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PARKERSBURG, W. VA.
Dear Friends:

These are days when all of us, individually and collectively, are trying to play our proper part in winning the war. Some of us at WPAR are on the front line, fighting for our country. Radio serves the war on both the home front and the fighting front. Keeping the public properly informed and entertained and cooperating with the many government agencies which have vital messages for our people is one of the ways in which radio serves at home.

This booklet shows how radio communication is playing a vital role in this total war. I know you will find the page of radio at war a page of interesting pictures and information.

We re-dedicate WPAR to the service of its listeners and we pledge our whole heart and mind in the job which lies ahead.

GEO. H. CLINTON
Managing Director of The West Virginia Network
Behind our war effort is a vast organization known as "Our Government". This government is composed of many federal agencies and officials reflecting the policies of the President and Congress. These various agencies and individuals have important missions to accomplish which require widespread understanding and cooperation.

In a Democracy - even at war - there is a limit to the effectiveness of regulations. In most instances, public acceptance must be secured. To reach our large population of 130,000,000, no medium is more effective than radio.

And radio, alert to its vital role in this part of the war effort, is generously contributing its facilities, its time, and its trained personnel to serve the government and our people.

**HOW RADIO HELPS**

The Record:

- U. S. Army
- U. S. Navy
- U. S. Civil Service
- Maritime Commission
- U. S. Employment Service
- American Red Cross
- Office of Price Administration
- U. S. Treasury
- U. S. O.
- Department of Agriculture
- Office of Price Administration
- War Production Board
- Federal Security Agency
- Office of Civilian Defense
- Department of Labor
- Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
- War Production Board
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Agriculture
- National Park Service
- Department of Interior

**NATIONAL**

- Recruiting for Armed Forces
- Recruiting for Navy, Marines, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard
- Recruiting for War Production Workers
- Recruiting for Shipyards Workers
- Recruiting for War Factory Specialists
- Recruiting for Nurses, Nurses Aids, etc.
- Production Drive Information
- Price Control Information
- Sale of War Bonds & Stamps
- Campaigns for Funds
- Food Conservationing, Rationing
- Gas Rationing
- Rubber and Scrap Salvage
- National Nutrition Drive
- Air Raid Precautions
- Child Welfare in Wartime
- Information on other American Republics
- Conservation of Electric Power
- Conservation of Household Equipment

**REGIONAL**

- Grain Storage
- Reclamation Campaign
- Relief for Farm Labor Shortage
- Promotion of Power Programs
- Promotion of supply of farm products vital to war
- Forest Fire Prevention
- Mine Service

Each local area can add scores of items to this imposing list.
Orders from headquarters by radio as troops leave bivouac area.

Marine uses portable radio in landing operation.

Sergeant in foreground is tank crew member plotting attack on basis of information radioed from outpost.

Report on enemy aircraft is radioed to concealed artillery at rear.

Portable Army radio outfit operates on maneuvers. Note hand generator.

Reporting by radio from concealed command car. Note transmitter key on radio operator's thigh.
OUR fighting forces throughout the world are linked to Command Headquarters in Washington by a vast network of military communication. Messages are necessarily sent in code -- for in them are the secrets of our future military operations. Our system of radio stations in the United States has been a reservoir which provided our Army and Navy with thousands of skilled specialists who now maintain our important lines of military radio communication. Meanwhile, the services are training thousands of additional men for radio duty on land, on the sea, and in the air. Today, radio is the nerve system of our military might. Crackling messages over the airways will carry the signal of the last great offensive and the first news of the final defeat of our enemies.
Every one a radio operator.

Radio operator on Navy patrol blimp on anti-submarine duty.

Radio in the Air

Duty officer checking flight board after flight.

Radio operator on Navy bomber.

Coast patrol radio man keeps tabs on weather and directs surface ships to scene of disasters; keeps wary eye for enemy aircraft signals.

“Blind flying” by radio in ground school trainer.
Radiation instruction

School dismissed. The "desks" in a radio classroom.

Aviation cadets and student officers attend "buzzer" class.

Another class explores intricacies of radio code.

Flight instructor corrects students' errors after formation flying.

Recruits receive instructions at Signal Corps Training school.

