

**Harry Bailey:** Then they had a World War I destroyer they used for training. I never went on that. But, my friend did. They would go out for training courses and he told me how they had life suits, you know, rubber – the hat and all you'd zip up from the front. You'd float. He told me how he got in one of those suits and jumped in the bay there and floated around. And again, going back to my swimming and not being able to swim, one day one of these civilians said to three or four of us, "Each one of you grab one of those suits." And I said, "What are you gonna do with those?" He says, "Just come with me, carry a suit." And I said, "If you think I'm gonna get in that thing, you're mistaken." [both laughing]

And we had a ... he never said a word to me. The other three or four fellows with their suits, they were just laughing at me. All he wanted us to do was carry them down and dump them into one of the small boats that was taking off. But he wasn't gonna get me in one of those things. [Janis laughing]

**Janis Kozlowski:** Well, I'm surprised between that and some of your experience with the ship that wouldn't come out of reverse and then your trip to Alaska that you didn't faint seasickness too to get off that ship.

**Harry Bailey:** Yeah, I had, I think, you know, seasickness I've often said half of it is fright. Your first time out, that's my feeling. I was seasick, I would say, well, perhaps till we got to Seward and maybe I was frightened too. Because I thought a couple of times there, "this is it." [laughing] I'm not gonna come back again. But that's why I always thought, I think that fright gets you too. That will help to make you sick.

I managed to get over that. I often said when I come home I'd tell my mother, "If I got to go again I'd want to go back to the boats," you know.

**Janis Kozlowski:** So, you weren't that frightened by it.

**Harry Bailey:** No, you get over it, you know. I don't know they speak of getting your sea legs. Have you ever heard that expression?

**Janis Kozlowski:** Yeah.

**Harry Bailey:** I can remember going into Shemya standing on the front of that thing and, you know, not big seas but good waves and you're bouncing around. I took great pride in being able to stand there out on the open deck there and just waiting to get into the dock to throw my line so that we could tie up. You get, maybe you get cocky, I don't know. I think you do. I thought of that since, I shouldn't have done that.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Well, that's why they get 19 year olds right, to do that kind of thing, because you're not afraid.

**Harry Bailey:** Yup. That's right, you don't know. You haven't been there.