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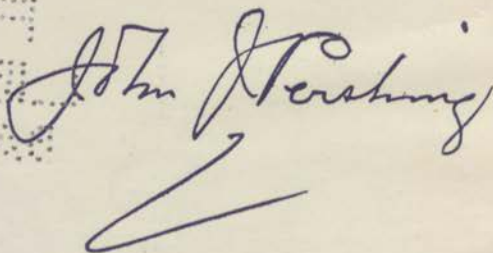


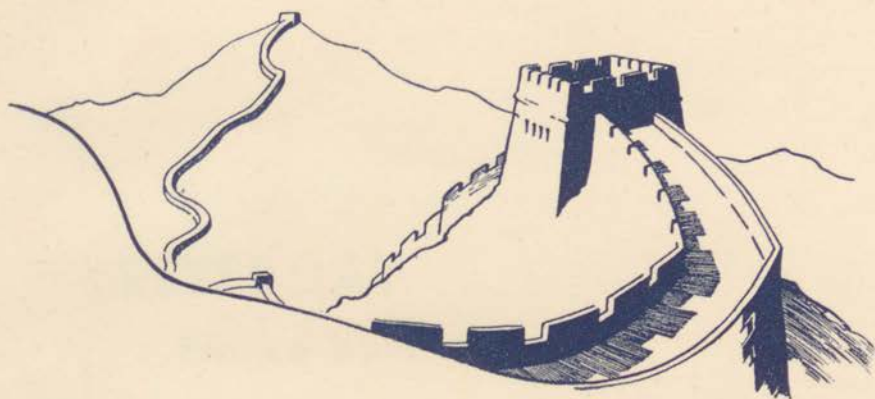
FOREWORD

by

THE GENERAL OF THE ARMIES
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS LITTLE book is aptly titled "You Can Defend America." No patriotic citizen can read it without feeling its inspiration. None can fail fully to indorse its ultimate objective—the preservation of our precious heritage. It invokes the principles of good citizenship and the spirit of '76 and of '17 in this new emergency confronting our great democracy. How each of us can do his part in the home, in industry, in every walk of life, is indicated clearly and forcefully. I commend its message to every American.





ONCE

China built a wall

SHE LIVED BEHIND IT. She laughed at her enemies. She felt secure.

Soon an invader came from the north. Three times China found the enemy inside her gates. They did not storm the wall. They did not go around it. They simply bribed the gate-keepers.





YESTERDAY

France built a wall

THE MAGINOT LINE. Steel and stone. She felt secure behind it. She put her faith in it.

Yet France fell. Why?

Something was missing. There was a gap through which an invader came. That gap was not only in the wall. It was in the spirit of the people.







TODAY

America builds a wall

A RING OF STEEL. Ships and planes and guns.

But is this enough?

Does America have what China lacked? What France lacked? Does she have *total* defense?

She builds her wall. Does she build character? Spirit? The will to sacrifice?

Does she build men? Men who pull together?

Before our eyes the world changes. Nations collapse.

We in America ask: "What can I do?" What can 130 million Americans do?

PLENTY!





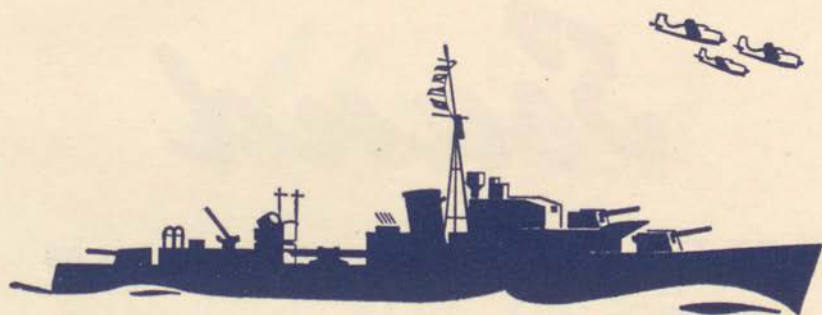
BEHIND SHIPS PLANES AND GUNS
STAND THREE LINES OF DEFENSE

Sound Homes

Teamwork in Industry

A United Nation

THEY FILL THE GAP . . .



