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C.O.S. (45) 218th Meeting

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting held on FRIDAY,
7th SEPTEMBER 1945 at 11 a.m.

P R E S E N T

Field Marshal Sir Alan F. Brooke,
Chief of the Imperial General Staff,
(In the Chair)

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir Charles F.A. Portal,
Chief of the Air Staff

Admiral of the Fleet
Sir Andrew B. Cunningham,
First Sea Lord and
Chief of the Naval Staff

THE FOLLOWING WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Brigadier V.D. Thomas,
Representing Chief of Combined
Operations.

SECRETARIAT

Major-General L.C. Hollis
Colonel C.R. Price
Group Captain D.C. Stapleton
Lieut. Colonel T. Haddon
Lieut. Colonel G. Mallaby

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1. HONG KONG - DIRECTIVE

(Previous Reference: C.O.S. (45) 210th Mtg, Min. 4)

THE COMMITTEE took note of a telegram⁺ from General Carton de Wiart reporting that the Generalissimo had received without comment the information contained in a telegram⁺ to the Joint Staff Mission concerning the appointment of Admiral Harcourt as C.-in-C. of the forces of all three Services in Hong Kong.

+ RC 2030
 * COS(W) 84 para. 1

2. SURRENDER OF HONG KONG

(Previous Reference: C.O.S. (45) 213th Mtg, Min. 10)

THE COMMITTEE instructed the Joint Planning Staff to examine and report on a telegram⁺ from Admiral Mountbatten regarding his administrative responsibilities for Hong Kong, and the Command control of the garrisons which he was required to find at other Chinese ports.

/ SEAC(RL) 34

3. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN ITALY

(Previous Reference: C.O.S. (45) 213th Mtg, Min. 17)

THE COMMITTEE invited the War Office, in consultation with the Foreign Office, to prepare a draft reply to a telegram⁺ from Field Marshal Alexander on the subject of handing back Bolzano and Udine provinces to Italian Government jurisdiction.

/ NAF 1071

4. DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA AS A BASE

(Previous Reference: C.O.S. (44) 364th Mtg, Min. 12)

THE COMMITTEE instructed the Principal Administrative Officers Committee to examine, and prepare a draft reply to, a telegram⁺ from Army H.Q. India requesting permission to discontinue sending their quarterly report regarding the progress of the India base.

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5. THE FUTURE OF BRITISH SERVICE MISSIONS IN WASHINGTONC.O.S.(45) 200(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(45) 212th Mtg, Min.8)

THE COMMITTEE had before them a note by the Secretary covering a report by the Joint Staff Mission on the future of British Service Missions in Washington.

SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM referred to paragraph 18 of the report in which it was stated that the Joint Staff Mission were inclined to the view that the only way of reaching a decision on the future of the Combined Chiefs of Staff would probably be for the Prime Minister to raise the matter with the President. He (Sir Andrew Cunningham) was under the impression that the Prime Minister had already approached the President on this matter. He wondered, therefore, whether, if this approach had been made, it would be possible to suggest the formation of a liquidating agency as suggested in paragraph 13 of the report.

SIR CHARLES PORTER said that the reasons set out in paragraph 10 of the report for the retention of the Combined Chiefs of Staff did not appear to be sufficiently convincing.

In discussion, it was suggested that the Joint Staff Mission might be informed that the Committee were in general agreement with the report. Paragraphs 10 to 16 of the report could then be examined in detail by the Joint Planning Staff.

THE COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Expressed general agreement with the report by the Joint Staff Mission and instructed the Joint Planning Staff to examine in detail paragraphs 10 to 16 and to report.
- (b) Instructed the Secretary to inform the Joint Staff Mission accordingly^x.

x Sent as COS(W) 99

6. OPERATIONS IN S.E.A.C. - SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(45) 146th Mtg., Min. 1)

THE COMMITTEE invited the War Office, in consultation with the Ministry of War Transport, to examine and prepare a draft reply to a telegram^z from Admiral Mountbatten reporting his shipping position up to mid-October 1945 to meet the requirements of PYTHON, reoccupation of territories in the S.W.P.A. and for the evacuation of ex-prisoners of war.

