Transcript of Nigel Hepper Audio Clip

We had no telephone in our cottage but before we left Leeds at the beginning of war, my father in the Special Constabulary, he was Chief Constable of Leeds and he was very much in demand so he was always being telephoned. And people called it the Phoney War, nothing seemed to happen. But I used to call it the Telephoney War because everything seemed to happen on the telephone [laughs]. I remember going on the 3rd of September to the big church in central Leeds and we were ushered down to the basement and I heard Neville Chamberlain on the wireless, as we called the radio, broadcasting that because the Germans hadn’t withdrawn from Poland a state of war existed.