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MINISTRY OF  
FOOD

1953 - 1954



SERIAL NO.

BM 718849

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# RATION BOOK

Surname BARNES Initials Clifford G.

Address 265, Pentregarth Rd  
Yanvelton  
Swansea.

<p>IF FOUND RETURN TO ANY FOOD OFFICE</p>		<p>F.O. CODE No.</p> <p><u>Wa</u> <u>7</u></p>
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**FILL IN THE SPACES BELOW IF YOU DEPOSIT WITH  
YOUR RETAILER ANY OF THE PAGES 13-18**

FOOD	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RETAILER WITH WHOM COUPONS ARE DEPOSITED.	INITIALS OF RETAILER.

### **NOTES**

DEPOSITED ROWS OF COUPONS SHOULD BE RECOVERED AND PRODUCED TO THE FOOD OFFICE IF A TEMPORARY RATION CARD IS REQUIRED OR THE ADDRESS IS CHANGED.

WHERE THE ADDRESS IS CHANGED MAKE SURE THAT THE PARTICULARS GIVEN ON PAGE 6 ARE CORRECT BEFORE GOING TO THE FOOD OFFICE.

**THIS BOOK IS VALID FOR USE ONLY WHEN THE  
HOLDER IS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

### **TO RETAILERS**

It is essential for the successful operation of the rationing system that coupons should be either cancelled or cut out as appropriate, whenever rationed food is supplied to a consumer.

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UNTIL INSTRUCTED

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SURNAME .....

OTHER NAMES .....  
(In full)

HOME ADDRESS .....  
(AT TIME OF APPLICATION)

.....  
.....  
.....

I apply for a new ration book in the above name, and I declare that

- \*(a) I am the holder of the Ration Book of which this page forms a part, or
- \*(b) I am the parent or guardian of the holder, or
- \*(c) I have been authorised to apply for a new Ration Book by the holder.

\* DELETE WHERE NOT APPLICABLE

SIGNATURE

Serial No. of New Book

ENDORSEMENTS

F.O. Code

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# MINISTRY OF FOOD—Rationing Year 1953-54

4 Week Period	Week No.	RATION WEEK		4 Week Period	Week No.	RATION WEEK	
		Sunday—Saturday				Sunday—Saturday	
1	1	1953 17 May - 23 May		7	25	1953 1 Nov. - 7 Nov.	
	2	24 May - 30 May			26	8 Nov. - 14 Nov.	
	3	31 May - 6 June			27	15 Nov. - 21 Nov.	
	4	7 June - 13 June			28	22 Nov. - 28 Nov.	
2	5	14 June - 20 June		8	29	29 Nov. - 5 Dec.	
	6	21 June - 27 June			30	6 Dec. - 12 Dec.	
	7	28 June - 4 July			31	13 Dec. - 19 Dec.	
	8	5 July - 11 July			32	20 Dec. - 26 Dec.	
3	9	12 July - 18 July		9	33	1954 27 Dec. - 2 Jan.	
	10	19 July - 25 July			34	3 Jan. - 9 Jan.	
	11	26 July - 1 Aug.			35	10 Jan. - 16 Jan.	
	12	2 Aug. - 8 Aug.			36	17 Jan. - 23 Jan.	
4	13	9 Aug. - 15 Aug.		10	37	24 Jan. - 30 Jan.	
	14	16 Aug. - 22 Aug.			38	31 Jan. - 6 Feb.	
	15	23 Aug. - 29 Aug.			39	7 Feb. - 13 Feb.	
	16	30 Aug. - 5 Sept.			40	14 Feb. - 20 Feb.	
5	17	6 Sept. - 12 Sept.		11	41	21 Feb. - 27 Feb.	
	18	13 Sept. - 19 Sept.			42	28 Feb. - 6 Mar.	
	19	20 Sept. - 26 Sept.			43	7 Mar. - 13 Mar.	
	20	27 Sept. - 3 Oct.			44	14 Mar. - 20 Mar.	
6	21	4 Oct. - 10 Oct.		12	45	21 Mar. - 27 Mar.	
	22	11 Oct. - 17 Oct.			46	28 Mar. - 3 Apl.	
	23	18 Oct. - 24 Oct.			47	4 Apl. - 10 Apl.	
	24	25 Oct. - 31 Oct.			48	11 Apl. - 17 Apl.	
				13	49	18 Apl. - 24 Apl.	
					50	25 Apl. - 1 May	
					51	2 May - 8 May	
					52	9 May - 15 May	

For F.O. use

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

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SURNAME.....

