

**Bill Bateman****D-Day Rations**

We got a pack issued, a very small pack in it. And there was five cigarettes, and I've never seen them since. There was a can of soup and you used to light a fuse. You had to puncture it and you used to light a fuse and within about five seconds it was boiling soup. Also there were tins of cocoa. There was no tea and there were no soft drinks. The biscuits were very good and that. And there was dried meat. You had to soften it, tip your water on it, and there was a couple of cans of water with the fuses in. But when it dissolves right it made a mince, it was quite good an all. But we never saw any more because that was the landings to keep us going I think because they said that was a two days rations. And they sent five cigarettes.