

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE WAR CABINETFOR FEBRUARY, 1942WARTIME MEALS DIVISION.BRITISH RESTAURANTS.

At the end of February:-

- (i) The number of British Restaurants approved by the Ministry was 1,188 of which 765 were in operation.

The estimated number of meals served daily was:-	238,106
65 Evacuee Centres controlled by Local Authority serving meals daily	6,586
170 Centres established by Local Authorities on their own responsibility serving meals daily	48,015
79 Centres set up by Voluntary Organisations serving meals daily	16,394
53 School Canteens (administered by Educational Authorities) serving to the general public meals daily	6,846
	<u>315,947</u>

Detailed particulars including the location of the Restaurants and Centres referred to above are shown on the attached statement.

The number of Londoners Meals Service Centres in operation was 207 serving meals daily 52,537

The total number of meals served daily was - 368,484

- (ii) You have agreed that this item shall be dealt with by Mr. O'Brien.

(iii) (a) Pithead Canteens: The latest information is that feeding facilities have been provided at 715 collieries to supply 603,233 miners. Plans are in progress at a further 203 collieries to cover a further 102,313 miners. This represents 98% of the total number of miners employed (at collieries employing more than 50 miners) in England, Scotland and Wales. Full canteen facilities are in operation at 59 collieries and plans are in progress for the provision of full canteen facilities at a further 341 collieries.

(b) Dock Workers: During the month of February a new canteen has been brought into operation at each of the following dock areas:- Merseyside, Coole, Glasgow, Newport, Devonport, and two at the Port of London. At Devonport three Emergency Centres providing 4,000 meals per sitting have been organised for use in the event of damage to existing canteens from enemy action. A mobile canteen has been provided at Plymouth.

(c) Agricultural Workers: Reports received from Divisional Food Officers show that while many rural Authorities are contemplating feeding schemes no great enthusiasm has been shown by them in the proposal to establish British Restaurants with motor transport attached for the purpose of distributing hot food in containers. In some areas a marked preference has been shown for a Meat Pie and Snack Service. A scheme has been evolved for the manufacture and distribution of Meat Pies and Snacks

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE WAR CABINET

FOR MARCH, 1942

WARTIME MEALS DIVISION

BRITISH RESTAURANTS.

At the end of March:-

- (i) The number of British Restaurants approved by the Ministry was 1,248 of which 832 were in operation.

The estimated number of meals served daily was:- 267,268

The number of other Meals Centres in operation were:-

64 Evacuee Centres controlled by Local Authority serving meals daily 6,875

170 Centres established by Local Authorities on their own responsibility serving meals daily 48,214

82 Centres set up by Voluntary Organisations serving meals daily 16,473

63 School Canteens (administered by Educational Authorities) serving to the general public meals daily 8,670

347,500

Detailed particulars including the location of the Restaurants and Centres referred to above are shown on the attached statement.

The number of Londoners Meals Service Centres in operation was 206 serving meals daily 53,000

The total number of meals served daily was:- 400,500

British Restaurants are being brought into operation at the rate of about 60 a month and this rate of progress will no doubt be maintained throughout the period April to June.

- (ii) (a) Pithead Canteens: The latest information is that feeding facilities have been provided at 730 collieries to supply 615,738 miners. Plans are in progress at a further 184 collieries to cover a further 90,851 miners. This represents 96% of the total number of miners employed (at collieries employing more than 50 miners) in England, Scotland and Wales.

Full canteen facilities are in operation at 61 collieries and plans are in progress for the provision of full canteen facilities at a further 345 collieries.

Based on the previous 3 months, it is estimated that 70 new canteens will be brought into operation during April - June.

(b) Dock Workers: According to returns received during the past month one new canteen has been brought into operation at Tilbury, at Cardiff and at Portsmouth. At Cardiff, in addition, one British Restaurant adjacent to the docks has been approved and two more canteens have been proposed.

Based on the previous 3 months, it is estimated that 14 new canteens, and 3 British Restaurants serving dock areas will be brought into operation during April - June.

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE WAR CABINET
FOR APRIL, 1942
WARTIME MEALS DIVISION

BRITISH RESTAURANTS

At the end of April:-

(i) The number of British Restaurants approved by the Ministry was 1300 of which 906 were in operation.

