

SOURCE 5

Ration coupons
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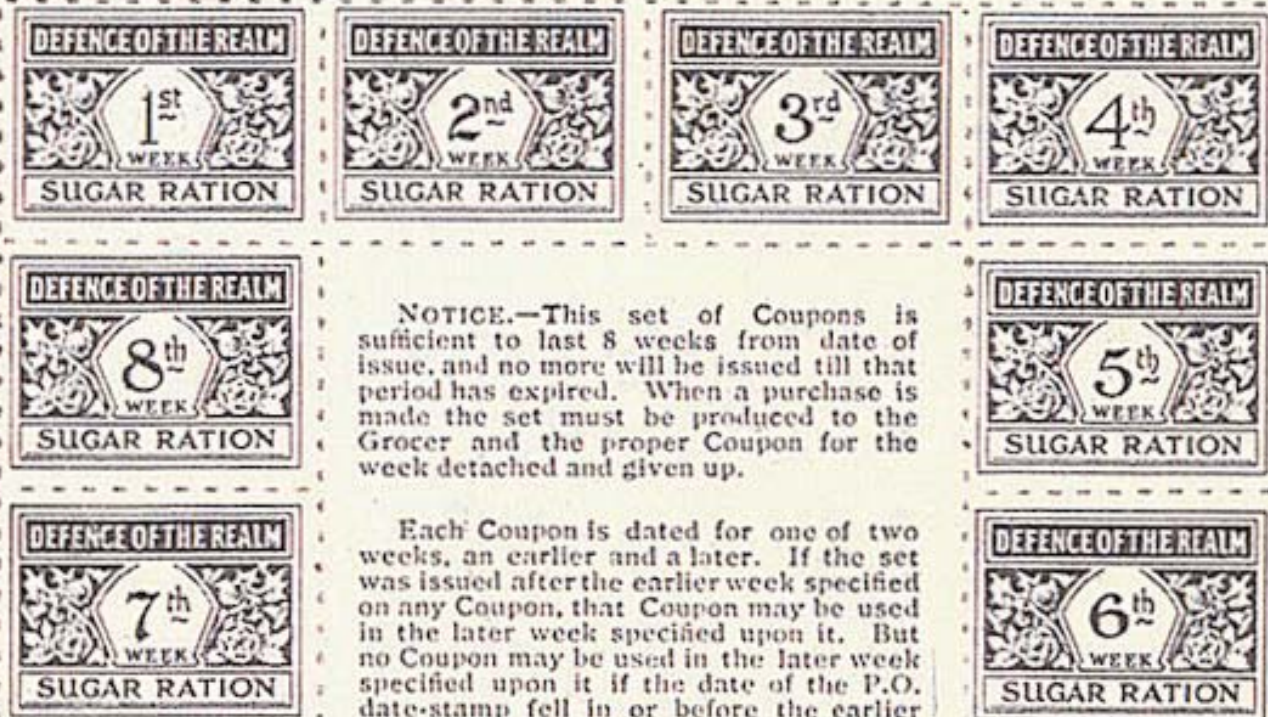
HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about shortages and rationing and how they affected people. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is being rationed?
- Explain how the coupon system worked?
- Do you get the impression that shopkeepers were fully involved in the scheme?
- Rationing was a big change from the free market which people were used to. Why did most people support it?

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NOTICE.—This set of Coupons is sufficient to last 8 weeks from date of issue, and no more will be issued till that period has expired. When a purchase is made the set must be produced to the Grocer and the proper Coupon for the week detached and given up.

Each Coupon is dated for one of two weeks, an earlier and a later. If the set was issued after the earlier week specified on any Coupon, that Coupon may be used in the later week specified upon it. But no Coupon may be used in the later week specified upon it if the date of the P.O. date-stamp fell in or before the earlier week specified upon it. For example, a

set of Coupons issued on 25th March must be used in the following order.—Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Name of Person to or for whom these Coupons are issued :—

NOTE.—If you desire to register for a regular supply of sugar from a particular retailer, the portion **B** overleaf should be filled up, and the whole taken to the selected retailer. The retailer accepting will detach portion **B** and write or rubber-stamp his name and address on portion **A**.