THEY MUST BE MANNED

THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

Sound

WHY DON'T the nations get along like one big family? A humorist answers, "The trouble is they do!"

Homes are the cement of national life. The place where the nation learns how to live together. The non-stop assembly line of character which is the heart of national morale. If homes crack, the nation cracks.

Family life once made America great. Home building was an art. But it went out with the horse and buggy. For millions today home means only a filling station by day and a parking place at night. Divorce is rapidly becoming part of the American Way. And the birth-rate continues to go down.

Many of us would willingly die for our family, but sometimes find it pretty tough having to live with them. So Father pays the bills. Mother worries. The children do as they please. We like to sing "Home Sweet Home"—when we're away from home.

To defend America we need sound homes. Where the family hide nothing from one another and help one another to give their best. Where there is plenty of laughter and love. Where meals are not just gulp and go, but where the company and conversation are as good as the food. Where the welcome sign is always out. Where neighbors can drop in to borrow a cup of flour and find real friendship. And courage when times are hard.

Homes that pull together, pull the town together. And unite the nation.

Homes

Fathers who know how to unite their families will take that spirit into their jobs. If they can settle private strikes and lockouts at home, they know the way to industrial cooperation.

Mothers who teach their children responsibility, faith and discipline will build the nation's character.

Families who allow no waste in their kitchens will show the nation how to use all of everything. Their thrift will help make America secure.

Sound homes will produce not only the man power, but the will power to defend America.



THE SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE

Teamwork

WAR IN INDUSTRY has cost Americans three million dollars a day. It can sabotage any re-armament program. It can cripple a nation before an army gets into the field.

France failed in the factory before she failed at the front. Her people forgot how to pull together. Employers refused to sacrifice. Men refused to work. In her zero hour desperation was no substitute for preparation. She was lost.

America must win the battle for industrial cooperation if she is to be secure. Every man has a part. Every worker, every employer, every labor leader.

"If we perspired more in time of peace, we would bleed less in time of war," said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Americans know how to work. We must work harder. Not every man for himself, but every man for his country, whatever his job.

We must work with all we've got. America is like a car hitting on half its cylinders—and there is a steep hill ahead. Much of her power is wasted. Waste in the factory, waste on the land. Waste of time, waste of money, waste of men.

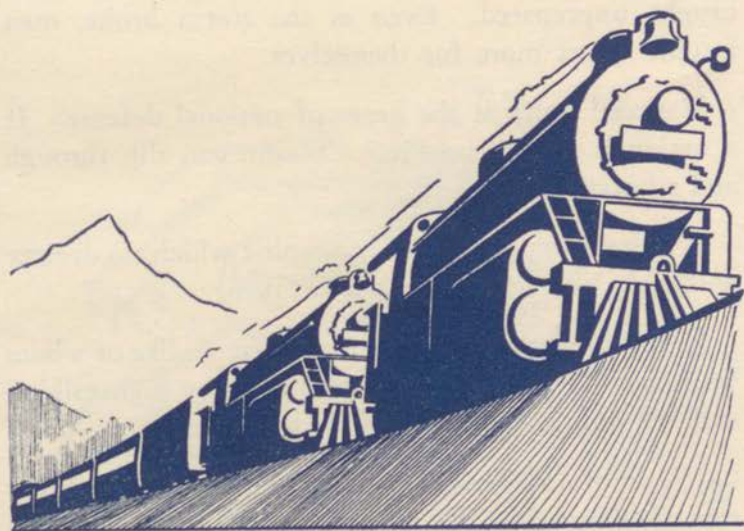
We must work together. Friction between men slows up work more than friction in machines. If employers or workers destroy team-work by their selfishness, then

in Industry

America is in danger. And the gains each fought for will be swept away.

The defense of the nation demands that all rise above self-interest. It means each faces up to his own mistakes. It means we join forces for the common good.

Then our industries will run at capacity. Our manpower will be put to work. Together we all will produce the materials and morale to make America strong.



THE THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE

A United

AMERICA DOES not need to be divided and quarreling at home just to prove she is a democracy—any more than husband and wife need to get into an argument just to prove they have minds of their own.

