

Alpha Phi Omega's **TORCH AND TREFOIL**



This is Private Celester Harnden, Jr., of Michigan, whom we sent to do our fighting with the 18th Infantry, First Division.

Lend a hand ... he gave one

Every member of Alpha Phi Omega should ask himself this question, "Am I doing all I can to shorten the war and bring a lasting peace?"

Is your answer Yes?

If you have to hesitate, then lend a hand. There's so much for us to do on the "campus front." The Sixth War Loan drive is vital. There's more plasma needed for the blood bank. The shortage of scrap paper is critical. The black market must be stamped out. The Christmas Seal campaign is highly important. The March of Dimes is coming up soon. And other worthy services call for our support.

Let's look into the eyes of Private Harnden and promise, "We will do more."

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DE PAUW DEAN SPEAKS ABOUT ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Dr. Edward R. Bartlett

Dean, DePauw University

Says:

To call the roll of Alpha Phi Omega on the DePauw campus during the years since 1936 when Alpha Upsilon Chapter was organized, has been to name men at the top of their scholarship and activity groups. The reason for this seems clear. Earlier training in leadership has given confidence to former Scouts now placed in new situations. Scouting as a program has attracted boys of superior talents and ability. The combination of these two with other factors has brought Alpha Phi Omega to the front in all campus activities.

But of importance are the purposes which men of Alpha Phi Omega serve. It is an inclusive fellowship, which, by contagious good will, lifts morale and creates friendships. It is a service fellowship, which not only meets emergency situations as they arise, but in addition demonstrates that helpfulness without concern for reward, so far from being mere copy-book sentiment, is part of the American college tradition.

Alpha Phi Omega exemplifies the quality of living for which many members now in the armed services are risking their lives. We look to its increasing influence in years ahead.

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Who Am I?

I am the foundation of all prosperity. I am the fount from which all the blessings flow. Everything that is of value in this world springs from me. I am the salt that gives life its savor.

I am the sole support of the poor, and the rich who think they can do without me are living futile lives and filling premature graves.

I have made America. I have built her matchless industries, laid her incomparable railroads, created her cities and reared her skyscrapers.

I am the friend of every youth. If he makes my acquaintance when he is young and keeps me by his side throughout life, I can do more for him than the richest parent.

I keep bodies lean and fit, minds alert, and when neglected, both minds and bodies grow fat and sluggish.

I am represented in every paper that flies from the press, in every loaf of bread that springs from the oven, in every train that crosses the continent, and in every ship that steams the ocean.

Fools hate me, wise men love me. The man who keeps his hand in mine through life never dies, because that which he has created with my help lives on after he is gone. The man who shirks me and scorns my aid never lives—NEVER REALLY LIVES—even though he may continue to breathe.

Who am I? What am I?

I AM WORK!

National President's Thanksgiving Message to All Men of Alpha Phi Omega

My dear Brothers:

At this season of the year, I hope the thoughts and prayers of every man of Alpha Phi Omega will be lifted to the Almighty in thankfulness for the many blessings we have enjoyed. Even in the midst of this tragic war, we all have reason to be grateful.

Let us be thankful for the opportunity to worship God as we see fit.

... thankful for the measure of good health and well being which is ours.

... thankful for the opportunity to live and work for and defend the things we believe to be right and just.

... thankful for a nation in which the forces of democracy still prevail in wartime, giving every citizen an opportunity to cast his vote for the public officials who are to administer the affairs of state.

... thankful for our mothers and fathers who gave us a clean start in life.

... thankful for the opportunity for higher education.

... thankful for the manly principles of our brotherhood—*Leadership, Friendship and Service*—and for the opportunity to conduct worthwhile projects for our fellowmen.

Yes, and let us be *hopeful* for an early victory and a speedy return of our brothers.

... hopeful for an intelligent and lasting peace.

... hopeful for a world-wide fraternity of men who will help prevent armed conflict in the future.

... hopeful that the ideals of Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega will spread to the young men of every nation of the earth.

... hopeful that America will take the lead in world brotherhood and goodwill.

