



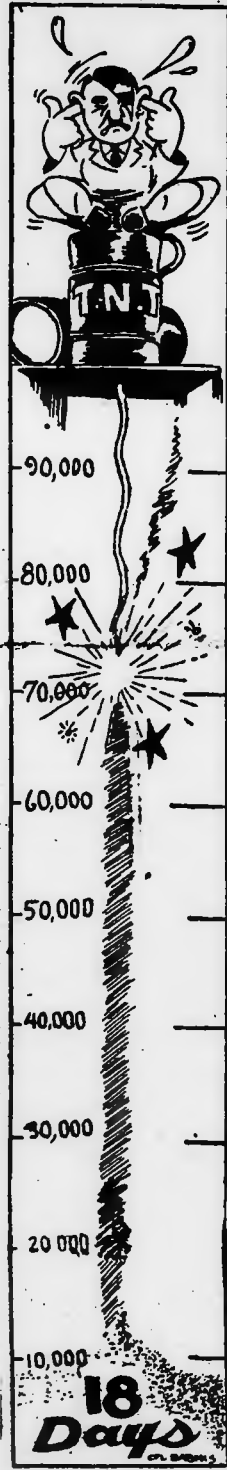
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FROM THE CLASSROOM... TO THE LINE.....

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Bond Dance Tonight At USO Gym

Climaxed by a gala Bond Rally at the USO Gym in Goldsboro tonight, a hefty program of bond-promotion is in full swing on and around the field these past days. Sparked by units from the band and other talent, parades, dances, and speeches have blanketed the field and neighboring communities.

Tonight's shindig features the Tech Commandos, sharp a wing outfit in an evening of dancing at the USO William Street Gym. A parade by Air Cadets will start the festivities in the morning and two other dances, one in Smithfield and one exclusively for Cadets will be held at the same time. Admission to all affairs is free.

Traveling to Raleigh last week, units of the 28th AAF Band played for a number of rallies and parades and Sgt. Howard Brey's dance orchestra played for a Bond Dance last Wednesday at the Officers' Club.

MOVIE CHANGE

Effective Monday, 20, September, 1943, the time for the first evening show at Theatre No. 2 will be set for 7:15 minutes. This show will start at 7:30 instead of 7:45.

Premiere Performance...

AER Gets Proceeds From Army Movie; Tickets Sold

The premiere performance of "This Is The Army," Technicolor musical hit, arrives at Seymour Johnson Field and Goldsboro this coming Wednesday evening, September 22. With tickets now on sale, proceeds from this initial performance will be turned over to the Army Emergency Relief.

"This Is The Army," Warner Brother's long-awaited motion picture production of the successful stage revue, features a galaxy of Hollywood stars including Joan Leslie, Irving Berlin, George Murphy, plus many stars-in-khaki from the original play. It has all the song hits you've been singing these past months and also some flashy, snappy dance and skit routines. There's a plot in it, too, and

it's one that will have you laughing from start to finish. Altogether, a colorful evening is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, a night-well worth the price. Shown at the Paramount Theatre in Goldsboro, admission will be by advance ticket only. Tickets, now on sale at the Service Club, range in price from \$2.10 to \$11.00, tax included. With all proceeds going into AER's coffers, a capacity crowd is expected.

Salerno Battle Won as Clark And Montgomery Merge Forces

The Fifth Army of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and the British Eighth Army fused their fronts with establishment of contact between patrols following an amazing northward march of nearly 200 miles from the Italian toe by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's veterans. Allied Headquarters announced Friday.

The Eighth Army also made contact with British forces beating up the Italian east coast from Taranto, a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced. All three of the Allied beachheads on the west, south and east thereby were welded into a single front.

Cats Head Ring Of Steel

The contact between Gen. Montgomery's speeding warriors and Gen. Clark's American and British troops, who for eight days had fought the greatest engagement of the Mediterranean war in order to maintain their west coast foothold, was made somewhere in or near the southern end of the Salerno beachhead.

Linking of the two armies broke the enemy's ring of steel around Gen. Clark's Tommies and doughboys and appeared to have ended the critical period of the battle fought against four or more Ger-

man armored divisions on the blood-stained beaches.

Announcement of the contact was made by Allied Headquarters shortly after a communique had told of Montgomery's capture of Vallo Della Lucania, only 18 miles from Agropoli, at the southern end of the 27-mile front held by the Fifth Army.

