

# TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



**LOOK INTO THE EYES OF THIS WOUNDED SOLDIER** and say out loud: "I am doing all I can to make sure that as few men as necessary will go through what you have. My chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is doing everything possible to bring a speedy victory and lasting peace."

If you can honestly say those words, keep working.

If you have to hesitate, then "get on the beam". There's so much to be done. More plasma is needed for the blood bank. Salvage must be collected. The Red Cross needs financial support. People in war-torn countries need clothing. More War Bonds must be purchased. Let's increase Alpha Phi Omega's services on every campus this spring.

Now look at the wounded soldier again and promise:

**"We Will Do More . . . To Win the War . . . In '44"**

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## MAN OF THE MONTH



Lewis R. Hutchison, USNR

First as a civilian member and now as a Navy V-12 trainee at DePauw University, Brother Lew Hutchison has distinguished himself as a worker and leader in our brotherhood. Assuming the presidency of Alpha Upsilon Chapter last spring at a time when his chapter faced serious losses in manpower, Lew was determined to keep his chapter serving unflinching and has succeeded in full measure. As a result, Alpha Upsilon is today one of the outstanding chapters of our fraternity.

Lew has also served effectively as president of his social fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, is a member of the university band, member of Delta Omicron Chi pre-medical honorary, and is a campus leader serving in many capacities. He has earned a varsity letter in track and also participates in football and swimming. He is a Sunday School teacher, Eagle Scout, camp counselor and member of the Order of the Arrow.

Scholastically, Lew is in the upper third of his class.

Alpha Phi Omega is proud and appreciative of the record of service and leadership of this brother and we say "Congratulations, Lew, and keep up your good work!"

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## National President Outlines Objectives for 1944

My dear Brothers:

Nothing I could say in this column could be as forceful as the message on the front page of this issue. That challenge, "Doing all you can, brother?" should cause every member of Alpha Phi Omega to take stock.

I dare say every one of us on the home front and the campus front can do infinitely more than we have been doing. And an excellent way to do it is through organized action in Alpha Phi Omega.

Our number one objective in Alpha Phi Omega for this year is set forth in these words, "More service than before . . . to win the war . . . in '44." The statements on pages 3, 4 and 5 of this issue indicate conclusively that Alpha Phi Omega is "in the fight" with increased force this year.

To accomplish our objective, five basic points should be emphasized in every chapter in the weeks just ahead. I submit them to you as follows:

1. More service projects relating to the war effort.
2. Continuance of our campus and community projects.
3. Strong cooperation by faculty and Scouting advisors.
4. Continuous pledging to keep manpower at adequate strength.
5. Greater fellowship and fraternalism.

All of these are important to increase the effectiveness and magnitude of our wartime program.

In this my first message to the fraternity for 1944, I strongly urge every chapter to study the above five points and develop plans to forge ahead with the strongest program our fraternity has ever known. I pledge to you the fullest support of our national office and our national executive board throughout this year. Let's back the attack with every resource at our command!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President

## ALPHA CHAPTER CONDUCTS CLOTHING DRIVE FOR WAR RELIEF



This picture shows part of the members of Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College and part of the clothing collected in their second drive for Russian War Relief. Despite the drop in enrollment from about 700 to less than 200 men, the chapter collected only thirteen fewer articles of clothing this year than last. Shown above are (back row) Robert McLean, Allan Dumas, past treasurer; Martin Brown, treasurer; John Wells Wachter, president; (front row) Fred Magley, secretary; and Allen Mock, past president.



# Chapters In All Parts of the Nation Begin "More Service Than Before . . . To Win The War . . . In '44"

## FORWARD AT TEXAS TECH

"The members of Beta Sigma Chapter think the slogan for 1944 is swell and will identify Alpha Phi Omega with the war effort during this year. We pledge our full support throughout the year, and let me assure the other chapters that Beta Sigma will be doing its best to fulfill the objective to the fullest degree."

—J. Fike Godfrey, President.

## FORWARD AT SYRACUSE

"We are looking forward to an active year, expecting to have bigger and better activities. Some of the projects we have coming up include blood donations and other war service functions, bringing service flag up to date, assisting in the annual winter carnival, initiating new pledges, and co-operating with local Scout troops in celebrating national anniversary week. Our national slogan couldn't be more timely."

