

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



## **Well Done, Brother!**

Look at that grin . . . the kind that could only be on the face of a guy who knows he has done a big job well. And that's exactly what Bill Jones has done.

We're proud of Bill (that's not his real name of course). He is one of more than five thousand Alpha Phi Omega men who have been serving on all fronts in Uncle Sam's armed forces. He left college in his sophomore year to do his share to rid the world of tyranny and oppression. He has been taking part in the biggest project of all time. And through it all he has proudly kept in touch with the progress and work of his chapter and other chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. He is well pleased that the fraternity has continued to advance and has conducted a huge wartime service program (he has told us so in frequent letters). He wants to see APO expand rapidly in the years ahead. He intends to return to college as soon as his military service is ended, and will resume his work in the fraternity. The ideals of APO have stuck with him through plenty of tough going out yonder, and he now wants to do everything within his power to spread brotherhood around the world and help maintain permanent peace.

Good going, Bill! Alpha Phi Omega has an active, aggressive organization ready for your return. We eagerly await your renewed activity in the fraternity.

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# Wide Variety of Projects Conducted Last Year

Even with reduced enrollments and rapid turn-over of members, the projects of Alpha Phi Omega proceeded with full force throughout 1944-45. Credit belongs to the effective leadership of chapter officers and advisors and to loyal members and pledges from coast to coast. On this page is presented a list of the past year's projects. Look over this list for suggestions for enlarging the service work on your campus this fall. (Of course, some of the wartime projects are now dropped from our objectives, whereas certain war projects such as salvage drives and war relief campaigns will be continued until terminated by the government. Likewise, there are vast needs for regular campus services). Let's chalk up an even better record for 1945-46!