^z SEACOS 467

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7. POLICY TOWARDS SIAM

(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(45) 216th Mtg. Min. 9)

THE COMMITTEE considered -

- (i) Telegrams⁺ from the Joint Staff Mission giving the text of a memorandum by the U.S. Chiefs of Staff on the proposed agreement with Siam on military and quasi-military matters, and the text of a suggested telegram to Admiral Mountbatten.
- (ii) A telegram^x which had been despatched to Admiral Mountbatten in reply to his SEACOS 466, and which had been drafted in the light of the Chiefs of Staff discussion the previous day and of an ad hoc meeting at No. 10 Downing Street the previous night, held to consider the telegrams at (i) above.

The Committee were informed that the instructions^x to Admiral Mountbatten had been sent off late the previous night on the authority of the Prime Minister after an informal discussion at No. 10 Downing Street, at which the American Ambassador, Major-General Hollis and Mr. Sterndale Bennett were present. These instructions did not conflict in any material point with those suggested by the Americans in JSM.38, and the last paragraph was intended to safeguard the American position. The Foreign Office would now be taking up with the State Department the question of our political relations and agreements with the Siamese.

THE COMMITTEE:

Took note with approval of the above statement and of the terms of the instructions^x to Admiral Mountbatten.

- + JSM. 36, 37 & 38
 x COSSEA 345 (in substitution for COSSEA 343 and COS(W)99 which were cancelled before despatch)
 ∅ Annex

8. HONG KONG - CHINESE REQUESTS

(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(45) 214th Mtg. Min. 11)

THE COMMITTEE considered a telegram^x from Colonel Cartwright reporting the results of a further meeting with the Chinese and General Wedemeyer in which he had represented the points contained in the Chiefs of Staff telegram^v of the 4th September.

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The Chiefs of Staff agreed that the alteration in paragraph 4(c) could be accepted. There appeared however, no need for the new paragraph 4(i), since it would be only natural to refer any conflict of requirements to the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers, to whose appointment we had agreed. Nor was there any need for the agreement in question to be signed.

THE COMMITTEE:

Instructed the Secretary to draft and despatch a reply to Colonel Cartwright in the above sense.

✂ Sent as OZ 5573

9. REDUCTION IN OVERSEAS RATION SCALES

C.S.A.(45) 86 ✂

THE COMMITTEE had before them a report by the Principal Administrative Officers Committee on the reductions which could now be made in the ration scales of the forces overseas.

SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM suggested a redraft of paragraph 10 of the report, which was approved.

With regard to the recommendations in the P.A.O's report, it was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the conclusions to be put forward by the Service Ministers, who should be informed by their respective Chiefs of Staff that the Chiefs of Staff Committee were in agreement with the paper and commended it for joint action by the Service Ministers.

Recommendations 13(b), (c) and (d) were accepted, but it was thought that the Service Ministries should be able to report on reductions in the Home service ration scale by the 1st October.

THE COMMITTEE:

- (a) Expressed their agreement with the report, and decided to commend it to their respective Ministers for joint action.
- (b) Agreed that the India Office should be asked to invite the C-in-C India to consider similar reductions in respect of forces in India, the scale of rations in Ceylon to follow suit.

✂ Subsequently circulated as COS(45) 203

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- (c) Agreed that the Ministry of War Transport, in conjunction with the Ministry of Food, should be asked to consider reductions to the scale of rations of the Merchant Navy.
- (d) Invited the Service Ministries to pursue, through the medium of the Inter-Services Ration Scales Committee, their examination of the Home service ration scale, with a view to considering what reductions could be effected in certain items, and to report by the 1st October, 1945.

