

Janis Kozlowski: OK. So, in December of '44, when you left, where did you go then?

Charles Donovan: OK, then I went down ... I was assigned to Naval District Headquarters - 13th District Headquarters, in Seattle, in the communications office. And we, again, being a radioman, I was in the communications office. And they had teletype machines, mainly ... used the teletype machines, to get messages back and forth. And I was stationed there for eight months. And at that time, I had ... they would pay sub... what did we call it? - Subsistence in quarters. And I had my little apartment up on the, on a hill in Seattle. And I was there for eight months.

Janis Kozlowski: Was that a good assignment?

Charles Donovan: Oh, that was terrific, that was terrific. On my time off, I'd go in to Seattle, and go down First Avenue and enjoy "Bill's Light Ship" - a little tavern down there. And First Avenue's not there any more, I'm sure. But ... and then there was a music hall - I think that was also on First Avenue, somewhere. They called it, "The Music Hall." That was another entertainment center - it was more than just a little tavern. And we'd sit there and have a few beers. And there was this great organist - he used to play the organ, to "fare-thee well." We'd love sitting there listening to him.

Janis Kozlowski: So, that was kind of a fun assignment, compared to some of the others, 'cause you had access to everything Seattle had to offer at the time

Charles Donovan: Oh, yes, yeah.

Janis Kozlowski: And, so was that place where you ... did you just transmit weather there as well, or did you get into some different kinds of radio communications?

Charles Donovan: Well it was mainly naval communication, but not just weather - it was all kinds, all types of naval communications - information.

Janis Kozlowski: So, was it more ... was the job more interesting in that respect, that you got to hear more about what was happening?

Charles Donovan: Oh, in that respect, sure - yeah.

Janis Kozlowski: And ... so then, did you finish out December of '44, or did you pretty much finish out the war there in Seattle?

Charles Donovan: Oh, no, no, no.

Janis Kozlowski: What did you do then?