Transcript of Audio Clip with Maurice Booker

A Hurricane came down and that was just off Kynaston Road (??) was a farmer’s field and I got over there and that – and it had crash-landed and it was a Canadian pilot or he had a Canadian accent, you know, but I won’t tell you his words he said but he asked me if there was a telephone anywhere and there was just one phone I knew of in a bungalow. People didn’t have any telephones in those days and he swore about the limey – the god damned limey gunners who shot his tail off cos he had a bead on a 109 [laughs] he was just coming out to let it go but they shot his tail off his [laughs]. But it was a lot of expletives he said. Yeah, but I – yeah, I got in trouble with that one by the way, yeah, because I went back later and one of the struts from the Hurricane had broken away from the – you know, and the tyre, funnily enough was still inflated and there was hedges there and I wheeled it to the hedge and hid it and then late at night I went back a day later and picked it up. And they, you know, and that was a prime souvenir, you know, amongst the kids and that. Unfortunately the police got to find out so they paid me a visit and they said to me, had I got it? I denied it at first but then me mother said to me, ‘You’ve got to tell them the truth, you know, it’s the war effort’. So I got it out of the shed and it was taken away and I got a good lecture of the policeman for, you know, the war effort [laughs].