Yes, let us not only be thankful this Thanksgiving Day but also let us resolve to do our best—each of us individually and all of us collectively—to spread the ideals of unselfishness and helpfulness among all people everywhere. Vast “frontiers for service” lie ahead of us . . . vast needs for *Leadership, Friendship and Service*. The future of our program depends upon you and me. Let's give it our best!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

Life Saving Plasma Given on Spot Whenever Needed

From the steaming fox-holes of the South Pacific to hospital planes high above France, blood plasma has trickled down slender rubber tubes of life into the veins of wounded fighting men.

The precious yellow powder, processed from the blood contributed to the Red Cross Blood Donor Service by millions of volunteer donors, has seen life-saving service under conditions ranging from the tidy, white-tiled security of big general hospitals to the death-laden danger of an invasion beach-head. Carried by every army medical unit and by all naval vessels large enough to have a doctor or pharmacist's mate aboard, plasma has gone into action on the high seas, at medical stations less than five hundred yards from the front lines, in ambulances and as litters are carried out of front lines.

At Salerno, according to reports from Red Cross correspondents and Lieutenant General Mark Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, the fighting was so fast and furious that the wounded could not be kept in one place long enough for a transfusion. Medical corpsmen trotted alongside the litters, holding the plasma bottles aloft so the transfusions could be given nevertheless.

During the same battle, a news photographer wounded by a German sniper received a plasma transfusion in the ruins of a house while enemy tanks clanked down the road a few yards away.

Fox-hole Transfusions Common

Fox-hole transfusions are fairly common. Medical corpsmen in the Pacific report many such instances during patrols where they prowled through the jungles in search of wounded men. Transfusion equipment is so mobile that it may be hung from the branch of a tree or the butt of a rifle stuck into the earth by its bayonet. Field Director Jimmy Stewart of the Red Cross reported seeing empty plasma cans lying around the dressing stations at Buna Mission in such profusion "they made the place look like a Boy Scout encampment had been living on beans for a week."

Air Ambulances Equipped

Medical units attached to army air bases have equipped their ambulances specially for transfusion purposes so no time is lost between the landing of a plane and the administering of plasma to a wounded man. So widespread is this practice that it has been reported from the airfields in both England and China.

A Navy doctor, Lieutenant Edward Behr, of Weehawken, New Jersey, crossed a heavy sea in a dinghy to administer plasma to two merchant seamen burned almost to death by an exploding boiler on a sabotaged Axis freighter taken over by the United States after the declaration of war. He gave the men transfusions while the steam still clung to the upper parts of the engine-room.

Perhaps this immediate availability of transfusions under almost any conditions is the reason Navy Chaplain Arthur C. McQuaid of Lowell, Mass., himself among the thousands who owe their lives to plasma, was able to report "those still unhurt have a feeling of security in battle for they know that they have a chance even if they are hit."



BLOOD PLASMA FOR AIRMAN—Many lives of U.S. airmen have been saved by blood plasma transfusion immediately upon landing at a home base. Here a flight surgeon administers plasma to a wounded man inside a Fortress which has just touched ground. Man on the right is giving oxygen.

Tulane Chapter Furnishes 193 Blood Donors in One Month

An outstanding record recently reported is the service of Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Tulane University in securing 193 student blood donors during the month of August, 1944. This is excellent service and this project should be high on the list of every chapter which is located near a Red Cross blood donor center. The need for plasma as so graphically described in the special article on this page is still great.

Will your chapter join with Tulane and make an all-out effort to secure large numbers of student blood donors each month?

National Birthday of Alpha Phi Omega is to be Celebrated December 16

The nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the first chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is December 16, 1944. Nineteen years ago, a small group of men at Lafayette College conceived the idea of a brotherhood of Scout-trained men for service purposes. The fraternity has grown rapidly until now 100 chapter charters have been issued to colleges and universities from coast to coast.

It is suggested that each chapter commemorate the national birthday with a special meeting, initiation ceremony, banquet or similar gathering. Plan now for a "happy birthday"!



