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One day we were issued with a gas mask, and an identity disc, and I can remember my identity number, it was OTDB184/5, and me brother's was /6, I always remember that. Um, and being given a green rucksack, and packed things up, but at six, six and a half I was, I would think that I was used to doing what I was told sort of thing, and we went to the school, and we went to Longsight Station. I remember walking up the approach, getting on a train, but I don't remember the journey on the train. I remember arriving at Wetley Rocks, and we went into the school, which seemed to have very high windows. Then we were given a beaker each of milk and a banana. My mother had said to me, 'look after your brother.' I was all of six and a half and he had his fifth birthday while we were at Wetley Rocks and a lady shouted at him for knocking the milk over, and I felt very cross, I do remember feeling cross about it, she'd no right to shout at him, he didn't do it on purpose.