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TIME	TRANSCRIPT
00.00 – 00.10	Soon after 1939, I became an ARP warden, 'cos then we were living in Overdale Road, and our post was in Lammas Park.
00.10 – 00.41	One night, they had a very, very bad raid and I was out. And about half a dozen shops along Northfield Avenue, from Windermere Road to the station, about half a dozen shops there were completely obliterated. And there was a couple there who lived in one of the shops, a Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, and they were down in the cellar underneath the shop – and, somehow or other, they err, they did survive.
00.41 – 01.14	Of course, we actually had what was known as an Anderson shelter, and that was downstairs in the, yes, in the living room. Well, when the sirens went, we had – the wife and I had a kind of a system with the two boys. And I used to go in for the eldest one and carry him down, and my wife used to go in for the youngest one and carry him down, and we used to try to get the two boys into the Anderson shelter before the sirens had actually finished.