EDITORIAL

Tomorrow in Thanksgiving. There are striking similarities between Thanksgiving 1943 and the original Thanksgiving. In both cases the people of America faced a long 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 insatiable debt of gratitude to the stoic Britons 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 Stalins 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 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 head our backs to a mighty tank. 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 battlefront and on the homefront tell our representatives in government that we want no future war 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. D. S. SUPPLY DEPOT IN BRITAIN—A year ago Pvt. Mike Montana of Pittsburgh dropped 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 books 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
- Apple
- Grape
- 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. 7/24 Mildred K. Webster, the former Mildred Korczewski, who is first cook at the WAC Det., a graduate of the Army Cooks' and Bakers' School, a highly trained dietician and in peace time, a resident of Elmira, N. Y. The lucky enlisted man is Sgt. Frank Webster of the 4th 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 SCBS outranks a 7/24!

Nuptial masts was raised in the double ring ceremony in the Base Chapel by the Rev. Fr. Richard D. Langen, Catholic Chaplain here.

Sgt. Susan Vinzant was maid of honor and Cpl. Felice Massa, 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 kiddin'." And few who noticed Sgt. Webster saved his spare time watching Mildred cook in the WAC Det. Kitchen, or who noticed the couple eating their meal tete a tete in the Det. supply room would doubt it. Photo by T/Sgt. George M. Hall, Jr.

LOCAL SINGER AROUSES FICKLE HEARTS OF WOMEN

"There once was a fellow named Sinatra" --

but be 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 women has shown itself again, and Cpl. Rosie Stringer has sung his way into the hearts of each of them, replacing "irresistible Frank" as their Sincalad of Songs.

It all came about during a concert given by the 48th 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 tutorial, 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 "Sonsy Boy" his interpretation of Al Jolson is the old days! to "Fistel Fackin' 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 be made of "Irace" Howitt for his brilliant piano accompaniment to "Over There," a remarkable take-off on Vaudeville of the Roaring 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 the 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 "Benny's from Heaven."

The Wolf

by Sansone

"He does everything so well!"
SEND CHRISTMAS MAIL EARLY

In view of the unavoidable 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 Christmas 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 delay 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 early 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 (1) pictured above would scoff if you called them heroes. Yet they are all key figures in carrying 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 41st Squadron. Among the enlisted men present are these gung-ho: from the Pacific - Sg t. Martin, Lemoan, Beuser and Pack (front row, left, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th from left to right); from the Caribbean - Sgt. Nason, top row 4th from left! Boese, Harton and Jameson (bottom row, left to right); from Alaska - S/Sgt. Hower (bottom 2nd from left).

2. In a battle-damaged campaign from Java to Tunisia as seen from A-20's and B-25's are these Flying Studs from the 47th: From left to right, Sg t. Bruch (D.P.C. and Air Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters - Europe and North-Africa), Lt. Ingram (D.P.C. and Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters - North Africa), Capt. Leasely (Air Medal - South Pacific), Sg t. Sayer (South Pacific) and Capt. Brown (Air Medal - South Pacific). (Continued on page 4)

3. With their squadrons tamping in the background these veterans of the 53rd move in front of operations. Represented are combat theaters all over the globe including the South Pacific: T/Sgt. Questia Fawitt (Silver Star - bottom, third from left); and Capt. Page, the Caribbean: P/O Clark (top, second from left) and 2nd gunner Sg t. Beaulac (bottom, second from right) who were marooned on a desert island after a forced landing in the Caribbean.

4. Four Captains of the 56th Squadron grim reflectively over experiences in North Africa. Reading from left to right they are; Capt. Kato, Capt. Spack, Capt. Weber and Capt. McElhoe. All received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the D.P.C. west to Tunis in addition.

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

6. Capt. Cosse, I.D.P.C. and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters of the 51st, teams a B-25 that might have been taking him on a mission over the South Pacific as other light bombers did not long ago ... Capt. Cosse 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 T. Sasso, (Silver Star) veterans 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. Sg t. Lemoan of the 51st grins from the rear turret of an A-20. The seat is familiar and Lemoan's pants are well grooved after combat missions over the South Pacific.

