

Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL Bird's Nest (Vinton Casson)

ADDRESS Marland Okla.

STREET

TOWN

STATE

MARLAND
80x5

WE REPORT TO THE NATION

We herewith submit a bird's-eye view report of our
SCHOOLS AT WAR Program. It includes factual and pictorial
accounts of our War Savings Program and other outstanding
war activities. It is tangible proof of the resourcefulness, skills,
activities and the will to win of every student, teacher and
parent enlisted in our SCHOOLS AT WAR Program.

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Name of School Bird's Nest

Address Marland, Okla.

Enrollment 14 Grades 3-8

No. of Teachers 1 No. of Classrooms 1

Size of Community Small

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT
WAR Program \$ 9 25 00

Bird's Nest School.
J.T.I.



"UNITED WE STAND"

School Board.

Harold West
Clerk.

Herbert Wyckoff
Director

Kenneth Smith.
Member.

Schools at War

When we entered this scrap drive we entered it to win or die. We have no other intention then to win. We, as the school children of America are behind America one hundred per-cent.

We started our drive for scrap by first calling a meeting of our community and getting the backing of our parents first. We knew if we could win their support we could do so much more. The community turned out almost 100%. We talked over the "Schools at War," project and at last came to an understanding with our parents just what was expected of us and also of them. They cooperated wholeheartedly with us. This put more zeal in us then we had hoped for.

Our parents told us to go ahead and round up all the scrap metal we find and set days for us to come into each home to gather nails and small bits of metal that otherwise would be omitted in the big drive.

Tuesday 14, was set for a community drive with our parents, trucks and tractors as helpers.

We, with the help of our teacher, scoured the community. we picked nails to the extent of one ton. We pulled tin, tanks, wire, tires, pipes and many old pieces of scrap metal that had been discarded so long ago that we had to take a horse to help us pull it out of its hiding place. By working every day and after school we collected a nice little pile. This we had ready to take to the junk buyer when the trucks were to be here.

Tuesday 14 came with all our mothers and fathers, trucks and tractors. We all worked the whole day very hard. The community was scoured for unnoticed places by us. Dinner was spread at the school house in picnic style.

Our goal was a ton apiece but when the weights were counted we had a little more than 2300lbs. to each child's credit.

Some of the farmers kept their own proceeds while some was donated to us for our effort in pushing the drive.

Our teacher offered small war stamps as individual prizes which made us work a little harder among ourselves.

The money we received from the scrap drive amounted to \$27.83 plus a \$5.00 war stamp from the county as a prize and a \$25.00 war bond from the state. With the money we gave the U.S.O. \$5.00, the Red Cross \$3.00 for oversea kits, \$1.00 on T.B. stamps and joined the Junior Red Cross. With the remainder we hope to use as we desire for our own school fund.

We are very proud of our district in its attitude of the drive and more so of our state, Oklahoma. She won first in the United States and won the Honor of Christening the first battle ship, The Will Rogers.

"If you want a job done call on Oklahoma she will be by your side."

Billings School Wins First In Scrap Contest

Billings schools turned in 261,823 pounds of the 711,896 pounds of scrap metal collected by the Noble county schools during the October 5 to October 17 school campaign of the newspaper-sponsored drive to win first prize in the county salvage contest.

Ten dollars in national defense stamps goes to the Billings school, as the first in six prizes totalling 35, half of which was contributed by the Noble county civilian defense committee and the other half by The Perry Daily Journal.

Perry city schools, independent district 52, won the second, \$8.00 defense stamp prize for a collection of 167,765 pounds of scrap. The schools in this group included Perry high school, the Elementary building, and Blaine school, all working under the direction of City Superintendent George Spraberry and Floyd Pratt, sponsor of the high school student council.

Other winners were Sumner, third prize of \$6.00 in stamps for 49,805 pounds; Bird's Nest, joint district 1, fourth prize of \$5.00 for 32,540 pounds; Barrett, district 81, fifth prize of \$4.00 for 32,041 pounds; and Valley Center, district 55, sixth prize of \$2.00 for 28,213 pounds.

Among other county schools with high totals, those completing the list of the high 15, were District 16, 24,512 pounds; District 26 23,629; District 23, 15,865; Independent Consolidated 3, 15,820; Christ Lutheran in Perry, 14,885.

District 12, 12,435; District 27, 11,415; District 71, 11,145; and District 35, 10,000.

Results in the contest were based on actual weight receipts turned in to the county superintendent's office. The school's total collection of 711,896 pounds is almost half of the

Scrap Collection Honor To Oklahoma Pupils

New York—Industrious Oklahoma school children won the privilege of sponsoring the first of forty-eight Liberty ships by collecting more scrap metal per capita than the school children of the other forty-seven states, the American Industries Salvage committee announced Monday.

H. J. Terry, 10, will represent the twenty-three students of the Oscar school in Jefferson County, Oklahoma, at the launching this month.

Will Rogers was the name chosen by a majority of the children for the ship.

Birds' Nest School Gets \$25 War Bond

The 14 students of Birds' Nest school, joint district one, Monday will receive the \$25 defense bond which they won for their school through their efforts in the recent nationwide newspaper-sponsored scrap metal drive.

The school won 19th in the state contest for schools, when students collected 32,540 pounds of scrap for a per capita average of 2,324.28.

