

Transcript of Jacqueline Caminer Audio Clip

I remember an anecdote, which is true, that I was in Elstree because that's where the family lived and that's where the factory was. I was at a little dance for the soldiers, and I was being talked to a lot by this soldier and I was about seventeen. I thought well this is – this is magnificent, you know. He was talking to me and we sat down, don't dance this dance it was the local dance, you know, for the soldiers. He said, 'Your father works for the stocking factory doesn't he?' I said 'Yes, he's in charge of the – he's the man in charge of it actually'. He said 'Oh, I suppose you can get silk stockings?' I said well, no, not silk stockings, so we talked on and I thought this was interesting and he said, 'I'd like to get some stockings for my wife', end of story. You know, collapse of start party so to speak. I thought I'd – I thought I'd made, you know, I was so jejune, you know how one is. It was really a slap in the face. Though I was – I had enough courage to say, 'Well, my father does work at the mill and I could put in a word for you but, you know, they're making them for the women in the forces and if your wife isn't in the forces I can't really get some silk stockings for you.' It was a painful thing.