Diagram on wall aids Army Radio instruction.
Here's the famous walkie-talkie...
"talk as you walk".

Above: In landing operation, soldier reports back to ship.
Left: Lone sailor communicates from beach.
Lower left: The Marines have landed! 'Nuf said.

Two-way hook-up at message center.
In Radio

General View Field Transmitter, Power Unit and Antenna.

Battery of code keys at message center.

Radio-equipped Army Command Car.

Close-up of Army Field Transmitter.

Motorcycle and side-car equipped with radio.

Pack radio. Can be removed and operated on ground.
The figures presented on this page show American women in the uniforms authorized for their various types of war work. Never before in the history of the country have women played such important parts on the war front and the home front and enlisted in such numbers as today. This wholesale volunteering for war work releases large numbers of men for the actual business of fighting.
Don't be discouraged by long delays in receiving replies to your letters to men in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. This is a World Wide War. The seas are wide and rough sailing. Regular mail travels in convoys and there are many unpredictable factors that may unavoidably delay the delivery of mail to men overseas. Be patient.

Don't be discouraged by necessary military restrictions. Write often to your servicemen; write long letters, but, remember, your letter may fall into enemy hands. Don't make it valuable reading for them.

The government considers your mail important—every ship that leaves this country carries mail.

The marines receive an assigned unit number and designation which he sends to the postmaster, either at New York or San Francisco, upon safe arrival overseas. The cards are then mailed to designated friends and relatives, who address mail according to the instructions on the cards.
ON THE AIR

When they are not too busy learning the methods of warfare, the Army, Navy and Marine Corps can present radio programs with a professional flavor, designed to entertain and inform the folks back home. Hundreds of radio entertainers, musicians, writers, announcers, production men and specialists are in the service, and they welcome the opportunity to resume association with their former civilian pursuits. Meanwhile, radio listeners, they make it possible for friends and relatives to visit camps and training stations, without moving away from the loud-speaker. Through this medium, radio can claim special distinction for building and maintaining our strong morale.
A portable organ, makeshift stage and soldiers entertain during maneuver rest periods.

Sailors compete in a quiz broadcast while buds listen in audience.

Microphone catches formal guard mount at West Point.

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Stretching toward the cloud-flecked sky is WPAR transmitter tower from which flows news, and entertainment from around the world. The two pictures on the right show you interior views of WPAR modern transmitter building. The last word in the magic which is radio is encompassed in the transmission equipment which you see here.
YOUR REPS REPORTER. Heard daily 6:30 P.M., brings you news of your home town and community. Bill Sherman's the fellow that edits and writes your local news and helps you with your local civic promotions as the Reps Reporter.

BOB COOK compiling West Virginia and Ohio, state and county news from AP Releases for WPAR West Virginia news program heard every day 6:10 P.M. and 11:05 P.M.

Bill Henry CBS news-caster heard over WPAR 8:55 P.M.

Joseph C. Harsch analyzes the news at 6:55 P.M. over WPAR.

Len Carl program director checking the Associated Press teletype machines for news that will be of interest to you. These AP News Machines are never silent night or day. From these machines come an endless stream of thrilling dispatches from every war center.

Doug Edwards CBS World Today 6:45 P.M. over WPAR.

Major George Fielding Eliot CBS authority heard over WPAR.
The Communities that WPAR serves has demonstrated beyond a doubt that they are champions in war as well as peace. Over subscribing each War Loan Drive, producing munitions of war, taking active parts in all wartime activities, giving to their country the best of our young men and women. Pictured on these two pages are some of WPAR wartime programs created to help the citizens of our communities in their all-out war efforts.

WPAR Bond House was a familiar sight on Market Street next to City Hall. WPAR Bond House was staffed by patriotic women of Wood County and contributed greatly to the sales and promotions of Wood Counties War Loan Drives.

Boys and Girls, Men and Women bought everything from 10¢ War Stamps to $1,000. War Bonds at WPAR Bond House. Pictured below are representatives of one of Parkersburgs Fraternal Clubs buying $8,000. in War Bonds.

