

Transcript of Ilse Muscio Video Clip

Well, in all the staff shortage then my husband was a prisoner of war eventually was in Malmesbury and Captain Graham and Major Isaacs they were friends of my family – my uncle and aunt. I suppose they were talking about that we have no help at all and we could do with people so he said, 'Look I've got a young Italian, he had his tonsils out in Cirencester we could send him to – to you to help out a little bit on – in the house doing – for the time being'. So Ciro came – came and the first – saw him in an onion field, he was born in the middle of Naples in a flat. I don't think [laughs] he knew [laughs] [unclear] but – and – and he spoke good English and Captain Graham would show – knew. He said, 'I'm going to send Ciro to Cambridge to take the proficiency certificate, the low and he higher one. So we had lots in common because I gave him my English books from the – we had to do Shakespeare and all these things and I had the books and so we started getting friendly. Then he, my uncle wasn't very pleased to be [laughs] mixed up with an Italian because – although we were both enemy aliens so we had lots in common. So then Ciro was – he was there VE-Day in 1945, he was still with us and we celebrated and we were all pleased and he was repatriated in 1946 back home.