MICHIGAN STATE

"The summer term in Beta Beta Chapter was spent in building up the structure of our organization. Our chief aim was to obtain an efficient, alert and progressive organization with which to start the new school year. I feel safe in saying that our objective was achieved. Already this term we have sponsored a football pep rally which was a tremendous success and received editorial congratulations in the Michigan State News, our college paper. We have two more such rallies planned. Also at the present time we are making new signs for the keep-off-the-grass campaign and the no-smoking-on-campus campaign. Two other current projects are the collection of magazines for the college hospital and the annual homecoming dance which Beta Beta Chapter always sponsors. In addition to the above activities we are working on a new pledge class. Considering the progress already made this fall I believe that our summer term was well spent and I believe our chapter is in better shape now than it has been for quite some time."

—Norman N. Aurand, President.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"The first meeting of Alpha Iota Chapter for this school year was held October 11. We had a turnout of fifteen new men in addition to our active members, and have prospects for an even larger group at the next meeting."

—James L. Vance, Alumni Advisor.

PARK COLLEGE

"Our main project in the past term has been assistance to the college YMCA and YWCA in preparing books for American Prisoners of War. I am happy to say that every member has participated in this work. The men enjoyed working together for such a worthy cause. During the semester we sponsored two big social functions and we believe that these were also a service to the campus in bringing greater association between the civilians and the Navy men."

—Dick Dale, AS, USNR, Past President.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

"At the beginning of this semester we had an information booth for freshmen, and we are now stressing pledging of new men."

—Donn Haglund, President.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Projects recently conducted in Alpha Rho Chapter include aid in the United War Chest Drive, management of a successful campus election, conducting of two student opinion polls, and we have now started a use-the-walks campaign. Nineteen new members were initiated on October 16."

—Gerald Swezea, USN ROTC, President.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"Our chapter operated booths in the various schools of the university to collect funds for the St. Louis War Chest. As this item is being written, the campaign has been in progress only one day and we are already netted \$50. For the future, we have planned to establish a community dental health fund whereby needy children can have, for some token payment, complete dental service at the school clinic. Also, we are making arrangements for St. Louis Scouts to have the use of the university swimming pool to practice for and take the required first class swimming test. Special classes will be organized for the Scouts."

—Paul O. Krooks.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"At the annual meeting of the Northwest Missouri Teachers Association held in October our chapter assisted in various ways and received a fine letter from the association thanking Alpha Phi Omega for our cooperation. The second most important project undertaken is our pep rallies which are for the purpose of increasing the school spirit. This project was suggested by the dean of the faculty at a recent meeting and our group is glad for the opportunity to serve in this manner."

—George E. Allison, Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"In our work on the National War Fund Drive our chapter is striving to surpass all previous records for collections of funds on our campus. We have planned a smoker for October 13 at which we expect a large turnout of men who have had previous Scout training, and from this group we are confident we will pledge men who will be of great service in our fraternity. Our newest faculty advisor, Lt. Earl Downey, is a real asset to our chapter and is contributing much time in helping our fraternity accomplish great things in the field of service."

—Lawrence Bregman, Secretary.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"An increase in enrollment here at the Missouri School of Mines gives our chapter bigger opportunities for activity this year and we promise that you will hear a lot from Beta Omicron."

—George Feyereabend, President.

EVANSVILLE COLLEGE

"Six new members were initiated into Gamma Mu Chapter October 15 and we have now made plans to fingerprint the students of the school and are arranging a program for obtaining additional members."

—Bill Elmendorf, President.

CCNY

"Gamma Epsilon Chapter is coming along fine under the able leadership of Al Goldfinger, and the atmosphere reminiscent of days of old has been recaptured. So far this term we have started on our series of service projects by helping the freshmen register, taking a census of them for the Dean, taking care of the check room and door every Friday night at the dances, running the senior election, assisting at the Dean's reception, collecting money for the national war fund, running a lost and found booth, and distributing the City College calendar every week. In addition we have had a few socials, one of them being a joint fifth anniversary dinner with Gamma Delta Chapter which was a fine success."