Guy Lambert, county superintendent, visited the school Friday when the teacher, Miss Vivian Creason, gave him the prize check and asked him to purchase the bond in Perry in order that it would be counted in this county's monthly bond sales total. Lambert mailed the bond to the school today.

This school was among three prize winners from this county in the state contest. W. A. Swanson, farmer living south-east of Perry, recently received a check for the purchase of a \$75 war bond as second prize in the contest for individuals, and it is assumed that Valley Center school, district 55, south-east of Billings, has received its prize check by now. This school won second place and was to receive a \$25 war bond.

Merit certificates were to be sent to other county schools with high records, Barret school, district 81; district 26; 4-D, district 31; and Billings city schools.

County School Donates Scrap Drive Money

Pupils at Bird's Nest school, taught by Miss Vivian Creason, have some good ideas as to what to do with money taken in from county-sponsored drives.

With a surplus of \$8 on hand from the recent scrap drive, in which the Bird's Nest school was a high placer, the school children decided the money should be donated to the Red Cross overseas kit and to the USO.

Thursday morning, County Superintendent Guy Lambert was in receipt of a \$5 bill and three ones which Mrs. Creason said were to be given to the county organizations.

Three dollars will be contributed to the overseas kit, Lambert said, and \$5 will be donated to the USO.

The school is located 21 miles north and three east of Perry and is jointly operated by Kay and Noble counties. Thirteen students are enrolled, Lambert said.

Red Cross Kit Bag Fund Goes Over 100 Mark

Contributions to the Red Cross overseas kit fund totalled \$109 when latest gifts were added in Friday morning, Mrs. F. K. Shrock, Noble county Red Cross production chairman, said.

Individuals and organizations making contributions during the past week have been Perry Christian Ladies Aid, \$7.00; Hunter farm club, \$3.00; Perry Whole Milk plant, \$5.00; County Farm Women's Council, \$5.00; Chapter BH of P. E. O., \$5.00; and members of the White Hall club and Lucien Red Cross sewing room

White Hall club members who each gave \$1.00, making a total of \$8.00, were Mrs. Earl Harting, Mrs. Earnest Foster, Mrs. A. A. Sieminskie, Mrs. Bessie Branson, Mrs. Mattie Webb, Mrs. Nellie Branson, Mrs. R. Harting, and Mrs. Ina Miller.

Also giving \$1.00 each for a total of \$9.00 were the workers of the Red Cross sewing room at Lucien, Mrs. Frank Goe, Hulda Moelling, Mrs. Ott Clark, Mrs. Jake Kirkhart, Mrs. Arthur Mcelling, Mrs. Jim Watson, Mrs. Jake Frank, Mrs. Emmet Kennedy, and Dale Kirkhart.

Birds Nest school, of which Vivian Creason is the teacher, was also listed among the contributors. Students of his school voted to give to the kit fund \$3.00 of the money obtained from sale of scrap metal.

This week's gifts added up to \$45 and made a grand total, with past contributions of \$64, of \$109. Contents of the first shipment of the kits, to be given men of the armed forces when they embark for foreign duty, will be ordered soon, Mrs. Shrock said.

State Pupil Will Watch Ship Launching

Baltimore—(U.P.)—Ten-year-old H. J. Terry, a pupil at the Oscar school in Jefferson county, Okla., will watch from a safe distance Sunday as someone else christens the \$10,000 liberty ship, Will Rogers, with a bottle of sparkling champagne.

Officials at the shipyards would give no reason why earlier plans to have young Terry himself swing the bottle had been changed, but these two factors probably had

1. The Women's Christian something to do with it:

Temperance Union frowns on youngsters handling bottles of spirits even for christenings.

2. Seamen and ship builders consider any vessel christened without the use of alcoholics as a "hard luck ship."

Young Terry was selected to launch the Will Rogers, named after the famed Oklahoma humorist, as a reward for collecting scrap metal.

Pictures of Our Project



Bird's Nest School



Trucks loaded with scrap



Women loading a car body



Loaded truck



Women and children pulling junk from the creek.



Women pulling junk

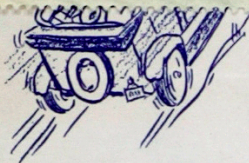
OKLAHOMA PRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL FUND

CHECK NO. 1231

THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN FULL SETTLEMENT OF ITEMS SHOWN BELOW. DETACH THIS STATEMENT BEFORE DEPOSITING.

DATE	IN PAYMENT OF:	GROSS	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
11-18-42	SCRAP METAL AWARD			
	Joint 1, Bird's Nest School, Marland, Okla. for \$25.00 War Bond			18.75



CONGRATULATIONS!

With this letter we extend to you and your associates the heartiest congratulations of the Oklahoma Press Association for your outstanding achievement in the recent newspaper-sponsored scrap drive. Enclosed is your reward -- a check with which to purchase your U. S. War Savings Bond, in accordance with the rules of the contest.

You are being sent a check rather than the bond itself in order that you may purchase the bond locally to apply on your county's bond quota, and in order that the bond may be registered in the name of the proper organization or individual.

Within a short time you will receive a certificate of honor which you may display as evidence of your participation and achievement in this drive.

Sincerely yours,

OKLAHOMA NEWSPAPER SCRAP CAMPAIGN

Vernon T. Sanford
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 Executive Assistant



Newspaper Scrap Campaign



STATEWIDE SCRAP METAL AND RUBBER CAMPAIGN FOR VICTORY

HEADQUARTERS 9TH FLOOR COMMERCE EXCHANGE BUILDING ... TELEPHONE 2-2968--2-2437

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

11-18-20



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Executive Assistant

November 12, 1942.

