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RATION CARDS
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 334
Food Sub-Commission

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15 January 1945

Ref: 515

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SUBJECT: Theft of Coupons

TO : Commissariato P.S. della Castellina.
Maresciallo Murcina, Capo del Reparto P.S.,
presso l'ufficio Pessieramento e Razionamento.
Via dell'ara Massima.

1. With reference to the report in the paper il
Reporter dated 14 January on the question of theft of
70,000 bread coupons and other coupons from Moriconi of
Via Roberto de Nelli No. 25.

2. It is requested the fullest investigations of
this case be carried out, and report made to the above
Food Sub-Commission immediately.

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H. J. LEO
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copies for Info to:

High Commissioner for Food
Regional Supply Officer, Lazio-Marche Region
Public Safety Sub-Commission

NAME	INITIALS	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN	W	17/1
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. W. COX	W	17/1
MAJ. LUCKIN		
MAJ. WILSON	W	17/1
MAJ. HARRIS		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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15 November 1964

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SUBJECT: False Action Cards - Arrests

For the Chief Commissioner;

[Signature]
Major, IASC

Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

Public Safety S/C
Ministry of Agriculture & Forests
(Food Division)
Ministry of Justice

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COL. CHAPMAN		10/10
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL. WICKOX		
MAJ. MCKORMAN		11/1
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MAJ. HENSBRY		
MAJ. HENRY		
MR. BALANCE		
CAPT. POWER		

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OF BATHON GARD HOLDINGS AS ORDERED BY HEADQUARTERS AGC, WILL UTILIZE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL FOR ESTIMATED 3 WEEKS. COULD PROBABLY RELEASE
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TRANSFER OF CAPTAIN 3 BRAN TO UNION 4 IS SUBJECT YOUR 3617 OF 21
 APRIL REFERS. PLANS UNDER MAY FOR IMMEDIATE CHRON AT ALL MARKING
 OF NATION CARD HOLDING AS ORDERED BY HEADQUARTERS ACC, WILL UTILIZE
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
Food Sub-Commission,
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AOO/43-1/FOOD.

16 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Illegal use of Ration Cards.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII.

Reference para. 5 of AOO/43-1/Food dated 10 Apr. 44.

1. It is realized that during the process of occupation a close check could not be kept on this issue of Ration Cards. As a result many cards are in the hands of unauthorized persons and owing to the acute food supply position it is necessary for these to be eliminated without delay.

2. A detailed plan for examining Ration Cards at bakers' premises is attached. This plan is now being applied in Naples with convincing results.

3. The scheme as being worked now is reasonably simple and does not require a large number of personnel to operate it successfully, but the maximum number of inspectors should be employed to enable the check to be completed at the earliest possible date.

4. Regional Commissioners will put similar schemes into operation forthwith. The adjusted totals of Ration Card Holders by provinces, should be notified to this Headquarters immediately on completion of the scheme.

M. S. L. 1152

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Com.
Economic Section.

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ILLEGAL USE OF RATION CARDS

OPERATION OF THE EXAMINATION

STAFF

An equal number of Alimentation Inspectors and Guardia Finanza are employed. One inspector and one Guardia Finanza for each shop.

SHOPS

Shops, for one operation, are selected at widely separated points. As many shops are covered, as the number of available personnel will allow. The inspectors are in the shop during service hours for two consecutive days. A third day is utilized by the inspectors for writing up their reports and initiating, further enquiries, when necessary, by the Questura.

The Alimentation Inspector and the Guardia Finanza are changed daily so that they only work together for one day, and that neither should be in the same shop on the second day, as on the first.

INSPECTION
OF RATION
CARDS

The inspectors examine the ration cards of all persons entering the shop, and allow no-one to leave after their documents have been examined or a reasonable explanation given. Ration cards are compared with identity cards. Cards which are suspect, after enquiries of the person presenting them, are impounded, and a receipt given. Enquiries are made for checking purposes, for deaths, removals, illegal or un-authorised ownership, counterfeits etc. Cards which are not complete with holders name and address, or where coupons detached from the name space are presented, are suspected.

Only coupons for the day on which the inspection takes place are included in that days totals. Customers may obtain bread against the previous days' coupons, but the coupons are kept separately. Bread is not allowed to be supplied against any coupon dated more than one day before the inspection. These coupons are declared null and void. Bread may be sold against and advance coupon. At the end of the day, the coupons are counted and the number put on a slip of paper. The slip is signed by both inspectors and countersigned by the shop-keeper, or a responsible employee. The coupons are left with the bakers.

