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An all-time high record was set by Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in their purchase of War Bonds in any single campaign when they bought a total of \$91,276,948 in bonds during their Independence Day campaign, June 22 to July 7.

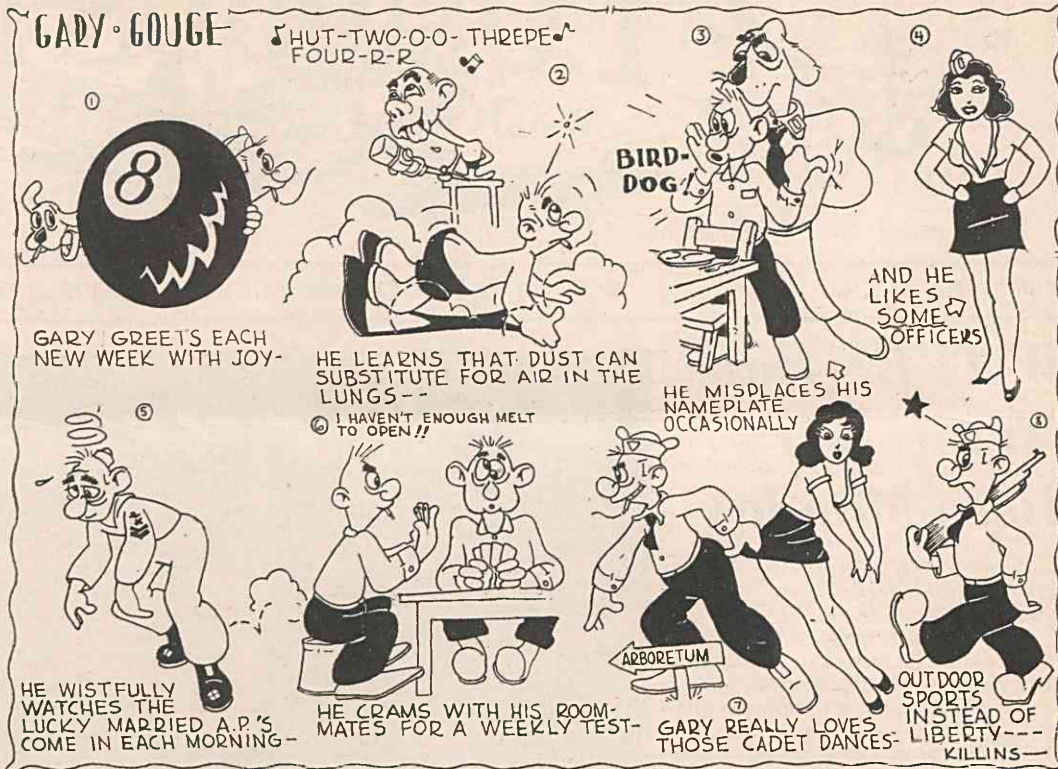
This total, exclusive of bonds purchased regularly through Navy's payroll and allotment plans, was almost twice the 1944 July Fourth total of \$47,843,122 and surpassed the 1944 Pearl Harbor Day volume by \$28,708,104.

Independence Day purchases raised the grand total since the Navy War Bond program was established in October 1941 to \$1,353,000,000.

New York led the Navy Yards with its total of \$4,609,613. Other high-ranking yards were Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., with \$2,639,922; Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, T. H., with \$2,432,023, and Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California, with \$2,027,924.

Among Naval air activities, the outstanding total was reported by Naval Air Training Bases, Pensacola, Florida, whose \$1,871,809 volume led the list, followed by Naval Air Station and Auxiliary Fields, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, with \$1,244,663, and Naval Air Station and Auxiliary Fields, Jacksonville, Florida with \$1,129,233.

Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara,



The Lighter Side...

Telegraph Messenger: What was the most wonderful experience you've ever had?

Another T. M.: The night I took a telegram to a beautiful blond saying her husband wouldn't be home until the next day.

"You've got to hand it to him when it comes to petting."

"What's the matter with him, is he that lazy?"

California, headed Marine Corps activities with \$341,887, followed by Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, with \$309,256.

Coast Guard personnel of the Thirteenth Naval District set the pace among Coast Guard units with \$1,685,304, and personnel of the Eighth Naval District were in second place, with \$909,660.

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, led the training centers with \$3,631,623, followed by Sampson, New York, with \$2,453,342.

Fleet personnel added substantially to the heavy volume, with their combined total of \$14,115,061. The Pacific Ocean Area led the forces afloat with \$11,869,028, of which total the Seventh Fleet purchased \$6,248,100 and the Pacific Fleet \$5,620,928. Atlantic Fleet purchases were \$1,557,786.

Gino had decided to become an American citizen. He was doing pretty well, too, until he came to the question about Old Glory. "What is it," said the judge, "You always see flying over the Courthouse?" "Peejins?" asked Gino.

Sailor (at stage door): Is the hula dancer in her dressing room?

Watchman, kindly: Son, she's 'round at the rear.

Sailor: I know that, but answer my question.

Suspicious wife: Nora, if you had the opportunity of going to the movies with one of my sons, which one would you choose?

Nora: Oh, it's hard to say, ma'am. I've had grand times with both of them, but for a real rollicking spree, give me the Master.

To the Draft Board: We will appreciate it very much if you will defer our Mr. McDuff for another six months. He is the only man left in our shop, and is carrying on with twenty girls.

"Are you the commander of this company?" inquired a sweet old lady. "I have a grandson serving in your outfit by the name of Jones."

"Yeah, I know, and he's now on leave attending your funeral."

STALEMATE

By Nick Pouletsos



Backfire