

Alpha Phi Omega's TORCH AND TREFOIL



HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The purchase and use of Easter Seals contributes to national and state assistance to crippled children toward securing needed braces, treatments and educational facilities. A message has been dispatched to all Alpha Phi Omega Chapters suggesting the sale of Easter Seals on all campuses as a new service project of real value and importance.

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Three More Men of Alpha Phi Omega Have Made the Supreme Sacrifice



Lt. Warren H. Hilborn

Beta Beta Chapter

Warren was killed in the Strasbourg area, January 6, 1945, in action against Germany.

He was born November 6, 1921, in Coldwater, Michigan, and graduated in 1940 from Coldwater high school. He was subsequently a student in Michigan State College where he became affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega. He majored in engineering.

He availed himself of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and later in March of 1942 was transferred to the enlisted reserve. He enlisted November 6 of that year, on his twenty-first birthday anniversary, and reported to Fort Sheridan for assignment. He entered Officers' Candidate School, November 16, 1942, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and was graduated the following May as a second lieutenant.

He was then assigned to a camouflage unit at Fort Ord, California, then being sent into overseas combat service. He saw action at Oran, Africa, Sicily, Italy, and later in Rome. He participated in the invasion of France, and then was moved to the Strasbourg area, where his death occurred.

He was a member of the Coldwater American Legion Post, his membership beginning when he was technically discharged as a private to receive his commission as an officer. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church where he served as an acolyte for several years.

Warren was a very active member of Beta Beta Chapter during his years at Michigan State. He served in many capacities and devoted much time and interest to the program of our fraternity. He showed lasting interest by subscribing for life membership.

Beta Beta Chapter dispatched a message of sympathy to Warren's parents, and the men in the fraternity who knew Warren personally feel deeply this loss.



Lt. William Prentice

Gamma Pi Chapter

Having been enrolled in the University of Michigan for three years, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Force in May, 1941. He finished his basic flight training at Randolph Field and then went to the advanced flying school at Ellington Field. He received his pilot's wings and second lieutenant's commission upon graduation from Ellington Field in February, 1942, and then was transferred to active duty in England. He was reported missing in action shortly after a raid on Lille, France, on December 9, 1942, and was later officially listed as killed in action. He was twenty-two years of age at the time of his death.

The posthumous presentation of the Order of the Purple Heart was made to his brother. On this occasion his brother received the following two letters concerning Bill's service to his country:

From General H. H. Arnold: "Your brother was an officer of magnificent courage, imbued with a deep love for his country. He was intelligent, energetic, cheerful, and was in every respect an officer commanding the respect of associates."

From General George C. Marshall: "I hope that you will derive some consolation in the knowledge that William Prentice served with honor in the U. S. Army and died in the best traditions of the service. To men like your brother who have died that the American way of life can continue the nation owes an everlasting debt of gratitude."

These two letters give an excellent record of the type of service Bill performed and the high esteem in which he was held by the officers and men with whom he served.

Bill likewise rendered outstanding service in Alpha Phi Omega while active in the University of Michigan Chapter. Our fraternity mourns the loss of this good brother.



Lt. Harold G. Blumberg

Gamma Iota Chapter

On New Year's Day, 1945, Hal was killed with his crew as they took off on their first combat mission from England. He was pilot of a B-24.

Hal was born on April 29, 1924. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn and entered Brooklyn College before the age of sixteen. He was in the class of 1944. He was initiated into Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega June 24, 1941.

He was active in Scouting, being a member of Troop 147 in Brooklyn. He was a ready participant in school activities, and was elected to the presidency of the student council of Brooklyn College. He was also elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Hal was highly respected by all who were associated with him. Evidence of this is conclusively shown in letters written by members and alumni of Gamma Iota Chapter upon hearing of Hal's death.

His passing is a great loss to our brotherhood.