10. OCCUPATION OF JAPAN - NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION

THE COMMITTEE referred to a telegram from the New Zealand Government to the Dominions Office explaining that it might not be possible to obtain a sufficient number of volunteers to provide a Brigade Group for service in Japan, and asking whether the United States had been advised of the proposed British Commonwealth force, and if so, whether they had agreed to this form of participation.

THE COMMITTEE:

Instructed the Secretary to inform⁺ the Dominions Office of the terms in which the United States had been advised of the proposed British Commonwealth force, and of the reply, if any had been received from the Americans.

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Record of Meeting at No.10 Downing Street on 6th September 1945 between Prime Minister and American Ambassador: Major-General Hollis and Mr. Sterndale Bennett were also present.

At about 11 p.m. last night Major-General Hollis asked me to accompany him to No.10 Downing Street to join the Prime Minister and United States Ambassador for the discussion of representations which Mr. Winant was making about Siam.

Mr. Winant said that he was acting on instructions received by telephone from Washington. He was evidently aware of the two agreements which Admiral Mountbatten was proposing to sign with Siamese military delegates in Kandy, and was of course acting in the belief that the intention was to sign both these agreements at 0400 hours GMT on 7th September.

Mr. Winant said that the view of the United States Government was that nothing should be done to compromise their position in relation to Siam. I said that our attitude, on the other hand, was that we hoped that the United States Government would do nothing to compromise our position, which was based on the fact that we were still in a state of war with Siam and that it was difficult therefore for us to agree that Admiral Mountbatten's action in Siam should be limited solely to matters connected with the Japanese surrender.

I explained the urgency of some agreement with the Siamese authorities in order to obtain the minimum facilities for our troops necessary for their security and welfare as well as for taking the surrender of Japanese forces.

It was clear from Mr. Winant's remarks that his Government were not much worried about Military Agreement No.1. What did worry them was the proposed Agreement No.2.

I explained that, although it might be for different reasons, we did not like Agreement No.2 either and the intention was to suspend action on that Agreement.

As regards Military Agreement No.1, the proposal was to limit its substance to the matters dealt with in the draft telegram which the United States Chiefs of Staff had suggested and which was embodied in JSM 38. But it was of course necessary for us to reserve the right to secure such further facilities as might be necessary in Allied military interests. It was also necessary for us to ensure that the proposed agreement did not prejudice our own position and that of other Allied Governments vis a vis Siam.

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To cover this latter point our intention was to include in the proposed Military Agreement No.1 a reservation, of which at Mr. Winant's request I gave him the text in the following terms:-

"This Agreement does not in any way affect the position of individual Allied Governments vis a vis Siam and is entirely without prejudice to any settlement with Siam which they may contemplate".

General Hollis said that the present position was that Admiral Mountbatten had been instructed not to sign either Agreement pending further instructions. The intention now was to authorise him to proceed with Military Agreement No.1 on the lines which I had explained, but to instruct him not to sign Agreement No.2 in the absence of express instructions.

Mr. Winant appeared to be satisfied with this explanation of the position.

(Signed) J.C. STERNDALÉ BENNETT

7th September 1945

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ANNEX II

NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION IN THE
OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

Copy of a letter (Ref: C.O.S. 1244/5) dated 7th September 1945,
from the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee to the Dominions
Liaison Officer

Reference New Zealand Government telegram No. 282, the
answer to their enquiry in paragraph 2 is as follows.

2. In a memorandum* sent to the U.S. Chiefs of Staff, the
following paragraph occurs -

"2. In making your (Admiral Mountbatten's)
plans, you should take the following assumption
on policy.
.....

(c) We shall take part in the occupation
of Japan with a British Commonwealth Force,
in which it is proposed each of the following
countries will be represented by a Brigade
Group supported by an air component:
Gt. Britain, India, Australia, New Zealand
and probably Canada.

