

Transcript of Kathleen Eames Audio Clip

I joined the WRNS. I didn't want to go into a factory and I wouldn't have minded going in the WAAF but they didn't want it. They were full up so I went in the WRNS and I had to go up to London and volunteer for that. So that's what I did, so I was sent to — I was sent up to Scotland at first for the first few weeks and you're there — you're in the WRNS — you're in there for six weeks I think. Six weeks, and if you want to go home, well, then you can do. No questions asked you just go. I thought, no, I'm not doing that, admitting that I'm not liking it. So I stayed and, oh, it was cold up there. They used to teach us Highland dancing, I think, to keep us warm [laughs]. Then we came back, came back down south then I went to New Haven, in Sussex. Although we were actually living — we lived in Seaford. New Haven was just down the road, it was a port and there was a big hotel there, London Paris Hotel. We went to work there. I was a — an Officer's — was I? Yes, I was a — I forget now what we were called, anyway we looked after the officers. They had other people doing cleaning and it was quite good.