

Alpha Phi Omega's TORCH AND TREFOIL



We Were Challenged and Not Found Wanting

By

Dr. H. Roe Bartle

National President



Nearly every conceivable obstacle has confronted Alpha Phi Omega during the past twelve months, but we have come through with flying colors. Yes, Alpha Phi Omega is forging ahead in service, in fellowship and in membership.

Of course the greatest handicap was the huge loss of men to the armed forces at the end of last spring's term. At that time we lost seventy-two percent of our active members. Some chapters suffered greater losses than others, but even in schools where only one or two APO men were available last fall, and in some places where not a single member was left, some very effective reorganization work has been done. Thus some of the chapters which were hit the hardest by the call of Uncle Sam are again conducting an effective program, and still others are now in process of reorganization.

Other chapters which still had a reasonably strong membership on hand last fall have faced the problem of rapid turnover of officers and members, but this has been met with steady pledging and streamlined pledge training.

Some chapters have been required to give up their meeting rooms for military use, but this has not dampened their zeal.

The heavy loads of academic work now being carried by the service trainees and civilian students on all campuses have made it difficult to find agreeable meeting hours and sufficient time to carry out a strong series of projects, but by careful planning a very effective program has been conducted throughout the fall, winter and spring terms without requiring too much time from the individual members. A keen spirit of cooperation on the part of officers, members and pledges has made this possible.

Thirty-one chapters now have Navy V-12 men serving actively. The number of Navy men in our fraternity is steadily increasing, and they have shown willingness to give liberally of their limited free time in APO work.

Our Faculty Advisors and Scouting Advisors have been a great tower of strength throughout this past year. In many cases their loyal devotion to APO and their readiness to give extra service in the fraternity during the present emergency has been one of the strongest factors in the continued growth and success of our brotherhood. I am sure every member would like to join me in saying to our advisors, "Thanks and keep it up!"

The forthcoming summer semester offers new opportunities to us, and I strongly recommend that every chapter proceed with a full program of service and fellowship throughout the summer months. There are many important projects, especially war service work, which require our attention on a year-round basis. Even if a considerable number of the present active members of your chapter are leaving at the end of this term, urge the remaining members to plan an active summer program and arrange for pledging additional men at the opening of the summer semester to help maintain adequate manpower.

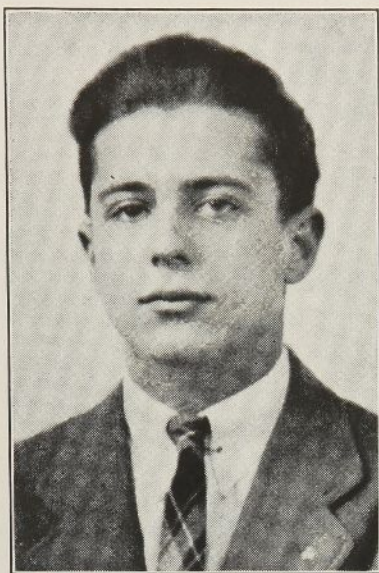
Yes, Alpha Phi Omega was challenged, but we were not found wanting! This year has proved that once the seed of Alpha Phi Omega is firmly planted on a college campus, it will never die.

Our brotherhood marches on!

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Chester E. Kaminester

A native of Brooklyn, Chet entered New York University in September, 1942, and soon became a pledge of Beta Iota Chapter. He was initiated into active membership in December of the same year.

His first major office in his chapter was the secretaryship and he has served throughout this school year as president.

The most noteworthy feature of Chet's leadership in APO is the complete rebuilding of Beta Iota Chapter in the past nine months. Last spring the chapter was nearly wiped out by the call of the armed forces, and in September only two members were on the campus, Chet and one other. The other member soon was called away leaving Chet the only APO member in the university. A pre-med student, he was very busy and could easily have concluded to let his APO chapter die. But not Chet. He took upon himself the job of rebuilding the chapter, and singlehandedly started talking to other fellows about pledging. Soon he had secured six pledges, then an initiation was held and officers elected. Then four more men were pledged, then three more, and the group set for itself a goal of having twenty men serving as active members by June 1. Their goal is now in sight.

