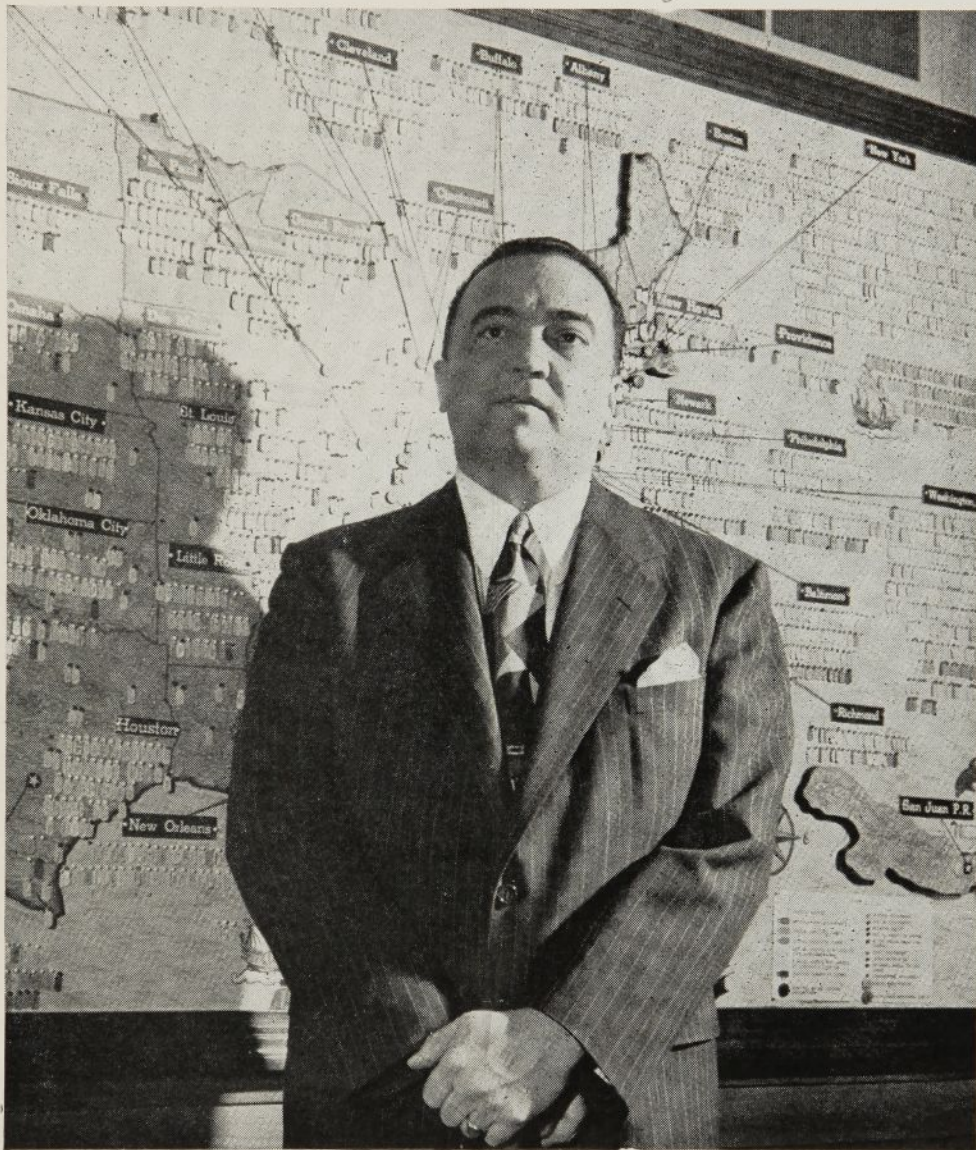


Alpha Phi Omega's **TORCH AND TREFOIL**



J. Edgar Hoover

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Says:

I appreciate Alpha Phi Omega's continued interest in civil fingerprinting. I believe every law-abiding American citizen should be given the opportunity to have his fingerprints recorded. There is no stigma attached to having one's prints on file in Washington. On the contrary, it is a privilege to have this means of identification for the protection of family and friends in case of any disaster, accident, loss of memory or unexplained disappearance. If the FBI might be of future service to your fraternity in this work, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

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DELTA CHAPTER BROTHER IS PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMANY



Lt. Albert L. Thomas, Jr., AAF

Brother Thomas has been reported to be a prisoner of the Germans following a raid which accomplished the destruction of an aircraft factory at Munich on July 19, 1944. He is the son of Professor and Mrs. A. L. Thomas of Auburn, Alabama. Professor Thomas is veteran senior faculty advisor of Delta Chapter at Alabama Tech and member of our national executive board.

