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Sugar was the first food to be rationed, in the spring of 1942. The war with Japan cut off U.S. imports from the Philippines, and cargo ships from Hawaii were diverted to military purposes. The nation's supply of sugar was quickly reduced by more than a third. To prevent hoarding and skyrocketing prices, the Office of Price Administration issued 123 million copies of War Ration Book One, which contained stamps that could be used to purchase sugar. No sugar could legally be bought without stamps, and sugar rationing would continue until supplies returned to normal in 1947.

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.
- 3 In the event either of the departure from the United States of the person to whom this book is issued, or his or her death, the book must be surrendered in accordance with the Regulations.
- 4 Any person finding a lost book must deliver it promptly to the nearest Ration Board.

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

Certificate of Registrar

Stamps must not be detached except in the presence of the retailer, his employee, or person authorized by him to make delivery.

(City or town) _____ (State) _____

(Street No. or P. O. Box No.) _____

(First name) _____ (Middle name) _____ (Last name) _____

(Name, Address, and Description of person to whom the book is issued.)

This is to Certify that pursuant to the Rationing Orders and Regulations administered by the OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION, an agency of the United States Government,

has been issued the attached War Ration Stamps this _____ day of _____, 1942, upon the basis of an application signed by himself, herself, or on his or her behalf by his or her husband, wife, father, mother, or other person. (Check one.)

(Signature) _____

Local Board No. _____ State _____ County _____

Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female Age _____ yrs. (Date of birth) _____ (Color of eyes) _____ (Color of hair) _____ (Height) _____ in. (Weight) _____ lbs.

Certificate of Book Holder

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have observed all the conditions and regulations governing the issuance of this War Ration Book; that the "Description of Book Holder" contained herein is correct; that an application for issuance of this book has been duly made by me or on my behalf; and that the statements contained in said application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of, or on behalf of, Book Holder) _____ [Book Holder's Own Name]

Any person signing on behalf of Book Holder must sign his or her own name below and indicate relationship to Book Holder _____

(Father, Mother, or Guardian)

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