Birds Nest School,
Miss Vivian Creason, Teacher,
Route # 1,
Marland, Oklahoma.

Dear Miss Creason and Students:

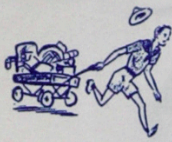
Mr. Guy Lambert, Superintendent of Noble County Schools, to-day handed me \$5.00 which you sent him to be donated to the U. S. O. I am enclosing duplicate deposit slip as your receipt for the donation.

As Treasurer of the Noble County U. S. O. fund I wish to thank you. It is self denial and spirit of this kind that makes victory a certainty for our forces.

Sincerely yours,

ORH:lh

OR Hall
Treasurer, Noble County U. S. O.



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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

November 23, 1942

Dear Scrap Collector:

It gives us pleasure to send you, under separate cover, a certificate of honor, awarded to you in recognition of your outstanding efforts in connection with the recent newspaper sponsored scrap drive.

We hope that this award will find a prominent place, where it will not only serve as a reminder of your past efforts, but as a stimulus toward continued activity.

Sincerely yours,

OKLAHOMA NEWSPAPER SCRAP CAMPAIGN

J. I. Meyerson, Executive Asst.

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OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DEFENSE SAVINGS STAFF

209 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 29, 1942

SUBJECT: "SCHOOLS AT WAR" PROGRAM AND CITATION

Receipt is acknowledged of your entry card for participation in the "Schools At War" Program informing us that your school plans to qualify for the Treasury Citation for service to the war effort by submitting by January 7, 1943, a Scrapbook recording your school's war activities.

We are very happy that the schools in Oklahoma are making such a generous, whole-hearted response to this all-important War Activity, and are confident that the teachers and school children will achieve an even better record the ensuing school year in this vital war effort than they did last year.

You already know of the importance of the success of this national patriotic promotion within the schools of our Country. Your first kit of material containing a definite plan of action for this program has been received by your school. You will receive other material from time to time, so please build a special file for reference.

Although the results you obtain in this program will depend largely upon your own initiative and enterprise, we urge that you get in touch with your district chairman of the War Bond committee on Education or your nearest member of this special district committee for further aid. Mr. Paul R. Taylor, Supt. of Schools, El Reno, is State Education Chairman of War Bonds.

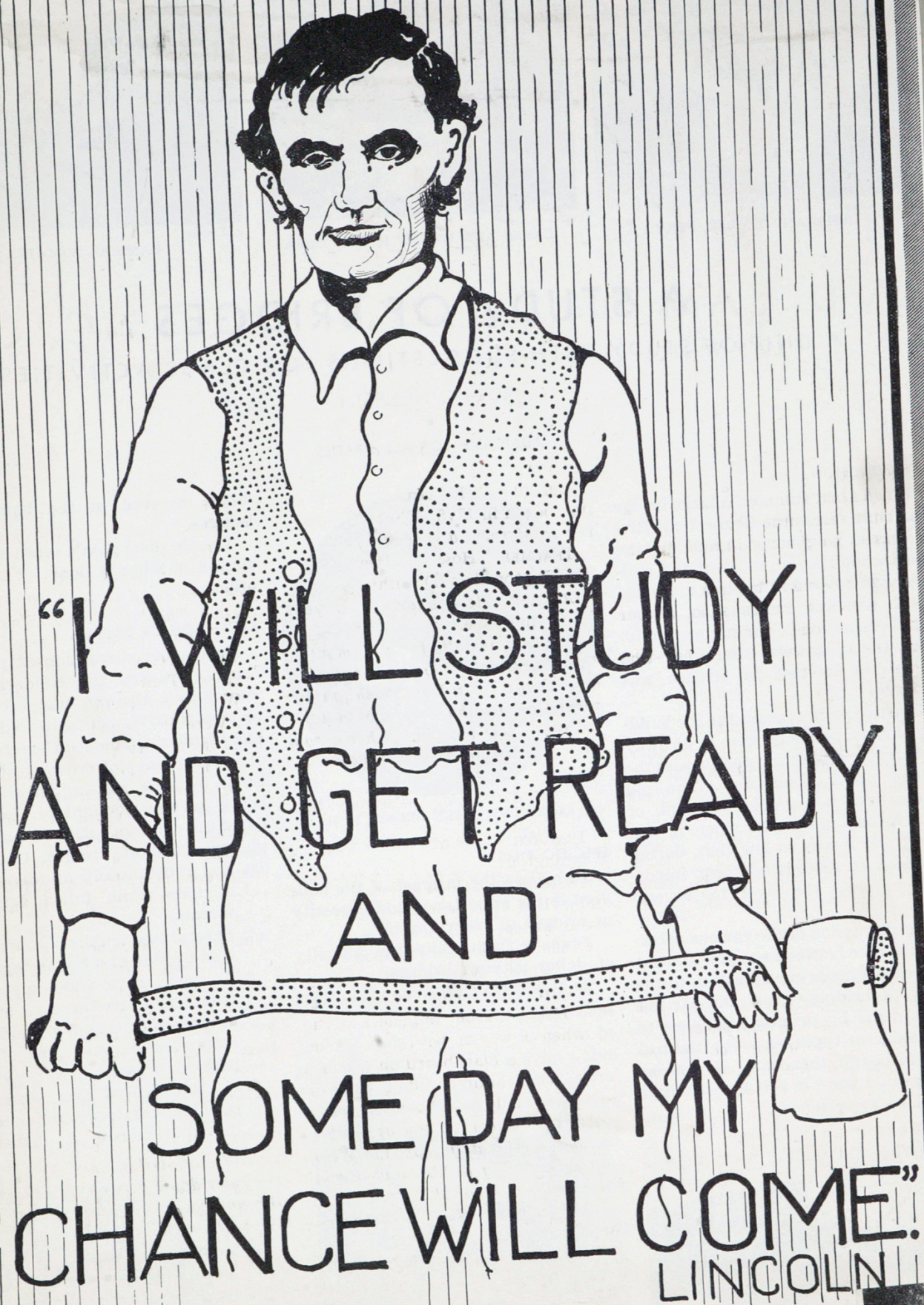
We are confident that your school will make a fine contribution to the war effort through the execution of this program. We of the state War Savings Staff offer you our full cooperation at all times.

