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Speaker 1: [00:06](#) What year were you born?

Speaker 2: [00:10](#) 1933

Speaker 1: [00:14](#) [inaudible]

Speaker 2: [00:18](#) in Wimbledon in um, Oh dear. A women, um, Cochrane. Under no clock. That's wrong. Um, Caroline node number seven.

Speaker 1: [00:34](#) What did your parents do for a living?

Speaker 2: [00:37](#) Um, well my father was a painter and decorator and mom wore, my mom was, um, she was in service, but then she ended up as the housewife.

Speaker 1: [00:54](#) Describe what your most describe what your medical area was like for you as a child before the war start.

Speaker 2: [01:09](#) Um, well it was, it was very good. We had some really good times cause we was near the park when we moved over there in, in the school holidays, that sort of thing. Playing cricket and football. There was plenty going on around us. And um, we had a good time.

Speaker 1: [01:37](#) How did you and your felony fail when war was declared?

Speaker 2: [01:44](#) Well, when mall was declared 1939, um, although it was five or six, the thing that I'll remember most about the war to start with for all that period was when we were going through London. I think we were going to [inaudible] station to my aunt's in high Wycombe and I'm the a right sirens, Wayne. And um, we ended up in a, and a hotel like den in the basement. It was packed out. We people, I know, I remember one or two people were screaming AIDS off wondering what was happening.

Speaker 1: [02:34](#) What was it like to live in London when, well, Oprah cap,

Speaker 2: [02:40](#) well, one, well, it took a little bit of time to, um, became what, you're not always talking about the phone, you more at that stage before things started moving, but when, um, the blitz started and all that of thing.

Speaker 3: [03:00](#) Mmm,

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Speaker 2: [03:03](#) yeah, it was, um, it wasn't too bad in our area or that it was bombing all the way around us, but mainly with the doodle bugs or the flying bonds

Speaker 3: [03:15](#) and, um,

Speaker 2: [03:18](#) I would call it, um, frightening, especially when they're in jeans cut out and they dived, you know, blew up.

Speaker 1: [03:29](#) Okay. What did your parents do during the war?

Speaker 2: [03:37](#) A more mom. Mom was, um, housewife. My father was, as I said, he was a painter and decorator, but then he was on the rescue service and, and a, he used to go around the houses and, uh, places that had been bombed. And so in all the, um, most perhaps someone out and you went out who survived, you know, and I think it was taken its toll on him because, you know, he was in his forties, I think it was around about forties, 50s. And, um, it was taken a toll on his health. But he's, he survived the war.

Speaker 1: [04:31](#) How did your find PrePass all the wall?

Speaker 3: [04:35](#) Mmm,

Speaker 2: [04:38](#) well we just carried on as normal and we didn't really do anything specific. We just, um, you know, just went on in a normal way as far as we could. We couldn't do any preparation cause you didn't know what was going to happen.

Speaker 1: [05:03](#) In what ways did your life change when the war broke out?

Speaker 2: [05:09](#) Um, well he didn't change all that much schooling than that when we was at school. I think we used to, um, spend a lot of our time down the shelter. Um, especially what was down all night. Base is special in a blitz was around and um, used to go down there night after night from about six o'clock till about six in the morning. Then when you came out of the shower, which was on the local park opposite house where we lived.

Speaker 3: [05:45](#) Mmm.

Speaker 2: [05:46](#) You used to come up and see what damage had been done, whether your house was still standing.

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Speaker 1: [05:53](#) And how did the food shortages affect

Speaker 2: [06:05](#) um, well we're not a rations but we were used to run or my dad didn't, I used to help him on, well I used to do it more or less. We used to have two allotments going in the rec cause they decided to carve the rec up into five roads of, um, ground for allotments. And we used to have two of those. One of them we filled out with potatoes and all that. And the other one we used to fill out way. If I'm salad stuff, let me see this and onions and all that sort of thing. Jane, more general food, you know?

Speaker 3: [06:43](#) Mmm.

Speaker 2: [06:46](#) Rhonda beans and peas and all that sort of thing. So we would, we used to do all right, actually grind our own.

Speaker 1: [06:59](#) Tell us about any experiences you face.

