

**John Brooker****Reconnaissance Patrol**

I had to take a recce patrol out and I took my platoon out on a recce patrol. There was a railway line about, oh, a couple of miles ahead of us. We thought that they might have been holding that still and I had to take a recce patrol out to it at night. And I remember getting to the railway line. And one or two of the lads were jumpy, of course, the older ones, you know the ones that had been in Primosole only recently, but we managed alright. And I remember seeing my first German there. Well, first German officer patrolling the line, so we knew well enough that they were holding that. That was all I had to go out and get so I came back of course.