They went just like that. But when you set there you cannot go. (You too cannot go). I say my eyes was red.
-I became disturbed. I came but I didn't go there. I did not go there again. But there also, you want take things from Kumağı there, you would carry and rain as it was time for the rain to fall it would beat you. You won't get car (Humm). Car did not go there. Asina even Car did not go there. Lately lately the car weekly weekly. Just now than today it goes there. But at the river side Car did not go there. They dropped you on the road then you walked. Asking I lie? (Humm) There even they said car went there? And you pass on the river. (From where Car drops you and you cross was it far?) No. It was not too far. Asina there. Master was teaching there. When he want to stay there I went nowhere. Because of the mountain I went nowhere. (No) That day mother said let us go to farm to take food. I cried continuously. I did not carry anything. (He, he, he, he) when you want you use your bottom, you used your bottom. They all went then I would sit on my bottom (you moved with your bottom). (He, he, he, he) Yes! They fried it.
And they said people sent food from
here and sold there.) Yes they did not sell we exchanged for fish (you went then you gave the food to them and you collected fish) yes. You went, they wouldn't get food to eat. (Humm) We used to plant plantain.
The rain fell then the plantain fell down (he he he he) and there were no weeds in the farm there. (Yes)
(And you I thought you did not like Bosountwe) Humm me (You did not like there) (you don't like there)
Oh Ah, how did you like there? (Yes he he he he) (And what about Msota and Sampa and Mampong & Wewe & Wewe & Wewe & Wewe & Wewe & Wewe)
What Wiamase (what was nice to you? And Bosountwe there) Ah that place there was no mountain
(Humm what? (Mountain he he)
(yes yes but which one does she likes better?) (she means that)
Nko (he & Wiamase which you stayed and Bosountwe, which of them did you like best) Oh for that I liked Wiamase (he he he he) how between Wiamase and Sampa and Mampong) (he he it means Wiamase Sampa and Mampong which place did you like best?) Oh for that I liked Sampa best, (so?) (The place was good for you)
Yes look Sampa was good to
Stay the place was boundary you see? (aha) (the place was boundary) the place
is boundary (aha). Everything, we
got everything free, you see? That
place everything was taken free.
(Whoa) You see? (what things did you
got free). For that place, at that time
when we were there it happened
that some body could buy materials
"full load of articulated truck" and
packed behind the thing "boundary"
(when) packed behind the boundary
(whoa) The full load you could be
called to unload them. You had
not moved a step but you would
get plenty of money. You don’t
know that it was that place that
we carried cocoa? (aha, you went
by foot) Else we got money quickly.
We used to smuggle it, (did you
collect collect) through the boundary
(or were you hired?) Yes. (and)
you took the things from Sampa,
you collected the things from the
boundary to Sampa) From Sampa
from Sampa. The things were
collected from Sampa. From Abidjan,
it was packed at the boundary
(hmm) where they used to pack.
then we carried them to Sampa.
(aha) You see? (You were hired)
Yes. For the cocoa, oh, young
people built houses through it.
(ahaa) At Barakum, these young boys, those who were medically fit.
(I know Barakum I have stayed at Sungani, I have stayed at Sungani
before) Ehe. And when Rawlings came when they used to kill people,
some people used to stay in Kumasi, but without job, he was growing,
if he decided to stay there, in about
six months, he would come and
build his own house. There would
be no debt. You see? As they stationed
the border guards there, it at times
happens that a nursing mother
would carry her child at her back
and at the same time carried the
cocoa; (Hum) she would then be paid.
when she reached there. Part would
be used to buy dress and cloth.
when they went to carry it they
would be killed (And you, was
that place a bush area?) Yes.
(And they shot them in the bush)
Yes. They killed, at times one may be
carrying her baby at her back
(Ao) (Hum) They killed the mother
and put the baby on its mother
downwards. (Ao) They would leave
them there. The baby would cry
continuously. They liked there and
animals came and chased them.
(Ao) At times the people had not
stayed there for one week.
