

Q Now this bribe you mentioned I think there were fifteen or seventeen parcels or something like that for the Japanese Staff ?

A That is true, Sir.

Q And the purpose of giving that bribe was to get a general issue for the men ? -- Is that what you said ?

A That was it, Sir. To get a general issue of the bulk of the parcels started, Sir.

Q Now that was after the Xmas issue of one parcel ?

A Yes, Sir, that is true.

Q And did you say you would get a general issue through the kitchen ?

A No, Sir, not through the kitchen.

Q What were you hoping for ?

A We were hoping for anything actually, Sir. Sergeant Harvey told us he was trying to get the parcels issued whole and not in bulk. I think that was the main idea.

Q What actually happened was it came through the kitchen ?

A No, Sir. It came through the duty N.C.O.s to the men when it was a dry issue -- a dry issue being straight to the men, -- and if it was put in the rice then it was put out from the kitchen.

Q You say that on the 4th or 5th of January there was no sign of any Red Cross and that is when you began to carry on these negotiations ?

A On that I am not quite sure. We did that before the issue had started. Major Beadnell and Sergeant Harvey had gone over to the office and then these parcels were offered.

Q Were you there ?

A No. Major Beadnell told me subsequently. Later Major Beadnell gave these parcels to Sergeant Harvey and Sergeant Harvey gave them to the Japanese. I am not sure when that arrangement started.

Q You think possibly it might have been a little earlier when negotiations started ?

A What negotiations are you referring to, Sir ?

Q The negotiations arising out of these parcels that were used as a bribe ?

A I do know that Major Beadnell spoke -- or he told me he spoke to the Camp Commander about giving him a little present -- him and the members of his staff. Shortly after that the issue started.