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Red Cross Parcels

There was two kinds of parcels used to come into the camp, American and British. Now the American parcels were all the same, never varied, but the British there was the different towns that used to put them up and they all had their own little, well venue if you like, and they put the same in every time. But what you got from Perth was one, to Bermondsey with another one that I remember. They were different. Basically the same but with just differences here and there. What did you get? Well you would get a tin of margarine, a couple of tins of meat, about the half pound size you know. Sometimes a tin of cheese, a little flat tin of dried egg, some biscuits, tea, sugar or coffee, one thing which we didn't like, used to reckon that it was a waste of a tin. Diced celery, which we didn't like, that was a waste of time. It was a waste of a good tin that could have been meat. Diced carrots, diced mixed veg. Milk was dried milk and it was called *Klim*. *Klim* milk, which is milk spelt the wrong way round.