

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dallas, Texas, June 9, 1944

COMMEMORATIONAL DATA ON SAVINGS BONDS

To Qualified Issuing Agents of War Savings Bonds, Series E:

It has been the policy of the Treasury Department to discourage the use of commemorative stamps and stickers on savings bonds, although no objection has been raised in certain cases to the procedure where the stamp or sticker is affixed in a manner which would not obliterate any of the textual provisions of the bond. In view of the smaller size of the current savings bond, the Treasury has found it necessary to revise existing instructions. Accordingly, hereafter the Department will not permit the use of any stickers on savings bonds, and commemorative stamps will be permitted only where it is possible to have the commemorative data included as a part of the issuing agent's dating stamp. Such a stamp must include the agent's name and location, provide for the current date, and the stamp must not exceed $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in its largest dimension. In any event, dating stamps containing such commemorative data may be used only after approval by the Federal Reserve Bank or appropriate branch, or the Treasury Department.

As a result of the recent invasion of the continent of Europe by our armed forces, numerous requests have been received for authority to place special notations on savings bonds issued during this period. Without modifying its instructions regarding commemorative data, as above outlined, the Treasury Department has advised that it will not object to a notation such as "Issued During Invasion Week, June 6-12, 1944," if it is carefully placed on the margin of the bond so as not to interfere with the textual matter, the inscription, or the date of the bond.

Yours very truly,

R. R. GILBERT

President