Three members of Parkersburgs Navy Mothers Club, local recruiting officers and sailors home on leave. Picture was taken just after program over WPAR to launch Navy Day in the 4th War Loan Drive. Navy Mothers Club was credited with over $60,000 in bond sales.

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Parkersburg merchants in third and fourth audience enjoyed them, fun, and we sold over... Reading left to C. Smoot Regional Oliver, Dr. Thomas man, 4th War Loan, .... WPAR appreciates the letters from Civic Clubs, Fraternal Army and Navy recruiting departments, Treasury Dept., etc. Letters that say WPAR filling an important place in this community.

Ralph G. Shaver Wood County Directory of Civilian Defense talks to his county organization. Mr. Shaver pays great tribute to WPAR for its help in developing Wood County's outstanding Civilian Defense organization.

Marietta Ohio's Wave Recruiting Program is doing a good job for Uncle Sam.

Above. The famous Parkersburg Big Red Band leads Parkersburg's first Army Day Parade down Market Street. WPAR sponsored the parade with the help of the American Legion.
THE FARM HOME HOUR TRIO. Reading from left to right, Billy Jean, Betty, Brother Charles, and seen with these entertainers is Mr. Sid Ardman their sponsor. This popular Trio have set a record of 1769 consecutive broadcasts.

BETTY MAE. Each Wed. and Friday 10:45 A.M., Betty Mae's Home Chats are heard over WPAR. Guiding light of this Public Service program is Austine Slater.

THE STORCKS 1450 CLUB. With three raps of his gavel Mr. Announcer (Len Carl) calls to order another war time meeting of the Storcks 1450 Club. The club meeting takes place each morning at 10 A.M. in thousands of homes in Parkersburg and vicinity. Miss 1450 (Paula Carr) conducts the half hour program in a manner to please each Club Member. Miss 1450 gives chatter regarding styles, movies, music, housekeeping, recipes and so forth. This program besides being entertaining has done an important job of promoting various war time drives.
WPAR HILLBILLY JAMBOREE SHOW. Each Friday night from one thousand to 1500 people attend the Coliseum in Parkersburg to see West Virginia's largest Jamboree show. The show gets under way at 7:30 P.M. with a half hours broadcast from the stage then continues until 9:30. WPAR features top Hillbilly acts from all sections of the United States.

This sleepy looking fellow below is the 'Good Humor Man' that wakes you up each morning with a smile at 7 A.M. Yes, he's the conductor of your 'Getting Up Time' program.

Marilyn Pickering in control room main studios ready to let another 'Jive Record' go on Ye Old Swing Clinic. The Clinic gets underway each afternoon at 5:05 P.M.

Gene Autry (second from left) finds time to entertain his buddies while training for the Air Corps.

Robert Allen (left) gives Drew Pearson the real inside information on army life.

Wayne King now directs army activities instead of "The Waltz You Saved For Me".

Dave Breger (left), creator of the "Private Breger" cartoons, cuts a piece of birthday cake for his buddy, Ezra Stone ("Henry Aldrich").

Charles (Buddy) Rogers (right) reports to Lt. Comdr. C.C. McCauley prior to taking up his flying duties.

Jimmy Fidler looks on as Joan Davis (heard with Rudy Vallee) bids goodbye to Jimmy Henaghan, Fidler's ace reporter.

Walter Winchell of the United States Naval Reserve is "back in a flash with a flash".
Naval cadets and sailors sing and play for radio audience.

A corner of the barracks serves as rehearsal room for this "jive" group.

All sergeants are not "hard-boiled". This one burlesques a "home-makers" hour, discussing a topic of child apparel that doesn't seem to impress the young admirers.

Soldiers fresh from field duty accompany Service Club worker in broadcast.

Radio network correspondents, wearing prescribed uniforms, report from maneuver areas.

Aviation cadets at Randolph Field have organized this Glee club for radio appearances.

Soldiers on duty in Washington, D.C. boast this Glee club.
Buddies gather 'round to enjoy some boogie woogie on a Service Club piano.

Maj. General Hugh Drum faces a battery of microphones.

No spot is too tough for radio special events men. Here's one following the Army engineers during a river crossing.

Entertainment aboard ship enroute to Australia.

