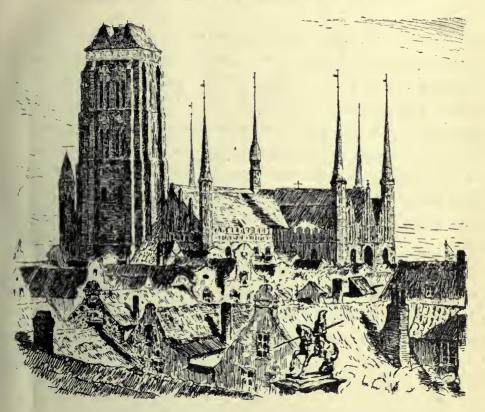


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"Die Dicke Marie": The famous Danzig Cathedral.

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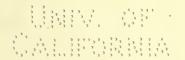
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NOTICE

The object of this booklet is to relate briefly the story of the Danzig Port Mission which, during the four years following the war, did its share in carrying out the relief work of the AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION in Poland and the Upper Baltic States. In the execution of a port operation there were naturally no touching scenes of starving kiddies and hungry mothers as were met with in childfeeding work; but the task was never devoid of interest, never prosaic, because it was through the ports that flowed the vital nourishment which fortified the body of thousands of undernourished children and adults aided by the A. R. A.

Besides making shipments to Poland, the Upper Baltic States and Russia, the Danzig office carried on various other A. R. A. activities such as distribution of food packages, childfeeding and Intelligentsia relief within the Free City territory, and the sale of Food Remittances to Russia.

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TRANSLATION:

SENATE OF THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG

Danzig, October 6th, 1922.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your letter of September 20th in which you advise us of the cessation of your Relief Work, begun in 1920, we beg you to accept our most heartfelt thanks for the valuable aid given to our young nation, and especially to our children.

The adverse consequences of the war affected particularly our youth, and threatened severely its spiritual and physical development. It was a great help to us when in October, 1920, the American Friends Service Committee in co-operation with the American Relief Administration E. C. F. began the feeding of 7,400 children and mothers, a work which was destined to bring so many blessings upon our population during the following two years. Thousands of parents will remember for a long time the magnificent work which did so much good to the health of their children.

In the name of the Free City of Danzig, of the various institutions, of the parents and children who were benefited by the feeding, we wish to express to the American Relief Administration our most sincere and profound thanks for the noble work and generosity of your nation.

We beg you to transmit our thanks also to your esteemed Chief, Mr. Herbert Hoover.

(Signed) SAHM
(President of the Free City of Danzig)

(Signed) DR. SCHWARTZ (Senator)

TO: The Chief of American Relief Administration E. C. F. Free City of Danzig.

Dear Sir.

As High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig I beg to thank you and the American Relief Administration for the work you have done in the Free City to feed the poor children during a period when it was so urgently required. Had it not been for the aid given by your Administration and by the generous people of America who provided a great part of the necessary funds, many children would have died from want and from the diseases which accompanied it.

It is a matter of satisfaction to me and I am sure to the League of Nations, that the local authorities of the Free City by their good administration enabled the children to benefit to the full from your endeavours to deal with the many cases of distress amongst children in the Free City, and thus there was no waste of effort.

Everyone who is acquainted with your methods of carrying on this great scheme of beneficence, is full of admiration for the effective, economic, and sympathetic system which you have adopted.

You have gone about your work without advertisement, and with the single purpose of saving children from disease and death through inadequate nourishment. Assistance has been given to all undernourished children without distinction as to class, and many families who were in prosperous circumstances before the war have benefited by your Administration.

If it is possible I should like you to convey to the kind American people who have subscribed the money to enable you to carry on your work, my thanks as High Commissioner, and to assure them that I am certain that the League of Nations, to whom I shall communicate the results of your work, will be anxious to add their own appreciation.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. HAKING High Commissioner, League of Nations, Free City of Danzig

TO: Chief of Mission, Free City of Danzig, American Relief Administration European Children's Fund.

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DANZIG AND AMERICAN FIRST-AID TO POLAND

Danzig, the quaint Hanseatic city which Germany had treated as a stepchild in order to foment the development of her sister port, Koenigsberg, — Danzig which up to 1914 had never been able to boast of handling more than 600,000 tons of merchandise per year, mostly sugar and timber outgoing to England, Denmark, Norway, and Holland, — Danzig whose peaceful existence was disturbed only by the daily parade of the Uhlan garrison, the memorable visits of the Kaiser and the more frequent ones of the Crown Prince, — woke up on November 11th, 1918, and found itself the gateway to newborn Poland arisen from the ruins of three empires.



South Side of FREE BASIN Unloading directly into cars.

> Poland was like a man who has just been put together by a most wonderful process of grafting; he is whole, but requires assiduous attention and careful nourishing. And thus it was that Mr. Hoover decided to rush to Poland about 300,000 tons of foodstuffs on credit, firstly in order to appease the hunger of the population, and secondly to hush the threatening grumblings of those who were unable to find their bearings in the political chaos resulting from the war. During the six months following the Armistice. dozens of American ships crowded into the puny port of Danzig, with their valuable cargoes of flour, fats, and milk, which were discharged into cars scheduled to roll off the very same day towards hungry Poland, or were stuffed into warehouses when cars were insufficient, or were dumped into barges when every foot of waterfront was occupied. The Danzig shipagents in their wildest dreams had never foreseen such a plethora of merchandise; now they beheld with dismay the small Free Basin with its scanty depth of 18 to 26 feet, its five 1 1/2 ton cranes on its north side, and the dilapidated wooden sheds flanking both the north and the south sides, trying to play the rôle of an international port.

DANZIG'S SCANTY PORT EQUIPMENT

In order to understand and appreciate the difficulties which beset the A. R. A. men who had been entrusted with the task of handling the thousands of tons of relief goods for Poland, it is necessary to study the lay-out of the Port of Danzig and examine a few salient figures about its rudimentary equipment.

Total length of the quays: 5.8 km (of which 4.8 km in stone). Railway mileage within port territory: 17.58 km (cf. Hamburg 213 km).

Total surface of port territory: 160,000 sq m.

Total water surface: 60,000 sq m.

Length of quays of Free Harbor: 1,300 m.

Total floor space of Warehouses in Free Harbor: 25,000 sq m.

Depth of Free Basin: 7.5 m.

Depth of Hafenkanal and Kaiserhafen: 8 m.

The Free Basin cannot accommodate more than six large ships at a time, always provided that their draught does not exceed 7 meters. It is true that the Vistula has a depth of over 8 meters in the middle, but the bed forms an abrupt curve sloping upward towards the quays, so that large ships must lie at a distance of 15 to 20 feet, thus rendering the discharging very difficult and expensive.

