

FRANK FRAME

FRANK: He asked if you were on the 534. So his son who lives in Ohio and scuba dives and he said he was going to go over there. I guess he never did. John Wilson Jr. Neil John Wilson, you will probably see him. He is a quadapalegic.

LINDA: I haven't got him scheduled for an interview yet. But I talked to him yesterday. His daughter and her husband are thinking of coming in.

FRANK: It is quite interesting. His daughter is married to a surgeon.

RON: The camera is rolling. Let's go on. Ron started telling jokes.

LINDA: Blackburn, I called this one. Not him. Linda explained how she finds the men. They had a discussion on who has been found.

RON: Let's begin by giving me your name, rank, and where you served.

FRANK: My name is Frank Frame. I was a Seaman First Class. I went overseas in October of 44 and got on the LST 534 in Wymouth, England.

RON: Were you drafted?

FRANK: No. I joined the Navy. I was 17.

RON: Where did you take your basic training? How did you wind up ultimately.

FRANK: I took basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas. This little place close to Texas City. Right below Houston. I had ten weeks of boot camp.

RON: Was that the Navy?

FRANK: Navy.

RON: Never heard of Camp Wallace.

FRANK: It was Army before that, and the Navy took it over and ran 10,000 troops through there. Boot training and then they made a receiving station out of it for the Navy.

RON: So just ten weeks there and then where did you go from there?

FRANK: Well I went to New York City, Pier 92. Well I got a week boot leave and then came back and went there. We stayed in New York City and caught a ship out of there. English Ship. HTM Tyler Orr. Anyway we went to Plymouth, England from New York.

RON: So what did you think about the war and the things you were going to be doing. How did it appear to you at that time.

FRANK: Well I really didn't give it much thought when I went in. I just wanted to go help do what I could. I had a brother who was in the Navy too. He was on an LST also. I had no idea we were going to go to the European theatre but that is where we ended up at. Start with.

RON: You weren't frightened when you went in?

FRANK: No. It didn't bother me. I didn't have enough sense.

RON: So you missed the Normandy invasion.

FRANK: Yes I missed it.

RON: By how much.

FRANK: From June the 6 to October but it was later part of October when I got over there.

RON: So you were on those milk runs back and forth across the channel.

FRANK: Made one trip up the run, up the river to Ruen, France.

RON: What were those trips like?

FRANK: Some of them were pretty nice and some were pretty rough. That channel is pretty choppy. And most of the soldiers we had they would fuss about the Navy, they wouldn't be in the Navy for nothing. The next time they would come on and they would maybe have two or three trips that were smooth but most times it is rough. Well they would cuss and though they were in the Navy it was the best place to be. You had a good place to sleep, good food.

RON: You were transporting replacement troops.

FRANK: Troops and tanks. Of course we carried tanks and trucks.

RON: Did you take wounded back.

FRANK: No, we didn't have any wounded. We just took them over there and came back. At least while I was on there.

RON: You took troops over what did you bring back?

FRANK: Nothing. We just came back and picked up more troops.

RON: How long were you in the service?

FRANK: Two years and about two weeks. See I joined up for the duration of the six. Duration of six months is what you joined up for at that time and then reserve.

RON: So duration plus six months. So if it lasted 5 years you were there.

FRANK: Yes.

LINDA: The LST took troops, tanks, fuel. For them to go back empty, there wasn't anything to take back right?

FRANK: Nothing to take back. They left it there at least the biggest part of it.

LINDA: After you empty you probably were able to sail back quicker.

FRANK: It didn't really matter. They had a bunch of them. When I was on it we made about 11 trips across the channel. I wasn't over there ver long.

LINDA: You were under Captain Olson?

FRANK: I didn't know him really well. He was a mustang. He comes up through the ranks.

RON: Let's talk about this a little since you mentioned Captain Olson. There were two Captains on that ship for a period. Captain Olson can you tell us a little bit about him and what kind of man he was.

FRANK: I really don't know too much about him. Like I said he was what we called a "mustang". He came up through the ranks. He was a signalman in the Navy and then worked along and they made him an officer. He knew his business about ships pretty well. He was real good.

RON: How old a guy was he?

FRANK: I don't know now. He must have been around 45 or better. He was one of the older men compared to us.

RON: At the time Captain French was the Executive Officer. Younger?

FRANK: Yes. Didn't know too much about him either. He was kind of. He didn't have much communication with us. Every once in a while. He would go through his officers.