Sailors at Pensacola rehearse before broadcast.

A soldier audience at an open air broadcast as seen by performing artists.

The Famous U. S. Marine Corps Band heard on many broadcasts.
**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Wherever they are, in training or in action, U.S. fighting forces look to radio to maintain their association with "home" -- it may be the voice of a friend, word from the home town or news from the good, old U.S.A. It all serves the same purpose for the service men who have no intentions of losing contact with things that were familiar before the war interrupted their lives. Radio does this job, too.
Each service stripe, worn on the left sleeve below the elbow, indicates completion of a four-year enlistment. After serving 12 years with good conduct, gold stripes are worn. Enlisted men's rating insignia become gold after completing three enlistments with good conduct. Red rating marks are worn on blue uniforms, blue marks are worn on white.

PETTY OFFICERS' RATING MARKS

CAP DEVICES

ENLISTED MEN'S SPECIALTY MARKS

EACH PETTY OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS

The rating badges are worn on the sleeve between shoulder and elbow. Petty officer, seaman branch, wear rating badges on the right arm, other petty officers wear them on the left arm.

POCKET OR BREAST INSIGNIA
Our Army Alone Wears These

Distinguished Service Cross
Second most important army medal. Awarded U.S. soldiers for extraordinary heroism in military operation against enemy.

Distinguished Service Medal
Awarded any member of U.S. Army who distinguishes himself or herself by meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility.

Distinguished Unit Badge
Awarded army unit twice cited for outstanding performance in action. Authorized by presidential executive order.

Good Conduct Medal
Awarded soldier who after Aug. 17, 1940 completed 3 yrs., or who after Dec. 7, 1941 complete 1 yr. of active honorable service.

Soldiers Medal
Awarded to any person serving in any capacity for heroism not involving actual conflict with enemy.

The Oakleaf Cluster
Takes the place of the actual award of another medal for the same decoration previously presented.

The Gold Star
Worn on the ribbon or service ribbon of any medal previously awarded. Indicates that the wearer has more than once been cited for the same decoration.

Our Army and Navy Both Have These

Silver Star
Awarded to any person who has distinguished himself by gallantry and intrepidity in action.

Purple Heart
Awarded to persons wounded in action. Our oldest decoration, originally issued by Washington in 1782.

Congressional Medal of Honor
Mark of an exceptional hero. Awarded for gallantry at risk of life beyond call of duty. Presented by the President for Congress.

Air Medal
Awarded any person serving with Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, who distinguishes himself by achievement in flight.

Medals of Honor
Authorized to all members of our armed forces who saw active service in First World War.

Victory Medal
Authorized to all Members of our armed forces who saw active service in World War.

American Defense Medal
Worn by men in active service during national emergency preceding our entry into the war. Referred to as "Before Pearl Harbor Ribbon."

American Theater Medal
Worn by those in active service in this hemisphere outside continental U.S. in this war. Note black and white stripes for Germany, Red and white for Japan.

 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
Issued for award to members of the Army and Navy for active service in these theaters of war.

These Are Worn by Our Navy Personnel

Distinguished Service Medal
Awarded to any member of the Navy of U.S. who distinguishes himself or herself by exceptional meritorious service.

Navy Cross
Awarded for heroism or meritorious conduct in Naval Service during time of peace as well as valor in action.

Expeditionary Medal
Officers and men who have participated in a campaign are eligible. A bronze star issued for each added expedition.

Good Conduct Medal
Awarded enlisted Navy men for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.

Medals of Honor
Authorized by presidential service record.

Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Award
Awarded by our Maritime Commission to men of the Merchant Marine who committed Heroic Deeds under attack.

Merchant Marine

For the Navy - Marines and Coast Guard

Presidential Unit Citation
Awarded to Navy & Marine corps units for service in combat action above expected high standard.

Brevet Medal
Awarded to Marines for distinguished conduct in presence of enemy.

Good Conduct Award
Awarded enlisted man for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.

Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal
Awarded enlisted man for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.

Life Saving Medal
(Red Ribbon-Gold Award; Blue Ribbon-Silver Award) Presented for Heroic life saving at sea to civilians as well as service men.

