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Dr. Marcello: This is Ron Marcello interviewing Clifton B. Huff for the North Texas State University Oral History Collection. The interview is taking place on May 14, 1982, in Austin, Texas. I am interviewing Mr. Huff in order to get his reminiscences and experiences and impressions while he was a member of the 11th Field Artillery Brigade, Headquarters Battery, at Schofield Barracks during the Japanese attack there on December 7, 1941.

> Mr. Huff, to begin this interview, just very briefly give me a biographical sketch of yourself. In other words, tell me when you were born, where you were born, your education things of that nature. Just be very brief and general. I was born in Bastrop County in 1919, at McDade, Texas. I growed up in Bastrop County, never did leave Bastrop County, I went to school at Ramsey School--my first school...no, I take it back. It was the Mesquite School. Then we moved over to the Butler Brick Company, where my father worked. Then I went to school at Ramsey, Then my dad got an eye hurt, and he had to move to Paige, Texas, then I went to school at Paige.

Then times got hard, and my dad put me in the CCC camp at Bastrop, Texas. I helped build two parks at Bastrop, Texas. Then they sent me to Espanola, New Mexico. I stayed in the CCC Camps for three years. I came home--got an honorable discharge,

This was the Depression time now, so I decided I'd join the Army because I'd mingle with boys, men, of my age and everything. So I joined the Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

- Marcello: When was that?
- Huff: This was 1938,
- Marcello: Why did you join the Army as opposed to one of the other branches of the service?
- Huff: Well, I decided I liked the artillery. I liked the artillery, so I joined that. I didn't give it no thought about the Navy or the Air Force at that time. So I stayed in the Army there sixteen months because I couldn't get a rating--I couldn't make no rating. But when I did put in for Hawaii in 1940, they decided they would make me a 1st class. But I had already made my appointment to go to Hawaii. One of my buddies that chummed with me, ol' Charles Hayes, he went to the Philippines, and I went to Hawaii.
- Marcello: Did you take your basic training there at Fort Sam Houston? Huff: Fort Sam Houston, When I joined up, I had to wait about three months for other people to join where I could have basic training because there was no people joining the Army at that time.

My monthly wages was \$21 a month, but as much as I could draw from the pay table was \$19,25. I went to Hawaii because I was going to make more money,

- Marcello: Is that the only reason you decided to go to the Hawaiian Islands?
- Huff: Right, right. I'd go to Hawaii to make more money because as long as I stayed at Fort Sam Houston, everybody was staying there wouldn't turn over their ratings at all. In three weeks' time, I made 1st and 4th,
- Marcello: What does that mean when you say you made 1st and 4th?
- Huff: Well, that's a 1st class with a 4th rating,..lst specialist rating was equal to...let's see...a corporal drawed \$42, and a specialist 4th drawed \$45, so I was a specialist 1st class.
- Marcello: What does the 4th mean?
- Huff: Well, a specialist 1st was a...let's see...that would give you \$30 a month. Then I made \$15 more making the 1st and 4th.
- Marcello: Okay, I still don't quite understand what a 1st and 4th is. Where does the 4th come in?
- Huff: Well, T was a specialist 4th. See, I was a lst class, and then the specialist was...4th class was the bottom because you could run specialist 4th, specialist 5th, and on up. A specialist 5th made more money than a regular buck sergeant made, you see. But you didn't have the authority of a corporal or a sergeant. You was a specialist in your category of your what you did.

Marcello: So you had over a year in the service by the time you went to the

Hawaitan Islands?

- Huff: Nell, I got a short discharge at sixteen months from Fort Sam Nouston, but I never became a civilian. I had to sign up for three more years. So I went to Nawaii, and right away I started,..I went into the main headquarters of the 11th Field Artillery Brigade. They always called us a "dog robbing" battery. We was headquarters over all the other artillery batteries.
- Marcello: Why did they call you the "dog robbing" battery?
- Huff: Because in the afternoons,,,see, I drove for a major at that time. In the afternoons I went down to his house and shined his shoes, and sometimes I even babysat for his kiddos while him and his wife went dancing at the Officer's Club. But that was extra money in my pocket.
- Marcello: Well, why did they call this the "dog robbing" battery?
- Huff: Because we took care of all the officers and the generals and what-have-you.
- Marcello: Why was it that you wanted to get into the artillery?
- Huff: Well, it lied back when I first started to join in 1938. A man, an old fellow, told me not to join the infantry because I'd have to carry a pack on my back, "Join the artillery," he says, "but don't join the 12th Field Artillery," That's in Fort Sam Houston now. He says, "They're horse-drawn, and you would have to take care of the horses. Get in the 15th Field Artillery because it is all motorized." I waited. When

the recruiting officer told me, "We haven't got a vacancy here in the 15th Field Artillery," I told him, "Well, just forget about my application then." He said, "Oh, we'll take you." So they took me,

Marcello: What did you think about the idea of going to the Hawaiian Islands? Were you looking forward to it?

