

Janis Kozlowski: And you guys had a radar station there, right?

Harry Bailey: At Agattu?

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah.

Harry Bailey: Yeah. And I still can't believe how they would ... they were up on a high peak. I never did see the radar station. We went over there, but the first time we went over they must have been ... had radio contact with Attu at that time because maybe an hour after we got there this little Army truck came crawling down off the high hill and they took supplies. We ran the power barge up onto the beach and they loaded up. There was no crater mount and then they went back to where the radar station was and they must have had ... I know they had bulldozers there but you have to have gravel to build a road. I finally ran into a fellow who was at that radar station. I said I often wished I had ... some afternoon when on the ship we were doing nothing I would have liked to walk up and looked at it. He said, "that road is 20 miles long." I looked at the map I have and that road wiggled back and forth up and down to get over there. You know, around this pond or mountain or something. The direct line, I would guess, said it was no more than even 10 miles, you know, from where we were.

But, they were there and there was another radar station on Attu. We went over there just once. We brought the Chaplain over, it must have been for a service or something like that.

Janis Kozlowski: So you never got far off the ship to go see if there really was any evidence of people having lived on Agattu, it sounds like?

Harry Bailey: No, and I think today how I should have done more like that. I mean, I guess some of the people who were on Shemya there they really got into it. And they claim there was a cemetery with two people buried there and some of them more enlightened in that sort of thing, I mean checked out the flowers and everything else that crew there and so forth. But I guess being young we just did the thing and didn't get too involved that much with that sort of thing.

Janis Kozlowski: Well, it sounded like you stayed on your ship quite a bit though, right?

Harry Bailey: We did. Yeah, because there wasn't ... I say that I think I saw two USO shows at Attu while I was there and one movie. Because, the thing is that you kind of, well, I don't know, but you don't ... you didn't go too far. There wasn't much to do anyway. We were always, you know, getting ready to perhaps leave. They never, you know, had any orders and such.

And another ship with a friend of mine I went to school with came in one day to Attu. He was on a yacht that belonged to Ford Motor Company that had been taken over by the Army. So he came ashore, or came over to our boat and we decided to go to the PX. Well, we did, but by the time we come back down to take him back to his ship a real storm – not a real storm but a good storm [laughing] had started to pick up. And in that harbor, in that little ship, he had to get back and they weren't going to come into the dock because they didn't want to damage it. And my ... I was afraid, because I couldn't swim, like I say. And one of the fellows on the boat said, "well,

take the skiff, I'll take him back." And, I didn't want to get on that little 15 foot, 12 foot skiff, but I said, "I got to go, I got to go." Because, he was my friend and I was scared to death.

But anyway, I took him out there and he owed me some money from going to the PX and he finally got aboard the yacht there and he says, "I'll go down in my stateroom and get your money." And I said, "The hell with the money. No, no." [laughing] We got back ok, but I mean. I thought that was gonna be the end that day.