

synopsis & transcript

**MAERDY 3**

INFORMANTS

<b>A:</b> Male, 64 years old <b>Welsh:</b> fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> <b>Mother's Birth:</b> Ferndale  <b>Father's Birth:</b> Ferndale	<b>B:</b> Male, 60 years old <b>Welsh:</b> fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> <b>Mother's Birth:</b> Trefforest, Glam <b>Father's Birth:</b> Trefforest, Glam
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*They see a picture of King George VI visiting the Rhondda. A describes how he came to attend his funeral:* [00.20 min - 01.40 min]

**transcript**

(looking at a picture)

A: there's a nice one by here look . . . let's talk about this one is it

B: . . .  
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A: . who's this then . . . did I tell you about the time I

B: aye . go on then  
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A: went to his funeral [yes]

B: . . no . I don't know . I don't remember you saying  
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A: . I went to his [funeral]

B: that . erm Donald who~ who's that now you're talking  
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A: . the king . . . King George . aye . I~

B: about you went to his funeral  
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A: I didn't have a invite . . I was told to go

I: . . . . . {would you} tell

A: . . (l a u g h s) . I was in the army . . . and he died . . .

I: us about it then

A: isn't it . . and . . erm . . I was attached . to the Gurkha Regiment .

A: . . in Singapore . . . and they had . they had ev~ every

I: . . oh yes

A: consignment from every regiment . . to go home for his funeral . .

A: so they sent me all the way home from Singapore . . . to go to his

A: funeral . . they sent me all the way home . . and I was

B: . . . . . oh aye

A: standing in the . erm what~ what . I was standing in . erm . . . what

A: is it . The Mall they call it I think . The Mall isn't it . .

B: . . The Mall

A: standing there . . what do you call it now . . rest on your arms and

B: . . . . . yes

A: reverse . remember the rifle [ i n a u d i b l e ] . you know

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B: . . yeah . that's right yeah . I

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A: . . and~ and one of these Coldstream . horses was walking

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B: know aye

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A: along . . ( i n a u d i b l e ) and he hit me in the chest . ( laughs ) . . he hit me

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A: into the crowd . . he broke three ribs for me . so I was erm . . I was

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I: oh

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A: home for three months . ( laughs )

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B: . oh . so they gave you leave then

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A: . I had leave that . . for~ for~ for~ for breaking three ribs

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B: Donald

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B: . . the only thing that . . . that sticks out in my mind . is that . erm . .

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B: when he came to the valleys . . . he was very understanding about the

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B: way that the people lived here . . and the poverty . . . and the

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A: (inaudible)

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B: deprivation that was in the Valleys and erm . . he took the

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B: message back . . . to Parliament . . . and . . . not a great deal . . . but

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B: as a result of his visiting the Valleys . . . and showing he was concerned

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B: . . . he did have the appreciation of most of the .Welsh mining families

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A: ( inaudible )

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B: and the Welsh people in general . . . as being a~ a~ . a king

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A: [he cared] . he cared aye . . . but as~ as~

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B: that was concerned . about other people

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A: as from there on . . . erm . . . nil . . . nineteen

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I: . . . when was that now

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A: fifty two

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*The look at further pictures and comment on them. [01.40 min – 05.20 min]*  
*They talk about different collieries and about going to chapel when they were young.*

*Seeing a picture of Lord Tonypandy, they exchange memories of him. [05.20 min – 07.40 min ]*

*TAPE ENDS*