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War hero relates Midway battle

By Tom Shelton

Two sides of World War II hero George H. Gay, the rambunctious and the reserved, were on display when he appeared in Lincoln to celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Navy and attend the UNL NROTC Navy Ball Friday.

Gay, 64, is the sole survivor of torpedo squadron eight's attack on the Japanese naval carrier fleet at the Battle of Midway. The battle, fought June 3 through 7, 1942, was one of the most important naval battles of World War II.

Gay flew one of 15 TBD1 torpedo bombers in the squadron. The TBD1's were two-man planes, making a total of 30 men in the squadron.

Gay lost his gunner, who was shot to death by the Japanese in the battle, as well as his plane.

Gay told students in a Military in American Life class that he found his part in the battle difficult to believe. Flying head-on into enemy fire, Gay survived a shot in the arm, a shot in the finger and was only seconds away from being engulfed by flames as his fire-ridden torpedo plane plunged into the sea.

"You could compare my real-life story to a fiction story, but it's true," he said.

Gay said when he approached a Japanese carrier to drop a bomb, he knew all his fellow fliers in the squadron were dead. He was the last of the U.S.S. Hornet's attack left.

Doesn't know

Gay plunged down towards the carrier, when suddenly he was shot in the finger of his left hand. Stunned, he tried to release the bombs, but couldn't because his electrical system had been shot out.

"I don't know to this day if I ever managed to drop one of my torpedoes on that carrier," he said.

Gay had only one alternative left when his torpedoes



Photo by Ole Gronli

George H. Gay

would not release: he could recklessly dive into the carrier like a kamikaze.

"At that time I didn't even know what a kamikaze was," Gay said.

Gay crashed into the ocean to put out his flaming airplane. He said he managed to make a "controlled crash" which saved his life.

After checking the body of his gunner, Gay got out of the plane and bumped into a life raft which he didn't remember releasing. To camouflage himself from the Japanese carrier, Gay covered himself with material to disguise himself as a floating black box.

Gay floated for about 30 hours and said he was able to observe the entire Battle of Midway, all the time knowing he was subject to capture.

Gay was finally plucked from the ocean by a PB8 flying boat which had spotted him the day before and came back to pick him up.

Press conference

Later Friday, Gay met in the Nebraska Union with members of the Lincoln media.

While he said he was awed by the sophistication of today's weapons, he said there aren't enough being built.

"There's a complacent attitude that everything's all right, but it isn't," he said. "When you compare our military with Russia's, well, it's frightening to me. I'm petrified about it. The Russians say they're gonna take us, and I don't know why we don't believe it."

He called President Ronald Reagan's efforts to build up the military "admirable," and said he wanted the United States to take up a policy which amends that of Theodore Roosevelt's.

"I want the stick I carry to be a club, and I want to be yelling," he said. "It's obvious we don't have what we're supposed to have."

Gay said there is still time for the U.S. military to catch up with the Soviet Union's. "We're not lost, but we've got to get going," he said.

Gay criticized the U.S. attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran which resulted in destroyed helicopters and dead soldiers. "If we can't do it right, we should have sent Moshe Dayan in to take care of it," he said.

Only minutes after he made this comment, it was announced that Israel's former defense and foreign affairs minister had died of a heart attack.

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