

**GERALD HARMS TM-1 – Lives on.** Gerald Harms, TM-1 has departed to a new duty station but lives on in his diary, pictures and stories he recorded before he transferred. Gerald was a **plank owner** on USS Frank Knox. His first ship was battle damaged. Harms was transferred to a Sumner class destroyer in Bath ME and there he changed old explosive heads for new Torpex filled torpedo heads. The skipper awarded Harms a 72- hour pass. When he returned to the pier following his 72-hour leave his ship had departed under urgent orders and Harms' gear and sea bag were in the Master-at Arms office waiting for him. Harms was then assigned to USS Frank Knox pre-commissioning crew where he distinguished himself during trials with five perfect torpedo launches into targets (His torpedo tubes and firing station are pictured.) The ship that left Harms ashore arrived in the Pacific theater and a few months later was struck by a amikaze with over 100 sailors and officers killed and many more wounded. Harms related he still had chills thinking about is good fortune. EGod-speed Gerald!