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PREFACE

In the attempt to present a brief history of the Distribution Division of the United States Food Administration, we have found it quite impossible to treat the activities of this division apart from that of the whole Food Administration. The work of all divisions was so closely inter-related that it is difficult to point to a single achievement of any division which could have been effected without the closest cooperation and assistance from a number of Divisions which had charge of other phases of the activity.

However, as we do not wish to write a history of the Food Administration as a whole, a task which has been left to other hands, we shall confine ourselves largely to a statement of the relation of the Distribution Division to the main Food Administration program. The fact that space does not permit us to refer especially to the activities of other divisions should not in any way detract from the importance of the service rendered by them, nor is it intended to qualify in any degree the previous statement that many of the achievements mentioned could not have been accomplished but for the cooperation of all branches of the Food Administration.

We would also call attention to the fact that in this brief statement it is impossible to give special credit to individuals for their part in the activity of this division. All worked together. All spent their days and parts of their nights pondering over the vexing problems presented. In almost all cases the net results were produced by combining the ideas and views of all and the fact that a certain individual was in charge of a section of the division does not mean that the

activity of that section can be entirely attributed to this individual, but it must be attributed to the staff as a whole, as all were consulted and were always glad to render any advise or assistance possible in every important phase of the work in hand.

The following men remained connected with the Distribution Division practically from its organization till the withdrawal of the principal license regulations:

Theodore F. Whitmarsh, Chief

Henry J. Lahey, Assistant

George E. Lichty, Head of Retail Section

George A. Zabriskie, Flour and Sugar, Later Head of Division

Frank A. Hoey, Assistant

Charles Lester McCoy, Head of Report Section,
Later head of Baking Section

Bird W. Housum, Brokers' Section

Charles Hatfield, Reports and Sugar Distribution

Frank H. Millard, Commercial Conservation, and
Specialty Manufacturers' Section

Henry T. Leggett, Assistant to Mr. Whitmarsh

Clement R. Winslow, Retail Section

George W. Lawrence, Head of Coffee Section

Albert N. Merritt, Publicity and Censor

Others who were connected with the Division for a part or a greater portion of the time, and who performed important service for the Food Administration are:

Dana Tarbell Ackerly, Head of Rice, Coffee and
Specialties Section

Richard R. Williams, Jr., Head of Wholesale Section

James W. Hunt, Later Head of Wholesale Section

Louis T. Jaques, Retail Section

Walter E. Coe, Retail Section

Omar H. Cheer, Retail Section

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Dana F. Ward, Retail Section Fish
John Amerbach, Retail Section Meats
Furman T. Nutt, Jr., Coffee Section
Walter F. Blake, Coffee Section
Max A. Christopher, Report Section
Frank S. Tracy, Report Section
Irving H. Taylor, Correspondence
Mrs. Alice Gardner, Home Conservation
Mrs. Albertnie H. Glenny, Home Conservation
Miss Catherine C. Taussig, Home Conservation
Richard J. Walsh, Publicity
Duncan McDuffie, Head of Baking Section
Benjamin R. Jacobs, Baking Section
Harry F. Vories, Baking Section Crackers
Harry D. Tipton, Baking Section
A. J. Esberg, First Head of Baking Section
Huntley M. Child, Baking Section

Certain others were connected with the division at one time, but later became attached to other divisions. Among these were:

Enforcement Division:

Roland W. Boyden
James A. Ford
H. Parker Jones
Louis Horace Sawyer
Henry S. MacPherson

Public Education:

Trell W. Yocum

Coarse Grains:

John J. Stream
Joseph R. Leguenee
Scott F. Evans
Maurice E. Landauer
Matthew Purcell
G. A. Chapman

