

Fred Cottier**Stand To**

Well, stand-to would be just at dusk about 7.30. Now on stand-to it was a 100% turnout. Colonel and everybody stood-to because these are reckoned to be the most crucial moments. If an attack is going to come in it will come in then. And it was very nerve wracking. Not a word was spoken. Watches were synchronised and you just waited, waited, waited. Of course, in most cases nothing happened. Then they used to come on to 25% stand-to, after about an hour call "stand-down". Well, stand-down was 25%. And that 25% changed hands during the course of the night. You'd get maybe two hours off or four hours off and two on depending upon the strength of the section, and this went on during the night.