

# THE RED BULLETIN

- Souvenir - Edition -

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## SHIP'S POSITION AND OTHER DATA (as of 1200 hrs.)

Longitude	<u>71°45'</u>	<u>W</u>	Latitude	<u>36°04'</u>	<u>N</u>
Mileage covered	<u>4225</u>		Mileage to Norfolk, Va.	<u>233</u>	
Speed	<u>14 Knots</u>		Est. Time of Arrival	<u>5 Nov. - 0800</u>	
Temperature:	Water <u>76°</u>	Air <u>86°</u>	Barometer	<u>30.03</u>	

### Division Paper Writes Finis With Today's Issue!

From "someplace in the Apennines" to within 24 hours of God's country, "The Red Bulletin" has told the story of the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division. Tomorrow we make our last beachhead, and appropriately this edition of the "Red Bulletin" is the last issue.

"The Red Bulletin" was first published on the 17th of March 1945. It was the proud boast of the paper and its staff, that their effort was the first all-Army Division newspaper in the MTO. The type was set by GI's, and the paper was printed on an old Italian press. The staff was set up in a trailer, well within the range of hostile artillery. Frequently long range artillery pieces set up outside of the trailer's door jumbled both the printers' nerves and the type. In spite of many difficulties, mechanical and supply, "The Red Bulletin" continued without interruption.

With the end of the war, the problems of the paper were simplified. Supplies were easier to secure and the problems of constant movement were eliminated. The organ grew up to eight pages, and with this increase in size many activities of the Division were more comprehensively covered. In September, "The Red Bulletin" improved its form once again, and grew into a full size tabloid. The paper was printed in a modern newspaper plant in Venice, and many new features were added. The relief of the 34th Division by the 88th Division was effective on 1 October, and the last time the familiar "Red Bulletin" masthead appeared in Italy was in the combined issue of both Divisions which appeared on the 5th of October.

The publication of a daily "Red Bulletin" on board the U.S.S. Monticello has been made possible through the eager cooperation of the United States Coast Guard and the Army Transportation Corps. They have placed all their facilities at our command, and were always ready to lend any possible assistance. Tec 4 Percy Campbell of the 34th AG section voluntarily manned the mimeograph, and did a fine job. The staff has tried to present the news impartially and accurately. With this thought in mind and with a silent prayer for too many of us who are not here to read this last issue of "The Red Bulletin", we say "Thirty".

PARIS - Redeployment boxscore: 75th Infantry in Marseille staging area; 8th Armored in Le Havre staging area scheduled to ship on or about November 5th; 66th Infantry: 263rd Regiment now on high seas. Last of division to sail from Marseille today; 36th Infantry advance party camp Pittsburgh Oise section, rest of division to arrive soon; 89th Infantry in Le Havre staging area readiness date set for November 28; Alerted: 36th Infantry, 79th Infantry, 12th Armored and 16th Corps.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Action on legislation to discard the point system of discharging service personnel was sought Thursday by Rep. Shafer. His bill now before the House Military Committee would permit all inductees to obtain their release upon request after two years of service.

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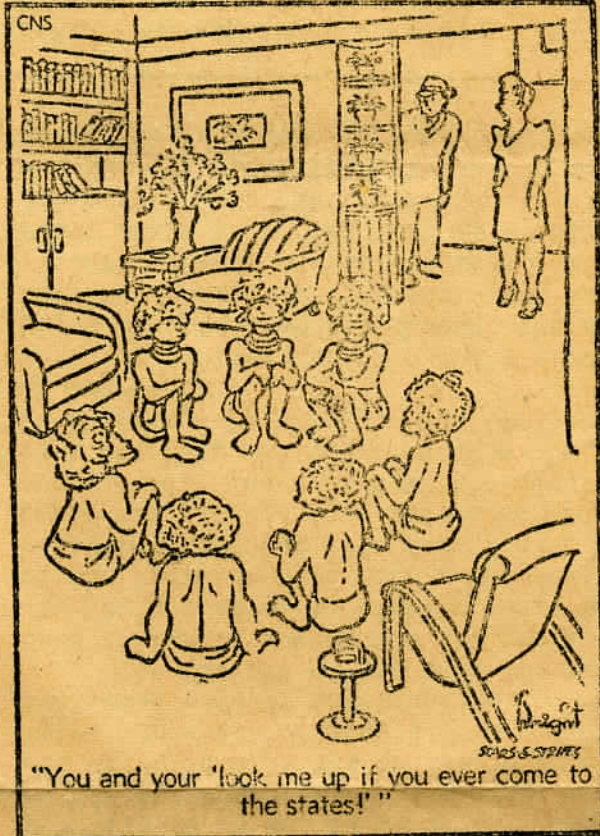
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SPECIAL SERVICE

The following movie schedule has been announced for tonight:

1. B deck aft.....EM  
1800 and 2000 hrs.  
A deck aft.....Officers  
1800 and 2000 hrs.  
"Take It or Leave It"
2. Boat deck midships.....EM  
1800 and 2000 hrs.  
"Mark of Demetrius"
3. A deck, forew'd of Off. Lounge..EM  
1800 and 2000 hrs.  
"Take It Big"



"You and your 'look me up if you ever come to the states!'"

HOW DID IT START?  
SALUTING THE QUARTERDECK

Chances are when you go aboard a ship and render a salute to the quarterdeck you never think, "This is a hang-over from an old Roman custom." But back in the days when the Greeks and the Romans ruled the sea, the pagan altar was placed aft and all men boarding a ship genuflected to it. Later, when early Christians went to sea, similar tribute was paid to the shrine of the Virgin, which was set up in about the same place. The shrines were later replaced by the flags of the sovereigns, who ruled the "Divine Right." The custom of paying respect to the quarterdeck still survives, and today the colors have become the central object of respect.

HOW DID IT START?

When time was kept aboard ship by means of a half hour glass, it was the job of the ship's boy to turn the glass as the sands of time ran out. With each turn he gave the bell on the quarterdeck a lusty swing to show that he was on the job. Then quartermasters found it (continued on next column)

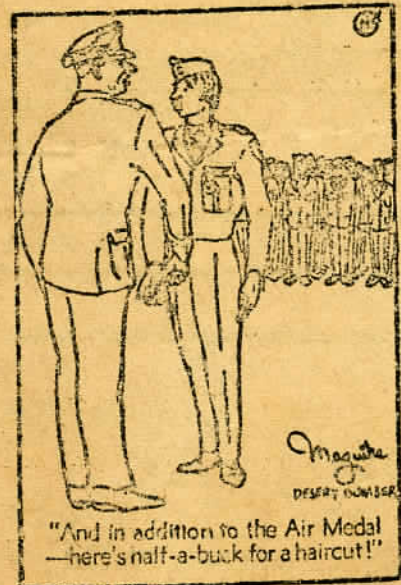
HOW DID IT START? (cont'd)

convenient to show the passage of their watches by having the bell rung once at the end of the first half hour, twice at the end of the second and so on. Eight bells indicated the end of a four-hour watch and the beginning of a new one.

NAVY'S POLICY OF NAMING SHIPS

TRANSPORTS: Named in honor of deceased American Naval, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officer and enlisted men who have rendered distinguished service to their country above and beyond the call of duty; former Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries of the Navy; members of Congress who have been closely identified in Naval Affairs and inventors. Transports are also named for counties in the United States, places of historical interest and signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Silence is golden, the copybooks sing,  
But married men know it's no such thing,  
That the quickest way to start a riot  
at home is just to sit perfectly quiet.



"And in addition to the Air Medal —here's half-a-buck for a haircut!"