

## Transcript of Keith Manns Audio Clip

Keith: There were three engineers and three allocating people sent out to pick up a ship in Galveston in Texas and it was being repaired it had been badly burnt out actually. And they had to practically take the top off and put a new top bit on it. We'd been out in Galveston and we were out there for a few months actually while it was finally being repaired and there was another strange incident. We - cos we had Chinese crews, you know, on our Anglo-Sax – the Shell company had Chinese crews on nearly all their ships prior to the, you know, pre-war and they were still there during the war. And we'd only been out of Galveston for about two days and the Chinese crew mutinied. It was all to do with this business what was going on back in China and they got their orders over the phone. It happened through loads and loads of ships. You know, it was the sort of red army back in China had ordered, you know, that's it. So it wasn't against us they were annoyed but they had been told to mutiny. They were going to wear that gold braiden that was it, you know. So as you can image the skipper said to the – said to some of the naval gunners we're onboard get the Lewis guns trained and all the rest of it because the Chinese had been one step ahead of them. They had thrown all the ammo overboard the night before.

Interviewer: So you could turn the guns on them but [laughs] –

Keith: They got a bit desperate then and we sort of backed ourselves in the mid-ships and let the ships sail on sort of thing you know. And we sent for the US coast guard but then half a day later this blooming big coast guard cutter turned up with a squad of US marines onboard armed to the teeth, you know. And the Chinese gave up and they were all interned like. But then we had to sail the ship on our own just ten of us, blooming tanker full of fuel up to North of Virginia on our own.