

**Robert Davis:** Captain William Lee Jacobson assumed command of the 344<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1946. He had previously served sixteen months in the European Theatre in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He covered all the major beach heads and landings and he was sent home on a recuperation leave and 30 days later returned to command the 94<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron. During his tour of duty he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with nine clusters and the European Theatre Campaign Medal with four battle stars. He had a wife and two sons in Glendale, California.

Several events come to mind relative to my stay on Shemya. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1946 a USO show came to Shemya starring Ronnie Russell and dancer June Rumsey. Their group stayed on the island until May 18<sup>th</sup>. On one occasion they were our guests at the squadron mess. It was quite a scramble to see who of us would sit at June Rumsey's table. I can only imagine that bad flying weather kept them on Shemya for almost four days.