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| Sell war bonds and stamps.                                   | Sell Christmas Seals.                                 | Sponsor crippled children's clinic.                | Put up Christmas tree on campus.                  | Give farewell ball for seniors.                            | Label all portraits on campus.                              |
| Fingerprint students.  | Man campus first aid stations.                        | Publish freshman handbook.                         | Volunteer aid to farmers.                         | Visit sick students in hospitals.                          | Give party for fur-loughed service brothers.                |
| Sponsor March of Dimes.                                      | Purchase war bonds with surplus chapter funds.        | Operate "lost and found" booth.                    | Plant trees on Arbor Day.                         | Serve at president's Christmas tea.                        | Annual canoe trip for brothers and dates.                   |
| Donate blood to Red Cross.                                   | Collect old silk for war use.                         | Furnish baskets of food for poor families.         | Conduct annual hobby show.                        | Aid in health examination.                                 | Work on landscaping of campus.                              |
| Provide information service and guide service.               | Send chapter news to brothers in the service.         | Handle publicity for student council.              | Sponsor kite flying contest for boys.             | Sponsor "Keep Halls Clean" campaign.                       | Give special lectures and demonstrations at Scout meetings. |
| Usher at assemblies and special functions.                   | Make containers for Red Cross surgical dressings.     | Counsel freshmen at registration.                  | Conduct campus bridge tournament.                 | Serve on student war council.                              | Sell Tuberculosis stamps.                                   |
| Conduct student elections.                                   | Conduct patrol leaders' training course.              | Refinish benches in Quadrangle.                    | Care for campus shelterhouse.                     | Sponsor Christmas gift mixer.                              | Conduct Scout visitation day on campus.                     |
| Distribute campus maps.                                      | Sponsor Scout field meet and camporee.                | Conduct Parents' Day program.                      | Sponsor ping pong tournament.                     | Conduct knothole club.                                     | Hold annual dance for members and guests.                   |
| Aid in freshman orientation.                                 | Sponsor state high school wrestling meet.             | Promote traffic safety on campus.                  | Conduct housing for Farmers' Week guests.         | Maintain blood bank.                                       | Build bicycle trail from campus to nearby resort.           |
| Clean up the campus.   | Conduct Scout window display contest.                 | Register alumni and visitors on special occasions. | Survey campus for fire hazards.                   | Show educational films to grade school groups.             | Handle Traditions Test for freshmen.                        |
| Sponsor pep rallies.   | Give swimming lessons to Scouts.                      | Furnish hat-checking for college functions.        | Give parties for underprivileged children.        | Distribute programs at assemblies.                         | Conduct regular radio program for Scout council.            |
| Conduct book exchange.                                       | Sponsor radio programs for college.                   | Conduct campus tours for visiting groups.          | Establish student loan fund.                      | Plan landscaping of campus grounds.                        | Sponsor Prisoner of War book campaign.                      |
| Maintain outdoor fireplace.                                  | Direct traffic on special occasions.                  | Conduct annual scholarship bridge party.           | Aid at commencement.                              | Aid county fair officials.                                 | Put on watermelon feed for actives and rushees.             |
| Award scholarships.  | Give demonstrations for Scout troops.                 | Build sign for campus gate.                        | Sponsor student convocations.                     | Sponsor Scout troop for handicapped boys.                  | Handle drink concession at all campus dances.               |
| Give blood transfusions.                                     | Aid in Religious Emphasis Week.                       | Sponsor high school senior night.                  | Promote Red Cross first aid training.             | Clean fish pool and rock garden.                           | Conduct annual barbecue for members.                        |
| Campaign for "Use the Walks."                                | Conduct freshman tours.                               | Build new scoreboard for stadium.                  | Aid the Y. M. C. A.                               | Aid student church work.                                   | Conduct "Write the Servicemen" campaign.                    |
| Aid Homecoming.  | Conduct waste paper drive.                            | Collect magazines for hospital.                    | Sponsor water carnival.                           | Sponsor all-college jaunt day.                             | Aid university ration board.                                |
| Care for bulletin boards.                                    | Provide blood typing for students.                    | Sell Easter seals.                                 | Donate radio to hospital.                         | Serve as short term leaders of Scout Troops and Cub Packs. | Manage intramural night.                                    |
| Sponsor study clinic.  | Conduct housing survey.                               | Conduct snow sculpturing contest.                  | Aid in faculty departmental exhibits.             | Observe Scout Anniversary Week.                            | Handle housing during Farmers' Week.                        |
| Sponsor Victory Ball.  | Sponsor homecoming decorations contest.               | Aid blind students.                                | Sponsor campus outdoor day.                       | Erect historical markers for college.                      | Conduct poll of favorite student activities.                |
| Operate campus post office.                                  | Publish student directory.                            | Secure street flag display for community.          | Sponsor interfraternity sing.                     | Solicit in nationwide War Fund drive.                      | Sponsor President's Birthday Ball.                          |
| Give first aid demonstrations.                               | Aid Military Day committee.                           | Sponsor snow sculpturing contest.                  | Sponsor marble contest for boys.                  | Observe Scout Anniversary Week.                            | Purchase and erect new flagpole for campus.                 |
| Aid Senior Day committee.                                    | Send school paper to men in military service.         | Aid blind students.                                | Provide car-parking at faculty functions.         | Erect historical markers for college.                      | Sponsor fite-nite.  |
| Collect used clothing for War Relief.                        | Serve as volunteer firemen.                           | Sell Easter seals.                                 | Put up decorations for special college functions. | Solicit in nationwide War Fund drive.                      | Conduct polls of opinion on campus.                         |
| Conduct Scouting courses for Latin-American students.        | Sponsor Senior Scout conference.                      | Conduct snow sculpturing contest.                  |   | Place pads and pencils at telephone booths on campus.      | Assist at Scoutmasters' training courses.                   |
| Aid the World Student Service Fund.                          | Conduct daily raising and lowering of flag on campus. | Aid blind students.                                |   | Construct and maintain Gold Star Honor Roll.               |   |
| Conduct National Cancer Society campaign.                    | Promote intramural athletics.                         | Secure street flag display for community.          |   | Provide new student recreation room.                       |   |
| Make annual award for highest grades in comprehensive exams. |   | Secure street flag display for community.          |   | Conduct Scout game night.                                  |   |
| Supervise Frosh-Soph tug-of-war.                             |   | Secure street flag display for community.          |   |  |   |
| Assist at Easter religious services.                         |   | Secure street flag display for community.          |   |  |   |
| Sponsor "Ugly Man" contest.                                  |   | Secure street flag display for community.          |   |  |   |

## EACH PROJECT . . .

. . . deserves careful consideration by the Executive Committee before it is launched. A long-range outline of service objectives is advisable to give every member specific responsibility in the work of the chapter.



