

WEATHER REPORT Clear Weather Steady Barometer Calm Sea Scattered clouds in Evening
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BOSTON, HERE WE COME!



"AT PRESENT IT appears that breakfast, Sunday, 9 Sept 1945 will be the last meal served aboard." This stated De-barkation order No. 1 and the Sea Robin began a flurry of activity as it moved steadily in toward the coast of New England today. 2,563 Americans who have not seen the shores of their homeland for longer than they care to think about began to strain for the first sight of land.

No one could say for sure who would be the first man to set foot on U. S. soil since the Port Troop Movement Officer at Boston would decide which outfit went down the gangway first.

Nor was it possible to say which of the Boston staging areas would be the first army home of the troops after landing.

Meanwhile duffel bags were about to come out of the holds, lucky ones had OD's pressed and spirit ran high. Form telegrams were turned in and in the excitement somebody signed his, "from Someone Who Loves You." It all added up to "Boston, here we come."

Most outfits had a unit banner prepared before leaving Marseille or on route which would be thrown out on display over the side when the Sea Robin moved into the pier area.

THANKS MEN

SEE YOUR LOCAL PAPER

WASHINGTON--Higher unemployment pay plank of President Truman's 21 point prosperity plan imperilled by Congressional opposition.

OSLO--Quisling says if he was traitor Norway needed more traitors like him.

TOKYO--Jap spurcs reveal two factions in the government fought it out over surrender issue. Murder of a Jap General, forging of a military order and a wild chase to the Tokyo radio station climaxed the struggle.

(For further details, mister, see your local newspaper.)

The 40th Signal Light Construction Bn was the first to pull KP, cook and guard detail, coming aboard the Sea Robin back on August 30 to line things up for the rest of us. The 246th Signal Operations Company, Green Plan men, 1473rd Engineer Maintenance Company shouldered the job with them after that and they're the guys who make the world go round in the Army as well as on ship-board when it comes down to cases---and details. Space doesn't permit printing the hundreds of names, but the whole ship says, "THANKS MEN."

SEA ROBIN DIARY

- FINAL ENTRY -

With the States on the horizon the final edition of the Robin Egg went to press. The staff would like to thank the members of the Troop Transport office for putting up with them day and night when no other office was available to work in. The staff would also like to thank those who had to read the paper, they deserve special commendation; never before, perhaps, have so many had to put up with so much from so few.

The Staff Members Were:

Editor: Cpl George W. Poole, 358th Airdrome Squadron.

T/5 Edward N. Stewart, 1473rd Engineering Maintenance Company was the Art Editor who did the daily map, headlines, advised on make-up and spent long hours both on the paper and on signs for the Transport Service.

Cpl Edward J. Dwyer of the 1st Infantry Division was the long suffering typist who handled every paper himself, worked every night to midnight and came back the next morning every day for more.

Pfc Irving Goldberg, 246th Signal Operations Company quickly became our dependable and star reporter and we're giving him the Sea Robin Pulitzer Prize for the story he dug up on Mauldin's Willie.

Pfc Kenneth Hurwitz, 394th Fighter Squadron became our leg man, interviewing everything but the davits about the ship, and he'd sit down and knock out a story if you cornered him before he was off on something else.

Pfc Francis C. Mason, 394th Fighter Squadron was the cartoonist who did those shipboard subjects and was always available.

Pfc Michael B. McCabe Jr, 246th Signal Operations Company was a later arrival who pitched in on reporting.

Sgt Joseph Cohn, 358th Airdrome Squadron also assisted.

Transport Service NCO Sgt Joe Roesch bent every effort to keep us out of libel suits.

ESPECIALLY NOW

Most popular man aboard in one way was Jimmy Roger, the ship's tailor. Especially when the ODS came out of duffel bags near the trip's end.

Pvt L. Ascanazy and Sgt W. A. Beasley were those two volunteers who handled things in the Distribution Room. Cpl M. Dobs was the voice you heard during the record playing hours.

The crew of librarians included: Barowski, Zito, Bloom, Alldredge, Mosier, Childers, Carter, Szynczak, Chube, Smith Bowen and Giangrade "The Count."



WELCOME HOME

NAVY-394 PLAYOFF

Last evening the 394th Fighter Squadron toppled the 40th Sig Constr Bn by a score of 18 to 11.

In the afternoon they tossed over the Chaplains All Stars: 27 to 12.

This evening the finale takes place with Air Corps quintet meeting the Navy for the Ships title.

358TH BIVOUAC

Last on board at Marseille and innovators of the tent city on deck when they found themselves billeted on the hatch the first night, the 358th Airdrome Squadron may be the first outfit in history to bivouac its way back to the USA.

It also can lay a claim to distinction for being a unit aboard that isn't covered with awards and war records, since it was activated fairly recently. CBI bound, it left the assembly area in France and headed for Marseille only about six hours before other outfits were frozen when the Japs surrendered. Under the command of Captain James C. Pryor it is made up of many overseas veterans screened from Air Force units throughout the ETO.

HE'S "THE VOICE"

In case you've been wondering about the officer who conducts those boat drills from the ship's bridge every day, he's Captain Jack W. Foster, troop transport commander of the Sea Robin. He heads a staff of 21 EM and 4 officers whose duties include: supervision of mess for all troops, distribution of PX supplies, provision of medical care, recreation, and devotional services.

Most of the EM in the Transport Services on the Sea Robin don't have enough points to get out at this time. They will probably be on the job of transporting ETO veterans back to the good old USA for many months to come.