

Transcript of Audio Clip with Arthur Gardner

I left in '45 got back in '46 so it was only two years, not much had changed. There wasn't any more war, thank goodness. No more bombs and the thing is by then I had to find a job. At that time, you need to (?) think, all the ammunition places closed down, all the women workers were more or less given the sack and [unclear] and I was on the buildings as labourer. I didn't want to go back but I had no option. I tried – tried to get a job doing all sorts of things couldn't get one so Labour Exchange said, 'You got to go back, your old employer must take you back', I think it was six weeks or something. So I went to me old employer, he said, 'Well, if I got to', he said, 'I will but', he said, 'these – so many people I had during the war that come back', he said, 'I've taken someone with some more', he said, 'if I take you on got to get rid of another one'. So I didn't know what to do, I said, 'Well, I come back anyway' so I don't know who got sacked but I got back on and after six weeks he gave me the sack and all. You couldn't get a job for love or money. It was terrible at that time.