



STOBS MILITARY CAMP
HAWICK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Transcript of interview between Ian Landles, Andrew Jepson and Reene Currie, 21st April 2016
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Ian Landles

Do you know what happened to any of the huts, when, at the end of the camp?

Reene Currie

They were auctioned off.

Ian Landles

Do you know where any of them went?

Reene Currie

Not really.

Ian Landles

Did they go locally or would they go all over the country?

Reene Currie

All over. Aye, it was an auction. And, father bought the... father bought the YMCA but wasn't allowed to leave it standing. So, it had to go back up for auction. [Pause]. And yet the farmer that knew he was going to rent the farm, had agreed to Dad leaving the hut standing, the YM... it was a big hut.

Andrew Jepson

So did... do you know if buyers came from various parts of the country to come and buy...

Reene Currie

Oh I think so.

Andrew Jepson

Yeah.

Reene Currie

I think so. [Pause]. I mean an army camp, it was up for bargains, you know.

Ian Landles

So it would be a blow to Hawick when it eventually closed?

Reene Currie

Oh yes I think it did er, cut an awful lot of the trading. See they've got all the supplies through Hawick and... [Pause]. Because I can remember when Mum and Dad were running the YMCA and they used to get thirty dozen pies at a time from [?]. That was quite a lot of trade.

Ian Landles

It was a big order.

Reene Currie

And the other thing was, do you remember Hook the lemonade man? We used to buy from Hook, and again it was dozens and dozens. Oh they used to have lovely flavours. Oor favourite, favourite was Portello. It was a mixture of blackcurrant and something. It was lovely.