


<p>Project: Pennylands Camp 22 - WW2 POW Camp. Respondent: Clarke Callaghan – Older brother of Tom Callaghan, also interviewed. Year of Birth: 1941. Age: 75. Connection to project: Lived in Pennylands Camp with his family from 1948-1952/3. Date of Interview: 24th May 2017. Interviewer: Kay McMeekin. Recording Agreement: Yes. Information & Content: Yes. Photographic Images: Yes (Number of: 0) Length of Interview: 9:46. Location of Interview: New Cumnock, Ayrshire. Recording Equipment: Zoom H4n Pro.</p>		
Time (from: mins/secs)	Time Coded Full Transcript	Transcribed Extract (from- to: mins/secs)
0.00	Introduction, welcome and information about respondent.	0.00-0:30
	Q1. What was your connection to Pennylands Camp?	
	A1. I stayed there from 1948 to early 1952/3	0:33-0:42
	Q2. Can you tell me about your early life before Pennylands?	
	A2. Stayed in Stewarton, David Dale Street, Stewarton. Went to Stewarton school and my father worked in the railways. The railways shut down and moved because of work at the Barony Pit and we moved from Stewarton to Pennylands Camp.	0:45-1:01
	Q3. Do you remember the numbers of the house at Pennylands?	
	A3. 66 was the bottom I think and No 30 was the top of Pennylands Camp	1:05-1:12
	Q4. How did the accommodation compare to Stewarton?	
	A4. It was huts, a hut to start with, asbestos roof. It was ok, we managed but when we moved to the top of the camp next to Christie's (Gamekeeper's Cottage) we moved to a jail-block which was a brick pre-fab and it was amazing. When we went into it we had the Dover stove, we had the kitchen, there was a fireplace in one bedroom and a Dover stove in the living room. The place was warm, outside toilet.	1:16-1:54

	Q5. The first house was a Nissen hut?	
	A5. No, it was felt on the outside and corrugated, across from us were wash-houses with spickets (taps) and what you see in these GI films where men can wash, 10 or 12 at a time in cold water.	1:55-2:13
	Q6. Did you have a garden?	
	A6. Beautiful, father loved the garden so did my father in law he loved the garden. That's part of my life, gardens. At Lochside House I was the gardener there for 15 years.	2:15-2:30
	Q7. Was there any shops?	
	A7. No, it was a van that came around every morning, a grocer's van and I think a baker's van but maybe the grocer's van carried soda scones and rolls and milk. I'll tell you the name of the van, Johnny Stewart. He's in Auchinleck now and in his 80s.	2:33-2:52
	Q8. Did the second hut have running water?	
	A8. We put the running water in, in the kitchen.	2:55-2:59
	Q9. Was there electricity?	
	A9. No, there was no electricity in the camp it was Tilley lamps. You had to put up the Tilley lamps, they had a mantle on them and these lamps that you see in the Western films with the wick.	3:01-3:13
	Q10. How many families were there?	
	A10. It was busy... the school bus, there would have been 20 to 30 went to school every day.	3:17-3:25
	Q11. There was a school bus?	
	A11. Yes, went to Auchinleck School.	3:27-3:30
	Q12. Was there anyone in charge of the camp?	
	A12. Nobody in charge, we just did exactly what I told you. We did our own thing but see if I could turn the clock back, it would be to raise up sons, it was a playground, the banks of Bute we were down there every day of the week. Played down there, swung from trees, fit as fiddles, one bike between three of us and it was built up and taken to bits.	3.35-3:58

	Q13. Tell me a bit more about your family?	
	A13. I'm the oldest, then Tom and John.	4:02-4:05
	Q14. Do you remember your neighbours?	
	A14. Sammy Paul, but he stayed in the orchard, there's an orchard down there where the big wall is (Dumfries House Queen Elizabeth House garden) he stayed there and then there were Murdochs, Mary, Anne, Alex, Billy, that was a family of Murdochs. They were all about our age, we ran about with them, went to school with them. That's as about it.	4:10-4:37
	Q15. Can you tell me about your step-father?	
	A15. Adam Zborowski, that's the young sister's father, he was a Polish fellow, Tom has his passport photo or maybe my sister. He went to Pennylands to David Dale Camp in Stewarton, another POW camp. He worked in the Barony. My mother and father split up and we moved in with Adam, he was a very, very clever, handy man. Between joiner work, plumbing, taking the engine out of cars. He was in the Polish army, he was clever, hence I do all my own work and took it from him. As I say I left to Auchinleck when the camp was shutting down and went to Cameron Drive in Auchinleck but the camp was tremendous years.	4:38-5:34
	Q16. Was the accommodation in Auchinleck better?	
	A16. Oh absolutely, you had electric, running water, a bath. We didn't have a bath then, we had to wash with cold water. At the time at the top of the camp my mother had a deep sink where you could scrub but we were too big to go in but you could keep clean.	5.40-5:58
	Q17. What was your address in Auchinleck?	
	A17. 57 Cameron Drive, the first brick house next to the timber houses in Auchinleck.	6:00-6:07
	Q18. Were you sorry to leave Pennylands?	
	A18. We didn't leave Pennylands to go straight to Cameron Drive, we went to 182 Dalsalloch Rows. Mining rows.	6:10-6:21
	Q19. Was Adam a miner?	
	A19. No	6:24-6:25
	Q20. What was the worst thing about Pennylands?	

	<p>A21. There was nothing bad about it. I went there when I was 8. The luxury was the matinee on Saturday at the picture house in Auchinleck, we ran up the road and down the road, if we missed the school bus in the morning we ran up to school, a mile and a wee bit. It was a life, a great life, no television, nothing not even a wireless. We always had a great Christmas, my mother was a good cook, my mother was Italian by the way, good cook, fed well and at Christmas we always had chicken, always a chicken at Christmas, my brother will tell you the same. There was always a Christmas tree. We picked our Christmas tree from the Marques of Bute's and we brought it home to her. In those days, Christmas trees had no fancy lights because there was no electric so we used candles which you lit on Christmas day. You had to watch the tree like a hawk or it would go on fire! So that's about it. That's Pennylands it was a tremendous bit to stay, school bus every morning, you run home, got home from school, clothes off and you ran about all night to you were called in.</p>	6:30-7:57
	<p>Q22. Did you say Adam was the camp handyman?</p>	
	<p>A22. No. He was a handy man but not the camp handyman. He could paint, decorate, joiner, plumbing, brickie and sort motors. In those days, there weren't many motors. In Stewarton, my grannie had a motor and we would get a loan of now and then and Adam would service it. In the Polish army, I think he was a fitter mechanic.</p>	8:03-8:29
	<p>Q23. A lot of the Poles didn't go back home.</p>	
	<p>A23. The Poles in the camp Yancouski, Dubroski quite a lot of them, Adam was pally with them. There was a wee dance-hall there too, a wee dance on a Saturday night that was across from where we stayed in 66, there was a wee hut with a dance-hall in there. But haven't mind of any medical centres.</p>	8:36-8:56
	<p>Q24. That's all my questions, anything else?</p>	
	<p>A24. There's a photo (on file) at Auchinleck that I noticed of four girls together. Tam had his specs on I didn't, Tom recognised them as the lassie Murdochs. Mary and Annie Murdoch. Mary's still alive and so is Annie. I think Annie's in Tarbolton. Billy and Alex, Billy stays in Mauchline and Alex's in Australia. The Semples down there too. There weren't many younger than us.</p>	9:01-9:40
	<p>Closing statement and end of interview.</p>	9:46



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