RON: The difference in the personalities was one was close to the men, the other was detached. What did you do on the ship?

FRANK: I was on the deck force. I was a seaman. Mostly chipped paint. Put it on one day and take it off the next. You stood watch. Everybody had watches. You had gun tub watches. When you were underway pulling the conning tower and then I have also stood and watched on the helm and radar. They would use you wherever they needed you.

RON: You knew Henry Alvers?

FRANK: Yes.

RON: What are your memories of him?

FRANK: Well he was a real nice fellow. Real quiet he seemed to be.

RON: Did you have any interaction with him?

FRANK: Oh yeah I worked with him quite a bit because he would be over me when we were painting and chipping paint and he would take a wire brush and chip it off and brush it and paint it and the next day go back and chip it again.

RON: Now he drove the LCD.

FRANK: Yes the LCDP.

RON: But you don't do that all the time.

FRANK: Not when you're underway.

RON: So what would his job be when you were underway?

FRANK: Same as everybody else. He would stand watches. Most of the time we were cleaning up whatever we had to do.

RON: He was older than you. You were probably the youngest person on the ship.

FRANK: There was another guy who was younger than I was. I think he went in when he was 16.

RON: It was illegal wasn't it.

FRANK: His prents had to sign the papers.

RON: Well when you got back you were still only 18 or 19.

FRANK: I was 19 when I got out.

RON: So after the European theatre, after the milk runs you came back and went to the Pacific. Have a leave for a while?

FRANK: Got a 30 day leave. Went to NY and Hoboken. We went down to Hoboken New Jersey and picked up the ship. They put two more LCBP's on the ship, boat davits and LCBP's.

RON: Did you go back to Oklahoma then for R & R?

FRANK: I was in Texas at the time.

RON: Where did you leave from to go to the Pacific. Did you have to go back east again?

FRANK: We came back to Hoboken, NJ. Picked up the ship, went down to Cuba, Panama, up the West Coast to San Diego and then out to Pearl Harbor. I don't remember exactly, I know we went to Saipan, Guam.

RON: Were you attacked.

FRANK: No. Nothing was there.

RON: So cake run.

FRANK: Until we got to Okinawa.

RON: So Okinawa was the kamikaze attack. That was the first combat that you saw?

FRANK: Yes. In England we went up to Seine River to Ruen but we were never bothered.

RON: They were still fighting in France at the time. Give me the story from your perspective of that kamikaze attack. How it happened and who was there.

FRANK: We had general quarters of course. Everybody was at their stations. I was a pointer with a 20mm on the port side of the fan tail and back behind us there was a little hill back there on the other side of the bay, the harbor I should say, and I see this airplane coming up over this side and really we didn't have much time to give a command to fire. We didn't know if it was an enemy ship or not. It came on in and other people fired at it but we didn't because we didn't get the command to fire. So I never did fire really. But it was coming right at us. Right at the fantail.

RON: You couldn't tell the difference

FRANK: Yes you can but that is what took a while to figure it out. Of course you had the old kind training, boot camp speciality of different planes. You see them.

RON: So you see this Japanese plane coming at you and no one is telling you to shoot?

FRANK: You are told to obey orders and that is what you have to do.

RON: So you never fired at it?

FRANK: No.

RON: And what part of the ship were you on?

FRANK: On the stern. He was coming right at us. He got to the stern and there was snorts firing. There was alot of ships firing at him. He veered off to the right and came into the side of the ship.

RON: If he hit the stern you might not be here.

FRANK: That is true.

RON: You didn't think about that at the time?

FRANK: You don't have time to think.

RON: Could you see the pilot of the plane?

FRANK: Yes you could see him in there. Sarres said he shot at him with his 45. He emptied it. He had a 45 and he was shooting at it.

RON: He didn't tell us. He was a little more conservative here. So you hit the ship, all hell breaks loose, what do you do.

FRANK: Well I had to stay on my gun. I don't know how really long it was before the fire started and the ship caught afire. It seemed like we put it out and then it caught fire again and we had to go back and do it again.

RON: So during all that you are sitting up there in gun territory.

FRANK: No, not all of it. We got relieved and then we had to go fight the fire then. We didn't have nothing, none of our copes would work at that time. We had to get other ships around us to come in there and smaller vessels to give us pumps where you could have a fire hose to fight it with.

RON: How many people were killed.

FRANK: I think it was three. That is what it says in here.

RON: Were many of the ships personnel killed or were they dockworkers.

FRANK: CB's mostly. Unloading the ship.