Speaker 2: [07:05](#) Well, yeah, we used to have what they called, um, uh, Morrison shouter, which was in the house. My, the steel, like a tie you bowl. And then we used to, it was called, it might just stay. It was a sign. It was quite big and it was sprung lock a bed. And we used to, we used to sleep under there, but now I

Speaker 3: [07:38](#) undone

Speaker 2: [07:40](#) it was, I suppose it would stand the white of a house. I don't know about a direct head, but you know, we were in there one night and we heard time bombs whistling over the house and crash into Fairlawn road. Now they close fail. The one I used for three or four days might've been longer than that when, when they expected these bombs stay off. But I didn't. And I'm someone, I believe one, uh, a cure and he's wife and they were killed down in that road when Obama bomas went down.

Speaker 3: [08:20](#) Mmm.

Speaker 2: [08:22](#) Yeah. Yeah. Apart from that. And when the doodle bugs sort of flying bonsai coming over, we, um, we, we evacuated once to my aunt's in high Wickham. Then we came back and, um, I think went like twice with a family and the one not with the flow, one evening it was, we saw the flying bombs coming over and we, my um, memories of that was our saw a Spitfire shoot down one night or one on one. Um, yeah, one evening it was, um, it was quite something to say I'm in a pout. I'd done a way actually crashed, but those bombs or those flying bombs, they were

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dropping all around us. But thank God duping came our, you know,

Speaker 1: [09:22](#) how did you feel when you first found out you were going to be evacuated?

Speaker 2: [09:29](#) Um, well that was, um, when we were young, we wouldn't evacuate. We weren't evacuated until the flying bombs started coming over. And then we, um, then we were told we were gonna be Vaca. It's a Nottingham. Cause the first thing I said about our own way, we might see you Roby nude. But, um, anyway, my old, we all went up to him. There was ma me, my mom, my sister, my brother who was, he was only about maybe about two and they, I mean Elvis, three of three of us went away. And um, we all went to the town away in Wimbledon. Now part of that is still stained in there where they Tesco's is and um, I think it's Tesco's and um, I remember so made the man there one morning and I said, where are you going? You to know where you're going? And we said, um, no we don't, no idea. And they said, well, you're going to not young. I'm from and home, which, well my mind's a bit blank after that cause I can't even remember the, I'm just trying the train ride, the train trip down there. But when we got out and the Outbrain domain ended up in Shelford a village just outside now, then things move from in them woods.

Speaker 1: [11:08](#) How did you feel when your parents said goodbye?

Speaker 2: [11:13](#) Well, my mother was way bus. There was my eldest sister, she was just coming up to school, leaving age and to leave a brother. My father and I stayed in Wimbledon, so out in the blades or fall throughout the poem, midnight date. And um, as I say ass way, I swear you went to, went to Nottingham, bill, one of my sisters was all out. They was wanting to be sisters and brother in this first palatable, first part of the wall was in evacuate down to um, Devin. So they were down there for a little while. I think it mr [inaudible], he have a or, and I'm so BICE in the first part of the ward. I went around the time.

Speaker 1: [12:05](#) Tell us about the things you took with you.

Speaker 2: [12:09](#) Um, well I can't remember much. All we, all we could take was a case. We a few closing and um, it casts mouth, which we went to where I brushed shoulders, but um, apart, I can't remember too much about what we talk about. We left.

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- Speaker 1: [12:37](#) What things did you have to leave behind? Well, things did you have to leave behind?
- Speaker 2: [12:43](#) Well, we always had a cat in doors. Um, obviously he couldn't take the cat with you. Um, well only young, um, you know, we are toys by she can they, I don't know in particular what toys I talk, but um, he couldn't type much because she's only carrying a case.
- Speaker 1: [13:14](#) Tell us about your journey.
- Speaker 2: [13:18](#) Um, I can't remember too much about the journey itself, but all I can remember is that when we got to naughty gum, we were all put into um, coaches and um, may my sister and brother, we ended up, uh, um, a village called Shelford. And um, we was all in the, um, the village hole and it was like a market. We was all sitting in there yet, my, my cases and what have you, um, why in the wonder where we were going to go and then all the people from the vintage kind of mean. So, um, probably sell it to, they wanted to take a new, they didn't want the tight ball. My, that's us. Say we, um, while you are sitting around there. And I decided on something but I didn't know what's going to happen until we came to leave. And the um, leaving this whole lot, the village. Oh. Then we found out that my sister, which guy and brought down the phone that he released, I was going next to my mother who was perhaps two doors away, not very far away. First time I had been separated from mom and um, and I stayed with family code. The Warren is a nighter, more small boy in there. He, Michael, he was five or six just around star in school.
- Speaker 1: [15:07](#) Dude, do I need to say this question? Tell us about the place you are evacuated to.
- Speaker 2: [15:23](#) The PayPal and well mrs Warriner and the Aspen. And there was a brother called Ernie where you had two nice little house down there, little um, little, um, like, like cottage. There was a farm back to under the back of her head. And, um, you know, in the Uno's dies on in those days they used to, um, we didn't have taps like you've got now a lot, you see now over the sinks and that's all he, you start the village pump. They used to have to pump water up for drinking and um, the toilets were, weren't running Walthill aren't we've got now they were the, um, ended up being cesspits where that to clear them out and then and bury all the way, stop the garden, hop the allotment what I had. And um, it was a bit antic. Why AICPA? That's how they lived.