SERVICE PROJECT NUMBER 1

A campaign to collect 150 million pounds of good used clothing for relief purposes will be conducted throughout the United States in April. Many civic agencies are cooperating. There is a great need for clothing for people in liberated countries.

This is a project in which every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega can assist by handling the solicitation of used clothing among students and faculty personnel.

If your chapter has not already perfected plans to participate in the clothing collection, we suggest you contact your local Chamber of Commerce and offer your services to the chairman of the campaign in your community.

Dr. H. Roe Bartle Has Served Fourteen Years As National President Of Alpha Phi Omega

Steady Expansion, Building of an Extensive Service Program and Recognition by Leading Educators Mark the Developments in the Fraternity Under President Bartle's Leadership

This article is published at the suggestion of Brother Ara John Nigolian, Secretary of Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas. Brother Ara pointed out that men of APO everywhere would like to know more about our national president and other national leaders. In pre-war days, President Bartle was personally acquainted with a great majority of APO men because of his extensive travels to many campuses. But the curtailment of travel and the rapid turnover of members on campuses has caused a lessening of the personal acquaintanceship. Thus Brother Ara's suggestion is timely, and this article is presented to give all members a fuller knowledge of the leader who directs Alpha Phi Omega nationally. We are sure all brothers everywhere join in expressing appreciation and admiration for the outstanding leadership President Bartle has given and is giving in our fraternity.—The Editor.

Fourteen years ago, H. Roe Bartle was elected national president of Alpha Phi Omega at the national convention held in St. Louis, in March, 1931. And he has been repeatedly reelected at each succeeding convention.

When Dr. Bartle assumed the presidency, there were only fourteen active chapters in our fraternity. Immediately he started a program of aggressive expansion and project development, leading up to our present nationwide scope of activity with chapters having been chartered in one hundred colleges and universities.

Dr. Bartle is a native of Virginia. He is the son of a Presbyterian minister and army chaplain, Dr. S. D. Bartle, now retired. Educated at Fork Union Military Academy, University of Chattanooga, Missouri Valley College and Hamilton College, he entered the law profession, later assuming his present responsibilities.

Today he is a civic and youth leader of national prominence, public speaker, humanitarian, lawyer. He is in constant demand throughout the United States for addresses at conventions, educational associations, bankers and industrial groups.



Dr. Bartle
*Vigorous, dynamic leader
of Alpha Phi Omega*

For seventeen years he has been Scout Executive of the Kansas City Council of Boy Scouts. Since November 1, 1942, he has been National Executive Director of the American War Dads on a dollar-a-year basis. He is a former member of the War Labor Board, Region VII, as public member. As Chairman of the County Board of Visitors he is in charge of good management in the youth institutions in Jackson County, Missouri. Other civic responsibilities include activity in the Community Chest campaigns, chairman of Kansas City's 1942 war bond campaigns, leadership in Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Juvenile Improvement Association and the Boys Club of Kansas City, chairman of the speakers committee of Kansas City's Red Cross War Fund campaign. He works in close cooperation with the juvenile court and other character-building agencies of his community.

He served as a major of infantry in World War I, is an active Legionnaire and vice-president of the Officers Club of Kansas City.

A Rotarian of distinction, he served in 1936 as president of the Kansas City Rotary Club of 375 members, in 1937 as a member of the international Boys' Work and Youth Service committee, in 1939 as governor of the 134th district of Rotary International. He has spoken at many Rotary conferences and is annually a headline speaker at Institutes of International Understanding. He was international convention speaker on club service at Nice, France, in 1937.