Congratulations, Brother Chester Kaminester, upon your effective leadership in our brotherhood!

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THE ADMIRAL SPEAKS



ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING

*Commander in Chief and Chief of Naval Operations
United States Fleet*

Says:

I realize that the primary purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to make better citizens, but that training includes so many things that self-reliance is bound to result, and that quality in a fighting man is most important.

There can be no doubt that Scout training, which is a distinct contribution to our general welfare in time of peace, is of great value when we find ourselves engaged in war.

(Official U S. Navy Photograph)

Education For Service

By
Chaplain William D. Bray

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Past Service Chairman, Alpha Omicron Chapter*

Brother Bill Bray is one of the most thoroughly unselfish and sincere men ever to serve in Alpha Phi Omega. Throughout his college years at Southern Methodist University he went out of his way to help bring comfort and happiness to poor and underprivileged people of Dallas and he originated the campus Christmas tree project which stirred SMU students to bring gifts for the needy.—The Editors.

Alpha Phi Omega has a future like a brand new century-plant. Its span of life is only begun. Blistering war conditions, educational storms, and desolate times add simply more intense green to its foliage.

It is clear that Alpha Phi Omega has a principle which supplements college teaching. Schools teach knowledge in varying realms, but most schools have not dared to teach that this information and these skills must be used for good. They have not pioneered for our times in making the good attractive nor in revealing that intelligent helpfulness is sparkling and winsome. But all this Alpha Phi Omega has dared to do. It has demonstrated that goodness is heart-warming and attractive. It has focused all the resources of active minds along brilliant vistas of service and uplift for their fellows and



their school. It has reassured and intensified the fact that our destiny is to be helpful, and points out that money is too cheap to buy service that can gladly be given. Alpha Phi Omega, then, supplies part of the necessary emphasis on unselfishness not found in the regular curriculum.

However, the curriculum will change. The new trend which will

appear will condemn the chill method of teaching facts with no guidance as to benevolent use of them. It will warm up the aloof, impartial transfer of information from professor to pupil with the sunshine of goodwill entangled in each word. Benevolent direction and unselfish outlook must of necessity simmer through each lecture. President Hutchins of the University of Chicago has pointed out this. Science, then, will not be science for science's sake, but science for human welfare. And sociology will not be an abstract study, but will make possible and build brotherhood. And when that time comes, Alpha Phi Omega will become the natural playground for this new emphasis.

Alpha Phi Omega will endure. It is built on principles, not bread-crusts. Its program is a miniature of the direction and quality that Education is now working for. Its future is as wide as "that infinite sea wherein all thought is born." It will abide as one of the effective instructors in true service. It will endure because it makes our college Joe see that his best self is a helpful one. It will last because it is so warmly human.

A Unique and Interesting Chapter Historian's Report

By W. Bill Faxon

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GREETING: (a timely phrase in non-military circles)

As we close this volume of Alpha Omega chapter's history, I consider it a great pleasure to be permitted to write the last of this first record of the chapter, a ragged, worn, time-tested masterpiece of collections of the activities since 1937, of boys now gone, of necessities now absent, and of improvements now made.

The officers and men of this regiment installed December 9, 1943, should be congratulated upon the magnificent job done during this time. These officers who should be awarded the Legion of Merit are: Sherman Sparks, president; Byron Hunt, vice-president; Bob Wilkins, secretary; Alex

Rakow, treasurer; Jack Hutchison, corres. secretary; Bob Halterman, reporter.

Oh yes, the historian wasn't on the front line fighting, but was a member of the scrub team and came in for mopping up action.

As is usual in launching a new offensive, the opposing forces had dug in, and opposition was forthcoming. That we knew. But, as still usual in the attacks by the USA, the attacks by the APO gained ground steadily, even through dense undergrowth of (red poplar? no) red tape; we emerged victorious in our first goal, that of obtaining a new club room and getting it ready for the painters.

As we rested from our first major offen-

sive, we saw peering through the undergrowth an ugly man and a beautiful girl, which became the next offensive, mainly for the beautiful girl, not the ugly man. So started the contest for the ugly man and the beautiful co-ed of the college. This was highly successful with no casualties, but a few wounded.

