

Transcript of Charles Constable video clip.

No, I was called up very, very early I suppose it's because I was on the younger side and 4.4.40 I went into the army which the war had just started. We only had one war zone and that was in France and it was the BEF, British Expeditionary Force. Naturally I was put into the expeditionary force, I was sent away training down at Herne Bay very, very cold and that was my next stop and when I finished training I'd be going to France. By the time I got there they were coming away so we had to alter the plans and we had to go around the neighbourhood finding extra empty property to make room for all those coming back from France and Dunkirk. I was lucky enough to be able to have left earlier and then they came back I got a job as a staff driver in the Army, driving an officer all through the Blitz in London. After the bombs had fell I used to take the officer around to see what sort of damage there was done and he would organise help to come and help them to get straight and get the people out, you see. But after a while they decided women could do my job so I got the sack and they got all the ATS to take our jobs over and I was then transported abroad to go out to the Middle East as a soldier.