



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

And then over behind Winnington Rig itself was, eh, the hand grenade range. That's where they used to practise with the hand grenades there. And then at the Penchrise, this side of Penchrise, was the rifle range. You can still see the...

Ian Landles

That's just out beyond the top loch, along the...

Walter Oliver

No no, no that was...

Ian Landles

What is... what is that when you go through in... past the loch just more or less straight on there's a...

Walter Oliver

Yeah, well that used to be a bogey track run across there where they used to have bogeys on that with targets.

Ian Landles

Moving targets.

Walter Oliver

Yeah, and the tanks used to blast away at them. But the rifle range is right below Penchrise. You go up towards Penchrise on the track there and then you turn off to the farm. And that's, the rifle range is just in there. Where the... you'll see some trenches there and things like that and they used to have targets up against the bank and the soldiers used to lie in the... lie in the grass away in front of them.

Ian Landles

There's huts right the way across almost to Shankend way, there's target things there.

Walter Oliver

Ah, that was, that was bogey tracks too, yeah, that was, that's, eh, they'd big sails on these. That was for tank... tanks practise. My uncle was the range warden there. My uncle Doug. He was, he had the job of range warden. Keeping the motor going and looking after the thing. And, eh, they had the big engine shed there and there's a big engine in it. And, eh, that used to, it was all cables and it used to drag them around the things and the tanks used to blast away at them.