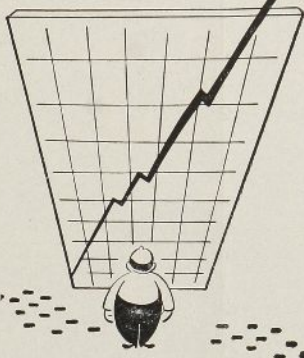
Brother Al enlisted in the Air Corps Reserve in December, 1942, while a sophomore at Alabama Tech. He served as secretary of Delta Chapter and entered the Army Air Corps for training in February, 1943, selected for navigation training and assigned to Selman Field, Louisiana. He was selected "Gunner of the Class" upon completion of gunnery training at Tyndall Field, Florida, a class with membership of about 500, for marksmanship, leadership and scholarship and was presented the gunner bracelet by the school. A letter to Al's mother from Lt. Kerfoot Downer said "This award was made officially to him by this school for being the outstanding student. You can surely be proud of your son in attaining this award as it represents a high achievement and the award is coveted by all who attend the gunnery school."

Brother Al received his commission and wings at Selman Field in April, 1944, and was assigned to a B-17 Flying Fortress and was sent to Italy in June, 1944. Assigned to the oldest bomber group in the European theater, the 97th Bomber Group, Al took part in missions over various targets in Germany.

Alpha Phi Omega wishes safety and speedy return for this good brother.

Promote the sale of War Bonds and Stamps on your campus. Let's back our brothers with bullets.

NEW RECORDS



Alpha Phi Omega marches on! Our fraternity has been relentlessly forging ahead despite the handicaps and uncertainties which have confronted all college organizations.

Take a look at these interesting facts:

1. More service projects were conducted last year than in any previous year in our fraternity's history. Over 180 different kinds of activities were successfully carried out by the chapters.
2. More faculty men are now actively cooperating in our organization than ever before.
3. More good fellowship is now a part of our program, including outings, parties, banquets and special meetings.
4. More new members were initiated into the fraternity last year than in any previous year. A total of 1024 new brothers entered active service in the organization from September 1943 to September 1944.
5. Twenty-two chapters which were wiped out by the call of the armed forces have been reorganized and are now functioning actively.

An Open Letter to All Members From the National President

My dear Brothers:

The new records related above are highly important. It is significant to review the reports of our activities and growth of last year, not that we may "bask in satisfaction" but that we look upon those records as stepping stones to greater achievements this year and in the years to follow. Certainly vast "frontiers" lie ahead in the work of our fraternity. I would suggest that our objectives for 1944-45 be:

First, to expand even more the service work we are now doing on the campuses from coast to coast.

Second, to use the committee system to even greater advantage in getting things done.

Third, to get more men interested in participating in our activities.

Fourth, to establish new Alpha Phi Omega chapters on other campuses where our organization has never yet been chartered.

Fifth, to maintain closer contact with our alumni who are serving in various responsibilities throughout the world.

Sixth, to develop an ever-increasing group of Life Members who will aid in the advancement of the fraternity in the years ahead.

Our continuous growth in the past year and the early predictions received from chapters this fall form a solid foundation for steady growth throughout this school year. The final tabulation of achievements at the end of this year will depend upon what each of us—yes, you and I—do to carry out the objectives mentioned above. Let's all determine to put added force into our Alpha Phi Omega work. By combined effort we can make this year's records outshine all previous achievements. What do you say?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

We Must "Stay On The Ball"

By
Major Elmer Tarbox

*Combat Pilot, U.S. Army Air Forces,
Alumnus of Beta Sigma Chapter, Texas Tech.*

THERE are two things I would like to impress upon my brothers of Alpha Phi Omega and upon men everywhere in this country who have an interest in Scouting:

The first is that men in our armed forces who get into combat areas are more thankful for Scouting experience and training than anything else in their previous backgrounds.

