

Transcript of Joyce Wilderman Video Clip

Interviewer: You did that factory work for a very short time?

Joyce: Oh, yes. I just did it because you had to volunteer for something and I went in to it and they put me on a night shift or something like that and I just hated it. I was - I went to Cheltenham to a big factory there. The bigger they got, the worse they got for me and I became – I had constant Laryngitis when I was in this thing, night work and everything, and the doctors said 'You just got to get out of that atmosphere' so I just went over and joined the WAAFS and I was stationed in Stradishall and I was up in Lincolnshire and various other places. I can't remember them all.

Margaret: She wanted though to join the Land Army because it was outdoors.

Joyce: Yeah, my dad wouldn't let me. He said 'You're much too little. I'm not going – You're not going out there in a field and digging turnips and carrots and things like that'.

Margaret: And moving hay bales or trying to —

Joyce: He said 'You're not big enough'. I was small but I was tough. I did everything, I walked everywhere, I was an outdoor person but really I was not big enough or strong enough.

Margaret: And what sort of duties did you do? In the WAAFS?

Joyce: I was in what they called signals where all the messages and things were – telling the flying control tower what the thing was for the day and the colours of the day and giving them that. And going to the adjutant's office and getting all the necessary things, you know. Getting on my bike and going over the base, you know. Yeah. And using the telephone which was the old fashioned thing where you plugged it in and sat there, you know, with the earphones on.