RON: Did you know any of them.

FRANK: Not really. I saw them working up and down but I couldn't tell you which ones got killed.

RON: You were in the typhoon as well.

FRANK: Two of them.

RON: Two. Tell me a little about that. That had to have been an experience. That can be worse than the kamikaze attack.

FRANK: It was kind of hairy. We were tied up to, actually floated the ship, they built some coffer dams on the legs, kind of a fancy looking affair. Pumped all the water out from behind them and got us floating again. Took us out entirely except an old victory ship that had been torpedoed and they made a supply ship out of it and we were working on that helping them with the supplies and stuff. You had all different ships come in and we were working on that when the typhoon hit. Well we had ropes that you tie up to another ship. It kept breaking the lines when the tides kept getting rough. We had a TNH Halsey we tied on the back which is a big rope and the typhoon finally broke all of them on the side and they come around and we were just hanging on with a big hoser and it snapped them like a tree it did. It blew us out there. We didn't have any control. All we had were our engines because another ship had come it and needed part of our steering for theirs and they took it off of ours. But we had both engines and you could put it in forward and reverse and kind of control the ship which way you wanted to go. That is what we did. We were loaded right out there in the harbor and there were other ships out there too doing the same thing. Almost anything that could get out of the harbor went on out into the ocean. Then this one ship we bumped up against and one of the men jumped over on that ship and then jumped back on our ship. This is a wind of about 116 miles an hour. Pretty hairy. So we got up there and we dropped our stern anchor which is on a cable. And we had a big wench backer. It held for a little while and then finally it broke the cable. Then we go out there again and finally decided, they did, to drop the bow anchor. But the ship, we were afraid to do that would pull us in too on account of where the kamikaze hit you had a hole in the bottom of the ship about 20 feet by 30 feet and all that was holding it together was the sides. So we dropped the bow anchor and we didn't have any communications with the cunning tower which controls the engines. We had to line up on the deck and tell which way the chain was tending. Try to keep a little slack in the chain. Had the engines going. But it was real, you could

hardly hear anything with winds at 116 miles winds you had to communicate with men lined down the deck.

RON: Were they strapped.

FRANK: No. In between there you had no wind. We had an LCT on there before. It ended up on the top deck. We had it taken off with another ship. They had a big old crane and they picked it up. But where this LCT was sitting you had these big old timbers going across the deck and guys could kind of hold onto that.

RON: 116 mile an hour winds. Did you lose anybody?

FRANK: No. Never lost anybody. Then finally we washed up on the beach where the dregs got everything. We backed up on this dredge. We found out where we were at. Backed up, put the engine in reverse and backed up on that and tried to stay there. Better than going out to the harbor.

RON: Safer on land?

FRANK: Yes. So we stayed there.

RON: How long did that storm last?

FRANK: Gosh I couldn't tell you. Two or three days I guess.

RON: You were out there for 3 days.

FRANK: Well we weren't out in the harbor that long. I guess maybe two days while it lasted I don't know for sure.

RON: Why did they decide to scuttle the ship after that?

FRANK: It wasn't worth fooling with and it was the end of the war. It had made it.

RON: Let's go back. The second typhoon was worse.

FRANK: Yes.

RON: But you were already on the beach.

FRANK: Yes, but we were sitting on the ship.

RON: Did you have a better way of dealing with it. I mean after the first one was over you had a little lull and everybody says

FRANK: I never figured that out. We did put the engine in reverse and backed up as far as we could get. I didn't have nothing to do with it. It was the officers.

RON: When did you leave the ship. When did you finally abandon it?

FRANK: Gosh I don't know. We lived on the beach there for a while. Lived up on the hill there.

RON: Tell me a little about life there.

FRANK: It was pretty rough at first. We didn't have any place to stay. We finally got some tents. You go find yourself a place and set it up. We were up pretty close to a top of a hill. Not the top of it but the side. Really it was pretty nice living. We didn't have nothing to do really. Just kind of look around there.

RON: Was there revelry in the morning? Did you have to get up?

FRANK: No we didn't have to answer much to anybody. We just had to go down to eat and check in with somebody once in a while. We were just there.

RON: You mean there was no real authority.

FRANK: Not too much as far as that goes.

RON: And how long were you there. Were you there for a few months?

FRANK: I don't remember when we left for sure. Maybe in November. I think it was.

RON: Where did you go?

FRANK: We went to California.

RON: So you went down on the Liberty ship?