OTHER NAMES.....  
(IN FULL)

ADDRESS.....

**B**

**C**

**D**

FOR FOOD OFFICE USE

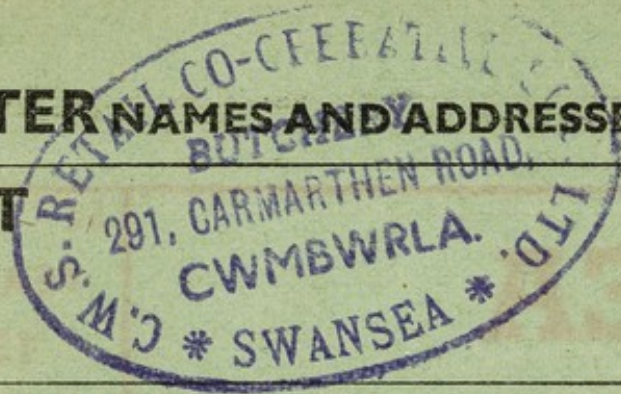
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To (F.O. Code)

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Date.....

**6 ENTER NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RETAILERS**



<p><b>MEAT</b></p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>EGGS</b></p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>FATS</b></p> <p>S.W.S. RETAIL CO-OP SOCIETY LTD. CWMBWRLA BRANCH, CARMARTHEN ROAD, SWANSEA.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>CHEESE</b></p> <p>TELE. No. 4260. S.W.S. RETAIL CO-OP SOCIETY LTD. CWMBWRLA BRANCH, CARMARTHEN ROAD, SWANSEA.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>BACON</b></p> <p>TELE. No. 4260. S.W.S. RETAIL CO-OP SOCIETY LTD. CWMBWRLA BRANCH, CARMARTHEN ROAD, SWANSEA.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>SUGAR</b></p> <p>S.W.S. RETAIL CO-OP SOCIETY LTD. CWMBWRLA BRANCH, CARMARTHEN ROAD, SWANSEA.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b>SPARE</b></p> <p>TELE. No. 4260.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">If Coupons Deposited Retailer Enters "D"</p>	<p>.....</p>

\* Fill in if you deposit someone with name...

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# TEA

52	50
TEA	TEA
13	13
13	13
TEA	TEA

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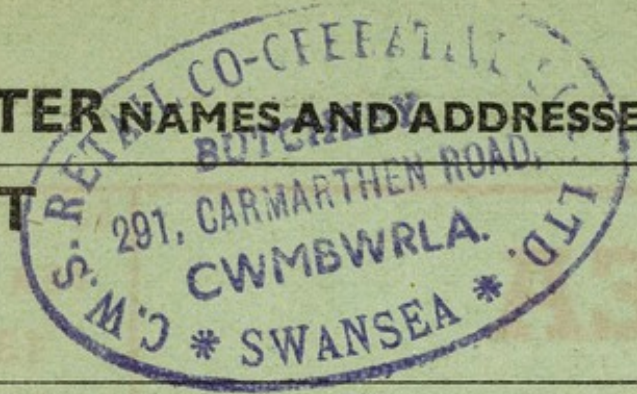
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	<p>*Surname and Initials</p> <p>3 2 1</p>											
FATS	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	<p>*Surname and Initials</p> <p>3 2 1</p>											
CHEESE	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	<p>*Surname and Initials</p> <p>3 2 1</p>											
BACON	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	<p>*Surname and Initials</p> <p>3 2 1</p>											
SUGAR	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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**6 ENTER NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RETAILERS**



<b>MEAT</b>				
<b>EGGS</b>				

	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>EGGS</b>
		4				5				6			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>FATS</b>
		4				5				6			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>CHEESE</b>
		4				5				6			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>BACON</b>
		4				5				6			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>SUGAR</b>
		4				5				6			
	P	Q	R	S	P	Q	R	S	P	Q	R	S	

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# TEA

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TEA	TEA
13	13
13	13
TEA	TEA

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EGGS	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
		9				8				7		

\*Surname and Initials

FATS	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
		9				8				7		

\*Surname and Initials

CHEESE	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
		9				8				7		

\*Surname and Initials

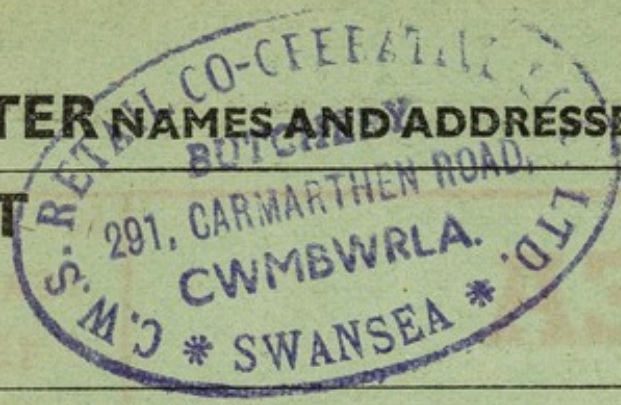
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		9				8				7		