He knew nothing about it and he had been killed. (Aroo) You see? They used to purchase things from there. At times when you went to purchase things from there, they would not allow the Car to bring them. Then we hired labourers and they carried them to Sampa (in the bush). Yes, we hired labourers and they carried the things behind the boundary (Hum) to arrive, to arrive home. We took Car to collect, collect from Kumasi, then the things were sent home. So if you stayed there you would get work, you would get work (Hum). Apart from that, it was groundnut, and yam and other things. And when you stayed there you could be hired to carry things. You would get quick money (Hum). You would get cocoa, and other things if you wished. So if you stayed there and you were not sick you would get money quick (Hum). So there were prices low (Hum). If you went to collect the things from Abidjan, the prices were low (Hum). So if you hired labourers whatever the case, by the time you reached here you would get something. You see? Even presently we haven't stopped. Hum. As for the cocoa, for the cocoa,
young people had money from it. (Hum) And even if somebody stayed in Kavasi and couldn't get job to do and had had a baby and became disappointed by and by if he reached there and carried cocoa about three times by the end of the cocoa season when he comes, he would have had money to build his house (Hum). If he had not built at all he had got his everything and had got some money to do business. And at that place money, if you brought it here to change, some would be added to it. You see? (In Sampa did you chop French money?) Yes (Hum). They chopped all. (They chopped) Ghana money and there money (Ah) that place well chopped it very much. (O.K.) French there white people came they came really. They came to Sampa there, so if they came there money that they brought. They liked dance much (They liked dance) Eh! Whites (he, he, he) French whites. They liked dance well, (He, he, he, so you danced small small) to be exact, they came every Saturday (Hum) you see? So when they came here money that we got was not small money. For Sampa people always came. As for Bong Atafo, the whole area (Hum) Bong Atafo everything
the well being of Kumasi or what ever it had turned to they all came from Bong Afoko (Hum) For that place money home. (So?) Everything, oh. You know. When you want to Berekum didn’t you tell me that (ah) we should stay at Berekum. (He, he, he, he) She said (but have you seen?) For our Ashanti here, there was nothing here (Hum) nothing Cassava, cocoyam, nothing in Ashanti here. (So) Yes they had nothing. (But some also plant) The food? (presently some plant) This place this place Ashanti Region here? Around Kusabe and its Cocoyam, and we called it Kusabe. The Cocoyam, the Cocoyam for olden days (They all came from Bong Afoko) Food, Tomatoes, Okra, (True) Snails Garden Eggs Meat all of them came from Bong Afoko. (Hum) (For tomatoes was good) Plantain - Akumada. (Akumada) All the plantain came from Bong Afoko. Safiri all everything. Palm nut - Yeji That place is Bong Afoko. (And why did food not come from Ashanti here?) Ashanti here the land was not good. The land was not good. When you planted anything it wasn’t good. (Hum) Yes. If you could get at present if you passed this small area, the land which was good small was Agogo. Agogo Area you see? (Hum) That place and Aseau area, from
There to Agogo area, our Ashanti area. Ashanti area here, that place. You know that because of the mountains, it gave the food there. (Hmhm) You see? (Hmhm) That place because of the mountains. When you passed the road there, the land which there was no mountain, there was no food. (Hmhm) Have you seen? The place Atta and others came from, there was no food. Places where there were mountains, there we got little food from. When you passed Agogo area, the land was not a land which when you planted anything would be right. It was inside small small. And Brong Ahafio, the land was plain. (They had food, forest) Yes. Ashanti and all things. Brong Ahafio (nho) had thing. They were all in Brong Ahafio. The reason, the eldest said there would come a time when the land finished. (nho) So they rightly cut forest and made it "sofea". That was called "Forest". (Hmhm) Very large, the Surveyors were walking in it. You see? Presently, where my mother was, elephants were there plenty. (Presently are they there) Eh, you see there and they appeared. (Hmhm) (Presently where are they?) They are at Kwadwoaawuma (where?) Kwadwoaawuma (Kwadwoaawuma) Yes (Is that too Brong Ahafio) Hmhm (Near Nkran Kwanu)