—William Dolan, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

"We of Alpha Eta Chapter believe that in a land where freedom yet reigns supreme, it is a privilege to work for the things which mean most to us. Each member of this chapter is devoting full strength and energy to our program of 'service above self.' We believe the slogan for the new year will richly unite all chapters more than ever before."

—Ronald Farmer, Corres. Secretary.

## FORWARD AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS TEACHERS

"With only two active members on campus at the beginning of last fall's quarter, one of whom was graduating, Eta Chapter has been reorganized and became active again upon the initiation of seven new members. A recent check-up revealed possibilities of pledging at least ten more men, even though there are only 58 men on this campus. With an increased membership, we are planning a more extensive program than ever before, to help 'win the war in '44.'"

—John Liles, President.

## FORWARD AT NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Gamma Rho Chapter is expecting a rather large pledge group this coming semester, and our manpower has not been greatly hit as yet, so we should have quite a good organization this spring. We are planning, among other things, to sponsor a blood donors drive and will have a mobile Red Cross unit come to our campus for this purpose. Also, this next semester, we have planned an all-college dance at which our chapter will be hosts."

—Conner Harrington, Vice President.

## FORWARD AT KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Plans of Alpha Omega Chapter for the new semester were discussed at our most recent meeting and we are hoping to carry out many worthwhile projects."

—Sherman Sparks, President.



## FORWARD AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"The national slogan truly expresses the feelings and aims of all Alpha Phi Omega brothers wherever they may be. Victory as soon as possible is foremost in our minds today. Beta Iota Chapter, just as the Allies, is prepared to launch a tremendous program this year. The chapter is in the best position since the summer of 1942. We know we have a job to do and we will do it! To the brothers in the service we fervently say that we hope and pray you will be rejoining us very soon in the active work of Alpha Phi Omega."

—Chet Kaminester, President.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Our whole program in Beta Eta Chapter for 1944 ties right in with the national slogan. Our rushing is going much better and at present we are working on a dance that is to be sponsored by us. It is the President's Birthday Ball and the proceeds will go to the infantile paralysis fund. Our dance is approved by the county chairman of the fund who is cooperating with us on publicity, etc., and Colonel McIntyre in charge of the ASTP and ROTC and Air Corps groups here has approved the dance. A queen is to be selected and crowned as the 'First Lady of the Ball.' This will be our first big project of 1944."

—George O. Jones, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

"The national slogan reminds us that we have many brothers in the service at home and abroad who are in need of our support. It is the duty of every member and pledge of every Alpha Phi Omega chapter in the nation to give unselfishly of his time and effort this year to 'win the war in '44.' We here at S. L. I. are extending our program of fellowship, leadership and service and are including civilians, sailors and marines in our program. The sixth session of the original Victory Ball is to be held January 15 and we have pledged donations to the local blood bank. More power to all chapters of Alpha Phi Omega this year."

—Joe W. McDade, President.

## FORWARD AT PURDUE

"Alpha Gamma Chapter is forging ahead for 1944. We hope to gain momentum as we go along. At present we are planning a pledge class of between ten and fifteen men and with this added manpower we will be ready for greater activities."

—Myron L. Bender, Coordinator.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, NYU

"Gamma Omega Chapter is the nucleus of the newly-formed war activities committee on our campus and as such we will have charge of all scrap campaigns, war charity drives, sale of war bonds and stamps, and countless other projects which will help further the war effort. We are conducting the annual Red Cross roll call on our campus and are laying plans for an all-out blood donor drive. Therefore we think the new slogan for 1944 is particularly appropriate for our chapter."

—Milton H. Horowitz, President.

## FORWARD AT IDAHO

"Maybe you've heard someone remark: 'Why should I join Alpha Phi Omega? I may be in the Army next month; the Navy is taking me; or I'm quitting school until college returns to normalcy.' Too often in our present rushing programs this man goes unanswered and a prospective member goes his own way. Gamma Nu chapter at the University of Idaho is now making a major project out of this situation by offering to the prospect a chance to remain in contact with his college and his friends through the medium of the Gamma Nu Alumni News Letter. By keeping up the fellowship of the members in this manner we will also be providing that continuity of contact which will bring them back into the chapter activities upon their return to college."

"Are you looking ahead? The present and the immediate future do not represent the normal way of life at home or in college. More effort on all fronts is needed to insure the return to the life we once knew. Has your chapter done its part? Will your chapter exist at the cessation of hostilities and be functioning when the members return to college? Your chapter will live only through the actions of its members and not on past reputation. Let's have more projects, and more service during this year."