Yours for Victory,

H. C. Jones

H. C. Jones
State Administrator
War Savings Staff
Oklahoma Division





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ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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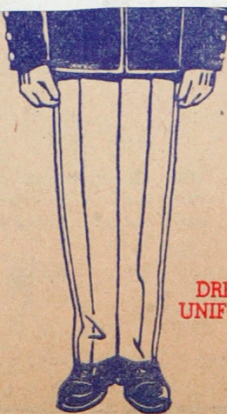
A DEFENDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

For directions see page 94

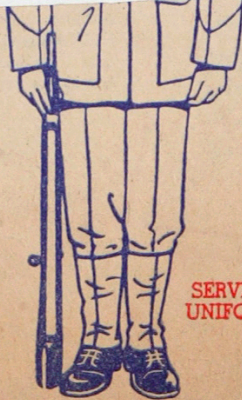
Official U. S. Marine Corps Emblem

The Marine Corps is one of the most important units of our fighting forces, operating on land, sea and in the air. Its members are appointed from civil life, and both commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers have gained meritorious recognition. The Marines always maintain an organized reserve and are often called "Navy's Army." They are always on active duty in time of war.

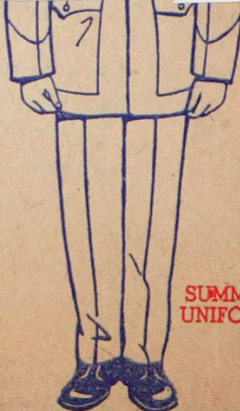
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SUMMER UNIFORM



1942

14" x 14"

POEMS

These poems were written by the children .

SCRAP

We have gathered a deal of scrap.
Now we want to koll a Jap.
Because we know they are a sap,
Any place we find them on the map.
Leon Wyckoff
3rd. grade

KEEP'M FLY'N

Keep'm high in the air,
Keep'm flying everywhere.
Let the Japs fall in a barrel,
And keep the Yanks high in the air.
Bobby Sipes
3rd. grade

MY SCRAP

I gathered my scrap to kill a Jap,
No matter where I am at.
Marvin Cooper
3rd. grade.

SCRAPS OF JUNK

We gathered scraps of junk,
To kill the Jap, the dirty skunk.
We want our airplanes to fly,
So we'll still have "FREEDOM," by-by.
Eva Poorhorse
3rd. grade

(Indian)

TO WIN A WAR

To win the war, we must fight,
With all our might.
The airplanes carry bombs and freight,
That we can live as freedom rates.
Helen West
4th. grade

Gathering scrap

We gather scrap to slap the Jap.
We don't need help, we'll do it ourself
And do a good job of that.
We'll make our guns go rat-a-tap-tap
Rat-a-tap-tap.
Patricia Guice
4th grade.

OUR SCRAP DRIVE

The community did gather
The scrap to find.
The weeds, the weather
Did not hinder our spirit so fine.
Bed springs, tanks, stoves and cars
The scrap heap did yield.
And even some tires
Was gathered in yards and fields.
So, now the weapons will go,
To our boys wherever they fight,
But as we know, our side if right.

Maurice West
5th. grade

Scrap

We gathered scrap to kill the yellow dirty Jap,
The dirtiest cowards on earth.
To me, I think they're rats,
I wish they'd never seen their birth.

Harriett Poorhorse
6th. grade
(Indian)

SCHOOLS AT WAR

It didn't take a tank or gun
It didn't take a plane,
It never took a skillful hand
Or a mighty brain.

It only took a pile of scrap,
They called it junk before,
By sending it to slap the Jap
Our schools have gone to war.

Olin Dail Smith
6th. grade

SLAP THE JAP

We're all out to get the scrap,
That will slap the Jap
When we get it all in
We'll buy all the bonds we can.

Billie Guice
7th. grade

SCRAP GOES TO WAR

I gathered scrap all day,
After it was loaded, never did it stay
Off to war it went.
The barrel of a gun that it made, was never bent
The Jap, the bullet hit never failed to fall
For they hit them all.
The tank it topped,
Were never stopped.
The plane it built
Was never sewed by a Jap quilt.
The bomb it made,
Always hit the spot where a Jap laid.
The ship it built, will never tilt
I gathered scrap all day. By Bryce West 7th. grade

THE SCRAP

It is hard to make people understand,
That this is war, so that is why we are
Gathering up scrap so we can kill all
the Japs.

