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EDITORIAL

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. There are striking similarities between Thanksgiving 1943 and the original Thanksgiving. In both cases the people of America faced a long upswing battle, after having disposed of the greatest dangers to their survival. A similar attitude of reverent thanks for the past and of stirring resolve for the future motivates us.

Thanksgiving 1943 falls at a particularly appropriate time. Indeed much has occurred during the past few months to make us rejoice. And yet this cannot be an all-out Thanksgiving celebration, because so much remains to be done. For the first time since the beginning of the war, we all have the certain conviction that victory is but a matter of time. We know that each additional effort of ours bridges the gap between war and peace. We know that Hitler's goose is cooked, and that gives us more appetite for our turkey.

This should not be just an American Thanksgiving, but a collective one celebrating the coming delivery of the world from tyranny. Thanks is due to the peace-loving people of China, who were already battling the invading Japanese foe six Thanksgivings ago. We owe an inestimable debt of gratitude to the stoic Britishers who stood alone between Hitler and his dreams as bombs fell on London and Liverpool, Thanksgiving day, 1940.

One year ago this Thanksgiving, the greatest land battle of our times was approaching a climax, as the Red Army held on to devastated Stalingrad and then launched the counter-offensive which is still in progress. As Stalin remarked this month, "After the Stalingrad slaughter, the Germans were unable to recover."

One year ago this Thanksgiving, we had just received news of a large scale naval triumph that secured our hold on Guadalcanal. We had completed landing operations in North Africa and launched the offensives that were to drive



ON A NICE SILVER PLATTER, ADOLF!

Germany out of the continent and Italy out of the war.

Our rejoicing for the past is not complete, though. It is dimmed by the realization that we must still bend our backs to a mighty task. Much work, much hardship, much bloodshed remain between us and victory. More than ever, we realize that the victory must be complete, that the peace must be just and indivisible. We who have fought this war on the battlefield and on the homefront tell our representatives in government that we want no future wars to mar our Thanksgivings. In the future we wish to render thanks for peace and security, not for bloody though necessary victories.

CATCHES UP WITH HIM

A. U. S. SUPPLY DEPOT IN BRITAIN--A year ago Pvt. Mike Montana of Pittsburgh flopped down on his bunk in Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and carefully printed his name in big block letters on the wooden frame. Last week Mike was helping to unpack a load of bunks just arrived from the United States. The first one uncrated was the same one he'd used in Missouri, with his name in bold black letters.

COVER PICTURE

Here's the menu for that Thanksgiving Dinner, traditional event in the Army:

Fruit cup
Roast turkey with dressing and gravy
Cranberry sauce
Mashed potatoes Buttered peas
Corn Tomato and lettuce
Crisp celery Assorted pickles
Hot rolls Butter
Pumpkin
Apples Grapes Candies Nuts
Coffee

CUPID SCORES BULLSEYE IN UNIFORMED WEDDING

WAC AND SOLDIER BREAK ICE IN FIRST WEDDING

A blind date of four weeks ago culminated last Saturday in the first WAC-soldier marriage at Morris Field. The WAC is Mrs. T/4 Mildred N. Webster, the former Mildred Kozlowski, who is first cook at the WAC Det., a graduate of the Army Cooks' and Bakers' School, a highly trained dietician and in peacetime, a resident of Elmira, N. Y. The lucky enlisted man is Sgt. Frank Webster of the 6th Air Support Comm. Sq. and a native of Providence, R. I. It will be difficult for anybody to pull rank in the Webster family...although a Sergeant DCES outrank a T/4!

Nuptial mass was said in the double ring ceremony in the Base Chapel by the Rev. Fr. Richard J. Lange, Catholic Chaplain here.



Sgt. Susan Vintis was maid of honor and Cpl. Felix Mazza, also of the 6th, was best man.

At the end of the ceremony the newlyweds boarded a jeep the end of which had attached a large sign reading "Just Married".

Asked whether it was a question of love at first sight, Mildred emphatically remarked, "You ain't just kidding". And few who noticed Sgt. Webster spend his spare time watching Mildred cook in the WAC Det. Kitchen, or who noticed the couple eating their meals tete a tete in the Det. supply room would doubt it. Photo by T/Sgt. George W. Hall, Jr.

