

**WM0808 Tommy Murray (Clip 2)**

**SPEAKERS**

Una Walls, Tommy Murray, Nan Murray

**Nan Murray 00:00**

And you worked in Shorts & Harland Tommy on the planes like?

**Tommy Murray 00:04**

Oh aye, I worked on the Sunderland Flying Boat mostly and the Lancaster but mostly the Sunderland Flying Boat.

**Una Walls 00:13**

Did any women work in Shorts then?

**Tommy Murray 00:16**

Oh there were stacks of women. They worked in what were called the uh, extension factory. It was uh, it was bigger nearly than Newcastle and uh, the women used to work in the big factory down in there and the men worked up where there was, that's where they had the explosives and that.

**Una Walls 00:41**

Mhmm and would women have worked there before the war or was it just because of the war?

**Tommy Murray 00:45**

Oh aye, they worked on different planes, civilian type you know. And I remember when the war finished all the Sunderland Flying Boats were modified and sold to Senior Dodero, he was in Argentina and they sold all the Sunderland Flying Boats after modification you know, putting seats in them and taking the bomb bays and guns, gun cupolas out.

**Tommy Murray 01:21**

And uh, one of them was uh, that we worked on, we wondered what we were working day and night at this uh, airplane.

**Tommy Murray 01:31**

They were taking all the guns and the bomb bays out of them and putting seats in it and we found out later on that it was for the evacuation of King Haakon of Norway.

**Tommy Murray 01:47**

Him and his whole family. The Germans had invaded and uh, if they had've got them they would have killed them but uh, they got the Sunderland ready.

**Tommy Murray** 01:58

I think it was called 'Youth for Uncle,' that's what the code name was.

**Tommy Murray** 02:06

They uh, modernised them up and made them lighter so that they could carry more passengers.

**Tommy Murray** 02:15

That was the, for the evacuation of King Haakon and his family.

**Una Walls** 02:20

And did that go ahead? Did they, were they evacuated?

**Tommy Murray** 02:22

Oh yeah, they got them out, they got them out over to England.