But the Germans better not boast or
They will be seeing a ghost.
That will be the Yanks
That is why we are gathering up scrap
So we can make airplanes, ships and tanks.

Wanda Cooper
7th grade

SCRAP FOR THE JAPS

We, the people of Bird's Nest Dist. Jt. 1
Stepped up and gathered our scrap To put the Japs
on the run.
But the Germans too had better not boast
Because the Yanks will get them and also their boats

The people here gave their scrap for ships, guns
and also tanks,
And will keep on giving to back up the Yanks,
We are also very glad because
We gave our scrap for this great cause.

Wilma Wooper 8th. grade

THE WAR

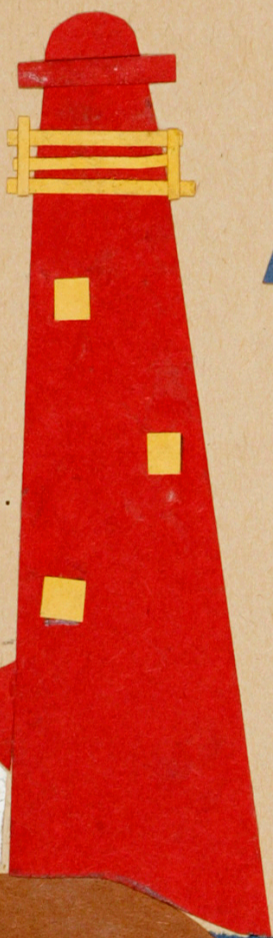
Bird's Nest School is gathering scrap,
To slap the dirty little Jap.
Our tanks, ships and guns,
Will send the Japs on the run.
Our fighting forces, called the Yanks
Appreciate the scrap,
That makes ships, guns, and tanks.

Ruel Case 8th. grade

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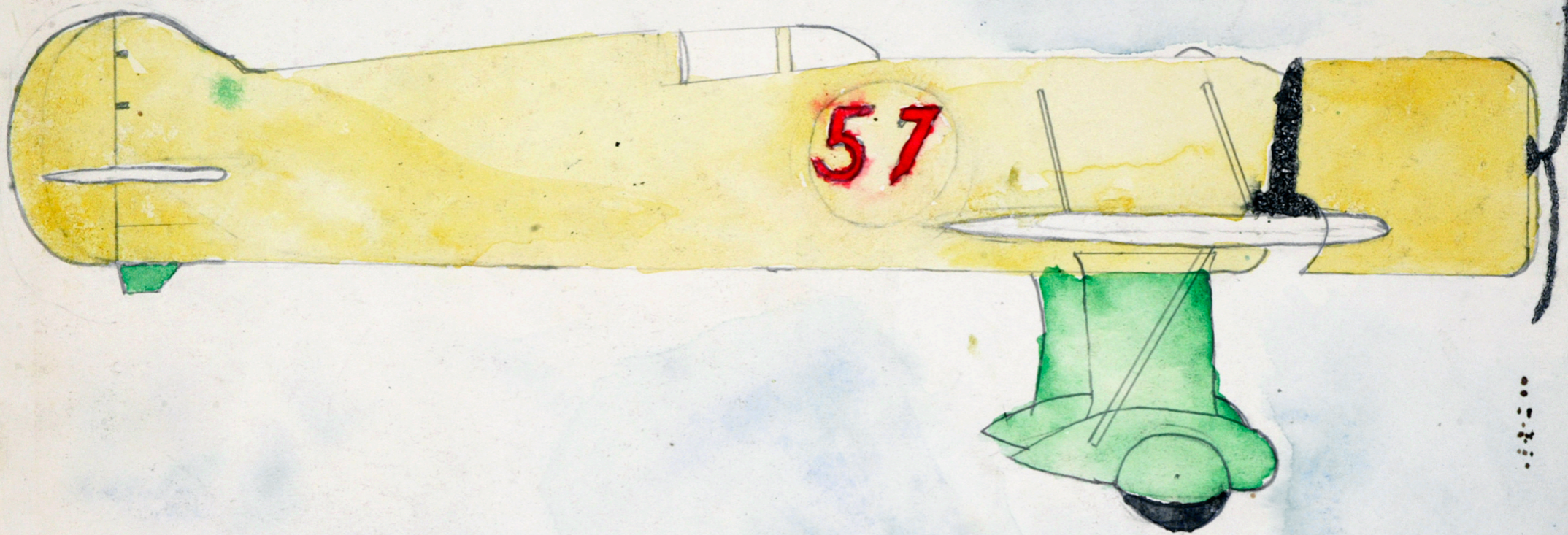
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BUY

BONDS



RUEL case 8th



Dear daddy
I love you very much
I hope you will
love me too
I am a good girl
Love
Daddy
Daddy
Daddy



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P I C K U P A N Y T H I N G
I N T H E S T R E E T