The second is that, if our Scout organization in this country is to keep pace with the progress the organization is making in other parts of the world, we are going to have to "stay on the ball"—and I'm not just a-kidding, either!

Combat area conditions, from the nature of the situation, are always "rugged"—which means that any training on how to take care of yourself, not only in the way of first aid lessons, but also in general principles of Scouting, can help you stay in the land of the living.

I know, brothers!

Like some of the advertisements say about morale, self-preservation, too, is "made up of a lot of little things." For example, in parts of China (and when I went in there, I felt as though I had entered another world) sanitation has to be carried to the point of boiling all water used for drinking and cooking, and personal cleanliness becomes a necessity, not a rule.

And in India, when we first arrived, there were not even any doctors or medics. We had to learn for ourselves how to survive against that terrible sunstroke that can be as deadly, in a group of inexperienced men, as gun fire.

We were strange looking soldiers there, with those big straw hats, and completely swathed from head to foot—but it was the only way to beat the India sun, and the outfit learned from bitter experience not to trifle with it.

Then there was another time, when I was flying my Mitchell bomber back from a Jap mission.

We had made the target, and were flying home to base when a cloud-full of Japs jumped us. A lot of lead was exchanged, and the last burst from one of the Zekes got me in the thigh.

It was painful as the devil, and I was losing a lot of blood. My navigator and I immediately grabbed the first aid box. After he sprinkled lots of sulfa powder in the wounds, we made a tourniquet around the upper thigh, and then I began to black out while the co-pilot was taking the ship home.

I was unconscious until we landed and I was being taken out of the plane. I was given a plasma injection at the field hospital, stayed there six months and my legs were completely healed.

All in all, it was a highly personal demonstration for me of the value of all those little things I had learned in my Scouting experience. The doctors told me, and it wasn't just guff they were handing out, that the first aid treatment my navigator and I had administered there in the plane was more instrumental in saving my leg than any of the subsequent treatment.

It was in China that I saw, and was mightily gratified to see, the amazing progress those people have made in Scouting. Over there, a great percentage of their boys and girls belong to Scout organizations, and make the most of the opportunity it gives them to contribute directly in the war against the Japanese.

I was surprised at the strength of their Scout organizations in various parts of the country. It is a unified effort they are making, and in the country suffering under such disadvantages, the Scout Leaders responsible for this wonderful work certainly deserve our greatest respect and admiration.

In any crowd of Chinese, the Scouts are very conspicuous. Those Chinese lads make grand Scouts,



The author, Brother Elmer Tarbox, is shown above talking to a group of Scouts in Toledo, Ohio, while there assisting in a War Bond campaign. We had to argue a long time to get this article from Major Tarbox, because he is a fellow who dislikes to talk about himself. But we had heard so much about him and his exploits in the China-Burma-India Theater that we were determined to get a story for the TORCH AND TREFOIL from him and finally succeeded. We immediately found that it was worth waiting for, and we believe you will agree.

Major Tarbox became a Boy Scout two days after his twelfth birthday and advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. While attending Texas Tech he became a charter member of Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and has maintained keen interest in our brotherhood. At Tech he was one of the finest athletes in the school's history, and was mentioned in most All-America football selections five years ago.

Major Tarbox served with Major General Claire Chennault's command in China, piloting a Mitchell medium bomber. He completed twenty-eight missions against the Japs and distinguished himself with the invention and installation of the first "wobble gun" in the tail of the Mitchell bomber. He was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal.

keep their uniforms (of which they are inordinately proud) spotless, and have the most meticulous manners I have ever seen. We can be proud to serve in the same worldwide organization with them.

Since arriving back in the States, it has been my pleasure to help sell War Bonds, and I particularly enjoyed a recent campaign in Toledo, Ohio, where I worked with some Boy Scout organizations.



PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"At present Alpha Gamma Chapter is aiding the Red Cross, investigating the possibilities of fingerprinting the civilian students, and launching a guide service which will be available to visitors on the Saturday morning of each home football game. We will have men in the Union to show visitors the campus and will also have a member in each building to point out its interesting features to the visitors."

