

Janis Kozlowski: So, where were you when the, when you heard that Japan had surrendered, or when you heard the bombs had been dropped?

John Fahey: Actually, we were ... I was home. We'd go back to the states and ... I was home on VJ Day, which was a lot of fun. And I come [sic] down to... my mother was living in Los Angeles, so I came down to LA to see her at that time. So, that was ... it was quite a wild time.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah, I bet you were pretty happy to hear that.

John Fahey: Oh, yeah. [Laugh]

Janis Kozlowski: Until you found out, you weren't gonna actually get out of, out of duty, though. [Chuckle]

John Fahey: No, all that wasn't too bad, 'cause.... Kind of disappointing, but, you know, you made your bed and you had to lay in it.

Janis Kozlowski: Right. So then after that, then what did you do, um, after your leave was over and the war was over; then what did they have you doing?

John Fahey: Well, we went back to the Pacific. And like I say, we went to ... Korea, we went to ... and we dropped supplies off there. We went to Shanghai, China. I remember I was there New Years eve, 1945. No, 1945/46, you know - it was the beginning of 1946 we were in Shanghai. And that was interesting, because I ... we pulled in there, and I remember I won the "Anchor." We had a, what we called the "Anchor Pool," - \$100 - which was a lot of money then. What happened, we would, they'd sell chances for which minute the ship was logged in when it got in port. And it so happened, I picked the right minute and won myself a \$100 bucks. So that was a big deal at the time.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah, I bet. Did you end up comin' out of the service with quite a bit of money in your pocket?

John Fahey: I had some money that I'd sent home to my mother, because we really didn't have any place to spend it, other than supplies on the ship, you know - for cigarettes and tobacco, ah ... tooth brushes and stuff like that; you know, your grooming supplies. And they had candy too. You didn't have too much chance to spend money.

Janis Kozlowski: [Um-hum]

John Fahey: Unless you got to a place, like, in ... oversea, like when we got to Shanghai; where we got to be able to buy quite a bit of stuff, you know, souvenirs and stuff. But, you really couldn't get big [things], because we didn't ... we had small lockers and you had to keep everything in there. So, you couldn't buy anything big, because there was no way to get 'em home till you got back to the states.

Janis Kozlowski: [Um-hum]

John Fahey: So, I had most of my money sent home to my mother. So, I had enough when I got out. I bought a car in '46 with it. I kind of depleted my money, but at least I had some.