LOCAL SINGER AROUSES FICKLE HEARTS OF WOMEN

"There once was a fellow named Sinatra" - -

but he is now a "has been" as far as the young ladies of Alexander Graham Junior High School of Charlotte are concerned. Yes sir, the fickle heart of woman has shown itself again, and Cpl. Ronnie Stringer has sung his way into the hearts of each of them, replacing "irresistible Frank" as their Sir Galahad of Song.

It all came about during a concert given by the 68th AAF Band to the students of the above named place of learning in appreciation for their success in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps. Cpl. Stringer was scheduled to have one or two numbers to be performed by his tonsils, with the help of the local piano. He did his two numbers - - - but they wouldn't let him stop! In all my days, I have seen little of such aroused enthusiasm as was displayed by those young people - - - and especially the ladies! Result - he sang, and sang, and sang, and sang!! He sang everything from "Sonny Boy" (his interpretation of Al Jolson in the old days) to "Pistol Packin' Mama." And, because they loved him so, all of the young ladies joined in the chorus of the latter ballad.

A word of mention should go to "Ignace" Howitt for his brilliant piano accompaniment to "Over There", a remarkable take-off on Vaudeville of the Roarin' Twenties. Also, a word of mention should be given Howitt for being just as much an absolute "screwball" as is Stringer.

It's just a pity that Stringer couldn't pour forth with his latest, but the situation would not permit. In case you have not heard it, and would like to, just ask him for his rendition of "Beany's from Heaven".

The Wolf

by Sansone



"He does everything so well!"



WACS AT WORK! A typical scene in the Map Room up on the line as Lt. Mary H. Hollyfield of Roanoke, Va., right, and T/S Monica Tibus of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. plot the course for Lt. R. L. Burnas trip back to his home field. Photo by Sgt. Bob Mabry, who knew Lt. Burnas intimately in Houston, Texas, the home town of both.

SEND CHRISTMAS MAIL EARLY

In view of the unfavorable handicaps of war, there can be no assurance that gifts and cards mailed in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas will be delivered on time. Such matter must and will not impede the movement of war materials, personnel and military mail.

Transportation facilities are heavily burdened. Railway cars and airplanes are not available to transport and deliver as heretofore the Xmas mail in the last three weeks before Christmas.

More than 30,000 experienced postal employees are in the armed forces. In the past more than 200,000 helped with the Holiday mail. This year many of them will not be available.

The Christmas mail will be in addition to the already heavily burdened facilities of delivering a record breaking volume of mail. Last year the public started mailing early but the volume was small. There was a deluge of later mailings. Many who did not mail their parcels within the time specified by the Post Office Department learned to their regret that their friends did not receive the cards and gifts until after Christmas.

The only way, therefore, in which deliveries can be made on time is by mailing earlier this year. Postal delivery zone numbers of mail addressed to cities having that system will expedite the delivery of such mail greatly.

"You're in error, Sergeant, and you Private are a liar!"

MANY WAR HEROES IN 46th BOMB GROUP

PICTURES SHOWN IN SUBSEQUENT PAGES

The men of the 46th Bombardment Group (L) pictured above would scoff if you called them heroes. Yet they were all key figures in carving air superiority above every fighting front in the present war. There are scores of officers and enlisted men like these in the 46th. Space does not permit us to include them all at once. These are indicative of the others.

1. A sampling of the officers and enlisted men from combat theaters, at present assigned to the 51st Squadron. Among the enlisted men present are these gunners: from the Pacific - Sgts. Hartman, Lemoyne, Beaser and Pack (top row, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th from left to right); from the Caribbean - Sgts. Ramey, (top row 6th from left) Bosco, Barton and Jerman (bottom row, left to right); from Alaska - S/Sgt. Bowser (bottom 2nd from left).

