Charles Eagles
Attack at Lingèvres
When we got about, as far as we were concerned, three quarters of the way across the field all hell let loose and that was from the two sides becomes the apex and literally they were cutting us down. I mean really cutting us down. There was a hell of a lot of noise, in fact, horrendous really, and a bit of screaming going on obviously, you know, I mean there was people getting hit and all this and the other and people were just falling about left, right and centre. And I jumped off the carrier and Jack Williams jumped off with me. Run by the side of it and then there were just bodies falling all over, it was as easy as that, and there seemed to be blood and everything all over the place, you now, really fellows were really screaming. But amongst all the fire it was, it was just hell really. And then Jack Williams went down and I heard him shout "Eagles" or something or "Charles" or something, and I ran back and I always remember Jack saying "They've got me". I said "Well, they've got you Jack", but by this time with all the racket that was going on he says "Look, see if they've shot my balls off". I always remember that, and I sort of pulled at his trousers and I said "Jack you're alright, you'll be okay". And the next thing I remember is hoisting him on my shoulder, and how the hell I got him on me shoulder I'll never know, and I ran back a 150 yards and then I saw these two medical guys and I dropped Jack off with them. And he says "I'll see you, laddie", and that was the last I saw of Jack. And he says "Go on you, you, get yourself off I'm alright". But he was fantastic.