—Bob Eikum, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT TEXAS

"Alpha Rho Chapter gives hearty approval of the theme for the February issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL, and we hope all chapters will do their best to carry out this objective. Our chapter has recently aided nearby Scout troops and has assisted with the annual Scouters banquet. We believe this is a field of service in which all chapters of Alpha Phi Omega could render much valuable cooperation to the movement which has meant so much to all of us."

—Ed Schutze, Secretary.



# FORWARD!

## DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

"A complete new staff of officers has been elected in Alpha Upsilon Chapter and our new leaders are really a fine bunch of men. Brother Bill North is now serving as our president and we are looking forward to a very successful new year."

—*Low Hutchison AS, USNR, Past President.*

## CCNY

"Gamma Epsilon Chapter conducted an initiation ceremony and election of officers on December 26 bringing seven new men into our brotherhood. It was perhaps the most impressive ceremony in the history of this chapter. The occasion was an inspiring one because of the fact that in spite of the strife in the world, we realize that there are still people who are willing to give of their time and energy in service to others. The spirit of friendly service shall be the salvation of the world. Brother Alfred Goldfinger has been elected president of our chapter and we look forward to a new term of successful projects and continued strengthening of our roles. Gamma Ep is he!"

—*Bernard Berkowitz, Alumni Secretary.*

## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

"Eleven new men were recently pledged in Alpha Omicron Chapter."

—*James Beggs, Treasurer.*

## ALABAMA TECH

"That's a good slogan, 'More service than before to win the war in '44! At the beginning of the fall quarter in September, Delta Chapter had only ten active members. With that group we pledged and initiated twelve new men which we believe was a good accomplishment considering the reduced enrollment on the campus. During the fall quarter we provided merit badge examiners for this district, assisted in the scrap paper drive and assisted in Victory Pep Rally on the campus."

"The winter quarter which started in December saw us sponsoring Campus Hops (dances on Saturday nights for college students and service men). Our first dance January 8 was a big success. We run the whole affairs, including publicity. We have undertaken the job of clearing and rerouting a forty-year-old bicycle trail to a state park five miles from Auburn. We will assist in another scrap paper drive soon. On January 19 we pledged nine men and have a present active membership of nineteen men."

"I see a great future for Delta Chapter. Our membership and service projects are on the increase. We are receiving much favorable comment on our activities. Our chapter is backing the national slogan for this year 100%."

—*Ara John Nigolian, Secretary.*

## MILWAUKEE TEACHERS

"Ten new men were pledged in Upsilon Chapter, November 12, 1943, and are scheduled to be initiated in the near future."

—*Sylvester L. Perszyk, Treasurer.*

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Our chapter is again active in our turn-off-the-lights campaign and we will cooperate fully with the superintendent of buildings and grounds to help save Wisconsin's grass this spring. Seven new members were recently initiated and a new staff of officers elected. Brother Charles Hemingway is our new president."

—*John Blumenfeld, Secretary.*

## UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"On the night of December 16, our national birthday, twenty-two new men were pledged into Alpha Rho Chapter at our traditional Founder's Day banquet. The typical spirit of APO reigned and we were addressed by Dr. Edmund Heinsohn of the University Methodist Church."

—*John A. Focht, Jr., President.*

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS STC

"Seven new men were initiated into Eta Chapter on December 12. Our chapter is carrying on with a somewhat streamlined organization and we are eager to continue carrying on our program of service. It is gratifying when our brothers in the service return for a visit to notice their pleasure in the fact that the work which they started here is still going on."

—*Robert Burke, Secretary.*

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Alpha Phi Omega activities here are in full swing. We have recently collected money on the campus for the national war fund and plans are now being made for a war activities committee for the college. We have started work on a chapter newspaper which will be sent to our alumni and brothers in the service. Election of new officers was held on December 8 and we now have Brother Lewis Rusoff as our new president."

—*Theodore Poster, Historian.*

## WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"The college has given our chapter a very nice room for our meeting place. We have furnished it with a table and several rows of chairs. One of the men is to paint a coat of arms to be framed and hung at the front of the room. Our plans to secure a new flag pole for the college are progressing and we have already secured some of the pipe needed."