Danzig had never seen such a galaxy of ships as during the spring days of 1919. The 300,000 tons of foodstuffs shipped by the Grain Corporation were consigned to the Polish Government cif., Danzig, and were received by PUZAPP (National Administration for Articles of First Necessity), which was virtually the Polish Food Administration, organized immediately after the Germans withdrew from Poland. The A. R. A. office in

Danzig exercised primarily an advisory control, although its word was law as to placing of ships, arrangements for discharging, disposition of cars, etc. As many as 120 cars rolled off toward Poland on a single day.

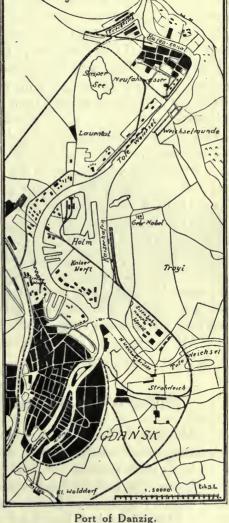
FIRST CHILDREN'S RELIEF IN POLAND

The reports of the American inspectors induced the A. R. A. to begin special relief work among the children who, more than the adults, were feeling the effects of a long period of malnutrition. Between March and July. 1919, more than 15,000 tons of these relief commodities passed through Danzig, consisting as follows:

C	Metric Tons	
Wheat F	lour	858.183
Rice .		2,176.091
Beans &	Peas	2,887.763
Milk .		6,276 432
Sugar .		1,643.010
Cocoa .		765.668
Bacon .		765.000
Soap .		436.901
Cod Liv	er Oil	20.290

Total:

15,829,338



CONTINUATION OF CHILD RELIEF

During his trip in August, Mr. Hoover realized that with the winter coming on. Poland would be ill fit to take care of the thousands of undernourished children who had been kept alive thanks to American help. Upon his recommendation, therefore, it was decided to continue the good work until the following spring. The first steamer, the "Yseel", arrived in October from London, carrying 600 tons of sugar, 12,886 cases evaporated milk, 29,634 cases of condensed milk, and 1,232 bales of clogs, woollen cloth. stockings, needles, thread, buttons, etc. The steamer was closely followed by the S/S "Reval" and the S/S "E. H. Stinnes" with a combined cargo of 246 tons of sugar, 21,000 cases evaporated milk, 25,185 cases condensed milk, 122 tons of lard substitute, 7,802 cases of soap, together with 427 bales of clogs, woollens, and accessories. The relief work had begun in real earnest. In view of the pressing need in Poland an effort was made to discharge all cargoes directly from the ships into cars. All the clothing was addressed to Warsaw, while the foodstuffs were distributed among the fifteen regional warehouses in Poland, in compliance with dispositions received from the Warsaw Mission. Full credit is due to the Polish Organization PUZAPP, which gave to the A. R. A. their full measure of co-operation, often working far into the night in order to despatch the cars bound for the hungry and naked children.

The clothing shipments were the source of infinite trouble. The Free City Government had not yet been definitely established and Police control was naturally inadequate. This fact, coupled with the general conditions of restlessness prevailing especially in these parts of Europe, tended to make the stevedores insolent and rebellious. In open defiance of the police officers they ripped open bales, smashed cases, slashed bags, stuffing their pockets and blouses with flour, tins of milk, and yards of cloth. PUZAPP organized a special detective bureau to catch the offenders and bring them to judgment.

SHIPMENTS FOR OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

Along with the A. R. A. shipments, the Danzig Office looked after the consignments arriving in behalf of the other Relief Organizations operating in Poland, such as the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the American Friends, and the J. D. C. Each organization thought its commodities the most urgently needed, and clamoured for priority in shipment, little realizing the difficulties which had to be overcome.

HARBOR CONGESTION IN EARLY 1920

The serious trouble started in February, 1920, simultaneously with the beginning of the A. R. A. W. operations. The clothing campaign in Poland was in full swing, and the five thousand bales which arrived during that month had to be despatched with the utmost speed in order to reach the shivering children before the winter was over. At that time the Polish Government was importing thousands of tons of grain and flour. Every foot of water frontage was occupied; often ships had to lie in the roads one and



The Free Basin filled to capacity. All these ships are laden with A. R. A. food.

two days before securing a berth; many of them had to be discharged in the stream, the cargo being dumped into barges where it lay for days and weeks. For instance, the A. R. A. W. milk ex "Valacia" and "Vasconia" lay stored in barges for two months before it could be taken out. Three trains per day did not suffice to relieve the congestion; the Danzig Harbor with its primitive unloading equipment and limited railway facilities could not cope with the situation.

WAREHOUSING FACILITIES

Danzig's limited pre-war trade did not require the spacious warehousing accommodations of a world port, such as Hamburg and Rotterdam. Wooden sheds on the north and south sides of the Free Basin took ample care of the miscellaneous merchandise; as for the grain shipments there were Anker's Grain Elevator on the Hafenkanal, with a capacity of ca. 5,000 tons and the modern silos of the Westpreussische Landwirtschaft on the Holm Island capable of holding 10,000 tons. In order to meet the de-



The RUSSENHOFS. — Note the four electrically driven elevators.

Discharging from cars.

mands of the sugar trade, Wieler and Hardtmann had built two large, fireproof warehouses on the Weichselbahnhof, with electrically driven elevators for conveying sackgoods from cars to the top floor, whence they could be distributed to any part of the building by means of spiral chutes. Unfortunately for the A. R. A., these elevators had been built for outgoing trade and were of no use for discharging steamers. But they proved of infinite value during the periods of congestion, when there was a shortage

of empties, or when the Polish regional depots were amply protected and shipments from Danzig had to be suspended.

The A. R. A. W. commodities were housed in "Primus", a one-storey brick structure on the Hafenkanal, with a capacity of over 4,000 tons, with railway sidings, but twenty feet away and about 150 feet from the waterfront.



The spiral chutes for sack goods in the RUSSENHOFS.

