

synopsis & transcript

PORTH 4

INFORMANTS:

A: Male, 62 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> Mother's birth: Tonyrefail Father's birth: Trebanog	B: Male, 64 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> Mother's birth: Bristol Father's birth: Bristol
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The look at a picture of a colliery and try to identify it. They say that neither of them have worked down the pits, but B says that his father migrated from Bristol to do so. A says he was in the RAF. They see a picture of the Houston brothers (actors) and talk about them. [00.00 min - 04.40 min]

They talk briefly about Stanley Baker (actor). They talk about their work, and at length about their time in the armed forces, which they both enjoyed: [04.40 min - 08.00 min]
(transcript)

A: . . erm . Stanley Baker that was

B: which one was from Fern~ Ferndale
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A: . I used to work with his . . when I came out

B: Baker aye . Baker mun
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A: of the RAF . the first job I had was with an insurance firm and I used
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A: to . I used to work with Stanley Baker's brother (inaudible)
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A: Pearl Insurance and I went . and I went from there to the
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A: coke ovens . and . a job come up in . telegrams in Cardiff . ‘cause

A: that was my . . when I was in the RAF . that’s what I used to do

A: . Morse and teleprinters isn’t it . . there was a . . job going in

B: mm

A: Cardiff {on telegrams} . {so} I had a job there and then they

A: closed that down in eighty one . . I went over to Bristol

B: [inaudible] . . well I’ve

B: been in Cymmer all my life . . haven’t moved . haven’t bloody

B: moved mm

I: . . erm I went down to Bristol . where you came from

B: I was born in Cymmer

I: . . you were born in Cymmer were you

B: . born in Cymmer . and I’ve been here . . nearly . sixty five years

I: [i n a u d i b l e]

A: aye

B: almost . I’m still here . I~ I can’t see me going now

A: . no . I can't see~ I can't see me moving away now . .

B: (laughs)

I: . no

A: . . well . I enjoyed the Forces . the Air Force when I was there on

A: emergency draft . . me . I went to Singapore . . Thailand . . Malta

A: Cyprus . . great . . I used to like travelling around .

B: oh I enjoyed it

A: . . I used to love it . . . just get a new (inaudible) what-do-you-call-it

A: saying OK . then . . emergency draft . . off you go . . and that

B: [yeah]

A: would be it [no . didn't] have .

B: . . the old bullshit I didn't like . . in the army

A: didn't have none of that in [the Air Force] . . no

B: well nobody did . . but some . .

A: aye

B: . (inaudible) . . I couldn't get on with . I don't mind working . . .

A: but some of the

B: . I'll work until the bloody cows come home

A: things they used to ask you were ridiculous you know . some of the

A: . the what-do-you-call-it . . do that . you know and erm senseless

A: bloody erm . . . you know . to the~the~right~ right ho~ you cut

A: that grass by there with a scissors . . . or some bloody stupid thing

A: like that (laughs) discipline that's the

B: [laughs]

I: so it~ it is all to get discipline [discipline]

A: word . . to obey without thinking . . that's what it is yeah

I: . . yeah

A: oh aye

B: oh . discipline you had your discipline . . oh Christ aye . . .

A: you couldn't~

B: you had that

I: because if they asked you to do something in [times when

A: couldn't~ couldn't refuse

B: . . oh . they~ they got you by the . .

I: . yeah

A: . . oh aye . . (inaudible) . and you

B: short and curlies . (laughs)

A: had to do it . . didn't like it half the time mind but erm . . you still

I: (laughs)

A: done it isn't it . aye . but it was great in the Air

B: . . you still done it

A: Force (inaudible) . there was no bull~ as long as you . . (inaudible) you

A: didn't~ you could go off camp whenever you like . . as long as you

A: . as long as you was there for eight o'clock the next morning . for

A: duty . . that was it . . no parades . didn't do no parades .

I: . . mm

A: nothing like that . . no . no . . (inaudible) the army

B: . . didn't you

A: . . but erm [inaudible] . we come off nights

B: . . I used to . we used to hate it

A: . . but erm we come off nights (inaudible) . .

B: . . driving I was . driving I was

A: our signal centre . . army signal centre . . and the navy signal

A: centre . . . and it was the headquarters Middle-East we

A: come off the nights eight o'clock . and . we . were you know

A: working all hard all night like . (inaudible) army signals going left

A: right and centre . . . come off . . . army signals come out they had

A: a parade . . . we'd walk straight past them we would . we wouldn't

A: we wouldn't bother saluting this officer . . he used to do his nut

A: . . (laughs)

*They continue to talk about like in the
Forces, about discipline, about guns etc*

[08.00 min – 10.25 min]

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