

70th Anniversary of World War II Food Rationing Day Ties Back

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Rationing was the greatest hardship demanded of Americans on the home front during World War II. German submarines were sinking merchant ships, US factories were producing weapons instead of consumer goods, and U.S. armed forces and allies fighting overseas had to be fed, and all of these caused shortage in almost everything including food supplies [1, 2].

In 1943, on March 29, meat and cheese rationing officially went into effect in the United States to meet the needs of US armed forces and allies. Americans were given ration books allowing them the purchase of only a certain amount of meat, cheese, butter, and cooking oils each month. Meat rationing imposed during World War II made most Americans very unhappy.

Today, March 29, 2013, marks the seventieth anniversary of this historic day. In addition, however, there is something uniquely “hidden” in today’s date that ties it back to year 1943. How? I will explain.

If one expresses today’s full date as 3-29-2013, or simply 3292013, this number equals:

$$3292013 = 3491 \times 943$$

What do you see on the right-hand-side of this equation? Look more closely. I will help. Note that 3491 is simply the reverse of year 1943 and 943 corresponds to the rightmost three digits of 1943! Wow! Isn’t this something? So, today’s date, which is the 70th anniversary of the historic food rationing day, indeed “secretly” ties back to 1943!

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[1] <http://sarahsundin.blogspot.com/2011/03/make-it-do-meat-and-cheese-rationing-in.html>

[2] http://articles.philly.com/1993-03-26/news/25949998_1_meat-rationing-short-supply