

## Transcript of Doreen Foreman Audio Clip

It was very strange when we got there because they – the train – I – it went straight from Margate, which you can't do now, straight from Margate to Rugeley via, I think, via Litchfield and we got out at the Trent Valley station and all these Weldon busses were waiting there for us and we all piled on these double-decker buses and were taken in to Rugeley town and to a little village school there. We were all out in the playground. I think you've heard this before because everybody says the same. That you're lined up and people come along and say, 'I take him' and 'I'll take her' and you – and I went with my friend Betty and her little sister, she was four, and we said, 'We've got to stay together', cos, you know, and so, really, nobody wanted three. It was – so we were one of the last that were left and then Mrs Bentley came along and she said, 'Oh, I'll take 'em', and so she took us. But unfortunately the other two didn't settle in – in the billets at all. They were not really happy there, I don't think they really liked the rough miner's life, you know, from what they'd left here and so they were found other billets.