

Mayor.

Lübbecke, 3rd July 1945

To

165 Town Major

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27/29 Steubenstr.

Since one week I have been informed by owners of the gardens in the occupied zones, that soldiers of the Allied Forces take fruit out of the gardens. Now people state, that also early potatoes and vegetables are taken away daily. As for fruit, the population knows, that Military Government is not always able to supply the troops with fresh fruit, but regarding potatoes and vegetables matters are different. It is well known, that the occupying troops are well supplied with all kinds of foodstuffs and people therefore cannot understand why under these conditions Allied soldiers take away a part of the urgently needed self-grown potatoes and vegetables. As Military Government in a kindly way allowed owners of gardens to cultivate these and collect the crop for their own account I may suppose that it is not in accordance with Mil.Gov.'s will that soldiers act in the above-mentioned way.

Complaints are especially made by labourers and workmen. I may state that during the war the German people have always been told to cultivate every square metre of soil and people did so. Therefore the population cannot understand that of this little bit they call their own, Allied Troops would take some away.

Especially the population of Lübbecke felt a great relief when the Allied Forces took possession of the town although the people had not suffered much under war conditions up to then. By the requisition of their houses including their whole furniture however had sacrifices were demanded. As these arrangements are made for a longer period and this all happened after the end of the war, this is felt extremely hard.

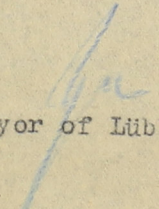
Therefore it is the deepest wish of the people living in the occupied zones of Lübbecke that the Authorities may give orders to Allied soldiers to leave self-grown fruit, potatoes and vegetables to their owners.

I may suppose, that my request will be earnestly considered, because in my opinion, Lübbecke's population has proved to be willing to bear all burdens as far as these are in consequence of the occupation.

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Mayor of Lübbecke