\*Surname and Initials

SUGAR	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
	S	R 9 Q	P	S	R 8 Q	P	S	R 7 Q	P			

\*Surname and Initials

# 6 ENTER NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RETAILERS



**MEAT**

Retailer Enters "D"

**EGGS**

	10				11				12				13				EGGS
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52		
	10				11				12				13				FATS
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52		
	10				11				12				13				CHEESE
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52		
	10				11				12				13				BACON
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52		
P	Q	R	S	P	Q	R	S	P	Q	R	S	P	Q	R	S	SUGAR	
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# TEA

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52	50
TEA	TEA
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TEA	TEA
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EGGS  
FATS  
CHEESE  
BACON  
SUGAR

48	46	44	42	40	38	36	34
TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA
12	12	11	11	10	10	9	9
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TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA
47	45	43	41	39	37	35	33
32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18
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8	8	7	7	6	6	5	5
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31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17
16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA
4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA	TEA
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4	C	3	C	4	B	3	B	4	A	3	A
2	C	1	C	2	B	1	B	2	A	1	A

15 A	16 A	15 B	16 B	5 C	6 C
13 A	14 A	13 B	14 B	3 C	4 C
11 A	12 A	11 B	12 B	1 C	2 C
9 A	10 A	9 B	10 B	9 C	10 C
7 A	8 A	7 B	8 B	7 C	8 C
5 A	6 A	5 B	6 B	5 C	6 C
3 A	4 A	3 B	4 B	3 C	4 C
1 A	2 A	1 B	2 B	1 C	2 C

Initials.....  
Surname.....

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48	47	26	25	12	11	
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F 12 F	F 7 F	F 3 F				
46	45	28	27	10	9	
44	43	30	29	8	7	
F 11 F	F 8 F	F 2 F				
F 11 F	F 8 F	F 2 F				
42	41	32	31	6	5	
40	39	34	33	4	3	
F 10 F	F 9 F	F 1 F				
F 10 F	F 9 F	F 1 F				
38	37	36	35	2	1	

COUNTERFOIL

NAME.....

OTHER NAMES (in full).....

ADDRESS.....

.....



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11	F	3	F	F	8	F	11	F
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Initials.....  
Surname.....

COUNTERFOIL

R.B. Serial No. ....

[Empty rectangular box for serial number entry]

<b>X</b> 52	<b>X</b> 51	<b>X</b> 50	<b>X</b> 49	<b>X</b> 48	<b>X</b> 47	<b>X</b> 46
<b>X</b> 45	<b>X</b> 44	<b>X</b> 43	<b>X</b> 42	<b>X</b> 41	<b>X</b> 40	<b>X</b> 39
<b>X</b> 38	<b>X</b> 37	<b>X</b> 36	<b>X</b> 35	<b>X</b> 34	<b>X</b> 33	<b>X</b> 32
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X 32	X 33	X 34	X 35	X 36	X 37	X 38
X 25	X 26	X 27	X 28	X 29	X 30	X 31
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Food Office Code No. as on front cover

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Surname and Initials.....

This page may be detached and used by itself but, if you do detach it, you should fill in details above.

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E1	E1	E1	E1	D1	D1	D1	D1

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**Do not cut out coupons**

THE SHOPKEEPER WILL DO THIS FOR YOU

D6	D6	D6	D6	E6	E6	E6	E6
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D2	D2	D2	D2	E2	E2	E2	E2
D1	D1	D1	D1	E1	E1	E1	E1

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Food Office Code No. as on front cover

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Surname and Initials.....

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E9	E9	E9	E9	D9	D9	D9	D9
E8	E8	E8	E8	D8	D8	D8	D8
E7	E7	E7	E7	D7	D7	D7	D7

IF FOUND RETURN TO ANY FOOD OFFICE

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D10	D10	D10	D10	E10	E10	E10	E10
D9	D9	D9	D9	E9	E9	E9	E9
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# PANEL 2

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49	50	13	51	52

# PANEL 1

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PANEL 3

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37	38	10	39	40
41	42	11	43	44
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PANEL 4

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