—Dave Benforado, Vice President.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

"Our first project this semester was the conducting of a survey for the Scout Executive of this district. The survey secured personal opinions on different phases of the Scouting and was very successful. Our second project was the seventh session of our original Victory Ball from which we earned a profit of about \$300 which has been added to our Victory Loan Fund in the form of war bonds. This fund which now has grown to a considerable sum is for assistance to former SLI students who wish to continue school after the war. APO is the only organization on this campus that has something tangible to offer returning servicemen. Our third project was a big week-end camping party for all of our members and everyone had a wonderful time. Following that we gave a dinner party for the V-12 Orchestra members who were so kind in donating their music free for the Victory Ball. Our letters to servicemen are being continued, and we are now considering the possibilities of securing and repairing old toys before Christmas to be given to unfortunate children. In addition to the activities described above we are now on the lookout for other suggestions for worthwhile projects for next term."

—Irwin C. Hardcastle, President.

SAN DIEGO STATE

"On a visit to San Diego recently I learned that the present members are working on the school directory, a traditional project of the chapter."

—Phil Megahee.

INDIANA STATE

"Beta Lambda Chapter assisted the homecoming committee in arranging its program this fall."

—James P. Andrews, AS, USNR, Past President.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"Our chapter is working in close cooperation with the Dean of Men on campus projects and we have great plans formulated for this year."

—Paul Wiesler, President.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"Last semester our chapter completed a foot bridge on the campus and we are now considering developing a college picnic ground as one of our projects for this term."

—Robert S. Barker, AS, USNR, President.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

"Our fall election has been held and we are ready for continued growth."

—Donn Haglund, President.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"Our projects are moving along. We have sorority houses on the campus saving paper for us and are planning to make each Saturday morning collection day. We are organizing a team to visit university students and faculty who are in the hospital, and we will assist in promoting the sale of Christmas seals. Eight new men are scheduled to be formally pledged this week."

—Ray C. Huffer, President.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"Our biggest project at present is to establish a children's dental clinic as part of the school and we are now looking for means of raising sufficient funds for this work. Our new chapter has been enthusiastically accepted by the faculty and we are assured of continued cooperation."

—S. N. Bruni, AS, USNR, President.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

"On October 23 a special meeting for twenty-four prospective members was held and we had a thorough discussion of the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. Formal pledging ceremonies will take place October 30 and we will probably hold the initiation on November 21."

—James C. Bryan, President.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

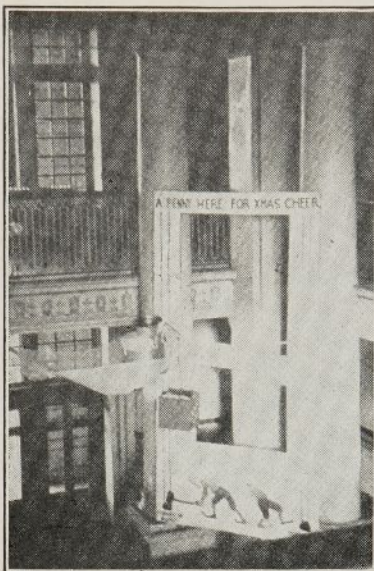
"Beta Mu Chapter is going strong. We have only four active members but we have about twenty pledges giving us much greater manpower than last year."

—Leonard Ernstmann, President.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Alpha Pi Chapter is taking care of the transportation problem for a young crippled girl who is attending school through the State Vocational Rehabilitation Department. She is confined to a wheel chair and we see that she gets from floor to floor and class to class. The benches we have been working upon for quite some time are now being completed. They are made of concrete and wood for use around the campus."

—Marshall Jay Simmons, President.

SECURING FUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

This picture shows a penny bucket which has been used by Lambda Chapter of APO in past years to secure funds for the chapter's Christmas project. Hung below the balcony in one of the university buildings, this bucket is a target for pennies and other coins. Much interest is aroused among students who pitch at the bucket, and of course the coins which miss land in the net and are likewise added to the final total.

TEXAS BOOKS IN USE AT ARMY HOSPITAL

Shown here is Pvt. Calistro Guerra of Dallas, Texas, veteran of the Southwest Pacific and now a patient at the McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, receiving books which were the gifts of Alpha Rho Chapter of APO at the University of Texas. The books are being presented by Mrs. Maxwell Murphy, chairman of the Bell County Gray Ladies. The photograph is by courtesy of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE SIXTH WAR LOAN

As we move closer to victory, you may hear some people asking—"What's the big idea of having another war loan drive? Isn't the war almost over? The answer is NO.