The number of ration coupons are compared with the retailers prenotation. The highest daily total is taken as legitimate.

A form for Inspectors' Reports is attached. (H)

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REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF RATION CARDS

AT BAKERS PREMISES

Inspector : _____

Date of Inspection: _____

Name : _____

Address of Retailer Inspected _____

Presentations for (Month) _____

	First Day	Second Day	Action
Number of Ration Cards presented & checked			
Ration Cards presented on Second Day for First Day's Ration			
Average number of Ration Cards			
Difference between Presentations & Ration Cards honored	(Average)		(If accepted reduce retailers allowance of flour. Investigate Reason)
Illegally presented Cards			(Enquiries & Investigations by Quastura)
Counterfeits			(Notify appropriate Registry office and Tesseramento)
Deaths			(Notify Tesseramento & Appropriate Offices)
Removals			
Soldiers & Prisoners who are not entitled to Ration Cards			
Bartered Cards			
Duplicate Cards			
Surplus Bread			
Deficiency of Bread			(Investigation by Quastura as to reason)

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	First Day	Second Day	Action
Number of Ration Cards presented & checked			
Ration Cards presented on Second Day for First Day's Ration			
Average number of Ration Cards			
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<u>Illegally presented Cards</u> Counterfeits			(Inquiries & Investigations by Questura)
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Duplicate Cards			
Surplus Bread			
Deficiency of Bread between Number of Ration Cards not and prenotations			(Investigation by Questura as to reason)

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Inspector's Signature

Date

INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF RATION CARDS AT BAKERS' PREMISES

	Prenotations		Valid & Approved Ration Cards		Largest Ration Demand	Difference between highest Totals & Prenotations	% of Prenotations	Cards Impounded, Deaths Removals Counter-faits etc.	Breakdown		
	Bakers	Number	First Day	Second Day					False	Deaths	Removal
<u>FIRST</u>											
Inspection 3 & 4 April	8	8992	8156	8346	8394	598	6.6	100	41	11	13
<u>SECOND</u>											
Inspection 6 & 7 April	10	11796	10985	11352	11371	425	3.6	83	10	18	18

Where bakers prenotations are substantially in excess of rations issued, the entitlement of flour is being reduced.

These cases have been placed in the Questura for further investigation. The Registrations office is being cases of deaths etc., where appli

INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF RATION CARDS AT BAKERS' PREMISES

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Approved on Cards	Largest Ration Demand	Difference between Highest Totals & Prenotations	% of Prenotations	Cards Impounded, Deaths Removals Counter- feits etc.	Breakdown					Dupli- cations
					Falses	Deaths	Removal	Soldiers & Prisoners	Bar- tered	
8346	8394	598	6.6	100	41	11	13	1	34	
11352	11371	425	3.6	83	10	18	18	11	8	

One Baker
opened only
on the first
day April.
2246 preno-
tations
2149 rations
sold. One
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593 prenota-
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The Registrations office is being notified in the
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REGISTRATION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

12/10/41

12 April 1944

AC/43-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Cards

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI

1. As a result of a recent survey of the Rationing System in Naples Province the following points have emerged and action should be taken as indicated in the following paragraphs.

2. There are many cases where deaths of civilians have not been reported to the authorities. To cite one aspect of this delinquency, ration cards are being issued in the names of deceased persons and are finding their way into the hands of unauthorized holders instead of being returned to the issuing office for cancellation.

3. Publicity should be given that it is necessary to notify deaths to the authorities and that failure to do so constitutes an offense which in future could be subject to a severe penalty. In preparing the publicity people should be given an opportunity of notifying the deaths where such has not been done.

4. Further instructions should be issued that persons in possession of Ration Cards belonging to deceased persons, people who are not now residing in the Province and unauthorized holders of Ration Cards should, within 3 days of the date of the order, hand them in to Administrative authorities under pain of severe penalty if they fail to do so.

5. Enforcement action is being instituted against offenders in respect of ration cards, and anyone found using a Ration Card without due authority, will be severely punished. Further information and instructions are being prepared and will be forwarded to Regional Commissioners in the near future.

By Command of Lieutenant General ARTHUR HARRINGTON

H. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies to:

Public Safety Sub-Com.
Public Safety Region 3
Food Sub-Commission (3)
Economic Section, AGO

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