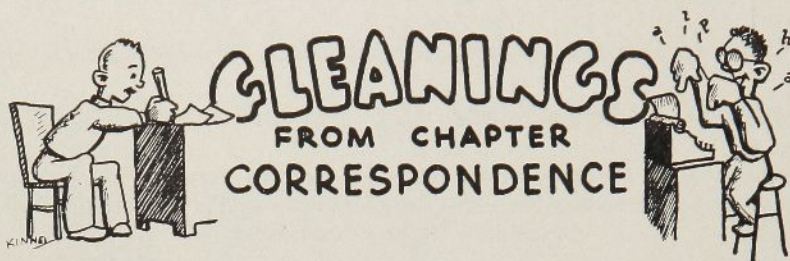
He is often referred to as "Kansas City's human dynamo." A man of dynamic energy, he carries a tremendous schedule of responsibility and receives many distinctions. He was named by the twenty-four Legion Posts of Kansas City as "Kansas City's Distinguished Citizen."

The National Association of Deans and Advisors of Men has granted him a lifetime honorary membership, his membership being the only one extended to a non-educator in the history of the association.

He owns and operates three farms and is interested in several business enterprises.

Dr. Bartle has devoted much time and energy to the work of Alpha Phi Omega throughout the past fourteen years. He has travelled from coast to coast visiting chapters, installing new chapters, presiding at national conventions and district conferences.

Through years of depression, recession and war the devotion and determination of Dr. Bartle has guided Alpha Phi Omega steadily onward and upward. Today, he visions rapid expansion in our fraternity in the years ahead.



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"On January 15, Beta Iota Chapter had as a special speaker a representative of the "Save the Children Federation" and after hearing the explanation of the work, the chapter has accepted three portions of responsibility including: First, we will sponsor a school, contributing \$60 within a year's time to be spent by the federation in behalf of a poor school located in the Missouri Ozarks, to provide recreation, clothing and other items needed. Second, the chapter brothers who are connected with Scout troops will direct a big drive to secure children's books to be distributed at the school sponsored by the chapter and at other schools. Third, the chapter will sponsor a bundle day with cooperation of the near-by Scout troops and the university students.

"As our chapter president pointed out, we are fortunate enough to be attending a university, and if we can help others secure an education, this is a splendid piece of service work."

Daniel B. Leyerle, Faculty Advisor.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

"Ten new men were initiated into Alpha Upsilon Chapter February 9, and we are now working on two projects including the Red Cross War Fund campaign and the American Cancer Society's nationwide drive." *Dr. James Y. Causey, Senior Faculty Advisor.*

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"New officers have been elected in Alpha Pi Chapter for the spring trimester and we have plans already underway for a large pledge class."

Sam Thatcher, Jr., Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

"Recently Gamma Sigma Chapter had charge of the concessions for the private high school basketball league from which part of the proceeds will be presented to the World Student Service Fund and the remainder used as a revolving fund for the chapter for use in connection with other projects."

Philip Lindahl.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TEACHERS

"On January 27 Eta Chapter sponsored a record dance on the campus for the purpose of contributing to the March of Dimes campaign. It turned out very successfully. At our last meeting we invited twelve prospective members to attend and hear Dr. Hayes, our senior faculty advisor, explain the work of our fraternity. We feel that these new men will do much to strengthen our organization and we are now making plans for pledge training for them."

Don Baker, Secretary.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Three new pledges in Mu Chapter include a Star Scout from Puerto Rico, a Second Class Scout from Costa Rica, and a Second Class Scout from Puerto Rico. As president I have started as a feature having guest speakers at the meetings. The first one was Mr. Sadler, the new Scout Executive of this area, and at the next meeting we will have Thornton Stone, one of the charter members of this chapter who helped establish APO on this campus fifteen years ago. For our meeting of March 15 we will have as our speaker Peter Freankle, a German young man who has recently been living in Bolivia and whose father is a political refugee from Germany."

Marlin H. Kinman, President.

TEXAS TECH

Beta Sigma Chapter's next rush function will be March 22.

Don Duggan, Vice President.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

To begin the spring semester Alpha Alpha Chapter has four active members, three pledges and four candidates. This semester we hope to make steady progress, and at present we have numerous plans including getting out a pamphlet on odd facts about the campus. We regret to report the death of Brother Christy Broughton in action with General Patton's Seventh Army in France. (Further details will be published in the next issue.)

