





... 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.

OW RADIO HELPS

The Record:

NATIONAL

U.S. Army U. S. Navy U. S. Civil Service Maritime Commission U. S. Employment Service American Red Cross War Production Board 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

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Department of Agriculture Department of the Interior Department of Agriculture Department of Interior Department of Agriculture

National Park Service Department of Interior

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.



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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.





Some of the delicate radio equipment in a Navy radio room.

Radioman receiving message on U.S. Battleship.



The Watch Below! Firemen report burner control readings.

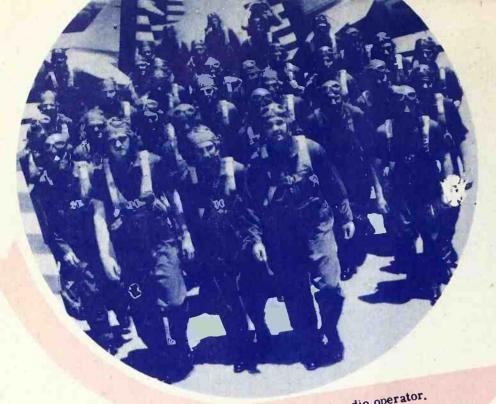


In the operational radio control of a Naval Air Station.



Navy radio operators help to guard the sea lanes,

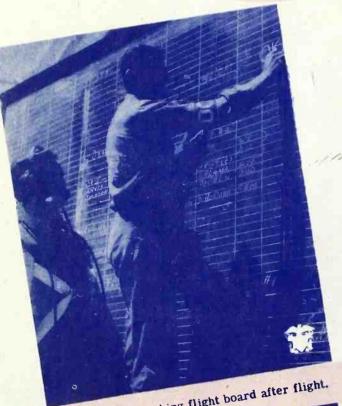




Every one a radio operator.



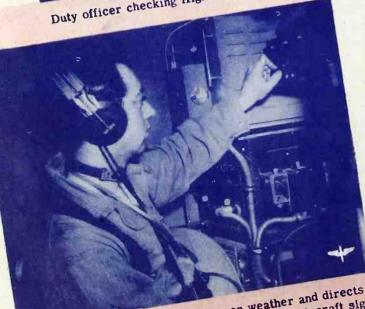
Radio operator on Navy patrol blimp on anti-submarine duty.



Duty officer checking flight board after flight.



Radio operator on Navy bomber.