FRANK: I was on an APA, USS Randall. I don't remember the number of it.

RON: How did that happen. Disorganization and there was nobody around. You are sitting up there in a tent kind of doing your thing.

FRANK: I guess he was there but it didn't seem like we had too much to do. They might use us sometimes to work on a party. We might have to go on the ship and stand a watch sometimes.

RON: So you were still assigned.

FRANK: Yes. You will still assigned to it.

RON: You were still assigned to it even though nobody was on it.

FRANK: No there is working on it. You had to have some people there for security.

RON: Why couldn't you just sleep on the ship.

FRANK: Well it was real dirty after the fire. We had to clean it up later. We had to wash all the bunk heads down. Get it ready so you could live on it.

RON: The story about the guy who, they took the ship out obviously and sunk it in Buckner Bay. You were telling me a little earlier about somebody who actually dove on the ship.

FRANK: That was John Wilson. He told me he had seen somebody that had been over later, several years later, over in Buckner had been scuba diving and they saw this ship on the bottom and asked if it was an LST. Asked if it was the 534 the number is still on it and he said yes that was what it was.

RON: That is interesting. Have to get an underwater crew.

FRANK: If it is still there. They might have moved it.

LINDA: Can you imagine diving down and seeing the numbers 534.

FRANK: John Wilson's son, John Wilson, Jr. he is a scuba diver and he was figuring on going over and doing that. I don't know if he has or not.

LINDA: Well we will send him and a crew over.

RON: When the war was over what did you do? Came back to Oklahoma?

FRANK: No I live in Texas. I came back to Texas. Live in a little place called Alamore Texas. My folks did. I came back out there and it is a ranching community. I didn't do much of anything for a while and then I went to work , kind of day working they called it, on these ranches having round ups and it is a pretty rugged country. It is quite different.

RON: Pan handling there.

FRANK: No. It is close to El Paso. It is about a 100 miles east of El Paso. In the Eagle Mountains. There were several different mountains there. I worked up in there.

RON: How do you think the war affected you?

FRANK: It made me grow up right quick I'll say that. Other than that I don't know. Didn't really have no chance to be a kid because you grew up in such a hurry you have to accept responsibility and go on about your business and actually I did several different things. I went to school, the summer of 47 and then I went to work for Odessa Texas, I went to work for a contractor building houses. Then I worked in a mine in Van Hard Texas or Alamore up in the Eagle Mountains . Then I went to work for El Paso Natural Gas in 49 and I stayed with them for 37 years. So that is really about it.

RON: Now you are retired.

FRANK: I retired in 1986.

RON: Where did you meet your wife?

FRANK: I met her in Jal. Jal, New Mexico. The way it got its name was a cattle company came in there a long time ago the James A. Lynch Cattle Company and they rode all the cattle in that had the brand on them JAL.

RON: So they were there how many years ago?

FRANK: We are married 42 years.

RON: And now you are living back there?

FRANK: Yes I retired there.

RON: Some of the CB's were killed.

FRANK: Oh year Civil Battalion. They were all Civil Engineers. They built roads, fields, everything else. CB Battalions they called them.

RON: This is just for cutting. You say an APA is a boat.

FRANK: It is a ship not a boat. But I came back on an APA. The name was Randall and they are a troop transport carriers are what they are.

RON: What does APA stand for?

FRANK: Attack Personnel . I don't know now. Then I was on an APD after the war. That is Attack Personnel Destroyer. I was on two of them after I came back.

RON: But these APA's was troop transports taking people back and forth.

FRANK: Yeah they took them back home. Most of us rode on an APA.

RON: What kind of accommodations did they have for sleeping.

FRANK: They had us stacked in there like sardines. You had a bunk you could lay on but it was very far in-between, you turn over sideways you bump the guy above you. But it was a way to go home. That is where we wanted to go.

RON: How long did it take you to get back.

FRANK: I don't really know. About ten days I think.

RON: Did they feed you well. You got to eat twice a day. That is the way they usually feed you. You get a little more in the evening.

RON: No lunch.

FRANK: No lunch.

LINDA: What was the time frame between the fire, the last fire after the kamikaze plane and the typhoons. Was it days, weeks?

FRANK: It had to be weeks. Several weeks. It was after the war when the typhoons hit.

LINDA: So the end of the way was mid August where was the 534 the day you heard the Japanese surrendered.

