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Description: A pamphlet printed for Retail Store and Theatre Owners urging them to sell more War Stamps to help build a naval aircraft carrier and rebomb Tokyo,

BIG GUNS

RETAIL STORES SPECIAL JULY EDITION THEATRES

\$1.00 IN WAR STAMPS FROM EVERY AMERICAN WILL BUILD THE MYSTERY SHIP ... SHANGRI-LA

> BOMB TOKYO With Your Extra Change

BUY WAR STAMPS.
Fill Your Stamp Album Now

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And Newspaper Boys Launch Great War Stamp Drive in July

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131,669,275 Americans—every man, woman and child in the U. S.—will be asked to buy at least \$1.00 in War Stamps to help build the aircraft carrier "Shangri-La" to re-bomb Tokyo and avenge the execution of Jimmy Doolittle's flyers—and save countless other men from the tortures of barbarism.

What an opportunity to demonstrate that the power of selling is greater than the power of treachery and brutality. How easy it will be to sell every American—young and old—on the idea of using "small change" to strike a powerful blow at the heart of Japan! And, finally, what a symbol of American unity to flaunt in the faces of our enemies!

Here is a "natural" for retailers, theatres and newspaper boys. The quota of \$1.00 per person is simple and easy to reach—sets a definite goal for every Stamp salesman. The idea of building the Shangri-La will capture the imagination of the American people and release a torrent of dimes and quarters and half-dollars and dollars.

And don't think the dimes and quarters are not important. One 25 cent War Stamp purchased each week by each American would add ONE BILLION SEVEN HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS annually to our war effort. Remember also—a WAR STAMP sale is not only a PLUS SALE but it creates PLUS BOND SALES.

In July sell every man, woman and child in America ONE DOLLAR extra in War Stamps. TOKYO—Here we come again! GANGWAY FOR THE SHANGRI-LA!

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The \$5.00 book contains
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The following bulletin from the Third Assistant Postmaster General has gone to all Post Offices, "War Savings Stamp books (books of 50-10c Stamps fer \$5.00 and books of 40-25c Stamps for \$10.00) are intended for banks, business houses, commercial concerns, schools, newspaper publishers, and other institutions and associations that purchase them for resale, all of whom should be able to purchase them at their local Post Office singly or in small lots as desired according to their needs."

The Post Office Department is all prepared to furnish the Stamp books pictured and described at the left. The Treasury Department feels you will find these books a great convenience, and they make it more practical for you to sell War Stamps through more clerks and at more locations in your store. Make full use of this service to increase your Stamp sales in July and reach the objective of "\$1.00 per person".

In addition, the Post Office Department is arranging to report War Stamp sales in every community to a designated War Savings Staff representative weekly. Reports of War Stamp purchases will be made between the period from June 25 to August 4. All Stamps purchased between those dates will be dedicated to the building of the Shangri-La.

Get These Stamp Albums In Their Hands

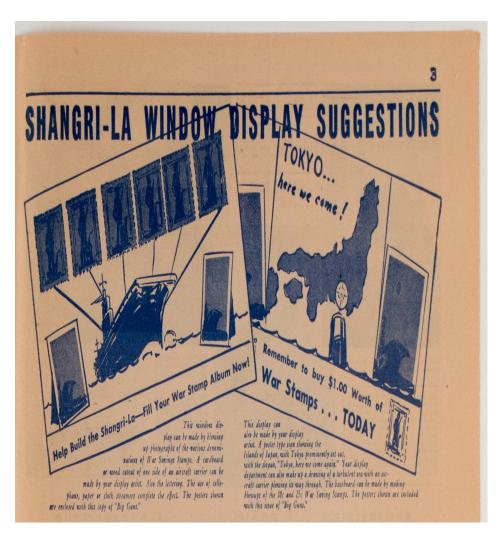
There are 60,000,000 of these Stamp Albums ready for distribution to your customers. See that everyone has one. The man who boasts of having carried a pack in the last war but complains that a Stamp Album is too much trouble—don't let him too much trouble—don't let him get away with it. And also—keep reminding your customers "a half-filled Stamp Album is like a half-equipped soldier". Stamp Albums available at your local Post Office where you buy your War Savings Stamps.



