

THEY KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR BOND DOLLARS TO VICTORY



A veteran Army bombardier and an attractive member of the WAC who know the full meaning of War bonds are shown above by one of the most important signs appearing in the yard this month. On the left is Pvt. Virginia (Ginny) Quinn, who was employed in the Tool Room from Nov. 16, 1942, to Sept. 1, 1944. She is now a member of the 17th WAC Hospital company at Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C. Right is Captain Charles Moxhay, Public Relations officer at Camp Davis who made 30 bombing missions over Europe.

'Mighty 7th' Bond Drive Opened Here

Have \$200,000 Goal; Airmen Speak At Yard Programs

The "Mighty 7th" War Loan campaign is now under way in the yard and every employee is called upon to do his or her full share in making it the mightiest bond drive ever conducted here.

Our goal is \$200,000 in bonds purchased in addition to those bought through regular payroll allotments. The campaign will continue through June 30.

Thousands of employees were told what their War bonds mean to the men fighting overseas by Captain Charles Moxhay, Public Relations officer at Camp Davis, and First Lieut. Alex Zimmer, also stationed at Davis, at the opening day's programs. Both young officers, wearers of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf clusters and various campaign ribbons and stars, were well qualified to speak because each has 30 bombing missions over Europe to his credit.

"Your War bond may be a slip of paper to you but to the boys overseas it means real money to purchase the necessary equipment to win the war," Captain Moxhay declared.

"When you read about a big bomber raid, it looks pretty cold in type," he continued. "You may read that all the planes returned except 60. With hundreds and hundreds of planes, 60 doesn't seem to be so many but that means 600 men and 120 or more engines gone. We can't bring back the men but we can replace the planes and that takes money."

Captain Moxhay, a bombardier, described briefly an exciting mission, his 29th, and told of some of the horrors of aerial warfare.

Stressing that "the war is not over by any means and we face a long fight ahead," Lieut. Zimmer, who served as a pilot on a B-24, made an exceptionally strong appeal for the purchase of more bonds. He pointed to their necessity to keep the nation's great fleets of bombers in the air against the Japanese.

Music for both programs was furnished by the New Hanover High School R. O. T. C. band.

The "Mighty 7th" is looked upon as a financial assault against two of the country's greatest enemies: the Japanese and high prices or inflation that can result from plenty of money and not much goods. The same kind of aerial battering that brought Germany to its knees is expected to be used against Japan and the costs will be heavy, if not heavier, than in Europe. Every dollar you can lend through War bonds will go to the best possible purpose—the defeat of Japan and peace.

As we strive to make the "Mighty 7th" our best campaign, let's review briefly our past bond buying efforts.

From April 27, 1942, through April 30, 1945, employees have invested \$13,350,933 in 514,322 (Continued on page 8)

TRAINING AT NORFOLK

S 2/c Bryon V. Porter, 19, formerly employed in the Layoff department, is undergoing training at the Naval Training station, Norfolk, Va., for duty aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylramus Porter, of Shelby.

Lt. Serle Speaks On Maritime Day

Shipyard Pauses To Pay Tribute To Country's Merchant Marine

Annual Maritime Day was observed at the yard on May 22 with a program during the morning at which Lieut Edward G. Serle, of the Netherlands Navy, was the principal speaker.

Complimenting employees of the company for their outstanding production record, he thanked all "in behalf of the United Nations" for the good ships produced and for "staying on the job."

He pointed out that this is a war of seapower and not only are warships much in demand, but Merchant Marine ships as well. The supplies they carry to our fighting forces are most essential, he added. He praised the strength of the American Merchant Marine in contributing so greatly to the success of the United Nations' various invasions.

The Dutch officer recently returned from service in the Pacific war theater. Previous to that, he also served in British waters during the early part of the war and participated in bringing to English ports the first convoy of Liberty ships to arrive from the United States.

Formerly Paris representative of Dutch steamship companies, his maritime experience, including observations of the great part the American Merchant fleet is playing in the war, well qualified him to discuss the gigantic role ships of the United States have taken and are continuing in winning the war.

In Australia and New Guinea, Lieut. Serle helped train the thousands of Indonesians who, (Continued on page 4)

Length Of Ships Built Here Totals More Than 18 Miles

We've built 18.01 miles of ships.

That's the mileage if all the vessels delivered here, from the first Liberty to the 212th C-2 recently, could be placed end to end. With the 126 Liberties measuring 441 feet and six inches and the 86 other type 459 feet and 2 1/2 inches, that is a total of 95,121 feet.

If some mythical character like Paul Bunyan would give a hand and place all the ships in a straight line, over hill and dale, they would extend from the yard northward to within a few miles of Burgaw. Then, he could switch them northeast to Hampstead, south to well beyond Fort Fisher and west to Delco. If lined up to pass through Wrightsville Beach, they would extend more than ten miles eastward into the Atlantic ocean.

That's looking at the 212 ships from the standpoint of Vice Admiral Emory S. Land's famous "Bridge of ships." There's also some other interesting statistics, such as:

The deadweight tonnage of the vessels is 2,290,880 tons.

We've put 739,000 tons of steel into them, approximately 2,100 miles of pipe, 2,319 miles of electrical cable, 200 miles of ventilation ducts and 450.5 miles of pipe and wire cable protection. And it has taken 910,560 gallons of paint to cover them.

Another interesting fact is that the generating equipment installed on the vessels has a total capacity of 76,255 kilowatts. This number of kilowatts represents more than any five North Carolina cities produce, excepting commercial loads.

Here's One For Ripley

The service careers of two former employees in the Navy have run through a series of coincidences that makes their story worthy of notice from Robert L. Ripley, the "Believe It Or Not Man."

They are Stacy A. Wells, formerly of the Pipe Shop, and George R. Carver, who worked in the Plumbing department.

Both terminated on the same date—May 11, 1944—and entered the Navy at the same time.

Both once held the same

rating, Fireman, second class.

Both are serving on the same ship, the U. S. S. Stokes, an AKA built here and delivered on Oct. 12, 1944. She is named in honor of a North Carolina county.

Both participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

And both are married and have two children, a boy and girl, each.

Mrs. Wells and children, Jean and Stacy, Jr., reside at 1302 Market street and Mrs. Carver and children, Nancy and David, live at 410 South Second street.

Naval Commander Praises Seminole

Budd Says Performance Of Vessel Has Been 'Very Near 4.0'

"Just a short note to tell you how much, we on board, respect the Seminole. She is a ship your company can well be proud of. Her performance, so far, has been very near 4.0." Commander J. H. Budd, USNR, her commander, recently wrote regarding our 194th ship.

"We hope we will keep up the good start you gave her, so far she has traveled far enough to show us, 'she can take it,'" he added.

The AKA-type vessel was launched on Dec. 28, 1944, under the sponsorship of Miss Pamela Cole, and was delivered Feb. 2, 1945.

The Front Page

The front page of this issue of The North Carolina Shipbuilder is given over to the two most important things we can do to win the war — build more ships and buy more War bonds.

The appealing War bond message, from the nation's five-star generals and admirals, is being featured this month and may well be followed by every employee during the "Mighty 7th" War Loan campaign.

At the bottom are shown six of the many C-2's we have built. Scores of similar ships delivered here are now doing their share to crush the Japanese and restore peace to the world.