

Janis Kozlowski: OK. Um, any other bad rides that you remember - up to Alaska, or back down?

John Fahey: Ah, one time, I remember, we were traveling in convoy with the, our sister ship, which was the U.S.S. Grant. And it was a similar; they looked like identical twins to see the ships. We were on the way to Alaska, and I had to watch it -- a wheel watch, that was before I became a Radioman. It was during the night; I forget what time it was say, around midnight, or something. We had a scare - somebody said they saw a torpedo. But I think it turned out to be a false alarm. But, it really spooked everybody on the ship at that time.

And then the next scary thing we had was, we were on our way to Dutch Harbor, and we heard that they had -- the Japanese, had bombed Dutch Harbor. So, we went into Kodiak Island and we loaded up the ship; we had troops aboard, and we loaded up with drums of gasoline, which were all over the deck. And they also had ammunition stacked on the deck. And we were kind of scared to [be] going into Dutch Harbor. But, we did go up there, and got there shortly after the Japanese had bombed the place. So, that was a, kind of a scary part of my service.

Janis Kozlowski: So, what do you remember about Dutch Harbor, when you pulled in there? What did it look like when you saw it?

John Fahey: Well, there was some damage there. I think there was one old ship that they had bombed. And it was part of the ... it wasn't a functioning ship as far as being able to - it wasn't seaworthy. I think they were using it for some kind of a building. I don't know exactly what it was. It was tied up alongside, I believe, and they hit it. And there was some damage. I never got off the ship at that time; I don't know ... didn't see too much.