

**Robert Davis:** I had no complaints about the food on Shemya or at 26 Mile. Our mess halls were very small compared to those at the training bases. Our squadron cooks were more attentive to keeping up well fed.

On Shemya the most disagreeable thing, besides the weather, was having to walk some distance through the mud, snow, wind, and rain to get to the latrine area. After a shower we had to go back out into the elements to our quarters. At least at 26 Mile everything was much closer and the weather was much more agreeable.

I will always remember how miserable it was to clear the snow from the P-38s on some of those cold, windy mornings on Shemya. I have some pictures of that in my files along with one of an auxiliary power plant sitting in the snow beside a P-38. They were often very hard to start in the cold.