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The funny thing was when my mother did decide to have us evacuated because she hadn't got any option, she thought oh there's a ship going to Canada, and we'd got an aunty and uncle in Canada. That'll be a very safe place for you and your sister. Because that's one of the countries that's not involved in the war. So we had to make all the details, what I was told by my family, how they had to fill forms in and get us all ready and so we were going to go on this big ship and it was called the City of Benairs, we weren't looking forward to it, we didn't want to leave Mom and Dad because it was going to be a long while away from home and a long, long way. So unfortunately, I should say fortunately now because the day before we was due to sail, my mom and dad just couldn't bring themselves to let us go. They said it was too far away and they didn't want to be that far away from us, so they went to see the people concerned, took our names off the list and it was a good fortunate thing for us because the ship was torpedoed by a german u-boat and I think 90 children lost their lives at the time. So that was one part of which we were very thankful for.