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An Interview with Philip John Dziuk

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Philip John Dziuk was born on March 24, 1926 in Foley, Minnesota. After passing a radio training test in 1944, Dziuk was officially inducted into the Navy in January 1945. After receiving boot camp training in Great Lakes, Illinois, Dziuk was transferred to Herzl College in Chicago for primary naval training. He then returned to Great Lakes for three months of elementary Electricity and Radio Material training. He was eventually sent to Treasure Island, California where he learned transmitting, radar, and sonar training.

Treasure Island eventually became an embarkation point to the South Pacific. Since his radar training was very confidential, Dziuk had to purposely ignore the soldiers who were boarding to leave for the South Pacific. He recalls how upsetting it was because he knew those men were going to die. After the dropping of the atomic bombs, Dziuk finally finished school in January 1946. He returned to Camp Shoemaker now as an enlisted officer. He became a shore patroller in San Francisco and later Hawaii, where he would watch after and protect drunken soldiers. Dziuk also was a petty officer on the U.S.S. Ajax ship, responsible for keeping soldiers awake and for routine radar duty. The U.S.S. Ajax traveled to Hawaii and Bikini Atoll, where atomic bombs were tested.

After a stint at a transmitter station at Lualualei, Hawaii, Dziuk was discharged on August 4, 1946. The day after he returned home, Dziuk went back to working on the family farm again.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Foley, Minnesota; Great Lakes, Illinois; Herzl College, Chicago, Illinois; Treasure Island, California; Camp Shoemaker; San Francisco, California;; U.S.S. Ajax ship, Bikini Atoll, Hawaii; Lualualei, Hawaii.

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