# The Scout Executives' Relationship in Alpha Phi Omega

By Delmer H. Wilson

Scout Executive of Indianapolis  
State Chairman of APO for Indiana

*Editor's Note: This article presents a thoughtful description of the most helpful kind of relationships between Alpha Phi Omega and the Scout Executives throughout America. The author directs his material particularly to the professional men of Scouting, yet his ideas are of importance to every chapter officer, member, pledge and faculty advisor, giving a clear and concise viewpoint of how the cooperation of each Boy Scout Office may best be utilized in the post-war expansion of our fraternity. It deserves thorough reading by everyone connected with APO. Skipper Wilson, live-wire Scout Executive in Indianapolis, speaks from experience. Although carrying a heavy load of civic responsibilities he keeps in close contact with every APO chapter in Indiana, makes frequent personal visits and truly exemplifies the philosophies set forth in this article.*



This fall, Alpha Phi Omega is on the threshold of the greatest period of growth this organization has ever known. With a background of continuous service and expansion for nearly twenty years, our fraternity is known and respected by students, faculty men and Scouters from coast to coast—yes, the spirit of APO is being carried throughout the world by our brothers who are now in Uncle Sam's military forces. The wartime achievements of APO are near-miraculous . . . widespread service projects, continuous fellowship, superb leadership, and expanding membership, all during years of tremendous upheaval of manpower on all campuses.

During the fall semester of 1945, we have a wonderful opportunity to forge ahead in all phases of our fraternity program—to increase the activities in our 101 chapters and spread APO to many other campuses. The growth of our brotherhood this year depends upon *you and me*, upon every active member, every pledge, every alumnus, every advisor.

My particular concern as a Scouting Advisor of APO is in *how the executive personnel of Scouting throughout the nation may best aid and boost the work of Alpha Phi Omega*. In the paragraphs which follow, I offer one man's opinion, offer it

to you for whatever value it may prove to be in your chapter, in your council.

First of all, let us all realize that to the Scout Executive Alpha Phi Omega is "an extra-curricular activity." The fraternity is not a part of the Executive's manifold *duties*, and yet it offers a big opportunity for each Executive to voluntarily assist in making the Good Turn ideal of Scouting a reality in the adult life of America. Let me repeat, our work herein is not a duty in any sense of the word, but is a voluntary opportunity.

In the entire program of Scouting, our objective is "Character Building and Citizenship Training." Alpha Phi Omega exhibits the ultimate goal of all Scout training—putting into practice the Scout Oath and Law on an adult basis. We are dealing with men—young men who in just a few years will be the leaders in every phase of American life. The ideal of unselfish service imbedded in the minds and souls of those men may well help shape the course of human history in the generations ahead. So I say to you, every ounce of devotion and effort we put forth in Alpha Phi Omega is a contribution toward the American Way.

As a Scout Executive, let's look upon Alpha Phi Omega in terms of what we can *give*, not what we can *get*. It is a mistake to look upon APO with a gleam in our eyes and begin asking the members to take over Scoutmasterships and other heavy council assignments. Every council will gain more in the long run by *giving* in APO rather than expecting to get from the fraternity. 'Tis true some APO men are eager to serve as council leaders. That's fine. They will make their desires known. Put them to work in an assignment which fits the amount of time they have available. But most APO men's interests are centered on the campus, and rightly so. They are living in a campus environment and it is natural that their main interest will be in projects which relate to the campus. This does not mean they have lost interest in Scouting—on the contrary, it means they have carried the ideals of Scouting into their college life, and in the projects accomplished on the campus the Scout "Good Turn" advances from short pants to long pants.

There are various ways in which Alpha Phi Omega Chapters can and do assist in local council work. One of the finest ways is to have each member become an expert on some phase of Scout advancement and be on call to make talks or give demonstrations at Troop meetings (thus giving the Scoutmasters a large group of especially-trained men to use for special programs). Assistance in putting on camporees and field meets is also effective. Assistance at courts of honor and boards of review, assistance in planning and conducting salvage drives and other community-wide campaigns are likewise important. College men can help greatly in conducting Senior Scout Balls and other social functions, and a Scout visitation day on the campus under sponsorship of the fraternity is an educational and interesting feature for the Scouts. These are just a few examples of how men of Alpha Phi

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**Ensign Byron W. Engert**

*Gamma Mu Chapter*

Byron was a Navy pilot and was killed in a plane crash in Florida June 27, 1944. He had received his commission two months previously at Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Evansville College two years, taking engineering subjects, before entering the service in October, 1942. He was affiliated with many organizations, but found time to give excellent service and leadership in Alpha Phi Omega.