—*Harold E. Brill, AS, USNR, President.*

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

We initiated seven new members of January 5. This brings our membership back up to our pre-war standard and we are sure that next semester will see the same fine service program that we had a year ago."

—*Tom Patterson, Past President.*

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"The annual banquet of Beta Psi Chapter is scheduled for January 29."

—*William Marsh, Secretary.*

## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Eleven new men were pledged in Alpha Pi Chapter on December 15 and are now working on their pledge projects."

—*Martin Greenberg, President.*

## BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"An induction dinner will be held January 27 in honor of five new active members and one new advisor."

—*Ed Cirlin, President.*

## UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

"Alpha Eta Chapter is sponsoring the March of Dimes campaign on the campus. A can has been provided with the name of each fraternity. With this means of competition the campaign should be a great success."

—*Ronald Farmer, Corres. Secretary.*

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Phi Chapter has been carrying on an active program the past fall including participation in the campus War Chest Drive, a clean-up campaign and service as guides for the new freshmen. We have an active program outlined for the second semester and we now have sixteen active members and a strong group of faculty advisors and honorary members."

—*William Dolan, Secretary.*

## CCNY

"Gamma Delta Chapter recently conducted sales of Christmas seals on the campus, and ushered for a school play which turned over the entire proceeds to the national war fund. We handle the mailing of 2500 copies of our school paper every week to students who are now in the armed forces. We recently initiated fifteen new brothers and have eight more pledges. At our fall election Brother Sheldon Friedman was re-elected president and we are anticipating continued success under his leadership."

—*David A. Weinstein, Secretary.*

## UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"Brother Vern Ravenscroft, charter member and now faculty advisor of Gamma Nu Chapter is gathering material for a history of the chapter to bring all of our records up to date."

—*Bob Eikun, Secretary.*

## SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

"A smoker for members and prospective members was held recently and we are now making plans for the sixth session of our Victory Ball to be held January 15."

—*Joe W. McDade, President.*

## MILWAUKEE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"My own version of our present responsibility is this: We are all a part of a great war machine, yet each individual retains that spirit of loyalty, friendship and service to all. As I talk to the fellows who come home on leave it is splendid to know that we are contributing to a powerful force needed to set right where wrong has been done."

—*Emil Symonik, President.*



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI TEACHERS**

"Beta Mu Chapter has met with a good start for 1944. The chapter now consists of fifteen actives and two pledges, eight new men having been recently initiated. We are proud of our group and are starting the year with a new group of officers including Leonard Ernstman, president, Wayne Bradley, vice-president, Dean Maddux, secretary, Buddy Wilhelm, treasurer, and Dr. Shannon, Dr. Cralle and Dr. Whitney, faculty advisors.

"We held our annual dinner dance January 6 in commemoration of the founding of Beta Mu Chapter, and we have not been letting down on service projects. Two projects we are now working on are the mailing of our college paper, 'Southwest Standard,' to all of our students in the armed forces and the making and completing of an honor roll for our college consisting of the names of men and women of the student body and faculty who are serving our country."

—John Banta, Jr., Past Secretary.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

"Alpha Rho's activities on the Texas campus which have been completed since the Christmas holidays include conducting the election of officers of the engineering school, assisting at the local Scout Council's annual banquet, and conducting a poll on possible speakers for the Student Cultural Entertainment Committee. Other projects to be conducted in the near future are the registration of blood donors for the mobile Red Cross unit which will visit our campus February 7, and fingerprinting of students for the files of the state and federal identification bureaus. A treasury hunt and hay ride will be held January 23 in honor of our new pledge class and the brothers who are to be graduated in March."

—John A. Focht, Jr., President.

Remember: Manpower and service-power are the "success twins" in Alpha Phi Omega.

**ANOTHER NEW SONG OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA****ANNIVERSARY TOAST**

By DR. DAVID S. MOSESSON  
Faculty Advisor, Gamma Delta Chapter

(TUNE: "PISTOL PACKIN' MAMMA")

In the College annals  
Frats may come and go,  
Except one frat, now, what is that?  
We know it's A.P.O.

War has cut our ranks down,  
Membership is low;  
But we will strive to keep alive  
The name of A.P.O.

Service is our watchword—  
Let the campus know  
And realize, we are the guys  
Of good old A.P.O.

Help each worthy project,  
Do it gladly, so,  
If it's worth while, say with a smile,  
"It's all for A.P.O."

