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GPO AND SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY OFFER DIGITAL COLLECTION OF WORLD WAR II PUBLICATIONS

WASHINGTON—As the world pauses to remember the 62nd anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II (May 8, 1945), the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is joining with Southern Methodist University (SMU) Central University Libraries to provide the public with a digital collection of more than 300 U.S. Government publications distributed during the course of the war.

“Giving the public permanent access to this historic digital collection is an example of GPO’s mission to make Government documents available electronically to all Americans,” said Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents. “Partnerships, such as this one with SMU, are part of GPO’s ongoing efforts to work with the library community as we move forward with GPO’s digital transformation.”

SMU Central University Libraries, which are part of GPO’s Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), have digitized hundreds of historical World War II publications that are available to the public. With just a few keystrokes, Americans can access World War II reports and documents such as: *Choosing Women for War - Industry Jobs*, *America’s Biggest War Plant* and *Air Raid Shelters in Buildings*. These documents and many others are accessible at: <http://worldwar2.smu.edu/>

“The 62nd anniversary of Victory in Europe day on May 8 is an opportune moment to remind people of how this collection provides insight into the American experience during World War II,” said Gillian M. McCombs, Dean and Director, Central University Libraries. “SMU values our role in preserving collections for the future and is happy to join GPO in using the latest technologies to maintain this historical information for generations to come.”

ABOUT SMU:

A private university of 11,000 students near the center of Dallas, SMU offers strong undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs through seven schools — in the humanities and sciences;

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business; the performing, visual, and communication arts; engineering; education and human development; law; and theology.

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