## Five More Gold Star Brothers



**Pfc. William R. Cooley**

*Delta Alpha Chapter*

Bill was killed in action December 22, 1944, in Germany. He left the United States in October, 1944, and was with an anti-tank unit of the 78th Division, 309th Infantry. He had trained at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and Camp Pickett, Virginia. At the University of Cincinnati, Bill was an aggressive member of Alpha Phi Omega and received an honorary award for excellent work in Chemical Engineering.



**Lt. Ernest E. (Larry) Woods, Jr.**

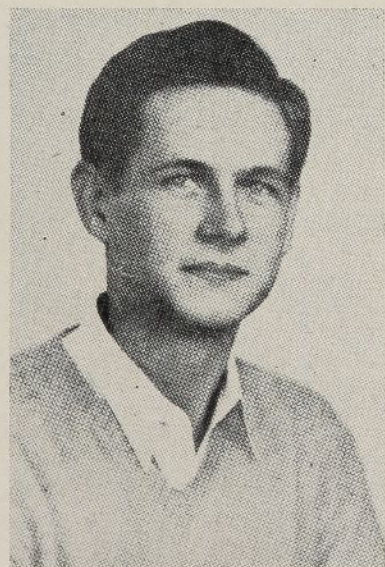
*Pi Chapter*

Larry was killed instantly in action on January 31, 1945, as he led his infantry platoon in an assault on an enemy position in Belgium. He had been previously wounded on December 16, 1944, evacuated to a Paris hospital, rejoining his unit on January 18, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He was married June 29, 1944, to Miss Anne Weeks, a classmate at Kansas State. On May 29, 1945, a baby boy was born to this union, named Larry Mark Woods. Among Larry's personal effects was found his Alpha Phi Omega membership card which he was apparently carrying at the hour he met his death.

Larry was an Eagle Scout, and he attended Wentworth Military Academy three years before entering Kansas State in 1940.

Our fraternity mourns the loss of this good brother. He exemplified the truest spirit of service in a great cause.



**H. Ed Lueders, Jr.**

*Beta Xi Chapter*

On July 17, 1944, Ed was killed in action near St. Lo, France. He entered the Army at Jefferson Barracks, December 4, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He sailed for England just two months before his death. Ed was an enthusiastic member of APO at Westminster College and his service will long be remembered.



**Cpl. Harry M. Beach**

*Gamma Sigma Chapter*

He was killed in action in Germany, May 31, 1945. His basic training was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and later he was in the ASTP at New Mexico University before being transferred to the 12th Armored Division as a tank gunner. He was an ardent worker in APO at the University of Chicago. We keenly feel the loss of this good brother.



## The Scout Executives' Relationship in Alpha Phi Omega

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Omega can best serve their Scout Council while attending school.

What can we give as Scout Executives to boost APO? Let's answer that question in three classifications:

First, the Executive who has one or more Alpha Phi Omega Chapters in his territory can assist by encouraging a well-rounded program of service and fellowship, by participating in executive committee meetings and being present for the regular chapter meetings whenever possible, by lending advice concerning organization procedures, and by *emphasizing Scouting as a world fellowship* including all ages.

Second, the Executive who has no chapters in his territory but has eligible colleges may render fine assistance by encouraging formation of new chapters in those colleges. The organizational processes are simple, requiring that a local group of twenty-five or more students, five or more faculty men and two or more Scouters band themselves together in a functioning service organization on the campus and prove its stability by actual service, and then apply for a national charter. Three factors are highly important in forming a successful new chapter: Adequate faculty sponsorship, suitable meeting quarters, and aggressive student leadership.

Third, in councils where no colleges exist (only fully accredited, four-year colleges are eligible), the Executive may cooperate by publicizing Alpha Phi Omega among the older boys of all Troops and Senior Units, by discussing APO with high school seniors who drop in to confer about college attendance, by discussing APO with the fellows on the summer camp staff each summer who are planning to attend college.

