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I worked in railway catering – the buffet, when they sold beer, cigarettes, books at all the outlets. I was the beer man. I had superiority. So I said this particular Tuesday to the girl on the train out of central to Armidale, 'we got no beer'. So she stopped the train at Hornsby, I went across the road to pub and bought the beer for the train at counterprice. And that messed up the whole rail network at peak hour. Lucky i didn't get into

"Every day work was the same. You gotta try and get along with everyone. You could have a blistering argument with someone, then you'd go off to the rubbety-dub and wash it down. The dispute was over. We were all family. It had to be that way. "