FRANK: I think we were tied up to that victory ship out there. And then all of a sudden, I thought an invasion was coming, everybody started firing their guns. All the tracers. You could see them. We thought we had done had it now. I thought the Japanese really launched a lot of kamikaze's and everything and come to find out it is just the end of the war and people were celebrating. And realized that all that stuff that was going in the air was going to come down so I got underneath something.

RON: Didn't anyone get hurt?

FRANK: Not that I know of. Never heard of it.

LINDA: So you didn't know the war had ended you got from word of mouth

FRANK: Our communications on the ship.

LINDA: That must of made you guys feel pretty good after you have been through this kamikaze with fires.

FRANK: Oh yeah. Of course we heard about the bombs they dropped over there. Ain't no bomb that big.

RON: Take a look at this picture and tell me a little bit about it.

FRANK: I really didn't know who that was until yesterday. That is Mederios. He was right there on the gun tub on a 40mm and that is right on the fantail and they were looking at that plane coming right at them. There was a ship next to us they said probably caused this. It was shooting at this plane coming by and then when this plane was coming down toward the fantail it made a dip out and then come in to the side of the ship. They

were following it with their guns. Get the gun tub on the side and the whole ship can explode. This is where he got hurt. He came a calling out of the gun tub and on his right shoulder, I thought it was left, but he told me yesterday that it was the right hand side. Blood was squirting out. He came over by us and I said I am going down to the sick bay to get somebody to help and of course I was still at my station on the 20mm.

LINDA: Would my father ever have been on a gun?

FRANK: Yes. He probably was. He was probably there. I think where he was hit is where it blew up. I don't really know.

RON: He was blown off the ship and landed on another ship.

FRANK: I don't think there was another ship close by us. Right where the melting is sticking up is where he got it.

RON: Look at this picture and tell me about it.

FRANK: That would be over on the dock there. See you pull it up in front of this dock, the front of the ship is pulled up to this dock, your bow doors are open and you have your ramp down and the rest of the ship is out in the water. But this has to be the plane where part of it come over there and hit the dock. It hit the side and then probably fell over there and the biggest part went right on through the hole that it made in the side of the ship.

RON: Some the wings and some of the things probably came off.

ROLAND: The wings probably. I say it is wings but I don't know. Maybe it is part of the tail.

RON: The pilot was killed instantly.

FRAME: Oh yeah. They had already removed his body and everything before we saw anything. Of course they raised the ship up.

RON: The torpedo explosion?

FRAME: That is a five hundred pound bomb.

RON: You mean the bomb exploded.

FRAME: Yes it went inside and exploded. That is what really messed us up. That is what tore things up.

RON: The plane itself wouldn't have done that?

FRAME: No. It was a five hundred pound bomb that did it. They figured that was what it was.

RON: This here.

FRAME: That was where the topside was. Where the metal is right there. This is the LCT sitting on top of the deck here.

RON: Did it get damaged?

FRAME: Not by the bomb itself but by the fire. They had to go in there and redo the screws and everything on it. They say it I don't know. This is where we were sitting down after everything was over with. Up on the top deck that is where the deck is setting up there. Where the bomb went off. It blowed the deck up.

That was when it was on fire (looking at another picture). I was right there where the smoke is coming out. They had a cargo hatch and me and another ole boy we had a fire nozzle, a long piece of pipe with a nozzle on it and we were making a spray. And everybody was putting, they had a lot of foam. Different ships to put on there. Foam helped put the fire out. Of course we had a bunch of diesel fuel, tires, octane gasoline and carbide. Carbide was what I was trying to think of. We had a bunch of carbide and of course water and carbide don't mix. You get water on carbide it builds up. And they had quite a bit of that in there too. We got it out one time and it caught fire again.

RON: Tell me about the encampments that are surrounding this. That is on Okinawa?

FRAME: I didn't realize this was a hospital tent but we standing up in here later. They made a tent right here pretty close to the ship. We swung over to the right from what this shows. That is where we stayed. They put a bunch of cots in there and that is where we stayed for a few days. I guess until they could get back on the ship.

RON: How long would it take you to get from the tent to the ship.

FRAME: May be five or ten minutes.

RON: Did you ever write to your folks or your family about this.

FRAME: No you couldn't say much about what went on.

RON: You couldn't write and say hey we were hit by this kamikaze?

FRAME: No you couldn't say that.

RON: Didn't you guys go home?

FRAME: Yeah, you went home but you just told them what you ate that day. Now from what Mederios told me last night this is where we got this is where the three men that we got hurt. I remember going to the hospital. Her daddy, Mederious, and another fella was in this ambulance here.

