

Leslie Thornton**Nebelwerfer Fire**

The worst one of the lot was the one we called the *Nebelwerfer*, that was the six barrel mortar. I think it was set off by remote control. The sound it made was like if you've heard a typhoon starting 'whoop', that kind of noise. Then you knew that shortly they'd be coming over and you could hear them whistling in the air. Six at a time. That was the one that we hated because a shell has got a certain trajectory and you know it's going to go over you if you hear it, but not the *Nebelwerfer* because it's up in the air and it's dropping down so it was a nasty one. If you were caught in it, well that was it. If you weren't flat on the ground or in a hole you'd had it.