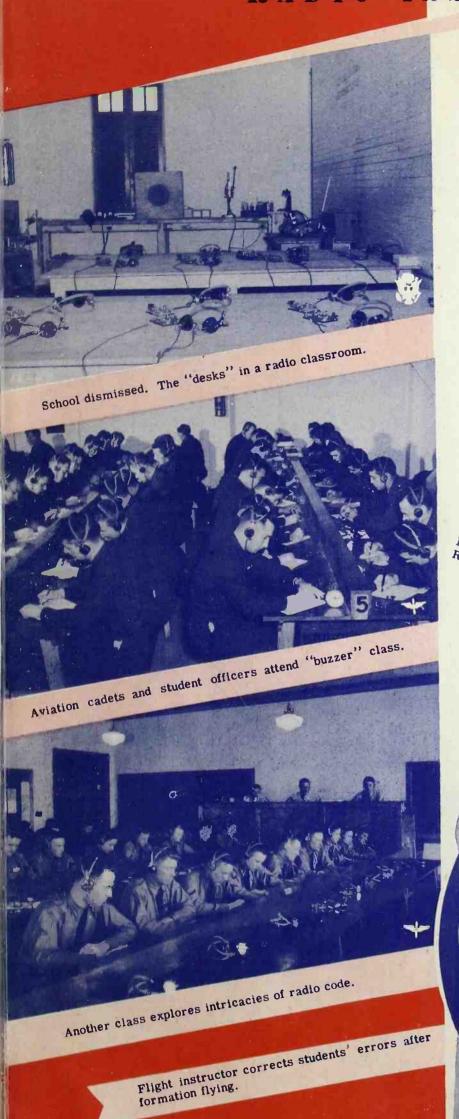


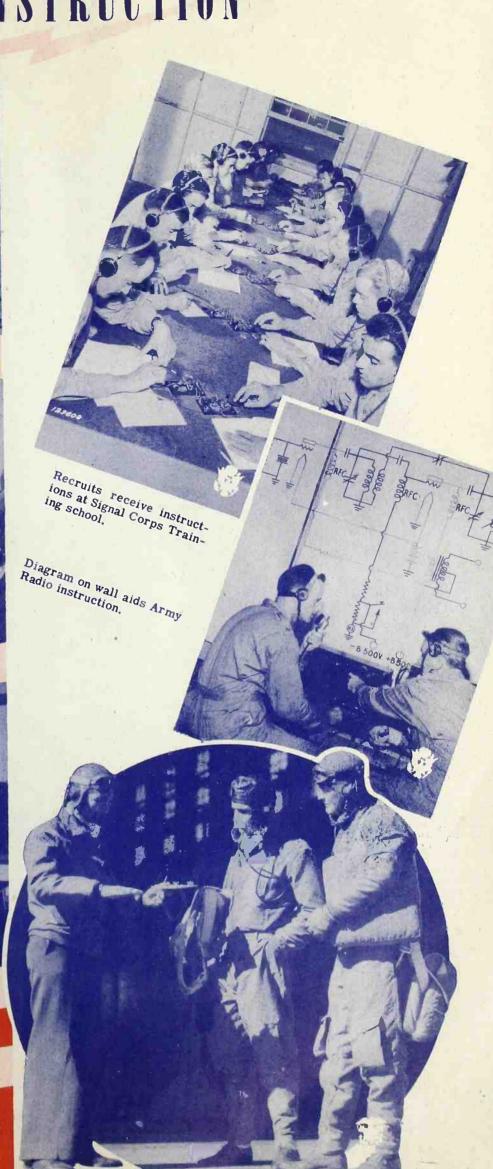
Coast patrol radio man keeps tabs on weather and directs surface ships to scene of disasters; keeps wary eye for enemy aircraft signals.



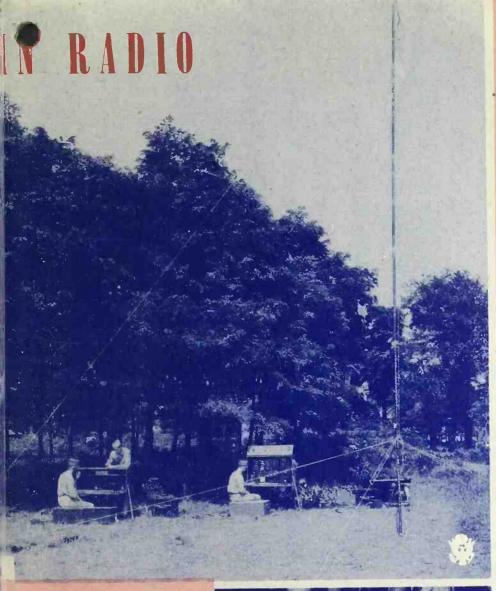
"Blind flying" by radio in ground school trainer.

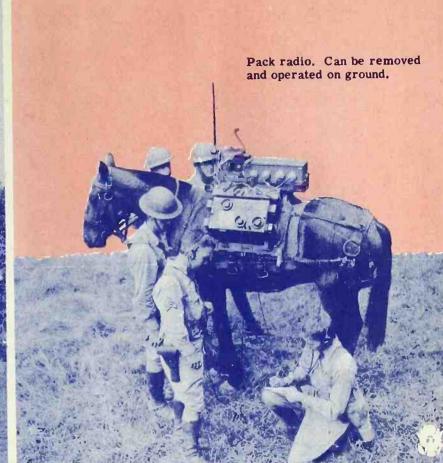
RADIO INSTRUCTION











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General View Field Transmitter, Power Unit and Antenna.

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Battery of code keys at message center.

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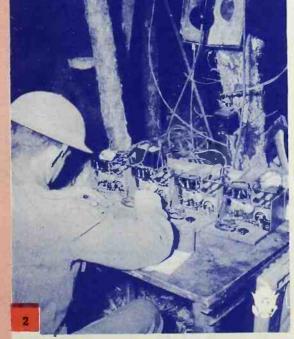
Radio-equipped Army Command Car.

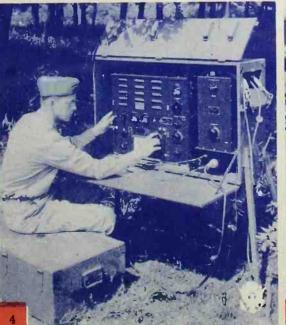
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Close-up of Army Field transmitter.

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Motorcycle and side-car equipped with Radio.

