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They was more interested in asking you questions, conversations. Always asking about Churchill and things like that, different things, you know, Churchill and... When they'd had a parcel they knew and they used to ask about chocolate and cigarettes and that and if you gave them one they used cherish it, you know, because their cigarettes were like these Polish things full of sawdust. And then the watchman, the old fellah, this was remarkable an all, he must have been a baccy chewer because I remember we got a Canadian parcel, because they were from different countries or different places each time. You know, could be from England then Canada and places like that. And we got one and there's 50 cigarettes, and somebody would have to give the old foreman a cigarette. He says "Ooh, Canada", and he put it in his mouth and chewed it just as he would with his baccy. But they was always asking about us, quizzing us, different questions what went on in England. But, at the same time, they could be very friendly. If they spotted one of their superiors coming towards them the same fellah that had been friendly with you he'd be pushing you with the rifle butt because he was frightened for his own safety otherwise they used to get threatened with the Russian front and all things like that you see. They were curious but at the same time they were frightened, they were always on the alert.