

Your News at noon now pauses for its contribution to this Civilian D-Day....to NBC'S twenty-one hours of broadcasting dedicated to the five million patriotic citizens who this day are making their solicitations for the Fifth War Loan Drive.

You can think of war bonds in terms of practically anything that makes this war go our way....that is bringing American men and ships out on top. You can think of them ~~as~~ for the food they will buy some ten million men and women, you can think of them ~~for~~ in terms of the clothing a great army must wear...the best; you can ~~thi~~ think of them in terms of ~~the~~ shot and shell, and powder, and plasma, and healing drugs....~~each man and woman and young person~~ and motors and ~~gas~~ gasoline and oil.....each man and woman and young person when he ~~gives~~ ~~up~~ buys a bond to-day or spends a week's allowance for a ~~first~~ page of war stamps will ~~visual~~ visualize something that his ~~k~~ money can buy....some tool of war that makes us that much stronger in the ~~war~~

face of a strong enemy.

~~Perhaps one of the most important~~

It would be hard to put your finger on just what is most important in this long list...I certainly wouldn't try. And I didn't ask Lieut. Robert Anderson, ~~was~~ of the Coast Guard ~~to~~ to come up here because I think the Coast Guard and his branch of the Service is the most important arm of the service.....

But Lieut. Robert W. Anderson ~~is~~ who spent two years ~~aboard~~ ^{the} coast Guard cutter **COMANCHE** ~~...of the cutter type~~ went thru the Battle of the Atlantic and saw...(and helped do it)Hitler's wolf packs of submarines driven off the convoy routes.

You'll agree I believe that ~~that accomplishment against~~ ~~great odds~~ the clearing of the sealanes...against great odds....was one of the great victories of the war.....

~~And by the way...at the risk of embarrassing~~

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GODDARD: Lieut. ~~xxxx~~ Anderson can tell us about ~~itx~~ how it was ~~accompl~~ accomplished.... When did you first go out on anti-submarine patrol, Lt?

ANDERSON: (Date) *14 FEBRUARY 1942*

GODDARD: That's when things were tough as I recall from the news.

ANDERSON: Yes...someday, ^{on} that story can be told. Right now let's ^{just} let the word "tough" describe it out there in the North Atlantic. You might draw the picture this way: the Germans, after years of preparation, had their best equipment out there and plenty of it..., ~~they had sound detectors way ahead of anything in the world....~~ they had the latest their ~~xxxx~~ builders and scientists could develop. We went out with everything we had.....but it didn't measure up. → in those first days of the war. ~~xxxx~~ Why, some of our patrol ships couldn't go as fast as ^{some} ~~any~~ of the best Nazi u-boats. They were running circles around us and...as you remember.. .sinking a great many of our ships. They knew we couldn't hit them very hard ~~anywhere~~ anywhere ~~xxx~~ while ~~the~~ they enjoyed that ~~xxxx~~ superiority in war machines.....

But they didn't have superiority in will, and American courage and energy.....and ability.

GODDARD: That began to assert itself early ~~xxxx~~ did it and the tide of battle began to turn, Lieut. When was that about.....

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ANDERSON: ~~It should say about~~ That's difficult to pin down to an exact date. ~~xxxx~~ The Coast Guard, ~~and the~~

Navy and American manufacturers began to get our ~~out equipment~~ equipment rolling right away. ~~and~~ **new gear** Some of the ~~gears~~ we'd never heard of before. We were sent to special shore classes to learn about new gear.....important machines and instruments that were the deepest of military secrets.....it seemed like every week there was something new to learn about.....

Goddard: Can you name ~~for~~ some of those gadgets and gear, Lieut?

ANDERSON: (?)

SORRY, DON, THEY STILL ARE NAVY SECRETS.

GODDARD: ~~And other things~~ **also** too numerous to mention.... ~~on child~~ ~~to~~ ~~secret~~is that it?

ANDERSON: That's it.... ~~and they~~ ~~was~~ but the tide turned about that time...with new ships and new anti-submarine gear ~~was~~....AND THE SAME MEN.....we began to get the better of them. Sinkings of merchant ships began to decline. and U-boats began to disappear. ~~the run to England~~ ~~was like a long voyage in~~ ~~the~~ ~~that~~ ~~happened~~.

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GODDARD: Like a voyage on a yacht in Sheephead Bay, what, "Lieut. for
I understand you came up thru private ~~sail~~ yachting into the CG?

ANDERSON: That's right.....

GODDARD: Do you think the u-boat is licked.....for good?

ANDERSON: Just as long as we have the ships ~~and the instruments that~~
~~are~~ the guns and the gear, generally.....they won't bother our ~~ship~~
shipping in the Atlantic to any extent!

GODDARD: What about the Pacific?

ANDERSON: I think that goes for anti-submarine work out there too.....
although so far I've been busy on this side.- And that brings us around
~~GODDARD~~ to the point of to-day's broadcast. Every nut and bolt and
grain of powder.....~~and this power~~ ~~to~~.....that stopped
the submarine and knocked holes in Hitler's blockade.....was backed by
the money that the people of America invested in war bonds.

GODDARD: And to-day we need more than ever before....

ANDERSON: That's right.....sixteen billion more for the time being.
We're fighting two wars. ~~and this is the first~~ after all.

GODDARD: A big job certainly.....we sometimes forget it...especially
when the news is good.

ANDERSON: And the news is good...I think... because the men are the best

and so is their equipment.

GODDARD: And the best costs money and money means war bonds.

ANDERSON: You can say that again.

GODDARD:

ANDERSON: By the way, Don, I have a little private stake in this war ~~tax~~
bond drive....this particular one. You see ten of us officers and two
hundred men are waiting for a new ship....a brand new vessel of the ~~frig~~
frigate class. ~~So as soon as we get it we'll be on our way~~
it has been fitted we'll be on our way.....and we really want to be
on our way again.....

I know ~~that we are waiting for a ship~~ the
government isn't exactly waiting until somebody buys a war bond to
let us get going....but ~~it's a little bit of a~~ I hope
reluctance to buy war bonds won't hold up other outfits either.....

GODDARD: I get it. and it's a swell story, Lieut Robert Anderson.

~~By the way folks I'd like to tell you~~

~~By the way~~