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Well my father, who was part of the clergy at Shelton Church, when evacuation started, he was immediately asked to take on the job of Billeting Officer, which meant finding accommodation for virtually all of the families which arrived by train at Stoke station, which is the way the majority did because there weren't, there wasn't road transport in those days, petrol was rationed and the train was the natural form of transport. So he did three jobs throughout the whole of the war. He was part of the clergy at Shelton Church, he was the Billeting Officer for Stoke-on-Trent basically and he was the chaplain for Hull, er Stafford prison. And how he managed to fulfil all those I don't know but to me as a youngster he seemed to work 24 hours a day.