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SHANGRI-LA WINDOW DISPLAY SUGGESTIONS

Help Build the Shangri-La – Fill Your War Stamp Album Now! TOKYO... here we come! / Remember to buy \$1.000 Worth of / War Stamps ... TODAY

This window dis-/play can be made by blowing / up photographs of the various denomi-/nations of War Saving Stamps. A cardboard / or wood cutout of one side of an aircraft carrier can be / made by your display artist. Also the lettering. The use of cello-/phane, paper or cloth streamers complete the effect. The posters shown / are enclosed with this cops of "Big Guns." / This display can / also be made by your display / artist. A poster type sign showing the / Islands of Japan, with Tokyo prominently set out / with the slogan, "Tokyo, here we come again." Your display / department can also make up a drawing of a turbulent sea with an sir-/craft carrier plowing its way through. The baseboard can be made by making / blowups of the 10c and 25c War Saving Stamps. The posters shown are included / with this issue of "Big Guns."

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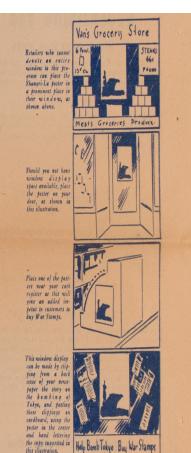
Your windows have been of a dynamic impetus to War Bond and Stamp sales. From all over the country the War Savings Committees send us glowing reports on the cooperation of the retailers and their window displays.

It is estimated that one out of every three people pass by a retail store window at least once every two hours. To make this July War Stamp Campaign a success, we need a display in every window of every retailer in every city, town and community in the United States. With this cooperation from you-every American—man, woman and child—will have it driven home to them that there is a campaign to build the Shangri-La with War Savings Stamps and bomb Tokyo again.

Pictured on this page are window display suggestions. These suggestions are adaptable from the smallest store in a country town to the great emporiums in our metropolitan cities. To a display man this campaign offers the "theme" of a lifetime.

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- A replica of a Japanese flag suspended from the ceiling and caught at the other two
 ends so that it forms a basket. Then suspend from the ceiling by wires a replica of a
 bomb so that it appears to be plunging into the red center.
- Models in wood or cardboard of bombers wending their way over a cut-out of the map of Japan.
- 3. A cardboard design of an aircraft carrier with bombing planes on board,
- 4. Blow-up reproductions of the newspaper stories on the bombing of Tokyo. Also the newspaper stories on the execution of the aviators who were captured by the Japanese, (These stories may be obtained from the files of your local newspaper).
- Blow-ups of official army and navy photographs of the U.S.S. Hornet, and the bombing planes taking off. (These photographs are available from the "morgue" of daily newspapers).
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Retailers who cannot / devote an entire / window to this pro- / gram can place the / Shangri-La poster in / a prominent place in / their window, as / shown above. / Should you not have / window display / space available, place / the poster on your / door, as shown in / this illustration. / Place one of the post- / ers near your cash / register as this will / give an added im - / petus to customers to / buy War Stamps. / This window display / can be made by clip - / ping from a back / issue of your news - / paper the story on / the bombing of / Tokyo, and pasting / these clippings on / cardboard, using the / poster in the center / and hand lettering / the copy suggested in / this illustration.

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CHECK YOUR PLAN OF ACTION Tell your sales people and other employees about the plan-ask sugges-Ask Mothers, wives, and sisters of men in Service if they would like to tions. If yours is a small organization everybody can pitch in and get come into your store during this period and take a personal crack at ready. If yours is a large organization appoint a committee. Don't Tokyo by selling Stamps. Many Women's organizations would like to forget the porters, delivery departments-elevator operators and parking help. Many High School girls and girls home from college will appreciate lot attendants-they too are in this war. Even your telephone operators an invitation to back up their friends in uniform. If you are unable to during this Campaign can answer the phone, "Good morning, Smith contact women yourself for this extra work, call your local War Savings Company-Bomb Tokyo with War Stamps." Committee and they will help you. If you are unacquainted with how to contact your local War Savings Committee telephone your newspaper, radio station, chamber of commerce or post office, Put in a special window-see suggestions above. Borrow relies from the first World War. Let your windows show America is Mad-and intends to avenge the murder of Jinimy Doolittle's flyers. If you run a barber shop, put in the window the razor you would like to use when you Set a quota for your store-give every employee a quota-take one your "Shave" the Mayor of Tokyo. If you run a hardware store use a ropeself. Post your sales daily so every employee may see just what is going if a drug store maybe some ingenious person can fix up a witch, stirring on. A score sheet showing your daily sales put in your window will add up a bitter brew as a cure for treachery. Whatever business you are in -large or small-there is a way to show you are mad. Display photos of your former employees now in uniform. Also photos of relatives of present employees. If you run a neighborhood store or shop-ask your customers to bring in photos of their sons and daughters Don't forget to lay in a supply of War Stamps. If you run newspaper advertising insert at least a line or two reading, Don't stop selling War Bonds - Stamps for the "Buy War Stamps from any employee-to build the Mystery Ship, SHANGRI-LA are Extra. 'SHANGRI-LA.' Bomb Tokyo with America's extra change." If you have a radio program devote a sentence or two to the same theme. To Sales People: Lets show the Japs the power of American selling. The quota for each individual Salesperson is not large and can be made easily if we do but one thing-"Ask 'em to Buy". Ask each customer: "How about a War Stamp to Bomb Tolyo?" or "Have you bought your War Stamps today to build the SHANGRI-LA?" or anything—as long as you ask And-don't be discouraged. It takes only four 25c sales to make a dollar-and what difference if you ask ten or thirty people before you find four purchasers. The boys at the front are winning because they are teeping everlastingly at it—and that's our cue—Keep Everlastingly At It—Ask Everybody.