Huff: Oh, sure, I rode the ship for six days,

- Marcello: What happened when you landed in Honolulu?
- Huff: They met us out there close to Diamond Head. After we passed Diamond Head coming into Hawaii, here's all the little Hawaiian boys down below us and swimming along with the ship. People threw money over. They called them the Hawaiian divers, I believe it was. Then when we landed there, they had guys from the Fort Shafter MP Company picking out the tallest men, the biggest men, for MP's. That was their prerogative--to pick out the best. And there was a lot of officers that went over there, and their wives, and I noticed they all had a lei throwed around their neck. Later on, when I was there, the gardenia lei was a most popular one.
- Marcello: So T gather that you were not selected to be one of the MP's over at Fort Shafter?
- Huff: No.
- Marcello: Did you proceed to Schofield Barracks aboard the small train that they had there? How did you get from the docks to Schofield?

Huff: They hauled me in trucks. They hauled me up in trucks,

- Marcello: Describe what Schofield Barracks looked like from a physical standpoint. In other words, describe the quadrangle, since I think that was the center of the barracks.
- Huff: They had a long barrack, I'll say, on the north side. They had one on the...if I stood on the barracks looking out toward the FX, you had a big barrack on your right, and you had a big barrack on your left. The left one was your mess hall. You had a driveway going through each one, But from where I stayed and looked out, you had your FX over there. That's where all these buses came in to pick up people to take them down to Honolulu or take them over to gift shops in the area around there,
- Marcello: How many stories were these barracks?
- Huff: Two-story buildings.
- Marcello: Where were your quarters located?
- Huff: Up on the second floor,
- Marcello: Describe what the barracks looked like on the inside, that is, your living quarters.
- Huff: Nell, you had a building with a big beam running through the middle, maybe about...from where I slept, maybe you had one beam down the middle and one beam going from side to side.
- Marcello: About how many men would be in one of these areas?
- Huff: I'd say twenty-five men. I'm just saying that.
- Marcello: Nould they be sleeping in bunks?

- Huff: On small cots. Yes, small cots with a foot locker at the end of the bed,
- Marcello: How often would you have inspections of those barracks?
- Huff: Oh, practicially every Saturday, we had to have everything cleaned, and then we had a monthly inspection. That's when you had your locker open and you had your underwear rolled at a certain little deal. They checked that out real good and they...everything had to be so-so--your toothbrush and your soap and everything in a certain place--or else you would get gigged.
- Marcello: Describe what the food was like there at Schofield Barracks? Huff: We had a different kind of food each meal,
- Marcello: Did you like the food?
- Huff: Oh, yes, it was delicious. In fact, we had good cooks. They was in the service, too.
- Marcello: In general, how would you describe the morale of the people there at Schofield Barracks during that period before December 7, 1941?
- Huff: Before December 7, I think all the men got a long good together-real good together.
- Marcello: Why do you think that was?
- Huff: On account of our battery commander. You get a battery commander that's real good to the men, and they'll do anything in the world for that man. Like our 1st sergeant, he was a good "Joe" and our battery clerk was a good "Joe,"

Certain guys had to go and do duties after they had pulled

a performance in the morning to dinnertime. After dinner, they had to go down maybe to the motor pool and wash trucks, shine them up, get them ready for inspections. But like me, I was in the "dog robbing" section and was driving for this one man, so I took care of my car, kept it shined and everything. But in the afternoon, after I'd go to his house, I'd shine his boots, his shoes. They also got a maid there in the house taking care of the maid end of it. I'd go out and water the lawn and everything. T'd get paid extra for this, and that means money for me on a weekend.

Marcello: How much extra did you get paid?

Huff: I drawed \$15 a month plus my regular monthy pay from Uncle Sam.

- Marcello: Now what part did sports and athletics play in the life of that pre-Pearl Marbor Army?
- Huff: Before the Pearl Harbor invasion there, before they attacked us, if you didn't,..they had certain captains in the headquarters that run sports, and if you went out for sports, you are the top. You might make master sergeant real quick. You automatically got a dern good rating for being in sports, because I've seen it, I didn't participate in no sports because I took all my time for participating in driving the general and taking care of his little deals back at the house, I figured that was more concern with me than going for sports, But if you didn't go out for sports, you was left in the back.

Marcello: I understand there was a great deal of competition among the

various units in terms of sports,

Huff: Right, yes. There was lots of competition, right.

- Marcello: How about the boxing smokers? I understand they were pretty popular then.
- Huff: Yes, there was lots of that, I've seen many a boy out of my.,.young fellows.,.young men out of my outfit that would just get his butt knocked off just because he wanted to go out and try to get a rating--get a rating.
- Marcello: How widespread or prevalent was gambling in Schofield Barracks during that time?
- Huff: You had agambling thing,,,you'd go down,,,especially in the infantry, the 21st Infantry, the 35th Infantry, you used silver dollars for chips.

Actually, before I went to Hawaii, I stayed over on Angel Island for about a month, and they had guys come back from Hawaii with \$50,000 or more, and they thought that they got in big. Angel Island was worse than Las Vegas because they gambled after big money. Me, I was just a little "Joe." I would lay down maybe a little money. If I would win--double my money about four or five times--I would quit. But these guys went all the way. I've seen guys come back from Hawaii with owning \$25,000 to \$50,000 and lose it all there on that island, and then they would sign up to go back again. I still believe--T couldn't say for sure--that we did have professional gamblers in the Army.

- Marcello: What kind of gambling would this be here in Schofield Barracks? Would it be mainly cards, dice, that sort of thing?
- Huff: Blackjack and poker. I've been to some pretty stiff poker games myself, but usually I always paid a hell of a lot of price to try to learn and I always didn't never learn,
- Marcello: Okay, let's talk about the liberty routine that you had here at Schofield Barracks. How did your liberty routine work, that is, for you personally?
- Huff: Oh, the liberty was real good. If I didn't have any money to go to town, to Honolulu, some guy mabye would be on KP and have to spend the weekend on base. If he had a little money, I'd just take his routine, and he'd pay me, and I'd do his little job for him that Saturday and Sunday. The next weekend, I'd have the money to go to town,
- Marcello: Did you have a Class A pass?
- Huff: No, I'd have to get a...no,no,no, I know what you mean. To go anytime I wanted to, no, no. I think that was the men that was married. There was a lot of married people, had their wives. Well, just right behind my barracks was a complete NCO Quarters, and farther on down was another deal where you had all your officers living.

Marcello: Normally, when would you have liberty?

Huff: Well, I could have it every weekend, if I wasn't restricted to quarters, and I don't think I ever was really restricted to quarters,

- Marcello: During the course of the month, that is, during the course of a pay period, how often might you get into Honolulu?
- Huff: I could go every weekend.
- Marcello: You could go, but did you go every weekend?
- Huff: No, because of a lack of money,
- Marcello: In other words, you were limited by the amout of money that you had?
- Huff: Right,
- Marcello: When you didn't go into Honolulu, where would you go?
- Huff: I might go to a gift shop at Wahiawa, but that was a restricted place there. If you went over there in certain places, you had to be taxied in, and then the taxicab would blow their horn, and they'd open up the garage, and then you'd go in, and the taxicab would drive off. The MP's were standing out there watching for you. That was a house of ill-repute, and we was off-limits.
- Marcello: When you went into Honolulu, what would you normally do?
- Huff: Go in there and drink in the bars and then go straight to the houses and have fun with the girls (chuckle). That's all you had to do.
- Marcello: What were some of your favorite places in downtown Honolulu? Huff: Actually, I forget right now,
- Marcello: How about the Black Cat Cafe? Have you ever heard of it? Huff: Oh, yes, man, you used to drink em up in there.
- Marcello: Was there another place called the New Senate?
- Huff: Yes, I've heard of that, yes, right. If you didn't really get

underway there, they'd give you a raincheck. I was telling a buddy of mine tonight that over there, hell, we'd get into poker games, and then that raincheck cost you. I'd win them rainchecks and then later on go to Honolulu, and it'd cost you \$1.50 with a raincheck.

