

WWII at Home

Unit 8

Standard:

US.55 Describe the war's impact on the home front, including:

- Rationing
- Bracero program
- Bond drives
- Conversion of factories for wartime
- Propaganda production
- Movement to cities and industrial
- Location of prisoner of war camps in centers Tennessee

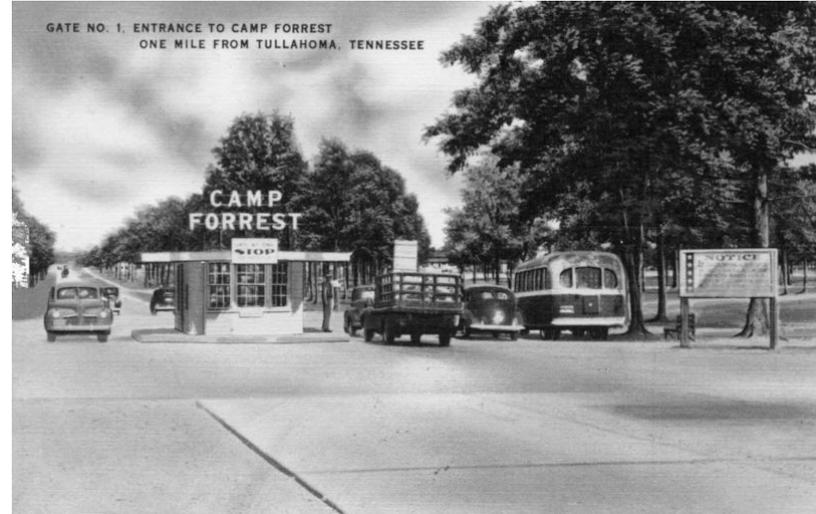
Fort Campbell

- Built in 1941 as the US prepared for war
- In need of large training facilities
- Built on state line between TN and KY, $\frac{2}{3}$ in Clarksville, TN
- Housed about 4,000 German prisoners
- Caused Clarksville to more than double in size in less than a year



Camp Forrest

- Held German, Austrian, Italian prisoners of war
- Infantry training center
- Was headquarters for several permanent and temporary POW camps in 5 Southern states
- Prisoners of these camps were put to work such as prison hospitals and local farms



TVA

- Supplied the energy for the new military industries
- Enlarged operations tremendously during the war
 - Built 7 dams between 1940-1945



The Homefront

War Efforts at Home

Rationing:

- Many Tennesseans as well as Americans purchased rationed food, gasoline, and other household products
- Collected scrap metals, tires and kitchen fat, as they were used in the production of bombs for the war

Bond Drives:

- A war bond is a bond issued by the government to finance military operations during times of War.
- It appealed to the sense of patriotism in individuals, who can even see their purchase as a civic duty.



Movement to Cities/Industrial Centers



- US still recovering from the Great Depression
- Unemployment rates hovering around 25%
- Many industries began hiring to keep up with the demand of the war
- Began moving to cities
- Nearly 100 Memphis Manufacturing firms held war contracts
- The Fisher and Ford Plants converted auto parts to airplane parts

The War's Economic Impact

- Nominal GDP more than doubled
- Wages and salaries nearly tripled
- Federal civilian employment more than tripled
- Female employment up by a third
- Labor union membership grew by over 50 percent
- National debt ballooned by over 600 percent

Propaganda

information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view

Exit Ticket:

1. What can be inferred from the wartime rationing of gasoline in the United States?

- a. American consumers were not permitted to drive automobiles
- b. The armed forces needed fuel for their military vehicles
- c. The United States exported most of its oil to Japan
- d. The need for gasoline declined during World War II.

2. What was the significance of Oak Ridge TN during WWII?

- a. It's where atomic bombs were built
- b. Its where an importance base was located
- c. Its a location of supply warehouses
- d. It was a location of an oil rig