Wayne P. Gasper, AS, USNR, Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS TEACHERS

"At present Gamma Rho Chapter is in charge of a new student center which has just been opened. We are planning our fall rush smoker for October 20 and will induct our new members the latter part of November."

—Conner Harrington, President.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

"Lambda Chapter now has plans under way to secure an American flag for use in the Memorial Union Building on the campus. Several new men have expressed interest in our chapter and we are planning a big open meeting in the near future."

—Robert E. Pendleton, AS, USNR, Secretary.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Beta Iota Chapter has held its first meeting of the year and has planned an active program. One of our immediate objectives is to publish a chapter newspaper for our alumni and servicemen, and we are also looking into the possibility of starting a new chapter at Columbia University."

—Stanley Myers, President.

TEXAS TECH

"The fall semester has started here and Tech has a record wartime enrollment, with freshmen predominating. We are expecting and predicting great things for Beta Sigma Chapter this year."

—Don Sloan, Vice President.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Alpha Chapter is very active. At the present time we are working on plans for a blood donor drive to be conducted in October. We also are making plans for a rush campaign when the next class enters this fall."

—Martin K. Brown, Treasurer.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

"Alpha Mu Chapter has published and distributed a new student handbook for the students of William Jewell College this fall which should be very helpful to all students of our campus. Eleven new men were pledged September 21."

—Dr. L. J. Gier, Senior Faculty Advisor.

GEORGIA TECH

"On August 21 we held an open meeting for prospective new members with Mr. Harold F. Pote, member of the national executive board of APO, as our guest speaker. As a result of that meeting we pledged twenty-three men on September 5 and expect to pledge about ten men at our next meeting. We are to conduct an Ugly Man Contest on the campus the last week of September, the proceeds from which will go to the community chest. Following that project, about twenty of our members will assist at the local Scout camporee October 5 and 6, and we are planning an outing for the chapter in the near future. Gamma Zeta Chapter is growing stronger day by day."

—Fred W. Culpepper, Jr., Secretary.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Gamma Omega Chapter elected new officers on August 27 for the fall semester. We are confident that with these new officers our chapter will accomplish much in service to our country, our school and our community this year. Ten new members were initiated August 26 and two more September 29."

—Lawrence Bregman, Secretary.

CARNEGIE TECH

"Our most recent pledge group in Kappa Chapter constructed directories for the college buildings as their main project. Our chapter is to provide guide service for new students at fall registration."

—Joel Bigelman, Secretary.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

"Omega Chapter has two main projects ready for the fall term. First, we are planning an information booth during freshman days September 18 to 22, and second we will conduct fingerprinting for all students as soon as arrangements can be completed. We'll be right in there pitching to build up Omega Chapter this fall."

—Donn Haglund, President.



When talking to rushees and prospective members, point out that Alpha Phi Omega offers a permanent fraternal relationship, not just a temporary membership while the men are on the campus.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

"Our chapter has big plans for assisting during the fall freshman week, including operating information tables and selling tickets for the freshman week dance and the Ag picnic and barn dance."

—George E. Anderson, AS, USNR, President.

HOWARD COLLEGE

"The new members initiated into our chapter on August 14 are all very good men and we are continuing to increase our chapter activities."

—Guy D. Casey, AS, USNR, Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"At present Omicron Chapter is rounding out plans for four projects—a regular Sunday community sing, aid and handicraft instruction for crippled children at the university hospital, scrap paper drive, and swimming lessons for boys. And some fun, too—we are planning a big hay-ride October 6 (full moon)."

—Ray Huffer, President.

KANSAS CITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Eight new members were initiated into our group on August 20 and new officers were elected and installed. Brother Leland Wetzel is our new president."

—Warren Jones, Past President.

CCNY

"Gamma Delta Chapter expects a very successful and busy season. We are in charge of the scrap drive on the campus as well as the selling of war bonds and stamps. We also are in charge of mailing the school newspaper to our 2000 alumni in the services. We are now busy planning our pledge drive and will soon send Christmas packages to our alumni overseas. Our main pledge project this fall will be the compilation of information which will aid our returning alumni in taking full advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights."