Special Merit Awards

Distinguished Marksman
Awarded to combatants and non-combatants for extraordinary fidelity and service. May be presented to foreigners.
Every able-bodied citizen has a part in the national defense of the United States. Any attack upon this country must find each citizen assigned to his or her place, trained in the duties involved, and resolute to carry out those duties, regardless of the danger to be faced.

Thousands of United States communities have organized and trained efficient Civilian Defense units and have conducted tests, drills and exhibitions to determine that each cog in the vital machinery of wardens, police, firemen, nurses, etc., will be capable of meeting any emergency.

Only with the complete cooperation and support of those whom Civilian Defense is designed to serve and protect, can it operate smoothly and efficiently. You will recognize the Civilian Defense Workers by these insignia.

1. DECONTAMINATION CORPS
2. FIRE WATCHER
3. AUXILIARY POLICE
4. RESCUE SQUAD
5. NURSES' AIDE CORPS
6. DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE CREW
7. AIR RAID WARDEN
8. MEDICAL CORPS
9. BOMB SQUAD
10. DRIVERS CORPS
11. AUXILIARY FIREMAN
12. ROAD REPAIR CREW
13. EMERGENCY FOOD AND HOUSING CORPS
14. MESSENGER
15. STAFF CORPS
1. When flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States of America, the latter should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.

2. When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the Flag of the United States should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

3. When used on a speaker's platform, whether indoors or out, the flag should never be reduced to the role of a mere decoration by being tied into knots or draped over the stand. For this purpose bunting should be used. The flag, if displayed, should be either on a staff or secured to the wall or back curtain behind the speaker with the union to the flag's right.

4. When flags of two or more nations are displayed together they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height and the flags should be of approximately equal size.

5. When the flag is displayed in the body of the church, it should be from a staff placed in the position of honor at the congregation's right as they face the clergyman. The service flag, the state flag or other flags should be at the left of the congregation. If in the chancel or on the platform, the flag of the United States should be placed on the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation and the other flags at his left.

6. When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.

7. Whenever a number of flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are to be arranged in a group and displayed from staffs with the flag of the United States, the latter should be placed at the center of that group and on a staff slightly higher than any of the others.

8. When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union of the flag should go to the peak of the staff (unless the flag is to be displayed at half-staff).

9. Whenever the flag of the United States is carried in a procession in company with other flags, it should occupy a position in front of the center of the line of flags or on the right of the marching line.
DECORATIONS and AWARDS
FOR VALOR and SERVICE of OUR MEN in the ARMED FORCES

Army Awards

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
America's highest award for valor. Takes precedence over all others. Oak leaf cluster added for each presentation.

ORDER OF PURPLE HEART
America's oldest medal. Now awarded to those wounded or posthumously to those who died in battle.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL
Awarded for heroism reflecting credit to the Service in Peace or War, to officers or enlisted men.

SILVER STAR
Awarded for gallantry in battle. Recently adopted also by the Navy.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
Awarded those whose judgment, in responsibility, made it possible for American arms to overcome enemy effort.

Navy Awards

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
Awarded Navy and Marine for meritorious service other than battle.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
Awarded when judgment and performance reflect credit on Navy.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
America's highest award for heroism above call of duty. Ribbon is worn about the neck. Precedes all others.

NAVY CROSS
Awarded for heroism, ranks next to Medal of Honor. Gold star indicates 2nd award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
Awarded by or in the name of the President for extraordinary heroism in battle.

Special Awards

GOOD CONDUCT
for Army enlisted men who after Aug. 1940 completed 2 yrs., or after Dec. 1941 complete 1 yr. of continuous Honorable Service.

American Defense Service Medal
Issued for service of 1 yr. or longer between Sept. 8, 1938 and Dec. 7, 1941.

Legion of Merit
Awarded to men of U.S. armed forces or friendly foreign nations for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Merchant Marine Award

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
Awarded for heroism under attack.

Air Service Awards

DISTINGUISHED FLYING Cross
Awarded for heroism in the air. Identical for all services.

Air Medal
Awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in Aerial Flight.

Marine Award

BREVET MEDAL
Awarded those who led men in battle or landing parties after higher officers had become casualties.
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