

Transcript of James Hayward Audio Clip

Well, for me at my age it was all a game. It was all excitement, you know, there's nothing – no sort of sense of fear or anything. And another time – this wasn't an air raid but this time it was with my mum during the day and mum suddenly said, 'Oh, it's one of ours, wave', so what happened was an aircraft came over, later I found it was a Spitfire, and for a brief second we – mum and me are waving. Very briefly the aircraft just going above chimney shop high, the pilot looked down, acknowledged us and in a second he was gone. And I realised he was then going back to Biggin Hill cos he was going in that direction but, of course, at the time, I mean, this was absolutely incredible and there we were so that's another example of, you know. What – where he'd been and what he'd been doing I don't know but there we were, waving, you know, and he looked down and acknowledged the fact that he'd seen us. That was quite incredible, actually. I remember that as clear as anything.