3. The U.S. Chiefs of Staff presented^o the following
memorandum in reply - (on 17th August)

"1. With reference to your para. 2(c),
the United States Chiefs of Staff accept in
principle the participation of British ground
forces in the occupation of Japan. Details
as to size and composition of these forces
is a matter for later determination. It is
understood that the United Kingdom will proceed
with obtaining an agreement with the Governments
of India and of the Dominions concerned for their
participation or, alternatively, that those
Governments will approach the United States
directly on the matter."

4. The above extracts will I think enable the
Dominions Office to reply to the New Zealand Government.

* Ref: COSSEA 314

^o Ref: J.S.H.8

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PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

REDUCTION IN OVERSEAS RATION SCALES

Report to the Chiefs of Staff

In anticipation of instructions we have examined in consultation with the India Office and the Ministry of Food what reductions can be made in the ration scales of the forces overseas. The Minister of Food has asked for an immediate reduction in the supplies to the Armed Forces. Our recommendations are therefore limited to measures which can take effect in the near future, though we also note some points for further investigation.

ARMY AND R.A.F.

Present Position

2. At present the Home Service scale amounts to 3,260 calories a day while rations for the Army and R.A.F. overseas (other than S.E.A.C.) have a calorific value of 3,700 to 4,000. This difference in scale was justified as long as the forces overseas were engaged in active operations, but in present circumstances there is a case for reducing the overseas scales to approximately the same level as the present Home Service scale.

3. Other arguments in favour of reducing the scales are:-

- (a) The world shortage of food, especially of meat, sugar and fats.
- (b) The importance of reducing our dollar commitments which is aggravated now that Lend/Lease has ended.

Proposed New Scale

4. With these considerations in mind the War Office and the Air Ministry have worked out a revised scale which is proposed as the new basis for overseas rations. This scale is shown in full at Annex A. The calorific value would be 3,400, compared with 3,260 for the present basic Home Service scale. This figure of 3,400 is the minimum which is acceptable to the Army and R.A.F. medical authorities. The present figure for the basic Home Service scale has only been accepted by them on the assurance that there are adequate facilities for supplementing the ration at canteens in the U.K. Similar facilities cannot be guaranteed in overseas theatres. A detailed comparison of this new scale with other scales is shown at Annex B. The rations for the women's services would also be proportionately reduced from approximately 3,400 calories to approximately 3,000 calories.

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5. We consider that certain exceptions should be made in the application of the proposed new scale:-

(a) S.E.A.C. Hitherto SEAC has had a higher scale than other overseas theatres, amounting to 4,530 calories. This scale was considered essential for the following reasons:-

- (i) a ration of high calory value is needed in order to maintain bodily resistance to tropical diseases;
- (ii) the lack of canteen facilities in SEAC, compared with other overseas theatres, demands a larger quantity and variety of food on the ration.

We therefore consider that the reduction of the SEAC scale should be deferred for consideration until the occupational forces are well settled in to their new areas.

(b) India. Any reduction of the scales, which approximate to normal overseas scales, would need the agreement of C.-in-C. India. We therefore consider that C.-in-C. India should be informed by the India Office of the arrangements being made in other theatres and be invited to make corresponding reductions in India. As Ceylon is supplied by India, we consider that Ceylon should come on to the same scale of rations as India.

(c) Minor Theatres. There has always been some variation in scale in the minor theatres, in which advantage has been taken of such local surpluses as are not required for export. We consider that advantage should continue to be taken of these local surpluses, while maintaining the new proposed scale as a guide to policy.

(d) Special Categories. Special rations or supplements are needed for certain categories, such as those employed in arduous physical work or those stationed in severe climates. We consider that C's.-in-C. overseas should be empowered to issue supplementary rations in special cases on medical advice. These would amount to approximately 400 additional calories.

6. The Army and R.A.F. medical authorities have examined the proposed new scale and are satisfied that, subject to the exceptions noted above, its application will not cause any deterioration in the present satisfactory level of nutrition. Nor is any bad effect on morale foreseen provided that the application of the new scale is limited as above and that a clear explanation is given of the reasons for the reduction.