2. In a huddle discussing campaigns from Java to Tunisia as seen from A-20's and B-25's are these Flying Studs from the 87th: From left to right, Sgt. Bruch (D.P.C. and Air Medal with 7 oak leafclusters - Europe and North-Africa), Lt. Ingram (D.F.C. and Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters - North Africa), Captain Langley (Air Medal - South Pacific), Sgt. Snyder (South Pacific) and Captain Brown (Air Medal - South Pacific).

3. With their squadron insignia in the background these veterans of the 53rd pose in front of operations. Represented are combat theaters all over the globe including the South Pacific: T/Sgt. Quentin Pardue (Silver Star - Bottom, third from left), and Captains Parr; the Caribbean: P/O Clark (top, second from left) and gunner Sgt. Bunch (bottom, second from right) who were marooned on a desert isle after a forced landing in the Caribbean.

4. Four Captains of the 50th Squadron grim reflectively over experiences in North Africa. Reading from left to right they are; Captain Eaton, Captain Blythe, Captain Weber and

Captain Mc Elhoe. All received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the D.F.C. west to Eaton in addition.

5. Captain Patterson, C.O. of the 51st, climbs out of an A-20 cockpit just like he did after combat missions over North Africa. Captain Patterson has been awarded the Silver Star, D.F.C., Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters.

6. Captain Conn, (D.F.C. and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters) of the 51st, taxis a B-25 that might have been taking him on a mission over the South Pacific as other light bombers did not long ago ... Captain Conn is one of the few Pilots who trained in the 46th and then returned to the same outfit upon completing the prescribed number of missions overseas.

7. Commanding Officer of the 46th, Lt. Colonel Robert V. Shazo, (Silver Star) veteran of famed bomb sweeps over Tunisia, poses in front of a B-25.

8. Major Horner, Operations Officer of the 46th, who swept out on 28 combat missions over North Africa, Pastelleria and Sicily, to win the Silver Star and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

9. Sgt. Lemoyne of the 51st grips from the rear turret of an A-20. The seat is familiar and Lemoyne's pants are well grooved after combat missions over the South Pacific.

10. Major Maul, Group Air Support Officer and Tactical Inspector can tell you about the Philippines, New Guinea and Australia. He was on the scene and participated in events that are now grim landmarks in American History. Major Maul was awarded the Silver Star, with oak leaf clusters and the D.P.C.

11. Captain Harvey Brown, (Air Medal) clambers up the side of a ship like the one he flew in the battle of the Bismark Sea, when his Squadron got six Jap vessels.

12. Major (thea Captain) Spawa, Ass't. Group Operations Officer, flew 44 missions in North Africa and Egypt, with the British 8th Army from Egypt to Tunisia. Major Spawa was awarded the D.P.C., the Air Medal with seven

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Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

BASIC FIELD MANUAL (UNOFFICIAL)
JUNGLE WARFARE
(HOME FRONT VARIETY)

ACCLIMATION:
IN JUNGLE WARFARE THE ENEMIES ARE MAN AND NATURE. WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF ALONE, TAKE IT EASY - DON'T BECOME PANICKY.



SHAKES:
THE DANGEROUS ONES ARE SOMETIMES HARD TO IDENTIFY AT FIRST. YOU CAN BE SURE WHEN THEY START TO COIL.

DEFENSE:
TRY THIS



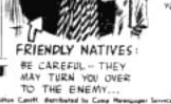
OR THIS



SIGNAL COMMUNICATION:
SEMAPHORE AND WINDMACHINE MAY FIND FRIENDLY TROOPS



FRIENDLY NATIVES:
BE CAREFUL - THEY MAY TURN YOU OVER TO THE ENEMY...



LIQUIDS:
BE SURE OF WHAT YOU DRINK - YOU MIGHT GET BILLED



MENTAL ATTITUDE:
IN THE ABSENCE OF YOUR C.O. USE YOUR IMAGINATION



Heart Chart



VENOMOUS CREATURES:
OF MANY VARIETIES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED... DO THE RIGHT THING AND YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... THIS BRAWL WON'T LAST FOREVER!

CLIP THIS AND SEND IT TO THAT CERTAIN PARTY CIVILIANS DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR ADVANTAGES...

