

Excerpt from Interview with Gene Bleuer

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Bleuer: And when I started to go home, I had claustrophobia so bad that they put... I told the psychiatrist that was in Japan. I told the psychiatrist; I said, "I'm not going to be able to go down with the troops in the hole. I won't make it. I have to sleep on the deck or something." And he said, "Oh, don't worry about it." This was in Japan. Right there. They put me on the USS Palau Aircraft Carrier. We occupied the sickbay on the Aircraft Carrier. And this is the — I kept that, because this is where the Captain, he was a real nice guy. He —

DePue: The ship's Captain?

Bleuer: Yeah. And they let me sleep on the hangar deck in a sleeping bag. I didn't have to go down in the hole. Onboard ship.