

Yes. Mm, we were on top of, mm, Shrine near Kajaki on top of a hill and, mm, we, we had recently got on to a contact on top of a hill and I was on top gun firing the 50 cal. And we were on the way back from the hill, we were only about 500 metres away from camp. We were driving along, I was first vehicle pointing my gun in, mm, down towards the southern FLET and their bomb got, the bomb went off, or IED what was underneath my vehicle. Blew my vehicle about ten metres up in the air and I think I flew about fifteen metres up in the air. Landed on the floor, broke my right heel, and my boss actually when he, when the bomb went off he landed on his feet off... I don't know how high he flew up but he landed on his feet with his headset still on his head. And the driver got injured, it was a bone broken in his spine or something. But altogether it was lucky, we were all lucky to be alive. Because our usual one is two people sat in the back of the Jackal. You usually have top cover, a terp in the middle and two, a driver and a commander. But luckily we didn't have two people sat on the back because they would have been dead today.

Yes. Mm, well, I was pretty high on morphine but I remember most of it. Mm, as all the dust settled after the bomb had went off I was on the floor. I remember people screaming, like shouting 'are you okay'? and all that lot. And I just looked up, I think I stood up for about five seconds. Took my helmet off because I had proper battle shock like, probably felt dizzy and all that lot. And I just, my legs just gave way and I fell down to my knees and just collapsed on the floor. But I was still awake, my eyes had just opened and then someone shouted 'Duffy are you alright'? And I

was like 'yes, I'm alright, yes, I'm alright'. And I think two lads took about ten minutes to get to me, put me on a stretcher. I remember getting loaded up into the Jackal and getting took to a HLS where there was about fifteen to twenty people all, all round the casualties and waiting for the chopper to come in. All I remember is asking one of the doctors for a fag and he wouldn't give me one. [Laughter]