Stuart Moore, Secretary.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Alpha Tau Chapter has started anew after being nearly wiped out by the draft last year. Four new men have been pledged and a smoker for other interested and eligible men will be held March 20.

James F. Nau, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"We really have our hands full of projects including hospital visitation, entertainment of Texas Legislature members here on the campus February 9, ushering at recent campus functions, blood bank, and the handling of campus elections. Our pledges have been doing a fine job along with the active members."

Ara John Nigolian, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

"Gamma Pi Chapter is working in conjunction with the University newspaper in supporting the March of Dimes campaign. Between semesters in March we will assist in arranging for the biggest dance of the year on the University of Michigan campus."

Charles Lewis, Publicity Chairman.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

"Our most recent campus project in Alpha Epsilon Chapter was the collection of magazines to be given to the infirmary, and a program of visitation at the infirmary. Both have been very successful and everyone heartily endorses them. Another service recently was our assistance in the March of Dimes, in which we played a big part by canvassing the entire barracks and stadium for contributions."

Lowell N. Stracener, Jr., President.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Serum for blood typing has been ordered and as soon as it is received Alpha Pi Chapter will record the blood types of all students for transfusion purposes. We are also making plans for awarding a prize to the most proficient Scout Troop in an event for all troops of Coral Gables. We have an excellent pledge class."

Herbert Horton, Past Secretary.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY

"We have been having some very interesting and snappy chapter meetings. Attendance has been good and the members have been exhibiting a fine spirit of cooperation."

Erling A. Hanson, Past President.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"We recently initiated six new members into Delta Delta Chapter and have bright prospects for a sizeable pledge group from the new freshman class. We have hopes of becoming one of the strongest chapters in the entire organization. We have completed a few projects such as donating blood to the Red Cross plasma bank, ushering at the alumni meeting and conducting the war chest campaign on the campus, and at present we are assisting with the expansion fund campaign of the university and are endeavoring to establish a dental clinic for underprivileged children of the entire city."

Ted Key, Vice President.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Alpha Pi Chapter is presenting an active life membership to Brother Marshall Jay Simmons as a graduation present in tribute to his leadership in our chapter."

Herbert Horton, Past Secretary.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Gamma Chapter operated a fingerprinting booth at registration for the spring term and also handed out survey cards. We should have a large group of prospective pledges. An executive committee meeting was held the first week of this term to outline plans for the future."

William G. Hessler, Corresponding Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"Gamma Zeta Chapter is planning an even more active and successful program this semester. New officers will be elected March 12 and we will conduct an initiation for last semester's pledges within the next two weeks thus increasing our membership to about 45."

Ernest B. Koelliker, Secretary.

C. C. N. Y.

Gamma Delta Chapter has its calendar for the coming semester planned to the minutest detail. The activities planned by the service committee include fingerprinting, scrap paper drive, and many other projects of benefit to the college and the war effort. The social committee has some interesting events planned, and the membership committee has big plans to increase the chapter's ranks.

Jerome P. Silver, Vice President.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

"Our dance for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund was very successful, and the sum collected was three times the campus quota. The chapter has been highly praised for its work on this project."

Jack D. Krasner, Vice President.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"Delta Delta Chapter is assisting with the solicitation for the university's expansion drive and for the Red Cross War Fund, and recently twenty-two of our fellows attended the Annual Senior Scout Ball of the St. Louis Council and enjoyed themselves discussing their Scouting experiences of former days."

S. N. Bruni, Past President.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Beta Eta Chapter's sponsorship of the President's Birthday Ball and the March of Dimes throughout Boone County produced a total of \$935 this year. We gratefully express our thanks for the cooperation received from the university and other agencies toward making this drive a big success."

Joe Stark, Past President.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

"Brother Lt. Edward Liljebblad, home on furlough, went with me to DePauw University the evening of February 9 to assist in the initiation of ten new members into Alpha Upsilon Chapter. It was a very fine group of young men who became active members of APO at that ceremony."