By this time some of our men had become weary, needing something more than moral support, so Generals Esterline and Clough (faculty advisors) again came to the rescue, bringing with them the Red Cross membership blanks, and sold a total of \$83.55 of first aid. Always our leaders are at the front and leading the regiment in person.

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

"We're off to a fine start rebuilding Alpha Epsilon Chapter here. The Southwestern chapter very graciously initiated our new group on April 27. There are seventeen of us, and about that many more men have expressed their desire to become members. Our Dean of Men and Dean of the Junior Division are squarely behind us. We are all new at this job but with the backing we are getting from many sources we expect to continue growing and build an outstanding program of service and fellowship."

—John S. Vernor, President.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Beta Eta Chapter is planning to sponsor a city-wide campaign for the collection of old clothes for China War Relief. We first decided to confine our efforts to the university but upon more consideration thought it would be better to take in the whole city. Mayor Hunt was consulted and offered full cooperation. The Chamber of Commerce is also favorable to this project. Concerning our finger-printing work we have now nearly completed the prints at all sororities."

—Bill Walker, President.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"Omicron Chapter is now working on a special project. It concerns a twelve-year-old boy in Childrens Hospital who needs frequent blood transfusions. All of our chapter members have offered blood and have all been typed for this purpose. So far three members have given transfusions and others will do so soon."

—Frank Mahan, Jr., Past President.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

"In reorganizing Gamma Upsilon Chapter our plan is to bring in about ten new members within the next three weeks and use them as a basis for building a larger organization. We have about ten fellows who are really interested at the present time."

—Robert C. Smith, AS, USNR,
Reorganization Chairman.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"We had a very good turn-out of prospective pledges at an open meeting, April 12, and will have another open meeting, April 19, and formal pledging, May 3. Our chapter has recently assisted in the Prisoners of War Book Drive."

—Bill Hessler, Secretary.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"I want to report that our active sponsors and advisors, Dr. C. M. Esterline and Dr. G. H. Clough have spent many hours working with us this semester and should receive most of the credit for the many fine projects started and completed by Alpha Omega Chapter."

—Sherman Sparks, Past President.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

"Gamma Phi Chapter commemorated its second anniversary April 18 with a dinner at the Campus Club, election of new officers and initiation of new members. Our Faculty and Scouting Advisors were hosts to the members, pledges and guests on this occasion. A unique service project was recently carried out when several members worked twenty hours each as orderlies at the university hospital during a strike while other workers were not available."

—Brice Farwell, Alumni Secretary.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER BROTHER KILLED IN ACTION



Lt. Kramer W. Rorig

Brother Rorig entered Alpha Phi Omega at San Diego State College in November, 1937, and served actively throughout his college years. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps soon after the United States entered the war. Word has been received that he was killed in action against the enemy April 30, 1943. Alpha Phi Omega is honored to have had Kramer Rorig as a member, and our fraternity mourns the loss of this good brother.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"The new campus flag pole purchased and erected by Beta Xi Chapter was presented to the college March 31 in a formal ceremony. At the same time one of the new trainees here who came in from the fleet was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Sicilian campaign."

—Fred Nordengren, Past President.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"Seven new members were initiated into Alpha Iota Chapter April 26 and new officers were elected. Another initiation in which we hope to have an even larger number of new men is being planned for the last week of this term."

—James L. Vance, Alumni Advisor.

GEORGIA TECH

"At our meeting March 22 we conducted pledgeship for fourteen men which now gives us twenty-six members and pledges. Work begins immediately on the first campus project of our reorganized group."

—Fred Dietz, AS, USNR, Secretary.

De PAUW UNIVERSITY

"Our program of service projects this spring include the war fund dance, and Arbor Day project, a tennis tournament, and aiding Delta Phi Eta in a "Use The Walks" drive. We have a fine program of speakers lined up for our meetings in the weeks ahead. Things in this chapter look the best in months."

—Bill North, AS, USNR, President.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Six new men were initiated into Beta Iota Chapter April 28. This is but a small step compared to the future advancement of our chapter. APO is on the go at NYU."

—Eli Berman, President.