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- Speaker 1: [16:39](#) Well why you all first impressions?
- Speaker 2: [16:44](#) Well it was very strange. It was very strange to start with because, well it was a different environment altogether. You know, you couldn't go to a ward at that and turn the tap on cause the tap wasn't there. All you had was a normal pump to pump some water up. And of course the toilet was outside, so you had to walk about, most of it was about 15, 20 yards to the toilet. Um, it was, um, it was an experience and it was, wasn't a bad area, wasn't a bad 10 years, small village. And um, the school where we went, it was perhaps about twice as big as this room. It was a village whole, another part, the village. And um, it was separated but only a curtain. And one side was infants and we were on the other side. I'm very antiquated, but they were on that saying, you got to carry on so we could hear what the infants were doing if they were singing and dancing. We were trying to concentrate on the other side, but it was any, a curtain that they divide us. But I w I could tell him who had good times there.
- Speaker 2: [18:27](#) Um, well, well you didn't know. You didn't know where it was all different. It was all different. So what Wade, what we've been accustomed to and um, it was 10, 11 at the time, I think it was not about Sandra 11. And um, it was a strange, you adapted, you adapted to it, but um, well you just had to get on my bed. Yeah, it was there. That's, that's what you were living in and it was up to you how you made the best of year. Um, well it was a nice lit house that was, I used, didn't have the gas, they didn't have gas that um, they used to cook over the ordinary fire range if you know what a range is. No, well I had no gas. They'd be let trick. We had electric lies but um, now they used to do the cocaine over the fire and it used to in the fire was um, a water tank, which was, Hey, in hall two you didn't have any running hot and cold warrior and he had the water pump in size. And um, the, the bath we used to, um, you start to feel it fully out. We buckets of water from the fire, which was he in your water and you had to keep your water tank there full up. So you always had hot water. But um, because this summer you still out drive the fire going cause you couldn't cook anything coping. We didn't have gas, we just said to him it was old, windy, quiet. He, but you had to accept here that's how they lived and that's how it was.
- Speaker 4: [20:46](#) Hm.
- Speaker 1: [20:49](#) How different was it from when you came from?
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Speaker 2: [20:54](#) Oh, it's a big difference. Um, it was a different world. It was a firm where all Jews at in the country, mine, Jew. Um,

Speaker 1: [21:08](#) okay.

Speaker 2: [21:08](#) It wasn't strange. You soon adapted, but I mean we had to adapt, but um,

Speaker 1: [21:16](#) [inaudible]

Speaker 2: [21:17](#) it was different. It was certainly different and things went well. So compact as in, uh, I seen the town we left. Yeah. And yeah, I think I'd add one bus, which went, go back 11 o'clock in the moment, dad and on him. And that was it. I had to tell him with it.

Speaker 1: [21:45](#) Mmm. What was life like with you first?

Speaker 2: [21:57](#) Um, well, a side Mel and mother was two. There was a wire up the road. I'd never been separated from my family and my sister was, ran the other side, but we all converged or they had my sister, we used to go to the local skull. She was, although she was Javar in the village, she used to walk up to the school where I went. I could see every day at school, but, um, a path when things didn't work out too bad.

Speaker 1: [22:44](#) How were they treated by others in the area? Holly, how, how were you treated by others in your new area?

