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Your Quota In The Bond Drive Is Shown Here

Hq & Hq Sq	3725
913th & 904th Gd Sq	1900
80th Avn Sq	1275
7th AAF Band	125
28th AAF Band	125
468th AAF Band	125
33rd B. Hq & AB Sq	2200
906th QM	700
927th QM	150
Prov. WAC Det	400
Signal Det	125
Finance Det	275
2061st Ord	325
798th Sq	475
9th T.S. Sp.	75
36th TSS	5000
791st TSS	5450
796th TSS	4850
10th TS Gp	125
793rd TSS	4325
794th	4025
797th	4300
12th Mess Gp	75
39th Mess Sq	1175
40th Mess Sq	1350
4th Acad. Gp	100
9th Acad. Sq	2950
10th Acad. Sq	3225
A/C Pre-Tech. S.	325
702nd Gp. (A/C)	3200
705th Gp. (A/C)	3500
706th Gp. (A/C)	3500
722nd Gp. (A/C)	2700
723rd Gp. (A/C)	375
76th Tg. Wing	1025
711th Gp	5750
712th Gp	3550
715th Gp	3200
716th Gp	7008
720th & 724th Gps	8700
326th Fighter Gp	950
321st F. Sq	5200
322nd F. Sq	5200
538th F. Sq	500
539th F. Sq	475
402nd F. Sq	425
540th F. Sq	525
452nd F. Sq	175
Med. Det	1625
Doctors	2300
Nurses	850
Civilian Personnel (AAF)	5300
Civilian Personnel (ASF)	6250
37th Sub-Depot (Civ. Pers.)	3450
Total	\$125000

'Double The Ante' To Be Battle Cry

"Let's double the ante!" With that as their motto, representatives of every organization on Seymour Johnson Field Wednesday gathered at Chapel No. 1

to pledge an over-the-top campaign for the Fourth War Loan Drive, Dec. 31 to Jan. 31. The goal is \$125,000. "But that goal is far from

enough," the representatives were told by Major E. W. Muller, Finance Officer and chairman of the War Loan Drive Committee. "Our goal is the last drive was \$100,000. We raised better than \$174,000. This time we naturally expected it to be around \$200,000—that's what it should have been, and we can reach and top that figure."

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Marines Take Cape Gloucester After Four Days of Fighting

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers.—Fifth Army troops carried out a large scale raid along the west coast of Italy north of the Garigliano River Thursday and seized the initiative from the Germans along the long-stalemated and waterlogged front in that sector, Allied Headquarters announced Friday. The announcement confirmed at least in part German broadcasts that the Allies had made an amphibious landing in that area and had established a bridgehead. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's Headquarters gave no details of

the raid, but it apparently was aimed at junctions controlling the coastal road to Rome over the Pontine Marsha—a highway that for centuries has been known as the Applan Way. Stopped, Says Berlin Berlin in broadcasts said that the Allies had been prevented from reaching the Applan Way fighting has been raging there and that the fighting had been localized on the beaches with heavy casualties for the landing forces. The key city in this battle area is Minturno, slightly inland from the coast. The attack by the Allies count-

ered a heavy two-day offensive by the German Tenth Army in the Gerigliano sector aimed at the town of Ponte Fiume at the mouth of the river. Headquarters gave no additional information about the drive of American troops to take San Vittore, last fortified village in the valley leading to Cassino. Bitter fighting has been raging there and the town has been reduced to rubble by Allied artillery, advised from the front said, but the Germans were dug into wise cellars underlying the town where it was difficult to reach them with artillery fire.

Captain C. M. Tuite, Post War Bond Office and another member of the committee, told the representatives that the quota set for each organization was based on a valuation for every enlisted man, officer and civilian on the field. He explained that the drive this time would be conducted by each individual organization, announced the committee and the representatives to handle the work for each unit.

Captain O. B. Dryden, Public Relations Officer and third member of the committee handling the campaign, urged organizations to work out their own publicity and promotion campaigns. "As you are working within your own organizations, your own promotion will be the thing which will sell the drive—not something that comes from the outside," he appealed for the furnishing of full information to every enlisted man and officer as to the exact procedure for obtaining bonds.