A crack football team isn't all made up of quarterbacks. Every man has his part. Each depends on all the others. So with the nation. Unless we have national teamwork someone is likely to take the ball away from us.

Nations in Europe have gone down because they were at war inside themselves. Their people couldn't get together. They refused to face facts. They were caught unprepared. Even as the storm broke, men fought to get more for themselves.

National unity is the heart of national defense. If a nation is united, no Fifth Column can slip through and sabotage its strength.

A united people will have the spirit which no disaster will shake and no danger will weaken.

Unity is more than agreeing on what we like or whom we hate. Team-work cannot be built by high talking and low living; by fine ideals and selfish lives.

"Team-work," said Knute Rockne, "is a combination of self-sacrifice, brains and sweat." It means work-

Nation

ing together for America. Honest team-work between government and business, labor and management, union and union, republican and democrat, city and farm.

A united people will build the new America. A nation set free from fear, hate and greed. A nation that holds the secret of the new world.



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Change!

HUMAN NATURE is the bottleneck in the production of national morale. We need a new spirit in the country. But to get it we must start with a new spirit in every citizen. And that means *you*.

Either you sacrifice your personal selfishness for the nation—or you sacrifice the nation for your personal selfishness.

America needs a change of heart. We must *live* the American Way.

Americans are honest, unselfish, neighborly, clean and free.

Or are they? Always? Are you? All the time?

If not, what can you do about it?

A new spirit can grip your heart and mind and muscle—if you are willing. You can change. How?

The first step is to face the facts. The facts about yourself. Honest? Unselfish? Neighborly? Clean? Free? At home? In industry? In politics?

Our fathers looked to God for their direction. We've looked about every place else.

We still print "In God We Trust" on our money. Everybody carries the idea around in his pocket. Is it just an idea? Or is it the main point?

William Penn said, "Men must be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants."

What are you governed by? Your wife? Your husband? Your desires? Your pocketbook? Fear of losing your job? Personal ambition?

Only God can change human nature. When you decide to be governed by God, then the change comes.

• THAT THIS NATION,
UNDER GOD, SHALL
HAVE A NEW BIRTH
OF FREEDOM



It's like joining the army. You decide there's something worth fighting for. You enlist. You put yourself under orders. Then you are given new equipment. You find new comradeship. Your way of living changes. And your whole outlook on life.

To be governed by God means to listen to a Wisdom beyond your own. And obey.

George Washington listened at a time of conflict—and gave a nation freedom.

Abraham Lincoln listened at a time of crisis—and preserved a nation's unity.

Lincoln said, "I have so many evidences of God's direction that I cannot doubt this power comes from above. I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do or not to do any particular thing, He finds a way of letting me know it."

You don't have to be President to do as Lincoln did. When you take time to be quiet and listen, God will guide your thoughts. He will give you orders. And a plan. Directions how to put things right. Creative ideas about yourself, your home, your job, your community, your nation. How you can strengthen America's three lines of defense.

Make a note of the thoughts you get. Test them. Are they honest? Unselfish? Neighborly? Clean? Then put them to work.

As you act on them you will begin to change. So will your home and your community. The Land of the Free will be the home of the strong, and the spirit of our people invincible.

Unite!

WHEN YOU find the secret of change and getting direction from God, you can play your full part in a program of total defense.

You can overcome disunity wherever you find it. You will be a rallying point for all citizens who want to do their bit. Your home will be a recruiting center. Your neighborhood a sample of the new America—the America where democracy works.

Such national unity doesn't just happen. It begins with you and the fellow you don't get along with.

If you start changing, the other fellow will sit up and take notice. If you put things straight with him, maybe he'll put things straight with you.

Everybody wants to see the other fellow different. But everybody is waiting for the other fellow to begin. The secret of national unity is to have the guts to begin with yourself.

Honest apology starts team-work.

Try it at home. Thousands of families are making the experiment. Mrs. Jones who was "always right" apologizes. Mr. Jones decides to be honest too. The children say, "Gee, it's fun to be home now!" The neighbors keep up with the Joneses—in bringing a new spirit to their families. Backyard gossip changes to planning for the community. Planning for sound homes. Planning to defend America.

