

Transcript of Jean Slattery Audio Clip

As far as you could be at such a young age. I understood that we had to leave mum and dad behind and it was accepted that when mother saw us off she said that she would keep the home ready for us for when we went home. The enormity of the occasion I did not understand but I knew it was gonna to be alright because mum and dad said it was gonna be alright. And all we had to do was to wait so from that point of view I had understood that. The fact of how I felt about it was somewhat different, I was very, very unhappy obviously of being parted from my lovely mum and dad and being away from all my toys which weren't many but they were mine. You didn't take them with you. I did take one which was my teddy bear and that stayed with me throughout my time. But it's very hard living in somebody else's home, with the best will in the world you have to mind your manners and I hadn't any manners at that age and my sister was continuing telling me off not to swing my legs and eat badly or whatever it was and I got really rather fed up with this so I hit her with my teddy bear and made her cry. The lady I was with she couldn't understand how I could be so naughty [laughs].