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Since January 1978, a total of approximately 50,000 photos of glaciers have been indexed. This figure includes photos from the Post collection and from the A.G.S. collection.

For the Post collection, 192 rolls of an estimated total number of 275 rolls, or 70%, have been indexed. We have tried many times to get the U.S.G.S. photo technician to inform us of the actual number of index-able photo rolls in the collection, but all efforts have been unsuccessful. During the period from June through August 1981, we received 11 rolls of photos, which is a great improvement in shipping rate; a total of only 25 rolls were received between September 1979 and May 1981. No rolls were received between March 1980 and April 1981. Approximately 7% of the indexed Post collection has been entered into the data file (OUTFOL).

Indexing of the A.G.S. collection has taken place slowly but steadily. A number of visits to W.O. Field in Great Barrington, Massachusetts were made during 1980-81 and several hundred photos were indexed and archived at the WDC-A. The photos are arranged by geographical location and are stored in four file cabinets in the data center.

A paper was written for Glaciological Data (Report GD-10, May 1981), entitled "Pictorial Records of Glaciers", which discussed types of glacier pictures through time and presented the status of indexing and archiving of photos at the WDC-A.

Hopefully indexing of the Post collection can be completed by May 1982, if the supply of photos from Tacoma is kept constant.