So, throughout the nation,  
Watch our chapters grow;  
And always, let's sing the praise  
Of our own A.P.O.

Come and join the chorus;  
Hearts are all aglow,  
Here's a toast; we honor most  
The name of A.P.O.

**K. C. U. BROTHER IS KILLED IN TRAINING CRASH**

**James Thomas Mackintosh**

A crash near Pecos, Texas, took the life, last August 20, of Brother Tom Mackintosh, who was an aviation cadet in the United States Army Air Forces. Tom was initiated into Alpha Eta Chapter of APO at the University of Kansas City, December 18, 1938, and served faithfully in the fraternity during his college years. He was ever loyal to the ideals of Alpha Phi Omega and willingly volunteered to serve our country in the present emergency. He was highly respected by all who knew and worked with him, as is attested by the following tribute by one of the alumni of Alpha Eta Chapter: "No one ever lived a life more closely bound to Alpha Phi Omega principles than Tom Mackintosh." Our fraternity is honored to have had Tom Mackintosh as a brother and his memory will be a lasting inspiration.

**SENDING THE COLLEGE PAPER TO SERVICE MEN OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

Shown here are brothers of Beta Mu Chapter preparing copies of the "Standard," college paper, for mailing to the men of Southwest Missouri State Teachers College who are in the armed forces. This is a weekly project of the chapter, a very worthy service which is much appreciated by the men in uniform. In the picture left to right, are John Banta, past secretary; John Clinger, Herbert Bockhorst, Jimmie Hindricks, Wayne Bradley, vice-president; Bill Buehler, Leonard Ernstman, president; and Byron Maine.

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

"I think the motto for this new year is very appropriate. As the Allies push ahead on the battle fields we at home can help by inspired service in the year ahead. As more and more men are taken into the armed services, the ones at home are asked more and more to give time and service as never before. I know that each chapter of Alpha Phi Omega stands by this pledge as we have always upheld our Scout ideals."

—Bob Thomas, President.

**One of Original Members of Alpha Chapter is Now Working with Brooklyn College Chapter**

Brother Josiah H. Frank, one of the original charter members of the mother chapter of APO at Lafayette College is now located in Brooklyn and is taking an active part in the work of Gamma Iota Chapter at Brooklyn College. Our fraternity which Brother Frank helped establish in 1925 has advanced far in the eighteen years which have passed.



# IT'S GREAT TO BE A SCOUT



This month, Scouts and Scouters throughout America commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Boys and men alike say "It's great to be a Scout." Yes, millions of men in the armed forces say, "It's great to have been a Scout." We of Alpha Phi Omega are proud of our Scouting heritage and we join with Scouts everywhere in paying tribute to the Scout movement which is making such a great and forceful contribution toward maintaining and preserving the American ideals of liberty, unselfishness and fair play.

## THE HUMOR CORNER



"I thought sure I'd find my boy friend here; he's been a kitchen policeman for a long time."

## INTER-AMERICAN SERVICE

Through the timely suggestion of Dr. Robert E. Gregg, senior faculty advisor of Kappa Chapter at Carnegie Tech, the Inter-American Committee of the Commerce Department in Washington has solicited the cooperation of Alpha Phi Omega in extending inter-American information on college campuses. This committee which has the responsibility of fostering stronger relations between the United States and the Latin American and South American nations is doing a very important work and is worthy of all the assistance our fraternity can give. Further information in next issue.



## A Little Scotch Blood in Your Veins?

WORLD'S BEST BUY:  
United States War Bonds

### SECOND BEST:

An Active Life Membership in Alpha Phi Omega. (Application form available upon request to the national office.)

## NEW CHAPTER BEING FORMED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Even in these times of uncertainty on college campuses, there are groups of men interested in forming new chapters of Alpha Phi Omega, a high compliment to the values of our brotherhood.

At Harvard University a definite movement is underway to establish a new chapter to include Navy trainees and civilian in about equal numbers. Kenneth Stafford, USNR, who read about Alpha Phi Omega in the October issue of SCOUTING Magazine and inquired for further information, is the leader of the group and has received the full approval of his commanding officer.

### At Oregon State

Brother Werner Hecht of Gamma Epsilon Chapter, now stationed in the ASTP at Oregon State College, has aroused interest among faculty men and students on that campus toward forming a new APO chapter.