TEXAS TECH

"We are now starting our rush functions for the summer school semester. Brother Sloan recently carried out a program to help the Latin American students of our campus become better acquainted with Boy Scout activities."

—Marshall Rhea, President.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"The newest project of Gamma Iota Chapter is publication of a newsletter for the chapter members and especially for the brothers who are in the armed forces."

—Pfc. Jay Hershkowitz.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

"Our war bond booth is being maintained continuously, and our newest project is the building of a picnic ground on the campus. Right now we are building a fireplace and a concrete bridge across a stream, and after this is done we will landscape the area. Also our chapter recently conducted a student election which was necessary because of the recent transfer of Navy personnel."

—James J. Seyer, AS, USNR, Secretary.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Brothers Vincent Sund and John Rising of Alpha Delta Chapter met recently at an army post in England and from all reports they have had quite a time together.

CCNY

"Gamma Delta Chapter is getting along fine. We have twelve men pledged in the fraternity and we expect they will all be initiated as they are swell fellows. Our second annual dance will be held May 6. In service, we are running the Red Cross Blood Bank and the War Bond booth on our campus. We are looking forward to greater membership, service and fellowship during the coming semester."

—Charles Hendrickson.

HOWARD COLLEGE

"Gamma Chi Chapter conducted the recent Red Cross Drive on the Howard campus and we are now enlisting donors for the Red Cross Blood Bank. Also, besides operating the campus business office, we are building two good tennis courts and have almost finished compiling the information for our student directory to be published soon."

—Guy D. Casey, AS, USNR, Treasurer.

CCNY

"In February Gamma Epsilon Chapter proudly manned the phone booths for a day to take calls for War Bond orders at the Greater New York Council Offices of the Boy Scouts of America. We also served as ushers and general aides in the War Bond Rally held in the NBC Studios at which Captain Eddie Rickenbacker spoke."

—Al Goldfinger, President.

A HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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After the Red Cross had the boys on their feet, a series of physical examinations was forthcoming for the Boy Scouts which were performed with the usual accuracy.

A paper collection was conducted which netted the chapter \$6, eleven new members were initiated, leadership was provided for local Scout troops when needed and the Christmas seal campaign was conducted on the campus resulting in securing \$50 for the tuberculosis society.

Well, this has gone far enough, for I don't know where soldiers would get a piano to sell, but the APO did and used the money to make plate glass signs to be hung in the new departments in the clinic basement. Neither do I know where they would get six daily newspapers, especially to deliver to the Community Nursing Hospital, which is now being done by Brother Dale LeBeau.

But I do know that APO has done a fine job this term and with the general improvements being brought about in the college, these activities should not only be kept up, but increased in the future terms.

May I suggest a new project for the next group of officers?—a new scrapbook to replace the worn book which holds this last sheet.

IN MEMORIAM

E. R. Porter

Scouting Advisor
Gamma Nu Chapter
University of Idaho

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER IS "TOPS" IN MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE



At North Texas State Teachers College, where there are only slightly more than a hundred civilian men enrolled this semester, and no Army or Navy trainees, Gamma Rho Chapter of APO nevertheless has a current membership of thirty-six active members. This record of having one out of every three men participating in our fraternity is an all-time high and it proves again that strong membership can be maintained in APO chapters despite the present low enrollment of men on many campuses. Without benefit of any service trainees, Gamma Rho Chapter has initiated thirty-four new members into our brotherhood since last September and has conducted the strongest service program in its history.

FINALE AT IDAHO'S UGLY IKE-GAUDY GERT CONTEST



A total of \$157.37 at a penny a vote was secured in the Ugly Ike-Gaudy Gert election conducted recently by Gamma Nu Chapter. The proceeds were invested in war bonds and deposited with the university bursar to be used toward a memorial plaque in honor of the Idaho students who give their lives in this present conflict. The picture above shows the winners of the contest being "hitched" in the final ceremony. Left to right are "Marryin" Dave Mohn, pledge; "Gaudy Gert" Marilyn Lester, Delta Gamma; "Ugly Ike" Melvin Schwartz, ASTP; and Farmer Bob Adams. To insure the contest becoming an annual event, the ball and chain and rolling pin in the hands of the winners have been made perpetuating trophies. The presentation took place at a mock wedding ceremony at the annual Spinsters' Skip, a traditional social event on the Idaho campus.

