



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

Then there's the rifle ranges.

Reene Currie

Well there was three ranges. There was the Barns, the Barns Moss, and they were all out the Penchrise way, you know, where there was nothing behind them. And the government of course bought an awful lot of farms in, eh, they were tenant farmers that was sitting in them you see. And they needed it so's they knew there was clear area behind.

Ian Landles

'Cos they'd chosen that landscape because of its similarity to the Veld in South Africa where the Boer War had been fought. That was, it was similar to the, the South African terrain. But of course they didnae realise that the war that was coming up was just going to be a totally different mass slaughter.

Reene Currie

Uh hu. Oh aye there was thousands in there at the time, you know. They had tents an' everything... down in the avenue, you know what, what area I mean? The walk from the arch, the bottom arch to the top arch where the castle is, eh, the avenue there, there was tents up there as well.