

Transcript of Jacqueline Caminer Audio Clip

LT: Did people have, you know you hear sing songs, this kind of thing, some way of keeping their spirits up?

JC: It's very phoney, you know, it doesn't work. It doesn't work, if it's a catastrophe you don't sing, you might chant, but you don't – you just get on with it. I think it was very practical the people that were actually just doing it every day. The man down our road who was in charge of vetting the people in his area, he was a nice little man. He asked weird questions about what I was doing and I said 'Why are you asking me all these questions' and he was vetting me from time to time and presumably sending a message back. I managed to get to the end of the war without being put into prison or anything. I had a wartime wedding, in Wembley Town Hall which was very nice. We went on honeymoon to Wales, my husband had lost a leg in the war so he was already away, invalided out. We went to Wales for our honeymoon and on the first day his artificial limb, he'd lost a leg in the war, his artificial leg broke and it was a Sunday the next day. You try mending an artificial leg in west Wales on a Sunday in wartime and you'll know what it was like. First of all where's the nearest limb fitter, well, it's not in west Wales, it's in Cardiff. Can't go to Cardiff and my husband can't walk without his leg, well not very easily, on crutches, so he couldn't use his artificial leg for a long time. It was interesting you learn to cope with things that would never occur to you. West Wales was lovely the people were so kind.