

David Ridley**Alcohol Ration**

I think the men were issued a can of beer a week. Now normally the colour-sergeant used to save all that till we pulled out of the line. He didn't bring it up because it wasn't worth it really. He used to wait till we came out of the line and previously, I used to say, we used to have parties and we used to collect all the booze there and we used to have it. But not enough to get drunk on. The only people that could get drunk were sergeants. There was sergeant who used to get a bottle of whisky a month or a bottle of gin or whichever you wanted. Now at that particular time the reinforcements came from the Artillery. We got a terrible lot of sergeants, and I mean a company holds three sergeants, we had ten, and you couldn't drop them because they were all war substantiated. So we had ten bottles of whisky per month coming in and there was only two of us drank. So there was only the chap and meself could get drunk if we wanted to.