

Harry Bailey: There was another prisoner of war camp up in southeast Alaska too. It started off to be a, before the war, or during the beginning of the war, to be a trans-shipment for all kind of, you know, things that would be going off to the Aleutians. But, because when they retook Attu and Kiska in 1943 and how the Army works, they never needed that. The thing was still being built by the time the battle of Attu was over. So, I guess it was German prisoners of war they brought up there to dismantle the thing. I think that's where some of the ... no that wouldn't be ... where the natives, remember from Attu, they shipped them back off the island before the war?

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah, to near Ketchikan.

Harry Bailey: Yes. Yes. And, of course, they weren't treated very good. We had a couple of Aleuts, as we'd say, with us.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, you did? On your ship?

Harry Bailey: Nope, with the group on one of the ships.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok.

Harry Bailey: There was one little fellow, they had a little, very ... a tugboat they called a midget tug—not very big. But they used that to relay instructions at Shemya. And that little thing probably couldn't have been more than, I don't know, 15 or 20 foot long, and he'd go back and forth between the freighters and deliver messages and so forth. But one of the people on that was a little Aleut. And they used to take that damn boat out there, I mean, when big swells were rolling in. It didn't seem to bother them at all, you know.

Janis Kozlowski: I suppose they were used to it if they'd been living out there their whole life.

Harry Bailey: I guess.

Over at Agattu we had to get out of that cove at one time because of a storm that was coming and the wind was gonna carry us into there. So we decided to go around Agattu just because we had to come back after the storm was over. We came to a big, you know, the Orthodox cross, the two cross bars. That was on Agattu right on a sandy beach. A little hut buried half in the ground and that must have been prior to the war. They would fish over there or something. I saw a picture or something lately and they were showing the Aleutians and that ... I think it was the same cross that was still there, you know. It was, you know, a pretty massive thing.

Janis Kozlowski: Wow.

Harry Bailey: I had read, and this is getting away from my story but, I had read that ... oh, I don't know what his title would be, but he went down through the Aleutians, you know, studying graves and so forth. I don't know, I can't even tell you his name now. But anyway, he said at one time, they figured that 1000 people lived on Agattu, many, many, you know, 100s of years ago. I was surprised to see that. You wouldn't think that it was because at Attu during, you know, prior to the war, I don't think there were any more than probably 60 or 70 people there.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah.