

I was back in the store department, I was in a loading magazine.

[Even as a store keeper, as a chief store keeper, what was your battle stations?]

Normally you had charge of loading facilities.

[Loading guns?]

Loading magazines for your different size guns. I do not believe to my knowledge any store keeper got around five inch or the sixteen.

[That's interesting. Storekeepers on carriers served as loaders on five inch, thirty-eights. That's the reason I asked. They did not on the battleship to your knowledge?]

Weren't they on damage fire control?

[Yes, they were on damage fire control and I guess the same thing was true as far as the battleship is concerned.]

I was on the forty millimeters on top of number three turret.

[Did you fire or were you a loader on the forty millimeter?]

I was a loader on that.

[Do you remember anything unusual about living conditions aboard the battleship?]

As far as the living conditions on board this ship, I believe you couldn't ask for anything cleaner and better. The crews were in fine shape to do the work. They got along good. I never saw any personal physical fights between anybody. Our division always was cooperative; nobody fought after food; we had good food.

[Considering war time conditions spam and things like that I guess.]

I think that spam and a few other things are overclassified issues. Now maybe some people did have a little more than what they should have, but we didn't. We had a regular good menu.