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OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



MAKE UP THIS ATTRACTIVE BOND BOOTH FOR THE LOBBY

It's simple enough to build a Bond Booth right in your own lobby that will help sell more Bonds and Stamps during Christmas. Attach four upright sticks to the sides of a table or desk and cover the sticks with holly leaves. Use enlargemens of the Christmas tree from the official poster, mount them on this compoboard and staple the board to the front side of the booth (or all sides if you wish). For an effective banner on top, cut out the line "Give War Bonds" from the poster, mount the letters on narrow pieces of wood and staple it to the banner so that it creates a two-dimensional effect.

RADIO SPOTS HELP SELL

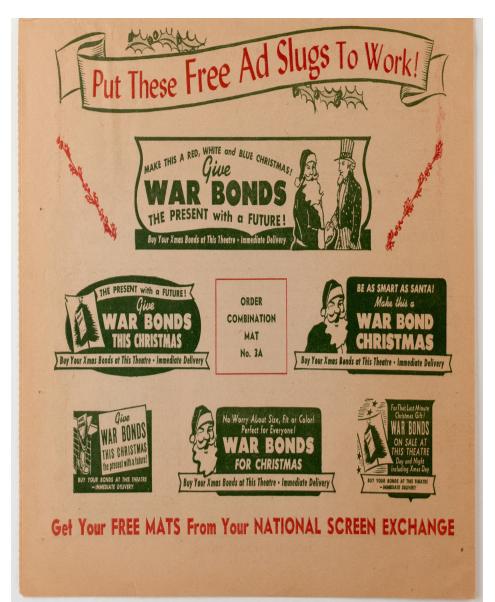
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RADIO SPOTS HELP SELL / Are you dreaming of a white Christmas? So are the boys in the South Pacific - / and they'd like to spend it on Main Street, U.S.A. Bring them back sooner – lick / the Axis fastergive U.S. War Bonds as Christmas gifts this year! Add War Bonds / to your shopping list. You'll not only give your loved ones in the armed forces the / guns, planes, tanks, and bullets they need to win, but you'll bring a little closer the / Christmas that will find them home again! Buy your War Stamps and Bonds today / -now- at your favorite motion picture theatre! The Bond booth is always open, / day and night. Give your family and friends the Present With a Future. Give them / U.S. War Bonds! / There's a future in the present – if the present is a U.S. War Bond! War Bonds / are the things to give for Christmas this year. When you give a War Bond to a / relative or friend, you're buying a gift- a gun, a jeep or a plane- for a fighting / American boy in Europe or the South Pacific. Do your Christmas War Bond / shopping at your favorite movie theatre- where the Bond booth is open day and / night. Buy your gift Bonds today!



Put These Free Ad Slugs To Work!

MAKE THIS A RED, WHITE, and BLUE CHRISTMAS / Give / WAR BONDS / THE PRESENT with a FUTURE! / Buy Your X mas Bonds at This Theatre Immediate Delivery

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ORDER / COMBINATION / MAT / No. 3A

BE AS SMART AS SANTA / Make this a / WAR BOND / CHRISTMAS / Buy Your X mas Bonds at This Theatre Immediate Delivery

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For That Last Minute / Christmas Gift! / WAR BONDS / ON SALE AT / THIS THEATRE / Day and Night / Including Xmas Day / BUY YOUR BONDS AT THIS THEATRE / - IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.

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