Effect of the Proposed New Scale

7. The estimated savings on current strengths which would be effected by the proposed new scale are set out at Annex C.

The Ministry of Food confirm that the savings would represent a significant contribution towards a solution of the difficulties with which the United Nations are confronted in the world planning of food stuffs. For example, the monthly savings of meat and bacon indicated in Annex C are respectively equivalent to about three-quarters of the proportion of the United Kingdom civilian meat ration at present given in the form of corned beef and to about half the recent reduction in the bacon ration by one ounce per week.

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Application to Dominions Forces

8. The application of this reduced scale to Dominion Forces serving overseas alongside U.K. troops, other than in S.E.A.C. and the Pacific, should, we consider, be a matter of approach to the Dominions concerned through the Dominions Office in the hope that they will conform.

Home Service Ration Scale.

9. The Minister of Food has recently requested that the Home Service ration scale should also be reviewed with the object of reducing it in respect of certain items. The Service Ministries have not yet had time to examine this request. We therefore consider that no immediate action can be recommended, but the review should be undertaken as soon as possible by the Inter-Services Ration Scales Committee.

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10. The Admiralty has agreed in principle that reductions should be made in the ration scales for all shore establishments other than in S.E.A.C. and Pacific. Owing to the mobility of war ships and to the fact that a large proportion of the Navy is now employed on active duties in the S.E.A. and Pacific areas the only sea-going ships in which the Navy could accept a reduction are those employed in Home Waters. Another point for consideration in connection with sea-going ships is that the scale for these should not be appreciably lower than the Merchant Navy scales*. A scheme is being worked out which will conform with the general policy proposed for the Army and Air Force. It is however, more difficult, to implement these reductions in sea-going ships than in the case of the Army and the Air Force owing to the naval system of messing.

METHOD OF PROMULGATION

11. We consider that if these proposals are approved a statement in general terms should be made by H.M. Government announcing the reduction of overseas ration scales to the new scale and explaining the reason for the reduction and for the exceptions in the application of the new scale. We consider that a further explanatory notice for the information of the forces in amplification of H.M. Government's announcement should be prepared and agreed by the service ministries for promulgation to overseas theatres.

* Merchant Seamen's Ration ScalesWeekly Ration

Meat	120	ozs.
Sugar	30	ozs.
Bacon and Ham	8	ozs.
Butter and fats	15½	ozs.
Tea	4	ozs.
Cheese	4	ozs.
Preserves	8	ozs.
Condensed milk	1	tin
In addition	14	points

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Conclusions

12. We therefore conclude that:-

Army and Air Force

- (a) The ration scales for overseas theatres with the exception of India and SEAC should be reduced as from 1st November in general conformity with the scale set out at Annex A. Local variations with suitable equivalents to meet local conditions or the substitution of similar items to make good non availabilities will continue to be arranged as at present.
- (b) The Dominions concerned should be invited to consider such reductions as may be approved by the Cabinet in the hope that they will agree to conform.
- (c) Reductions in S.E.A.C. should be considered as soon as the Cabinet have approved the paper, to take effect on a suitable date.
- (d) The Home Service ration scale should be examined with a view to considering what reductions could be effected to certain items.

NAVY

- (e) A parallel scheme for the reduction of naval rations should be introduced.

Recommendations

13. We recommend that:-

- (a) This paper be forwarded by the Chiefs of Staff to the Cabinet.
- (b) Pending consideration by the Cabinet, C. in C., India should be invited by the India Office to consider similar reductions in respect of Forces in India, and the scale of rations in Ceylon should follow suit.
- (c) The Ministry of War Transport be invited, in conjunction with the Ministry of Food, to consider reductions to the scale of rations of the Merchant Navy.
- (d) The Service Ministries, through the medium of the Inter-Services Ration Scales Committee, be invited to pursue their examination of the Home Service ration scale with a view to considering what reductions could be effected to certain items and to report by 15th October.