Summarizing, we professional men of Scouting have a splendid voluntary opportunity, not a duty, to serve in APO. Our best bet is to *give* rather than expecting to get in our relationship with the fraternity (the time-tested formula of "Cast your bread upon the waters.") We can sell Scouting as a world fellowship of all ages, and encourage a strong, well-rounded program among the former Scouts in every college in the nation. What a wonderful challenge this offers to us!

## V-MESSAGE from the National President

My dear Brothers:

All of us rejoice in the ending of World War II. It is a triumph for the forces of right and justice. With solemn gratitude, we thank God for the final victory.

With the fighting over, let us now realize that a huge task still lies ahead for America and the other United Nations in developing a lasting peace. Let's resolve to give greater service on every campus toward achieving goodwill, unselfishness and brotherhood among all men everywhere.

The past school year has proved again the values and stability of our Alpha Phi Omega. Our continuous and aggressive program reflects the loyalty and effective leadership of our chapter, officers, advisors and committee chairmen. To those leaders and to the faithful work of all members and pledges go the credit for keeping Alpha Phi Omega growing through the strenuous war years. To all who participated in last year's successes in our brotherhood I extend hearty congratulations. To our brothers in the fighting forces I extend a special vote of commendation and a wish for speedy return home.

As we now prepare for the school year of 1945-46, ten big factors should be considered in every chapter. They are (1) a strong service program, (2) fun for the members, (3) strong student leadership, (4) active sponsorship, (5) active committees, (6) interesting meetings, (7) adequate publicity, (8) accurate chapter records, (9) a workable chapter constitution, (10) adequate membership. Now is a good time to check over these ten phases of chapter success, make notes of the strong and weak points in your chapter and determine how to increase your chapter's effectiveness in the year ahead.

Let's give our best in the fraternity throughout 1945-46!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER REORGANIZED



These men reactivated Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan last winter after the chapter had previously been wiped out by the draft. Included in the picture are delegates from Beta Beta Chapter at Michigan State who conducted the initiation ritual, new active members and new advisors. Rapid growth is predicted in this new group.

### NEW CHAPTER AT ILLINOIS TECH

Our 101st chapter, named Delta Epsilon, has been installed at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Included are forty students, and nine advisors. Some excellent projects are underway.

A full story about the new chapter will appear in the next issue. In the meantime, the entire fraternity extends congratulations and good wishes to the men of Delta Epsilon Chapter.

### TORCH and TREFOIL

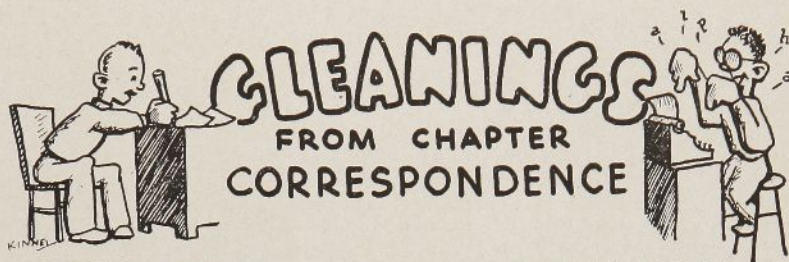
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#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Our projects for the fall semester will include correspondence with foreign Scouts by local troops (with APO securing the names of Scouts in other countries), guide tours on the campus for visitors, an Eagle Scout conference as has been conducted in past years by our chapter, an information booth during enrollment days, and a possible coke concession to raise funds for our various projects. As is our custom, we will have a formal initiation on December 16 and will celebrate the 20th birthday of APO at that time."

—Marlin H. Kinman, President.

#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"At the present time it appears there will be only three active members in Beta Mu Chapter when the fall term opens. Our ranks of course have been depleted by calls to the armed forces. We realize that an aggressive program of activity will be necessary, and this will consist of a series of rush parties, social gatherings with the pledges, and increased service projects. I believe we will be successful. With increasing numbers of high school graduates and returning veterans coming to the campus this fall, we should form a fine pledge group."

—Bill Compton, President.

#### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

"In the spring term our chapter solicited \$80 on the campus for the National Cancer Society campaign."

