



For Operation Chowhound, available supplies of U.S. Army 10-in-1 rations were used. These came packed in sturdy boxes, containing two 'first halves' and two 'second halves'. The outer box was closed with a sleeve and two metal straps.



The 'second half' boxes contained the canned items. Two tiny folding can openers were provided with each ration. Some of the cans are dented by the drop from a B-17 bomber. No parachutes were used. The boxes were simply stacked on the bombbay doors, which were opened over the designated dropzone.



The 'first half' boxes contained the paper and cardboard packaged items, e.g. biscuits, candy bars, premixed cereal, salt, matches, chewing gum and cigarettes. The Mars bar must have been a novelty delicacy for many a hungry Dutchman.



Some of the contents of the second half boxes of the ration: evaporated milk, processed cheese, instant coffee, jam, water purifying tablets, a bar of soap, envelopes with toilet paper and paper towels.

A brown paper menu with instructions, and little can openers were also provided.



10-in-1 Ration boxes are dropped over the fields of Holland, May 1945