EFFECTS OF THE BOLSHEVIK INVASION

In 1919, the Polish Government had been farsighted enough to take over part of the sheds on both sides of the Free Basin, as well as the row of favorably situated warehouses along the Hafenkanal, together with the Russenhofs. When the Bolsheviks invaded Poland, resulting in the temporary disorganization of the childfeeding program in that country, rail shipments were at a complete standstill for practically two months. Stocks had been accumulating ever since the danger had loomed in the east, several thousand tons poured in from America and Hamburg, along with about 80,000 cases of milk; PUZAPP was making frantic efforts to rush flour and

other supplies for the use of the retreating Polish army; some small shipments of ammunition for Poland were the subject of a bitter controversy between the Free City and the Polish representatives; the unruly element in Danzig, particularly the harbor workmen, emboldened by the successes of the Bolsheviks, turned decidedly "red", to such a degree that often their insolence verged on mutiny. To make matters worse, the food situation in the Free City became acute, because Poland, which supplied Danzig with regular quotas of flour and potatoes, could not very well fulfil its obligations



During the Bolshevik invasion. Shipments to Poland were impossible; storing commodities transferred from the Free Basin by cars. Over 10,000 tons of sack goods and 3000 tons of milk, lard etc. were crammed into the Russenhofs.

during those abnormal days. As the stevedores emptied the ships laden with flour, milk, and other food which they knew were intended for the Polish children, they gnashed their teeth and muttered threats and imprecations. Bands of hoodlums gathered late in the evening before the warehouses teeming with A. R. A. supplies. Primus, crammed with about 4,000 tons of A. R. A. W. milk, bacon, corned beef, etc., was the special object of ominous comments; armed guards patrolled the precincts of this warehouse and the Russenhofs.

SPOILED MILK

The S/S "Havel II." which arrived from Hamburg on July 14-th proved to be a Pandora's box. About 1,000 cases of condensed milk from this steamer were stored in Johannes Ick's shed. On a fateful morning, the store-keeper was greeted by an unpleasant odour and noticed that a sticky, white substance oozed from the stack of cases and literally covered the floor of the warehouse. Loud reports as of bursting hand grenades resounded intermittently.

Upon investigation he discovered that milk was actually gushing forth from tins which had burst, presumably as a result of the heat. The cases were immediately restacked and those which showed signs of spoilage opened and the tins segregated into four categories: sound, slightly blown, strongly blown, and burst.

This parcel seemed to have established a bad precedent for the other consignments which followed in quick succession, and before the summer was over 10,763 cases had arrived in Danzig in a more or less tainted condition. Every single case had to be opened and the contents divided into the four classes obove mentioned. A careful chemical analysis determined that the milk in the slightly blown tins was still fit for human consumption provided it could be used immediately. Consequently such tins were repacked and shipped without delay. On the other hand the contents of the strongly blown tins had so deteriorated that they could be used only for fattening animals. Needless to say, when a tin had burst open its contents had completely lost their value as food.

The segregation of the 516,624 tins was a laborious and often unpleasant task. The badly spoiled milk had to be completely isolated, especially as its offensive odour pervaded the entire warehouse and threatened to taint the cocoa and other foodstuffs stored therein. At times cases with slightly blown tins had to be reopened and re-examined because further deterioration had developed so rapidly that it was dangerous to use the milk for childfeeding. In all 2,663 cases were condemned and sold at public auction, either for account of the milk manufacturers, when the period of the guarantee had not yet expired, otherwise for account of the A. R. A.

SHIPMENTS RESUMED

When the tide turned in favor of the Polish army, early in August, the childfeeding machinery in Poland was immediately reassembled, so that urgent shipments from Danzig were imperative. The first task was to rush over 1,000 tons of flour to Modlin. However, Poland had mobilized all available cars for its supreme military effort, so that Danzig's supply of empties was very meagre indeed. As the Vistula was still running pretty full, the situation was saved by using barges. The critical conditions in Poland necessitated the increasing of the childfeeding program from 500,000 to 900,000 during the fall and up to 1,300,000 during the winter of 1920—21, so that a constant stream of supplies had to be kept up.

From then on the car situation improved apace, so that shipments could be effected with no special difficulty. In connection with the Polish



After the Bolshevik tide turned-Discharging into cars and barges at the same time.

clothing program of 1920—21, the same problems presented themselves as during the fall of 1919, only somewhat more vexatious. The next snag was struck in the spring, — the eternal car question. The Polish Government was importing thousands of tons of saltpeter and other chemical fertilizers in order to rehabilitate its agriculture. These shipments took precedence over all other goods, and at times it was only by threatening to sever relations that PUZAPP placed cars for the childfeeding supplies. The Warsaw Mission, as well as the American Technical Mission, at times co-operated in solving the transportation problem.

1921-22 CLOTHING PROGRAM

Following the favorable harvest of 1921 childfeeding in Poland was rapidly reduced from the maximum of 1,300,000 down to 500,000; therefore the stream of supplies from Danzig became proportionately weaker. But the A. R. A. had undertaken a vast clothing relief program. The woollen cloth began to arrive as early as July, followed in quick succession by hundreds of cases of shoes, buttons, etc. On October 19th, the last parcel arrived, making approximately a total of 300,000 pairs of shoes, 350,000 pairs of stockings, and cloth from which the Warsaw Mission manufactured about 300,000 overcoats.

END OF SHIPMENTS TO POLAND

The Polish relief work was coming to an end just as the stupendous task of relieving famine-stricken Russia began. From August on, all efforts were bent on rushing supplies to that country by way of the upper Baltic ports, so that shipments to Poland assumed a secondary importance. Before withdrawing entirely and turning the childfeeding over to the Polish Committee, the A. R. A made a final donation of 480 tons of milk The arrival of the S/S "Brake" on June 26th, 1922, with the last lot of this gift, marked the closing chapter of the history of the Danzig Port Mission. The relief work in Poland was over; the shipments for Russia were being sent directly to the Baltic ports; Danzig's role in the magnificent work of the A. R. A. was at an end, except for several minor shipments of foodstuffs for the Polish and Danzig Intelligentsia Program November 1922 — June 1923.

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SHIPMENTS TO THE BALTIC MISSIONS

Toward the end of January, 1921, an urgent telegram from London ordered a rush shipment to Reval and Libau. Two steamers were chartered and the loading effected with the utmost speed under most trying weather conditions. The SS "Mietzing", 700 gr registored tons, carried a deckload of over 2,000 cases of milk and steamed out of the harbor accompanied by the most fervent godspeed and prayers to Neptune. It is true that the cases were well lashed, but great fears were entertained that the rough winter seas would play havoc with them. Fortunately, as the water washed

over the deck, a thick, firm coating of ice was formed, encasing the entire deckload.

Ten such shipments were made. In each instance, the policy was followed of chartering the vessel and loading it without the intervention of a broker, so that the lowest possible rates were secured.