(Signed) P.S. RIDDELL WEBSTER
A.P.B. PALLISER
C.L. COURTNEY
S.P. STEWART

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PROPOSED OVERSEAS RATION SCALE

Annex "A"

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<u>Basic Commodity</u>	<u>Scale of Issue oz.</u>	<u>I. BASIC SCALE</u> <u>Equivalents</u>	<u>Scale of Issue oz.</u>
Bacon M.C.	1 2/7	or bacon, tinned or sausages, tinned or luncheon meat or eggs, dried or eggs, fresh or herring, tinned or salmon, tinned or sardines, tinned or fish, fresh, uncleaned or fish, fresh, fillets	1 1 5/7 1 4/9 1 No. 1 5/7 1 2/7 6/7 2 4/7 1 2/7
Sausages, fresh or offals, fresh	2 2/7 2 2/7	or sausages, tinned or luncheon meat or preserved meat	2 2/7 1 3/7 1 3/7
Dried egg	1/7		
Oatmeal	5/7	or macaroni or semolina or rice	5/7 5/7 5/7
Meat, frozen, with bone.	6	or meat, frozen, boneless or variety meats or meat dehydrated or meat, fresh - at local nutritional equivalent or meat, preserved and pickles or chutney or sauce or M. & V.	5 6 2 1/2 6 1/5 1/18 1/8 14 1/8

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<u>Basic Commodity</u>	<u>Scale of Issue</u> <u>OZ.</u>	<u>Equivalents</u>	<u>Scale of Issue</u> <u>OZ.</u>
Vegetables, fresh	8	or vegetables, tinned or beans, tinned or dried beans/peas/lentils or vegetables, dehydrated	4 4 2 1
Onions, fresh	2	or onions, dehydrated	1/6
Dried Peas/Beans/Lentils	1		
Potatoes, fresh	12	or potatoes, tinned or potatoes, tinned and flour or bread or potatoes, dehydrated	8 6 1 1/2 2 2 1/2
Melons, mangoes, or bananas or lemons or oranges or other fresh fruit	6 5 4	or fruit, tinned or fruit, dried	2 4/7
Fruit, dried	6/7		
Rice	2/7	or Oatmeal, Macaroni or Semolina	2/7
Tinned Fish i.e. Salmon or Herrings or Sardines	3/4 1 1/2	or (Fish, fresh, uncleaned or Fish, fresh, filleted	1 1/2 3/4
Cheese, crated	6/7	or cheese, tinned or chocolate, eating	6/7 1 5/7
Jam	1	or marmalade or golden syrup	1 1
Preserved Meat	2/7		

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II. SUPPLEMENTS TO BASIC SCALE - FOR TROOPS ENGAGED IN STRENUOUS EXERTION OR UNDER SEVERE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Scale of Issue</u> <u>OZ.</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>	<u>Scale of Issue</u> <u>OZ.</u>
Bread	4	or biscuits	3
Cake	1		
or ingredients: viz Flour	2/5		
and Baking Powder	1/40		
and Custard Powder	1/20		
and Milk, fresh	1/2		
or Milk tinned (UK and Dom)	1/5		
and margarine	1/10		
and sugar	1/20		
Jam	1/2	or marmalade or syrup, golden	1/2
Margarine	1/4		
Potatoes	4	or potatoes, tinned or potatoes, tinned and flour or bread or potatoes, dehydrated	2 2/3 2 1/2 2/3 5/6
Sugar	1/2		

