

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



**General Dwight D. Eisenhower**

*Says:*

"The only thing needed for us to win is for every man and woman, whether on the fighting front or in the remotest community on the home front to do his or her full share."

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The men of Alpha Phi Omega in the armed forces are giving a good account of themselves in every branch of the service. Those of us on campuses should "take inventory" now and intensify our activities to help bring complete victory and a just peace at the earliest possible time.

*Photograph by Signal Corps, U.S. Army*

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## SAN DIEGO BROTHER KILLED IN HOLLAND



**Pfc. Richard W. Clark**

A past president of Alpha Delta Chapter, Dick Clark was a tireless worker in Alpha Phi Omega before entering the Army. Word has recently been received that he has been killed in action with the infantry in Holland. No further details are immediately available.

In a note written from France, Dick said, "I had thought France was a gay, romantic country, but all I have seen here is rain, mud and people who look like those in the ancient history books."

### QUOTATION FOR FEBRUARY

Hence 'tis a common observation here, that our cause is the cause of all mankind, and that we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own. 'Tis a glorious task assign'd us by Providence, which has, I trust, given us spirit and virtue equal to it, and will at last crown it with success.

—Benjamin Franklin  
(Written in 1777)



## TORCH and TREFOIL

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# A Letter to All Members from the National President

My dear Brothers:

The spirit of "Forward in '45" as so effectively portrayed in the chapter news items in this issue indicates a strong future for our fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega has steadily advanced through three years of war, with a vast increase in service and fellowship. That past record stands as a foundation for continued growth in the months which lie ahead.

The credit belongs, as Theodore Roosevelt once said, "to the man who is actually in the arena." Yes, the credit for Alpha Phi Omega's progress in 1944 goes to the chapter officers, members, pledges, and advisors who have given so thoroughly of their time, effort and devotion to the principles and activities of our brotherhood.

The beginning of the spring term will be an excellent time to intensify our activities even more. New freshmen entering offer a certain field for increased membership to help replace those active members who are leaving. Twelve projects for special emphasis this spring are listed on the opposite page in this issue.

It gives me a particular thrill to read the many letters which arrive from our brothers who have left the various campuses for military duty on far-flung fronts. Their continued keen interest in the work being done by their chapters and by the fraternity as a whole should be a special incentive for us to put increased force into our service projects. Let's keep faith with our brothers out yonder by doing all we can—all of us working together—to spread the ideals and activities of Alpha Phi Omega.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

### KEEPING HONOR ROLL UP TO DATE AT SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE



A regular responsibility of Beta Mu Chapter is to keep the roster of former students who are serving in the armed forces—a very useful project. Shown above at work are (left to right): John Snell, Leo Day, Steve Forrest (standing in back), Jack Dameron, Bill Harmon, Bill Compton, Leonard Ernstmann and Allan Stallcup.



# APO Service Goes Around the World

By Ensign Ralph E. Frede

*Past President, Alpha Rho Chapter, University of Texas  
Now On Duty with the Navy at Sea*

Several years ago when grass grew green but glassy waters came to be no longer glassy, started seething turbulent against the serenity that was peace, a notice went up on the bulletin board of a service fraternity on a friendly, happy campus—called by some the Forty Acres. It was a notice that a new service project would be performed. It proclaimed to the brothers around that several of the fellows with whom they had been working were leaving to perform project 1,129—duty with the U.S.—the biggest, greatest service to campus, community, and nation that they had ever attempted. It was this notice, proclaimed to all who would read, that forecast and initiated APO's greatest service, for in coming years its members would be turned out rapidly from the "Forty Acres" of over one hundred colleges to do a job in friendship, leadership, and service.

The thing that started with a few men here and there became big until the time came when valiant service and sacrifice was required of those who remained. While the old chapters manned by new members are carrying on the old traditions and working in a gratifying manner, the departed men were seeking new ways to carry on in foreign fields. Wherever these men went they were making lighter the painful jobs through friendship, pointing the way of accomplishment

for rugged tasks through leadership, serving because that was the way they were trained.