Commodities shipped to Baltic Ports	Metric Tons	Bales & Cases
Сосов	87,617	
Sugar	238,180	_
Flour	1,917,254	
Beans & Peas	362,078	_
Rice	768,216	_
Evaporated Milk	-	39,409
Condensed Milk	7	13,914
Lard	105,834	-
Oil	76,106	_
Miscellaneous	_	678
Total:	3,555,285	54,001

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SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA

a) By Water

The urgent appeal from the Riga Conference of August, 1921, for immediate shipment to Riga in order to begin the "big job" in Russia, came like the supreme clap of thunder in a storm. Just then the S/S "Neva" was being loaded with 1,200 tons for the Baltic Missions; the S/S "Guernsey", "Panama" and "West Kedron" were in port with 60,000 cases of milk and 7,000 tons of sack goods; about a thousand cases of shoes were lying about the harbor waiting to be shipped to Poland. But there was no time for hesitation, since the message expressly stated that the reputation of the A. R. A. depended on the speed with which the supplies would be forwarded. On August 21 st the call came; on the 23 rd the motor-sailer "Annen" of 600 tons began loading, and on the 25 th it glided out of the harbor with a cargo of 192 tons of sugar and 408 tons of rice. This was the vanguard of a number of shipments which followed in quick succession. On the 30 th the S/S "Bolores" sailed with 1,135 tons, on September 3-rd went the S/S

"Planet" with 760 tons, and the S/S "Oberpresident Delbrueck" followed in the wake on September 6th with over 1,300 tons.



Rushing the first food to famine-stricken Russia. Steamer loading for Riga (right) and barge unloading (left) at the Russenhofs. Danzig sent the first relief supplies to Russia. The motor-sailer ANNEN arrived in Riga Aug. 25th, 1921.

The little port of Danzig played an important role in mobilizing the first supplies for the big Russian relief campaign.

Commodities shipped	Metric Tons	Cases
to Russian Unit		
Cocoa	253,708	
Sugar	1,878,131	_
Flour	7,938,535	
Beans & Peas	1,810,629	re-error
Rice	1,849,792	_
Corngrits	1,458,197	
Bacon	11,659	— .
Evaporated Milk		166,004
Condensed Milk	_	45,830
Lard	255,296	_
Oil	161,782	_
Miscellaneous	J = -	2,535
Total:	15,617,729	214,369

b) Shipments to Russia by Rail

The next big task came in the early days of 1922 when Congress placed at the President's disposal funds for the purchase of corn, seed grain, and milk for relief in Russia. The elevators of Anker and of the Westpreussische Landwirtschaft mentioned above had handled thousands of tons of grain from Poland and Pomerania before the war. Why not the Russian corn? This information was passed on to London who promised Danzig a share in the job. The original plan was that the corn would be discharged



Anker's grain elevator on the Hafenkanal used for the corn schipments to Russia

in Danzig, bagged, and reshipped by water to the Baltic ports. By this time, however, rail transportation in Poland had so improved, that direct shipments from Danzig to the Russian border, through Poland, were not only feasible, but sure and expeditious. The Polish Railway Direction in Danzig offered its hearty co-operation. This suggestion was eagerly taken up by the London Office and within a few days, Danzig, Warsaw and Moscow made arrangements whereby complete trains would leave Danzig, via Warsaw and Baranowice to the border station of Stolpce, where the Soviets

were to keep a sufficient number of empties for the transshipments. The Polish Government granted free transportation to all these supplies, and the Danzig Senate likewise remitted the Diet Tax of $3\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{0}$, which was imposed on all freight passing through the Free City Territory.

Owing to the unusually severe winter, the entrances to the Baltic were completely frozen for a number of days; consequently the S.S., West Chatala", which had left Baltimore on January 21 st with 6,361 tons of corn, did not put into Danzig until March 1 st. Part of the cargo was discharged into Anker's Elevator and the balance into the Silos on the Holm Island. Over 82,000 sacks arrived with the corn, but they were so torn and weak that less than one half could be used. Work went on feverishly day and night in the attempt to make up the demurrage which the steamer had accumulated on account of the ice.

On March 4th, the first train, "America l", rolled out of Danzig at 3,45 p. m., arriving safely in Stolpce five days after.

The scheme had proved a success. By this time, the upper Baltic ports, which had been ice-bound, became accessible, and so there was no further necessity of diverting the corn cargoes to Danzig. But as the Reval- and Riga-Moscow railway was being worked to full capacity, the Danzig-Stolpce route was used to relieve the pressure as late as June 30th, when the last train, "America 48", marked the finish of this activity of the Danzig Port Mission.

Danzig also purchased and shipped by this route 706 chests of tea for the Russian Food Remittance program.

SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA BY RAIL

Commodities	Metric Tons
Cocoa	355.659
Sugar	1,519.272
Milk Evap	28.729
Milk & Rice	33.701
Flour	13,020.229
Beans	27.687
Peas	58.377
Rice	2,732.642
Corngrits	154.426
Corn	6,344.951
Lard Substitute	1,712.821
Biscuits	19.207
Tea	25.462
Oil	10.487
Total:	26,049,650

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DELIVERIES TO THE QUAKERS

Late in 1920, the American Friends began childfeeding in the Free City and later also in Koenigsberg and Elbing, East Prussia. Deliveries to these kitchens were made from the Danzig stocks upon authorisation from the London Office.

From	F.	C.	F.	Sto	cks	:
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Cocoa		3,962	kilos
Beans		16,849	99
Evap. Milk		40,056	99
Rice		14,261	99
Lard Substitute.		10,375	99
		85,503	kilos
Stocks:			

From A. R. A. W. Stocks:

Rice 2,225 kilo

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AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION WAREHOUSES

Danzig's part in the A. R. A. W. food draft scheme, which was begun early in 1920, was two-fold: the delivery of food packages in the Free City territory, and, — the more important one — the discharging, storing and reshipping of the commodities for the draft business in Poland.

LOCAL DELIVERIES

Through the kindness of the Danzig Senate, a spacious warehouse in the heart of the city was placed at the disposal of the Danzig Mission, entirely free of charge. Packages were made up in "Primus", — the A. R. A. W. warehouse on the Hafenkanal, and transported to Danzig by means of trucks. The package operation in a tiny country of less then 300,000 inhabitants cannot be compared with those of Hamburg, Vienna, etc. But in proportion to the population, Danzig delivered probably more packages than any of the larger missions.

STATEMENT OF PACKAGE DELIVERIES

	A.	В.	C.	D.
Total Packages delivered from April, 1920, to July, 1921	1,375	205	132	12
April, 1720, to july, 1721	1,070	203		
Total Value	\$ 13,750	\$ 10,250	\$ 1,320	\$ 600

Occasionally the scheme was the object of bitter personal attacks from individuals, and even newspapers, especially after food conditions had considerably improved. But on the whole, the benefits were fully recognized, and the Danzig authorities never failed to give their whole-hearted support.



Making up A. R. A. W packages in the warehouse PRIMUS.