—Robert Landau, Vice President.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

"Our summer initiation ceremony was conducted in impressive style on August 19 and we now have seven new members. Our blood donor project is proceeding in fine style and we are now planning other appropriate activities for the fall months."

—Henry Powell, AS, USNR, President.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Our reorganized chapter is coming along fine. We have been flooded with suggestions for projects. We have several activities 'in the fire' and expect to greatly increase the school spirit on this campus."

—Arthur Green, AS, USNR, Vice President.

DELTA DELTA CHAPTER RECEIVES CHARTER AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

The one hundredth Alpha Phi Omega chapter in the nation and the sixteenth in the state of Missouri was officially chartered at installation ceremonies August 23, 1944. The new group, composed of Army, Navy and civilian dental students of St. Louis University, was instigated by Brother S. N. Bruni, whose first connection with Alpha Phi Omega was as a pledge in Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan.

The ritual for the new chapter was impressively conducted by a delegation of members from Washington University headed by Brother Paul Weisler, president.

Following the initiation, Dr. Frank J. Gruchalla of the university faculty, who had given major cooperation in organizing the chapter and had been elected as senior faculty advisor, was called upon to speak to the group. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity of working with Alpha Phi Omega. A beautiful fraternity key was presented to Dr. Gruchalla by the chapter in appreciation of his backing in getting the new chapter established.

Brother John D. Wright, Scout Executive of the St. Louis Council, spoke to the group relating some of his previous experiences in other chapters and expressing the desire of the council to work in close cooperation with the new St. Louis University chapter.

Representing the national executive board in conducting the installation were Brother George H. Charno, national legal counselor, and Brother Sidney B. North, national secretary. The charter was presented to the new chapter by Brother Charno on behalf of the national fraternity and was accepted for the chapter by Brothers Bruni, Gruchalla and Wright. The legal counselor made an inspiring address to the group emphasizing the basic responsibilities of men of Alpha Phi Omega to conduct an aggressive program of service and fellowship.

The officers elected to serve the new chapter during its first term are:

President—S. N. Bruni.
Vice President—Julian D. Scherer.
Secretary—Robert L. Smith, Jr.
Treasurer—Ted W. Key.
Alumni Secretary—Hide Dakuzaku
Historian—Franklin A. Hyke.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Frank I. Gosnell.

The faculty advisors are:

Dr. Frank J. Gruchalla, Dr. R. W. Buchert,
Dr. T. E. Purcell, Francis J. O'Reilly, S.J.,
Dr. Kermit Christenson.

The Scouting advisors are:

Reinhold G. Miller Dr. H. S. Ghio

We wish full success for Delta Delta, the one hundredth chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

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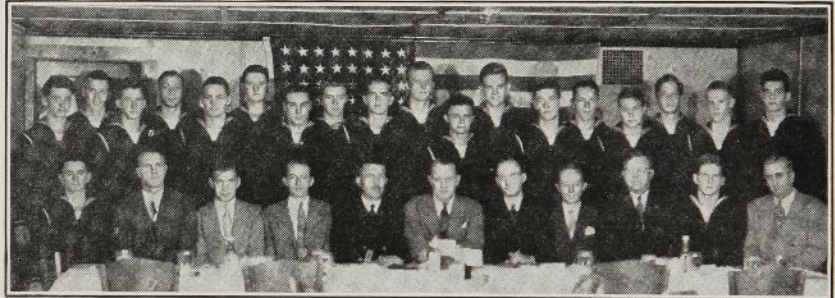
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100th CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA IS INSTALLED AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY



This group of Army, Navy and civilian students in the School of Dentistry of St. Louis University had the special honor of receiving the 100th Alpha Phi Omega charter at the installation ceremonies conducted August 23, 1944.

BETA UPSILON CHAPTER AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE IS REORGANIZED



On September 12, 1944, this group of students and advisors attended a banquet and initiation ceremony at which Beta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was officially reorganized. With keen interest on the part of the new members and solid backing from the faculty and administration of the college, this chapter has excellent plans underway for an extensive program of service and fellowship in the months ahead.

SPECIAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS

The forthcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons offer excellent opportunities for worthwhile services. Suggestions include: Selling Christmas Seals on the campus; providing a decorated Christmas tree for the campus; inviting students and faculty to bring gifts to be distributed by welfare agencies to unfortunate persons; collecting and repairing toys to be given to underprivileged children; securing a radio to be presented as a Christmas gift to a hospital; putting on a party for a group of orphans or crippled children. These are just a few examples. Each chapter can develop other ideas. Now is the time to begin plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas activities in your chapter.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE DEAN PRAISES ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Frederick W. Maroney, M.D.

Dean of Students, Brooklyn College
says:

"Alpha Phi Omega is one of the outstanding organizations on the campus of Brooklyn College. The fraternity is helpful in national, state and local drives for patriotic purposes and in community projects. I consider it a high privilege to be associated with the fraternity as a faculty advisor. There is nothing that the fellows of the fraternity would not do to make the college a better place in which to live and work!"

SELLING WAR STAMPS AT SAN DIEGO



Shown here is Brother Phil Megahee of Alpha Delta Chapter making sales at the war stamp booth sponsored regularly by Alpha Phi Omega at San Diego State College.

HELPFUL MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Our headquarters has a wide variety of printed materials available for chapter use. If your chapter has not already secured adequate quantities for the fall term, we suggest you check over your present supplies and order whatever you need of the materials available. The following items are free to your chapter:

"Questions and Answers About Alpha Phi Omega."

Special folder on "Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega."

Pledge Manual (including national constitution and by-laws).

Torch and Trefoil (extra copies of back issues).

Standard chapter constitution and by-laws (including outline of duties of all officers, advisors and committees).

Song sheets (It's fun to sing at chapter meetings, open meetings, banquets!).

APO membership survey cards (for use in making surveys of Army and Navy trainees to locate prospective new members).

Service questionnaire cards (for use in making surveys of civilian men to locate prospective new members).

Invitation cards (for inviting prospective members to open meetings).

Pledge bid cards (for announcing pledge bids).

Pledge application forms.

Membership application forms.

Pledge ritual.

Initiation ritual.

Receipt forms.

Jewelry order forms.

Other fraternity materials which are available for purchase include:

Pledge buttons, 31c each including taxes.

Recognition buttons, 31c each including taxes.

Arm bands, \$2.15 a dozen.

Coat of arms and key emblems, 9x12-inch cards, 10c a set.

Pins and keys (see illustrations and price list in Pledge Manual or write to national office).

Decal stickers of pin emblem, 15c each, \$1.50 a dozen.

The pamphlets entitled "Questions and Answers About Alpha Phi Omega" and "Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega" are especially valuable in explaining our fraternity to prospective new members. They are up-to-date concerning our wartime policies and program. The wartime membership folder points out the permanent values of our brotherhood and it emphasizes that membership does not end when a brother leaves the campus for military service. This information should be attractive to men who may expect to be on the campus only a relatively short time.



OMAHA BROTHER HAS SERVED IN THREE CHAPTERS



Philip Lindahl

This energetic and faithful brother of Alpha Phi Omega is distinguished by having served actively in three different chapters of our fraternity. First becoming a member of Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Omaha in 1938, Phil later transferred to Iowa State College and turned in a top-notch record of leadership in Xi Chapter, serving two terms as president. Upon graduation he went to work as an engineer for the Standard Oil Company in Whiting, Indiana. But his completion of his college work did not terminate his active work in Alpha Phi Omega. He inquired of the national office as to how he might further serve in the fraternity and was told that the University of Chicago chapter needed reorganizing. By commuting from Whiting to Chicago for evening meetings, Phil guided the establishment of a new active group in Gamma Sigma Chapter initiated August 4, 1944. He is one of the most effective leaders ever to participate in our fraternity. We say "Congratulations" to Brother Phil upon his outstanding service in Alpha Phi Omega.

UPSILON CHAPTER STAGES BIG WAR BOND RALLY

In the auditorium of Milwaukee State Teachers College, last March 7, Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega sponsored a war bond rally in cooperation with the student war council. It was a "riot" as the following description indicates:

John Nichols started the program with an introduction in the form of a take-off on Army life and a simile of a half-equipped soldier and a half-filled war stamp book. John Reiss clad in red underwear was carried into the auditorium on a stretcher by Sy Perszyk and Lee Ansberry and delivered the Army life burlesque.

