

2. PAUL CAMPBELL'S INTERVIEW WITH JACK CAMPBELL – MARCH 2013

	Note: the first few seconds are missing from the video recording
PAULYes, twenty what? From what ages were they?
JACK	Also from when they were about nine or ten
PAUL	Oh, right, OK, and did you do any work while you were at school? Did you help your Dad, or your Gran, or your Mother?
JACK	When I lived with your Gran; I used to take all the washing out.
PAUL	Oh, right, yes
JACK	And then after that I used to do a milk round, take the milk for some of the people
PAUL	Yes, and then when you left school?
JACK	When I left school, I went to Dodley Hill
PAUL	To John Holdom?
JACK	The Cowells
PAUL	The Cowells, Dodley Hill, yes. How long did you work there?
JACK	I worked there for about twelve months and then I worked for Kibble
PAUL	Oh, Bill Kibble?
JACK	Bill Kibble, for another twelve months
PAUL	Yes, and then where?
JACK	Then after that I went and worked on when they built the Manor House at Little Horwood
PAUL	Oh, did you?
JACK	I worked on that
PAUL	What were you doing on that then?
JACK	Well, just labouring
PAUL	Oh, right, yes, I didn't know that
JACK	Yes
PAUL	And then what?
JACK	Then after that I went on the dole, and I went, they sent me to work on the railway at Lidlington
PAUL	Oh, right, yes, and what were you doing on there then?
JACK	Just working on the line
PAUL	Oh, right, yes

JACK	I used to bike to the Lidlington
PAUL	How far was that then?
JACK	Oh, about nine or ten miles
PAUL	Oh right, you were busy then weren't you?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	So how long did that last then?
JACK	Then in the morning I used to get up and catch the train and that used to take me to where I was working, I was in lodgings then
PAUL	Oh, right, yes, so when did you come back to Swanbourne to work then?
JACK	Well, I think after that I went to the (fades) John Holdom's
PAUL	Was that before the War?
JACK	That was before the War
PAUL	So you worked for nearly all the farmers round here then?
JACK	Yes, yes
PAUL	So, what happened in the War? You were in the Home Guard weren't you?
JACK	In the Home Guard, yes
PAUL	So what did you get up to in there?
JACK	Well, we used to have forms and that, classes and at the weekend, we used to have to go and ... (fades) up at Swanbourne House and there was a lookout and we had to look up there (laughs)
PAUL	Did you? So, how many guns and rifles did you have?
JACK	That was so we could sit and watch the fireworks and that at London
PAUL	Oh, you could see could you?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	All the Blitz and everything?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	Did you have any guns or rifles?
JACK	Yes, we had a rifle, yes
PAUL	How many?
JACK	We had one each
PAUL	One each?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	What sort, what make was that?
JACK	One of those... Lee Enfield was it?
PAUL	Yes, Lee Enfield, that's right, yes. Did you ever go on rifle practice and shooting?

JACK	No
PAUL	You never fired one?
JACK	Well, we did fire one, we had a firing practice up, back of where Gran used to live, you know, in the field
PAUL	What, in Spuddlespits?
JACK	Well, yes, where it's the bank bit you see
PAUL	Yes
JACK	Charlie Carey, he was coming with us, he borrowed a gun, and when he fired the gun, he cut the dirt up in front of him! Laughs
PAUL	Laughs. He was a bloody good bloke then wasn't he!
JACK	Oh God, yes
PAUL	Did you have to march round the village in uniform?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	Who was in charge then?
JACK	George Brooks
PAUL	Oh, was he?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	He's a?
JACK	Lieutenant
PAUL	Oh, was he?
JACK	Nods. Yes, then when we were used to marching, marching in the yard, we were going along the top, again, the New Walk, and we were walking along there and he pulled me up and said that I was going too fast for him!
PAUL	What, George Brooks?
JACK	Yes, he said I had to slow down!
PAUL	Officer material I think weren't you!
JACK	Laughs
PAUL	Anyway, we didn't see many German planes, did you?
JACK	No, there was one German plane came over and shot where Bill Colgrove used to live, in that house {NOTE: this refers to Hensman's Farm}
PAUL	Oh, right, yes
JACK	He fired a gun, never killed nothing, but...
PAUL	Oh, that was great excitement then, wasn't it?
JACK	Yes, it was, yes. Then we used to have, up the Willow Green Road, we used to have the search... (fades)
PAUL	Oh, a search light?

JACK	Yes
PAUL	Whereabouts was that then?
JACK	Well, you know, where that building is, up, without spaces and..
PAUL	Oh, right, yes
JACK	Just up there somewhere
PAUL	Oh, blimey, I didn't know that
JACK	Yes, they dropped the bombs one night, up there
PAUL	Oh, did they?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	Did they go off?
JACK	Yes, they went off, but they never done no damage
PAUL	Oh, I didn't know that. Oh, so it did get quite lively sometimes
JACK	Yes
PAUL	I hope you didn't go in the Pub while you were on patrol? Laughs
JACK	Laughs
PAUL	So what happened at the end of the War then?
JACK	Well, it just sort of folded up, no more, and that were it
PAUL	And that was it? And then you carried on. Who were you working for through the War?
JACK	Er, oh John Holdom
PAUL	Oh right, yes. Didn't you nearly run Bill Kibble down – coming back from there at night?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	What happened there then?
JACK	Well, I was going, during the Blackout War, I was going to work one day and Bill Kibble, Jim, me and George were going down the field to fetch the cows up, and that was dark and I must've got my head down, and I went straight into Bill Kibble!
PAUL	I bet he had a few choice words didn't he?
JACK	Said a few words... Laugh
PAUL	Laugh. Anyway, after the War, did Gran, your Mum, still have pigs then? She did, didn't she?
JACK	Yes, up in the Ennis(?) Piece, she used to have chickens and ... (fades)
PAUL	What else? All the people used to bring their slops and leave them at the end of the garden didn't they?
JACK	That's it. Used to go round with a bucket on a bike and collect the scraps
PAUL	That's right, so after the war, you got married?
JACK	Yes

PAUL	Then you moved away from the village didn't you?
JACK	That was when she first come as a Land Girl
PAUL	Yes
JACK	I first met her when we were doing Carol Services, we went around singing, you know
PAUL	Yes
JACK	That's how we met up
PAUL	And then you got married?
JACK	Yes, that was Sheffield
PAUL	Oh that's right, it was, wasn't it?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	Then you came back here to live?
JACK	Yes, we came back and lived at Buckingham for a time, yes, when we were first married, then we came back to Swanbourne and moved in where Philip is {NOTE: this refers to where Philip Alderman lives now}
PAUL	Oh, that's right, you moved in there
JACK	Yes
OTHER	Two doors away from where you live
PAUL	Yes, and then you moved up to 16, Mursley Road, didn't you?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	Did you?
JACK	Yes
PAUL	That's basically that isn't it? Are there any other things you'd like to say? Any other stories that you like?
JACK	No, I don't think so
PAUL	Is that it? Is that everything, you'd better have a drink I think (coughing)! OK, bye bye.