

1. Responsibility.

The responsibility for ensuring the provision of food and other essentials for Assembly Centers is that of the Military Government detachment commander responsible for the area in which the center is located. He will ensure that the maximum use is made of indigenous resources, and that imported supplies will not be furnished except to the extent that it is impossible to obtain adequate supplies from German sources. Where available indigenous supplies are insufficient to meet the needs of both United Nations displaced persons and the German population, United Nations displaced persons will be given first priority.

2. Method of Demand and Supply.

a. Officers in charge of Assembly Centers will submit their demands for food and other essentials to the appropriate Military Government detachment commander in the manner directed by him.

b. The Military Government detachment commander will instruct the German authorities to make the necessary provision in the manner prescribed by formation commanders, and arrange for delivery to the center concerned.

3. Use of Imported Supplies.

a. Where insufficient supplies are available from German sources the deficiency will be made up as far as is practicable from the limited number of items being imported for civil affairs purposes. The Military Government detachment commander will arrange for the provision and delivery to the assembly center of such items.

b. So far as the center is concerned these imported items are in the main:

- (1) Food
- (2) Clothing
- (3) Blankets
- (4) Soap
- (5) Medical and Sanitation Supplies
- (6) Emergency Feeding Equipment
- (7) POL and Fuel

c. These supplies will be handled and stored by the normal Army Supply and Transportation Services or CA depots and will be requisitioned on the normal form used for obtaining supplies from CA depots of the Army service concerned, according to the instructions received from the Military Government detachment commander.

4. Food.**a. General Policy.**

Military commanders have the responsibility of providing adequate food for United Nations DPs. They will take such steps and institute

such measures as may be necessary to obtain the maximum food from German sources. If sufficient food is not available, Military Government supplies may be used; if these are exhausted, regular Army stocks may be requisitioned.

b. Ration Scales.

Military commanders will be responsible for establishing such ration scales as may be necessary to put into effect the general policy in (a) above. Ration scales should be fixed at 2,000 calories per person per day. Laborers, pregnant women, and other special groups may require additional food (See Appendix 3 and Appendix 6).

c. Responsibility.

(1) It is the responsibility of the Military Government detachment or other military echelon responsible for the operation of an Assembly Center to arrange for adequate food stocks to be delivered to the Assembly Center and to maintain a sufficient food reserve to be able to handle any emergency situation.

(2) It is the responsibility of the Assembly Center Director to arrange for the equitable distribution of food within the Center and for its handling, storage, preparation, etc. Assembly Center Directors will requisition indent for their supplies in advance in the manner prescribed by the officer commanding the Military Government detachment.

d. Nationality Variations.

It should be remembered that national tastes are a most important factor if the best use is to be made of the food provided to Assembly Centers. Tastes differ widely between nations and even good quality food of high nutritional value and well cooked will not be acceptable to, or be of the greatest benefit to, those whose palates it does not suit. National groups should be consulted about the food items most suited to their tastes and the methods of cooking and serving which they prefer. Where nationalities are mixed it is desirable to select cooks from each national group.

e. Emergency Reserve.

Center Directors will be well advised to maintain a reserve supply of a week's hard rations to act as a buffer in case of emergencies.

f. Nutritional Factors.

The Advice of Public Health Officers should be sought on nutritional factors. Particular attention should be paid to see that an adequate quantity of vitamin C is provided in the form of leafy green and yellow vegetables and roots (at least 4 oz.—150 grams—per person per day). If these are unobtainable, substitutes (such as synthetic fruit powders) may be requisitioned from military stocks.

5. Enemy and ex-enemy displaced persons.

Enemy and ex-enemy displaced persons will be fed from the same sources, and on the same scales, as German civilians.