

CREW MUSTER LIST : 1947-1948-1949 >

1948-1949 - George D. Winstein, ENS/LTjg < Retired Captain USCG.

1947/1948 - Eugene Pender EN2
1948/1949 - Ralph E Gallant EN1
1948/1949 - Al Charette RM2
1948/1949 - Ralph Lucchesi HM2
1948/1949 - _____ Miller ET2
1948/1949 - Jessie Gilbert ET3
1948/1949 - Dave Winship CS3
1948/1949 - George Chenny EN3
1948/1949 - Robert Bradley S1/c
1948/1949 - William Dornisch S1/c
1948/1949 - James E. Oien ET3
1948/1949 - Joe Mehojah Sn/Fn striker. (Golden Gloves, Okla.)
1948/1949 - Phillip L. Costantini ET3
1948/1949 - Donn W. Reed SA
1947/1948 - _____ Coverdale CS(SN)

Christmas time 1948, CG PBV Kodiak, flew in supplies, just before Christmas. The island has a 3300 ft cinder landing field, thus before aircraft was to land the field needed to be leveled, and rolled down to compact. We hooked the old drag behind the 6x6 and would drag all of field, then hook a large roller on and roll the field as flat as possible, as the air craft applied it's breaks, thus making deep grooves, before aircraft took off, the field was leveled again, with same equipment.

In this supply were fresh eggs, produce, a few Pineapples from Hawaii.. Just before Christmas the Cook Dave Winship CS3, opened a box of Turkeys, four to a box, they were dated 1944, all four were black, thus next box, dated 1945, was opened, it too, had 3 blacken turkeys, the next box dated 1945, all turkeys were OK, the cook, brought in for thawing, 2 large turkey, Spam, Ham, and cooked, the Ham, Spam has a brown sugar glaze, along with pineapple slices. and vegetables. All in all, very good dinner..

The station was heated in all the buildings with diesel oil heaters, except Generator building. The main hut had the CO Qtrs in one end, next to CO, was EN1 room, this end of "Q" hut had the Radio Gear, two watch's daily, AM/PM #2 Crew, sleep, #3 Galley, 2 rm sleep Qtrs. and Galley. Across from Galley was a storage building #4"Q" Hut held 2 Hill Diesel Generators, Lights, and normal power for all other items, 2 Caterpillar V-8 Generators for Loran Power. #5 hut, ET Loran gear.

During summer weather, we had electric power pump to furnish water to galley, and heads, until, freeze time we had running water, two 5 gallon buckets, you get from galley, run to water storage building, up ladder, dip buckets, and run same back to galley, to heat water on galley range, fuel oil fired.

During spring, summer weather, as water in tanks were down, you drained one at a time, lowered man in to tank, to clean, we had 2 each 15,000 gallon tanks and 1, 30,000 gallon tanks, they were Cedar wood tanks.. At first cleaning in spring of 1948, we installed a piping valve set up, to keep from having to go up ladder to top of tank to dip water, this was more safe, and far better of anyone getting hurt..

The water supply, was a Cistern 1/4 mile from station, we cleaned out this area before we ever pumped water to fill tanks, as Rain Deer, drank from this water when they came to this area. They had free run of the whole Island.

The station had a large supply of 50 gallon drums to be used to transport diesel fuel from 13 miles away to CG Loran Station, haul empty barrels, to town/dock area, when supply vessel was due, the empty barrels went out in 50 ft work boat, was filled, hauled back to small dock, at that time we had no harbor, as of

today.. we had a supply of 5000 empty barrels to supply the Loran station, as supply is only when low, and weather allows.. The barrels were lifted from boat, set on to truck, for haul to Station, or set on dock, it was a round the clock work, until the fuel was all on land, as the seas allowed. Each Monday morning the Fuel King, filled all barrels at each location, weather was always a factor.

Once a year the Fish and Wild Life Service, was supplied from Dutch Harbor or States side orders. No Military supplies were allowed. This was for FWL, and Eskimo Familys. approx, 300 Natives in Village.

The Island was noted for the Harvest of Fur Seal, two year old only.. est. 250,000 seal count, this count was done from raised platforms in seal bedding areas.

We had little contact with the Island People, but several would hike to CG Station to see a movie, visit, have a meal with crew, some elected to sleep over in extra "Q" Hut, a place for Visitors, or we drove them back to edge of town area.

Enclosed is a letter, that Mr. Winstein, good ole Texas Boy.. George came up through the ranks.. My first year in The Coast Guard, was enlighting, far different than the Navy..

I'm not sure if this is of any interest to you, but it is part of our history.

No, vertical Rain, only Horizontal, same with snow, hail, wind, nothing of growth more than knee high, unless it was man made building..

Our photos, may not be of the best quality, but what you see is what you get.

Ralph E Gallant ENCS USCG Ret.

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