I DEFEND

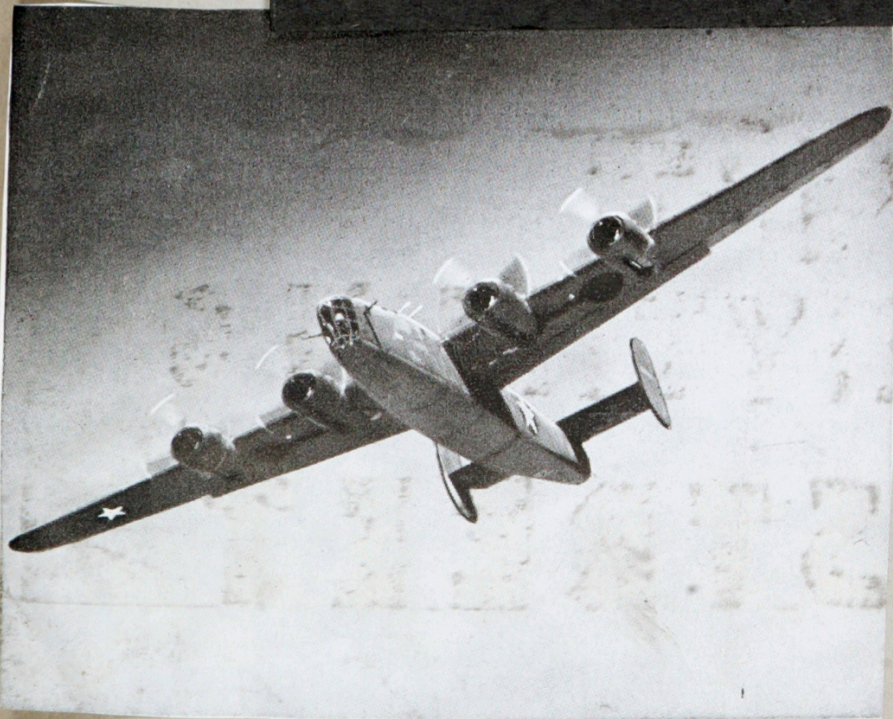


We WILL
fight by
going to
school.

Education
is the first
step toward
victory.

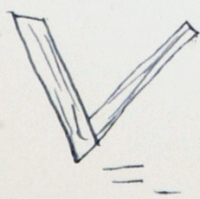
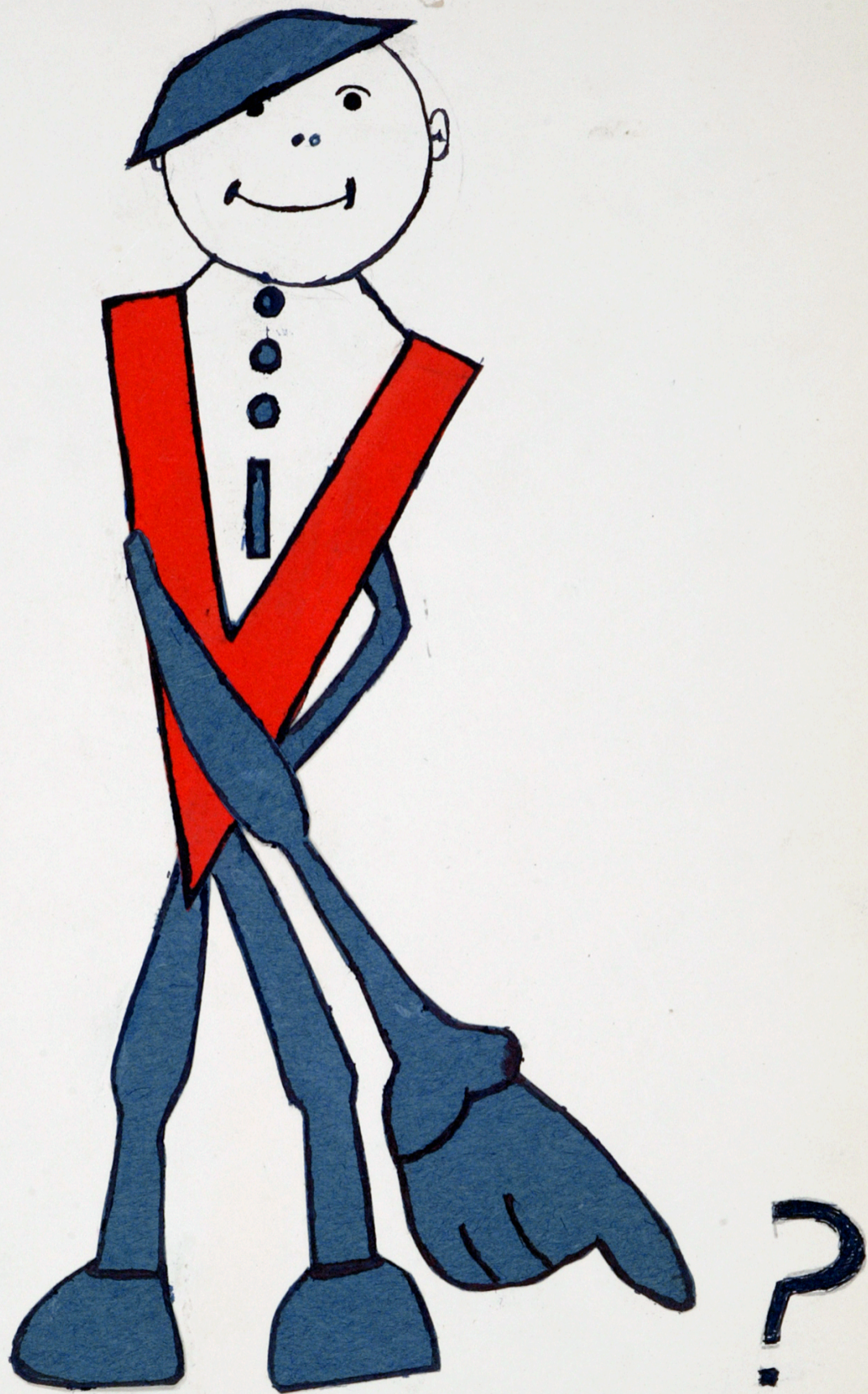
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go together.