Hubert T. Vitz, Scouting Advisor.

MILWAUKEE STATE

"On January 19 a very fine luncheon meeting was held for members and prospective pledges. There is certainly much to be done here during the second semester."

Bill Hyde, Secretary.

QUEENS COLLEGE

"We anticipate having need for twelve more pledge buttons in Gamma Omicron Chapter very soon."

Norman Fuld, Treasurer.

AT BETA ZETA CHAPTER'S MARCH OF DIMES DANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Shown in this picture are four leaders of Beta Zeta Chapter at the campus-wide dance sponsored January 25 for the national infantile paralysis fund. They are, left to right: Jack Krasner, vice-president; Abit Massey, secretary; Jimmy DeLay, president; and Dean William Tate, senior faculty advisor. The party was a huge success, bringing a total of \$769, three times the quota set for the campus. Great work!

Pictures of the President's Birthday Ball at the University of Missouri, sponsored and conducted by Beta Eta Chapter, will appear in the April issue.

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

"Robert Kralovec among our APO grads has done some fine work in food chemistry after getting his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. Charles Hines secured an eight-year fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, has his Ph. D. and M. D. and is now a lieutenant (jg) in the Navy. Paul Steeno is a lieutenant in the Navy. Roger Stiller graduated from USNA two years ago and took part in landing troops in France. Anthony Chmlewski was ordained a priest last year and is doing great work with the young people and Boy Scouts at St. Patrick's Church in Green Bay. Harold Buth and Jack McDonald are to graduate from USMA in June. Both are doing well at West Point. I believe Buth is trying to get into the Air Corps. The last I heard of Marcus Wagner, he was on the staff of University of Wisconsin. Norbert Lemerond has a prominent position with the Milwaukee public service."

"Lt. James Dunn, USMC, was killed while leading his troops up the beachhead at Peleliu last September 30th."

*Rev. L. A. V. DeCleene,
Senior Faculty Advisor.*

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Lambda Chapter sponsored and conducted the President's Birthday Ball of 1945 on the Jayhawk campus. Excellent cooperation was received from many organizations, and the music was furnished free by the V-12 orchestra. A net total of more than \$250 was secured for the March of Dimes fund.

Bill Jensen, AS, USNR, President.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"Our solicitation for the March of Dimes brought in over \$60 for the fund."

Arthur Green, AS, USNR, President.

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John T. Reid S1C (Alpha Chi)

Bliss Electrical School

Washington, D. C.

Writes:

"While at Great Lakes I was quite pleased to receive a copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL. Besides giving news of what is now going on in APO it brought back cherished memories of the grand times we had back in school."

Lt. Charles M. Jones (Gamma Zeta)

Wright Field, Ohio

Writes:

"In the world today all those forces for good must be strengthened and increased and I have always regarded Alpha Phi Omega as one of them."

Pfc. Herbert Goldman (Gamma Delta)

Chicago Ordnance

Writes:

"After three years in Greenland I am now in Chicago for reassignment. I do not know yet just what my duties will be."

Gordon M. Harrington S 1/C

(Gamma Zeta)

Corpus Christi, Texas

Writes:

"I have talked to several Canadian Scouts and Scouters who are interested in APO and would like to extend our brotherhood across the border."

Pvt. Bert A. Kessler (Gamma Iota)

San Marcos, Texas

Writes:

"A group of alumni of Gamma Iota Chapter have banded themselves together for the purpose of establishing an alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. At the moment, it is in its very early stages because our only means of communication is through the mail and some of the brothers are overseas. However, eleven original members have been selected for the purpose of carrying on through life together. Other men will be added to the group soon. We are planning for the day when we can be of real assistance to the active chapter on the Brooklyn campus and we hope to be able to provide scholarship fees to assist brothers who are in school."

Candidate George Lund (Beta Gamma)

O. C. S. Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Writes:

"We are in our eleventh week with only five and a half to go. It's tough but very educational. Everything has gone along fine so far and I expect it to remain that way."