Scrap Paper Salvage Is a Nation-Wide Project in APO Here Are Two Examples:

AT ALABAMA TECH



Delta Chapter has participated in three waste paper drives this year in cooperation with the Auburn Boy Scouts and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. This picture shows several members at work during one of the drives. Left to right are Brothers Allen Braswell, Jack Wegener, Bill Randolph, John Wegener and Herman Dean. The photographer was Brother Claude Crain.

AT WISCONSIN



Taken at one of Beta Theta Chapter's six paper collection depots, this picture shows Brothers John Blumenfeld and Harry Rosenbaum (chairman of paper collection) at work. The chapter has inaugurated a contest among the organized houses on the Wisconsin campus and will present a prize of \$25 war bond to the organization bringing in the most scrap paper for war use.

From Brothers . .

*Lt. Harold L. Rhodes (Gamma Chi)
Chaplains School, Harvard University
Writes:*

"Harvard and Cambridge are very beautiful and massive. In fact, the campus is so large that we cannot even find time to go over it all or see all the sights here in Cambridge. However, I have seen the Paul Revere church and home, and Bunker Hill in Boston, and it is very inspiring to visit those places. The Chaplains School is really no miniature of the Army, but it is the Army 100%. We are just back from a hike to Belmont and Arlington, about 20 miles. Tomorrow night we have another one. Arising at 5:00, we have the roll call, clean our rooms, breakfast, and classes till lunch. Then obstacle courses, drills, calisthenics, and reviews until dinner. After night meal we have about an hour and a half to write and study till the lights are out. It is a little tough, but we old APO men can take every bit of it! And love it!"

"There are a bunch of fine fellows here. One of my room-mates is a very fine chaplain from California and a Japanese. He is one of the jolliest fellows of our section. My other room-mate is a Catholic priest from New York. I think every denomination under the sun is represented here in the school, and the fellowship with them is very wonderful."

*Pvt. Tyrrell S. Willcox II (Gamma Psi)
Scott Field, Illinois*

Writes:

"I would appreciate having the TORCH AND TREFOIL sent here. As a charter member of Gamma Psi Chapter at the University of Minnesota I know that APO has what it takes to make an institution wake up to the needs of its campus and its country in this time of war. Keep up the good spirit of APO."

*J. L. Dunn, AS, USNR (Gamma Iota)
Midshipmans School
Asbury Park, New Jersey*

Writes:

"I am keeping in close contact with my chapter and am proud of the way the group is handling the activities during these trying times. They have a fine bunch of live-wire brothers carrying on an outstanding program."

*Pfc. Donald Huish (Beta Gamma)
On Duty in England*

Writes:

"Have just received the February TORCH AND TREFOIL today (March 30) Pretty fast service for mail here in England. It is fine to know that APO is keeping active and is even thinking about new chapters."

*Captain William S. Parks, Jr. (Alpha Upsilon)
Adjutant General's Office
New York, New York*

Writes:

"The last part of January the War Department asked me to do some work revising one of the Army regulations so I am here assisting in rewriting the manual dealing with occupational analysis of enlisted men's jobs."

... in the Service

Lt. Thomas T. Sturrock (Tau)
Headquarters 4th A.A.C.S.
Writes:

"The more I see of Army life the more I come to be grateful for my Boy Scout and APO training. Every day in more than a few ways I find that this training has been valuable to me."

Pvt. B. J. Dennis (Beta Iota)
Fort Jackson, S. C.
Writes:

"While at NYU in those pre-G. I. days, I never fully appreciated the 'nationalness' of APO. Now I first begin to realize how wide a brotherhood we are a part of. I have met APO men at every post the Army has stationed me—and I am overwhelmed by a feeling of pride in being a member of so popular a fraternity having the high ideals of Scouting and service."

Lt. Charles D. Hargreaves (Alpha Delta)
U. S. Army Air Force
Writes:

"While at home on leave recently I attended two meetings of Alpha Delta Chapter and saw a few of the old members who are still there. Brother George Hayler is doing a fine job as president with the support of the other members."