### At Randolph-Macon College

Through the efforts of Brother Jay Hershkowitz of Gamma Iota Chapter, several faculty men have become interested in Alpha Phi Omega at Randolph-Macon College and have expressed desire to have a new chapter established after the war.

### At Central College of Missouri

Two men of Central College have recently secured information about our fraternity and have reported a high percentage of former Scouts among the men on the campus.





Henry M. Shine, Jr., QM 3/c (Chi)  
Somewhere in the Pacific  
Writes:

"The report about the Navy Department's approval of V-12 men participating in APO is joyful news to me, indeed, for I am one of the candidates from this ship to begin V-12 training in 1944. I hope I may return to UCLA. While writing this I cannot help recall the date two years ago when we had the sectional APO conference in Santa Barbara, California. It was December 7, 1941, to be exact. When the announcement came about Pearl Harbor, we knew then that most of us would be in this conflict. I really look forward to receiving my copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL and reading of the activities of my friends in the service and those who are doing such invaluable work in the fraternity as deans, professors, etc. I especially recall the dynamic dean of men at the University of Texas, Arno Nowotny, who was the live wire at the Santa Barbara conference."

Ensign Fred B. Widmoyer (Beta Sigma)  
In the Far East  
Writes:

"Having a swell time in the Far East but wish I could be with APO in the States."

Benjamin E. Lane SOM 2C (Upsilon)  
USS Mentor at Sea  
Writes:

"I have been receiving TORCH AND TREFOIL ever since I have been in the service and its regular appearance has been a real morale builder for me. It has tied me in with an organization which I was so proud to belong to while I was on the campus and it has brought me close to some of my brothers in the Service. Del Kinney is sure doing a fine job of cartooning—I hope that he is able to keep up the fine work. It is fellows like Del who are making it possible to have a fraternity when we come back."

A/C Jerome Hayflich (Gamma Delta)  
Miami Beach, Florida  
Writes:

"Thanks for the TORCH AND TREFOIL. Together with our chapter paper it makes me feel in close contact with APO."

Isadore Koenig S 2C (Gamma Iota)  
Port Hueneme, California  
Writes:

"I have just returned to camp from a visit at Brooklyn College. Our brothers there in Gamma Iota Chapter are doing a job that is certainly gratifying to see. We can well be proud of them."

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416th Bomb Gp APO 9396  
56 PM New York, NY  
9 January 1944

Dear Sid—

This past Christmas Day was my first away from home. This was the case of many brothers, I know. We were obliged to remember the Birth of Christ far from the snow, decorated tree, family worship, or other home ties we symbolically attach to that special day.

Determination to see the job carried out, finished first (and finished right), stayed excess nostalgia that was wont to envelope our senses as we opened the box from home, the gift from our sweethearts, on our bunks in our barrack quarters.

Supplementing this see-it-thru-first spirit was the vision of tomorrow's Christmas, the certainty that this war is but temporary, that peace based on principles we cherish will be our reward for the separation from loved ones we experience today.

May the clean-living way-of-scouting and its exemplification through APO chapters' unselfish activity continue to grow, to prosper even at such pace as never before, in 1944.

Yours very sincerely

del

The above letter is from Brother Del J. Kinney of Upsilon Chapter, now in the Army Air Forces, whose cartoons have been an interesting feature of the TORCH AND TREFOIL for the past two years. Although now on overseas duty, Del is endeavoring to continue his contributions to our magazine.

Cpl. E. A. Simmons (Beta Iota)  
Fort Clark, Texas  
Writes:

"The TORCH AND TREFOIL is of great comfort to a soldier in these trying days. The splendid work that Alpha Phi Omega men are doing throughout the colleges of the country is enough to warm the heart of any brother. The excellent and miraculous manner in which they have managed to do this is a fitting tribute to the principles and philosophies of the fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega men once stood for the principles of democracy, now they are fighting and dying for them. May 1944 find the entire world strengthened in APO's convictions."

Pvt. Robert F. Jesness (Gamma Psi)  
Army Administration School  
Washington, Pennsylvania  
Writes:

"Believe it or not, I've found it possible to perform services for others in the army just as in civilian life. Currently, I am carrying trays of food from the unit kitchen to patients in the infirmary. Then around Christmas time, I worked after-hours on decorations for the officers' quarters. Many of my fellow soldiers considered me a 'sucker' for taking on such jobs of my own volition; however, I'm afraid they never experienced the satisfaction that comes with service!"