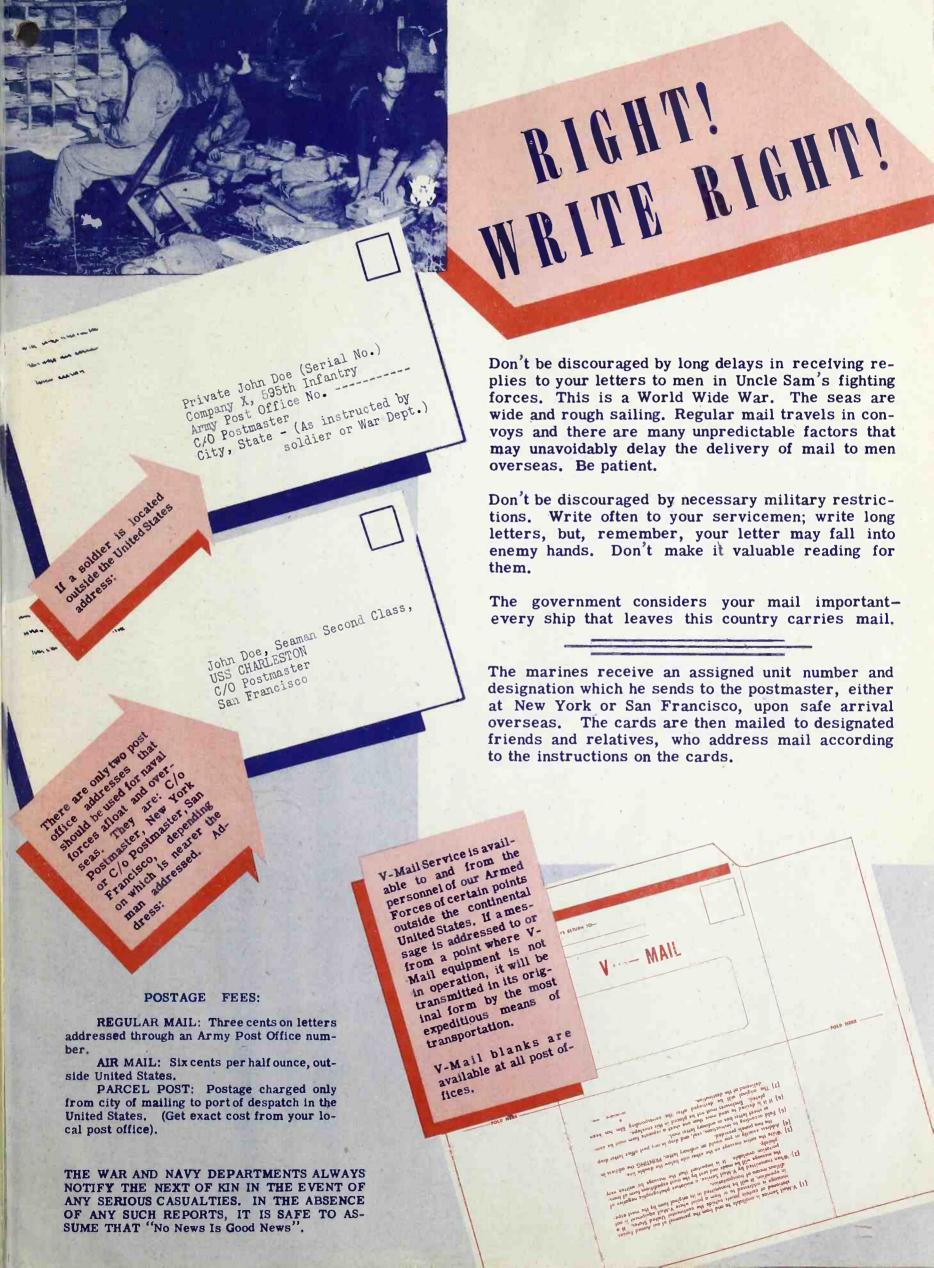




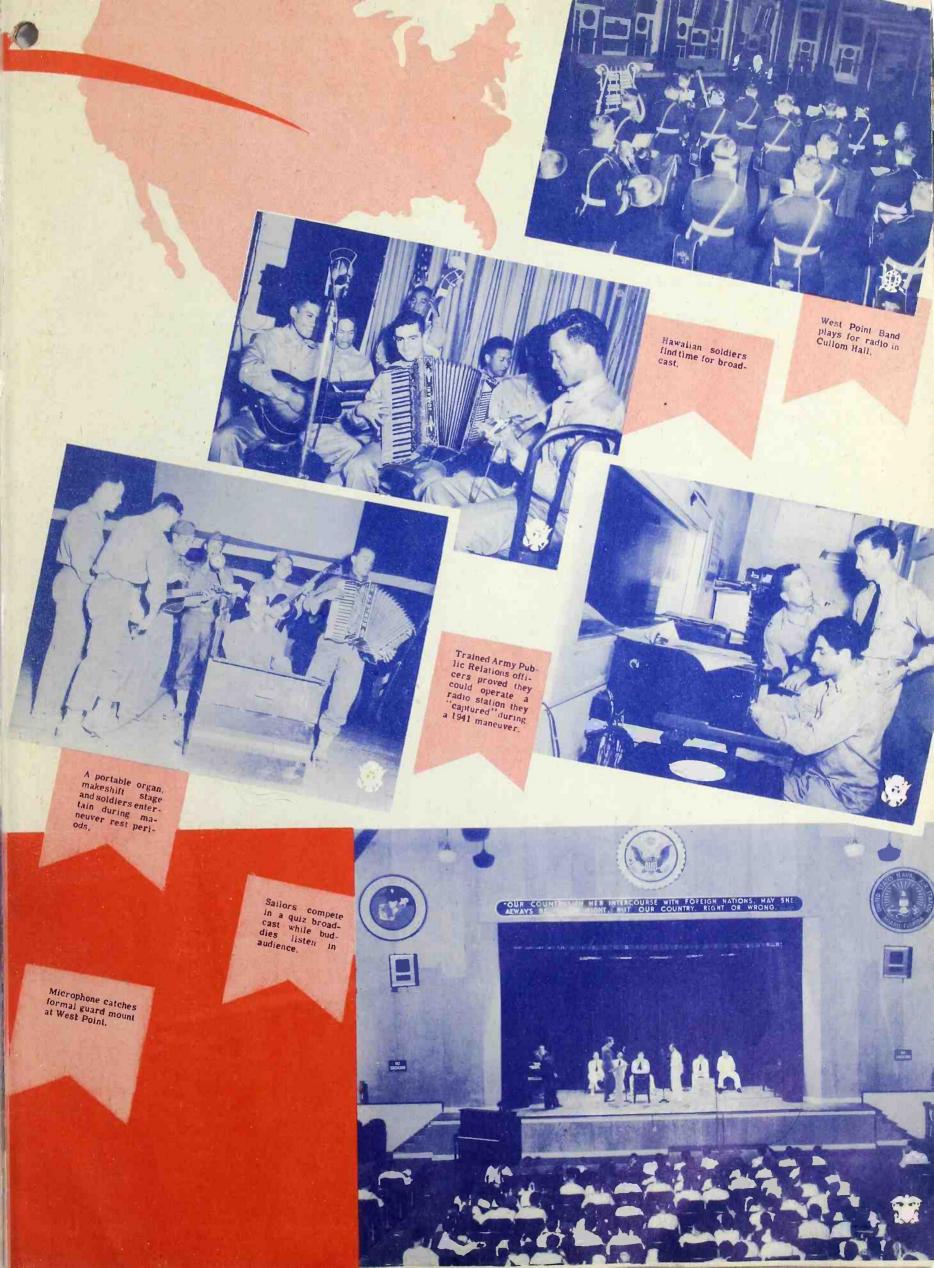














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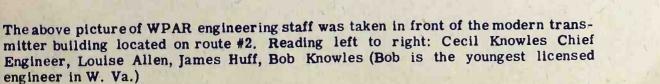


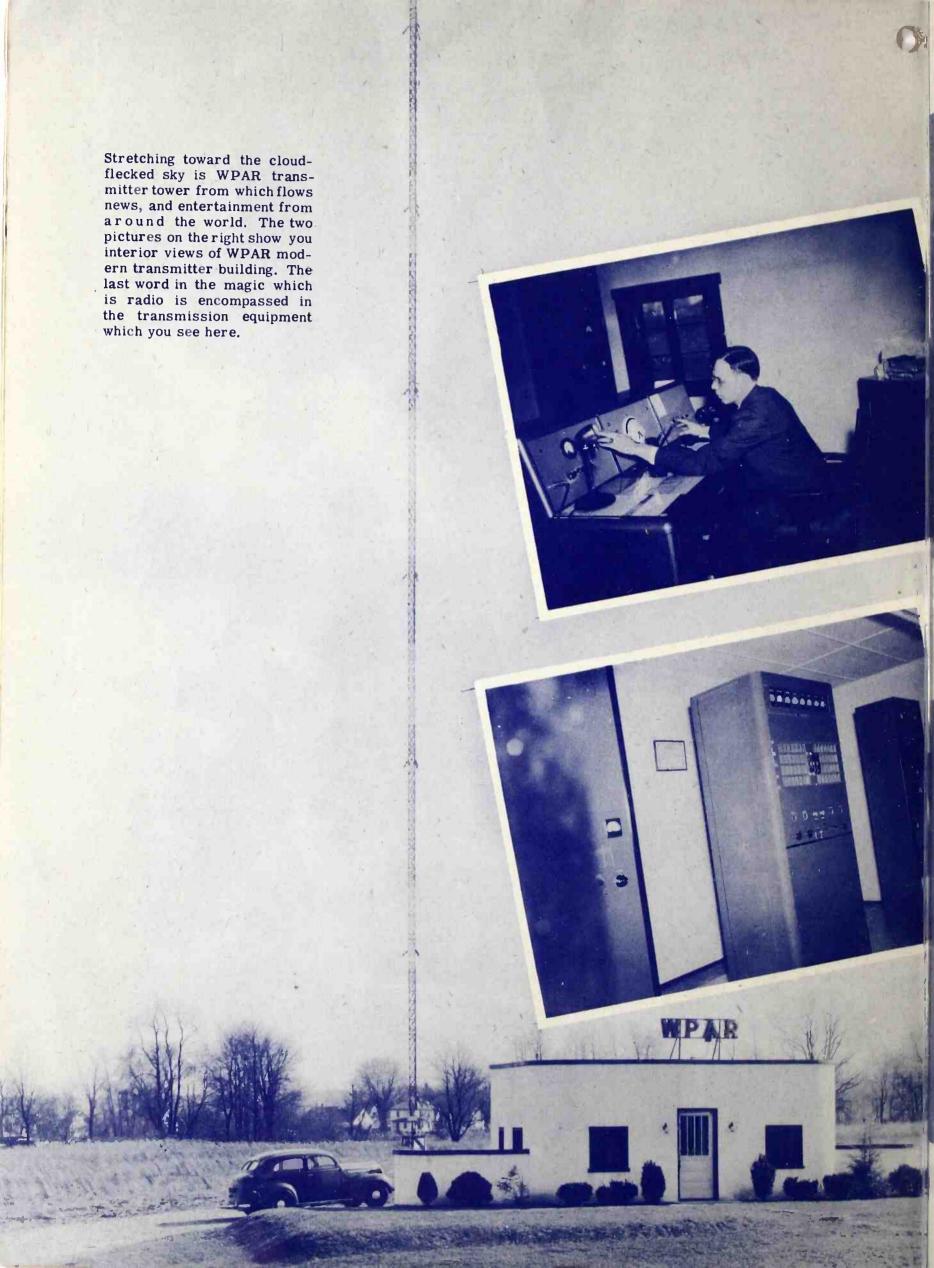
Front Row left to right. LEN.CARL program Director, Marilyn Pickering Controll operator and announcer, Francis Inslee Sales Dept., Paula Carr Writer and announcer, Ken Blain Sports announcer and sales dept. Back row left to right. Geo. H. Clinton station director, Margaret Shedan secretary, bookkeeper, Charles Carroll announcer, Bill Sherman announcer and newsman, Bob Cook announcer and special events man, Hazel Lou Chapman Sales Dept., Tom Garten promotion director and sales.



