

Vic Krygowski: And, while I'm there, while I'm in Scotland, I'm continuing to put in my requests for submarine duty. Now, anybody putting in requests to the Chief of Naval Personnel or any other higher authority has to go through the ranks. So, my skipper, he said that, "Well, since you want submarine duty so badly," he said, "I'm going to endorse this. I'm just going to forward it. I'm not going to endorse it not recommending approval or denial. I'm just going to forward it. Let the Navy make up their own mind as to whether they want me to go to submarine school or not." So that continued like every three months while I was on the Beaver including the time that we were in the Pacific. And it wasn't until we got to Attu that my orders to submarine school came through. Now, I had to go half a world back to New London, Connecticut for submarine school. But they finally came through and I eventually got on board a submarine.

Janis Kozlowski: Before you leave your Scotland experience, did you have any other hair raising experiences there?

Vic Krygowski: In Scotland, no.

Janis Kozlowski: Or how about on your way over to the Aleutians? That was a pretty long trip.

Vic Krygowski: Yeah. Well that one was ... that one ... well, the thing that I remember about that trip most of all was the fact that we crossed the 180th meridian three times while we were going forward. We hit a williwaw up there in the northwest Pacific and it was so severe that even though our engines were going ahead the wind was blowing us back. So we crossed the 180th and then before we knew it we were being blown back across the 180th and then we had to go over a third time. [both laughing] We crossed it to head on the rest of the way to Attu.