

Yes, Airdale is a general term that is utilized for all aviation personnel, it is not limited just to that, but yes, it is for General Airdale.

[Did the aviation unit fit in with the ships company, was it considered part of the ships company?]

Yes. Basically you are a ships company. V division on a battleship and a cruiser is specifically a ships company. It has a unit organization which means that the battle division, the battleship division like we were, Battle Division Six, the Washington and the North Carolina at that time. Then our planes when another ship joined us, our planes were up to twelve, made a squadran. The squadran was referred to as V06, Aviation Unit Observation Scout Six. The unit is your flight or your division, and it is ships company.

[Just some general things about the conditions on board ship, how would you describe the food?]

The food was very very well prepared. Of course it was a long time in storage and this certainly degenerated its quality. But this is normal. The cooks and the bakers we had were excellent in those days and what they had to work with was good; except to this day I can not eat an egg unless it is hard boiled, fried dry, or scrambled dry because of the age of the eggs in those days.

[Was it considered to be a strict ship? In other words were you required to wear the uniform of the day or even in war time you had certain shifts inspected? It had the reputation of being a strict ship that's why I asked.]

We'd have to go back to the term "A man of Warsmen." Now remembering Captain Hustvedt was relieved by Oscar C. Badger who came from a long family of old sea bitten officers. Oscar C. Badger did something