

Being a farm boy from Louisiana it was a little bit hard to get used to things in the Navy. But after I got out of boot camp I enjoyed studying and being an Aviation Radioman; learning the Morse Code. I signed up as a machinist but when they gave me the test I was good at Morse Code and they said, "Well, you're gonna be a radio man." And I said, "No, I want to be a machinist." They said, "No, you're going to be a radioman." So I wound up a radioman flying in the PBV seaplanes.

We flew up to Alaska the first time in our aircraft, which was a PBV-5 seaplane. It was beautiful flying up. We got a little sunshine going up and there was some beautiful country -- Ketchikan and going up through there we sure enjoyed the scenery. It was the first time we had been to Alaska so it was pretty nice to see.

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IN 1943



We at first lived aboard ships in the Bay up at Attu. There weren't any thing ... any facilities ashore. Finally, after a month or so they built ... they put tents ashore and we lived in tents at Casco Cove.

And they named this Casco Cove, the bay, because the USS Casco, a seaplane tender, was anchored out in the bay there.

The food wasn't bad. When we flew in the morning we had to get up about 3 o'clock in the morning and hit the chow hall. And we got powdered eggs and milk and coffee and toast usually in the morning.