SHIPMENTS TO POLAND

The A.R. A. W. cargoes and the evacuations to Poland were handled in the same manner as those of the A.R. A.E. C.F., with the added feature that the delicious bacon, the tinned lard and corned beef were the object of special covetousness on the part of the stevedores. When a parcel of bacon was expected, the news spread like wildfire throughout the entire harbor community, and the most rigorous measures had to be adopted to prevent pilferages. By far the most vexatious problem was the handling of the oil in 5-gallon tins. All recommendations to stevedores to use special care in unloading the cases fell on deaf ears. The seams of the bulky tins often cracked, and the precious fluid poured in streams. Practically all of the cases had to be opened, and most of the tins resoldered.

INTELLIGENTSIA RELIEF

On March 12th, 1921, the glad tidings were received from the London Office that the sum of \$9,752,84 was placed by the Commonwealth Fund at the disposal of the Danzig Mission for distribution of food among the needy Intelligentsia. Under the auspices of the Department of Public Welfare and Charities, a committee was organized, which finally established the distribution on the following basis:

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District of	Danzig	er Ho	oehe		$12^{0}/_{0}$
**	33	Nie	deru	ng	20/0
**	Grosser	Wer	der		60/0

The last three districts comprise the agricultural section of the Free City, and were consequently in less need.

The equivalent of 260 B-packages were delivered to the Committee, representing the following commodities:

Flour					16,511	kilos		
Rice					5,910	99		
Cocoa					390	**		
Sugar					1,560	99		
Bacon	A				1,887	93	520	slabs
Lard A	1				1,769	77	780	tins
Cornec	B	ee	f		1,415		520	22
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the committee received them ex warehouse and paid transportation and all subsequent handling charges. The entire personnel for the distribution, as well as space, etc., were loaned by the Senate.

Plight of the intellectual class. — In February, 1921, an investigation brought out the fact that in the Free City there were about 650 persons with an average income of about 1,000 marks per year (less than fifteen dollars), mainly widows or daughters of professors, artists, and other professional men. A second class comprised approximately 2,300 families whose yearly income did notee xceed 600 marks (ten dollars) in most cases. These latter were mostly retired higher officials, — of which Danzig was full, — or their widows and children. Before the war they enjoyed social and intellectual distinction; now in their adversity, they felt too proud to apply for public charity and preferred to sell first all their valuables and furniture, piece by piece, and then to starve in secret. But in receiving this gift, their pride was not humbled, because it represented the goodwill of the Ameri-

can people, who had been the first of the belligerent nations to bury the hatchet and extend a helping hand to both friend and foe.



Delivering the first Intelligentsia package. Before the war this woman enjoyed social distinction and wealth.

In all, 1,417 cases were considered, mostly professors, teachers, clergymen, officers, lawyers, and musicians, or their widows and orphans; a few very needy students of the Technical School were also included.

	Danzig	Zoppot	Outside ·	Total
Professors & Widows	2	1	-	3
Teachers , ,	228	33	11	272
Clergymen "	35	1	12	48
Officers , ,	83	3	2	88
Lawyers	9	_		9
Musicians	62	1		63
Students	56	-	n —	. 56
Retired sea-Captains	48	_		48
City & State Officials-Retired	295	62	19	376
Merchant Widows	91	20	17	128
Technical Engineers	30	1 .		31
Other professions	232	35	28	295
	1,171	197	89	1,417

COMMONWEALTH INTELLIGENTSIA RELIEF

Amount of Gift No of Beneficiaries Total Meals Meals per Person Cost of Meal \$ 9.752 84 3,351 122,964 37 0.08

NOTE: A meal was calculated at 1,000 calories.



Intelligentsia packages ready for delivery.

TYPICAL LETTER OF THANKS RECEIVED

"We, inhabitants of the Hospital Hl. Leichnam (institute for aged and destitute teachers), thank you very much and from whole heart for your generosity, begnignity, and endeavour. We are happy and we are glad so exceedingly of the rich and delicious present, which is a very great help in our distress and in this time of the regret for us.

The best wishes for your health and happiness!

God bless you and the gentlemen in America!"

Comment illuminating the last sentence: The "inhabitants" of the above Institute are all female.

VII

RUSSIAN FOOD REMITTACE SALES

The Free City had become the haven of hundreds of Russians who had fled from their mother country during the times of turmoil following the revolution. The Russian Food Remittance scheme afforded them the opportunity of aiding their dear ones left behind.

REMITTANCES SOLD

					_			
1921	December							\$ 660
1922	January .							840
	February							1,470
	March .				٠			2,030
	April		٠					2,830
	May							2,630
	June , .							3,220
	July							2,050
	August .			٠.				1,250
	Septembe	r.						1,300
						_	_	

Total: \$ 18,280

NOTE: Refunds \$ 60.



Some small remnants of shipments to Danzig were stolen by ships' crews. The food was recovered in Koenigsberg and delivered to the "Mittelstand" kitchen there.

VIII

CHILDFEEDING

The small territory allotted to Danzig as "hinterland" by the treaty of Versailles was incapable of supporting the entire population: therefore Poland bound itself to deliver periodically certain amounts of staple foodstuffs such as flour, potatoes, and eggs, in return for the privileges she secured. But political and economic conditions, especially resulting from the Bolshevik invasion of 1920, made it impossible for Poland to fulfil its obligations



Early morning in the courtyard of the WIEBENKASERNE. The "field kitchens" about to leave for the schools.

in a full measure, so that at times the food situation in the Free City was quite critical. The rations allowed on the cards were meagre; foodstuffs obtainable through the "back door" commanded fancy prices, far beyond the reach of the bulk of the population which was composed mainly of small property holders and officials rendered jobless by the change in the political status of Danzig.

The local government made several appeals to the A. R. A.; it was particularly painful for the Danzigers to see thousands of tons of flour and countless cases of milk pass through their port and shipped off to feed the Polish children, while their own children were feeling the same pangs of hunger. At the conference held in Berlin in September, 1920, it was decided that the Quakers would include Danzig in their German childfeeding program.



An aged driver. His two grandchildren will get a share of the cocoa and porridge.

Within less than a month the actual work began. Of the 26,000 school children examined, more than 10,000 were found to be decidedly undernourished. But the Quaker program provided only for 7,400, so that over 2,000 who, according to the Rohr Index showed a variation of at least 10% below normal, had to be excluded. Incidentally, the Rohr Index was found inadequate for the Danzig children, whose average stature is somewhat below that of those of Middle and Western Germany,—the purely Germanic type. Care was also taken of 245 expectant and nursing mothers.

The cooking for Danzig proper was done in a central kitchen in the former Infantry Barracks, the Wiebenkaserne, while the outlying towns of

Oliva, Zoppot, and St. Albrecht had their own small kitchen. All the former military equipment served a good purpose, thanks to which it was possible to prepare 6,000 rations and transport them to the furthest sections of the city, and enable as many children in the 69 schools to enjoy the warm, nourishing cocoa, porridge, etc. during the period of recess, and thus cause no interruption in the regular school schedule.



