

Janis Kozlowski: When you were at Attu did you see the PV-1s and PV-2s headed over to the Kurile Islands?

Harry Bailey: No. But they were there and I'm gonna get ahead of myself again and talking about the PBYS – the flying boat. One day we were going to Shemya and we were headed that direction and a PBY came down to water level off of Shemya. He's coming right for us. And he's coming and he's coming and somebody says, "Jesus, he's trying to give us the fright of our life" or whatever. And he came to where it would almost be in front of our boat, not quite, I'm sure. But that thing lifted up, like, lifting up straight. It didn't happen that way, but that's how close he came before he took that damn big airplane up. One of the crew members there looked out the window and shaking his fist at him. He could see them smiling down there, you know.

Janis Kozlowski: So they did it just to give you a rush, huh?

Harry Bailey: Oh, yeah, yeah. Then a B-25, that's a small, two engine bomber – they did that one time. Now I wasn't awake there but they came down and did the same thing and they took two or three feet off the top of the mast of our boat.

Janis Kozlowski: They did?

Harry Bailey: Yeah. From that day on you could always identify that ship because there was no mast there for that distance, the three feet or four feet upward. But that was the only time, but I guess they used to do that quite often. It gives them something to do too, you know, just out there flying around.