

Paul Polink: I had taken some pictures, here, right now - I forgot to tell you - we were in on some emergency evacuations, also. I can't remember them all, but, I have some pictures that I took out of the cockpit, of a ship that ran aground - that's a normal habit, I guess, in Alaska.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah. [Chuckle]

Paul Polink: And, we ... we dropped firewood for people who were on a camp called, "The Beaches." But, they were emergency personnel there that we dropped to and firewood, and ... Sometimes, I think ... I remember, one time on the island of Umnak, a volcano erupted, and they were afraid that it was gonna inundate the whole island, and then, we were on alert for several days to get all the military personnel off that island. And now I recall, that one time there was a doctor on one of the islands that had a heart attack. And we eventually took him out and brought him to the mainland for better medical attention, or whatever. But, there were a number of isolated cases like that ... we were, we had done.

Janis Kozlowski: [Um-Hum] So, so did the volcano ever ... present a problem?

Paul Polink: No. No. They had some geologist there, and they ... I guess.... I later on studied earth science, and whatever – I went to Michigan State in 1967-68. And we did a lot of studying about that earthquake that Alaska had in 1964.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, yeah.

Paul Polink: And the geologists on the island of Umnak, were studying the flame, and the color of the flames, and we never had to evacuate people. But, we prepared, we were prepared to.