It was a struggle for these men—they weren't accustomed to restrictions, discipline, privations—so they had to lighten the load. On ships in the Navy and in platoons on the field they went out of their way to be friendly working up entertainments in the dull hours, consoling someone over the marriage of his girl to another guy, or throwing candy to the kids in France. They learned that through friendship the unpleasant job could become much easier and they taught by their example.

And everywhere you went you found that these men who had left the lush green acres were taking the initiative, executing bigger projects, missions, than ever before. An APO out of school and the school's NROTC in February would by October be the important person on a Navy transport who directed communications, administering a division, encrypting and decrypting, safeguarding secret publications which the enemy sought. These men had been given early pre-war opportunities to direct and organize. They were the ones appointed to carry the load. In England, one of them would fly out with a command, a small task unit with a job—plenty of quick thinking required there. Across the ways, another

would direct the evacuation of casualties from a hot Pacific beach-head while in Italy, another might be drawing up part of the plan for the invasion of Southern France. In areas over acres they, having participated in APO's program, showed that they had the stuff that the generals required.

All the while, these men who had left—still APO's in memory and spirit—were doing their service the proper way even though they didn't like the job. They weren't getting drunk far away from the pier when their ship cast off its last mooring line, nor did they do things in the foreign lands which would cause courts martial and bring discredit to their friends and to their country. They were serving with a sincere effort—for those back home.

All the time a letter goes the rounds. These men are keeping in touch with each other and with the old campus and its chapter. Many of them will be coming back one of these days to take up where they left off. Perhaps this day of returning (and rejoicing) isn't far away; perhaps it may be years away, yet however long it may be in coming, this job will be eventually sewed up and accomplished just like the ones these men used to pull where the grass was green. Someday they'll be winding up project 1,129 and headed for number 1,130 all steamed up with friendship, leadership, and service.

## Suggested Service Projects For Spring Months

*(Each idea deserves thorough planning by your chapter before being started.)*

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| Sponsor Red Cross War Fund Drive on Campus.             | Aid a crippled or handicapped student.          |
| Collect books for the Merchant Marine libraries.        | Boost waste paper collection on campus.         |
| Emphasize conservation of electricity and fuel.         | Aid at Easter religious services.               |
| Continue boosting War Bond sales.                       | Conduct "Use the Walks" campaign.               |
| Collect used clothing for relief in war-torn countries. | Send newsletter to members in the armed forces. |
| Donate blood to Red Cross plasma bank.                  | Collect magazines for hospital.                 |
| Visit sick students in college hospital.                | Aid in conducting a Scout Camporee.             |



# Forward...

## FORWARD AT LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Alpha Chapter is starting the new year with a bang. Plans are complete for a benefit dance for the March of Dimes which will be held on January 20. On January 22 the Red Cross Blood Donor Unit will come to Easton for a three-day stay, and our chapter has already started recruiting donors here on the campus. We hope to have a large group from the college. We are also making plans for rushing the new class which enters in February. From the way this year has started it appears that 1945 will be the biggest and best year Alpha Chapter has ever had."

—Martin K. Brown, Treasurer.

## FORWARD AT CCNY

"New officers have just been elected in Gamma Epsilon chapter and we are rounding out an excellent service program for this term, and preparing for the next. On Pearl Harbor Day, we sold many bonds and stamps to the students and faculty, and we are now preparing to participate in a gala affair commemorating our fraternity anniversary. Bigger and better things are in store for the future now that we have inducted our pledge group of twenty-four new men."

—Leonard Aschenbrand, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT OHIO STATE

"Our chapter put over a real program in celebration of Founders' Day, December 16. A luncheon meeting was held at the Ohio Union with members, advisors and pledges in attendance, and talks were given by Mr. Boucher, Scout Executive of the Central Ohio Council, and Dr. Stradley, Vice President of the University and President of the Central Ohio Council. Plans are being made for active work on pledging of new men in January and the continuation of our arrangements for fingerprinting."

—James L. Vance, Alumni Advisor.

## FORWARD AT MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"We recently conducted a fingerprinting campaign which exceeded our fondest hopes. Approximately 84% of the student body and quite a few faculty members paid a visit to our fingerprinting booth. The campaign lasted three days, one more than we had planned due to the large turnout."

—Edward Fischer, Vice President.