Of course for many months now we've heard mostly about the war with Germany where our greatest effort has been concentrated. That's why many people have the idea the war is nearly over. But make no mistake about it—nothing could be farther from the truth! The Japanese war is a tremendous undertaking, and victory will come high. The Allies will have to fight every inch of the way.

That's why the Sixth War Loan is necessary.

That's why every Alpha Phi Omega chapter should help promote the sale of extra bonds and stamps to students and faculty during this campaign.

Let's back the attack!

ANOTHER NEW SONG OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

By Dr. David S. Mosesson

Faculty Advisor, Gamma Delta Chapter

Tune: "Vive l'Amour"

Come, fill up your glasses—I'll give you a toast—

Here's to our A.P.O.

An honored distinction each brother can boast,

Who calls himself A.P.O.

So here's to our College—let's pledge loyalty;
And here's to the Prexy, Dean and Faculty;
And here is to you, good brother, and me;
And here's to our A.P.O.

So, empty your beaker and down with it, bud.

Drink to our A.P.O.

Now don't be a killjoy or stick-in-the-mud.

Drink to our A.P.O.

Join in our chorus—sing out with a will;
Form in a circle—for that's better still;
Nor e'er think of quitting unless and until
We drink to our A.P.O.

Our chapters across the whole nation extend—
Chapters of A.P.O.

Wherever you go, you'll discover a friend
In chapters of A.P.O.

So here's to our brothers, wherever they be,
At home or abroad, on the land or the sea,
May they return in peace, bringing back victory

To the chapters of A.P.O.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AT MARYVILLE TEACHERS



Arthur Green, AS, USNR

This enthusiastic brother who first became affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega in Beta Iota Chapter at NYU in 1942 has recently extended his leadership to Beta Upsilon Chapter at Northwest Missouri, State Teachers College where he is now stationed in the Navy V-12 program. Brother Art has been the "spark plug" in getting a new group of twenty-one men interested in APO at Maryville and he took the responsibility of making all arrangements for the initiation of the new group, thus reviving the active work of APO on his campus. Since the initiation ceremony in September, two highly effective projects have been conducted and Art has been elected as chapter president to continue developing a full-scale service program this term.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends hearty congratulations to Brother Art Green upon his outstanding leadership in our brotherhood.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Gamma Chapter really opened the new semester well. Several hundred civilian students were fingerprinted by our members at registration, and we are now preparing to set up the equipment in the Union in hopes of getting the prints of those we missed at registration."

—Wayne P. Gasper, AS, USNR, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"Our chapter has selected a committee to study the possibility of a series of open lectures on related scientific topics to the medical, dental, and lay populations of this community. We are hoping that this will receive 100% cooperation from our faculty, and we believe this project will make our chapter an integral part of the school."

—S. N. Bruni, AS, USNR, President.

MERCHANT MARINES REQUEST BOOKS

There is a great need among men of the Merchant Marines for books of all kinds, and our chapters are requested to assist in collecting books of fiction and non-fiction. The books are to be sent either to the Merchant Marine Library at New York or the Merchant Marine Library at San Francisco. This is a project of immediate importance.

COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS IN NEW YORK CITY IS ACTIVE

A meeting was held October 10, 1944 of representatives of Beta Iota, Gamma Delta, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Omicron and Gamma Omega Chapters in New York City as a means of maintaining cooperation among the chapters in the metropolitan area throughout this year. The meetings of the chapter delegates will be held semi-monthly. The officers elected for this Greater New York Council of APO are Andrew Weber of Gamma Delta Chapter, president; Stanley Myers of Beta Iota Chapter, vice president; Stanley Lesser of Gamma Epsilon Chapter, secretary-treasurer; and Joe Smith of Gamma Omicron Chapter, Sgt.-at-arms.

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Brothers Eugene Griffiths, Herman Dean and Henry Steindorff are among the men of Alabama Institute of Technology who have been selected for the 1944-45 edition of Who Who's in American colleges and universities.

