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“War Department Report”

Forty-five Minute Official Sound Film Available to Radio Stations for Local Showings

Public Release Date

Dec. 26—Order Now

“War Department Report,” an official film on the military situation, frank, grim, startling, prepared especially for the war workers of America, will be made available for public showing December 26!

Radio stations may obtain prints for studio showings or as station-sponsored programs before civic clubs or other local groups of their own choosing.

This forty-five minute film was previewed in Washington recently and it will grip and hold any size audience that your station is able to assemble, in studio, theater or civic auditorium. Available in both 16- and 35-mm. sound films.

The War Department is making public bookings now, through Washington and agents in the field. If you want to be first in your community, send your request at once to:

MONROE W. GREENTHAL, Capt., AUS,
Industrial Services Division,
Bureau of Public Relations,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Previews to management may be made prior to December 26 but no public showings are to precede that date.

Here is what the War Department released to America's war workers on the subject of “WAR DEPARTMENT REPORT.”

“THE ARMY GIVES AMERICAN INDUSTRY THE INSIDE FACTS

‘For the first time in its history, the War Department is making an official report on the military

situation directly to the war workers of America. This is not a pep talk. It is a report by your General Staff.’

These are the words that Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, uses to introduce WAR DEPARTMENT REPORT to the screen.

The heretofore confidential material on which the film is based was first presented in a series of highly restricted War Department conferences to members of Congress and leaders of industry, labor, and the press.

These men were so impressed with the information presented that they urged the War Department to relax restrictions and make the facts available to every war worker in the Nation—from top executive to apprentice worker.

Accordingly, the Under Secretary of War directed that the material be made into a film, as the quickest, most graphic way of telling this important story. WAR DEPARTMENT REPORT is the result . . . frank, grim, often startling in what it discloses . . . a film that pulls no punches.

To illustrate its points, the picture draws on the cream of actual combat movies filmed by Army and Navy camera crews. In dramatic sequence it shows the landing in Sicily . . . the bloody battle on the Salerno beach . . . our planes in aerial combat with the enemy . . . the remarkable amphibious attacks on Jap-held strongholds . . . and other action scenes.

The strength of the enemy is revealed in his own films, seized from him and now used to expose the truth about his men and equipment. A unique part of this seized footage gives the Germans' own film record of their abduction of Benito Mussolini.

Other sections reveal the job that lies ahead for us . . . the problems and possibilities of attack

on the Axis from the air, on land and by sea. Interesting animated charts supplement dramatic action pictures in presenting strategic and statistical facts in a simple and engrossing manner.

'1944 is the year of decision . . . there is no more waiting . . . we are ready for the test of our strength and spirit,' says Under Secretary of War Patterson at the end of WAR DEPARTMENT REPORT. The film itself helps arm America to meet the test, by showing exactly 'what the score is.' It is the sincere belief of leaders in the Army, of management and of labor that

every man and woman in America's war industry should see it."

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Not only war workers, but every man and woman in America may now see it! This factual sound film report that pulls no punches, to be released for public showing December 26, is yours for the asking in your community. The number of prints is limited. Other organizations know about this offer. Order your print of "War Department Report" today!