

Transcript of Gladys Coleman Audio Clip

When I was just outside Dartford at Green Street Green we had a 1500 weight vehicle that we had to deliver rations to the sites where the men manned the guns and we loaded [laughs] – I laugh at it now – we had to load it with the men's rations and it was liver one of them was dropped in the dirt [laughs]. The officer there who was sort of supervising it said we could wash it and I think it was washed and delivered to the sites. But the men didn't know about it [laughs]. Sorry, it's funny to remember now really [laughs]. And then I think when the war was over because I was at – just outside Dartford, we decided because the men – it was a mixed heavier anti-aircraft battery and the men were on the other side, it was a big camp, and we were on this side so when war was declared we thought we'd go and tip the men out of their bunks. We'd never been where they were but we found out and we tipped them all out of bed because it was the end of the war. And everything was – the next day they came and tipped us out so that was quite funny I've written on this thing here but it was so funny [laughs]. I think that was all. Oh, yes, when I was married in 1946, the – I didn't know – I had moved to Boswell Hill then, which was at Plumstead, and I didn't dream that they would do it, but they brought my lorry, my 3 ton lorry, to the church. I don't know where they got all the starting handles from the MT department and covered them all in silver paper and made a guard of honour. I have just got one picture remaining, I don't know where the others are, where we were holding silver starting handles and they brought my lorry to the church, St. John's Church at Welling [laughs] which was quite surprising really. It was lovely, it was a lovely surprise, I knew nothing about it [laughs].