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SENSATIONAL AFRICAN EXPOSE OF CONDITIONS IN AMERICA

We reprint the following article which first appeared in The Bush Weekly, a camp newspaper published somewhere in Africa.

"I have discovered a very nice place to spend a vacation. It is overseas and in a foreign country called the United States of America

"The people have strange, quaint ideas. They ration gasoline to us foreigners at 5 gallons for 30 days. But, almost any filling station will sell you as much as you want, if you have the money.

"One strange thing they have is a chalk-like liquid that they call milk. It comes in bottles, but is not as good as our coconut milk.

"One peculiar custom, they seem to have is that a Chief only has one woman. They have ten women for each man, but the women are very jealous.

"It is a fine country to go to for a visit, but with all the strange customs, I don't believe that you would like to live there as well as you do in your native land. Now you tell me!!"

Herbert H. Brush
Major, A.C.

WIFE HAS DAUGHTER; SARGE WILL RECOVER

Sgt. George Moore of the 2085th Ord. Co. had been acting strangely for the past several days, expressing an appetite for foods long out of season. Last Saturday afternoon he came dashing into Base Headquarters, very nervous, looking as though he had lost fifteen or more pounds to announce the birth of his baby daughter. It is believed his wife, Mary Magdalene Moore will recover sooner than George.

HEROES (Continued from page 5)

Oak Leaf Clusters.
13. Captain Farr, of the 53rd Bomb Squadron,



NONE BUT THE BEST FOR THE MEDICS! In an official joint communique, Capt. Zachary R. Cottler and Lt. Paul W. Vogel Stated: "It is THE best Mess Hall at Morris Field!" Even Mess Sgt. Berkley Sowell, who has been working in Army messes for the past 7 years, confesses that this is the best one he has known. In the background, from left to right, Lt. Walter L. Stiller, Mess Officer, S/Sgt. Sowell, Pfc. Maurice E. Emmerich, Pfc. Manuel Moniz and Pfc. Wayne W. Sleezer. Photo by Pfc. Maurice Maymon.

veteran of the South Pacific Area, has been awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal.

14. Major Lanford, Group Technical Inspector and B-4, stops in front of a prop of a B-25. Major Lanford commanded a squadron of "Flying Fortresses" in England, operating over occupied France and Germany. Was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.



MESS OFFICER GUNNING FOR BAND'S ALLIGATOR

During the past several months, the Band's alligator has all but become one of the landmarks of Morris Field. He has come to have many admirers; as well, there are those who have come to fear him. His cage has been well surrounded by inquisitive GIs during many hours of many days. BUT, when he got out of his cage the other day, no one could be found - - and it was quite a timid voice that called the Band Office to report that 'GATOR was in his barracks, and that he wanted someone to come get him'!

Yes, the life of this reptile has been anything but a dull one, and it is with regret that we tell you that he is going to be with us but a short time now. Yes, Lt. Stroop of General Mess called the other day and asked for the alligator. To us, this was a great surprise. We couldn't figure whether General Mess had been "clipped" by meat rationing, or whether they were just saving food for Thanksgiving. Anyhow, "Alligator Steak" was visualized by all of us.

Such is not the situation with General Mess, so, you may stop worrying. It seems that a friend of Lt. Stroop has a farm on which he "hobbies" with such animals as this one, and he wants to add our creature to his collection. And it's just as well. The weather is becoming a bit out of season for alligators, and it would break our "Beaunett-skalya's" heart to find his pet laden with ice one of these brisk mornings.

Company clerk: "Somebody wants you on the phone, I think Sir."

Captain: "You think? Don't you know?"

Company clerk: "Well, she said, 'Is that you, you sweet old idiot?'"

LOST AND FOUND

A 1936 class ring with initials S.C. Please return to T/Sgt. Sam Cipoletti in Base Headquarters.



T/5 WINNELL WADE TAKES TIME off from her duties as aircraft dispatcher to give the photographer a broad smile..... lucky man! In addition to her duties at Base Operations, T/5 Wade is WAC correspondent for the MORRIS CODE.....lucky editor! Her brother, a Marine Corps victim of Pearl Harbor, was recently given a posthumous Purple Heart Award. Photo by Sgt. Dan Myers.