10. Major Maull, 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 Maull was awarded the Silver Star, with oak leaf clusters and the D.P.C.

11. Capt. Harvey Brown, (Air Medal) climbed up the side of a whip like the one he flew in the battle of the Bismarck Sea, when his squadron got six Jap vessels.

12. Major (New Captain) Spack, isn't. Group Operations Officer, flew 44 missions in North Africa and Egypt, with the British 5th Army from Egypt to Tunisia. Major Spack was awarded the D.P.C., the Air Medal with seve

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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 here are strange, quaint fellows. They raise gasoline on foreigners at 5
gallons for 30 days. But, almost every 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 in that a Chief only has one woman. They have
one woman for each man, but the women are very jealous."

"It is in 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 us!"

Herbert S. Brush
Maj. I.C.

WIFE HAS DAUGHTER;
SARGE WILL RECOVER

Sgt. George Moore of the 208th Ord. Co. has 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 nerv
ous, looking as though he had lost fifteen or
more pounds to announce the birth of his baby
daughter. It is believed his wife, Mary Mag-
dalene Moore, will recover sooner than George.

HEROES (Continued from page 3)

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

TUBBY

I AIN'T GOT MUCH TIME. I BETTER GET OUT THE LINE BEFORE THE CAME COMES!

MINE BUT THE BEST FOR THE MEDICS! Is an
official joint communiqué. Capt. Zachary E.
Cottler and Lt. Paul W. Vogel Stated: "It is
THE best News Hall at Morris Field!" news
news Sgt. Verlanelle Bowell, who has been working
in Army messes for the past: 5 years, confesses
that this is the best one he has known. In
the background, from left to right, Lt. Walter
Maurice L. Emmerich, Pfc. Manuel Montez and
Pfc. Wayne W. Sleezer. Photo by Pfc. Maurice
Emmerich.

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

14. Major Leford, Group Technical Inspector
and E-4, stops in front of a prop at a B-29.
Major Leford commanded a squadron of "Flying
Fortressess" 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 find him—and it was quite a timid voice that called the Band Office to report that GATOR was in his harem, 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. Anyway, “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 “lives” 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 “Basset-skylark’s” heart to find his pet ladies with ice one of these brisk mornings.

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

Capt. "You think? Don’t you know?"

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

LOST AND FOUND

A 1936 class ring with initials S.C. Please return to T/5 Sgt. San Cipollotii in Base Headquarters.

T/5 WINNELL WADE TAKES TIME off from aerobatic duties as aircraft dispatcher to give the photographer a broad smile.... lucky man! In addition to his duties at Base Operations, T/5 Wade is WAC correspondent for the MORRIS CIVILIAN.... 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 the neatest soldier of the week:

1/5 Larry Wolfe...66th Bomb Group
Ftc. Leo Phillips...66th A. S. Comm.
Ftc. Paul Swayne...66th Air Base Sq.
Pat. Edwin Caugherty....983rd OM

1/5 Arthurd Stewart...983rd OM

MISS US, LADIES? WINNING THE WAR!

OH EAR! HERE COME THE CROWD! HOW LUCKY I GOT HERE FIRST!!!

I NEED ONE VOLUNTEER FOR KP ‘N THAT YOU TURB!??

GENERAL MESS HALL

DE*CRUCE DEC
14 TEAMS STARTS PLAY IN BASE BASKETBALL TOURNY

The 1943 Base Basketball Championship made its debut last week, with 14 teams seeing action. The 79th KP team established itself as early season favorite following its 43-32 victory over the powerful 11th Air. quintet. Mike Pazszycki, a former honorable mention for All-Americans losers at Villasora, set the pace for his team with 16 points. In another particularly good game, fast and close throughout, the strong Guard team defeated the 90th Bomb. Sq. outfit 23-21.

Mr. Aintis of Charlotte officiated all games and will continue to do so. He was assisted last week by Capt. Brosa, Lt. Kreusch, Chaplain Lagen, and S/Sgt. Smith.

