

Robert Dougal: Everything up there was ... unusual to us, if you can imagine living in Florida, and then going up to Kiska. We, went through an experience that ... that made us pretty tough. That a... take into account the weather and everything we had, due to the elements out there.

Janis Kozlowski: I imagine. And I bet it was hard to operate that station there, given the conditions you were under, as well.

Robert Dougal: Well it was, it was rough. Yeah, that was the first ... we put the first radar station up on Kiska and I've got it in my diary when we did it, and so forth. But, after living in tents, and we got a ... Pacific Huts, which I guess you don't know about - they were sort of made out of not cardboard, but....

Janis Kozlowski: Like, corrugated metal?

Robert Dougal: No, no, they weren't metal; they were fiber things, like Quonset huts, if you know what a Quonset hut was.



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Janis Kozlowski: I do.

Robert Dougal: It was prior to the time Quonset huts came along.

Janis Kozlowski: OK, I do know what you're talking about. In fact I saw some remnants of them. I was on Kiska in June this year, and I saw some of the remnants of the side boards and the canvas, I guess; that were along the sides of them.

Robert Dougal: Yeah. Did you go to Kiska?

Janis Kozlowski: We went for two weeks; we went to Kiska to map the American and Canadian occupation sites on Kiska.

Robert Dougal: OK. How did you go? Did you ... went by boat in the harbor?

Janis Kozlowski: Yes. We flew to Adak, and then a boat picked us up, and we had, like, a 36 hour ride over to Kiska.

Robert Dougal: And what did you do when you got in the harbor at Kiska? How did you get out to the other side of the island? - It's only about a half a mile. Did you have to walk, or, what?

Janis Kozlowski: Yes, we walked.

Robert Dougal: You walked?

Janis Kozlowski: [Um-hum]