

Transcript of Brian Clark clip

So again, that was that that took me through to the end of the first year of my apprenticeship, which I finished in the training centre in July 1954. And of course, I've been in the hostel then for more or less a year. And that was your induction and the company did that because you you were away from home. And then after that they said right, well, now you're on your own. You've got to find lodgings. Now of course we had in the company in those days had a massive amount of support for apprentices, because there were so many apprentices, there were about 700 apprentices at Marconi's in those days. And what the whole company at Chelmsford was probably over 10,000 people. So the the welfare department found you digs. They said, here's some opportunities for you, go around and be interviewed by the landlady and see if you like it. So after that first year, er, I went off and found some digs. Now the interesting thing is the guy that I was with when I arrived, when were in the temporary accommodation before we went into the hostel, I teamed up with him and we shared a room in

the company accommodation, St. Mary's Lodge, in Cottage Place. And then afterwards we went into digs together. And we stayed together for about a year I think. And then and then we parted ways and we went into different, we went into different lodgings in different places. I went, I was in lodgings up Broomfield Road. Forgetting the name of the road now. Yes, not far from where the parade of shops is in the Broomfield Road. Now I was in digs there for about three years. And in fact, you could say I more or less grew up there from from, from a young boy to a man.