Following a short skit by the War Council of the college an auction was announced in which the bids were to be denominations of war bonds and stamps. Michael San Felippo was the first auctioneer and the item on the block was a pound of sugar. This sold for a 25c war stamp but the next item, a box of matches (titled a cigarette lighter) brought a bid of \$1.00 and auctioneer Bill Hyde let it go at that price. Then a series of women's hats decorated with vegetables of various sort and modeled by George Zagel and Bill Hyde brought higher bids of \$10.00 and \$18.75 through the able auctioneering of Sy Perszyk and Lee Ansberry.

The climax came when John Nichols announced the winner of the beauty contest which had been started on the campus a week before. John said that "due to the number of glamorous women on the campus we were not able to choose one winner so we chose an alternate" and at this he presented Dick Troller clad in a dubonnet dress and black hat. Dick received a bouquet of carrots, onions, etc., and it was auctioned off at \$18.75. Carmello San Felippo proved one of the able bidders in the audience (planted there to raise the bids).

As an anticlimax John Reiss presented to a gentleman who had recently exposed a \$1,000,000 gasoline black market in Milwaukee a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the students of the college as an appreciation for his courage and civic-mindedness.

The total receipts for the bond rally amounted to \$540.00.

IN MEMORIAM

John F. Samuelson

Vice President, Beta Beta Chapter

Perry A. Lint

National Honorary Member
Deputy Chief Scout Executive

Raymond O. Hanson

National Honorary Member
Regional Scout Executive, Region 12



GET THE CAMERA BUG!

Take pictures of your service projects. Send them in for the TORCH AND TREFOIL. Put them in your chapter scrapbook. Get them into your campus paper. Remember what the Chinese philosopher once said, "One picture is worth 10,000 words."

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY INITIATES LARGEST PLEDGE CLASS IN FRATERNITY'S HISTORY

Twenty-nine pledges, forming the summer pledge class of Alpha Gamma Chapter, were initiated September 17, 1944, in ceremonies held at the Lincoln Lodge near West Lafayette, Indiana. This establishes a new record in membership growth, being the largest pledge class ever initiated into any Alpha Phi Omega chapter at one time. Although the group was large, all of the pledge duties traditional in the Purdue Chapter were required of these pledges and a complete course of training was given to them.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends congratulations to Alpha Gamma Chapter upon its outstanding membership record.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

SPIZZER
INKTUM "pulls Kp"



Dear fellows:

Well, I'm back writing you again! Only this time I'm not on maneuvers—this is it! Yes, your brother Spizzer's learned a new meaning for "APO"! If you haven't guessed already I'm pulling KP "somewhere in England"! And while I peel these spuds mind if I tell you a bout my trips over?

I'll never forget the sweet old lady who gave us hot coffee on the dock before we shovled off!!!!

You bet I was excited! I was sure glad I had got a letter from Duane that day—no more mail calls for a few days after that!

Course it was no Sunday afternoon rowboat "cruise" around a park lagoon! Nope, not by any means, but we weren't sick all the way over!

We had a good time in our hammocks—singing, shooting-the-breeze, writing letters, etc, but do I ever

appreciate my army cot now! Yes siree!

Guess I better save telling you about our "first sight of land" till next time, gotta finish these letters now. Don't forget to write and tell us how the chapter's doing! See you next month!

Yers fraternally, *Spizzer APO*





Ensign Ralph R. Frede (Alpha Rho)
USS LST 286

Writes:

"I believe I'll always keep an active interest in Alpha Phi Omega, therefore I am subscribing for life membership in our brotherhood. It is really an inspiration to observe how the new men of Alpha Rho Chapter are continuing a strong service program without the help of the older brothers and with such short periods of indoctrination into the fraternity's program and traditions. I hope all other chapters are still shooting with both barrels loaded."

Joe W. McDade, AS, USNR (Beta Phi)
New Orleans, Louisiana

Writes:

"I received the September TORCH AND TREFOIL recently and it makes me wish I was back in the old chapter. I recently attended the fall session of the Victory Ball. It seems that the queens get more beautiful each year."

