

**Janis Kozlowski:** You were part of the Army Transport Service, right?

**Harry Bailey:** Yeah, I was loose [laughing] from the point of I'm not sure everybody knew where they belonged. We were ... I think they came up with Harbor Craft, that particular name, probably in late '43 because we – most of us were infantry that had finished basic training. Then when we got to Seattle they put us in Harbor Craft Detachment.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Did you have some seaman skills?

**Harry Bailey:** None at all. [laughing] None at all. And they did have a school in Seattle. We would travel every day down from Fort Lawton to the docks and there was a school there. It was, again, pretty loose. I mean, it was there if you cared to learn if not, I mean, you just brushed it off. Some of these people never did care and often, I won't say often, but occasionally if you could claim chronic seasickness you'd get off the boats.

**Janis Kozlowski:** So, was it a volunteer thing or did they just initially pick some people?

**Harry Bailey:** They just picked us.

**Janis Kozlowski:** And then some of them didn't like it so well so they tried, maybe, to get out.

**Harry Bailey:** Yes. Yes.

**Janis Kozlowski:** And then how did these civilian people ... how did ... were they part of Army Transport also?

**Harry Bailey:** Yes. You know, without the – well, I don't want to say it – they weren't in the same fashion as ... like if you're in the Army being ordered to do something. But, I think in the beginning there were not enough Army people to go and that's how civilians got into the aspect of working. There were a number of them, I mean, I would say, like at Attu, there were probably, well, if there were 40 Army ships, I would say that at least 10 were civilian crews.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Wow.

**Harry Bailey:** And occasionally there was a mixed one too. I never did figure that out because I was not of that ... it never happened to me.

**Janis Kozlowski:** So the pay differential was quite large though, you said, right?

**Harry Bailey:** Yes, quite.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Were the civilian ones, were they older fellows so they didn't try to get them to enlist or something?

**Harry Bailey:** Yeah. They were older, you know, they probably would get into, you know, what is it 39 years old, I guess and you couldn't be drafted or whatever. But occasionally you'd get a

few younger people like ourselves who had been, I guess classed as 4-F for Army service and they were as civilians on those ships.