Brother Don Montgomery of Alpha Upsilon Chapter is playing first string tackle on the DePauw University football team this year and is an officer in Sigma Chi.

Brother Fred Jensen, president of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, is an officer in Delta Upsilon Fraternity and is a leader in the Methodist Student Movement.

Brother Ned Bailey is president of Kappa Tau Kappa, DePauw Inter-fraternity Council, and president of Phi Gamma Delta.

Pfc. Claude J. Rayburn (Beta Epsilon)
Marianas Islands
Writes:

"Everything is going well here. I am in good health and getting mail regularly. Afternoons are devoted to volley ball and soft ball and a show almost every night."

Ted Poster S1/c (Gamma Omega)
Great Lakes, Illinois
Writes:

"While here I hope to visit some of the chapters in the Chicago area. By the way, in case you haven't heard, Gamma Omega Chapter has seven new pledges as a result of a recent smoker."

Protect Your Home from TUBERCULOSIS



BUY and USE Christmas Seals

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS ON YOUR CAMPUS IS IMPORTANT

Tuberculosis takes an American life every 9 minutes . . . it killed 60,000 Americans last year . . . right now, 500,000 persons are suffering with it. The situation is becoming even more acute because war breeds tuberculosis.

"But I thought such progress had been made in fighting it . . . that T.B. is on the wane . . . why, I don't know anyone now who has it . . ." These statements are heard often, and they are right. Tuberculosis is being conquered. Since the organized fight against it began 38 years ago, the death rate has been cut 75 per cent. It has dropped from 1st to 7th place as a cause of death.

But, it still ranks first as a cause of death among young people, and there is still that 25 per cent reduction left to work on. That will be the hardest pull yet, for so many people do think T.B. is practically licked.

Tuberculosis is raging with epidemic force in the conquered countries of Europe. The emotional strain of war times, overcrowded living and working conditions and food shortages help breed tuberculosis and it quickly spreads from the sick to the well. There is no serum for its cure or vaccine for its prevention. But it is preventable, and it is curable, if discovered early. No one need die today with T.B.

Tuberculosis not only exacts its heavy toll in American life and health, but presents a staggering bill to American taxpayers. Fighting it is a long, slow, non-spectacular and costly business.

The work of Alpha Phi Omega in promoting the sale of Christmas Seals on campuses throughout the nation can be a big help in the fight against this dreaded disease.

Remember, Increased Manpower and Increased Service are the success-twins in Alpha Phi Omega.



Lt. Thomas T. Sturrock (Tau)
New Hebrides
Writes:

"During the past seven months I have really done a lot of moving about and now I would just like to sit still for awhile. I have been in twenty-nine states, across the Pacific and have seen several of the islands in this part of the world. I am wishing the best of luck for all chapters of Alpha Phi Omega."

Frank M. Butcher S1/c (Beta Phi)
In New Guinea
Writes:

"I like it fine over here and am hoping that this finds everything going well in Alpha Phi Omega. I wrote yesterday to Beta Phi Chapter and am eager to get the latest news. If there is anything I can do to assist in the APO work please let me know."

Ens. Richard J. Blom (Gamma Psi)
USS Mango
Writes:

"I received the TORCH AND TREFOIL a few days ago and its arrival was enough to get me started again in corresponding with Gamma Psi Chapter and the national office. One of my assorted jobs at present is welfare and recreation officer of this ship, and this fits in quite well with the principles of Scouting and APO. Don Finlayson who was the charter president of our chapter and driving spirit at that time is now skipper of a crash boat in the Pacific. He was in the attack force at Saipan and is no doubt with the forces in the Philippines at present."

Lt. Jesse T. Peurifoy (Alpha Omicron)
In England
Writes:

"I have just received the September issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL and it makes me very proud to see the way our fraternity is cooperating for the good of mankind in times like these. It is just such organizations as this which have made our country what it is today."

John C. Westkaemper S1/c (Alpha Rho)
San Diego, California
Writes:

"Brother Bill Gardner of Alpha Rho is also here and we have quite frequent discussions about our chapter at the University of Texas. I am looking forward to resuming active participation after this conflict is over. Until then I will have to be content with an inner pride when I read about the activities of APO at Texas and other schools."

