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## Kenneth Blaisdell photographs of Naga people, 1942-1944

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Kenneth Blaisdell photographs of Naga people
<b>Date:</b>	1942-1944
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.83-39
<b>Creator:</b>	Blaisdell, Kenneth
<b>Extent:</b>	29 Copy prints
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Original prints loaned by Kenneth Blaisdell for copying, 1982-1983.

### Location of Originals

Originals retained by Kenneth Blaisdell.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Naga artifacts can be found in the Department of Anthropology in accession 356652.

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Additional photographs of Konyak Naga people can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 8 and Photo Lot 97.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Films depicting the Konyak Naga people can be found in the Human Studies Film Archives in 2006.2.345 and 2006.2.351.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 83-39, Kenneth Blaisdell photographs of Naga people, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Kenneth Blaisdell was a lieutenant who commanded a platoon of the 679th Signal Aircraft Warning Company in the United States Army Signal Corps. From October 1942 to January 1944, Blaisdell's platoon was assigned to an installation near the Naga Hills, Assam, where they interacted with indigenous people and learned the Naga language.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Kenneth Blaisdell while he was stationed with the United States Army in Assam. They document Konyak Naga people, villages, and activities, including work for the United States Army. There are also some images of Gurkha soldiers. The original prints were in an album; photocopies of these are available with the collection.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 83-39

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## Reproduction Note

Copy prints made by Smithsonian Institution, 1982-1983.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Gurkhas
- Konyak (Indic people)
- Naga (South Asian people)

Cultures:

- Gurkhas
- Konyak (Indic people)
- Naga (South Asian people)

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- United States. Army

Places:

- Assam (India)
- Naga Hills (Burma)