

I: Do you remember what your feelings were about being an evacuated? Were you excited? Were you scared? How did you feel about the process?

LP: Well I'd never been away from home for that period of time. Really and truly it was a quite ludicrous situation because we were evacuated to Somerset to avoid the bombing, but when the school holidays occurred, we came home. So I remember coming home in July and August 1940, and I even know where I was and what film was showing, I was in the Dominion Cinema in Tottenham Court Road, watching the North West Passage with Spencer Tracey when we came out, there was smoke everywhere. It was the first day of the bombing of London. As I said, we missed a lot of that, but when we came back at Christmas, the bombing was quite severe. In fact, when the BBC was hit, we were living in Great Titchfield Street around the corner and the wall came in on my parents. It was a weird situation but that's how we did it.