

Transcript of Dick Hughes Audio Clip

From time to time the effect of war and the fatalities of war was brought home to us boys even though we were away from – from London in a quiet rural area. What happened was – what tended to happen was that if a brother or relation of anyone at the school was killed then the luckless boy was taken into the headmasters study and the news were broken to him. But he was then encouraged by giving a treat. In the summer time the treat would be to go to Wokingham Swimming Bath and the boy in question was allowed to choose two or three friends to go with him and this made up a party and the idea was to distract the child. We would go off and enjoy the time in the swimming pool and then we would have a huge treat because a Mars bar would be taken and cut into four pieces so we all had a quarter of a Mars bar to distract ourselves from the sadness of the event.