

## Transcript of Nigel Hepper Audio Clip

Well, you see, we transferred from my father being a business man in Leeds to becoming a small holder in a very rural part of the nation – of England and so the challenge was as it were keeping alive and getting the food and getting – so kept pigs, three pigs each – a year, to goats and lots of hens and ducks and so on which my mother looked after. My father looked after the pigs and the vegetables. I did what I could to help and my brother as well but of course we were away at school. I used to come home every weekend and did what I could. But I expected to see German parachutes – parachutists coming at any moment, and of course they were blocking of the roads so that they could close them very easily should the enemy arrive. But we did have some bombs, surprising in this remote area. My school was in a country house a little bit further north at Gosforth. And yet we had the parachute bombs which came down and we had the – the sirens going and I thought what a beautiful sound and found the dormitory empty, everybody had evacuated down to the shelter [laughs]. And then we had another bomb quite close to the cottage where we lived and that made a huge hole and great interest there, but I think these were mostly jettisoned by bombers going to Glasgow or else across the sea to Belfast which – both of which were prime targets.