

Eric Farrar

Firstly: Your father is a war hero - who endured terrible trauma. I have deep respect for him - and your mother.

[You \[00:10:47\]](#): *He (Eric Farrar) was part of the British Expeditionary Force that went to fight in Europe in 1939 and was captured just outside [Dunkirk](#) in the spring of 1940 and was a prisoner of war in a German prison camp until the end of the war in 1945. And he came back to Britain, then hadn't been able to go to university. And he was given a lift (to a) debriefing because I think he'd escaped from a prisoner-of-war camp or something.*

A little surprising you're not sure about whether he'd escaped or not - but it's normal that people don't like to talk about trauma - even with family.

[\[00:11:16\]](#): *And my mother had been a driver during the war. She had driven these huge American people, carriers (sic) (from the transcript of the podcast - listening to it later, i realized she was driving huge American people-carriers - **not** huge American people) from the ports in Scotland down to the south coast in 1943 and 1944, preparing for the invasion of Europe and VE Day.*

She was driving my father for some debriefing. He was an enlisted soldier. He wasn't an officer, but he had some information about the prisoner of war camps in Germany. (Which is how they met.)

Although officers were not required to work, he was an enlisted soldier, so that means [five years hard labour](#) in the camp on low food rations - with the constant threat of punishment or even execution. That will *break a man down*. If he did escape and was then recaptured, they would have made life hell. That's a lot of trauma - fully-franked with PTSD for life.

After the war, Eric and your mother began the next stage of their lives as *just two [itinerant people](#) - adventurers - travelling around the world for many, many years.*

PTSD would explain that. Even a natural high dose of wanderlust, though with a family of six children, it's a big deal to relocate so many times.

The countries that he chose - Singapore, Yemen, Egypt, Cyprus, Libya - it does seem plausible he was working as an intelligence gathering agent for the British military - and went wherever he was deployed. It'd be a good fit for the restlessness.

But so is English teacher - quite plausible - not sure why i'm even talking about it - whatever - he worked hard - hard enough to send you to a [posh school in England](#).

But as to *how-the-heck* you got into University College London - and then Oxford? Don't quite buy that *door-knocking* story - the *chance meeting* with [Robin Forrest](#). Sounds like someone had some *clout* somewhere?

You do have that natural affinity with the *deep-state* influencers - the layer of established power beneath politicians. For someone born n raised in a world of international intelligence gathering, a closed-circle power-cohort-with-a-globalized-agenda *would* seem normal.

At the end of the day though, you blazed your own trail. The consequences of your actions are yours to own - not your father's.

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