## FORWARD AT QUEENS COLLEGE

"Gamma Omicron chapter keeps going in spite of a total male population of only about 250 on our campus. The main thing is that we keep going. We inducted our pledges at the dinner meeting December 16 of the Greater New York Council of Alpha Phi Omega in a very fine ceremony where pledges of several New York chapters were inducted. Every time we go through the initiation we are all impressed by the simplicity, seriousness, dignity and good taste of the ritual. We are making plans to register all Scouts and former Scouts in the incoming class at Queens in February."

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

## FORWARD AT GEORGIA TECH

"Gamma Zeta Chapter has a very good future in store. During the new year of 1945 we are planning even greater accomplishments than in 1944. Last year we initiated one of the largest groups in all our history, and we expect that our present group will be even larger. At the close of last year we sold Christmas seals on the campus and the tabulations thus far indicate more than \$100 returns. In the very near future we will start the March of Dimes on our campus and our goal is at least a dime per student. Everything is in order for the fingerprinting of civilian students and we are all eager to get this project started because we believe it will prove very interesting. Besides these we have our regular projects of campus aid and assisting local Scout Troops and a Sea Scout ship. Truly 1945 will be a great year and it will see much progress and many hours spent in Friendship, Leadership and Service."

—Pvt. Hugh Hardy, USMCR, President.

## FORWARD AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS TEACHERS

"Eta Chapter now has many activities underway and many more planned for spring. Our present projects include the March of Dimes in which we plan to set up booths downtown as well as on the campus, and we are sponsoring the President's Birthday Ball in connection with this. We are also planning dances to immediately follow the next two home basketball games. With the cooperation of Brother Harlo Dunn, our Scouting Advisor, we are planning a Scout window display by troops, a winter jamboree in the college gymnasium and a spring camporee in a nearby forest. We are also collaborating with Delta Sigma Epsilon in sponsoring a white-elephant sale. Last but not least we are starting our winter pledge drive in which we expect to increase our manpower."

—Noble Arnold, President.

## FORWARD AT NORTH TEXAS STATE

"We of Gamma Rho Chapter have already started on projects which will carry over into the next semester. Our community projects chairman and campus projects chairman are formulating plans for the annual Scout Visitation Day on our campus. Those two committees have also started on a Scoutcraft window display contest for the troops of Denton and Denton County. Also we are now compiling the names and present addresses of all men who have been affiliated with the chapter since its original installation. Our social chairman has started plans for our Annual Bar-B-Q to be held May 12 and 13."

—Bill Cooper, President.

## FORWARD AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"We have several projects arranged for the next two months. One is to conduct prospective students on a tour of the campus, another an all-school dance and another the formation of plans for a student union building."

—Paul Wiesler, President.

## FORWARD AT TEXAS U.

"Alpha Rho Chapter started the new year with a bang. The members and pledges helped in the food rationing system for students of the University of Texas and our main project for the month of January is the solicitation of blood donors for community hospitals in Austin. In February plans will be laid for the student elections (4000 voting student body) which will be held the first of March. Our present pledge class will be initiated February 11."

We no longer have to look for projects—the projects come to us in an unending stream. Although we have only forty active members and twenty pledges this term (which is comparatively small for Alpha Rho), the spirit is one of finest co-operation. Many fellows, both Navy and civilians, have developed into happy men through our program of service. We want the alumni to know especially that Alpha Phi Omega still has one of the happiest outlooks towards the future of any organization on the campus.

Many critics are puzzled by the fact that Navy men and studious civilians are willing to give up their time to serve other people. They wonder why we set our goals so high. We answer them with a puzzled look, for it is so hard to define the satisfaction we get from serving others. We can only say about our high goals and our outlook to a successful future what Langston Hughes has said about dreams...

Hold fast to dreams,  
For if dreams die,  
Life is but a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly."

—George Gibbs, AS, USNR, President.

## FORWARD AT SAN DIEGO STATE

"Again this year Alpha Delta Chapter has published the student directory of San Diego State College including the list of faculty, students and student organizations. We have great plans for the next semester."

—Fred Livingstone, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

"The second semester our chapter hopes to revive our Boy Scout weekend at the college, a two day meeting attended by Scouts from all over the state to give them first hand knowledge of the college. We will also probably conduct fingerprinting again for students and faculty and we are planning for two initiation ceremonies for the spring semester."