In a schoolyard. Arrival of the "field kitchen".

SAMPLE MENU FOR A WEEK

	Grams	Calorific Value
Monday: Cocoa with Sweet Roll	197,6	662
Tuesday: Rice soup with beans or vegetables,		1
and Bread	181,1	681
Wednesday: Milk or Flour Soup with Sweet Roll	202,1	712
Thursday: Cocoa with Sweet Roll	196,6	659
Friday: Rice Milk with Sweet Roll	197,1	632
Saturday: Bean Soup with Bread	192,1	730
Total:	1,166,6	4,076

The political independence of the Free City having been definitively established, the A. R. A. took over the childfeeding work from the Quakers in April, 1921. Conditions had perceptibly improved. The economic progress in Poland made itself felt in the Free City; foodstuffs became more plentiful; the increased traffic in the port afforded work to many thousands; above all, the population had partly regained its composure lost du-



Zero weather outside.

The steaming cocoa fortifies these boys against the cold.

ring the stormy days of 1920, and had seriously set itself to work. Therefore with the beginning of the new school period in August, the childfeeding program was considerably reduced, beginning with 2,300 school children from August to October, increasing to 3,300 during November and December, and to 4,000 during the winter months; 400 supplementary rations were allowed to the institutions for crippled children, and to orphanages.

THE GOVERNMENT'S SHARE IN THE FEEDING PROGRAM

In conformity with the A. R. A's policy the Danzig Government contributed its share, firstly by supplying all the flour and sugar, and secondly by paying all the operation expenses as well as all charges for unloading, handling, and transporting the A. R. A. foodstuffs. About one and a half million marks (equivalent to \$15,000) were appropriated for this purpose.



The "kiddies" of the St. Josephsheim, - about 200 of them. Many have no parents and the others receive but little or no parental care.

LOCAL COMMITTEE CONTINUES FEEDING

Towards the middle of April the feeding was discontinued, although the A. R. A. donated to the Local Committee the balance of stocks on hand besides delivering another two months' rations on the basis of 4,000, to coincide with the closing of the childfeeding program in Poland on June 1 st., 1922.

FOODSTUFFS TURNED OVER TO LOCAL COMMITTEE

		31				Kilos	Cases
	Cocoa					508	_
	Evap. N	Milk				-	250
	Rice .			٠.		2,500	
	Peas &	Bea	ns			2,500	_
	Lard S	ub				1,556	
)	Flour					8,168	
)	Sugar					43	_

^{*)} The Senate supplied the flour and sugar, for the entire operation.

In view of the approaching school vacation and because in summer the need is decidedly less pressing, the Committee thought it advisable to suspend the work altogether and resume it in the fall. The Senate voted a credit of 500,000 marks (approximately \$ 2,000) with which the Committee purchased sufficient foodstuffs to carry on the feeding from November, 1922, to March, 1923, on the basis of 4080 children.



March 17, 1923.

The last A. R. A. car to leave Danzig. Loading corngrits for the Intelligentsia program in Poland.

A. R. A. DIGEST OF STOCK AUDIT FROM

-		Arri	vals	-	Evacua	ations
Commodities	From Foreign Sources	Over and Shor per O	tages as	Total Debit	Shipped by Rail To Poland	Shipped by Water To Baltic ports
_	Kilos.	Kilos.	0/0	Kilos.	Kilos.	Kilos.
Cocoa	1 922 986	- 6373	0.19	1 919 349	1 256 414	79 392
Sugar	5 029 195	- 20 664	- 0 41	5 008 531	1 225 220	313 112
Evap. Milk	14 856 568	74 236	- 0 50	14 782 332	10 229 531	748 437
Cond. Milk	8010313	- 60 287	- 0.75	7 980 026	7 123 043	281 276
Flour	36 062 000	- 94 781	- 0.26	35 967 219	13 041 144	1 225 114
Peas	1 102 016	+ 3208	+ 0.29	1 105 224	954 840	_
Beans	17 661 984	-101 155	0.57	17 560 829	15 234 844	360 246
Rice	16 564 587	— 40 977	- 0.25	16 523 610	11 129 085	1 051 842
Lard Substitute .	4 822 998	+ 7936	+0.17	4 830 934	2 966 711	147 163
Lard Bulk	327 418	- 063	- 0.01	327 355	319 664	-
Oil	1 259 502	- 7244	- 0.53	1 252 258	1 002 336	76 160
Corngrits & Cornfl.	5 822 599	- 10777	- 0.18	5811822	4 245 945	-
Soap	396 725	- 3575	0.90	393 150	327 450	16 500
Bacon	121 981	- 3607	- 3.00	118 374	102 254	
Corned Beef	72 689	- 146	- 0.20	72 543	37 878	-
Clothing, in bales & cases	27 672	- 46	- 0.10	27 626	22 603	-
G. C. Evap. Milk .	86 787.	- 286	- 0.30	86 501	-	65 297
G. C. Corn · · ·	6 361 626	- 54 650	- 0.70	6 306 976	_	-
	120 539 646	-464 987		120 074 659	69 218 962	4 364 539

NOTE: G. C. means Grain Corporation.

E. C. I¹.

OCTOBER 14 th 1919 TO JUNE 30 th 1922

		Е	v a c ı	ı a	t i o	n		
Shipped by Rail To Russia	Shipped by Water To Hamburg	Delivered To Local Comit- tee Danzig	Delivered To Quakers Dan- zig, Koenigs- berg & Elbing	Sho	Harbo ertages an ages		Sales Damaged Commodit.	Total Credit
Kilos.	Kilos.	Kilos.	Kilos.	k	Cilos.	º/o	Kilos.	Kilos.
565 686	_	10 588	3 962	_	3 259	- 0,17	048	1 919 349
3 458 344	-	2 653	_		2 006	0,04	7 196	5 008 531
3 632 798		104 248	40 056		26 286	- 0,18	976	14 782 332
490 542	_	17 841	_	_	15 670	+0,20	50 654	7 980 026
21 647 901	_	30 954	_	+	38 955	+0,08	61 061	35 967 219
142 383	_	7 915	. -	+	142	+0,01	228	1 105 224
1 795 365	_	39 2 92	16 849	+	16 898	+ 0,10	131 131	17 560 829
4 217 137	_	2 872	14 261	_	38 219	- 0,23	70 194	16 523 610
1 691 202	-	16 643	10 375	+	1 160	+ 0,03	_	4 830 934
_	_	7 295		_	396	- 0,01	_	327 355
170 889		748	_		2 125	- 0,16		1 252 258
1 620 947			_	+	100 118	+1,70	45 048	5 811 822
46 325	_	_	_	_	2 875	- 0,70	_	393 150
8 921	_	3 717	-	_	3 482	- 2,90	_	118 374
_	32 715	1 632		_	318	- 0,44	-	72 543
5 015			<u> </u>		8	- 0,03	_	27 626
21 204	_	_	_		_	_		86 501
6 306 976		_			-	_	_	6 306 976
45 821 635	32 715	246 398	85 503	+	61 629		366 536	120 074 659

