

Transcript of Len Perry Video Clip

I was still a teenager at sixteen and I was a young apprentice, engineer apprentice. Very much involved in the Boys Brigade. The war started in 1939 – September '39, as you will know. Things – things changed really over night when war was declared, everything was shot down. There was no football, there was no cinemas, there were no organised meetings were allowed. There were no church services, sadly no Boys Brigade. So it was a strange time to be around as a teenager. We were in between. The whole of the generation of children had left home, there were no children to be seen, which was strange, and everyone above eighteen to twenty was in the forces or been called to the forces so as a teenager we almost felt in a vacuum. And yes, I was in where I lived in Deptford at the time and that was the situation that we had to cope with.