

Vic Krygowski Transcript Summary

[0:00:00] entering military service

[0:03:38] training for Navy service and submarine school

[0:08:25] assignment to a submarine tender – USS Beaver

[0:11:41] leaving for Scotland aboard the USS Beaver in a convoy of ships, attack by a German U-boat wolf pack, conversion of the USS Beaver from a pleasure craft to a submarine tender, purpose for going to Scotland

[0:14:40] submarine squadron 50, participation in the war in North Africa, the USS Beaver in Great Britain

[0:16:13] assignment to lookout on the bridge, torpedo hit on a ship carrying fuel, watching men burn and die on the ship, trying to rescue several men from the water, thoughts about seeing the horrible tragedy, hospitality of Scottish people, setting up the officer's club in Rosneath

[0:21:42] submarine duty on Attu, trip from Scotland to Attu, crossing the 180th parallel three times

[0:23:57] description of USS Beaver and deficiencies in the ship for military service, switching from deck officer to the engine room, working as an engineer on a steam driven engine, making coffee on a high pressure steam line

[0:27:07] Scotland, duration of trip from Scotland to the Aleutians, men returning from liberty on Attu with Japanese guns and ammunition, Japanese corpses on Attu

[0:30:48] knowledge of battle of Attu, Japanese bomb Attu while men watch a movie

[0:32:09] service to S type submarines, primitive nature of S type submarines, assignment to Devilfish submarine

[0:35:00] submarine missions in the Aleutians, purpose of the sub tender, base at Attu, USS Beaver as the only sub tender in the Aleutians, where the sub sailors stayed on Attu

[0:36:56] food on board the USS Beaver and on submarines, impressions of the Aleutians as a young man, submarine school, choosing which submarine to sign on to

[0:40:23] the Devilfish (SS-292), Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Devilfish sister ships, sequence of completion of the Cramp submarines, learning of the fate of the Escolar and Hackelback while enroute to Hawaii in the Devilfish, Cramp Shipbuilding boats earn the title of "jinxed"

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[0:44:18] fate of two officers after transfer to another sub

[0:45:13] kamikaze aircraft hit on the Devilfish

[0:53:03] career with Western Electric following the war, secret torpedos

[0:56:13] discharge from service, marriage, considering a job with both General Electric and Western Electric, years of employment at Western Electric

[0:58:08] war time experiences that shaped his life, facing death, keeping in touch with ship mates, meeting fellow ship-mate George Reynolds after many years had passed