Marcello: This was down on the Hotel Street and Canal Street at that prostitution house?

Huff: Right,

- Marcello: T do know that Hotel Street and Canal Street had all sorts of shops and restaurants and tattoo parlors and that sort of thing.
- Huff: Yes,

Marcello: Where did you get your tattoos?

- Huff: I first started out in San Antonio, got two of them in San Antonio, and wound up in Hawaii, Everytime you'd get a little bit tipsy, you'd go get a tattoo, see. Then after you get through that tattoo, you run down there to the house. So you would get stewed, tattooed, and screwed (chuckle).
- Marcello: Now as one gets closer and closer to December 7, 1941, and as conditions between the (giggles) the United States and Japan continued to get worse, did you notice any change in your routine at all?
- Huff; No. The only thing is that right there about a week before the Japanese bombed us there, we knew that the Navy and the Air Force was on a big manuevers. Can I go to the restroom?

Marcello; Sure,

Huff: Okay, I was a driver in the main headquarters there at CP (Command Post), Well, every morning I would go get the car and bring it up, I'd salute the general one time, and that's all. I knew we was on an alert, see...not alert, but they was on manuevers, and all this rigamarole was going in through...officers were going in, and the commanders for different deals.

> But I remember that one time we took a trip and went off around through these pineapple fields, showing this commander about where these secret gun emplacements were on the island. They had already built some, see, for the protection of the island there, But it was routine--routine--and there wasn't nobody that went out of their way, and they went on about their business everyday before the Saturday night.

On the Saturday there, we all done our work and ate our chow that day at the mess hall, and I decided, "Well, hell, I'm going to go to town. I got nothing else to do." So I took off to town. I was a loner that day. I went off to town, went to the house of ill-repute to see all the girls, and messed around there. Then I went to the bar and drank some beer. Usually, they closed the bars up at a certain time at night.

- Marcello: I think they had blue laws in Honolulu, didn't they? They had to close at a certain time.
- Huff: I think it was twelve o'clock, but it's been so damn long ago. But that night I was in this place, and they just went over to lock the doors, In fact, one guy stood at the damn door, and anybody

wanted to walk in--a sailor, or as long as you had a uniform-he'd open the door and let him in, and he'd lock the door.

I drank until about three o'clock that damn morning, so I got tired of that drinking and decided I would go to Schofield. So I went up and went to the YMCA, and right there by the YMCA was where all the taxis pulled in and took us,..I think it cost 50¢ to... I always kept that 50¢ hid in my pocket, see, so I'd be sure I got back to Schofield. I got back there and went to bed.

Marcello: About how long would it take you to go from the YMCA to Schofield Barracks by taxt?

Huff: I'd say about thirty minutes,

Marcello: So it was probably close to four o'clock in the morning when you got to bed?

Huff: Yes, right.

- Marcello: All this time that you had been closely associated with these officers as a driver and so on, had you ever heard them talk about the situation getting more serious and so on? Did you ever overhear any of their conversations?
- Huff: No, they always talked low in the back of my car. They'd keep their damn mind on their business, unless they'd say, "Huff, drive us over here," and after I'd park, they would get out, and then they...I know I took them to certain meetings around in these different headquarters there in Schofield.
- Marcello: Did you ever hear them talk much about the possibility of sabotage being committed by all those Japanese who lived in the Hawaiian

Tslands?

Huff: No, I never heard them say a word about that, no.

- Marcello: When you thought of a typical Japanese, what kind of a person did you usually conjure up in your own mind? To you, what constituted a typical Japanese? This is before the war--before December 7.
- Huff: Well, you know, before the war we had them in the service, and that was our best cooks--the Japanese and Chinese. They took over all the cooking. They was damn good cooks.
- Marcello: Suppose war did come between the United States and Japan, did you and your buddies have any doubts about the outcome?

Huff: No, not at that time.

- Marcello: Did you ever think the Japanese would attack Pearl Harbor? In other words, when you sat around in your bull sessions with your buddles, did the conversation ever turn to the possibility of a Japanese attack?
- Huff: No, we never give it no thought.
- Marcello: Okay, you were mentioning your routine that Saturday evening of December 6, 1941, when you had gotten back to Schofield Barracks at approximately three or four o'clock in the morning.
- Huff: That was early in the morning on the 7th,
- Marcello: Yes, that would have been on the morning of the 7th.
- Huff: Right, I went to bed, and lived on the second floor there. All at once I heard a lot of noise, and I said, "Well, they're really getting with it down below there," because all I heard was that the Air Force and the Navy was on manuevers. I never heard nothing

about that we was on the alert or anything like that. We couldn't have been on the alert because they let us go as we pleased. We could have went to one of the big islands, I guess, if we would have asked our commander if we could have went. We had enough time to go.

