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So she said “Now there’s no lying in bed here, no lying in bed, everybody works,” And then we went on, out on the farm yard and the farmer showed us round, one thing and another, and then he said “Lads, you’ll have to work here, nobody lies about, you’ll have to work” and sure enough he give us some chores to do and that’s what we had to do. We got up next morning at half past six, and we started doing the feeding calf whatever what needed doing on the farm and the milk was finished, we came in had breakfast round about quarter to eight, when all the men on the farm, the milkers and what have you, having their breakfast. And we came in and had our breakfast, had a bit of a wash, and what have you in cold water again, no hot water, cold water again, and then we had to set off for school. Which was, as I say, a mile, at least a mile away down this country lane, with just our gas masks on our back, and a bit of a bag that held a couple of sandwiches and, what were they sandwiches of lettuce or jam or something, it was lettuce in the summer ‘cause they grew it in the garden, and jam in the winter, that’s what we had.