

## Transcript of Jack Netherstreet Video Clip

At this time the Navy, I was on a medical ward and we were dealing with tuberculosis and we used to have something like twenty or thirty customers every fortnight to examine to find out if they really were TB positive. As D-Day approached there was a change, we changed from medical, general medical, to acute surgical, officers surgical because we were next door to the officers block. And our first casualty was a Royal Marines officer who had decided that he could beat the rest on to the landing craft, on to not off [Spencer laughs] on to a landing craft and he came off and he was badly injured and he was about the most awful patient you could ever come across. He was a typical marine, hardy as you like, and every time sister went by she used to deliberately knock his pulley that was holding his legs dispensed in the air [all laughs] just so he knew about it [laughs]. He was absolutely furious because, of course, he'd missed D-Day.

So that was our first casualty after that the organisation at Hasler Hospital was so different to Dieppe to give you an example we carried out – I was in the operating theatre reception which meant that we prepared the customers for operations. Now for Dieppe this was an appalling job and we lost thirty-five men on the operating table. They were literally dying before our very eyes, go and have a cup of tea and when you came back two or three missing. It was shocking, the appalling statistic associated with the deaths. We had nine theatres going in the cellars and we had officers that didn't even know they were supposed to be on duty and one appeared in his pyjamas said, 'What's happening?'. Dieppe. And when we came to D-Day we lost one person in the first twenty-four hours, the organisation and the way they ran it was simply marvellous. Every casualty was looked after by two ex-pharmacists because they called up all the pharmacists who took care to see that their blood and medication was coming out accurately and they looked after the patient entirely. This made our work absolutely – well, the reception of them was good too. They – nearly all of them that we received had had First Aid, makes a tremendous difference. The earlier you can catch casualty the better it is.