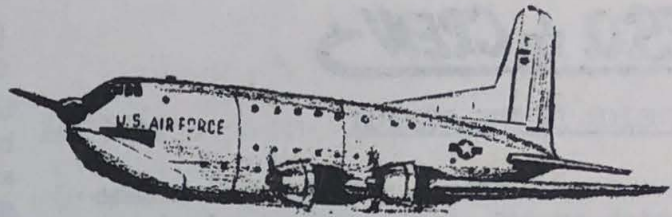


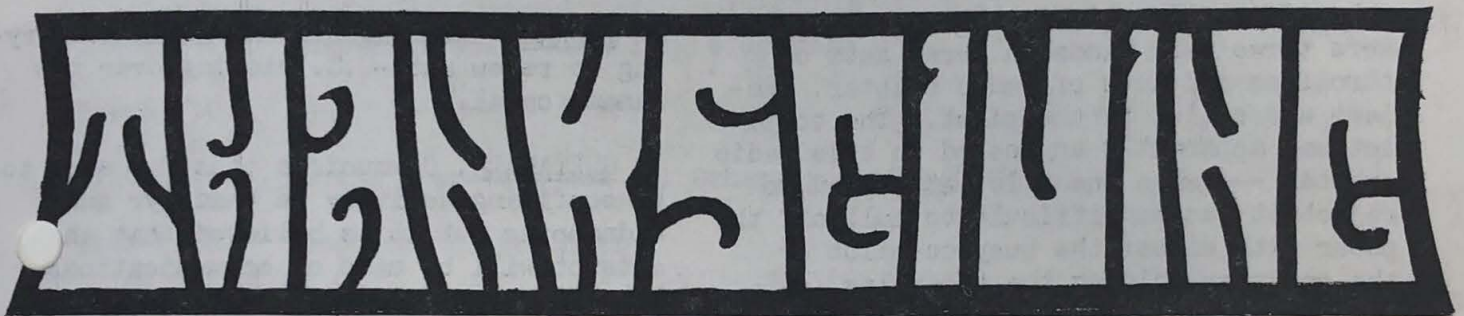
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A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING...FROM THE DESK OF CAPT ARTHUR PRIESINGER, 937TH CHAPLAIN

Once a year, by Presidential proclamation, Americans are urged to remember the God "from Whom all blessings flow" by observing a day of national thanksgiving. For many people this amounts to little more than a pious prayer before gorging themselves with turkey, potatoes, gravy, and cranberry sauce. With eyes cast downward in "humility" (like a Norman Rockwell painting) and with one hand mentally on the plate of rolls, we give our annual nod of approval to "The Man upstairs." It is a nod He does not need and never did.

No, God does not need our thanksgiving, and I doubt whether He wants much of what passes for thanksgiving these days.

Why, then, Thanksgiving Day? Because we need to give thanks. We need to get back to the Source of our life; to keep on remembering that without God we cannot exist. Martin Luther, in his explanation to the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer ("Give us this day our daily bread") said this: "God gives

daily bread indeed without our prayer... but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to know it, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."

Yes, Thanksgiving Day is on the calendar to help us remember from where all things that make life possible come. But this remembering, far from being a once-a-year affair, and far from being a grudging "thank you—now don't bother me for another year, God," should be the ongoing process of living in such a relationship with God that life itself becomes a continuous thank-you letter.

Thanksgiving Day should just add fuel to the fire of a heart already burning with gratitude to the God who gives life with all of its excitement and variety and infinite possibility.

Maybe a better word for this annual invasion of the territory of "gratitude" might be "thanksgiving." For to give thanks is to live thankfully—not just on the last Thursday of November, but every day of the year:

F.S.O. to CREW

CONFUSION IN THE COCKPIT

On a recent trip a slight problem came up which caused considerable confusion in the cockpit. After engine runup, we were cleared for take-off and to contact departure control on 340.9.

The lineup check was completed while taxiing into position. Just as power was being applied, the co-pilot switched frequency and called departure control.

As the power was advanced through 40 inches, departure control came through loud and clear. At the same time, the take-off warning light came on. There were three firm hands on three sets of throttles and lots of radio chatter. Reject was called by the pilot. The co-pilot was apparently engrossed in this radio chatter --- when the pilot attempted to reject it became difficult to pull off the power with either the busy co-pilot or the engineer holding the throttles.

Even though no actual safety problem came up, it certainly could have. Above all, this is not what you might call a well coordinated crew.

A check with the Communications experts reveals the following: For transport type aircraft the tower will clear you for take-off and to "Contact Departure Control on so-and-so frequency". There is no reason to add to the confusion by changing the frequencies and calling departure control during any portion of the take-off.

Of course there are extenuating circumstances where departure control may require you to make contact before taking the runway. When this is the case, they will so inform you.