Pvt. Marshall Smulson (Beta Gamma)

Camp Rucker, Alabama

Writes:

"Brother Walter Wassman did 66 missions over Europe, came home for furlough and is now resting at Lowry Field, Colorado. He has been grounded because of color-blindness aggravated by his past experiences and may be headed for an instructor's job."

Mel Buchalter, Phm 3C (Gamma Iota)

Newport, Rhode Island

Writes:

"After spending over fourteen months at the Sampson Training Center this 'Boy Scout' is finally going to get a bit of salt on his collar. Wherever I go, I know I will want the TORCH AND TREFOIL sent. It provides a good means of keeping in touch with the fellows on the outside who are keeping the chapter active."

Pvt. Walter Schnur (Beta Iota)

Camp Stoneman, Calif.

Writes:

"Bob McMullen of the Butler University Chapter is also here. He is trying for Transportation Corps O. C. S. and I am working for M. A. C., O. C. S. I am working on an Army Transport as part of the ship's military compliment."

Lt. Earl A. Veenendaal (Upsilon)

Eighth Weather Detachment

Writes:

"It was the fine bunch of men in Upsilon Chapter who caused me to want to belong to Alpha Phi Omega. It is one thing to teach and preach the doctrine of service and another to carry it out. I joined. The next three years proved that decision to be a good one. We did our best to carry out the program and ideals of Alpha Phi Omega and our chapter grew in usefulness, size and reputation. After graduating in 1939 I taught high school two years and went into the Army in July, 1941, received my commission in September, 1943, and came overseas in May, 1944, and have been doing weather forecasting for ATC planes in (censored). I have been receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL and am glad to keep in touch with the fraternity news."

Carmen Carsello S1C (Beta Gamma)

Admiralty Islands

Writes:

"With the war going on as it is I hope it won't be very long before we will be having another meeting of Beta Gamma men at the Bismarck."

Pvt. L. M. Freeman (Beta Gamma)

In India

Writes:

"I am really glad to know that efforts are underway through Dr. Hartsuch to revive the work of Beta Gamma Chapter."

Sgt. Marshall R. Lovett (Alpha Eta)

726th Engineers Heavy Shop Company

In the Aleutians

Writes:

Here's wishing the best to APO. Please send me an application form for life membership.

Frank M. Butcher, S1C (Beta Phi)

In the Pacific

Writes:

How is APO getting along? I know it must be doing all right. I received the chapter news letter written just after the most recent Victory Ball, and sure was glad to get it. It sounded as if the Ball must have been really swell. Would sure have liked to have been there. When they cleared three hundred dollars it must have been a grand success. I do hope this finds you in good shape at SLI. If I can do anything to assist, don't hesitate in asking me.

Pvt. Leo J. Cappel (Beta Phi)

In France

Writes:

How is the fraternity doing this term? I still think we have the best organization of all. My French is picking up little by little. Pretty soon I should be able to carry on a good conversation. I understand much better than I speak.

Pvt. Kenneth Blacharsh (Gamma Omicron)

In the Hawaiian Islands

Writes:

"Just a note to let you know I have been receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL regularly each month. Keep it coming as it is good to read how well the fraternity is getting along."

WRITE TODAY

to a brother in the service.

Remember,
if you don't write
you're wrong.



FROM BROTHERS OVERSEAS

Pvt. William H. Walker (Beta Eta)
In England
Writes:

"I felt very near home today when I received the latest TORCH AND TREFOIL. I have read it many times and will continue until the next issue is received. It was extremely heartening to read that Beta Eta Chapter is again sponsoring the President's Birthday Ball. I am now on detached service at one of our general hospitals. Few of us really realize the love of our country until we are living in others."