—Larry Loving, President.

## FORWARD AT CARNEGIE TECH

"Kappa Chapter has been chosen by the Inter-Honorary Council to enforce the freshmen regulations which our college is to resume in February. This includes giving the examinations concerning the school's traditions, without which a student cannot participate in extra-curricular activities."

—Joel Bigelman, Corresponding Secretary.



# ... In 1945

## FORWARD AT MIAMI

"Alpha Pi Chapter is arranging for a large Christmas tree fully decorated for our university and we are asking students to bring clothes for Russian War Relief. We have already raised \$60 for this project and hope to make it \$100. A rush meeting held recently was a fine success and we plan to have another open meeting next week. We anticipate having a sizable pledge class and hope to have them formally pledged on the national birthday of Alpha Phi Omega, December 16."

—Herbert Horton, Secretary

## FORWARD AT TEXAS

"Recent projects on which a lot of hard work has been done include selling tickets for Union fees, ushering for the Passion Play, managing the November campus elections, selling war stamps and ushering at football games. This term's pledge class seems to be coming along well and we will have the formal pledging ceremony at the Founder's Day banquet at which Dr. Hal P. Bybee, our senior faculty advisor, is scheduled to be the speaker."

—Billy Smith, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Ten new members were initiated into Gamma Omega Chapter on the national birthday of APO, December 16, 1944."

—Leonard Ross, Treasurer.

## FORWARD AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Omicron Chapter has a program of service planned for the coming year consisting of charity blood donations, civilian fingerprinting, war bond sales (which are a regular Wednesday event at SMU) and distribution of the school newspaper. Starting the week of January 8 we will type as many students in school as will respond in order to have a list of blood donors available for charity donations in Dallas hospitals. Following the blood typing drive we will conduct civilian fingerprinting in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Our war bond sales which have been so conscientiously handled by Brother Relyea for more than a year are now in charge of Brother Henry Stanton. Competition by the sororities is used on this project.

"We also intend to sponsor a drive for books for servicemen which will be sparked by a dance with a book for the admission charge. Also, naturally APO will have an integral part in SMU's plans for more school spirit in the coming year. We are alert for more material with which to build our fraternity and our pledging is continuing steadily. However the manpower shortage has hit us just as it has everywhere. Throughout 1945 we intend to take advantage of all opportunities as they present themselves for further service to the school, community and nation."

—Morelle K. Ratcliffe, President.

## FORWARD AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

During the past semester Gamma Iota chapter has been quite active, both in service and in fellowship events. We have aided in mailing the college newspaper to servicemen and in preparing the college bulletin for distribution. We were active in the war fund drive and salvage drive, and recently seventeen members and pledges donated blood for the Red Cross plasma bank. At present we are planning to supervise the President's Birthday Ball and we are sponsoring a basketball tournament which is due to begin soon."

—Edward J. Kliegman, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY

"Omega Chapter is planning to conduct its usual assistance to new students at the beginning of the next semester by means of our information booth. We also have tentative plans regarding promotion of the sale of war stamps and bonds on the campus. Our membership has been steadily increasing and we expect to have one of the largest organizations on the campus within a short time."

—Sanford Withrow, Acting President.

## FORWARD AT KANSAS CITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Our chapter is going all-out for the war effort. Our second scrap paper drive is on now and we are typing all students' blood and keeping a record for the use of Kansas City hospitals. We sponsor a coke and cigarette machine and handle the sale of dermatology books prepared by Dr. A. E. Scardino. We are beginning to pledge a new group and will have more projects coming up in the near future."

—Leland E. Wetzel, President.

## FORWARD AT TEXAS TECH

"Nineteen new men were pledged in Beta Sigma Chapter in November."

—Mack Saied, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"On December 16, the birthday of our fraternity, we held formal initiation following a supper. Plans for rushing have been made so that each member will contact new men in his department or school, or in his fraternity or dorm. On the next to the last Sunday of every month we have a chapter supper so we can be together some time other than meetings. Plans are underway for a bridge tournament the first week in February, the proceeds of which will be given to some Base Hospital for needed recreational equipment."

