

Robert Dougal: And I stayed behind in Seattle with nine men, and went to all of the stores. I was in radar, and I, being the Second Lieutenant, I had nine men. And we went to all the stores all over Seattle and the wharf, and that area, picking up supplies we thought we needed for our radar stations out at Kiska - had four of 'em that we were getting supplies for. And I went to many locations picking up these supplies.

And then we left and went on a ship, and went out to Kiska. When I got there, I helped unload the radars. And I put the first radar in operation on Kiska, and it looked out over the Bering Sea towards Attu. Our troops had taken Attu and Shemya. And then they invaded; the Americans and Canadians invaded Kiska and found out that the Japs had left. So, when I got to Kiska with the radar stations, I put the first radar station up, and it looked out towards the Attu and Shemya area. And that's where I stayed for about two years during the war.

Janis Kozlowski: Do you happen to remember what bay, or what area you put that radar up on, in Kiska?

Robert Dougal: Well it, on Kiska, it was called; it was a high ridge, and it looked over the Bering Sea, out towards Attu and Shemya.

Janis Kozlowski: OK.

Robert Dougal: And it was called "Roberts Ridge" - a high ridge. And the island at that point was only about a half a mile wide. And we put that radar up, and ... watching the aircraft that used to fly from Attu and Shemya over Kiska, and go on down to Amchitka and on ... maybe, into Anchorage.

Janis Kozlowski: Tell me more about your job as a radar operator on Kiska.

Robert Dougal: Well, I was a, I was in command of the radar station; I was a Second Lieutenant and I was in charge. I had about 40 men. And we had the radar station that we installed. And we had four crews that worked eight hours each. The fourth crew did work around the camp - as KP and helping the cooks, and so forth. And the four crews rotated all during the war in that manner. And we ran that radar station for two years before I left and went to ... left and went out to Anchorage.