

Herb Gedney: Daily life in the Aleutians was miserable in many ways. Bathing was done out in one's element. We were only allowed a change of clothes when the ones we were wearing could literally stand by themselves. We didn't have barracks; tents were our housing at first, which were often blown over by the famous williwaw winds. The islands, for most part, were uninhabitable and the living conditions were almost unbearable. I would say most ... I would say the weather was always the biggest factor regarding ... in regard to almost everything.

Of course, there were some good times too. We made our own liquor with raisins and with what we stole out of the kitchen mess tent. We would have plays where some of the guys would dress the parts of women and there was some famous Hollywood actors who came to see and entertain us and attend our beer parties which we held once a month. I remember Frances Langford, Bob Hope, and Joe E. Brown. I'm sending along a few pictures of our life in Alaska. The comedians that ... Bob Hope helped keep up our morale.