

Harry Bailey: And, God, the Navy had nice food compared to the Army. I always remember there were honeydew melons and cantaloupes. I didn't see one of those things for three years up there. The Naval officer who was there that day, after we finished servicing them, he gave us a couple of melons which was the, I guess his way of saying that we did a good job supporting them.

Janis Kozlowski: I wonder why there was such a difference in the food. I've heard others say that too. And they also said the Navy would get like recreational equipment for people too.

Harry Bailey: Yeah, well, I think, I've often heard that and I don't know why but they said the Navy did take better care of [people], as far as the eating was concerned. I'm trying to think of ... I know a story of a couple of Air Force people that were ... that heard about the good food the Navy served. They were flying people and pilots and they went over to the Navy officer's mess hall to eat one night and they treated them alright but they said their uniforms were nothing. That all these naval officers from the lowest one to the highest one were dressed in their dress uniform and white shirts and ties. And he said we were scrubby Air Corp with big flying boots and jacket and so forth. They felt out of place they said. But I guess they made their one trip.

Janis Kozlowski: Got something good to eat at least and see what was going on on the other side? [laughing]

Harry Bailey: We never had steak. I never saw steak. In fact, I think the only time I ever had steak was when they brought us back to Seattle, coming home for discharge. They gave a choice of steak or turkey.

Janis Kozlowski: Wow!

Harry Bailey: In Seattle, they had table waiters that were German prisoners of war and the way they went around there—cocky—you'd think they had won the war. [both laughing] Truly so. I mean, arrogant. But anyway, that's another story too.

Janis Kozlowski: So, they ... the German prisoners of war were put to work there in Seattle?

Harry Bailey: Yes. I didn't know it until I got back there.

Janis Kozlowski: I guess there was nowhere they could run so they could use them for some things like that without worrying about them getting away.

Harry Bailey: It's a long way back to Germany.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah. A lot of water between. [both laughing]