Pvt. Pete Petro, USMC (Beta Phi)  
USNC Hospital  
Sun Valley, Idaho  
Writes:

"How does one feel upon arrival to his own country after service overseas? I feel like an immigrant, like a stranger in my own country. I am well and happy to be back and trust all is well with Alpha Phi Omega. I was very proud to learn that Beta Phi was the first chapter to initiate a group of Navy V-12 men into its ranks. My best wishes for a record new year in our fraternity."

Cpl. S. G. Fullerton, Jr. (Gamma Chi Chapter)  
Recently Evacuated from Italy  
Writes:

"I am in a hospital in North Africa after being moved out of Italy. I'm O.K. and anxious to get back. Give my regards to everyone. After being over here awhile you get to realize what things like APO really mean to you. Tell the boys to keep everything going."

A/C Bert A. Kessler (Gamma Iota)  
Maxwell Field, Alabama  
Writes:

"I was home on furlough over Christmas week-end, and let me tell you the boys of Gamma Iota Chapter are really 'on the beam' and holding up our service traditions in great style. A good job is being done."

Lt. Robert S. Klang (Beta Theta)  
In the South Pacific  
Writes:

"I have been on duty here a little more than a year and was pleased to receive some copies of the TORCH AND TREFOIL recently. I am glad to see that APO is going strong and is turning its efforts toward helping win the war. I hope that good old Beta Theta Chapter is still progressing at Wisconsin."

Pvt. Ed Carman (Gamma Beta)  
ASTP, Arkansas State College  
Writes:

"I hear from several of the fellows from San Jose regularly and they are all doing very well in their respective branches of service."

A/C Robert N. Graves (Beta Phi)  
Foster Field, Texas  
Writes:

"I have many fond memories of Alpha Phi Omega and now that I am in the service I realize just how fine an organization it is. Congratulations to the fellows who are keeping up the good work."



## Promote The Sale of War Bonds and Stamps On Your Campus

Ensign John W. Mack (Alpha Eta)  
Norfolk, Virginia

*Writes:*  
"My copies of the TORCH AND TREFOIL were passed through several hands while I was in training at Northwestern and probably will be duly read here too. My assignment here is expected to extend until June 9 when I'll report to the Harvard School of Business Administration for further training in the Navy Supply Corps."

Captain F. J. Adams (Alpha Rho)  
Armed Forces Induction Station  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*Writes:*  
"It seems as though each issue of the Alcalde (University of Texas paper) includes reports of the fine accomplishments of APO. Either the organization attracts superior fellows or it boosts them along the road to success. Personally I imagine both relationships are true."

Pvt. Howard Schwarz (Gamma Iota)  
Fort Dix, New Jersey

*Writes:*  
"After a sojourn of six months in Miami Beach, I traveled north back to the home country of my civilian days. The trail ended in Fort Dix at the Army Air Base. Naturally, the first chance I got, I made personal contacts with my chapter, Gamma Iota. The welcome I received was so gratifying that I felt the faith that men put into APO and its ideals as not very easily shaken. After several more visits to my Alma Mater, I had the opportunity to attend a pledge smoker. The interest shown by the new men proved to me that Alpha Phi Omega has a continuous place on any campus, whether in peace or in war.

"Notwithstanding the services rendered, the friendship and good fellowship fostered within each chapter will help lay the foundations of a better, more peaceful world after the present conflict is over. The basic idea of APO to 'Render service willingly, gladly and without restraint to country, community, campus, fraternity and self,' can be the war-cry of the future."

Pvt. Bernard Vachss (Beta Iota)  
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana

*Writes:*  
"It's getting pretty cold here and the standard question is 'Who put out the line about coming South for the winter?' Every morning we wish we were in O. D.'s and by noon, it gets so hot, we are glad we're in sun-tans. Had a little trouble with tent pitching the other day. My buddy, a Scout from Nome, Alaska, and I put ours up in two minutes, nice and tight, then ditched it and lit our pipes. Comes the staff sergeant, with the order, 'Take it down, fill in the ditch, and put it up by the numbers, the G. I. way.' We did it, and that time it took fifteen minutes. But it was G. I."