So that morning I heard all that, and I put my clothes on. I had to go downstairs, go over and cross the quadrangle, over to the next building; but before I went over there, there was this plane flying around out there. I noticed him, but I didn't give no thought,

- Marcello: Now you mentioned that the first thing that you heard was noise outside?
- Huff: Big bombing! Big, big explosions down below us! That's where Wheeler Field was. It was about, I'd say, twenty blocks away, quite a ways,
- Marcello: Did other people notice it, and were they looking out the windows or anything?
- Huff: I didn't see nobody, no. I think most of the people was still sleeping or on leave. I didn't actually check. Between you and I, I don't know.
- Marcello: Okay, so you mentioned that you heard these noises, but you personally did not go to the window to look or anything?
- Huff: No. Like I say, after I got on out, here's the end of the building, and I come down, and I had to cross this one place. I looked back down, and I seen black smoke boiling up, but I

didn't give it no thought. I went over to my mess hall where I ate breadfast, got me a cup of coffee. The kitchen crew was in there, so they took my order, see, just like in a cafe, I guess. I told them I'd have two eggs over, and I stood back drinking my coffee. I fixed my coffee, and about that time I heard the bugles blowing "Call to Arms," I dropped my coffee. About this time, I looked around, up the hall of the mess hall, and here comes the lieutenant running in hollering, "We're being attacked by the Japanese! We're at war!"

Right away, I dropped everything and run to the barracks, got my field pack ready. I'd say it lapsed, from the time I left my mess hall to the barracks, about at least fifteen minutes because I always had it ready. All we have to do is... that's the main thing, because they'd always give us...before this thing, they had been calling us to "Call to Arms" to see how quick we could get ready. Well, they didn't tell us nothing about what's going on, though.

So I got my field pack and everything and had to run downstairs to the quartermaster. That's where you got your gun and drawed your ammuntion. They had to count the ammunition out. I bet it took at least twenty minutes down there to make the man give me my gun and sign for my ammunition, and then I had to leave and go to the motor pool. That was about three blocks away because it was behind,.,looking over to the PX, the motor pool was farther on up. So I went up there and got my staff car and run down to the general's house to pick him up.

- Marcello: Now is the attack still going on all this time?
- Huff: No, it's just about already over now,
- Marcello: Describe the Japanese planes that you personally saw,
- Huff: This looked to me like a two-seater with,,,not a complete cockpit that went completely over. It just had sort of a visor in front of them with a big red ball on the side, Well, T seen this one side with a red ball under the wings.
- Marcello; How low was this plane flying?
- Huff: Oh, he was real low. He was shooting, too. His machine guns was out in front.
- Marcello: Could you actually distinguish the pilot and the crew?

Huff: Yes, he had goggles on,

Marcello: Is that the only plane that you saw that came over?

Huff: That's the only one, right,

Marcello: So you mentioned that you go over to the motor pool, and you get your command car, your staff car, and where do you go from there?

Hugg: I drive on down to the general's house?

Marcello: Who is this general? You never did identify him,

- Huff: General Reinhardt, He was a one-star brigadier general,
- Marcello: So you go over to his house, What happens at that point?
- Huff: He comes out and tells me to go back up the the command post and just wait,

Marcello: In the meantime, what is he doing?

- Huff: He's in touch with the bigger command, I'm sure. So his aide took over my car, and his aide later on tells me to drive up on the hill and take a look. He had field glasses, and he was looking all over the area, and he explained to me, "Oh, the Japanese could have landed over there real easy this morning," There was always rumors coming into the main headquarters that Japanese had landed here, the Japanese had landed there. I'm in the main headquarters of the artillery, and it took the artillery until 2:30 in the afternoon to finally draw their ammunition and everything and set up beachheads out on their beach to protect the island,
- Marcello: Now were you out there, or are you still with that staff car. Huff: No, I'm still with that staff car, but I was getting these rumors that comes in to me through the lieutenant,
- Marcello; Are most of thes rumors being believed?
- Huff: Some of them, yes.
- Marcello: As you look back upon that period, would you say that the situation was one of confusion, or were the officers showing a lot of leadership in getting everything organized?
- Huff: I believe this aide to my general that I drove,...I believe that he was really concerned. I don't know the man's name today. But the other deal was confusion over everything. They don't know what to do,
- Marcello: Did you ever see any resistance being put up against these planes and so on? Did anybody set up any machine guns or anything of

that nature and fire at these planes?