WAC REVEALS NEATEST

Who am I? I am the WAC you winked at over your wife's shoulder; or maybe I am the one you bought the Coca-Cola for at the PX; or, who knows, maybe I am your secret love! Anyway, you are my neatest soldiers of the week:

- T/Sgt. Larry Wolfe.....46th Bomb. Group
- Pfc. Leo Phillips.....8th A. Spt. Comm.
- Pfc. Paul Suave.....30th Air Base Sq.
- Pvt. Edwin Cafferdy.....903rd QM
- T/5 Arliss Stewart.....903rd QM



SPORTS

14 TEAMS STARTS PLAY IN BASE BASKETBALL TOURNEY

The 1943 Base Basketball Championship made its debut last week, with 14 teams seeing action. The 790th MP team established itself an early season favorite following its 43-32 victory over the powerful 11th Ava. quintet. Mike Parzycki, a former honorable mention for All-American honors at Villanova, set the pace for his team with 16 points. In another particularly good game, fast and close throughout, the strong Guard team defeated the 50th Bomb Sq. outfit 23-21.

Mr. Austin of Charlotte officiated all games and will continue to do so. He was assisted last week by Capt. Brown, Lt. Korachuk, Chaplain Langes, and S/Sgt. Smith.

903rd (22).....2nd LM & AW (64)
High Scorer Winners, Carey (16 pts.)



M/SGT. CHARLES MANETTA acts as his own pin boy in a recent bowling game of the inter-squadron series tournament which is being held at the Charlotte Bowling Center. Photo by T/Sgt. George W. Hall, Jr.

High Scorer Losers, Dixon (8 pts.)

790th M P (43).....11th Ava. (32)
High Scorer Winners, Parzycki (16 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Fortson (10 pts.)

847th Gd. (23).....50th Bomb Sq. (21)
High Scorer Winners, Cain (11 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Eatis (8 pts.)

4th W & C (35).....51st Bomb Sq. (40)
High Scorer Winners, Jennings (15 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Robison (12 pts.)

53rd Bomb Sq. (20).....30th (25)
High Scorer Winners, Warrick (10 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Grant (10 pts.)

Medics (33).....97th Bomb Sq. (25)
High Scorer Winner, Everly (9 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Sharp (7 pts.)

Hq. 1st TAD (32).....46th RTU (18)
High Scorer Winners, Morabito (10 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Fragel (8 pts.)

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Here are the results of last weeks Ten-PIN bowling matches:

Team	Team Scores	Team Points
847th	816 798 688	4
WAC	614 576 610	0
Medics	789 650 681	1
1st TAD	721 769 777	3
53rd Bom.		3
4th W&C		1

Fort Custer, Mich. (AP)- First Sgt. Bill Rowe, irked over failure of some of his charges to fall out for pre-breakfast drill, posted this notice:

"All members of this organization will fall out for morning drill at 6 A.M. There will be no exceptions. Cooperation is necessary; if you men will play ball with me, I will play ball with you."

Within an hour appeared this appendage:
"We'd like to cooperate, Sergeant Rowe, but 6 A.M. in the morning is a hell of a time to play ball."

WIVES!

GO TO THE POST ENGINEERS AND PICK YOURSELF ONE OUT!

Fate, garbed in tulle and satin, and smelling faintly of orange blossoms, has again stolen into the office of the Post Engineer and lured away another private secretary. Third in a series of victims, Erlise Bobl is the latest sacrificial offering on the matrimonial altar. She leaves immediately to practice her feminine wiles as the bride of Captain James G. Hickman, B-25 navigator.

Joe Bell Hall, erstwhile "boss's secretary", and imp of misdemeanors, established a precedent when she shook the dust of Morris Field from her dainty feet and escaped to a life of leisurely domesticity. Next to fill the secretarial vacancy was Edna B. Harrington who fled the P.E. office in August to wed a naval lieutenant. Swiftly driving her beloved to Aleutians to forget, Mrs. Harrington is now gracing the P & C section with the enhanced

glamor of a young matron.

