

Harry Bailey: Oh, you know what I wanted to tell you, I did check this out. You talked about the cemetery at Attu and a lot of people still don't know where it is and those that did know have died. But this one fellow that was in school with me, I didn't remember him, but he recalled being in the same class and he lives in another town. He said that after the war he went down on a Navy LST to recover the bodies. He was Army but they called him volunteers. He said he was stationed in Virginia and he thought it would be nice to go to Alaska so he did. And they went to Attu and the first time I talked to him, which could have been six or seven years ago, he said when they got down to Attu bringing the bodies up out of the graves, he said there were some that there was so much live ammunition – grenades and everything – he said that somebody called into Anchorage and asked, they said it's not safe to do. He said, then we didn't bring them out. And I often wondered, did he mean Americans?

So I called him a couple of days ago and I said, "Whose bodies and the live ammunition and so forth ..." No," he said, "they were Japanese." What I'm telling you is the Japanese – there's still some there, you know. He said they didn't take them. He said, we took, I don't know, he said they took 100 Japanese of the 400.

You know an LST is a big landing ship.