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Fraternising in Germany

They were quite friendly and we weren't allowed to fraternise with the Germans, it was a strict rule. And one of the things we were told that if we were walking along the road and there was a German coming towards us that we must not divert our direction to go round them, if necessary push them off the pavement, I don't think it ever got done. But you can't push a woman off the pavement can you not really? And it's difficult not to be friendly with the children, because always nice to have children about in those circumstances. And what we used to do was a particular child you would probably more or less adopt. When your NAAFI ration came along you would probably give them a bar of chocolate or some sweets or something like that. And it was always nice to have this kind of relationship.