Pfc. Robert L. Sheppard (Beta Mu)
Somewhere in the Philippines
Writes:

"I like it pretty well over here although there is no place like home. I have been overseas seven months. It is nice to be able to talk to the natives here and have them understand a little. It sure beats talking to the natives in New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies. I really like getting the TORCH AND TREFOIL and reading of what the Alpha Phi Omega chapters are doing. Our fraternity is doing a swell job despite the fact that a lot of men are in the service. I plan to carry on in Alpha Phi Omega when I get out of the Army and return to school."

Sgt. Dale Hewgley (Alpha Rho)
In Germany
Writes:

"Receiving an invigorating issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL is indeed a pleasure. I marvel at the ability of APO to continue and expand its many services against such overwhelming odds as now exist. No doubt this is the test proving the lasting durability of our brotherhood. Not so long ago I had the pleasure of visiting England, and this brings to a total of five European countries I have visited. The others are France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. But of course not one of these would I trade for my native state."

Sgt. John Thornberry (Alpha Gamma)
Luxembourg
Writes:

"Perhaps you know that Brother J. Gordon Edwards of Alpha Tau Chapter is over here too. I do enjoy the TORCH AND TREFOIL when it reaches me and I am maintaining correspondence with a number of brothers of Alpha Gamma Chapter who were personal friends."

Pfc. Glenn E. Turner (Lambda)
In Southwest Pacific
Writes:

"What if our soldiers over here on the fighting front went on a strike the same as a lot of civilian workers are doing. That is the question we would like to have answered. I enjoyed the last issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL and several of the other fellows here enjoyed it too. It certainly passed through many hands."

Pfc. Sol H. Marshall (Gamma Delta)
In England
Writes:

"Well, folks, here we are again with a little schmooz. Just for the record, a rehash of what I've been doing since the last issue: In August, September—Worked in Sp Sv Sec, 11th Repl Depot, off-duty education, orientation, and the "Army Talks" program, chief clerk for a while. Interesting, good experience, but still a replacement. September 16—Transferred. Special duty with Classification Sec, 80th Repl Bn, then with Orientation Sec, 12th Repl Depot, "Army Talks" again. Six trips to London in three weeks, trying to get an assignment. October 31—Shipped to this outfit (had to miss payday, darn it!) One of several administrative clerks in this unit, working with British and Canadians, doing administrative supply and special services, in varying amounts. December 18-23—Furlough Course at University of Manchester, lectures, tours, discussions, very good. Holidays—had lots of time off, received more than a dozen packages. (Box from B. Altman came with card ripped off. Box with apples was opened by the fellows and the wrapper thrown away.) Many thanks to y'all. This Month—Having a great time, feeling fine, enjoy my work—wish I were home instead!"

M. A. Smith, Jr., (Alpha Rho)
In Belgium
Writes:

"Two days ago I was very pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of TORCH AND TREFOIL at mail call. I especially enjoy reading the news about the fraternity. Since I have been overseas I have seen England, France and now Belgium. Here nearly all the movies are in French with Flemish written under the screen so we have a difficult time understanding the pictures. American movies have both French and Flemish written underneath."

Cpl. Bernard Vachss (Beta Iota)
In France
Writes:

"I received a copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL the other night and it was the most welcome piece of mail I have received in quite a long time. I read it and reread it by flashlight. After seeing the havoc that war has caused both materially and mentally, the news that our brothers are carrying on the ideals of APO back in the states and on foreign soil has really made me feel much better. You will remember the pup tent incident that I wrote about from Camp Clairborne last year. We lived in those little shelters for a time after we hit the beach and we did **not** put them up "by the numbers" this time. We put them as fast as we could and dove into them. Two men with full equipment and two barracks bags apiece made a very tight fit."

