

Janis Kozlowski: They pushed you right into action right away?

Paul Polink: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: And so what kind of missions did you go on and where were they?



Paul Polink: Well, we went out in the Aleutian Islands ... they were ... were regular - we had a mail plane that left every day. And there were high priority people that moved around and “Emergency Leaves” for people who were coming home. And we flew medical shifts to bring people out of the islands that were ill and needed further medical treatment that they couldn’t get there. And then, there was [sic] some routine flights, where we took rations and ... whatever - movies and magazines and all of the things to different bases. And we landed at a lot of weather stations. And generally, we took supplies to people that they needed.

Janis Kozlowski: OK. And what kind of planes were you flying on?

Paul Polink: C-47s. That was the ... the commercial version of a DC-3.

Janis Kozlowski: You know, we still have some of those up here.

Paul Polink: I can imagine.

Janis Kozlowski: [Chuckle]

Paul Polink: That was [Chuckle] quite an airplane.

Janis Kozlowski: [Chuckle] Yeah, it still is.