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P.1 Born West Street, Kendal, 1920. Three sons in family.
Incident with a wash tub.
Educated at Kirkland School, National School and Senior Boys (Castle St.)

P.2 Left school at 14.
Running at school. National School played football on Bowling Fell.
Senior Boys pupils played football in Fletcher Park.
Families used to spend time by the river.

P.3 Playing by the river. Collecting wild strawberries and hazel nuts. Bird-egging.
Chased by a bull.
Dog got into hen house and killed two.

P.4 Visits to Oxenholme station.
Pals went down in Second World War.
Playing in cellar at home - darts, boxing, cinematograph.
Preserving eggs. Incident with tea van (Madrakan tea).

P.5 Putting a dart through the gas pipe.
Mother washed in the cellar.
Corporation collected ashes.
Father came from Ratcliffe to work at Ibis (Ann Street). Had served time at Mather & Platt.

P.6 Father was engineer. Married into Greenbank family.
Grandmother was nurse; used to lay people out.
Grandmother was housekeeper to Mr Hayes, a tailor.
Grandmother was hit by lightning while cleaning silver.

P.7 Mr Hayes had tailor's shop at head of Lowther Street.
Prince of Wales' visit to Kendal.
Tramps were fed at Mr Hayes' house on South Road.

P.7/8 Watching the Jarrow marchers.

P.8 Seagrave's boat, Miss England.
Vicarage Terrace.
Father fitted laundries Barrow, Ireland, etc.
Hoffman presses, tumber driers, made at Ibis.
Father had accident with gas under boiler.

P.9 Father would be away from home 3 weeks at a time. Wore bowler hat for work and carried Gladstone bag. Hired casual labour locally.
Contents of bag. Father had accident at work.

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P.10 Tried to get job as butcher's apprentice. Began seven-year apprenticeship at Ibis as patternmaker. Was paid eight shillings a week for 48 hours. At 21 was earning one pound ten shillings. Wooden patterns made of pieces of machinery and painted with Shellac.

P.11 Patterns went to Ajax Foundries at Lancaster for casting. Marking-off table. Mr O'Brien got finger stuck in machinery.

P11/12 Planing machine. Incident when belt broke.

P12/13 Band saw/circular saw.

P.13 Accident with centre-lathe. Accident with pincers.

P13/14 Visitor to Ibis had a fit.

P.14 Wood bought from APs - yellow pine, sugar pine, tea, bird's eye maple. Boxes made to be filled with sand to make impression with molten metal.

P.15 At the metal works. Firm at Preston did brasswork for Ibis. After casting, metal had to be machined. During '39-45 war, Ibis made shell lathes. Respondent sent to factory at Plymouth during war.

P.16 As apprentice, making box to hold tools. Description of tools. Making glue and Shellac varnish. Blacking-out of roof at Ibis at beginning of war. Layout of workshop at Ibis - split into bays for different jobs.

P.17 300 people employed. 40 office staff. Mr Banks director, then O'Brien. Worked at Webster & Bennetts, machine tool manufacturers, Coventry, during war. Ibis made shell lathes and grabs during war. Ibis had own Home Guard; duties.

P.18 Bomb dropped at Selside - destroyed farmhouse. . Home Guard duties; Mills bombs; exercise on Helm.

P.19 Going home for dinner from Ibis. Learned to play violin. Began playing with band at Leasgill. Travelled by bike. Money earned playing violin; father's wages. Father was in Liverpool during bombing.

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P.20 Fire drill at Ibis.
Ibis had own football team, tennis court; owned land where Mintsfeet Trading Estate stands and had own football ground.

P.21 Work in the pattern shop. Joiners boxed machines for despatch to customers.
Presses sent all over the world.
Football matches in the yard at lunchtimes.
Jobs difficult to find.

P.22 Machines went by horse and cart to railway.
Teeth on big wheels cut at Bare's engineering shop, Waterside.
Pulleys at Ibis made of wood.
Presses covered with material like calico for transport.

P.23 Ibis had own paint shop - Bob English in charge.
Plating done to handles, levers, etc.
Lots of "private" work done at Ibis. Largest illicit thing to leave was a greenhouse.

P.24 Policeman on gate during war years.
Clocking in and out.
Dr Barsillie's surgery, Highgate.Bank.
Drs Cochrane and Dr Craig, Maudes Meadow.
Dr Edgcombe had surgery in Stramongate.

P.25 Dr Holliday.
Tradesmen coming with horses and carts.
Balloon Jack.
Hiring fairs.

P.26 Life as a hired farm hand.
Market carts on Highgate and Stramongate.
Stalls by roadside in Lyth valley.

P.27 Maypole grocery in Finkle St. Patting the butter; making bags for sweets.
Food on the farm.
Funeral horses kept at Crow Tree Farm.
Canal bridge on Parkside Road.

P.28 First cars in Kendal. K buses.
Shilling trips to Morecambe.
Buying a saxophone from Mr Backhouse.

P.29 Blue Rascals dance band. Respondent played sax, and then double bass.
The Arcadians dance band. Members of the band.
Attended dances by furniture van, taking piano.
Playing for dancing at Town Hall. Bouncers.

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P.30 Dancing at Town Hall. Playing at St. George's. Taking over the Parish Hall.

P.31 Chris Raffles, Doug. Phillips.
Trouble at dances at Parish Hall.
Old time dancing. Scottish dancing. Jimmy Shand.
Played at venues in the Lakes.

P.32 Roy Fox visiting. Food provided at village dances.
Functions at Thumham Hall. Winning a sheep in the raffle.
Refreshments at Thumham.

P.33 Playing until 4.0 or 5.0 a.m.
Brian Coulter and his Jazz Band.
John Handley, caretaker, Town Hall.
Queen of the Ballroom contests. One contestant became Miss World.

P.1 Arthur Bradley's band.
Miss Knowles, violin teachers.
Harry played regularly (aged 12) at Leasgill Atheneum and Levens Village Hall.
Players in that band. Travelled by bike. Suppers provided.

P.2 The Arcadians Dance Band. Played at Conservative Club.

P.3 Blue Rascals Dance Band. Incident of the double bass.
Musicians Union.
Travelling to dances; taking the piano.

P.4 Hotel work.
Danes Cafe; village halls; money earned; transport used.
Incident of the glass eye.
RAF Club.
Five Kings Dance Band.
Considered turning professional.

P4/5 Doug.. Phillips' background.

P.5 Uniform worn.
Playing at Thurland Castle.
Drink and food provided.

P.6 Played at Barbon Manor, Heaves Hotel; Windermere Motor Boat Club; Old England.
Waiter at Old England.
Played at private functions for Spencer Crookenden and Somervell family.