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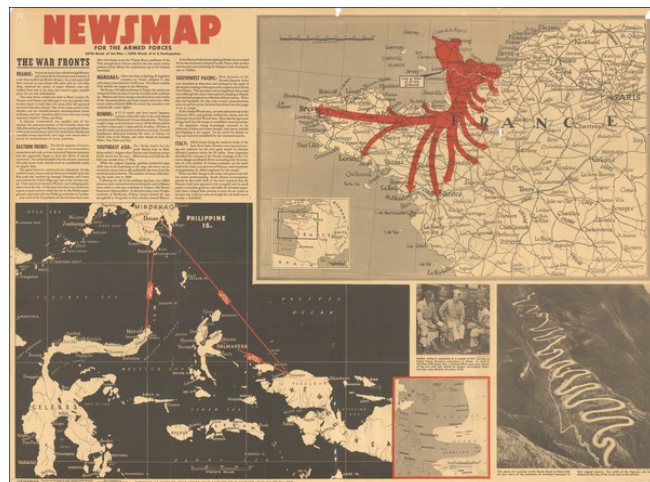
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**(WWII Propaganda Map) Newsmap for the Armed Forces. 257th Week of the War -
139th Week of U.S. Participation. Monday, 14 August 1944. Volume III, No. 17B [and]
No. 17F. [on verso:] Let This Do Your Talking!**

Stock#: 95408
Map Maker: Army Information Branch
Date: 1944
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG
Size: 35 x 47 inches whole sheet
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

The Battle for Brest

A visually arresting WWII "Newsmap", providing up to date, pro-American coverage of World War II war fronts in mid-August 1944. This poster is aimed at an audience of U.S. servicemen. The news side of the sheet has maps, and reports on events during the week of August 2 - 9, 1944, highlighting the Battle for Brest, with a map showing part of France. The verso of the sheet is illustrated with a menacing close-up of a rifle-mounted bayonet, with a caption printed in lurid red letters: "Let This Do Your Talking!" Next to the bayonet is the following advice to servicemen:

Silence Means Security. When a man stands ready to fight - to the last drop of blood - to his last breath of life - he doesn't do much talking. He lets his weapon do that for him. And, later, he doesn't talk about where he has been - or when - or what he did - or saw. He knows that the safety of millions depends on his silence!

The news side of the sheet includes three maps:

- Map of northern France, showing the progress of the American offensive through Brittany with red arrows.
- Pacific map showing parts of the Philippines and Melanesia.
- Small inset map showing larger Pacific region, with parts of China and Japan.



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Two small photographic views show:

- Group of three American G.I.s "somewhere in China": Lt. Jack R. Hartley of Little Rock, a Voting Officer explaining soldier voting to Cpl. Alfred M. Helget of Springfield, Minn.; and Cpl. Juan Montez of Brawley, Calif.
- Photo of an extremely curvy portion of the Burma Road in China.

The tenor of the information and news set forth on the map is decidedly pro-American, for example:

France: American armor that rolled through Brittany and sealed off the Peninsula took territory at rate that rivalled any Soviet advance.

Bonins: A U.S. carrier task force struck Japanese territory within 600 miles of the main islands in attacks on the Bonin and Volcano Islands area.

Detailed Condition:

Newsheet poster with maps. Printed in blank and red ink. One of the upper corners torn with old repair and minor loss. Pinholes to all corners. A few small nicks along edges. Otherwise clean and very good.