

During the Second World War that started in 1939 and went into the 40s, I was a young man. Four or five, six years. I could hear some of the commotion and activities, news broadcast by the BBC because in the buildings that we were living in, the neighbors were so close that the people that had on their radio—at that time we used to have a radio, no TV was exist in that time, and there was a guy named George, a good friend of my mother and my father, he used to put on the BBC News. And I scarcely could hear some of the commotion taking place at that time. There was a significant activity that used to take place in the night. Because from the former Canal Zone, in the nighttime, you could see these searchlights scanning the skies. Those searchlights used to be coming from Clayton, Albrook, and those other locations that the American troops were stationed. By reading my uncle's paper and the Star and Herald and listening to the news, I was able to get a little insight of what was the critical days that were taking place. At that time, all the news we got came by radio or by what I could hear people discussing. You know people that were older than myself. But during those years, the activity on the Canal Zone was very strong because they had to, they were an active part in that conflict. So that was very good that I could at least be aware of what was taking place even though I didn't have a full knowledge of the reason for it.