picture of Corp. Harlan Otto, chief clerk and Pfc. Kenneth Kurtz and Pfc. Bennie McManus buying stamps
54. Newspaper article: "Soldiers at Kodiak, Worried About Mom, Not the Japs"
55. Newspaper articles "Vets Remember WWII service" – picture of Bill Carlson viewing memorabilia with 215<sup>th</sup> National Guard unit from southern Minnesota
56. "M-Day (Mobilization) brought people to service before Pearl Harbor"; Picture 215. old time band in front of "Sally's Liquor Store"; picture 215 CA(AA Band
57. Christmas Card from Ken Kurtz at Kodiak, Alaska; Cloth piece with little dipper constellation on it; Series of Gold labels.
58. 1 red square with a white four leaf clover; green patch with design; Birthday Card from Ken; Silver Anniversary Card from Ken;
59. Newspaper articles: "Anonymous Officer Tells How North Heard of War;" "The Japs Did Come to Alaska, But They Didn't Stay;" "Japs Facing Hot Times in Kodiak Area."
60. Page of "See Alaska", tourism stamps
61. Picture of Comic/film star Joe E. Brown with bear, “Kodiak tour, 1942”
62. Magazine article: (3) "Life Reports" Columns, “Alaska ‘Kodiak Bear’ is Breezy Army Paper”

63. The Four Freedoms; 2 blurred pictures; 2 photographs identified Zorn and Otto
64. Newspaper articles: "From Kodiak Alaska," report on camp newspaper Kodiak Bear and Joe E. Brown.
65. Two newspaper pictures Redwood Falls service honor roll sign with Norville Foreman and James Pease in front of first photo. 2<sup>nd</sup>: R.G. Quehl, Mayor J.C. Budik and Legion Commander Walter Hassenstab
66. Three menus from Quartermaster Corps for June 8-10, 1942; PFC stripes
67. The Cherry-Koff- The Daily Paper (published on ship on the way to O.C.S at camp Davis, N.C. "Undated Pacific War" from June 10, 1942 – hand writing, "On the Way to O.C.S. at Camp Davis, N.C. Six E.M. Passed all the Boards for O.C.S. We Were the only passengers on the "Chirikof" a freighter (unescorted) thru the bay of Alaska, in to the inside passage past Vancouver into Seattle."
68. [Blank]
69. Camp Davis Guide Book, handwritten "O.C.S. at Camp Davis, N.C."
70. Graduation 1942 Battery L. Officers Candidate Division, Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, N.C., September 23, 1942 – Kurtz, K.M listed and underlined under "Hell's Angels"
71. Picture of Massey-Harris Show Troup "Love, From all the Gang"; Newspaper articles: "The Chateau Thierry Rides the Waves Again;" "Troop Vessel Now Hospital;" Picture of Silvia from the Massey Harris Troup;" Track meet tickets; Christmas Card to Mrs. Clarence Kurtz from Ken
72. Newspaper articles: "Lt. Kenneth Kurtz on 50-Day Leave;" "City Man's Paper Given Honor;" Birthday Card to Dad from Ken; Christmas Card drawn by Corporal Faulls from Ken; Red Cross Membership card of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kenneth M. Kurtz; Business card of Len O Gunn.
73. Wedding Anniversary telegram to Mr. and Mrs C.C. Kurtz from Ken dated 2/21/1939; Christmas card.

74. Invitation to Lt. Kurtz to the Post Sergeant's Club; Picture identified as "Lt. Myron, Navy Side (Argentina)" "Membership in Sergeants' Club for Lt. Kurtz, K.M.
75. Photograph identified as: The U.S. Army "Misty Maid" a New Foundland-type fishing schooner- never won a race with the Navy." Picture 2: "On the Briny," Picture 3. "Underway."
76. Vessel photograph identified as: "One of the "Army Sides" Fleet of boats, island taxis and supply functions;" Sailboat photograph identified as: "Note the lack of a wake;" Boxing team photograph identified as "Newfoundland Champs 1943-44"
77. Photographs: 1. Season's Trophies; 2. Special Services Administrative Offices; 3. Staff Volleyball team; 4. Hobby Woodworking shop; 5. 1944-1945 Newfoundland Basketball Champs; 6. Ft. McAndrew Boxing Team
78. Photograph: 1943-1944 Newfoundland Basketball Champs; magazine photo of USO "The Massey-Harris – 'Combines of 1945' – Overseas Troupe"
79. (8) photographs of Fort McAndrew – Dining room, Day Room, Enlisted Men's Barracks, Sgt.s Room, Main Dorm Rooms, Latrine, Kitchen Serving Counter
80. (6) photographs of Fort McAndrew: Officer's Club; Day Room area; "The Newlyweds"; Officer's Club Bar and Dance Floor, Officer's and Nurses Quarters
81. Transient Officers Mess Menu; Memories written by Ken Kurtz? From Dec. 12, 1942 as guests of the Canadian Air Force over Christmas.
82. Map of Newfoundland and information about the bases and their locations on it. Edgar Bergen with Charlie McCarthy;
83. 18 small picture postcards of Williamsburg, Virginia
84. ticket to event: William & Mary vs George Washington Univ. Oct 24, 1942 with "Reggie Haughton" written on side; 5 photographs – 2 of Williamsburg; 3 unidentified; newspaper clipping Lt Kenneth Kurtz On Overseas Duty; (3) color Williamsburg, Virginia postcards
85. (4) Marshall Davis post cards of soldiers

