

June's digital story from Clydach

Tell me about your time in St John's in South Africa.

Oh dear, the last time I can remember; that's a long time ago it's over 50 years ago. The fellow who was doing the teaching of us, you know you get certain things that you've got to remember or do, he made a story about those things, so that you could say.... he would say what's the fourth one, well you just go to the story and then you knew what the fourth one was.

What did you have to do?

What do you mean what did we have to do...bandage, ask questions about poisons, umm that's all I can think of.

Did you enjoy it?

Oh loved it, especially as the bloke was good looking!

Were any of the rest of your family in St John's?

My father was Captain.

Did you have to give anyone first aid?

No...

Would you recommend children joined St John's?

Definitely.

Was St John's important in South Africa?

Oh yes, you know like here you get them going to football matches, we did that as well. In fact my father when I got married, my father gave me away in his St John's uniform. Because my chap was in uniform he said I've got a uniform too.

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