

Janis Kozlowski: Were you and the people on the ship aware of the battle that had taken place there before you landed?

Vic Krygowski: Well, we were aware that there was ... that the Army had invaded Attu and there were Japs on there and they had a war. But we never knew, you know, what size it was or too much about it for that matter.

While we were on Attu, one night while the crew was at the local movie theatre on land and a couple of Japanese planes came over from the island of Paramushiro and dropped a couple of bombs. It didn't cause much damage of any kind, missed any critical targets and I know they called us back from the movie theatre to our ship but by the time we got back to the ship they were already gone and they didn't show up after that at all.

Janis Kozlowski: So it was just that one time they came over?

Vic Krygowski: Just that one time, right.

Janis Kozlowski: Well that was probably enough to shake you all up a little bit.

Vic Krygowski: Oh, you said it! [both laughing] Of course, we could hear the explosions in the movie theatre so we knew something was up and then they interrupted the movie to say, "Get back to your ships immediately!" We all steamed out.