Clark's Men Attack

At the same time Clark's army struck out from its hard-won shoreline and recaptured the mountain village of Albanos, 10 miles inland, smashed three German counter-attacks and flattened over several German salients that had been driven into Allied positions.

(An Algiers broadcast by NBC said Montecorvino, 24 miles inland and 11 miles east of Salerno at the northern end of the bridgehead, also was captured in the repulse of one of the German attacks.)

London dispatches said seizure of Montecorvino would be one of the most significant Allied victories as the town is understood to be the site of one of the best airfields along the whole lower stretch of Italian west coast. With an airfield in Allied hands there the scope and effectiveness of fighter plane protection for Gen. Clark's base of operations would be greatly extended.

(A British broadcast from Algiers, recorded by CBS, said the Fifth and Eighth Army patrol met about half way between Agropoli and Vallo Della Lucania, or less than 10 miles from the beachhead.)

\$75,000 Mark Passed In War Bond Drive!

Higher and higher it goes... upward to the \$100,000 quota and that's not the end of it.

In the first eighteen days of its War Loan Drive, the field has already hit the three-quarter mark in the drive to the top.

This week's sales, ending at the sensational figure of \$76,000, bring the start of the home stretch. They were marked by large individual purchases and many organizations more than exceeding their own quotas.

Captain William C. Sharpsteen, Field Operations Officer, hit the ball with a \$3,000 purchase of War Savings Bonds. A civilian employe at the Sub-Depot, Mrs. Lenora W. Younkina, bought \$1,000 worth. Two Pfc's in the Medical Detachment, Irvin Miller and Morris Heifetz, dug down for close to \$2,000 apiece.

Post Band Featured in Coast-to-Coast Show

Flashing over 200 radio stations of the Mutual Network this afternoon, the 28th Air Force Band's Radio Orchestra will spotlight a fifteen-minute program from Theater Number One.

Scheduled from 1945 to 1950, the program will be part of the Mutual Network's National Bond Day. It will feature the orchestra in a series of symphonic dance arrangements of popular melodies.

Warrant Officer Max Stienfeld, director of the band, has planned a program including "In the Blue of Evening," "You Rhyme With Everything That's Beautiful," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," and a solid jump rendition of "The March of the Toys."

Men with free hours at this time are urged to attend the show and demonstrate how the field backs its members up on a nation-wide broadcast. Channeled through WGBR in Goldsboro, the program will be picked up all over the country, with large cities like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles as outlets. Let's show the whole country what kind of turnout we can get for this important entertainment.

The Air Cadet school on the field has promised to finish the drive with one bond bought for each man in their organization. With a quota of \$15,000, civilian employes on the field have far exceeded their goal and are still buying more bonds above and beyond their regular 10 per cent pay deductions.

To date, the following organizations have gone over the top in their individual drives: The 86th Signal Corps, The 7th Training Wing, the Hq. and Hq. Squadron, the Medical Detachment, the Finance Department, The 11th Academic Squadron, the 33rd Air Base Group, both Band Organizations, the WAC Detachment, and the 90th Quartermasters.

Well satisfied with the progress of the drive, Major E. W. Muller, Finance Officer, had this to say: "Aside from the fact that investment in these bonds is essential for the successful prosecution and conclusion of the war, represented by all the vast qualities of material that are so necessary at this crucial time, it represents a provision for the future. In short, they are shares in America."

A smashing number of purchases are being planned to push the end of the bond drive forward when next payday rolls around. It was disclosed. With Finance continuing its policy of prompt issuance of bonds to owners, the effort should proceed at its present rapid pace. Bonds are delivered into their owner's hands within 24 hours of the purchase time and no delay has been encountered so far.



Situated between the Guest House and the Sports Arena, the field's new putting course has caught the fancy of many GI's. You can see them any time of day, carefully putting around the tricky, 18-hole course, having the time of their lives. With admission absolutely free, this attraction is a mighty popular way of developing your eye and having lots of fun doing it. Seen above, a brace of lads are tackling the uphill hazard on one of the holes. Clubs and golfballs are available from the attendant or in the Sports Arena any time of the day. Each hole has a scraper which allows the player to smooth out his putting surface.

With the Third War Bond Drive already ripping through the ranks of servicemen and civilians of Johnson Field, the plus side of this scale is rising fast to help endanger Hitler's Axis.