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Mr. Aintis (22)............Has LN & AM (164)
High Scorer Winners, Carer (124 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Dixon (8 pts.)

90th Bomb Sq. (23).................50th Bomb Sq. (21)
High Scorer Winners, Calia (13 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Estin (8 pts.)
High Scorer Winners, 79th KP (16 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Robinson (12 pts.)
High Scorer Winners, Varriell (19 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, 90th Bomb Sq. (10 pts.)
High Scorer Winners, Everly (19 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Sharp (7 pts.)
High Scorer Winners, 47th Bomb Sq. (25)
High Scorer Winners, Horimoto (10 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, 47th Bomb Sq. (18)

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Here are the results of last week’s Tax-FIS bowling matches:

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Fort Chasser, Mich. (AP) - First Sgt. Bill Bowler put over failure of some of his charges to fail out for pre-breakfast drill. Posted this notice:

"All members of this organization will fall out for morning drill at 4 A.M. There will be no exceptions. Cooperation is necessary, if you men will play ball with me, I will play ball with you."

We'd like to cooperate, Sergeant Bowler, but 4 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 tail-coats and suits, and smell- ing faintly of orange blossoms, has again stole into the office of the Post Engineer and laid away another private secretary. Third in a series of victims, Erilda Bobb is the latest sacrificial offering on the matrimonial altar. She leaves immediately to practice her feminine wiles as the bride of Captain James G. Nichols, R.A.F. navigator.

Joe Hall Hall, erstwhile "boss's secretary", and imp of misdeemors, established a precedent when he 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 Eunice B. Harrington who filled the R.A.F. office in August to wed a naval lieutenant. Swiftly driving her beloved to Aetna to forget, Mrs. Harrington is now gracing the P T O section with the exhausted pianist of a young matron.

"The precedent is set and the ritual commenced - "be the Post Engineer's secretary; and enter the portals of marital bliss". Fresh-faced maids, lost with ill-concealed envy on prospective occupants of the charmed site.

Major Stellwell, when interviewed on the subject, set the requirements as "fat and forty" desired in spinsterhood."

MESS HALL MEETING

By T. S. Kinsley

Don't tell Nettie. 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 bickered together at Daytona Beach.

Ivet Dryer was assigned a week before Reid, and was next to Morris Field. One day, in the peace and quiet of the Mess Hall, there were sudden cries of Oh, and Aah....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 000 o'clock. Photo by Pvt. Adolph Woldman.
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 reclamaion and repair shop at Morris Field, as a report for the month released this week by Lt. Frank J. Lackner, of the Quartermaster Corps.

The shop is operated by civilians, employed under the direction of the Army Service Forces Officer and repair anything a soldier wears from a sock to shoes, shirts, underwear, clothing, overcoats, or equipment he uses such as cartridge belts, vestage, bedding, shoes, chairs and other office or barracks furniture.

During the month 2,703 items were repaired or altered. These included 1,039 pairs of shoes, 1,566 articles of clothing, textiles, and miscellaneous, 176 pieces of canvas and webbing, and quite a few other things.

Total expenses for the operation of the shop, including salaries amounted to $1,888.49 for the month and the value of the items counted at half the original cost of each item was $2,725.85, the difference being a saving to the government of $2,775.04.

ROUND THE TOWN

Billfold Girl...

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 "Pop" Hoffman, is 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 horseriding, swimming, music, and literature.

Mon. Nov. 28—Church services: Protestant 1100; Catholic Masses hourly from 900 to 1015, informal sing, table tennis, and shuffleboard at EMC. Music albums, pool table tennis, pool at Armory Service Club; a Club. Special event at Mint Museum at 1:00 Bowling for servicemen and their dates at the Charlotte Bowling Center, 122 W., First St. 1000-1000. Recreation room open at First Presbyterian Church 1500 to 1700. Organ music at First Presbyterian Church. Free suppers for servicemen at First Methodist and Second Presbyterian Churches.

Tues. Nov. 29—Bridge and other card games at Armory Service Club'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 form...