86. (2) Marshall Davis postcards; To Dad on His Birthday Card from Ken; Shipping label to Lt. Kenneth Kurtz; Black cloth with 2 gold service bars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.
87. Pressed roses with a Mother's Day card from Ken; Clipping telephone call to his Dad from Kenneth during war time; Clipping about the Kurtz daughter (Mr. Dale Kassel) visiting
88. (4) Marshall Davis postcards of army life
89. (4) Mother's And Father's Day Greeting Cards from Ken.
90. Newspaper articles: "St. Peter Youth Among Missing" –James Dobie; "City to Dedicate Honor Roll of Men Who fight for Freedom;" Program Dedication of Honor Roll of Men in Service from Redwood Falls, August 16, 1942.
91. Newspaper articles: "Kenneth Kurtz at Officers School;" " Fallen Candidates Take News of Dismissal With Chins Up;" with "I might be one of these soon" hand written on it; "Lieut. Kenneth Kurtz Stationed Overseas;" Kenneth M. Kurtz Business card.
92. Newspaper article: "Pity the Forgotten Army Officer;" Newfoundland Partridge Bone; Mother's Day Card from Ken; Photograph postcard of Northwest Logging Scene
93. Photograph of hurdler identified as "Clark"
94. Photograph of hurdler identified as "Clark" crossing finish line; unidentified man on steps; Photograph of 4 men: "Ken, Frank [Sinatra?], Sol, Phil [Silvers] 1944 tour"
95. American Airline boarding envelope with boarding pass and claims ticket: "Gate 4A, 1943;" newspaper article: "Lt. Ken Kurtz Tells of Camp Life in Northerland Army Base;" Destination card for 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kenneth Kurtz; Christmas card with "Winner Snooker Tournament, Dec 22/42" written on it; postcard of The Commodore hotel in NY
96. (2) Christmas greeting cards from Ken; newspaper clipping "Kenneth Kurtz Promoted to first lieutenant;" photograph of "Newfie Beach"
97. 1944-1945 New Year's Reception invitation Argentia Area, Ft. McAndrew; card identified as " United States Naval Operating Base, Argentia,

- Newfoundland, newspaper article: "Lt. Kenneth Kurtz On Terminal Leave;" (2) photographs identified as "Newfie Scenes"
98. Officers Mess Menu July 30, 1944 signed by Kenneth M. Kurtz, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mess Officer
  99. Two telegrams – one Christmas and one Anniversary sent from Ken; (6) photographs identified as "In Newfie" [Newfoundland] – none of men are identified
  100. (12) Kurtz unidentified photographs of service men camping?
  101. Program of the Day; "Inter-Allied Track Meet Held," Sept 22, 1944; newsclippings of "Inter-Allied Track Meet Held at Ft. McAndrew;" Membership Card fro Lt. K.M. Kurtz to the Sergeants' Club
  102. Two pictures "Inter allied Track Meet" September 22, 1944 --
  103. Photograph of "440 yard Lt. Schofield on ground" at track meet; Ft. McAndrew Officers Club St Patrick's Dance; USO Show photograph of serviceman with Frank Sinatra, Phil Silvers, Sol Chapin and dancer and singer
  104. Photograph of NFLO Basketball Champs, 1943-1944; Inland Fishery License for Kenneth Kurtz for 1945
  105. Memo dated 28 June 1945 from Lt. General George Grunert commending 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenneth M. Kurtz for organizing the athletic competition
  106. Copy of Letter dated 20 August 1945 from Brig. General S. M. Connell, U.S. Army stating it is "gratifying" to receive a commendation on a serviceman from Gen. George Grunert
  107. Letter dated 6 August 1963 from Capt. R. Reed, XVI US Army Corps, to Lt. Col. Kurtz stating his Army Mobilization Designation assignment, Chief, Service Club Section, Recreation Branch, Special Services Division; Photograph of Lt. Colonel Kurtz "On Duty at the Pentagon" and short bio of his term there
  108. Biography of Lt. Colonel Kenneth M. Kurtz
  109. Christmas card from Newfoundland, 1944; Photograph of group of men and women Hand written "86 Mankato"

110. 215 C.A. (AA) 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, July 12, 1986 program; Photograph of "1986 Mankato;" Invitation to the Hard-Times party – handwritten "was not held because of Pres. Roosevelt's death."
  111. Newspaper article: "Nippy weather no obstacle as veterans mark anniversary" from the Redwood Gazette dated January 20, 1961 with picture "The Old Home Ain't The Same" – of members of the 215<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery; Honorary Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
  112. newspaper article: "National Guard Unit cont. from pg 111"
  113. 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the 215<sup>th</sup> C.A. (AA) July 11, 1998 program; newspaper article: "Grand Scratch returns to Jackpot Junction;
  114. Photograph identified as "In Front of the Old Mankato Armory, 3 Generals with the New Regt. Flag: L to R. Gen. Cox, Gen. Cook, Gen Meyer;" "The Origin of TAPS" magazine article.
- Back cover: (3) photographs of Lt. Kenneth Kurtz and hand written inscription: "To Mom and Daddy, from Dale and Marlene?, Minneapolis Football Game, November 8, 1941."