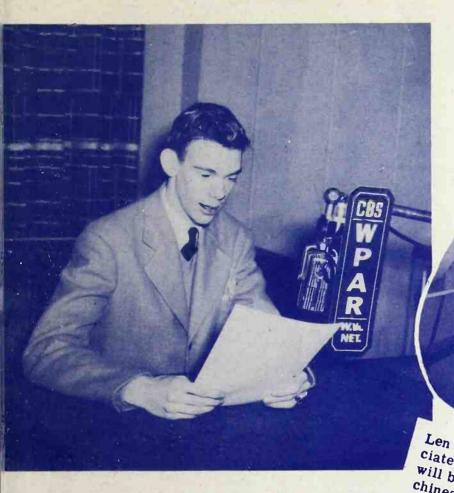
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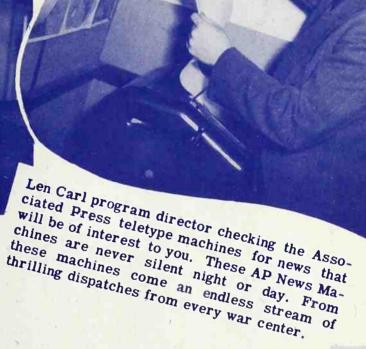


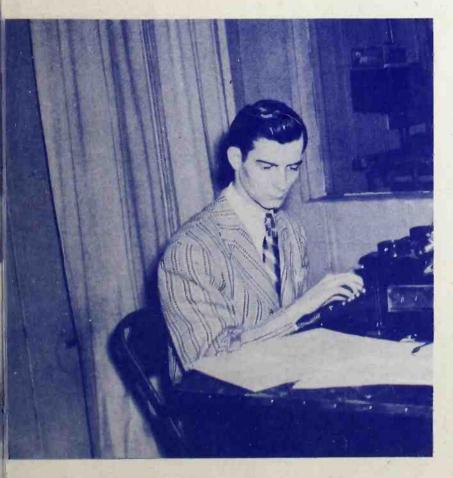


WPAR Covers the News Front



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 newscaster heard over WPAR 8:55 P.M.



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



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



Major George Fielding Eliot CBS authority heard over WPAR.

WPAR Serves the People

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.



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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.

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.





WPAR Serves the Nation



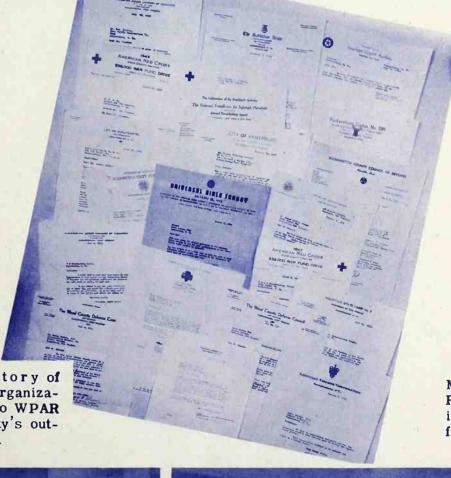
Above. The famous Parkersburg Big Red Band leads Parkersburgs first Army Day Parade down Market Street. WPAR sponsored the parade with the help of the American Legion.

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You Letters WPAR appreciates the

tetters from Civic Clubs, Fraternal s, Army and Navy recruiting departments, reasury Dept., etc. Letters that say WPAR filling an important place in this com-

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



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





Programs and Personalities at WPAR



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.