A. R. A. RECAPITULATION

Date	Сосов	Sugar	Evap. Milk	Cond	Flour	Peas & Beans	Rice
	NMT	NMT	Cases	Cases	NMT	NMT	NMT
1919 October · · · · November · · · · December · · ·		600 246 —	12 886 21 000	29 634 25 185	- -1 682	- 1 400	
January	52 151 102 — 152 152	566	29 765 27 431 35 636 10 333 26 318 2 999 4 000 2 000	76 824 61 894 26 413 	1 986	5 244 	2 207 1 002 566 461 — — —
October November December 1921 January	127	2 	74 095	35 401 — 8 179 24 987	4 544	342 — — 3 966	800
February	142 143 76 254	40	12 976 38 915 13 885 91 122 5 459 46 996	- - 11 948 10 491 10 577	1 354 18 689 749 1 110 1 000	53 2 156 475	1 211 430 549 1 558 307 1 592
August September October	100 118 —	200 1 006 410 380	46 998 — 47 027 60 966 44 526	18 183 2 882 11 999 —	2 016 2 811 1 511 3 474 —	1 788 567 — 128 —	2 341 — 890 —
January	45 309 	404 729 396	1 308 (G.C) 3 006 3 700 (G.C.) 980 — 21 998	1100	5 178 6 590 1 285 65	575 — 71 27 —	
	1 923	5 029	686 325	422 077	36 062	18 764	16 565

E. C. F. OF ARRIVALS

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	Z Lard W Subs.	Z Lard L Bulk	ii o nmt	Z Corngrits K & Cornflour	Soap	T Bacon	Clothing &	Corned So Beef Sal- mon etc	E U O U Kilos
			203 	613 	 196 	11 799	1 232 427 2 135 7 131 1 198 1 300 — — — — — —	59 633	
	202 199 209 249 387		161 161 105 190	1 016 51 407 210 762 254	80 17 47 11	72 360	110 198 — — — — — — — — — — 1311	- - - - - 13 056	- - - - - - - -
	279 — 149	_ _ _		261 1 228 —		_ _ _	2 033 228 —	_ _	- - -
	374 1 056				- 46 - - -	- - - -	1 369 	- - - - -	6 361 626 — — — —
	4 823	327	1 260	5 823	397	121 981	27 672	72 689	6 361 626

AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION WAREHOUSES RECEIPTS.

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	Arrivals by water	Arrivals by rail	Received from Quakers	Received from E. C. F.	Total Receipts	Ship	Net Receipts
Cocoa (tons)	1	1	1,109	1 931	3 040	ı	3 040
Sugar " · · ·	1	1	1	2 653	2 653	1	2 653
Evap. milk (cases)	7000	1	355-14/48	719—11/48	8074-25/48	ı	8074—25/48
Cond. milk "	19977	1	-45/48	177 - 28/48	20155-25/48	1	20155-25/48
Flour (tons)	2 387.497	1	ı	31.144	2 418.641	1.107	2 417.534
Beans "	1 284.378	1	4.580	4.826	1 293.784	4.835	1 288.949
Rice "	1	17.495	2.940	17.979	. 38.414	l	38.414
Lard A (tins)	18 744	1	ı	873	19 617	154	19 463
Lard B "	18744	1	1	114	18 858	92	18 782
Oil A " · · · ·	12 420	1	ı	66	12 519	1	12 519
Oil B " · · · ·	6 248	1	1	10	6 258	36	6 222
Corn Beef " · · · ·	37 500	1	i	009	38 100	228	37 872
Bacon A (slabs)	16 968	ı	1	944	17 912	1	17 912
Bacon B "	19 107	1	1	44	19 151	88	19 063
Bacon C (cases)	188	1	1	1	188	ı	188
Flour A sacks	37,000	1	1	2 344	. 39 344	1	39 344
Been A "	37 000	1	1	2 336	39 366	1	39 366
Bean B "	25 000	1	1	- 200	25 200		25 200
Containers A	000 9	1	1	ı	000 9	1	000 9
Lard Sub. (tons)	1	1	1,908	2 471	4 379	ı	4 379
Lard Bulk "	1	ı	624	1	624	1	624
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AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION WAREHOUSES