Pete Petro, USMC (Beta Phi)
Tillamook, Oregon

Writes:

"I have been back on duty status for four months since leaving Sun Valley. A month's furlough at home gave me an opportunity to attend several meetings of Beta Phi Chapter and an initiation of several pledges. It is a pleasure to know that the fellows in SLI's chapter have never slacked up in spite of the many obstacles and difficulties. It shows the real spirit which is imbedded in the hearts of men who seek APO as their organization."

Leonard Fuchs PhM2lc USCGR (Beta Iota)
In the Pacific

Writes:

"After participating as part of a Coast Guard landing force in the invasions of Saipan and Tinian Islands I received the May issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL. It was swell to hear about my old chapter. Every man in that chapter left college for the armed forces. When I left I thought that Beta Iota was through. I guess only the spirit of APO could build up a chapter out of nothing but memories."

Sgt. Seymour Trager (Gamma Delta)
In England

Writes:

"I received my first copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL today since arriving here. It felt as though I was reading an eight page letter from home. Keep it coming my way. It is one of the best morale lifters any member can receive."

Lt. Eugene C. Butler (Gamma Psi)
In Italy

Writes:

"War has certainly left this country in a deplorable state. However, I have seen evidence that even before the war many of the people here lived under very low standards."

Pvt. Finley F. Fiske (Beta Kappa)
Camp Roberts, California

Writes:

"Thanks so much for the Alpha Phi Omega publication. I read it from cover to cover and hope to receive it regularly."

T15 Bernard Vachss (Beta Iota)
European Theater of Operations

Writes:

"By publishing a notice in the 'Stars and Stripes' I have contacted nine brothers of APO who are serving in various units in this theater of operations. All of the men are from different colleges. Their addresses are being sent to the national office for mailing purposes and I hope soon to be able to contact these brothers personally."

Sgt. R. J. Hanson (Beta Theta)
In Africa

Writes:

Well, here I am over here in Eush-town, a part of Africa which could be called Malaria Gulch. We have nothing to complain of however because the Army takes care of almost everything, even including a refrigerator in our barracks."

Lt. W. S. Gregory (Alpha Sigma)
Laredo Army Air Field

Writes:

"I enjoy receiving TORCH AND TREFOIL very much."



"Just any single next to a Blonde, Brunette, or Redhead."

Sgt. Del J. Kinney (Upsilon)
In England

Writes:

"I served last week as judge at a district rally. Several troops attended and 'our' troop's patrols came through on top. Competition was friendly and enthusiastic. The spirit of the Senior Scouts is as rich as the eleven year-olds'. I have tried to build firm contact with Scouting here in hopes that some day some of these contacts might lead to establishing APO chapters in England. Our fraternity's spirit would easily fit into British Scouting Alumni."

Pfc. E. S. Carman (Gamma Beta)
Somewhere in France

Writes:

"While in England for a short stay we were camped in a small village so we got to know some of the people rather well. I had a very nice time there but did not see enough of the sun. Since moving over to France we have been pretty much on the move with little free time. The people are very friendly but with most of us the language stands in the way of making acquaintances. I am now in the Chief of Staff Section and find it very interesting. My very best wishes for a very successful fall season in Alpha Phi Omega."

Pfc. Addley H. Gladden, Jr. (Gamma Upsilon)
New Guinea

Writes:

"News from all fronts looks encouraging and we watch it with very close interest, looking for only one thing, victory and home. We hear the news, music, rebroadcasts of the favorite programs over our own Army Radio Service broadcasting station located near by. These programs are always thoroughly enjoyed. I am glad to hear from Dr. Taylor that the Tulane Chapter of APO is active. I hope the fellows keep up the good work."

Grover Kenyan, USNR (Alpha Rho)
United States Naval Academy

Writes:

"I ran into Brother Nunnally here the other day. He is one of the regulars here. There are other APO's at the academy and we have a big time during our off hours talking about old times back in Alpha Rho Chapter."

T13 Glenn E. Turner (Lambda)
Admiralty Islands

Writes:

"The TORCH AND TREFOIL keeps me informed about APO and I certainly enjoy the messages from President Bartle."