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COMPARISON BETWEEN H.S. AND OVERSEAS RATIONS SCALES

Items	Existing H.S. Scale	Existing Overseas Scale	Proposed Overseas Scale	Difference between (d) & (c)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
	oz. daily	oz. daily	oz. daily	oz.
<u>Breakfast Items</u>				
Bacon	1 ² / ₇ (a)	3 (b)	1 ² / ₇ (a)	- 1 ⁵ / ₇
Sausage or offal	1 ⁵ / ₇ (a)		1 ⁵ / ₇ (c)	+ 1 ⁵ / ₇
<u>Dinner Items</u>				
Meat (bone in)	6	10	6	-4
Potatoes	16	12	12	
Vegetables fresh	5 ⁵ / ₇	8	8	
dried	6 ⁷ / ₇	1	1	
Onions	-	2	2	
<u>Tea/Supper Items</u>				
Tinned fish	3 ⁷ / ₇	1	1 ⁶ / ₇	- 1 ⁷ / ₇
Cheese	6 ⁷ / ₇	1	2 ⁷ / ₇	- 3 ¹⁴ / ₇
Preserved Meat	-	1 ² / ₂	4 ⁷ / ₇	+ 4 ⁷ / ₇
Sausage	-	-		
<u>Staple Items</u>				
Bread	10	12	12	
Flour	2 ³ / ₄	2	2 ¹ / ₂	+ 1 ² / ₂
Margarine	1 ³ / ₄	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	
Butter	2 ⁷ / ₇	-	-	
Sugar	2	3	2	- 1
Jan	1	1 ¹ / ₂	1	- 1 ² / ₂
Cooking fat	2 ⁷ / ₇ (a)	1 ² / ₂	2 ⁷ / ₇	- 3 ¹⁴ / ₇
Tinned Milk (Br.)	3	2	2	
Milk Powder (Full Cream)	-	3 ⁷ / ₇	3 ⁷ / ₇	
" (Skimmed)	2 ⁷ / ₇	-	2 ⁷ / ₇	+ 2 ⁷ / ₇
Oatmeal	6 ⁷ / ₇	-	5 ⁷ / ₇	+ 5 ⁷ / ₇
Rice	3 ⁷ / ₇	1	2 ⁷ / ₇	- 5 ⁷ / ₇
Fruit fresh	-	5 (average)	5 (average)	
" dried	6 ⁷ / ₇	4 ⁷ / ₇	6 ⁷ / ₇	+ 2 ⁷ / ₇
Dried Eggs	-	-	1 ⁷ / ₇	+ 1 ⁷ / ₇
Tea	2 ⁷ / ₇	1 ² / ₂	1 ² / ₂	
Cocoa	1 ⁸ / ₈	-	1 ⁸ / ₈	+ 1 ⁸ / ₈
Baking Powder	-	1 ³⁰ / ₃₀	1 ²⁰ / ₂₀	+ 1 ⁶⁰ / ₆₀
Pepper	-	1 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	1 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	
Mustard	-	1 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	1 ¹⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	
Salt	3 ⁸ / ₈	1 ² / ₂	1 ² / ₂	
Cake	4 ⁷ / ₇	-	-	
Cash Allowance	2 ¹ / ₂ pence	-	-	

Notes:- (a) Four issues per week of 2¹/₄ ozs.
 (b) Seven " " " " 3 "
 (c) Three " " " " 4 "
 (d) Issued with boneless meat only.

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ESTIMATED MONTHLY SAVINGS IF NEW PROPOSED SCALE IS ADOPTED

ANNEX C

(Based on present ration strengths of Army and R.A.F.)

All figures in Tons per month

THEATRE	Frozen Meat (Dose in)	Preserved Meat	Bacon	Cheese	Cooking Fat (or oil)	Sugar	Preserves
N.W. Europe	4,016	215	1,721	143	215	1,004	502
Central Mediter- ranean (incl. Austria)	3,024	162	1,296	108	162	756	378
Middle East	574	61	491	40½	80	287	143
Other Stations	284	15	122	10	15	71	36
Total Savings	7,898	453	3,630	301½	472	2,118	1,059
Deduct extras for troops on hard training (say 5% of strengths)	-	-	-	-	-	58	53
Net monthly savings	7,898	453	3,630	301½	472	2,060	1,006

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