Speaker 2: [22:57](#) Um, well we, you think, well, I judge a moment's not like of a state, but I mean, I, I we're pretty, uh, pretty good people. Nice people around. Yeah. But, um, sometimes you have problems but you got rounded, you know, but, um, things were all night. Oh. Made a few friends down there and we, you know, and we used to have in good times. Oh, right. And were you still, um, on a Saturday I, um, we started, we went baiting. I don't know if you understand what I mean by that, what it means, you know. Um, bell Avenue was path six. My of us used to go around to the local farm, used to 'em. They used to harness up the hose. He used to put us into a trap, like best imagine six side paper of your size. So I use tiger, the homeless and car up to somewhere in the village where we got to meet the gamekeeper to guy who beat him.

Speaker 2: [24:12](#) Now what that meant was you, I had permission through the owners or the fields to go across their land to um, Mike noise

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book across the fields and food a Kyle, which was six foot date. It was archived for a jangle. We running not much told the new people and it was not going for a jungle. We're trying to get through. All you saw was the, he only saw the Kyle move in his pay or guy Roy, yet we were trying to get out the other end when they got older, people were shocked. Guns rigging the fields or keeping it low and, and you just had to make a noise so as to all disturb all the pheasants and partridges and the hands and Rabis and the chap in the car who took us down, he used to be, he used to pick up all the date ones, what I shot and got knows as well.

Speaker 2: [25:17](#) And they used to happen. Oh, strung across C. Oh, strung across the car and after we don't have a good day. Shoot Dan. Yeah we um, we used to have a, they used to give us a Butler lemonade and we used to take some sandwiches, stress self and I'm not used to give us five shillings age for doing this. Used to be on a Saturday, but you didn't go down in your best clothes, your more, any old clothes going long trials since anything that caviar up keep you warm because you didn't know the way you were going to, didn't know what you going to do, where you're gonna end up in moods. We chased the Fox one die, but um, we had no luck with that. He, he out smarter soul and um, yeah, we, we had a really good time every Saturday. It was all right. School. Oh stone was very good. Yeah. We um, I remember one time at Nottingham we,

Speaker 2: [26:35](#) we went to say the, um, Oh yeah. Uh Oh we went down to the Nottingham ply house cause they had some tickets to say, I'm the merchant of Venice. Have you ever seen you ever, have you ever done that one, a school, the merchant of Venice, past Shakespeare now anyway? Well, we, we, we, we were always anyone Newton have a swing. And I was Danny boy there. I wanted to have this little girls and um, we all end up in that play house in Nottingham. And um, we sold the merchant of Venice, but preps in those days for us it was some, I wasn't a lover of Shakespeare, but it was something different. And um, I was by rather good tie all of us, you know, we miss going. That was it. But um, yeah, it was the skull, the skull was any good. It was, um, it was, I saw you could weigh you one side as the elderly pay Oh, yoga and pay PayPal, um, the infants one side of this curtain, but you could, everything was gone on. They say with the late Linds was singing or talents, you know, making the noise we had to put out. We've only ever saw the curtain. We can do much about it. But, um, eh, it was an experience and, um, it was something different. We'd never seen,

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- Speaker 1: [28:20](#) um, test some of your experiences in the countryside.
- Speaker 2: [28:28](#) Um, well as asylum mentioned, one point about baiting, um, when, when it used to snow, we used to play out in the, in the fields. What the, I don't know, well yum seen much now around the view, but in ah, in ad IDAT there the snow, we're probably getting about two or three feet deep. And we used to go around the fields where I garden run down between the fields and then we used to go in and what they, what will you stay with? What they called plowing. That's by walking along and making fires and patterns on in the fields we've fade. But um, um, then, then I, they don't join the boys brigade down there and um, we, we um, we will with a branch of, well think it, what's the WestBridge for group and the avid group and then we all ended up in Nottingham down there when they had a like a jam Berry. We ended up one night and um, we used to go down to the local area once a week for this. Um, yeah, I like to do little bits of Chinese, whatever we did, you know, and um, cause my cold, a little boy I was with, he was full of it, but he was too young to join. But um, yeah. You [inaudible] well, yes. In good times. Good times.
- Speaker 1: [30:17](#) Um, won't happen to your family in London. Wealth you are away.
- Speaker 2: [30:29](#) Well, while uh, while we were, while there was honey, my brother, my oldest province, he was at work, uh, my father in London and the nose too. We're living in a town but um, while driving brands for two or three hours. And why in the area? Um, yeah. Nothing. Well, as far as how, I know I did old row and the way he come down to visit once or twice, you know, where you canes, but father and my brother. But um, I will let me see on time to get back for their work, whoever they were doing. Mmm. Yeah. That night night seemed to like, seem to cope. All right. You know, Saif.
- Speaker 1: [31:24](#) Mmm. Can you tell us about any times you saw or commentated with your parents that communicates it with your parents while she were away?
- Speaker 2: [31:43](#) Um, well, I'll tell outside, we weren't too far away from our parents as outside. My sister was the far in to the village. She used to come over, but we were, we were, they gave her by she, Oh no, you were separated. But um, yeah, we, we used to, we used to see one knob. It wasn't too bad, wasn't say by the toe, but I didn't even know was going to be separated until we

