

What does the Hershey Bar have to do with WWII?



The Hershey Company of Pennsylvania, at the request of the US Army, not long before WWII, developed a special formula for a bar, that would be a survival food for soldiers.



It had chocolate, but much more - sugar, cocoa butter, skim milk and oat flour. It was called a Ration "D" bar and soldiers received this in their daily amount of food. It gave the soldiers a nutritious and high-energy snack.



In the hot weather paraffin wax was added to the bars to keep them from melting in the heat.

Many soldier said it could hardly be called chocolate. But, since it was morale builder and a quick energy booster it remained a common midday snack.

So, the Hershey Bar became one of the most popular candies during the war and after. It has been credited with providing a major influence on our soldiers during WWII. Hershey Chocolate Corporation received the Army-Navy 'E' Production Award of Achievement. at a special ceremony In recognition of its outstanding efforts.