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 pro-





THE STORCKS 1450 CLUB. With three raps of his gavel

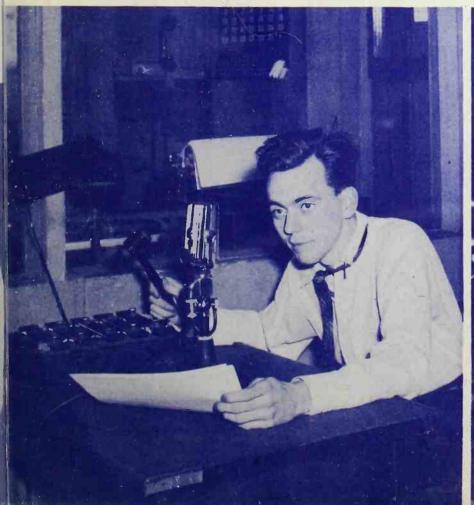
moting various war time drives.



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 controll 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.





CBS STARS ON WPAR



CLAUDIA MORGAN



PENNY SINGLETON



BOB HAUK



ALFRED DRAKE



KATE SMITH



PARKS JOHNSON (Vox Pop)



PHIL BAKER



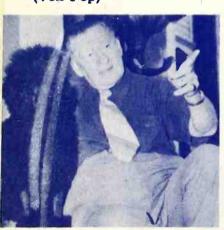
DINAH SHORE



WALTER PIDGEON



FRANK SINATRA



MAJOR BOWES



BETTY WINKLER
(Joyce Jordan Md.)



JUDY CANOVA



FRED ALLEN



BURNS AND ALLEN



GROUCHO MARX



JACK CARSON



DURANTE & MOORE







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.



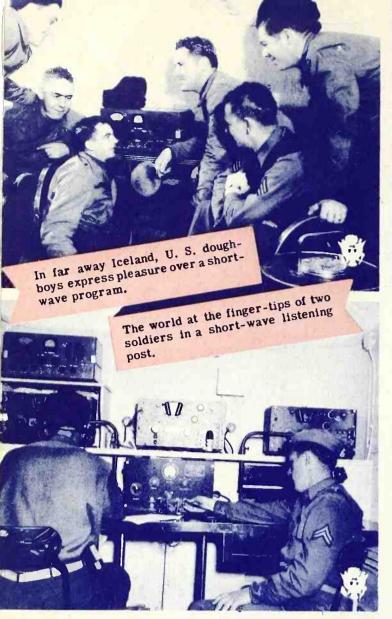
Sailors at Pensacola rehearse before broadcast.

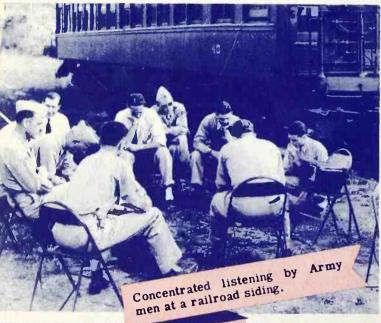


A soldier audience at an open air broadcast as seen by performing artists.



The Famous U. S. Marine Corps Band heard on many broadcasts.



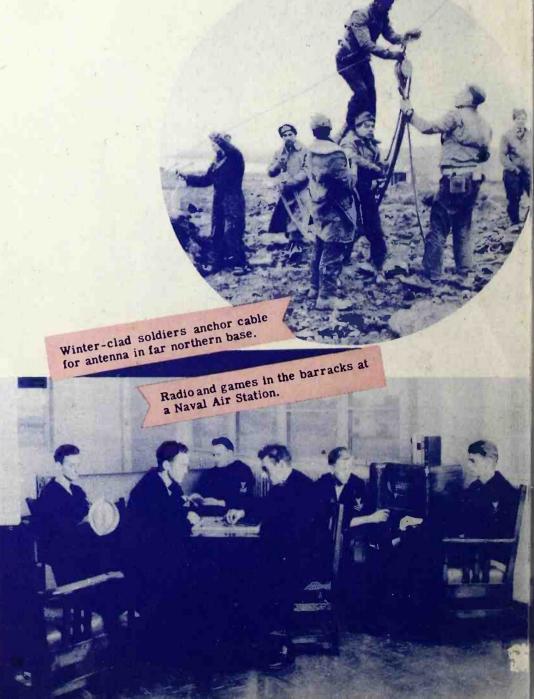






KEEPING IN TOUCH

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.



OFFICERS' SHOULDER AND SLEEVE INSIGNIA















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LIEUT.



MAJOR



BRIG, GEN. COLONEL



LIEUT, COLONEL



MAJOR



CAPTAIN



FIRST LIFUT.



SECOND LIEUT.