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left the village hole where they were so in a soul now. And I said, well, you'll go in there, you'll guy now and you're going somewhere else. And I said, the three of us were split up and my mom went with me younger Bravo, who was only about two or three at the time.

Speaker 1: [32:37](#) And tell us about, and anyone in that curation you experience, you just have one evacuation.

Speaker 2: [32:48](#) Yeah. They know to come. That was, but we, we had been, um, we had been to hideaway, come to, um, one [inaudible] we'd been down to two or three times during the war at times. Some someone incompletes and someone the flying bombs started [inaudible]. My mum was when we went to, not young before, um, when the flying bombs will be, would begin to come over and then we could then we saw the aircraft flowing around when the on them Oh on. And one of the battles of the war was taking place and the sky was full of aircraft flying over to all of them to, you know, be colliders. It was cost paid to go. But um, the rest of it was, um, I think that was the one I remember most vividly because there was so many aircraft in the sky.

Speaker 1: [33:51](#) Okay. Describe your journey.

Speaker 2: [33:59](#) Um, well what, coming out home. I remember we, um, we got off the train at Clinton junction and then we all ended up paying on bad to see town or white and for coaches to take us out. And they brought us back to when we're done. Um, what is now w well, what was then the women's house and all I bought it was back to then and we made add why with any walking distance from here, from home, from there. But I'm apoB and I can't say too much about the journey home. It wasn't, wasn't too bad. Nothing, nothing serious happened June. And um, we'd glad to get on more spice.

Speaker 1: [34:51](#) How did you feel about leaving your parents?

Speaker 2: [34:56](#) Actually yeah, I was waiting for a year. Ma. I've been a bit longer than that. Um, I even know it's payable and I was in, I was a bit upset when I left, you know, because we, well we got so attached as a family or not. I was trying just today. Well you were trained very well, I think. Yeah, we had a good time.

Speaker 1: [35:32](#) How did you feel about coming in?

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Speaker 2: [35:38](#) Well, some very pleased I suppose. And I, when we, we all got home, all right. And everything was our Ukiah town. There was no real damage in our particular way we live, but there had been bombing all the way around the area, you know, doodle bugs or flying bombs, the bomb scene or drop all the way around DAS and thank God missed Nash, you know

Speaker 4: [36:09](#) [inaudible]

Speaker 2: [36:18](#) well at that time, well I remember going [inaudible] didn't see much of London itself. The only thing that really stands out was when I in Trafalgar square, that time they had a V two rocket German rocket they'd call and that was standing in Trafalgar square for people to go and have a look. But they spoke, it was about, it must have been about 10 or 12 feet high tall. And um, that was standing in. Everyone woman's gauged in amazement, this thing. But that was towards the end of the war, but almost on around when the rockets were falling in the back, cause you didn't even hear him coming. See your neighbor so well they just came over and that was it. It was not here today and gone tomorrow. That's about the best song to sum them up. But that's about the only thing I remember about London and the V to stay into Vegas square because at times I used to, um, like strategies, exhibitions of different things.

