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Breakfast

Why that would be just like a cup of coffee and a portion of bread. Why the bread was distributed five to a loaf so what we used to do is that one man would get the loaf of bread and then we'd all gan back into the hut and sit at the table provided. There was all sorts of ways of cutting the loaf an all that to get the most out of it till it was adopted that the *Stalag* disc that we had with our numbers on would go equally into this loaf of bread five times. There was a bloke that was cutting it, his knife had to be very sharp because when he was cutting it. It was just like the *Merchant of Venice*, you know, a pound of flesh and he didn't have to shed a drop of blood and he hadn't to shed a crumb, and he had to cut it expertly and if it went in like that there was hell on, and they had to shave a piece off the next piece to put onto that. It had to be perfect because there was five pair of eyes watching every move he made.