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First Days at Brancepeth

Well, we were all a bit puzzled, a bit bemused actually. We had no uniform for a week. And I remember the first day there we were just hanging about and we were getting a bit hungry and somebody said "Go upstairs and get some biscuits". You know what I mean. I said "That's something anyway". Well when we got them, they turned out to be three squares called paliasses, it was a bed. And we used to be stopping up awake at night listening for the ghosts because it was supposed to be haunted castle. Told you how young we were.