

Chliapus [Swill soup]

Categories: Other

[Swill soup]

A thin, watery soup (mostly distributed by labor divisions) with several small pieces of potatoes and a handful of noodles, more suitable for drinking than for eating with a spoon.

M. Nowak

CHL[I]APUS [Swill soup]

The general name of soups distributed by kitchens. The name probably derives from the Polish word “chlapać” – “pour, spill, splash.”

[The word] “chlapius” is a reference to the watery thinness of the division – subsidized soup, suitable only for pouring out.

Usage: “You don’t need a sponge for today’s chliapus”; “Wait, I’ll just drink my chliapus”; “How much for a chliapus today?”

Józef Zelkowicz

Resources

Encyclopedia, p.

Tags

provisions | folklore | starvation | language of the ghetto | everyday life

Updated: 29-01-2026

Added: 10-07-2023