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ed at naval bases, policemen were murdered, and banks and industrial firms were robbed. An attempt was made to sabotage the national elections of 1963 which was unsuccessful. There have been clandestine landings of fighters from Cuba on 24 July 66 and 8 May 67. These groups made their way into the mountains

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to join other groups hiding there. The big push in Venezuela is believed to be awaiting the outcome of Bolivian insurgency.

NICARAGUA. The last outbreak of guerilla warfare occurred in Nicaragua last August. New trainees fresh from Cuba are reported to have moved out into the countryside trying to build up an operation like that in Bolivia.

COSTA RICA. Trainees in subversion have returned to that country from Cuba.

PANAMA. Cuban agents in Panama are trying to renew anti-U.S. rioting over the Panama canal.

GUATEMALA. Communists thus far seem to be confining activity to banditry and kidnapping but it is believed that an attempt will be made on communications lines through Guatemala which would cut land communication between North and South America.

CHILE. Probably a peaceful takeover will be attempted in Chile as the communist party is legal there.

URUGUAY. Uruguay is in a mess economically, the government is unstable and the communist party there is large. These conditions make the country ripe for a revolution by castro agents.

BRAZIL. Soviet infiltration is in progress, therefore Castro is concentrating on the smaller, more backward countries.

GUYANA. Pro-communist candidates were defeated in the 1964 elections. Since then no revolution appears to be brewing there.

HAITI. Due to the strong dictatorship there, communist activity is minimal.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Intervention by the U.S. blocked a communist takeover in 1965, but Castro forces have not given up.

SATURDAY

- 0630-0730 Staff Meeting - Bldg 761
- 0730-0800 Sign In - Hq, Support, Supply, Disp, Comm Flt - Theatre
All Others - Orderly Room
- 0800-1000 Commanders' Call - Hq, Support, Supply, Disp, Comm Flt - Theatre
- 0815-1600 Pistol - 305th - Pistol Range
- 0815-1015 Rifle - 5 from CAM - 3 from Supply - Rifle Range
- 1000-1100 1st Sergeants' Meeting - Room 206, Bldg 1030
- 1000-1140 Immunizations - Room 111, Bldg 1030
- Lunch
- 1100-1140 305th, Comm Flt, and All Others - Dining Hall
- 1140-1220 Support - Dining Hall
- 1220-1300 CAM - Dining Hall
- 1300-1400 Flying Physicals - Base Hospital
- 1230-1430 Rifle - CAM Sq
- 1430-1600 Rifle - CAM Sq
- 1400-1500 OJT Supervisors' Meeting - Bldg 761
- 1500 SKT Counseling
- 1645 **RETIREMENT PARADE - All Units, All Personnel - East Ramp**
- 1700 Officers' Call - ROA Meeting - Officers Club
- WEAR YOUR BLUES - Mandatory Uniform Change becomes effective
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- *1300 Officers' Call - Support Squadron - Conference Room, Bldg 761

SUNDAY

0730-0800 Sign In - CAM Sq - Base Theatre
All Others - Orderly Room

0800-1000 Commanders' Call - CAM Sq - Base Theatre

0815-1200 SKT and End-of-Course Testing - Bldg 200

0815-1200 Pistol - Support Sq - Pistol Range
Rifle - Support Sq - Rifle Range

0830-1230 Non-flying Physicals - Base Hospital

1100-1300 Lunch Same as Saturday

1200-1430 Commanders' Call and GMT - Briefing Room
305th, AME, APF

1230-1600 Pistol - Comm Flt and Support Sq - Pistol Range
Rifle - Comm Flt and Support Sq - Rifle Range

1400 Promotion Board - Bldg 761

1500 Classification Board - Bldg 761

1645 Retreat - Disp, Hq, Comm Flt

WING STAFF VISIT -

The Staff from the 512th Wing will visit us on Sunday afternoon from 1000 until 1400. The 937th Staff will brief our Wing visitors shortly after their arrival.



SAFETY TIPS

Fall brings on the hunting season and with it the potential for many fatal accidents and disabling injuries. There are a few rules as in any safety program that one can follow and reduce his chances for accidental or fatal injuries.

These rules are:

1. Be sure of your target. Many a hunter has shot an innocent bystander because of an itchy "trigger finger."
2. Be careful of how you carry your shotgun, rifle, etc. Keep it pointing away from others. Pass through a fence by laying the gun down, then going over the fence and reaching back through for the gun.
3. Wear conspicuous clothing. Be sure and wear something very bright so others can spot you.
4. Be sure where others are located that are in your hunting party.
5. Keep the gun safety on until ready to actually fire the gun.
6. If it's cold, wear warm clothing, don't depend on alcohol for insulation. It could prove fatal.

