



## **Bettine Saffery**

“Yes I can remember being sent home from school with a letter to my mother to, which obviously said that this scheme was coming along and did she want us to be part of it. And when she explained it to me, because I was only five at the time, I remember thinking, when I go back to school tomorrow I shall say to the teacher that mum had decided not to let us go because this, deep down, although I was only small, it was, I was aware that something was going on that I didn’t particularly like the sound of. And my father was away and apparently, I learnt later that my mother had was in touch, was writing to him and saying what shall I do? Shall I let the children go or shan’t I? And they decided that the two of us, my brother and I would go, but which I resented for a long time, but when I was old enough to think about it, I quite resented that but I’ve realised since that everybody, like they do everybody thought the war was all gonna, it was all gonna be over by Christmas.”