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First Pay

I remember my first wages. Went in on a Tuesday and we got paid on a Friday and seven shillings was our entitlement, but we only got five shillings for barrack room damages. We had to pay for the barrack room had been damaged by the ones before. Well, that was, you can read into it what you like. And he says "Here's your money and Woolworths is just round the corner if you want some Blanco, you want some polish and you want some polishing cloths". So we all tripped round. I think the lasses knew we were coming; they were all ready for us.