BRANCH * *

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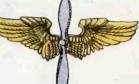
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U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY



OFFICERS' LAPEL OR COLLAR INSIGNIA







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GENERAL



AIR FORCES



CAVALRY



CHAPLAINS (CHRISTIAN)



CHAPLAINS (JEWISH)



GENERAL STAFF





INSPECTOR GEN. JUDGE ADVOCATE





COAST ARTILLERY



ENGINEERS



FIELD ARTILLERY

ORDNANCE



CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE

ARMORED

FORCE



CORPS



OFFICERS NOT MEMBERS OF A BRANCH



NURSE CORPS

WARRANT **OFFICERS**



U. S. MILITARY



NAT L GUARD

ACADEMY TRANSP, CORPS





SPECIALIST CORPS

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' INSIGNIA





SERGEANT



MEDICAL CORPS MEDICAL ADM.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT



STAFF SERGEANT



TECHNICIAN 3RD GRADE





SERGEANT TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE



CORPORAL

TECHNICIAN

STH GRADE



PRIVATE

FIRST CLASS

SERGEANT



COMMAND PILOT



SENIOR PILOT





SERVICE PILOT



GLIDER PILOT



AIR CREW MEMBER



COMBAT OBSERVER



FLIGHT SURGEON



PARATROOPS

INSIGNIA

THE ARMIES

THE GENERAL COMMANDS HEADQUARTERS











AIR FORCES GROUND FORCES SERVICE OF SUPPLY

FIRST ARMY,

SECOND ARMY,

THIRD ARMY,

FOURTH ARMY

SERVICE COMMANDS









FOURTH











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FORCE













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HQ & HQ COMPANY

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QUARTERMASTER'S DEPT.



PAYMASTER'S DEPT.

OFFICERS SHOULDER INSIGNIA



BRIG. GENERAL'S AIDE



AVIATION CADET



CHIEF GUNNER

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CLASS



SECOND CLASS CADET

AVIATION MACHINIST'S

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METALSMITHS



BUGLERS

ENLISTED MEN'S SPECIALTY MARKS



MEN

GRAPHERS



PRINTERS COOKS, CARPENTER'S SHIP'S MATES STEWARDS



CADETS' SHOULDER INSIGNIA

FIRST SECOND CLASS

QUARTER-MASTERS

SIGNAL MEN

MATES

BOAT-GUNNER'S SWAIN'S MATES. COXSWAINS

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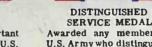
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CLASS

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.



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 per-formance in action. Authorized by presidential executive order.



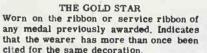
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL Awarded soldier who after Aug. 17, 1940 completed 3 yrs., or who after Dec. 7, 1941 complete 1 yr. of ac-tive Honorable Service.



SOLDIERS MEDAL Awarded to any persons 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.





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



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

Mark of an exceptional hero. Awarded for gallant-ry at risk of life beyond call of duty. Presented by the President for Congress.



AIR MEDAL All Services

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



DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Highest aviation honor given to American and foreign air men serving U.S. for extraordinary achievement in flight.



VICTORY MEDAL Authorized to all Members of our armed forces who saw active service in First World War.



AMERICAN DEFENSE MEDAL

Worn by men in active service during national emergency preceding our entry into the war. Re-ferred to as "Before Pearl Harbor Ribbon.



AMERICAN THEATER 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 mem-bers of the Army and Navy for active service in the theaters indicated. Note the red and white jap colors at either end.



EUROPE AN- AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN

Issued to men who have been on active duty in these theaters of war. Center green represents Europe and brown repre-sents Africa.

THESE ARE WORN BY OUR NAVY PERSONNEL



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Awarded to any member of the Navy of U.S. who dis-tinguishes 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 for of peace 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 Awarded enlisted Navy men for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.



MERCHANT MARINE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE Awarded by our Maritime Commission to men of the Merchant Marine who committed Heroic Deeds under attack.

FOR THE NAVY-MARINES AND COAST GUARD



NAVY & MARINE CORPS MEDAL Awarded to any member

who has distinguished him-self by heroism not involving conflict.



PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

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



Awarded to Marines for distinguished conduct in presence of enemy.



GOOD CONDUCT AWARD Awarded to a Marine who has completed his 1st enlistment with a high marking in efficiency, neatness, and intelligence.



COAST GUARD GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Awarded enlisted man for perfect service record and has shown marked pro-ficiency in performing his duties.

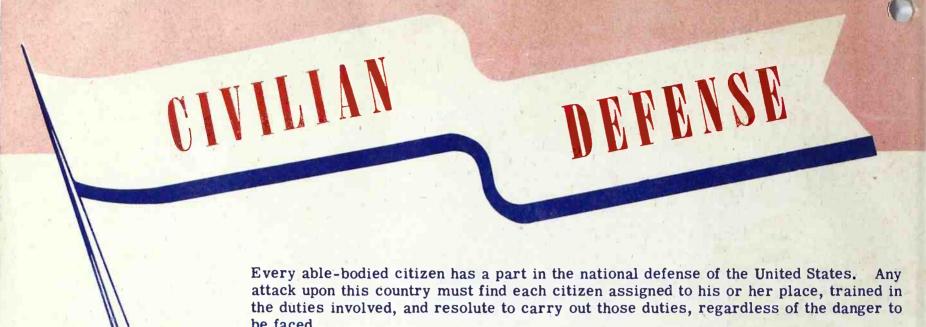


LEGION OF MERIT Awarded to combatants non-combatants for extraordinary fidelity and service. May be pre-sented to foreigners.





