

Mini-Lesson

For future reference, make and keep a record of the serial number of your book and the number of your issuing Ration Board, as indicated in your book.

Your first War Ration Book has been issued to you, originally containing 28 War Ration Stamps. Other books may be issued at later dates. The following instructions apply to your first book and will apply to any later books, unless otherwise ordered by the Office of Price Administration. In order to obtain a later book, the first book must be turned in. You should preserve War Ration Books with the greatest possible care.

1. From time to time the Office of Price Administration may issue Orders rationing certain products. After the dates indicated by such Orders, these products can be purchased only through the use of War Ration Books containing valid War Ration Stamps.

2. The Orders of the Office of Price Administration will designate the stamps to be used for the purchase of a particular rationed product, the period during which each of these stamps may be used, and the amounts which may be bought with each stamp.

3. Stamps become valid for use only when and as directed by the Orders of the Office of Price Administration.

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Ration Books

- The U.S government's **Office of Price Administration (OPA)** established a system of rationing
- They did this to fairly distribute goods that were in short supply
- Every American was issued one during the war
- They had stamps for things like sugar, cooking oil, and canned goods
- These stamps were **necessary for purchase of any item**



Battle of Midway

- The [USS Enterprise](#) was a navy aircraft carrier
- The [USS Pensacola](#) can be seen in the far right and a [destroyer](#) in the far left
- Many of these men and aircrafts were lost to the Japanese only two hours later
- This picture can now be found in the [National Archives](#)



Battle of Normandy

- U.S. men wading towards Omaha Beach
- On D-Day, the Normandy coastline was divided into five beaches: Juno, Sword, Gold, Utah, and Omaha
- The U.S. faced the most difficult battle because of Omaha's steep cliffs
- They were also under the fire of German artillery

The U.S. on the Winning Side of WWII

1. All Americans **rationed food and goods** allowing the U.S. to feed their soldiers and **produce enough weapons** for themselves and their allies
2. The **U.S. intelligence** was able to pick up on Japanese radio conversations and **predict the Battle of Midway**
 - This derailed Japan's plans to take over the Pacific
 - The Japanese would react to the Americans from this point on
3. The U.S.' assistance during the **Battle of Normandy** allowed the allies to **liberate France and most of Belgium**