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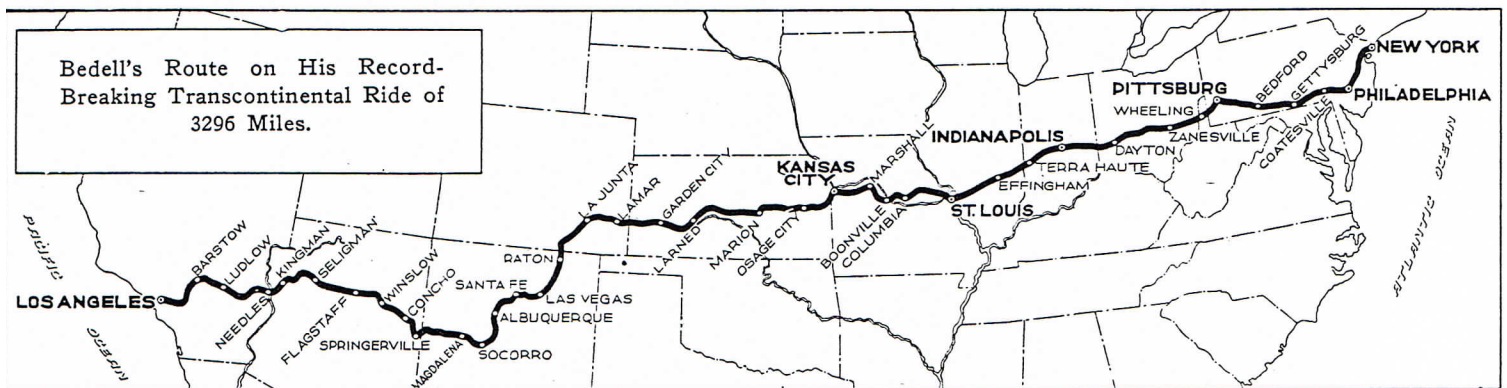
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## Bedell Cuts Coast-to-Coast Record To 7 Da. 16 Hrs. 16 Min.

California Comet, in Whirlwind Dash From Los Angeles to New York on a Henderson, Chops 3 Days, 19 Hours, 54 Minutes, Off Baker's Record—Makes 3296 Mile Run at 17.89 M.P.H. Average

NEW YORK, June 13 (Exclusive Wire)—Finishing the most spectacular long distance motorcycle dash that the world has ever known, Alan T. Bedell arrived tonight at Staten Island on a four cylinder Henderson at 6:16, 7 days, 16 hours and 16 minutes out from Los Angeles, and completely wrecked "Cannonball" Baker's three-year old mark of 11 days, 12 hours, 10 minutes on the ocean-to-ocean flight. Bedell covered 3296 miles in his dash across twelve states at the rate of 17.89 miles per hour, elapsed time, including all stops, and chopped 3 days, 19 hours and 54 minutes off Baker's record. Bedell left Los Angeles at 11 p. m., June 5, and carried a military message from the commander of the western department of the army to the commander of the eastern department. It was the first time the War Department ever has taken official cognizance of a motorcycle transcontinental

record trial, and is the longest high speed run with a military dispatch on record.

Both Bedell and his machine finished in perfect condition, and he brought California air to this city in his Goodrich front tire. He had but one puncture and changed two rear tires as a precautionary measure. His other mechanical mishaps consisted of a broken gasoline feed line, broken fork springs and a broken chain. He made two chain replacements and changed several plugs. These were the only replacements or mechanical troubles encountered on the entire trip. His machine was a 1917 stock three-speed, and he experienced no motor trouble whatever. This is the first time the coast-to-coast record has ever been broken by a four-cylinder machine, and coincidentally, it is the greatest record of its kind in the annals of motorcycling.

Bedell's daily progress was watched with keen interest throughout the country, for, while on the Pacific Coast the sentiment was very strong that he would break the record by a big margin, in the East where his prowess was less known, there was more skepticism, particularly as the previous holder, Baker, is a national idol and regarded as well nigh invincible. This is the second world's record Bedell has wrested from Baker in the past three months and it is reliably reported that the "Cannonball" will seek to recover his lost transcontinental laurels in the very near future with an Indian.

Bedell received a great ovation from a big crowd on arrival, and after checking went to his parents home in Montclair, N. J. He expects to remain in the East for some time and is considering enlisting with the

Watch For Bedell's EXCLUSIVE Story of His Record Ride in the Next Issue