—Dr. James Y. Causey,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

#### ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"Delta Delta Chapter celebrated its first anniversary the third week of August. We are very proud of the small part we have played in a few activities during the past year such as blood donations, war chest drive, war bond sales, ushering at school meetings, solicitation in the university extension fund campaign, Red Cross donations, and work toward establishing a free dental clinic for the needy children of the city. Our program for the coming year calls for continuance of most of the same projects and some additional ones, including publication of a student directory. We look forward to enlarging our chapter by the pledging of new men this fall."

—Ted Key, President.

#### WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

"The plans of Alpha Mu Chapter include information service during fall enrollment week and a pledge meeting combined with a watermelon feed."

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

#### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"Omicron Chapter's plans for this fall include assisting in the orientation and registration of freshmen. We plan to operate an information booth, and a map of campus buildings drawn by one of our actives will be distributed to the freshmen. Other immediate plans call for a membership drive which will be climaxed by a rush smoker. We also intend to continue our hospital visitation plan and our swimming lessons for the local Boy Scouts. With the war at an end and with the anticipated return of many men to the campus in view, we can visualize a greater and stronger Alpha Phi Omega, both here at Iowa U. and at our one hundred other chapters."

—Carrol F. Schneider, President.

#### CARNEGIE TECH

"Kappa Chapter has a large summer pledge class, and our future on the CIT campus is assured."

—John Seipel, President.

#### NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Our projects for the summer include sale of tickets for the Student Memorial Fund Benefit Program and assistance at the summer camp held for local boys."

—Sam Copeland, Treasurer.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

"For the first time since the war began the University of Minnesota has recently held its spring graduation exercises in the football stadium in order to accommodate the large crowds. Shortage of help made setting up the stage and floodlights uncertain until Alpha Phi Omega members under Douglas Johnson, president, voted to assume part of this task. The members did their work faithfully, and the beautiful outdoor exercises were a great success. We are glad that Doug promoted this project and rather proud of the part we played in making it go off smoothly."

"Another project for which Doug should have credit is the beginning of a regular letter to our former members. We are now making preparations for the next one of which Doug himself will get a copy since he graduated on June 16."

—Roscoe Haining, President.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

"Alpha Eta Chapter plans to continue its traditional activities this year including the annual Turkey Hop, the Red Cross campaign, the scholarship card party and others. A rush meeting will be held the first week of the semester with several alumni participating."

—Ronald Farmer, Vice President.

#### GEORGIA TECH

"The officers and advisors of our chapter were my guests at the Athletic Club for a meeting recently to outline our program of projects and entertainment for this semester. We hope to train and initiate a pledge class of at least twenty-five, and with these men we plan to invite the new president and the dean of engineering of Georgia Tech to become honorary members."

—Professor J. W. McCarty,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

#### MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"Beta Omicron Chapter has published a student and faculty directory for the summer term. It has been well received. Another project upon which we are working is an alumni news letter. We anticipate a doubled enrollment in the college this fall, giving our chapter opportunity for greater manpower."

—Bill Bennett, President.

#### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

"We are now conducting a poll to secure adequate housing for students."

—John Beckendorf, Treasurer.

#### NORTH TEXAS STATE

"On August 14, our chapter helped put on an all-college watermelon feast, and we will soon be selling tickets for the water carnival. Four new members were initiated this summer and plans are being laid for enlarging the chapter this coming fall. We are contacting prospective members before they arrive on the campus, sending them information about the fraternity. We believe this system will greatly increase the number of men pledged into our chapter."

—Jimmy Hopper, President.

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

"Gamma Chapter has been reactivated at Cornell University and hopes to build up a strong organization this fall. Besides organizing we intend to help promote the campaign to revive the spirit and traditions of the university which were shattered by the war."

—James L. Hecht, President.

#### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

"Our plans for building up Alpha Xi Chapter this fall consist of obtaining a census of the former Scouts from the registration cards and then inviting the eligible men to attend our rush meetings."

—Larry Loving, President.

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

"Gamma Theta Chapter had a steak fry on Saturday, August 4, at the Scout cabin up in the hills near Boulder. Even though it rained and everyone got wet there was no dampening of enthusiasm always found on such outings."

—James H. Abbott, Secretary.

