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Transcript

Speaker 2

This is an interview with Kathryn Newall on 23rd of November 2023 talking about her granddad, how Harold.

Speaker 1

It's composed myself.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So, Kathryn, can you tell us a little bit about your granddad?

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

I believe it's born in line.

Speaker 1

Granddad was born in Langley. Yeah, his wife was Emily. Yeah, he. Joined the Macclesfield Express, or Macclesfield Times as it was then as a junior reporter when he was 16 years old, or maybe a little bit younger, and he worked for 50 years on the local paper and leaving there as news editor.

Speaker 2

Right. Yeah.

Speaker 1

He was well known across Macclesfield. Yeah, as his granddaughter, I went to various things with him when he was reporting on on things. Yeah, he was quite a character. He was always

recognised in the town because he wore a trilby hat and he was very, very smart gentleman, yeah.

Speaker 2

And what what? What did he join up in the war?

Speaker 1

He joins. Up. In. Can't remember the year, probably. Yeah. And he joined was oh gosh.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

It ended up being the 8th. But I think it was called 59th Battalion or something previously possibly, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And yeah, and.

Speaker 2

Do you know how old he? Was when he went. It's alright if you don't. It's hard to remember. It's now I.

Speaker 1

I think he.

Speaker 2

Think it's my accent.

Speaker 1

I think he was in his 30s, right? Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah. And we've got lots of these artifacts and particular interest is the black cat. Can you tell us a little bit about that?

Speaker 1

We have, yeah. Well, height is a little bit of research, and apparently the Black Hat stems from the infantry that he was with was started in London and the black cat represents it.

Whittington's cat, right? But that's only through my my own research. Because I didn't know what the significance of these badges with the black cat on were. Yeah, but I I think maybe there's a little bit more research there for me.

Speaker 2

Right. But it's really interesting, and especially as he's. Quite a local. Character. You know, sort of. And we've got his details about his retirement and his. Doing. Is death, so thank you very much.