

Transcript of Audio Clip with Frances Sewell

When they conscripted everybody he wanted to go in the Navy. No, they couldn't go in the Navy so he said, 'Well, I'll go in the Air Force'. So when he got his papers, Infantry [laughs]. But he was wounded in El Alamein and he was in hospital in Jerusalem and South Africa for nine months and he came home in the April. They discharged him up Wishaw, where they came off the boat presumably, and he said – they said, 'There's your papers'. He said, 'I don't want my discharge until I'm cured. It's not what you want, it's what you get. He came home. We met him at the station and I was ashamed to walk along with him. He had his khaki army trousers on that were all stained. No underclothes and an overcoat¹ that was ten times too big, and a few little belongings in a little cotton bag.

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