

Janis Kozlowski: Do you, are there any other things that you remember about the war that kind of stuck with you; any kind of experiences that you had?

John Fahey: Well, I remember we went to Juneau one time. That was kind of interesting, 'cause it's a hard place to get to, unless you decide to really go there. And I remember we got liberty there and were able to walk around the town and I think it had, I think it was totem poles they had stationed around the city, which were interesting.

Janis Kozlowski: [Um-hum]

John Fahey: Most of the other places I got to, I never got off the ship.

One thing [Chuckle] I think that was interesting - when we went into Kiska for the invasion of Kiska, I was assigned the duty of taking a walky-talky radio. And, I was supposed to go in on the invasion - in the landing party - on Kiska with this walky-talky - so I could communicate back to the ship. [It] scared the heck out me. I was scared witless, and ... putting it nicely. And [it] turned out that the Japanese had left before we had to go in, so I did not have to go ashore. And I was so thankful. [Chuckle] I didn't have to go over and carry that big radio and talk to anybody. But, that still sticks in my mind. I had nothing to do with, really, of any importance, except personally.

Janis Kozlowski: Now I guess there was some casualties even there on Kiska, even though the Japanese had left; did your ship deal with any casualties there?

John Fahey: No, we did not. I knew that there were, but it was all due to friendly fire - the guys coming in from different directions were shooting at each other - didn't realize that they were friendly. So, it was a lack of communications again.

Janis Kozlowski: Do you remember at all, how quickly it was that you learned that there ... the Japanese had left Kiska?

John Fahey: Yeah, well, I mean, it was the same day we started the invasion, you know, they found out. But the, you know, they come in from different parts of that island. So, yeah, we learned the first day.