HISTORICAL OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED

All squadrons of the 937th MAG are to appoint a Historical officer and report that name to Capt Jean Cotton, Information Officer, not later than 1600, 19 Nov 1967.

Duties of the historical officer require that a quarterly report of historical data be made to the information office, 512th MAW Reg 210-1 as RCS: AW-DF.

Format for preparation of the reports is specific and the new appointees will check with the information office for assistance.

The new duties are in addition to the six-month reports prepared by the Information office of the 937th MAG.

EIGHTY EIGHT MEMBERS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Sixty-eight members of the 937th MAG have been promoted in the last three months indicating OJT emphasis is doing its job.

The following paragraphs contain the names of the persons being promoted only and does not include their new rank. Space limitations prohibited listing ranks.

Promotions were effective 1 Aug for the following men: Willard E. Shields, Carmine Pertucione, Jimiel M. Hadad, Elsworth H. Hammer, John F. Harwell, Ronald J. Licklider, Roger S. Milsap, Tommy L. Myers, Max A. Paul, Albert L. Prufert, Berl D. Smith, Edward P. Spears and Charles R. Stice.

New ranks effective 11 Aug were: Francis F. Boone, James W. Jackson, James J. Kreke, Robert L. Custer, Forrest L. Franks, Thomas W. Kitchen, David L. Myers, Clifford C. Davis, James W. Shirley, Charles G. Van Brunt, Wesley S. Allen, Donald W. Gillham, Ronald L. Jenkins, Ronald Lowery, Clarence W. Pendley, Jr., Harold R. Stockstill, Larry D. Collier, Jerry W. Jones, Dan A. Murray, Jack S. Davis, James R. Powell. On August 31, Noel Villarreal was promoted.

Also effective on 1 Aug were promotions for: Ernest D. Baze, Andres C. Carlisle, Jack W. Dill, Ronnie V. Baugh, Claudie D. Blackwell Jr., Gilbert L. Brunley, Charles D. Donovan, Lewis A. Hulhum, Phil H. Johnson, Leonard E. Maker, Gary L. Rowl, John C. Smith, Phillip D. Squires, Ralph L. Stevenson, Reginald W. Thompson, Jerry D. Trent and Kenneth L. Young.

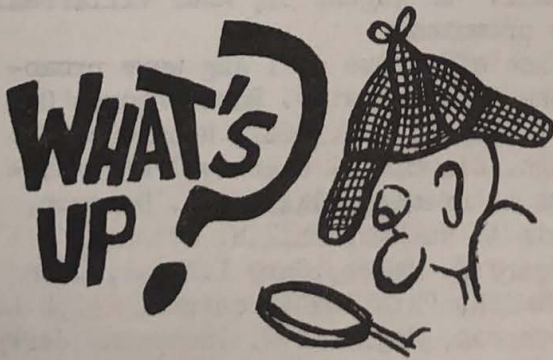
1 Sept. brought promotions to Harold R. Madden and James E. Strefflebean. One day later Delma M. Blackburn was promoted.

On 8 Sept. Larry J. Boyd got another stripe and on 11 Sept. Cecillia M. Mathews got new rank.

The first of Oct. brought new stripes to: Albert A. Austin, Louis H. Nachtigall, Richard L. Deeds, Kenneth E. Foss Jr., Ronald K. Baker, James H. Daniels, Bruce V. Howe, Robert G. Koenig, Harold E. Stansberry II, Gerald W. Stewart and William O. Warner.



RETREAT---Each training day for the 937th closes with retreat ceremonies and retiring of the flag. All persons in the area are to remain stationary and at attention until flag is folded and unit standing retreat is dismissed.



CASTRO PLOTS HEMISPHERE TAKEOVER

On 24 September, the organization of American states voted 20 to 0 to condemn Castro's communist government and to tighten curbs on trade with Cuba.

The OAS action was spurred by conclusive evidence that Cuban-trained agents are leading guerilla bands and trying to produce revolution in most countries of Central and South America.

Some authorities estimate the number of these agents at 4,000. Castro's

aim is to overthrow one government after another in the Western hemisphere and spread communism across Latin America. Below is a list of the countries in which Castro agents have been active:

BOLIVIA. Seized documents and confessions of captives reveal the long-range plan in Bolivia. This plan provides for the build-up of large bands of well trained guerillas, the infiltration of the tin-mine unions, and spread of confusion and chaos. The tin miners were instrumental in the 1952 revolution that created the present government.

VENEZUELA. Castro has been more active in Venezuela than in any other Latin-American country. He started in 1959, soon after he gained power in Cuba. The Venezuelan government has compiled a 95-page account of terrorism, assassination, kidnapping and bombing by Castro agents. A training school for revolutionaries was established in 1962. Uprisings were foment-

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