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“They must have been asked if they wanted to go down Kent hop picking, and quite a lot went in the lorry you know. And then when the season finished hop picking they said “Do you want to go back to London or do you want be evacuated?” and my mother said we’d rather be evacuated.

So can you remember any discussions about where you’d go?

No they wouldn’t tell you my mother didn’t even know. Because when we came in to Stoke-on-Trent she saw pits, pits and she said “I think we’re in Wales”. There was me brother then was with us, my brother, my mother and the baby and me father was called up in the army, he didn’t come. We went and they put us in London Road hospital for the night, you know ‘cause they couldn’t, it was dark, it was getting late I think, and they put us in the there for the night. And next day they took us in, we called them charabancs, didn’t we, and took us round to find us accommodation.”