Pvt. E. S. Carman (Gamma Beta)
Fort Dix, New Jersey
Writes:

"I saw Brother Tom Hosley last week. He has just graduated as an Ensign. Brother Johnny Phillips was in the same class. I also saw Brother Paul Farnham, Brother Kenney Alford and Brother Frank Valenti who were home on furlough. Brother Farnham has just received his commission in the Air Corps. While home I was married. Everything was very nice. We have moved here to the East Coast until I go overseas."

Henry M. Shine, Jr., USNR (Chi)
V-12, Harvard University
Writes:

"After being with the fleet I have now been assigned to the V-12 program at Harvard University and am taking basic training at present. Next semester I intend to change to an elective course which will enable me to continue studies in my major field. You cannot imagine the personal enjoyment I have each time the TORCH AND TREFOIL arrives. In this hectic world it is a real satisfaction to read of the efforts and accomplishments made by the numerous Alpha Phi Omega Chapters throughout the country."

Pvt. Marshall H. Smulson (Beta Gamma)
Camp Rucker, Alabama
Writes:

"When I was home on my last furlough we had a gala reunion of Beta Gamma men, five that are in the service, five that are not and one who is leaving. Efforts are being made to keep in contact with all our brothers."

AIDING THE RED CROSS AT SAN DIEGO STATE



This picture shows one of Alpha Delta Chapter's pledges, Fred Miles, getting donations in the college cafe for the Red Cross Drive which the chapter helped make a big success on the San Diego campus this year.

ON BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND



Brothers Charles N. Ables and Jack Chandler of Alpha Delta Chapter were among the first group of Marines who landed at Bougainville. This picture shows them with Jap souvenirs including two rifles and a flag. Congratulations to these two brothers upon the service they are rendering in the U. S. Marine Corps.

PHYSICAL EXAMS FOR BOYS



A regular service of the APO men at the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery is the examination of boys for entrance in swimming classes at the Kansas City Boys Club. Plans are now underway for this year's exams. Shown in the above picture along with several of the boys are (left to right): Dr. L. W. Swift, senior faculty advisor; Dr. N. B. Gafford, past president, and Dr. Henry A. Spivey, past president. The chapter has been provided a meeting room at the Boys' Club building and has use of the gymnasium facilities.

Hi Fellows !!



THIS is your BUDDY SPIZZER INKTUM "SOUNDING OFF" ONCE MORE! THE ARMY'S KEPT THIS GUY ON THE GO LATELY, FELLAS, AND I'M HOPIN' YOU'VE HAD FAITH I'D BE POPPIN' UP AGAIN—AND, YEP, HERE I BE IN THIS SOUTHERN SWAMP LEARNING HOW TO 'ROUGH IT'—A CINCH FOR AN OLD SCOUT, EH FELLAS!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSE TO BE ABLE TO SEE ME IN THAT CAMOUFLAGE OUTFIT, AN' BY GOLLY WE DID LEARN A LOT OF TRICKS WORMING ABOUT ON OUR TUMMIES—LIKE TEST-PASSING TENDERFOOT DAYS!



ALL THIS MANEUVERIN' LIFE MAKES A FELLER HUNGRY! AND OUR MESS SARG'S REALLY TAKEN CARE OF US ON THAT SCORE!

AT NITE THIS BOY SPROUT GETS THE BEST 'LOGS SAWED' IN TH' GANG! THE GOOD OL' SCOUT BLANKET ROLL, CONFUSED THE GREEN HORNS! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SLEEP SNUG 'N' WARM.



THESE MANEUVERS ARE PRELIMINARIES TO SOMETHING BIG METHINKS!—ME HOPES! THE LATEST "LATRINE RUMOR" SAYS SPIZZER & COMPANY HAVE RECEIVED SHIPPING ORDERS!! GUESS THE REST OF THE TALE WILL KEEP TILL NEXT ISSUE! BOY, DON'T THOSE LETTERS FROM HOME SEEM GOOD AT "MAILCALL" (PLUG PLUG!)

YER CHOWHOUND
BROTHER SPIZZER