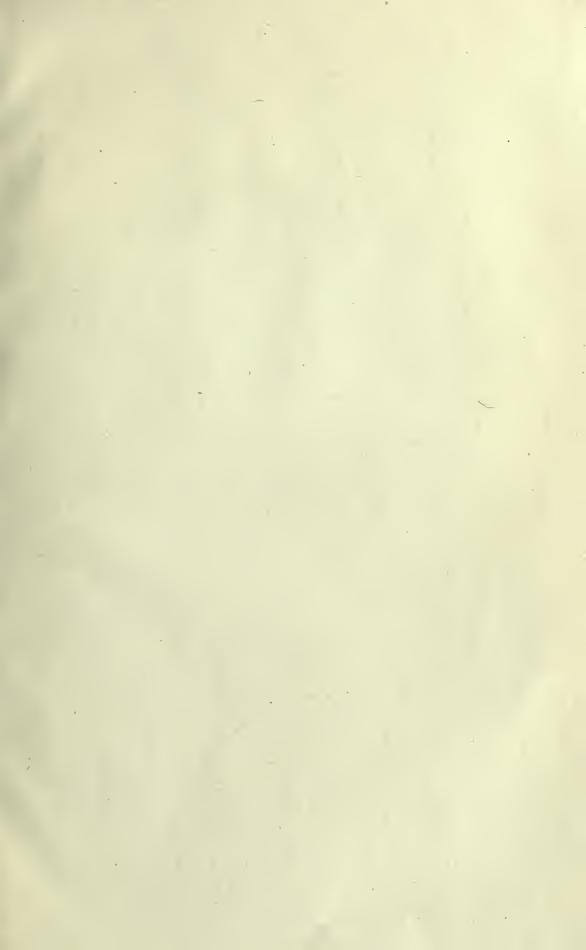
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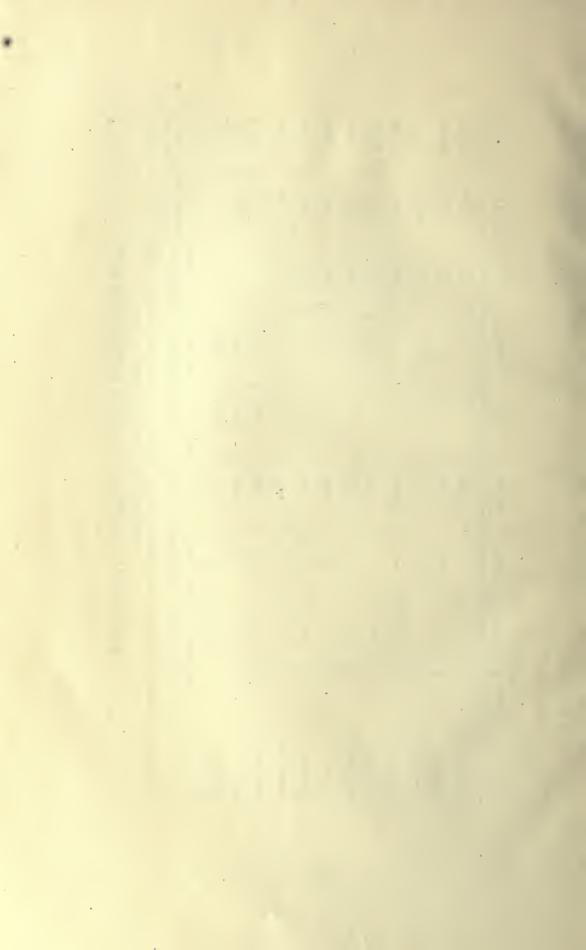
Commodity	Shipments to other Missions	Deliveries in Packages & Misc.	Intelligentsia Gift	Deliveries to Local Childfeeding Committee	Transfers to E. C. F.	Total Evacuations	Port Adjustments	Total Deductions
Cocoa (tons)		422	390	2 125	102	3 039	- 001	3 040
Sugar	1	1 039	1 560	1	030	2 629	- 024	2 653
Evap Milk (cases)	2 800	137—33/48	321 000	701-14/48	4315 - 32/48	8275 - 31/48	+201-6/48	8074-25/48
Cond. Milk "	11 825	341—26/48	1	45/48	7939—42/48	7939-42/48 20107-17/48	I	48-8/48 20155-25/48
Flour (tons)	1 163.332	31.107	16.511	}	1 206.452	2 417,402	- 132	2 417.534
Beans "	340.481	6.319	1	9.406	939,110	1 295.316	+ 6.367	1 288.949
Rice "	4.187	5.389	5.902	9.210	-13.304	37.992	- 422	38.414
Lard A (tins)	7 056	205	. 780	1	11 422	19 463	1	19 463
Lard B. "	4 872	205	1	1	13 705	18 782	1	18 782
Oil A "	12 030	144	1	1	323	12 497	_ 22	12 519
Oil B	4 448	12	1	1	1 672	6 132	06 -	6 222
Corned Beef (tins).	15 000	410	520	I	21 929	37 859	- 13	37 872
Bacon A (slabs)	14 931	1 279	478	1	666	17 687	_ 225	17 912
Bacon B	17 600	198	21	ı	1 144	18 963	100	19 063
Bacon C (cases)	188	1	1	1		188	1	188
Flour A sacks	32 000	1 507	1 800	1	4 020	39 327	_ 17	39 344
Bean A	15 000	1 503	1 800	1	21 020	39 323	- 13	39 336
Bean B	3 000	219	1	1	21 981	25 200	1	25 200
Containers A	2 000	I	1	ı	4 000	0009	1	0009
Lard Sub. (tons)	1	1	1	4 379	ı	4 379	i	4 379
Lard Bulk (tons)	ı	1	1	624	!	624	i	624
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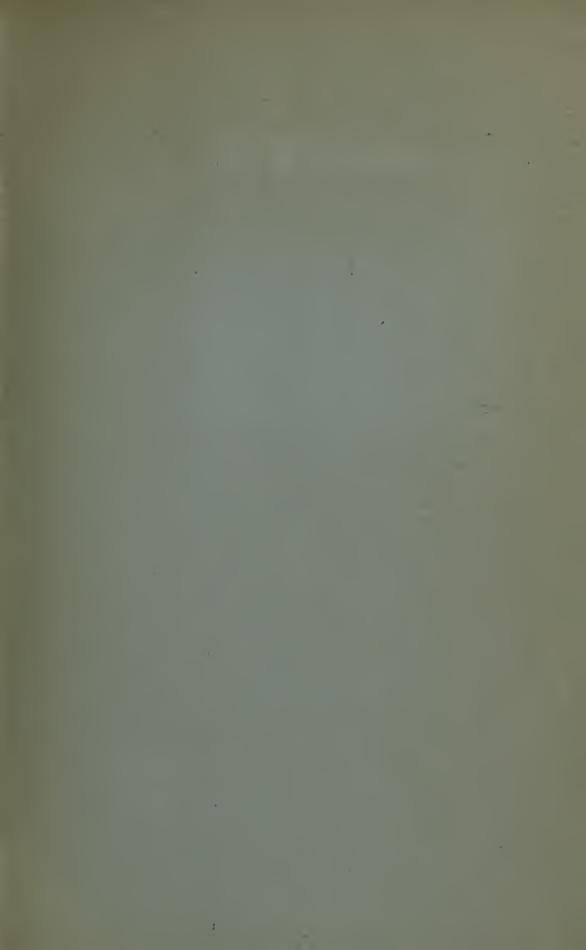
STATEMENT SHOWING CHILDREN & MOTHERS FED

April 24 th, 1921 — April 8 th, 1922

	0-2 years	2 · 6 years	2. 6 years 6-14 years 14 18 years	14 18 years	Mothers	Institutions	Total Individuals	Total Meals Served
April 1921	15	496	12 427	225	341	, 1	13 504	70 299
Mey	12	771	24 140	271	557	ı	25 751	103 171
June-July 2 nd	10	1114	34 169	245	712	.1	36 250	200 110
August 1- 8 1].	1	ı	7 939	1	I	1	7 939	44 667
September	ı	1	7 810	1	1	1 200	9 010	30 559
October.	1	1	5 865	1	1	009	6 465	32 014
November	1	1	11 872	1	1	1 200 1	13 072	999 02
December	1	Ī	11 573	4	1	1 199	12 772	64 440
January 1922	1	- 1	15 172	1	ı	1 593	16 765	82 266
February	1	1	15 257	I	1	1 565	16 822	91 726
March	1	ı	15 748	1	1	1 599	17 347	98 903
April 1-8th	ı	ı	7 683 -	-i	i	779	8 462	28 513
Total:	37	2 381	16 9655	742	1 610	9 735	. 184 159	917 334
			_	-		_		







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