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RATIONING

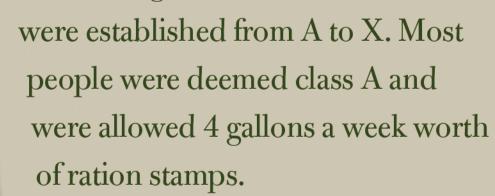
After the attack on Pearl Harbor, most Americans realized that winning the war would require their involvement in one way or another. The U.S. government believed that controlling the nation's economy was of utmost importance to victory. Every aspect of the American economy, from production to consumption, was regulated. Wages and prices were frozen and the most important items were controlled through a system of ration points. At home there were many ways that Americans did their part. Scrap metals, rubber and other items were recycled in order to make sure that American soldiers were getting all the materials they needed for victory.



During the war, women held many jobs traditionally done by men.

## One way that all Americans were directly affected by the war was through rationing. Everything from butter to gasoline was limited by the Office of Price Administration (OPA). Food items were given points based on their scarcity. Gasoline was rationed

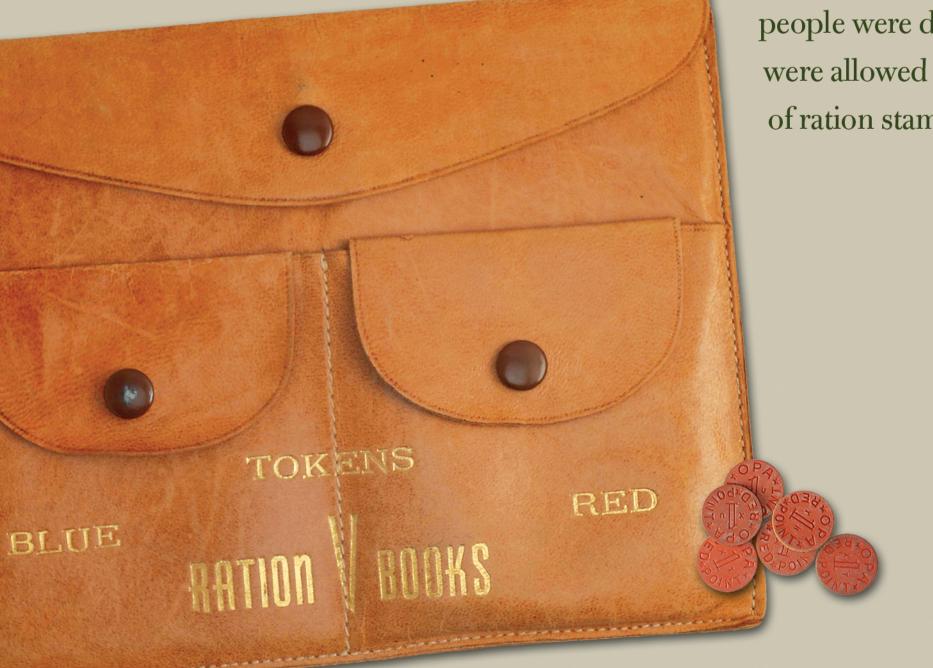
(OPA). Food items were given points based on their scarcity. Gasoline was rationed based on a person's need as determined by the OPA. However, it was not gasoline that was in short supply but rubber. Rubber supplies were cut off when Japan took over much of the East Indies. Rationing was put into place to reduce tire usage and keep rubber available for the war effort. In the case of gasoline, classes of need

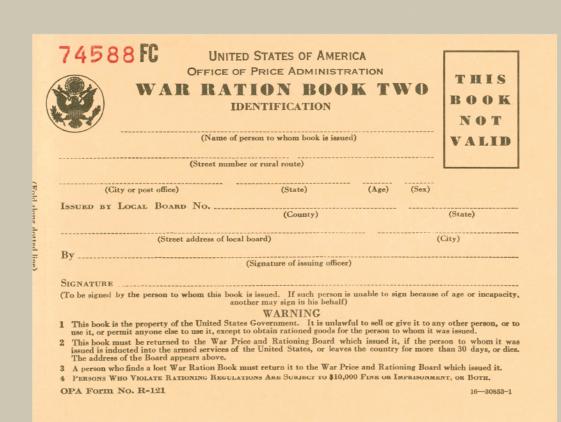




Red OPA Ration Token

Each person was granted blue point tokens for meats, butter and fats, and red point tokens for canned items.





## 1943 STEEL CENT

The need for copper during World War II was tremendous. It was used for everything from shell casings to electronic equipment. U.S. Mint officials began searching for a way to replace the copper Lincoln cent with another, less valuable

metal. A steel cent with a zinc coating was developed and issued in 1943. Problems soon developed because the coins quickly rusted and did not work in vending machines. The U.S. Mint returned to copper in 1944 using old shell casings.





1943-S: Zinc-Coated Steel Lincoln Cent



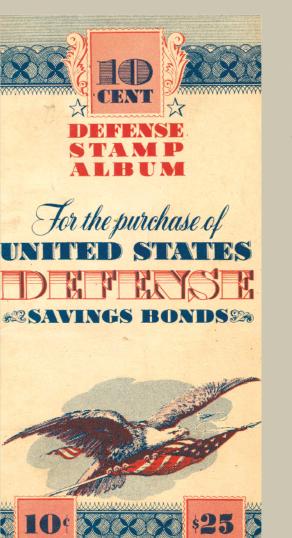
Wartime Silver Alloy Jefferson Nickel



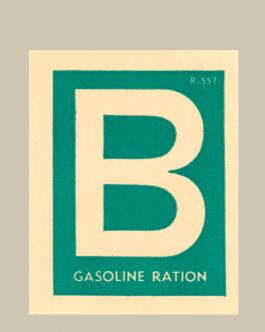
1944-S: Winged Liberty Head or Mercury Dime



1943-D: Liberty Walking Half Dollar



1942: Ten Cent
Defense Stamp Album
These albums were distributed by
the U.S. Treasury through the Post Office.
People would fill an "album" with
\$18.75 of low denomination stamps,
10-cents or 25-cents, and hand it in
to the post office in exchange for a \$25
War Savings Bond. There were also larger
denomination stamps, which could be
traded for \$50, \$100 or higher bonds.



Gasoline Ration Window Sticker