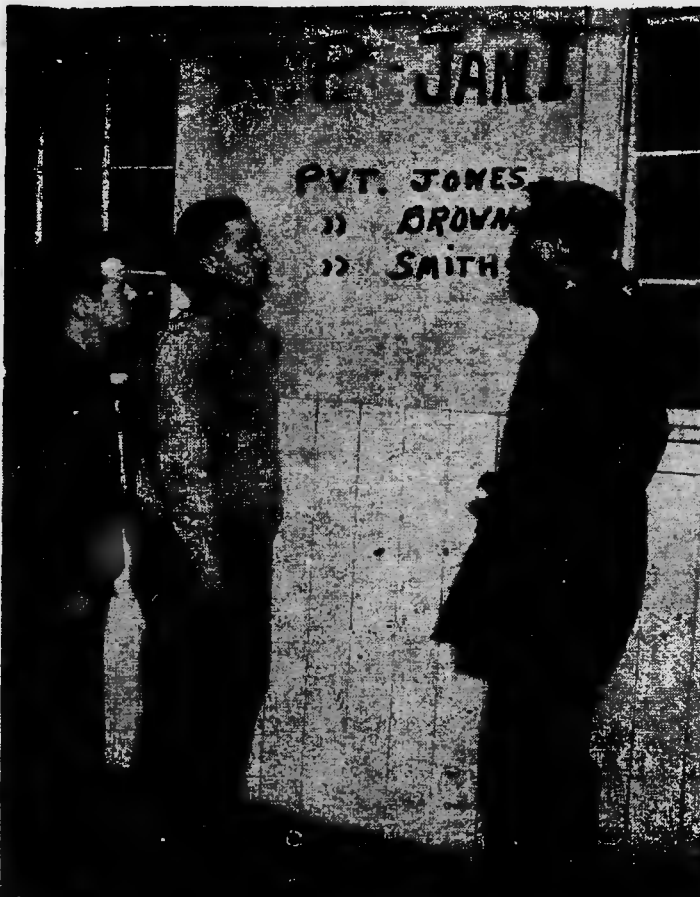
Captain Luman A. Martin, Special Service Officer for the Aviation Club Pre-Technical School, told briefly the work of the cadets in the last drive, when \$28,876 worth of bonds were sold. He said the bonds were sold with programs and direct contact work on the part of the cadets themselves. "Our squadron had been on bivouac for two weeks and got back on the final day," the Captain said. "Informed of the drive, they came through with a purchase of \$4,000 in bonds."

Major Muller explained that the national goal in the drive is \$100,000,000. "Our quota," he said, "is only 25 per cent greater than before when we went well over our assigned amount. If the success of our drive was essential in September, it is even more so today," and added that he believed there was not an officer on the field who should not buy a \$100 bond."

The Major said the Finance office would try and deliver the bonds to each purchaser "with the greatest speed possible under the circumstances. We have the bonds and the help to do the job. Our main request is: Please do not bring us incomplete applications. If the handwriting on the application is not clear, have it printed or typed. Bring us the money—we'll issue the bonds and get them back to you."

Following the meeting, Opl. Pvt. J. O'Keefe of the Finance Office delivered sample applications to the representatives and answered questions regarding ways of filling out the forms.

Organizations, and officers and enlisted men representing them in the drive, are as follows: Hqs. & Hqs. Sqdn., Capt. R. T. Seabury and Pvt. J. L. Smith; 715th (Continued on Page Three)



WD Clarifies Meal Ticket Instructions

WASHINGTON — Because the proper use of meal tickets seems not to be understood by personnel using them, the War Department has drawn particular attention to the instructions on the back which state that the person receiving meals should enter on the ticket the number and cost of the meals actually received.

In many cases the charge for the food is less than the maximum allowed value of the meal ticket. It was pointed out in WD Circ. 337 (18 Dec. 43). In these instances it is intended that the lesser amount be noted on the ticket in order that only this amount be paid the vendor.

The following instructions are also given: (a) Meal tickets must be shown to the person or concern serving meals before ordering the meal. (b) Meal tickets will be surrendered after the meal is eaten. (Army Times)

SQUADRON REPORTERS!

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