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“And the other edict that came out was that anybody with any spare rooms, first of all take in evacuees, so we had a mother and two daughters who lived in Bermondsey, well Bermondsey was in the dockland area of London and it was heavily bombed, and fires started all over the place so they were definitely at risk, so they, they were evacuated and we had them for several months. And they settled in alright, there was never a problem we were all friends together it was good, and then anyhow they went back and then there was another of people who came out that is like the RAF who were at Cosford and various other areas and so on, and we had at least one if not two Air Force men that were at college learning electricity or radio or something like that, so we also had lodgers like service men. I remember Sam he was a nice fella he was Sam. And he had a son, like me and he was missing him obviously and so he and I got on alright, you know, great. I mean I was always interested in aeroplanes and this sort of like perhaps sparked off in my mind an interest of aeroplanes and then we had, we had a, not a, he wasn't in, he was in the Air Force, she was his wife, that came to lodge with us because she was visiting him and I think he was at Cosford or some other Air Force station, and he got killed while she was with us I remember that being a terrible tragedy.

So the War sort of like ground on. And then as you probably know towards the end of the War Hitler had got these V1s in the first place and then V2s, and they started arriving at random all over the South East area and we then had another evacuee, a mother and daughter and they were in a terrible state when they arrived, because these bombs, the so-called flying bombs just used to be launched, and when they ran out of fuel or whatever they plunged to the ground and exploded, so everybody knew that as long as they could hear them going bo-bo-bo-bo-bo they were alright, as soon as they stopped doing that they plunged to the ground so everybody looked out, you know where is it? Where's it going to fall and you know this mother used to set her, she told us she used to set her daughter, six, on the back step watching out for flying bombs, and as soon as they, she heard them stop they dived down into the cellar and took cover, but I mean the effect on their nerves must have been awful.”