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The following is transcribed from a letter sent to the REA BD Branch in 1994, by Wally Fielding, held in their archives.

22 BD Company, 220 BD Section.

1940 to

I was conscripted into the army to report to Halifax on the 30 October 1940 and to get from Hucknall to Halifax I left at 0830 and arrived in Halifax at around 1600 in drizzling rain.

I knew Halifax quite well as I had spent a holiday there in August with my mother. I lost my father from the effects of the first world war at Easter.

I thought I was going to serve in Lines of Communications, which spelt to me Railways, but that evening in Rhod? Street Methodist, (a page of this letter is missing) it continues and back to Colchester and then Ipswich 1942 and due to medical condition, I went to Colchester Military Hospital and August 1942 was sent to Mill Hill Emergency where I was for 3 months.

We had the Kings doctor Sid Issac Abrahams exam all new patients and I was asked if I would like to go back to my unit or learn a trade. I decided to learn a trade as a vehicle mechanic and spent a further ? months in London March 1943 I was transferred to REME and beginning of 1944 I went back to London to waterproof large numbers of B vehicles for D Day and just before D Day I moved back to my unit at Newark 29 AA Workshop.

I never left 22 BD Company RE 22 BD Section until admitted to Mill Hill Emergency Hospital.