

Transcript of Derrick Carnall Audio Clip

But the one thing, always stuck in my mind, never once so crossed my mind that we'd lose the war. If you talk to anybody who's left, I don't think anybody did. We all – we always thought we'd win the war. It was down to Churchill, pure and simple. But there was only one time in my Army life where I got a bit down so I thought, I think after about five years, I thought to myself, 'When's this war going to end? You know, it seemed never ending. And, of course, didn't get the chance to celebrate the victory in Europe cos I was in India. But – and then, of course, when the war was over in Singapore, they kept us out there and a Member of Parliament from Labour Government come over to talk to us and he'd get a right grilling. I mean, I was number twenty eight to be demobbed which is a very low number, so it should go quick and by us all getting up and talking to him and telling him forcibly that you know, we should be coming home they speeded it up and it's a marvellous sensation to go home and a nice lie-in. Now I could have flown home in – on Dakota but the Dakotas were crashing about two a week. From the Dakota came the – the PA-back1-11 Now, I was on the Comet, the first jet after the war, but the old Dakota was Douglas – people from America. Anyway, they were clapped out so I said, well, I – I've – six years I've – I've saved my life, I'm not gonna lose it – I'll wait till the ships comes and I did. I probably waited a couple of weeks longer than I needed to at least I got home in one piece. It was one of a feeling to get home, one of a feeling.