

Transcript

00:00:02 Speaker 1

This is the Finest Hour Digital Collection Day in Todmorden on the 24th of November 2023. And can I just take your name as well?

00:00:11 Speaker 2

Denise Barker.

00:00:13 Speaker 1

There we go. So what have you brought in for us today, Denise?

00:00:16 Speaker 2

I've got 2 letters. One is December 1944, the other one is January '45 and these are letters to my grandmother from her nephew who lived in the States, and he was a member of Glenn Miller's band.

00:00:42 Speaker 1

We're playing Glenn Miller right now, I think!

00:00:46 Speaker 2

And one is the first one, he's just introducing himself to my grandmother and asking us if he can visit. Which he did. The second one is after the visit and in this, he just mentions that Glenn Miller disappeared. So there you go.

00:01:12 Speaker 1

Ohh. Very nice. So how how come she got to he wanted to come and meet her? What was the...

00:01:21 Speaker 2

He they were stationed over here. And that letter will tell you.

00:01:29 Speaker 1

Yeah, he was with an American band, yeah.

00:01:32 Speaker 2

Yeah. He was a saxophonist.

00:01:34 Speaker 1

Yeah. And I assume he took a fancy to her, and thought he'd come over and...

00:01:36 Speaker 2

Yep, introduce himself.

00:01:42 Speaker 1

Yeah, but did he not come back? So he visited.

00:01:50 Speaker 2

Ohh yeah, Jack. He visited, and then he got sent back to the States, which he ended up he married a French woman and was living in Paris. And that's the last I know of him. So I didn't know whether they'd be...

00:02:11 Speaker 2

Well, it's interesting, definitely.