

"DOWN THE HATCH"

"You cannot hope to bribe or twist
Thank God—the British journalist
But seeing what the man will do
Unbribed—there's no occasion to!"

So with this newspaper produced under difficulties by the unpaid and entirely voluntary efforts of the committee shown below:

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Sponsored by AERS and printed with the advice and assistance of the Ship's Printer "Jock" Black, it is hoped that "*Down the Hatch*" has at least provided something to help down the toast and marinalade, and provide topics for breakfast time discussion.

Despite the diligence of the editorial staff "man bite dog" news is an elusive quality on a troopship. The contributions which have appeared in print while, if lacking in excitement, have at least been of a high standard, and of wide interest.

Thanks are due to the contributors of articles, skits and sketches, and particularly to Capt. Peter McIntyre for his bright drawings which are a feature in this number.

Note.—Any profits from the sale of this paper will be presented to some maritime charity.

ARMY EDUCATION REHABILITATION SERVICE (AERS)

The smallest and newest unit making the trip is AERS (present strength six officers). This nucleus is charged with organizing Army Education for 2 NZEF in the ME, and arranging the rehabilitation of troops returning for demobilization.

The aims, functions and facilities of AERS have been explained to all ranks. The interest displayed in, and the use made of the service during the voyage indicates that the soldier is fully alive to the vital importance of his education and subsequent rehabilitation.

Once established in the ME, AERS will provide an important link in the organization of 2 NZEF.

BLACKOUT SUNSHINE

After tea last night I followed my usual urge and wandered out onto the deck for a cigarette. As I passed through the Orderly Room lobby, "Blackout" was announced and I swore and pocketed my cigarettes. I did, however, enjoy the sunshine outside and spent fully half an hour watching the sunset and wondering why we had a Blackout when the sun was up.

The next happy event occurred in the morning, when, having shaved, dressed and broken my fast, I once again strolled out for the post-prandial cigarette. What did I find? Darkness! Darkness for an hour after breakfast! What trick has Father Time played upon us?

NAUTICAL FACTS

One nautical mile = 6,080 feet.

Circumference of earth at Equator = 24,872.4 land miles.

1 degree latitude = 60 nautical miles or 69.09 land miles.

Distance of Sea Horizon.

Height of eye in feet.	Distance Sea miles.
1	1.15
15	4.45
35	6.80
40	7.27
45	7.70
50	8.10