

ashamed to ask and I thought every time I would go down there I'd be scared and there would always be a quarter master, a electrician and me. There would always be a different one. We never let the other check. I often wondered now, I'm an electrician I've been to engineering and industrial engineering studies, now all I know is the hot rod of the unit. What you do is turn off one valve and just open it but at the time I didn't know and I always wondered. Should I push this button or that one or should I open that valve or that one. I used to say that to myself over and over and over. Since then I joined a reserve in '55 and stayed eight more years; and now in the new Navy they have little old pamphlets telling you where everything is, how to do it and all that.

[You don't have to worry about anything.]

No, but in the old Navy, man you learn the hard way.

Let me tell you when I got off in San Pedro, another man from Texas, his name was Alex Sander, was from Corpus and got off with me. I then went to Houston and he spent two days with me in Houston. I never have heard from him since but every now and then there is a dog tag with his name and address on it. Alex Sander, one of these days I might send it over here to the museum and maybe he might pick it up himself.