

Janis Kozlowski: And so, what was the purpose of the radar; was it guiding airplanes, or?

Robert Dougal: At that time, the Japs had invaded Attu and Shemya. And then they came to Kiska, and they invaded Kiska. There was nobody on it. The Japanese that were there had been taken off. The Japs were there, and then the Americans invaded Kiska - with the Canadians. One, group came in one side of the island and the other group on the other side. And they met, and they found out that during the night the Japs had got in their ships and had left the island of Kiska during the night. And when our troops got there, they found out that there were no Japs on the island at all. They expected to see some, but I was back in Seattle with those, the nine men I mentioned before, getting supplies that we needed for our radar equipment.

Now, there were four radars....

Katie Dougal: But, the purpose, Bob, of the radars, was? She wanted to know.

Robert Dougal: What was your question?

Janis Kozlowski: What was the radar used for? Was it for guiding ... for aircraft, guiding them into the landing field, or...?

Robert Dougal: No, no, our radar was a search radar; early warning radar. And its purpose was to check on any Japanese aircraft that might come from Japan, up to the Aleutians; out at the end, there, of the chain. And we also knew that we had troops at Attu and Shemya, and our job, then, was, when they left their place, and we knew they were coming, we picked them up and guided them in, in case one of them would crash. And we knew where to send search crews out to pick them up.

Janis Kozlowski: OK. So, did you see a lot of activity?

Robert Dougal: I didn't see any ... we had no enemy activity at all when I got there. On Kiska there was no enemy activity, because the Japs had packed up and left. And when the Americans and Canadians invaded Kiska, the Japs had already left and gone back down towards Japan.