

John Fahey: We never come [sic] back; we went back to the states one time before we ... that was; we went to ... where in the heck was it? Seattle, I think. And ... yeah, 'cause I got leave. I remember this was ... oh, boy, what year? 1944 I think, yeah. But, we didn't stay in the states very long, and we went back out again.

Janis Kozlowski: So that, in terms of ... [Chuckle] I guess you wouldn't call it fun, but fun assignments - that one probably wasn't very good. Because you were, you were out in remote areas a lot, it sounds like.

John Fahey: Well, yeah. And the ... we didn't get to, you know, any major cities, or anything like you do in [Chuckle] Europe, or... [Chuckle] You know, we'd get to these islands and see the fuzzy haired Natives. A lot of time, that was about it. And once more, we'd get to an island, where we play - go ashore and have ... play baseball, or softball, or have a few hours of recreation. But, there was ... it wasn't until the war was over that we got any place. I went to, got to go to Japan, and go to China and Korea after the war. So, that was interesting.

Janis Kozlowski: So you, you stayed in ... after the, after VJ Day you continued on?

John Fahey: Yeah, I had to. When I signed up - went into the Navy - I was 17. The terms of my enlistment were that at, when I turned 21, I can get discharged. Well, of course, at 21, I was in the middle of the Pacific and we hadn't invaded the Philippines yet - in 1944. And I had a choice: I could stay in and become part of the reserve and I'd take my chances [on] when I can get out, or I could sign over for three... two years - what they called, "Skivvy" cruise, and I can, I can get shipping -- what they called, "Shipping Over Money." So, I got \$300. So, I said, "Well, might as well stay in, because the war's not over"; we haven't, you know, didn't know how long it was gonna last -- I figured, in two years. So, I might as well get the \$300. Anyhow, this is '44, and the war was over in '45. I wanted to get discharged, because I had all kinds of points, which we had ... they had set up that, people would, with so many points, would get out of the service. Well, I went to see about that, and they said, "The jokes on you, you signed up for two more years and you're gonna stay until the enlistment's over." So....

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ho, ho, ho.

John Fahey: [Laugh]

Janis Kozlowski: So, it didn't matter how many points you had at that time; that you were ... you were stuck!

John Fahey: Well, I was regular Navy, so that didn't make any difference.