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### **Robert Brazil on concert parties and the determination to live.**

I think the concert parties, were the consequence of the determination to live. You know, I put it that way round. You know that's why we did it, you know. We were sodded, we were not going to go under, you know, and that's you know, why one did it.

And of course one wanted something-- it was fun. Amidst all this horror and disgusting sanitary conditions, so on you know, and [pause] it -- it helps you to go on doesn't it you know if [pause] you can-- you know get the pleasure of people laughing at your own jokes you know. I mean it's-- it's a des-- it's a desperate day to day existence you know, you never know what's going to happen. You're completely completely at the mercy of the-- your captors who could machine gun the lot of you you know, it was the determination-- to live, and the concert parties were evidence of your determination to live you know, by doing it, you know, you know you're going to live if you could, you know. I think as it were the concert parties, just as much come out of the necessity to-- to fight back and to keep going, as they were, you know, in terms of any rate of acknowledgement, to serious drama you know.