GOOD ENGLISH





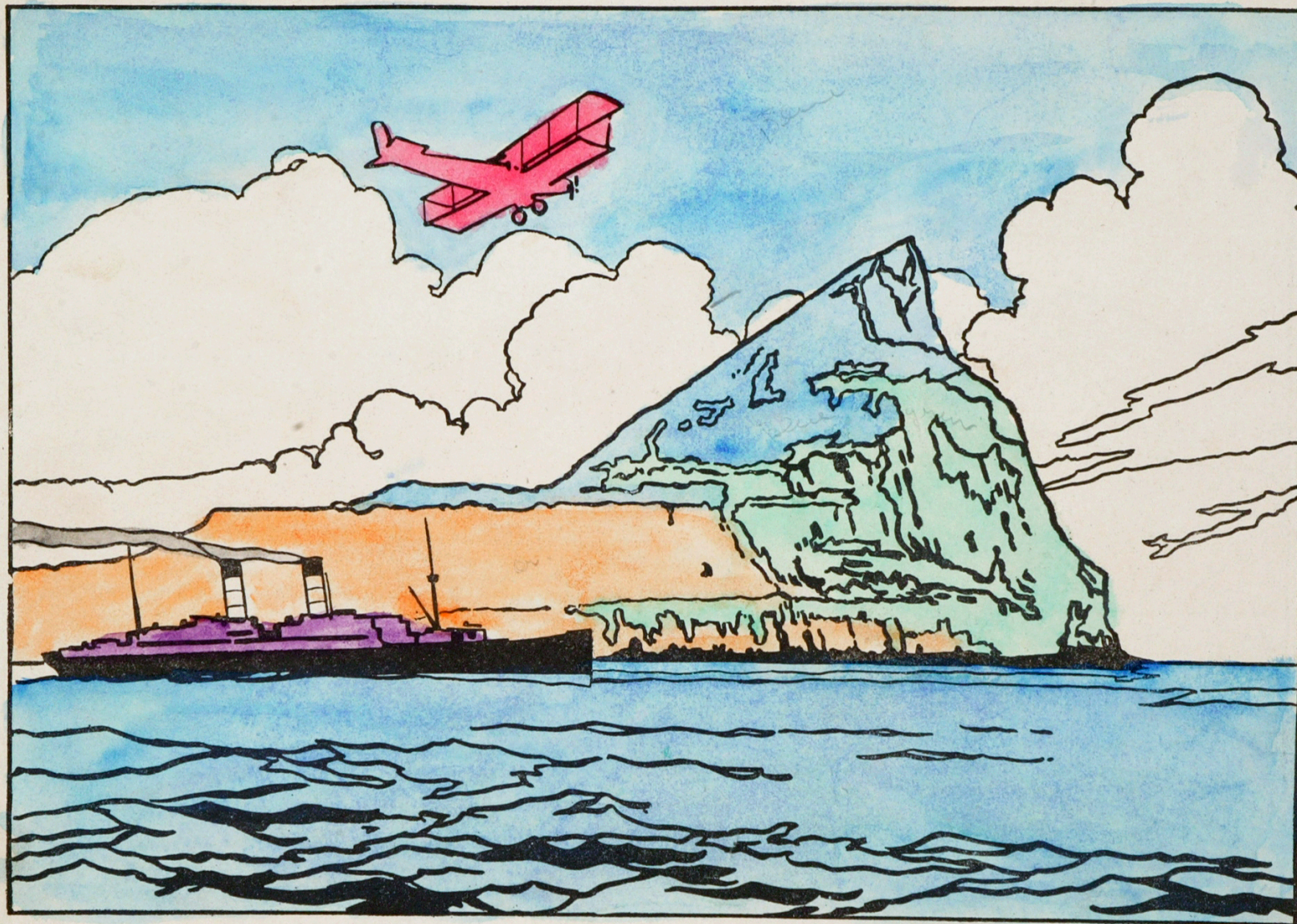
Shells For
Victory
Buy Bonds
And STAMPS



FOR VICTORY

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THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

MAY ENGLAND KEEP HER

OUR First Payment ON AN ARMY TRUCK



No war front is too tough for these powerful heavy-duty Studebakers

RUBER AND
SCRAP METAL
32,540 LBS.

Bonds bought
\$ 800.00

WAR STAMPS
\$ 24.65

Children ENROLLED

- Leon-Wylkoff
- Marvin-Cooper
- EVA Poor Horse
- Bobby Sipes
- Helen West
- PAT Guice
- HARRIETT-Poor Horse
- OLIN SMITH
- Bryce west
- WANDA COOPER
- BILLIE Guice
- WILMA COOPER
- RUEK CASE

OVER SEA
KITS

Solder Intertainment
\$ 5.00 IN CASH.

