

Janis Kozlowski: What kind of missions were those submarines on?

Vic Krygowski: Well, they were to protect any of our shipping that was operating in the North Pacific for one reason or another. They were, of course, to intercept any enemy warships or merchant ships of Japanese extraction and sink them.

Janis Kozlowski: So they'd be gone ... they'd be out doing their missions for a long time and then they'd come back to the tender, the Beaver, when they needed support?

Vic Krygowski: Yeah, for repair, re-fit, re-provisioning and the crew got off and got some rest on dry land and that was it.

Janis Kozlowski: Were you the only sub tender in the Aleutians?

Vic Krygowski: Oh, yes. Yeah, there was none other.

Janis Kozlowski: And you stayed at Attu? That was your base?

Vic Krygowski: That was our base. All the while I was there it was in Attu and it was in Attu until she left. When they left there she went to San Diego and stayed there for awhile but I was not on board so I don't know too much about that.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok, now you said something I thought was kind of humorous. You said, "the subs came back and were refitted and so forth and the guys got a chance to sleep on dry land." Does that mean they went up and slept on Attu in tents or did they come on your ship?

Vic Krygowski: No, they had, like, a dormitory set up for them by that time. They didn't have any luxury apartments in it but they slept on cots. But anyway, it was dry land rather than a wet, soggy forever humid submarine.

Janis Kozlowski: And did you do that off of your ship as well or did you always stay on the ship?

Vic Krygowski: I stayed on the ship. No, our ship was high and dry and there was no need to leave it for any reason.