—Marlin H. Kinman, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT TEXAS TECH

"Next semester Beta Sigma may continue with the present project of helping at the Boy's Club, may build on to our Barbecue Pit at Aggie Grove, or start a Fingerprinting Campaign as of this time last year."

—Marshall Rhea, President.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

"Gamma Sigman Chapter has made plans to handle the March of Dimes campaign on the campus and we are planning a series of health lectures to be open to all students. Another possibility which has been discussed is to sponsor a dance to raise money for the World Student Service Fund, an organization to aid students in war-torn countries to gain an education. We are also planning a large pledge class to be selected after contacting all first and second year students. A considerable number of men were given preliminary information about Alpha Phi Omega during our recent fingerprinting campaign. Prospects for 1945 are bright in Gamma Sigma Chapter."

—James Montague, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"The new Beta Iota chapter newsletter named The Callboard is ready for the mails."

—Larry Baker, Treasurer.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"The initiation of our present pledges will be held January 21."

—Will Snow, President.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

"Plans for the President's Birthday Ball are shaping up very fine. We are sure that it will be a big success. Possibilities for a big pledge class look promising, too."

—Gordon Mercier, AS, USNR, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"Starting next week, we plan to invite at least ten men to each meeting with the hope of increasing our membership still further. We have a number of men who are interested in spite of the terrifically speedy program."

—Ray C. Huffer, President.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"This coming year Alpha Pi Chapter expects to carry out the following projects: Continuance of bulletin board campaign, continuance of aid to handicapped student, publication in March of super Student Directory, publication of chapter news for members and alumni, holding of high school night, faculty directory in Rotunda (by pledges), campaign for silence in halls while classes are in session, continuance of blood donor aid, establishment of book exchange. We have an ambitious group of pledges and I am sure we can carry out these successfully."

—Herbert Horton, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT SOUTHWEST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"In 1945 Beta Mu Chapter will continue to endeavor to surpass our achievements of former war years. In the immediate future we will take part in the March of Dimes campaign and after that we intend to throw all of our manpower behind other deserving projects which arise from time to time. On January 18 we will have our annual banquet in commemoration of the birthday of our chapter."—Leonard Ernstmann, President.



# Untold Story of a Battlefield

By Quentin Reynolds

*First Hand Reporter of the War on All Fronts*

When people ask me, "What does a battlefield look like?" I tell them every battlefield is different, but a few characteristics—all the different kinds of debris lying around—hold true for most of them.

Battlefields generally look like dumps. There are broken corrugated paper cartons, thousands of discarded paperboard shell cases, and always the stained, torn boxes which carried blood plasma to the front. All kinds of metal lie around, everything from grimly dented helmets to huge tanks, twisted and broken and sometimes burned. But the amount of paper is the most astonishing detail—until you remember that every item overseas was shipped or tagged or made with paper.

Anyone who thinks waste paper isn't important ought to view a battlefield. Sure, we used to throw it away, burn it, do anything to get rid of it. But today waste paper is a primary war material—and it's our No. 1 critical shortage. I can tell you: our fighting forces **need** waste paper **now**.

Wherever you see a battery in action—anything from heavy howitzers to mortars—there's bound to be a huge pile of paperboard shell cases somewhere around. These protected the ammunition all the long way from the factory to the front. Even aerial bombs require large amounts of paper in the shape of the rings on which they are rolled.

The quantities of paper needed on battlefronts are huge, and our men can no more fight without them than without steel. That's why the War Production Board is calling for

2,000,000 extra tons of waste paper this year.

I've seen advance battalion medical stations with doctors operating calmly, unhurriedly, ignoring the roar of the guns. The boys lay there after their wounds are dressed, smoking, usually, and not saying much. Off to one side are cardboard cartons neatly crammed with all the paper wrappings from the field hospital equipment—gauze, forceps, scalpels, surgical needles, in fact every article was shipped safely in paper.

If you had seen these things, you'd know how paper helps to save our boys' lives.

I know of no one in America (except the parents and wives and children of the dead) who has yet been called upon to make any real sacrifice. One of the least sacrifices and one of the most important things **you** can do to help is—save waste paper. Turn in every scrap of it. Shorten the war with it.

