

Janis Kozlowski: Did you see some bad things happen to people, as a result of the weather?

Robert Dougal: Oh well, I had a rule, I was the commander of the radar station, and I told the guys, "If you ever have to go out to the toilet, I want you to go in pairs; hold hands and go out to where the - we call it the latrine - and then come back." But, I had one person who did not adhere to that request. And he went out to go the latrine, and he got lost. And he hid behind a rock trying to keep warm; he froze.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, my.

Robert Dougal: He froze. The next morning, we didn't know where he was; we couldn't find him. And the snow was all over. We called down to the base - the home base. And the Canadians came out with sticks about 10' long, and they formed a line. And they would go on, one foot at a time, poking the ground until they finally found this one fellow that was lost. He was behind a rock, froze [sic] to death. So, he went out on his own to go the latrine; I said, to go in pairs. So after that death, I got rope, and I tried to rope the area in so that you could hang on to a rope and go out to the latrine and get back without getting lost.

Janis Kozlowski: Sounds like you're a very smart man.

Robert Dougal: I wasn't any smart man; just that we were just lucky. [Katie and Robert Chuckle]

Janis Kozlowski: Well, how far was the latrine from where the, where your Pacific Huts were?

Robert Dougal: Oh, maybe a 100 feet.

Janis Kozlowski: Wow. [Chuckle]

Robert Dougal: We had to keep the latrine away from the main camp.

Janis Kozlowski: So, the weather must have been....

Robert Dougal: We only lived, we only ... well, we lived in tents when we got up there ... and you know that. Then they got what they call, "Pacific Huts."