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



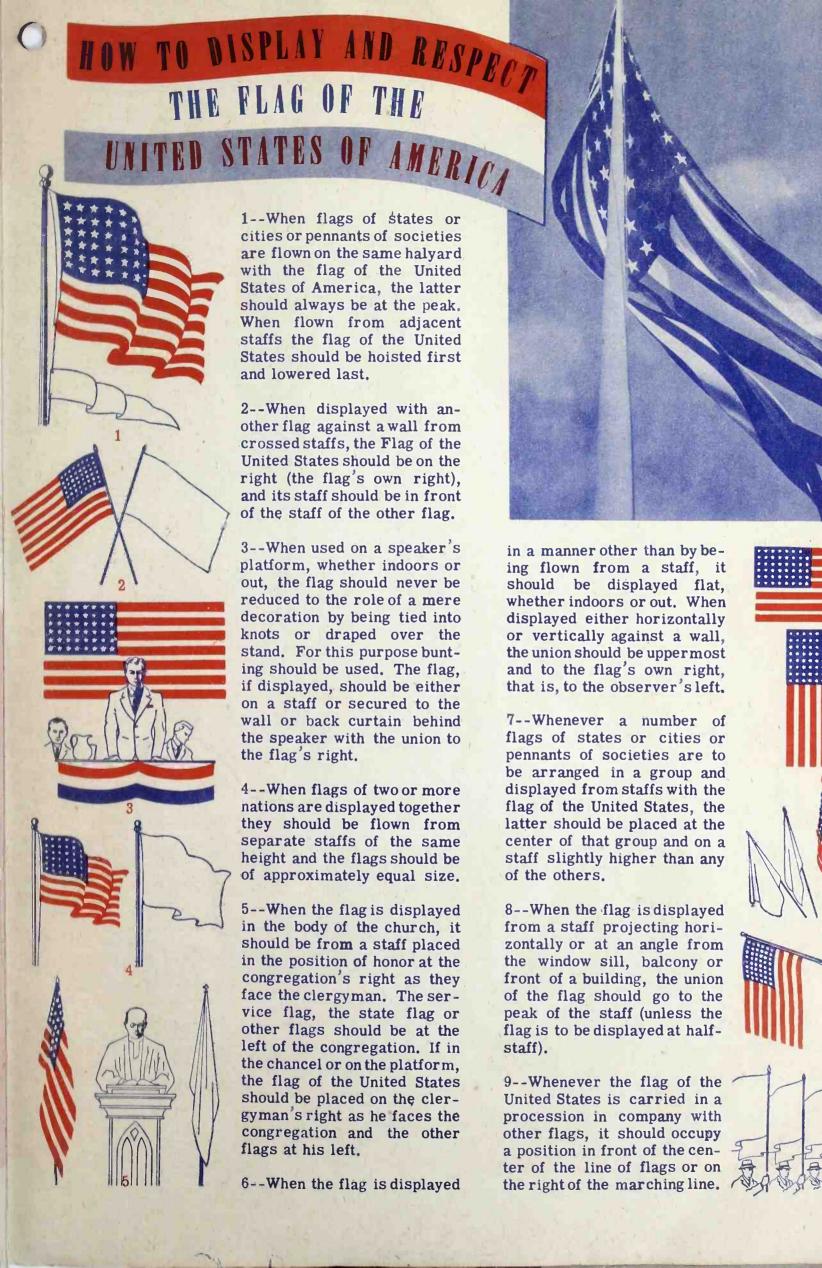
be faced.

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



ECORATIONS

FOR VALOR and SERVICE of OUR MEN in the ARMED FORCES



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



ORDER OF PURPLE ORDER OF PURPLE HEART

A merica's oldest medal. Now awarded 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. Re-cently adopted also by the Navy



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL Awarded those whose judgment in responsibility made it pos-sible for American arms to overcome enemy effort.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS Awarded by or in the name of the President for extraordi-nary heroism in battle.



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.



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.



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL New award extended to officers as well as enlisted men of Navy and Marines for gallantry at risk of life beyond call of duty.

Special Awards



GOOD CONDUCT for Army enlisted men who after Aug. 1940 completed 3 yrs., or after Dec. 1941 complete 1 yr. of continuous Honorable Service.

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL Issued for service of 1 yr. or longer be-tween 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.



Air Service Awards AIR MEDAL DISTINGUISHED FLY-Awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in Aerial Flight. ING CROSS

Awarded for heroism in the air. Identical for all services.

Marine Award

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



Merchant Marine

MERCHANT MARINE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. Awarded for heroism under attack.

OUR HONOR ROLL

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