

Interview with Fon B. Huffman, last living survivor of *USS Panay*

In January of 2007, writer Nick T. Spark conducted an archival quality, videotape interview with Fon B. Huffman, the last living survivor of the *Panay* incident.

Mr. Huffman, age 93, joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 16 and ended up as a Watertender 2<sup>nd</sup> Class aboard *Panay*. During the Japanese attack, Huffman gave journalist Norman Alley his lifebelt, and then attempted to swim to shore aboard a mattress. The mattress sank but fortunately for Huffman, he was picked up by the ship's boat. A grateful Alley paid tribute to Huffman in his book *I Witness*, calling him a hero.

The transcript of the interview will be available on this site, along with an excerpt of the video, at a future date.

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