

# Memorial circuit

- Jérôme Lalande High School 

# Cafeteria

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16 High School Street – Bourg-en-Bresse (01000), France





Figure 1: Examples of ration cards (1944)

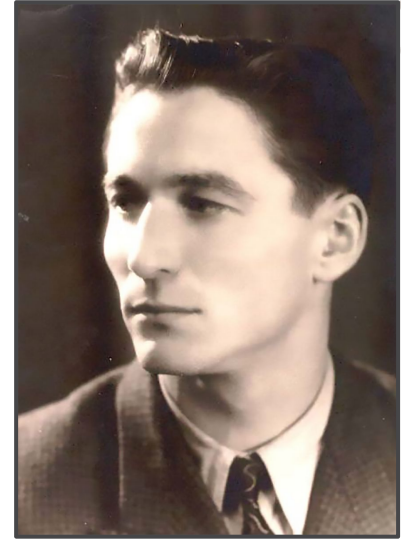
On several occasions, students at Jérôme Lalande High School expressed their dissatisfaction with Vichy's policies in their cafeteria.

Due to shortages, rationing<sup>1</sup> came into effect in September 1940. During the war, the high school had to cope with shortages of food, heating and supplies such as notebooks, books, paper, ink, pencils, etc.

<sup>1</sup> **Rationing:** Limits on the distribution and supply of resources, goods, and services, set according to quantity and generally on a temporary basis.


At the beginning of 1943, the **rations** served in the cafeteria **deteriorated** significantly in both quantity and quality. Some high school students, exasperated by this situation, organised a **protest**. The headmaster tried in vain to calm their anger.


That same year, the cafeteria was also the site of a **patriotic event** banned by the Vichy regime: the **commemoration** of those who died in the First World War. On November 11, 1943, simple instructions were given to everyone: at the discreet whistle of **Jean Marinet**, a final-year student and member of the Resistance, all the Lalandais stood up for a **minute's silence**.



*Figure 2: Photographic portrait of Jean Marinet (1924-2017)*

**– Testimony of Jean Marinnet –**  
**(resistant student at Jérôme Lalande High School)**

 « *Je savais siffler très fort sans mettre les doigts dans la bouche, comme les voyous de l'époque, j'ai donc donné le signal sans être repéré. L'exécution a été parfaite et unanime, l'administration du lycée n'a pas réagi.* »

 « *I knew how to whistle very loudly without putting my fingers in my mouth, like the gangsters of the time, so I gave the signal without being spotted. The execution was perfect and unanimous, and the high school administration did not react.* »

About November 11, 1943

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