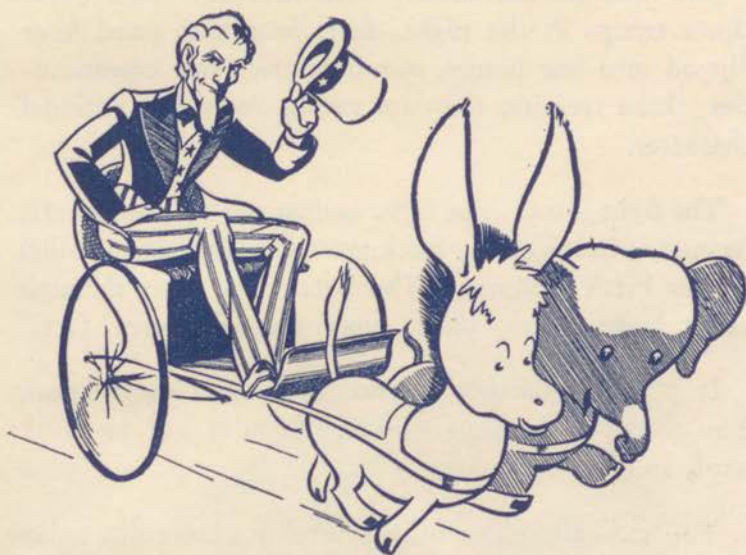
If boss and worker put *all* their cards on the table, in this spirit of honest apology, would strikes and lockouts be necessary? Or would we have team-work in industry?

If political parties admitted where they'd been at

fault, there'd be less mud-slinging and more of the honesty that builds a nation. There'd be more of a common loyalty to America, above party, class, race, point of view, and personal advantage.

That's not just the job of the politicians; or of management; or of labor. It is *yours*.

It is your job to work to make this country you love into One All-American Team.



Fight!

MUSKET AND POWDER-HORN once hung over the door of every American home. Our fathers were not afraid to use them. The Minute Men at Lexington and Concord seized them and ran to defend their country. Not a man in America would hesitate to do it again if invaders threatened his homeland.

But America has already been invaded. Like parachute troops in the night, fear, hate and greed have slipped into our homes, our industries, our communities. Like termites they are eating away our national character.

The fight is on. The fight against our softness, graft, laziness, extravagance, buckpassing, materialism—allies of the Fifth Column. The battle line runs through every home, every office, every factory, every farm.

It is a daily battle. It takes courage. Imagination. You've got to be tough inside. You've got to think hard, and live clean.

You and 130 million other Americans can enlist today in this fight. You don't have to wait to be put into uniform. You're in the army now.

First lick the enemy inside yourself. Then get the next fellow to join you in this battle for a new America. Get your newspaper, radio station and movie theater to fight for a new morale.

Fight to make your home and community a pattern.

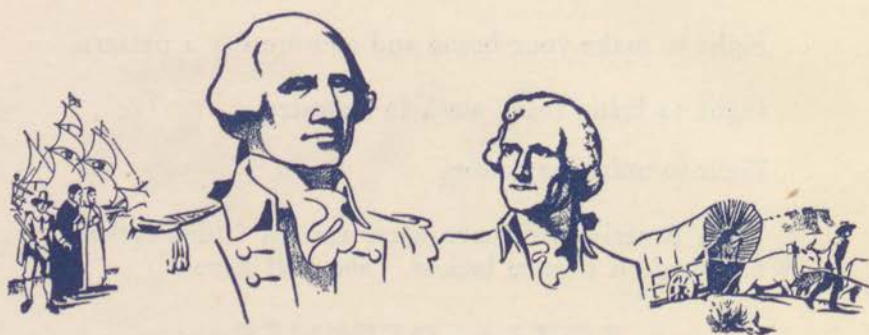
Fight to bring team-work in industry.

Fight to unite the nation.