The precedent is set and the ritual continues - "be the Post Engineer's secretary and enter the portals of marital bliss". Breathless maideans look with ill-concealed envy on prospective occupants of the charmed site. Major Stillwell, when interviewed on the subject, set the requirements as "fat and forty-doomed to spinsteryhood".

MESS HALL MEETING

By T. S. Winn Wade

Don't tell Pvt. Nettie Dryer and Hilda Reid that the world isn't a small place. They were the first two Birmingham, Ala. girls to be sworn into the WAC, and they had basic together at Daytona Beach.

Pvt. Dryer was assigned a week before Reid, and was sent to Morris Field. One day, in the peace and quiet(?) of the Mess Hall, there were sudden cries of OHS and AHS.....Yes, Hilda Reid had arrived.



ON ARMISTICE DAY an inaugural dance was held at the new Recreation Hall with music by the Morris Field Orchestra. It is the plan to hold these dances every two weeks and the next dance will be on Thanksgiving night, at 2000 o'clock. Photo by Pvt. Adolph Waltman.

MORRIS FIELD SAVES MONEY FOR UNCLE SAM

Uncle Sam, the biggest shoe cobbler and general repairman in the world, saved over \$2,700 during the month of September through the operation of his reclamation and repair shop at Morris Field, says a report for the month released this week by Lt. Franz J. Lacher of the Quartermaster Corps.

The shop is operated by civilian employees under the direction of the Army Service Forces Officer and repairs anything a soldier wears from a necktie to shoes, shirts, underwear, clothing, overcoats, or equipment he uses such as cartridge belts, vestage, bedding, even to chairs and other office or barrack furniture.

During the month 2,723 items were repaired or altered. These included 1,039 pairs of shoes, 1,506 articles of clothing, textiles, and miscellaneous, 178 pieces of canvas and webbing, and quite a few other things.

Total expenses for the operation of the shop, including salaries amounted to \$1,883.49 for the month and the value of the items, counted at half the original cost of each item was \$4,454.73, the difference being a saving to the government of \$2,775.04.

ROUND THE TOWN



Wed. Nov. 24—Orchestra dance at Enlisted Men's C. C. O.

Thurs. Nov. 25—Dance at Morris Field's new Rec Hall with music by the Morris Field Orchestra. Dance with orchestra at Y. W. C. A.

Fri. Nov. 26—"WHAT'S YOUR HOME TOWN?" radio show broadcast over Station W. B. T. from Theater No. 2 at 2200. Studio audience invited.

Sat. Nov. 27—Dance at Armory Servicemen's Club with orchestra; dancing (juke box) at Y. W. C. A.

Billfold Girl . . .



. . . of the week

IF SHE WEREN'T A BILLFOLD GIRL, she'd be a Pin Up Girl! As a matter of fact, beauty is her business, for Mrs. Evelyn Hoffman works as a clothes model in New York and Chicago. Her lucky husband, T/Sgt. John "Pops" Hoffman, is in an outfit formerly stationed at Morris Field. Evelyn was born in Vienna; she came to live in America at the age of 9. Her hobbies include horseback riding, swimming, music, and literature.

Sun. Nov. 28—Church services: Protestant 1100; Catholic Masses hourly from 0700 to 1215. Informal singing, table tennis, and shuffleboard at EMC. Music albums, table tennis and pool at Armory Servicemen's Club. Special event at Mint Museum at 1:20. Bowling for servicemen and their dates at the Charlotte Bowling Center, 112 W. First St. 1500-1800. Recreation room open at First Presbyterian Church 1500 to 1730. Organ music at First Presbyterian Church. Free suppers for servicemen at First Methodist and Second Presbyterian Churches.

Tues. Nov. 30—Bridge and other card games at Armory Servicemen's Club.

One Year Ago in THE MORRIS CODE

Nov. 28, 1942—Soldiers at Morris Field hear the top-notch maestro Louis Armstrong and his orchestra. Barber shop moved to former NCO club.