



BARROW'S NASUK BROWER "WINTERS" WITH THE NAVY — with temperatures taking a steep dive throughout Interior and Northern Alaska earlier this week, the Tundra Times could not resist informing our readers that an Eskimo sailor in Hawaii is enjoying balmy weather. Charles "Nasuk" Brower, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Brower of Barrow, unlike his famous Grandfather who spent "Fifty Years Below Zero," is spending "four years above seventy degrees." Nasuk, stationed aboard the fleet oiler USS Hassayampa, is seen here at one of Oahu's famous beaches with the Diamond Head crater in the background. (U. S. Navy Photo, Additional photos on page 9)

Brower is Stationed at Pearl Harbor Port

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — "When I was born, I was named Nasuk or 'respected one' after the great Eskimo hunter," said Navyman Charles Brower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Brower Sr. of Box 123 in Barrow.

A member of the North Alaskan Eskimo tribe, Charles explained that in Barrow he became a respected hunter in his own right at age 10 when he caught his first bearded seal on an ice floe. He was also a whaler like his grandfather Brower.

Today, Charles is a seaman in the Navy and no longer hunts for a living. Unlike his grandfather, who once wrote about his "50 Years Below Zero" in the great North Woods, Charles is spending his "four years above 70" in tropical Hawaii while serving aboard the Pearl Harbor-based fleet oiler USS Hassayampa.

The former whaler, hunter and fisherman is a crewman aboard a ship that provides fuel and supplies for Pacific Fleet ships at sea.

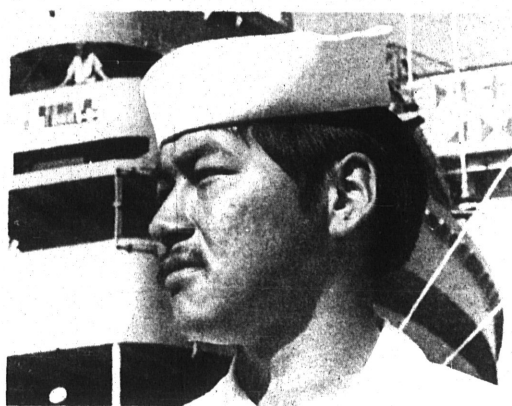
A member of the 'deck force,' he helps deliver fuel, equipment, provisions and mail on special cables suspended between the Hassayampa and its customer ships, normally while steaming at sea. During these refueling operations, he operates one of the cable winches.

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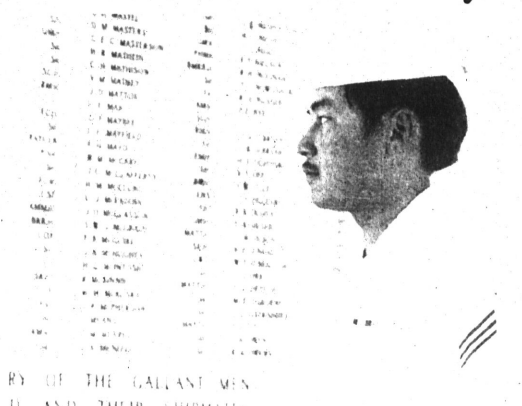
Seaman Charles 'Nasuk' Brower Winters With the Navy



A MEMBER OF THE HASSAYAMA'S DECK CREW, Seaman Brower operates a cable winch.



NAVY SEAMAN CHARLES BROWER and his ship, the fleet oiler USS Hassayampa at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
(Official U.S. Navy Photographs)



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AND THEIR SHIPMATES

OFF DUTY, the 23-year-old Navyman takes his first opportunity to tour the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, where he is stationed aboard the fleet oiler USS Hassayampa.

Eskimo Sailor is Learning to Surf ...

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Seaman Brower is an experienced equipment operator. Before joining the Navy, he drove heavy equipment for the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) camp near Barrow and once joined a seven-month expedition at the NRL observation post on Fletcher's Island T-3 about 270 miles south of the North Pole. In his spare time, he hunted and fished.

Now, almost 3,000 miles away from familiar hunting grounds, he devotes his spare time with friends at Hawaii's many famous beaches where he enjoys fishing, swimming and diving. He has recently been learning to surf, but admits that the popular Hawaiian sport is "not as easy as it looks," com-

pared to navigating an Umia at home.

Before joining the Navy in 1971, Charles was studying to be a carpenter at Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kan. Traveling and meeting new people is what the Alaskan likes best about the Navy.

Aboard the Hassayampa, he

has helped refuel ships throughout the Western Pacific and has seen places like Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines.

The 23-year-old Navyman plans to get out of the Navy in August, and will use his G.I. Bill benefits to continue his education.