



Japanese soldiers carrying rifles with bayonets patrol the streets. When we see the soldiers on the street, we must bow to them. One day, I saw a man being beaten by a soldier for not bowing to him. We even have to bow to the Japanese flag.

Each family is rationed small amounts of rice, oil, salt, and sugar every month. And every month, we go to a food station and wait in line for half a day for our small portion of food.

No one eats more than one small meal a day. Most of the food and medical supplies are kept for the Japanese troops. We hear that some of our food supplies are being shipped to Japan. Every family has to turn in all their valuables, including Hong Kong money, in exchange for Japanese military notes. If citizens are found with Hong Kong money, they are punished. Some are even killed. People live in fear even if they obey all the rules.

