

Herb Gedney: I was headed for Umnak the day the Japanese bombed Dutch Harbor on June 3rd, 1942. We were getting ready to land to refuel and were told to return to Anchorage as [we were] on our approach. The next day we headed for Adak where we set up shop for servicing guns and engines coming in from our base on Adak. This was just the first stop and then we followed other islands to Amchitka so we would be closer to Kiska and Attu.

I guess I would have to say that my contribution to ousting the Japanese was in helping to maintain fighters and bombers to bomb the Japs on Kiska and Attu. For that duty I received two battle stars and two Presidential Citations – or the outfit that I was with received that presentation.