Then America will have what ancient China lacked.
What modern France lacked. She will have

TOTAL DEFENSE





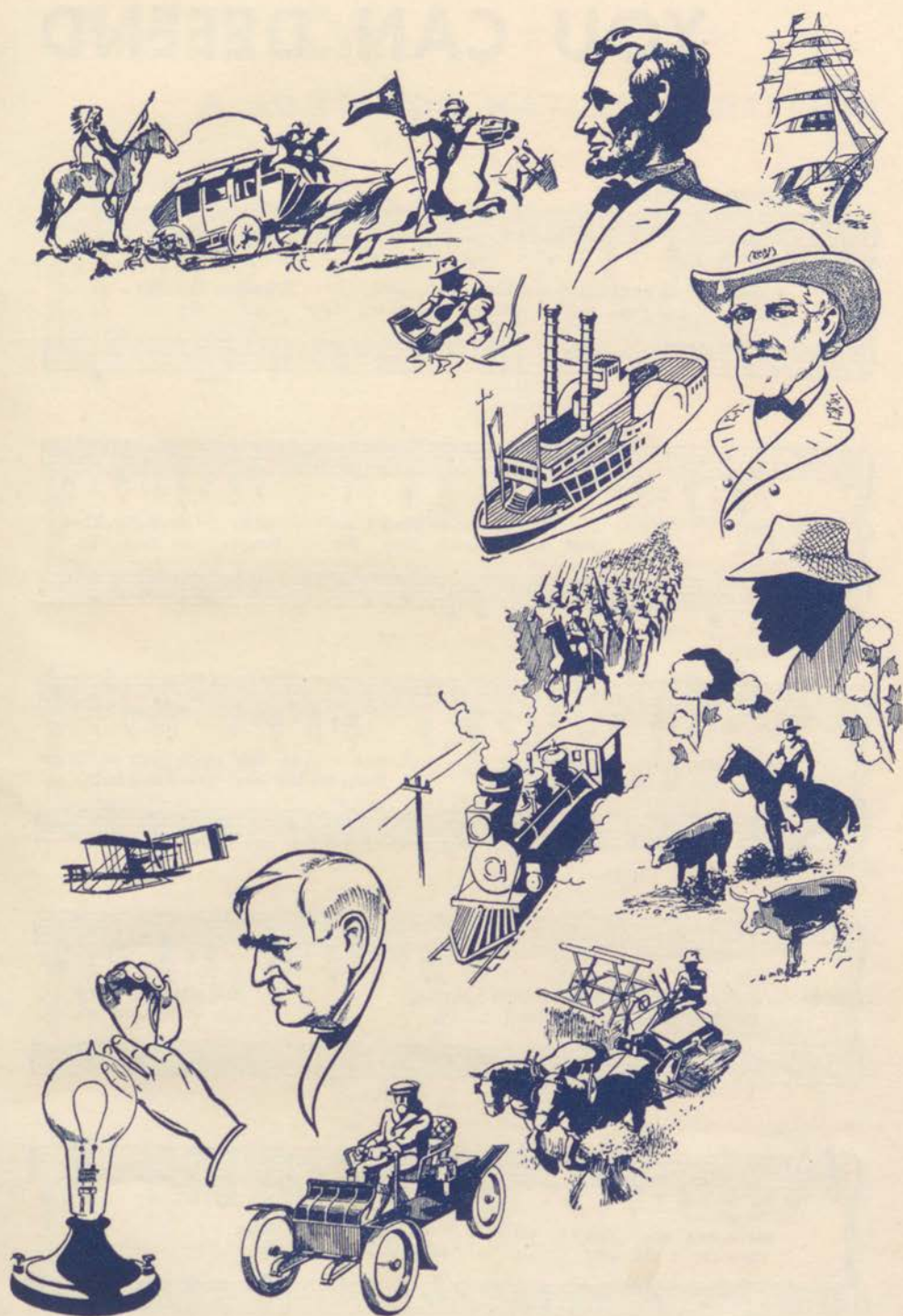
AMERICA ★ ★ ★

This land of towering cities and golden prairies, of great rivers and mighty mountains. This nation of Washington and Jefferson, of Lincoln and Lee and Edison, and countless thousands of ordinary men and women, who crossed oceans and plains, who toiled long for little reward, who sacrificed and built our heritage.

