



## Gordon Baker

“Believe it or not we were left to our own resources, which looking back to me, seemed, a crowd of kids of that age, you know, not run amuck but we were outside, we were allowed to go outside the camp and that and a couple of times we used to go into the forest opposite because they’d got a big pine forest and in there, there was a lake which we were, incidentally forbidden to go swimming in because of the danger it was so we were told, that it was an old coal mine that was full of water. Anyway, we ignored that didn’t we? (LAUGHS) We got caught a couple of times and I think on the third time we were made example of us, about six, we were taken to assembly hall in front of morning assembly and we all, six or something like that, had four strokes of the cane. The cane was used quite prolifically then.”