Lt. Earl A. Veendaal (Upsilon)
Eighth WX Detachment Overseas
Writes:

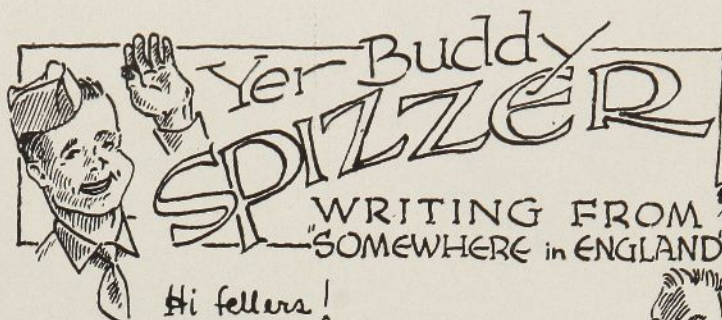
"I enjoyed the December issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL very much and noted especially the extract from the letter from Ensign Roy Shapiro. Roy is the one who introduced me to the fraternity and I knew his brother, Harold, very well too. I have desired for a long time to become a life member of APO and am now glad to send my life membership application. I believe wholeheartedly in the aims and program of the fraternity and would like to continue to be an active part of the group."

Alfred E. Isaac (Delta Alpha)
East Anglia
Writes:

"On the way over here we landed at a field in Iceland and I met some A.T.C. pilots who know Brother Kenneth Cedarland (member of our national executive board) at the Washington National Airport and they all think a lot of him. So far I have only been out on two missions, and on one of my next ones I'll drop one with the compliments of APO."

WE EXPRESS THANKS

... for the heading of this page and for the latest adventures of Spizzer Inkum" drawn by Sgt. Del J. Kinney (Upsilon), now on duty with the Army Air Forces in France.



Hi fellers!

You've got every right in the world to call me all sorts of names for I'm late in getting this letter off to you—Let's see, the last time I wrote we were in the middle of the Atlantic—a poor place to leave a man! We'll skip a few choppy days and pick up the tale when we landed—boy, was this 'land lubber' glad to feel terra firma under his dooggies agin—yea man!

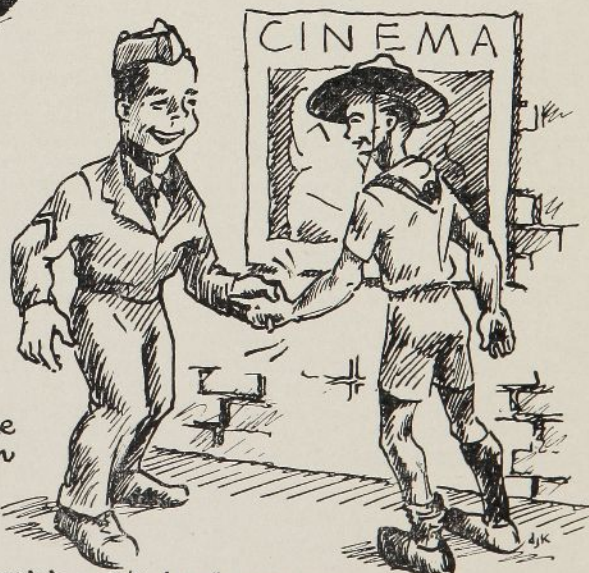


The biggest thing happening to yers trewlie the first week 'over' was making Corporal—was Analee proud! If you ever find this happenin' to you use the added dough for LIFE MEMBERSHIP in APO— you'll never be sorry!



I'll always remember our first pass to town. Believe me those British officers have class! Everyone was friendly to us and made us feel right at home. You can hardly believe yourself overseas cuz your hosts speak the same language, are fighting for the same things, and think about the same all the way around.

My biggest find of my stay in the tidy land of the Tommy was—yep, ya guessed it pal!—a Boy Scout! They're really plugging for the allied war effort and it makes a guy feel good down deep to belong to an organization that's the same the world over. Hope we can see APO an international force after the war, heh? Dawg-goneut, here's the end of the page already—so it's "cherio" chaps and "all the best"! (Gotta pack now—we've got a suspicion it'll be "Somewhere in France" the next time we write!)



Fraternally yers Spizzer
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