- Huff: No,
- Marcello: What did you do that evening?
- Huff: We moved on down to the tunnels. I forget what base it was, but it was where they kept ammunition,
- Marcello: Was this on the Aliamanu Crater or something?

Huff: I believe that's what it was--overlooking Pearl Harbor?

- Marcello: Yes,
- Huff: That's what it was. We set up a command post back in the tunnels, but me, poor ol' me, I set up my tent down quite a ways down under some trees, little mesquite bushes like.

Marcello; You weren't quartered in the tunnels?

Huff: No, sir,

Marcello: When did you move up to the tunnels?

Huff: I never was, That's the main, , where all the officers were,

- Marcello: Well, I guess what I'm saying is, when did you take the officers up to those tunnels?
- Huff; I would say around about 2:30 in the afternoon, we moved into positions,
- Marcello: What did you do personally once you got up there around those tunnels?
- Huff; Well, I was on a stand-by because I was a driver. See, they had messengers up there. In case they needed me for a car, they would come and get me. They knew where I was.

Mavcello; Did you have a good view of Pearl Harbor from up there?

Huff: Yes, I sure did,

- Marcello: What did it look like? Describe the scene that you could see from that distance.
- Huff: Well, I could see the battleship <u>Arizonia</u> burning down there. It smoked and smoked. It burnt, , well, they hit it early that morning, around eight o'clock, and when we moved in position at two o'clock that afternoon, up on the hill there, it was still burning, and it burnt all night long,

But that night, December 7, that night about eight o'clock, there's where we had our B-17's coming in from the United States. We had never had any B-17's stationed in the island there. When they did come in, Pearl Harbor looked like a Fourth of July with their tracers, and they shot them planes all down. They couldn't land there, so the next morning they went out in the pineapple fields and found where they had belly-landed in the pineapple fields. I don't think they saved a one.

- Marcello: Did you actually witness the tracer fire that night?
- Huff; I sure did, It looked like the Fourth of July.
- Marcello; What did you think was happening when you saw it?
- Huff: I didn't know, I figured that maybe it was some Japanese airplanes trying to come back in--until I found out different. They didn't tell them to stop.

Marcello; Could you hear periodic firing all night?

Huff: Oh, not all night, no. Just for, I'd say, until ten o'clock, until they put that barrage up. I know one thing--you didn't move that night because your buddy would have shot you because they was so tense.

- Marcello: How well did you sleep that night?
- Huff: I didn't sleep too good (laughter).
- Marcello: What did you do the next day?
- Huff: Well, we got up and had breakfast. They had our food all set up for us. Then I went up and got the command car, and the we went out looking. We took a trip over across the Pali and went over and were showed where they had captured a two-man submarine on the other side of the island, and then we interviewed all that. I was driving the general, and we went on around and back to the base again,

The next day, we took another trip down to headquarters. I parked and just waited on the general and his business.

I think that on the fifth day we went across the Pali again, and that's when we found a lot of bodies that had floated up against the...the road was right against the...the ocean was right here, and the road was right here (gestures), and we spotted quite a few bodies. We stopped and counted them, and I think the general made a call back in on all that.

Marcello: How long did you remain on the Hawaijan Islands before you left? Huff: We stayed there until September, 1942, We bundled up, and all of us thought we was going to San Francisco.

Marcello: Where did you end up?

Huff: Over to New Caledonia. The Japanese couldn't get to New Caledonia

on account of all the coral reefs. They had a boat meet us way out that morning, and it brought us in through these little channels, and we got in there, and then we parked. We never got off of our ship. We waited and waited and waited there about five days, and then we bundled up and moved to the Guadalcanal. Marcello: Well, I think that's probably a good place to end this interview, Mr. Huff, because that's another story, and unfortunately we're only interested in the Pearl Harbor side at this particular time. I want to thank you very much for having participated. You have said a lot of interesting and important things, and I'm sure that scholars are going to find your comments quite valuable.

Huff: Thank you,