



STOBS MILITARY CAMP
HAWICK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

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Walter Oliver

They used to make... one thing they made was like a monkey and it was on two sticks, they used to, two long sticks and they used to squeeze it and it used to go up this thing. [Chuckles]. One squeeze and it would go up like a runt and up another. And then they used to make like a... it was just like a flat bat with a handle and that had a woman up the end here and she had a, like a bow in her arm, and eh, there was about four or five chickens round about, this thing and a bit of elastic went through holes and a wooden block underneath it and when you bounced it up and down the woman's arm went out and the chickens all went up and down. [Chuckles]. Pecking at the poor... And, eh... oh, they used to make, eh, big butterflies, and chickens, and they had a wheel on them or a couple of wheels on them and the long handle and they used to push that along the ground and the wings used to flap. Because it had bits of wire going down to the wheels, you know, like a train, same idea as a train. And, eh, sledges, beautiful sledges.