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## 'THE POINTER' GOES TO PRESS FOR LAST TIME



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**W**ITH the complete disbandment of the Armed Guard all but an accomplished fact, we witness the final edition of the Armed Guard's periodical, THE POINTER. The discontinuance of the publication is not due to its having outlived its usefulness but rather to the elimination of the motivation for its existence—the Armed Guard afloat.

Unique in the field of Navy magazines, THE POINTER was published by a shore base but was intended for and distributed to all Armed Guards at sea. Few, if any, ports in this old world do not have a reading acquaintance with the paper edited at this Center.

THE POINTER was no mere pamphlet. It was a power—a driving force—in the Armed Guard. Would the War Bond Drives at the Center have been so successful without the publicity given them by THE POINTER? Did not the exhortation and encouragement of our magazine swell the containers of our own blood bank? THE POINTER was a super-salesman!

So many and so varied were the features in our paper, it was a practical impossibility for any reader to scan the headlines without having his interest arrested by sundry articles. The staff showed as much ingenuity in presenting stories of human interest and bits of pathos or humor as it did in covering social, athletic or ordinary news events.

It is with pride and appreciation that I congratulate and thank every person who contributed to making THE POINTER a publication to be remembered.

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