



STOBS MILITARY CAMP

HAWICK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Transcript of interview between Ian Landles, Andrew Jepson and Walter Oliver, 5 Sept 2017
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Walter Oliver

When the camp was sold off and had to be pulled down I don't think anybody thought much of it because we were making money out of it, which was, eh, you know, it was a way for us to make extra money, pulling the huts down for the, for the, you know, the guys that bought them. And, eh, so you just took that in your stride. Eh, the only thing that my Dad was bothered about at the time was being out of a job. Because he was made redundant, with the estate closing down. And, er, that was the only thing that bothered him. But, eh, otherwise, no we didnae have any qualms about the camp disappearing.

Ian Landles

We're trying to trace the surviving huts. Are you aware of where some of the huts went?

Walter Oliver

A lot of them went up to Dundee because there was a dealer there bought a hell of a lot, he was one of the main buyers at the auction and he sent gangs down to pull them to bits, you know, and eh, get them ready for taking back up to sell the timber and the tin and stuff to whoever wanted it. Eh, I don't think there was that many individual buyers, you might have got an odd farmer buying one or something like that, you know, there was nobody really bought them... I don't think anybody that bought them because it was an old army hut and they wanted to keep it, you know, like as a, you know, this was from Stobs. I don't think there was anything like that. If a farmer bought one it was to use. That one that was left, I think that was left 'cause the farmer wanted it.