Pvt. Jay Hershkowitz (Gamma Iota)  
Randolph-Macon College

*Writes:*  
"Although there is no Alpha Phi Omega Chapter on this campus we have had a blood donor drive and other activities similar to those carried out by our chapters and we have laid the ground work for establishing a new chapter here after the war."

Lt. Robert W. Coonrod (Beta Mu)  
Camp Horn, Arizona

*Writes:*  
"I have covered considerable ground since you last heard from me. I have been to Camp Roberts, California; Camp Adair, Oregon; Camp Hyder, Arizona; Oregon Maneuver Area, and now am stationed at Camp Horn, Arizona. I am an Intelligence Officer."

Lt. Eugene C. Butler (Gamma Psi)  
In the West Virginia Mountains

*Writes:*  
"As you probably know from recent newspaper write-ups, the West Virginia mountains are a center for the Army's mountain training program. Here selected soldiers are given training in rock climbing in two weeks which civilians require several years to learn. Veteran mountain guides and instructors would be awed at the speed of the program. But this is another one of the 'impossible' situations made possible by the Army.

"However, much of the training is not glamorous. Most of it is hard rough plodding. But despite the rough going, the doughboys just keep right on with machine-like persistence. It is that same persistence that is pushing the Nazis off lofty peaks in Italy.

"Most of the charter members of Gamma Psi Chapter are now seafaring men. That same old enthusiasm from the days when we were fighting to climb the ladder to membership in the national fraternity still exists. These fellows will fight until the job is done, just as they did at Minnesota.

"Keep things rolling and the best of luck to Alpha Phi Omega everywhere."

Pvt. Stanley P. Sax (Beta Theta)  
Camp Wolters, Texas

*Writes:*  
"Beta Theta Chapter was well on its way to one of its best years when I was required to leave in December. Under the leadership of Chuck Hemingway as president, and with the aid of several veterans, Beta Theta will advance. The slogan for 1944 is a good one and I hope its prediction will be justified."

Leonard Fuchs, Ph M 3c (Beta Iota)  
U. S. Coast Guard Barracks  
Brownsville, Texas

*Writes:*  
"I desire to be a Life Member of APO because after the war I want to help spread the ideals of our fraternity to other colleges."

Pvt. Herbert Rubin (Beta Iota)  
Fort Belvoir, Va.

*Writes:*  
"I received the November TORCH AND TREFOIL by way of my home and I felt chills running up and down my back as I devoured each word of print. I'll hope to receive the future issues here as it is a real source of enjoyment to me and it is a living proof of the things that we are working and fighting for. Keep up the good work on the civilian front and we will do our best here."

Lt. Thomas V. Waber (Beta Beta)  
Army Air Forces

*Writes:*  
"I was fortunate in being at home in East Lansing over Christmas and had extra moments to think about the past, present and future of my 'alma mamma' and 'alma aunties,' namely Michigan State, APO and Radio Station WKAR. There's just a little difference in campus tempo and character, with styles favoring khaki this year. BMOC's are now BMASTP's. Instead of 'Hi, Tom', all I could get were the long face and reluctant salute that any enlisted man donates to a new lieutenant.

"I'm not blissfully unaware of the uncertain membership that 1944 will hold for Alpha Phi Omega, but I have full confidence in the leaders and advisors of our fraternity, and positive assurance that however small individual chapters may become, the embers will always remain."

Pvt. Leonard R. Friedman (Beta Iota)  
Recently Returned from North Africa and Sicily

*Writes:*  
"Shortly after my last letter I joined the 9th Division in North Africa and served as an infantry radio operator during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Following the latter I became ill and was sent back to the States where I arrived on Christmas Eve. Some Christmas present! I'll shortly return to duty. The TORCH AND TREFOIL was forwarded to me while overseas and I found each issue to be a source of real pleasure. It brought back many pleasant memories. A few days ago I received the December issue and read with deep interest of the many jobs Alpha Phi Omega is still doing. I found my Scout training of enormous value to me especially while living so closely to mother earth while over there."

John G. Winston (Alpha Rho)  
Army Air Forces

*Writes:*  
"I presume most of the brothers of my class are now in the service but possibly there are some left on the campus and I would appreciate all news that can be sent about what's going on in Alpha Rho and where some of the brothers are now. I met Brother Manual Palmer about three months ago at the Advanced Bombardier School in Big Springs, Texas. I am now classified as an aerial gunner."