#### CENTRAL MISSOURI TEACHERS

"Eight new members were initiated into Beta Kappa Chapter recently and we have several projects planned including finger-printing for civilian students and a chapter dance."

—Robert Mecklin, AS, USNR, President.



## TULANE UNIVERSITY

"We now have eight summer pledges in Gamma Upsilon Chapter. I believe each of these fellows has an earnest desire to render service to his fellow students here on the Tulane campus and will prove to be a definite asset to our chapter."

—Ralph D. Gaines, AS, USNR, Secretary.

## TEXAS TECH

Beta Sigma Chapter of APO sponsored the painting of safety lines across campus streets at Texas Tech last spring and helped the student council publicize the student body election. Posters advertising and encouraging voting were furnished by the chapter as well as buttons worn by those who had voted."

—Jim Wanner, President.

## QUEENS COLLEGE

"I cannot resist the urge to write about the projects undertaken by Gamma Omicron Chapter at Queens. One is a virtual miracle, the other a proof of the fine spirit of APO boys all over the country.

"Queens College had scheduled an Open House for parents and visitors on Friday, May 11th. Some years ago, when we had about 50 members, our chapter had put up wooden posts to identify our otherwise unmarked buildings, so that all might find their way around the campus. The years had made them gray and misty in appearance—they need a couple coats of paint. This was a pledge project for our three pledges. By Wednesday, May 9th, the work was in progress. But Thursday brought a windy, rainy day that seemed to spell disaster, for there seemed no chance whatsoever of getting the job finished for Friday. Friday came with bright sunshine and, when I arrived on the campus the posts were ALL properly painted and marked. Can you explain that or tie it? I don't know how it was done. I suspect it was done with mirrors.

"The other project was an emergency call. We had planned to give our visitors on Open House Day a reception with ice cream and cake. This meant feeding about five hundred people. Miss Gram, who takes care of all our food needs on the campus, said she simply couldn't get ready in time because of manpower shortages (mostly woman-power in this case). She needed a flying squad at three o'clock and could I send her some of my boys? I got busy and saw three APO boys and asked them to pass on the word. At three they were hard at work, carting dishes, tables, equipment of all sorts and at four o'clock we had a very successful reception. After it was over, APO cleaned up, etc. It made me feel very good about life in general and Gamma Omicron in particular, since I was Chairman of the Committee in charge of Open House.

"This is another in a long list of cases where APO came through. We are small in numbers here but there is plenty of what it takes in our Queens Chapter. I am very proud of the fellows!

—Dr. Henry S. Miller,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.



T/5 Bill Newby (Alpha Eta)  
Heidenheim, Germany  
Writes:

"The TORCH AND TREFOIL is coming in fine. Always has. I left Camp Berkeley, Texas, early last September, spent a happy six weeks in jolly old England, embarked for France, drove my peep out of the mouth of the LST on the rocky beach of Le Harve, at 11 a. m., November 11, 1944, Armistice Day and hour, twenty-six years later. We paused in convoy for our minute of prayer beside a row of blasted apartments overlooking a harbor strewn with wreckage of war. My first combat was on December 7, Pearl Harbor Day. I'll have easy dates to remember when I tell my grandchildren all about it."

Pfc. Andrew M. Bardagjy (Alpha Xi)  
Now being reassigned  
Writes:

"I went overseas with the 103rd Infantry Division in September, 1944, and was on the front until January 19, 1945, when I was captured by the Germans near Strasbourg on the Rhine. We were in prison near Hanover until April 16 when we were liberated by advancing British troops. I am now winding up a sixty-day furlough and will report to Atlantic City for reassignment."

Pfc. Claude J. Rayburn (Beta Epsilon)  
Okinawa  
Writes:

"I was sorry to hear the loss of Brothers Asp, Manly and Broughton in the battle in Europe. I have seen plenty of it on this island. I have given up myself several times while hugging the bottom of a foxhole."

Pfc. Edward S. Carman (Gamma Beta)  
Kaufbeuren, Germany  
Writes:

"Since I last wrote I have been lucky in getting a seven-day leave to the Riviera. The army has taken over Nice or at least the greater number of hotels there. It is a very nice city with plenty to do. I went on a bus trip to Monte Carlo and visited the famous Casino there. It was really a wonderful trip except the week goes too fast. Right now we are located in a little town about sixty miles southwest of Munich. The war passed this town so everything is in very good condition. Would like to have a life membership application sent to my army address. Here's hoping for the biggest pledge class ever this coming fall term."