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394 The estimated number of meals served daily was:- 286,629

X The number of other Meals Centres in operation were:- X
65 Evacuee Centres controlled by Local Authority
serving meals daily 6,706

170 Centres established by Local Authorities on
their own responsibility serving meals daily 50,278

81 Centres set up by Voluntary Organisations serving
meals daily 16,952

61 School Canteens (administered by Educational
Authorities) serving to the general public meals daily 7,550

368,115

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Restaurants and Centres referred to above are shown
on the attached statement.

1488 The number of Londoners Meals Service Centres in
operation was 205 serving meals daily 55,000

The total number of meals served daily was:- 423,115

(ii) The Minister has asked Local Authorities to establish British Restaurants wherever there is a need which cannot be satisfied by the existing catering facilities.

The need is brought to the notice of Local Authorities in a variety of ways e.g. through the machinery of local government by organisations representative of consumers and by Divisional Food Officers who are aware of local conditions and requirements and are kept informed by the area officers of the Ministries of Health and Labour and National Service of movements of population arising out of war conditions.

(iii) No information is available on the proportion of different types of consumers making use of British Restaurants.

(iv) (a) Pithead Canteens

The latest information is that feeding facilities have been provided at 754 collieries to supply 626,946 miners. Plans are in progress at a further 167 collieries to cover a further 80,388 miners. This represents 97% of the total number of miners employed (at Collieries employing more than 50 men) in England, Scotland and Wales.

Full canteen facilities are in operation at 69 collieries and plans are in progress for the provision of full canteen facilities at a further 351 collieries, which together would represent 53% of the men employed.

(b) Dockers.

During the month there has been brought into operation one new canteen at the following docks:- Leith, Immingham, Ship Canal Docks at Manchester, and two at Hull. At Penbroke a British Restaurant has been opened in the neighbourhood of the Docks.

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE WAR CABINET

FOR MAY, 1942

WARTIME MEALS DIVISION.

BRITISH RESTAURANTS

At the end of May:-

- (i) The number of British Restaurants approved by the Ministry was 1,384 of which 970 were in operation.

The estimated number of meals served daily was:-	300,052
The number of other Meals Centres in operation were:-	
62 Evacuee Centres controlled by Local Authority serving meals daily	6,405
170 Centres established by Local Authorities on their own responsibility serving meals daily	47,094
82 Centres set up by Voluntary Organisations serving meals daily	18,159
65 School Canteens (administered by Educational Authorities) serving to the general public meals daily	8,276
	379,986

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The number of Londoners Meals Service Centres in operation was 205 serving meals daily.

51,424

431,410

- (ii) (a) Pithead Canteens The latest information is that feeding facilities have been provided at 777 collieries to supply 638,887 miners. Plans are in progress at a further 145 collieries to cover a further 67,908 miners. This represents 97% of the total number of miners employed (at collieries employing more than 50 men) in England, Scotland and Wales.

Full canteen facilities are in operation at 79 collieries and plans are in progress for the provision of full canteen facilities at a further 344 collieries which together would represent about 54% of the men employed.

(b) Dockers During the month there has been brought into operation 1 canteen at Cardiff, 1 at Barry and 2 small canteens at Plymouth. 2 canteens have been brought into operation at Mersey Side, which completes the programme for this important area. At Aberdeen a British Restaurant has been opened in the neighbourhood of the docks.

(c) Agricultural Workers It would appear that considerable progress is now being made in different parts of the country with the organising of "Pie Schemes". A circular is being sent out to obtain detailed information from each Division regarding feeding in Rural Areas.

(d) Railway Employees Since the last report it has become evident that the Railway Executive Committee Staff Committee is attempting to set up self-sufficient canteens for the railway employees, and accordingly this Ministry wrote to all Divisional Food Officers instructing them to co-operate whole-heartedly with the Local Authorities and Railway Officials in the provision of meals for railway workers where required from British Restaurants and Cooking Depots until such time as the Railway Canteens are brought into operation.

(e) Workers engaged on Ministry of Works and Buildings Sites The Ministry of Works and Buildings has asked if assistance can be given from British Restaurants and Cooking Depots to feed building operatives engaged on sites for which that Department is responsible. This suggestion has been agreed to in principle and where a British Restaurant etc., is suitably sited, Divisional Food Officers are being asked to co-operate.

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