

#172(part 2) HOWARD TROST - PHOTOS

Chris Conybeare (CC): . . . walking down Hotel Street, Honolulu in July of '41. Both were attached to the USS *ANTARES*. What . . . are you rolling?

--: Yeah. Yeah, we've been rolling all this time.

CC: What was --- do you remember that incident, or do you remember that picture?

Howard Trost (HT): Yeah, I sure do. That's one of our lean and mean liberties and we were walking down Hotel Street, probably heading for the Black Cat to eat some chow, but that picture there is right opposite Wo Fat's, almost at the entrance to Wo Fat's right there. That was --- I was twenty years old at the time.

CC: You guys . . .

HT: Pretty sharp?

CC: . . . look pretty sharp. (HT chuckles) Like to --- a little bit of pride there, you think?

HT: Yeah. You can tell by the walk. Yeah, we were --- I don't know what ever happened to DE-KOON-IS, I lost track of him and none of the other fellows that I know, know what happened to him. But we were on liberty. You see, also in 1941, liberty was curtailed. I guess about after September, liberty went at ten, and you had to be back at four, because we were blackout after.

CC: So you were really in . . .

HT: Wartime conditions.

CC: . . . war conditions.

HT: Yeah, we really were.

CC: And so this took place on . . .

HT: July of '41.

CC: July of '41.

HT: That's just when the, well, about couple months after the fleet got out there.

CC: So things were a little easier . . .

HT: Right then, yeah.

(Conversation off-mike.)

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HT: After we went into the yard, after we got back to the Pearl and things were more or less settled down, the ship was mounted with a five-inch fifty on

the bow and the stern. And we had a three-inch here, on either side, and we had a three-inch here. Go ahead.

CC: No, no.

HT: On either side. And then we had two twenties here and two twenties here, and there's four twenties here. And I had my twenty here, because, again, I was interested in aviation . . .

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HT: . . . on River Street. The New Senator was one of the many . . .

CC: Try it again without . . .

HT: Okay. The New Senator was one of the many houses of ill repute located on River Street.

CC: And there's some indication here that maybe some people from your ship even knew about such a place?

HT: Oh, I'm sure . . .

END OF INTERVIEW