

## Interview with Margaret Gandier and Ione Forsyth

15-55 Marg/Ione: (ng) Things shrink don't they...(061)as well as is... It seems smaller? Ya. It seemed so big and impressive when we first came here and started to live. We would take pictures here...now it looks rather insignificant...

15- 68 Ione: (sound ng?) There's the doorbell, you can hardly find it but it's still there. (Kelly) Torchy noticed that the doorbell was still here ...Only thing they didn't tear off (crunching, Oh look at the old mattress...ooh can't see much...do you remember that being here? Does that look as though that was something that was here all this time?

15-85 Ione: crunching

15-101: Margaret/Ione: (Airplane in bg -Kelly - did you hear that sound often when you were out here)...no we'd figure it was the Germans coming...

15- 109 Margaret (steps): have you got pictures, stepping, I'm sure this is all the same, It was a nice design wasn't...

15-126 Ione: It went up fairly quickly, Margaret: there are the stairs over there. See those two doors, there were stairs that came down so you get out from up stairs if you had to...I was on the top floor.(were you on the second floor?) We were on the last wing facing Canada car. And when the eight o'clock buzzer would ring we'd go straight across, I remember running across to get there on time. It was very handy to work...M: we didn't have too far to go then. It was quite a place, quite a place.

15-143 Ione: There were a group of 22 of us came from Winnipeg and it was throughout the selective service. There were 22 on board the train and they'd told us there would be a matron to meet us at the train station. And she met us there and were all dispersed. All had to come out on the street car.... We arrived in September and I think we moved here in April 44. As soon as it was finished we moved in.

15-170 Ione: They always had to open their lunch bucket...I had to do that – pieces of the wings, in case you might need them...

15-219 Ione/Margaret: Do you remember that other road there Torchy?  
M:...maybe it was this...I: See the stairs there, haven't take in down. We lived up in there, bout mid way. M: I lived just down beyond you...I: I don't remember you from those days. I didn't even realize you were in Canada Car. What department were you in? M: I was in several departments I guess I was in about four. I don't know. Maybe they were trying to find out what I was suitable for...laughs I: Well when I first arrived here they were just finishing up hurricanes then they were going to make Helldivers, so they started retooling, when I first arrived I was first a pop riveter didn't like it too much. I wanted to go in the progress department. Which meant you were a chaser .. you kept the stores. All the different pieces they needed. I was in the wings department. AI was all over the plant.. It was your responsibility to keep the departments full of any pieces they needed on the wings. I liked that..

15-261 Ione/Marg: There was an office building over there... they took it down not too long ago... they had a picture in the paper... all the a lot of the staff from over at lunchtime ..there came over to Winston hall. Because wee had good food. OOH its cold...

15-273 Margaret: walking..This is like that movie 12 o'clock high.Do you remember when they came to the old station that they flew from and they had music in the background and then it takes you back into how it was and how sad it was with all things decrepit and this is just like Twelve o'clock High....So there is a lot of memories here for you ..Oh yes there sure is, lots of memories good memories...

15-291 Margaret: You see the windows under neath. There is three windows there, do you recall three windows and maybe that was the laundry room ... (Was it a dirty job?).I don't remember, but I recall doing laundry .I recall looking out those laundry windows and I said I'm going to climb that mountain... that was the first mountain I had ever seen...coming from the prairies ...I said I'm going to climb that mountain and I did. (314) to me it looked very high.

15-319 Ione: The assembly line was facing this way so when they were finished as the planes were being worked on the assembly line would come out on the east end of the plant and then they just rolled them. The planes just rolled out... The Helldivers.

15-334 Ione: There were a lot of women here.

16-021 Ione: Because my hair was bright red, I got that nick-name in grade ten.

People think it was my Christian name. But now they call me Margaret because my hair isn't grey anymore.

16-028 Ione: I worked in the wings department, dept. 83 and each department had their stores and it was my responsibility to have all the parts, there are so many parts to a plane, and they all go by number and I had to make sure I had everything they needed in stock . So Sometimes I'd have to go to the production office and find out where it was made and follow it up and maybe go from anodizing, to painting, in the foundry, first of all in the foundry that is where they are cut, all the different pieces.. just keep everything in stock. But I liked it, I was all over the plant. I got to go talk with different people and I liked it better than pot riveting which I was doing when I first went there... I just asked if I could go in the progress department, which was being a chaser. ..and I liked it I was kind of sorry to see it end.

16-043 Ione: I thought what am I going to do now. I was getting better money than you would other places and I just really felt, this is the end and it all ended abruptly ...everybody was through...

16-70 Ione: There would be maybe ten numbers in each piece so you'd have to go by that and look it up in a big file they had there and find out where it was made, especially if you were getting low on that stock then you would have to chase it down.

16-77 Ione: Never had a problem at all. Some of them used to whistle at you when you were going by. But in those days it didn't bother the women. You just kept right on going and didn't give it a thought.

16-83 Ione: I used to send money home to at the time,.. Being the oldest of seven, I would send money home to help out. And it was a lot better money than you would make other places which is I guess the reason why a lot of people came from out west.

16-099 Ione: It was a feeling of kind of happiness that we were supporting the war.... everybody was just doing there best to get the war over with.