

# YOU AND YOUR FUEL OIL RATION

Gas, food and merchandise were in very short supply during the war and allocating ration books with stamps made sure everyone would have their small but equal share.

# WAR RATION BOOKS

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Every man, woman and child was given a monthly ration book, which in turn helped keep the demand low for food and goods. Businesses determined which stamps to use each week based on the stamp's letter. People still had to pay money for these items, but stamps were essential. Rationing stamps were good for cheese, canned foods, butter, meat, oil, even shoes. Many things became almost impossible to buy such as coffee and sugar.

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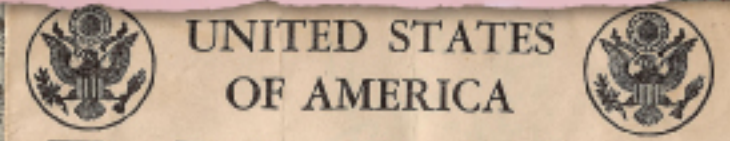
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OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

WAR RATION BOOK No. 3-IDENTIFICATION STUB

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A complex distribution system was set up by the government's Office of Price Administration (OPA) authorizing war rationing. Americans received a book of rationing stamps every month for purchasing all types of goods. Very few items could be bought without these stamps.



## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA War Ration Book One

**WARNING**

1 Punishments ranging as high as Ten Years' Imprisonment or \$10,000 Fine, or Both, may be imposed under United States Statutes for violations thereof arising out of infractions of Rationing Orders and Regulations.

2 This book must not be transferred. It must be held and used only by or on behalf of the person to whom it has been issued, and anyone presenting it thereby represents to the Office of Price Administration, an agency of the United States Government, that it is being so held and so used. For any misuse of this book it may be taken from the holder by the Office of Price Administration.



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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTMASTER—DO NOT FORWARD IF UNDELIVERED RETURN TO OPA MAIL CENTER NEW YORK, N. Y.

Coupon rationing authorized equal shares for goods like coffee, shoes and sugar, whereas point rationing allowed purchases for items such as meats, fats, cheese, canned meat and canned milk.

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WAR RATION BOOK TWO IDENTIFICATION

John Smith

320 Winder Ave

Tracy Calif

455 Central Ave

Identification of person to whom issued: PRINT IN FULL

Minnie C Beck

Mc Bride Ave

Chicago Ill

AGE 46 SEX F WEIGHT 150 lbs HEIGHT 5 ft 6 in OCCUPATION Bookkeeper

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V-FUEL OIL RATION Class 3 Consumer Coupons (Five-Gallon Coupons)

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Mary E Hicks

# Rationing in World War II

Wartime production took priority over consumer goods. Factories converted to manufacturing items that were needed strictly for the war effort. Rubber was a commodity that America previously purchased from the Dutch East Indies, which was now under Japanese rule. Rubber was completely unavailable. Donating rubber for recycling became America's obsession, as it was the wartime's most valuable resource. Businesses and factories that once made cars or popular metal toys for children now manufactured metal shells for ammunition as well as tanks, jeeps and trucks. Gasoline was rationed. Sugar was nearly impossible to buy. Coca-Cola reduced production by 50% as sugar was used to make gun powder, which meant candy and gum were also unavailable. Women's much-beloved silk stockings became impossible to find. Rationing was a challenging time, to say the least.

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SUGAR PURCHASE CERTIFICATE

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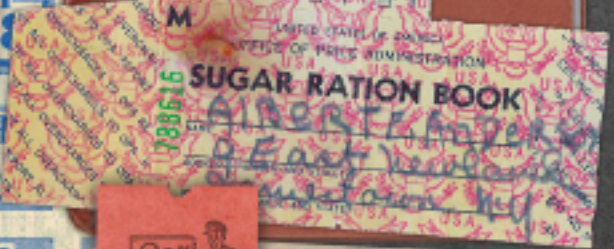
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Dexter Jefferson New York

What Things Cost in Hawaii in 1942

Steak	50¢ per pound
Prime Rib	37¢ per pound
Rump Roast	37¢ per pound
Hamburger	27¢ per pound
Fish: pond mullet	50¢ per pound
Island eggs large	85¢ dozen
Rice	9¢ per pound
Onion	9¢ per pound
Sugar	7 5/8¢ per pound
Potatoes	6¢ per pound
Lemons	39¢ per dozen
Bananas	5¢ per pound
Papayas	4¢ per pound
Pineapples	3¢ per pound

Unless otherwise announced, the Ration Week was from Saturday midnight to the following Saturday midnight.



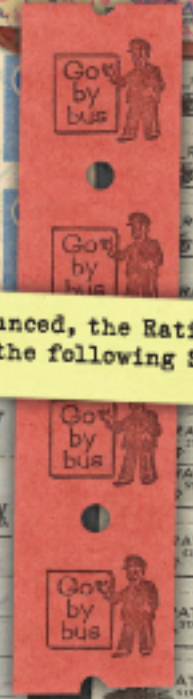
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