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Working Party

During the day I had to work. What they were doing was building a road up to the village, taking the top off the hill and they were using little trucks, hand pushed trucks to dig. Most of it was sandy, sandy soil and sandstone. Now and again you got a big stone. But some had to go and cut the timber down, because it was going through a small forest. Clear the roots, we had to dig down the roots and a tractor or a two or three horses would pull the rest out. They would blast the big stone out of the ground, or a root coming out of the ground they'd blast it out of the ground. So the lads had to move the timber, the rest of the lads had to dig the sand away and push the truck. It must have been going about ten foot or something off the top of the hill and it was going into the forest. And they were using the sand to build another part of the road up for the long turn out. That's all we did that particular time in that camp. And the lads were getting dirtier and then the harvest times starting to pull the potatoes out of the ground then. Stopped working on the road and sent wor on to small farms in groups potato picking. And that was a change from the roads, but by God it was sore on your knees, we had to pull them out on wor knees.