If this heritage was worth their lives to build, it is worth ours to preserve.

"And in support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."





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Verse

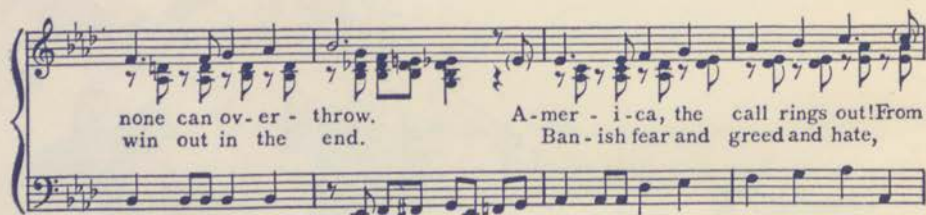
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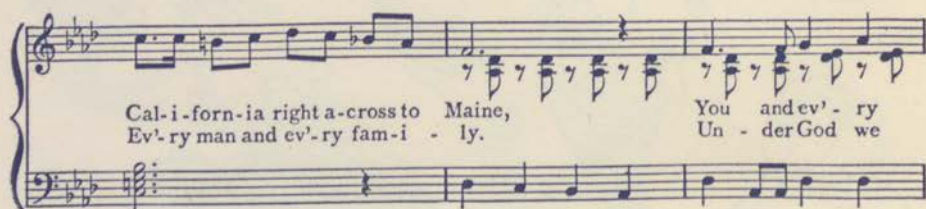
1. Chi - na built a big thick wall, France, the Ma - gi -
2. Ships and guns and planes we need, Our coun - try to de -



not. We must find a new de-fense, That
fend. But we must arm the hearts of men, To



none can ov - er - throw. A - mer - i - ca, the call rings out! From
win out in the end. Ban - ish fear and greed and hate,



Cal - i - forn - ia right a - cross to Maine, You and ev' - ry
Ev' - ry man and ev' - ry fam - i - ly. Un - der God we



moth - er's son can pi - o - neer a - gain.
then can build our na - tion's u - ni - ty.

AMERICA



A SONG FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Chorus

You can de-fend A - mer-i - ca, ——— You've got some-thing to do,

Clean up the na-tion from bot-tom to top, Start with your-self in the

home and the shop! You can de-fend A - mer-i - ca ———

No-bo - dy will if you don't. ——— So get go-ing and give, And we'll

all learn to live, To de - fend A - mer - i - ca!



THIS booklet comes to you inspired by those who desire to see realized the vision of the General of the Armies, that this message may reach "every American."

Its purpose is to enlist every reader as a partner in national service, to bring this spirit to every home, every workshop, every farm, every industry.

It is hoped that you will give your best thought in planning how this can be accomplished.

It may well prove that this booklet will become the basis for the national philosophy of total defense for America.

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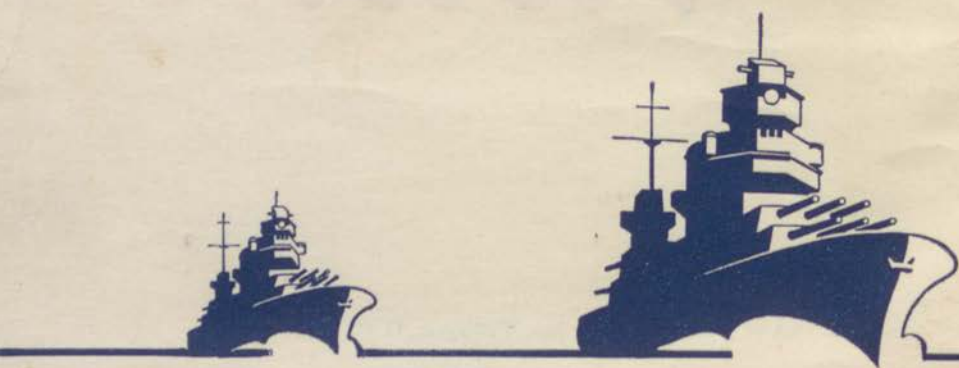
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