RON: Look through the pictures and make comments if you want.

FRAME: This picture was after the ship was hit. It is sitting down on the bottom right here by the dock and everything was over. The next picture here was the LCT we had on the deck. Usually what they do the ship will lean over and they put a lot of water in the ballast tanks and bring it over and slide it off into the water and we couldn't do that on account of the hole in the bottom of the ship so they found a big ship with a crane on it, a big crane. That is what they are doing. They picked this LCT up and they pulled our ship. They moved the ship right next to it. They picked it up and moved the ship out. And then they let it down in the water and unload the LCT. The third picture is after we got hit. Of course there is a lot of smoke coming out of there. It shows where the deck had been blown up. Guys were working there.

This is a picture here along the side of the ship where the plane went in. The bomb and the plane of course were all together and then you see where the wings hit on each side. And this is the top of the ship where the deck comes up, after the LCT was taken off you see. Here we are still left there at the dock. I don't have these in order. But there is the hole there. This is the old, this is a victory ship we tied up to. And here is another picture of the deck up there. And this is a picture of the executive officer.

LINDA: French.

FRAME: No. French, yes it is. That is who they said it was. I didn't know. This is a victory ship it had been torpedoed and the big hole in the side of it. That is the one we tied up to for the supply ship. Here we are. This is where we backed up on, we had been dredged out after the typhoon. The LST. This is a Victory Ship the IX229. They probably find out what the number is and the name of it is. This is where we are tied up to the victory ship here. It shows here ship here. Here's another picture. You can see the wings here.

LINDA: Brave little guy wasn't he.

FRAME: Well they did that. This is a man that had a cargo. That is Ritter there. John Ritter.

LINDA: We haven't found him yet. What is this one.

FRAME: That is just another picture. This is where the plane went in. The kamikaze hit. Here we are tied up to the dock. I think that is John Ritter again right there. But this is where the ship sat on the bottom right there. If we had been out in the harbor in deeper water we would have sunk. There was no way out of it. This is the Ridule? Black Gang. All the guys in the engine room.

LINDA: Do you know all of them.

FRAME: Well I might be able to tell you there are names on the back of there I think. This was a picture I got made when I came across the international dateline. Everybody across and that is

grease all over. I don't know who these guys are here really. But I was in there somewhere too. They cut your hair off and they put this grease.

Well when I crossed the International Dateline the guys who had never been over it before, Captain and all, they cut our hair off and then they took grease, dirty oil and just gave us a good bath in it and you had to do a lot of things. Crawl on your knees. Pretty rough there for a while.

RON: Today they court martial you for doing that.

FRAME: Oh yeah. These guys I don't know. There's Sharpes, Piseo, Landhouser I think. I think I have the names on the back. Atlas where your father was, Mederios and the other guy. Now this is a picture of the Black Gang. This is Mr. Fielder.

LINDA: He was the Engineering Officer right.

FRAME: Yes. He is here. I saw him the other day. Now here is your daddy. I'm sorry no that is John Mederios. We can look at these later. I think I have the names on them. That is Larry Gray and that is Piseo. This guy here he is dead now.

LINDA: What kind of outfit is this?

FRAME: It looks like trunks. I think it is the same guy as over here. I think it is Piseo. See they are unloading the ship. Some of the barrels didn't burn I guess.

LINDA: Those were oil tank barrels?

FRAME: Oil and gasoline. You had both on there. I don't remember exactly how many we had on there. Some of these kinds I don't remember too well. I believe that is Piseo again. That is a generator there. That is what that is.

LINDA: Did you use that on board the ship.

FRAME: After we got hit we didn't have any electricity so we used that generator until they could get electricity for lights and whatever we needed. This is tied up to the dock side view. And this is going down the side of the ship see the guys here these we all Black Gang. Here we were sitting up on the Gray . That is another one where the decks blowed up there. Next Piseo gets a case of beer and I am all right. How he got that I don't know. This is when we up on the ship. You had a board there and you would walk 2 to twelve up there until you climb up to the bow of the ship. See this was the tank back here. See the water right here to the top of it. It was sitting on the bottom right there. This is again on the dock. This is after the LCT was taken off. And here we are. This is a sideview of the ship. This fellow's name here is Popdale. He was in the Deck Gang too. A real nice quiet fella. Here is a sideview of the old ship.

LINDA: That is a pretty view.

FRAME: This is when we stayed up in here. These old tents.