Ken Rabb (Beta Phi)
In France
Writes:

"Seems as though I have a new country to start looking for Alpha Phi Omega brothers in. That's somewhat of a laugh though, for we've been too damn busy trying to keep up with ourselves to find time to look for anyone else. At present, I'm sitting in my sweet little fox hole with a five day growth of beard and plenty of dirt and mud. Not too unhappy though, for I have some radishes I found to help along these 'C' rations. Just like one of the cafes in Lafayette—almost. Keep your fingers crossed and good luck."

Captain F. J. Adams (Alpha Rho)
Headquarters 8th Service Command
Dallas, Texas
Writes:

"My job is that of inspecting psychological workers in the 8th Service Command (Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas) at induction stations, inspection centers, special training units, personnel centers, separation centers, hospitals, etc. This keeps me on the road about twenty-five days of each month. I hope to have opportunity to contact some of the Alpha Phi Omega chapters in these states in the free hours available during these travels."

Sgt. Del J. Kinney (Upsilon)
Somewhere in France
Writes:

"As before, busy but happy! And thinking of APO all the way."

T/3 Glenn E. Turner (Lambda)
Admiralty Islands
Writes:

"This afternoon I passed a tent where some fingerprinting was going on and stopped to watch. It brought back fond memories of those old days when we did such work at Kansas University. It really wasn't work though because all of us knew that sometime, someplace, one of those prints might mean the world to someone. I was talking to a couple of the men here this evening about APO and I'd like to get a copy of the Question and Answer book to give to them. I told them about some of our projects and what we stand for. Guess they could hardly believe it. The news sounds fairly good these days, but there is a lot of hard fighting ahead of us. Big things are in store for this world after the war and I hope to help in some small way to make a more pleasant world to live in."

Pvt. Joe Green (Beta Iota)
Lowry Field, Colorado
Writes:

"It feels like old times to receive the TORCH AND TREFOIL. I look forward to the day when all of our brothers will be able to lay down their arms and once again take up active participation in our beloved fraternity."

Pvt. B. J. Dennis (Beta Iota)
New York Port of Embarkation
Writes:

"Have not hit the waves yet but prospects are good. In the meantime I am building up with some dandy GI chow and taking life pretty easy. Receiving TORCH AND TREFOIL overseas would be a real morale booster."

Pvt. Ray Freeman (Beta Gamma)
In India
Writes:

"Several days ago I received a copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL and enjoyed it very much. The way the brothers of Beta Gamma Chapter have been corresponding all along I can't help expect that they will all resume their work in APO when they return. Over here we have been fighting off the bugs and boredom but are repaid when we see our B-29s wing off into the proverbial blue. Then when we hear what they did we believe it was worth the effort. All of us are waiting for the day when the principles of APO can be put into active use in such places as Japan, Germany and others. I am convinced that all of this could not have happened if the teen-agers in other countries were more interested in Scouting. It just couldn't."

Pfc. Louis J. Torres (Beta Gamma)
Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
Writes:

"I am now in the Corps of Engineers. We are here for seventeen weeks of training, and then who knows what. I appreciate hearing from the national office and can assure you that the other brothers in service feel the same way."

Allan M. Dumas S1/c (Alpha)
Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.
Writes:

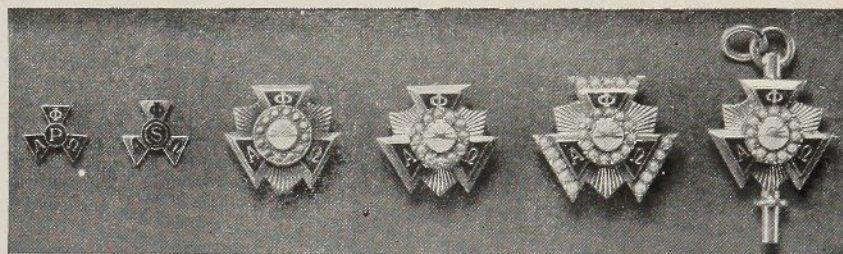
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