Transcript of Audio Clip with Maurice Booker

I used to carry – when me brother was ill we had – we had a – a Morrison shelter cos before he was taken away, we was at Uplands Road. We had a Morrison shelter and he used go in there but there wasn’t room for all of us, you know, cos it wasn’t that great. So my brother and I had, George, we used to – we used to take our mattress over our shoulder and go down into the shelter, in to the main public shelters and that – that. There was only sackings, the actual bunks that were there and that. And we used to go down and half – half past eight in the morning we come back and that, you know, during the raid. I was in there the night of the – the doodlebugs came. That was the first of V1s, you know, and everybody thought, you know, that we were shooting down German aircraft because you would hear – hear the noise and that and then it cut out, you know, it wasn’t the – the same noise, you know. I knew it wasn’t the same noise and because the Dorniers used to come over. They had a droning on them, woo-woo-woo, you’d always know. I think they had diesel engines in them or something like that. But it was always a droning one (?) but this one you – you’d hear the engine stop, you know, and that and then the explosion. Every time they heard it the people in the shelters were cheering, you know. But in the morning when we – I used to do a paper round and that and in the morning it was in the papers. That this was a new secret weapon.