Speaker 2: [37:30](#) Flying bombs are more after you're up there for people to basically say, but that's about all I remember about, uh, um, well, Oh and that Tom was invaded. I always down in Nottingham still. But when VJ, I, he came along VTE in Japan. I had fires in the road. I that in my road, Rosalind moved a couple of roads up from Caroline road to cock crane road. We moved up there during the war. Um, I remember this big fire in the road and there's a chap down the road, he'd made some sausages, a Brown pipe, you know, tied to Morton gave a like that. And all I remember is this chap sitting round by saying, going through the accidents of cooking, he sited in front of fire. Yeah, that's when I started. It was, everyone seemed to have a far in the road. Um, silly, bright envy. What that meant for you. Gie die, you know, but as I say, VA die. I was evacuated at the time.

Speaker 1: [38:56](#) Did you stay in touch with any of your host families?

Speaker 2: [39:02](#) Well, afterwards, well actually I'm on my 40th wedding anniversary. My, um, my brother Noah took me down to Nottingham for about four or five days and we stayed in a travel

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lodge and um, we went round to the village, well stayed and um, Oh, it was, it was different again because the farm next door where I used to go out and get the milk in a ordinary little, can you go around and get, uh, in a little church, little churns I where used to go doing, get say a pint or two pints of milk from the farm next door. Um, well when I went back some 20 years of all that, all that time we fought. You went in Vanderbelt swig. Um, the foam was dis, uh, the guy was folded a PCs. There was no one there. It just looked as over manage, packed their bags and gone.

Speaker 2: [40:15](#) It was a shame to see it really. And the only thing about it, it's all remembering the war down there. One of the people in the village or now I didn't know they were, I remember the name of someone's son being killed. And um, when I went back on this occasion, on the 40th anniversary of our wedding, uh, went to the monument for the, for the date lie and I went to see if this name had been placed on there. And it had been, that was any life I lost in the village or called the war.

Speaker 1: [41:02](#) Looking back, how do you think your experience experiences as an evacuee have affected your life?

Speaker 2: [41:15](#) Um, well I tend to think, um, well I'll, I'll learn a bit about country lives, especially with a beat in aspects. You know, I explain joy oil. Um, I'll tell you they affected me too. Um, just memories say, um, the only thing about it was while I was you Baca, I ate, I am, I will look in for people for the choir. And we used to go to Sunday school and course I started sorting this out to go in the car, in the church. And um, Oh, we ended up in the corner. We've Catholics and no surpluses on you. And I'm walking down, Oh, you know, lead in a more or less per session up to the hotel for the service. And, um, I used to really enjoy that. We used to, um, we were sitting up near the, not far off the old term pain in Nicola and um, um, I'm not, well I do consider myself to be religious to a certain extent, but, um, I'll take it. I did learn a lot from all that, so I think, but, um, no, it was our PSI. We, we just had some good times. Oh, now did, I did get present in wave, um, ancient emoting the hymnbook from 1944, which I put my name in and he followed to remain. I should've brought it daddy, I suppose you would say. But, um, I think when we had the interview down at the community center some time back, I did take a photo of it, but then I didn't bring it to die.

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- Speaker 2: [43:37](#) Well, no, it's um, it's hard to decide because so many things were happening during the war. There was when, uh, ITMs hold was blown up and sink the Bismarck and all that type in the blitz. Um, uh, well, suppose I are VV memories. Something you'll never forget or the bomb was Wisner view house, which, um, [inaudible] mentioned a little while ago. Um, you don't forget the memories are there and, um, it just wants Djogan at times to bring them out, you know, but, um, it was, when you look at it, it was probably a terrible time, but paper, I'd lost paper in the war. But, um, apart from that, I suppose it was a necessity and that was something we had to stomach.
- Speaker 4: [44:46](#) [inaudible]
- Speaker 2: [44:55](#) Mmm,
- Speaker 2: [44:59](#) no, I don't think so. When, when we used to, and women was a skull now that ran in that village, it was only a small village and you could walk, ran in about 10 minutes, you know, right here. And we used to, um, you know, we used to, um, learn different songs at Skoll. Always remember when we used to go on these boys break eye things once a week. We always, we March around the village in the pitch black because there was no lights on there cause the blackout was on. And, um, we used to be singing our hearts out, walking, uh, other little spies. People got fed up with us making the noise around the village, but it was something we did. And that was their escape as spirits, I think know. But, um, I all vivid memories and the baiting aspect was mentioned and the man moves up the Spitfire shoot in the flying, bombed down that die. Um, now that we've got a lot of memories concerned in, it postponed. I mean, as you want to forget.