Pvt. Donn K. Haglund (Omega)  
Japanese Language School  
University of Pennsylvania  
Writes:

"After thirteen weeks basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, I came here to study Japanese. The work is hard but very interesting. Bob Ludwig is now in the Army in Texas, as is Wade Stearns. Chick Crusinberry is in Navy Radar Training in Chicago. Frank Maramatsu is in the Army, Johnny LeCoq is an infantryman now Tokyo bound. Gordon Hampton is a Marine at Princeton, New Jersey.

Ensign Hugh Libby, USNR (Iota)  
USS Silver Cloud  
Writes:

"I am sure glad that APO is going fine. I am gunnery officer on a Navy tanker. It is a matter of get that plane or boom. So far we have been lucky."

S/Sgt. Cliff Kraft (Gamma Mu)  
Borden General Hospital  
Chickasha, Oklahoma  
Writes:

"Though I have been in the service for three years, most of the time on the move, I still haven't forgotten the great fellowships and comradeships founded in my college days in Alpha Phi Omega. It has been fun, these rather lean years, rubbing shoulders with men of APO from all over the country. Some reason or another you can just tell a brother Alpha Phi Omega by talking to him for only a short time. Maybe it's that I always think of every man as a potential Scout and thus a likely candidate for APO, but I rather hope it is the fact that APO men are different—good citizens, clean soldiers, and present and future leaders in a world of peace.

My chapter brothers in Gamma Mu are all over the world today, fighting a war that has reached to every corner of the earth. We haven't lost faith, though, because each of us have founded our beliefs in the principles of Scouting, foremost being our belief in God and men. We all know that some day we'll be permitted to return to our old campus and help build APO once again to its highest peak of all time. Until then we can only hope that APO will come to us, regardless of where we are, just as it has during the past three years to me. Honestly, TORCH AND TREFOIL has meant ever so much to me, not just as another piece of reading material, but as a consolation that there really is a peace to fight for and that we are not alone in this fight."





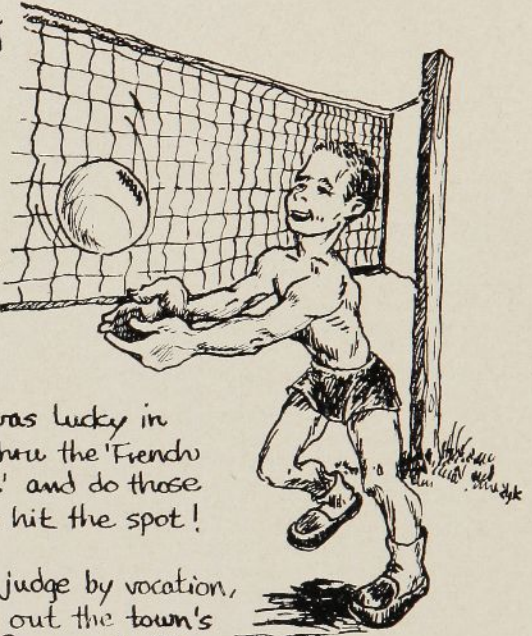
YER BUDDY

# SPIZZER

SWEATS OUT  
DEPARTURE

Hi brothers! Well, here I be, in an 'assembly area command' sweating out transfer from the theater. While I'm waiting for the next formation do you mind if I tell you about France?

Stuff costs money in France—beau coup francs, believe me! But there's plenty to do in free time besides give your money to Parisian merchants! There's been some dandy volley ball tournaments in our outfit, for one thing, especially since V-E Day.



And yers trewlie was lucky in finding a family thru the 'French Welcome Committee' and do those home-cooked meals hit the spot!

Papa Demassieux, a judge by vocation, delights in pointing out the town's highlights—much fun, with his adoring daughters joining the promenade. It'll be ties like this that can unite countries in lasting friendship after the war.



Probably the thing that brings us closest to home is church. Church is very un-G.I. for you're liable to be sharing a hymnal with your C.O.!



More next time fellows—here's hoping my next letter's written on the right side of the pond! Keep smiling, mates, it's the AΦΩ way!

Spizzer