How did media and communications assist the Allied efforts during World War II?

THE ROLE OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE WAR EFFORT
During World War II, the media and entertainment industries saw their role as supporting the war effort by promoting nationalism.
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- The U.S. government maintained strict censorship of reporting the war.

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CARELESS TALK...got there first

SILENCE!

These posters displayed the importance of censorship!

WHO wants to know?

SILENCE MEANS SECURITY

The ENEMY is listening
He wants to know what you know
KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

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- Public morale and ad campaigns kept Americans focused on the war effort.

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Believing we all played an important role was essential to keep up morale on the home front. These posters helped remind us of our duties!

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- The entertainment industry produced movies, plays, and shows that boosted morale and patriotic support for the war effort as well as portrayed the enemy in stereotypical ways.

Moviegoers outside a theater in Washington D.C., 1939, Library of Congress
War movies showed heroism and self-sacrifice of Americans, as well as ridicule of the enemy.

Bing Crosby sings to troops at the London stage door canteen.

Movie Posters: “Hollywood Goes to War”
VICTORY IN THIS WAR REQUIRED COMPLETE DEDICATION OF THE NATIONS RESOURCES... WHICH INCLUDED THE MEDIA!