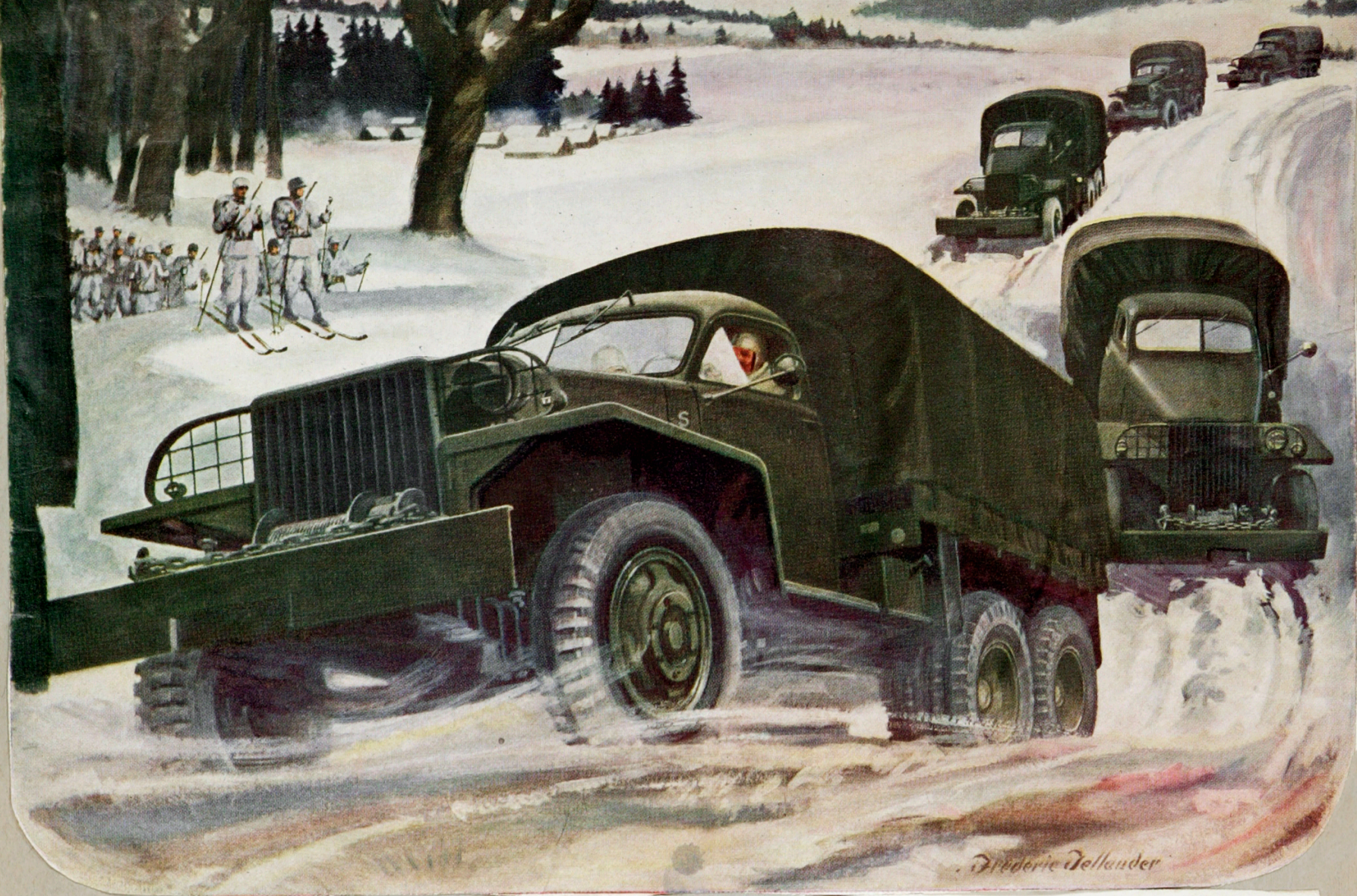
MORE SCRAP AND LESS JAP.

we will study and try to bring everlasting peace.

Teacher
VIVIAN CREASON.



103) may result in this change. 2. Redistribute doctors. Doctors left at home should be divided more equally among the population. More doctors should be sent to areas where serious shortages now occur. If these areas are too poor to support them, part of their salaries should be paid by the Federal Government. 3. Use more aliens. Dr. Farran points out that many medical men have come here from Europe to escape Axis. Some of these men are given to our own doctors. (see page 103) may result in this change.



No war front is too tough for these powerful heavy-duty Studebakers

RUBBER AND
SCRAP METAL
32,540 LBS.

BONDS BOUGHT
\$ 800 00

WAR STAMPS
\$ 24.65

CHILDREN ENROLLED

LEON-WYCKOFF
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BOBBY Sipes
HELEN WEST

OVER SEAS
KITS

PAT GUICE
HARRIETT-POOR HORSE
OLIV SMITH
BRYCE WEST
WANDA COOPER
BILLIE GUICE
WILMA COOPER
RUEK CASE

SOLDIER ENTERTAINMENT
\$ 5 00 IN CASH.

MORE SCRAP AND LESS JAP.

WE WILL STUDY AND TRY TO BRING EVERLASTING PEACE.

Teacher

VIVIAN CREASON.



...y more doctors in cities than in
all towns and rural districts. Doc-
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nt on a good income.

ow, many of these small towns
country areas have become cen-
of war production, attracting
usands of new citizens. Valparaiso,
rida, has ten times its former pop-
tion, yet there is not a doctor
hin ten miles of the town. In the
skirts of Baltimore, war indus-
es have raised the population from
5,000 to 220,000 in a single year.

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