*Reprinted from "Scouting News" of Clearwater, Florida*

## FORWARD AT GEORGIA U.

"Nine new active members and three new advisors were initiated into Beta Zeta Chapter January 25. Our new group aided at registration for the winter term and is sponsoring the March of Dimes and President's Birthday Ball on the campus."

—Jimmy DeLay, President.

## FORWARD AT KANSAS STATE

"Pi Chapter sponsored the sale of Christmas seals on the campus just before the holidays and we are now preparing for the March of Dimes."

—Dick Stockman, President.

## FORWARD AT MISSOURI U.

"The second annual President's Birthday Ball sponsored by Beta Eta Chapter will be held February 2 in the university gymnasium. The 'First Lady of the Ball' elected by popular vote will be crowned during intermission."

—Bob Naka, Secretary.

## FORWARD AT WILLIAM JEWELL

"Alpha Mu Chapter is sponsoring an assembly program on January 30 with Dr. H. Roe Bartle, national president, as speaker."

—David Harrison, President.

## FORWARD AT UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, NYU

"At the recent meeting of Gamma Omega Chapter elections were held. For their efficient and diligent work during the past semester Fred Rubin, Leonard Ross and Lawrence Bregman were reelected to the offices of president, vice-president and secretary, respectively. Three newcomers in the executive council are Paul Kritz, treasurer, Harvey Weinberger, historian and Sylvio de la Penna, sergeant at arms. We of Gamma Omega have many plans for the future."

—Harvey Weinberger, Historian.



## SCOUTS OF THE WORLD—BROTHERS TOGETHER

Alpha Phi Omega

extends congratulations to the

Boy Scouts of America

on the occasion of the

Thirty-fifth anniversary of

Scouting in the United States



## SOUTHWESTERN BROTHER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS



Lt. (jg) Robert J. Adams

This enthusiastic brother of Alpha Phi Omega, who served faithfully in many capacities in Beta Phi Chapter before his enlistment in the Navy, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The citation accompanying the award, signed by Admiral Harold R. Stark, Commander of U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, says:

"For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of invasion of the coast of France from 6 June to 25 June, 1944.

"Lt. Adams, with tireless energy and exceptional skill provided accurate spotting for naval gunfire support missions. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and without regard for personal safety, he flew his plane into the thick of battle to report back to the ships important tactical targets. During the period of the invasion he flew 13 sorties in a type aircraft in which he had had but little prior instruction, demonstrating a high standard of flying technique and much determination.

"The courage and devotion to duty of Lt. Adams was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval service."

Alpha Phi Omega extends hearty congratulations to Brother Bob Adams upon his outstanding service in our nation's cause.

## GOING TO NEW YORK?

Members of Alpha Phi Omega who have occasion to be in New York are invited to contact Brother Stanley Myers concerning the meetings of chapters in the metropolitan area. His address is 2132 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, New York.

## AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS TO HIS CHAPTER

171 Berkeley Street  
Rochester 7, New York  
December 9, 1944

Dear Brothers:

Words of high praise and congratulations to the new members of Gamma Pi Chapter.

To me Alpha Phi Omega has meant a great deal. It opened an avenue for everyone for working on activities of all sorts without having to compete with others to do it. For here an all-out cooperation existed just for the purpose of doing good and being of service. No job was too great or too small to work on providing it contained the essence of the principles of APO.

I can't help reminiscing on the variety of projects we all worked on when I attended the University of Michigan. As a charter member I recall all the grief entailed in the organization of the group. After proving our worth as a responsible organization on campus, projects came flying our way. In examining the scrap book, you can all realize the enjoyment derived from working on projects such as the "Use the Walks" campaign, Swing Concert, cooking for Scouter meetings at camp, leading of nature hikes, hostel trips, leadership for the Fresh Air Camp Tag Day Sale, visitation of Scout troops, APO conventions for an exchange of ideas, and many, many others. Our only regret was we didn't have time enough to do more. We proved to many that the only way to enjoy the Alpha Phi Omega organization was by getting in and working on the projects. The more a person worked on this service program the more he realized from it and the more he enjoyed it.

I would like to add one more point which I don't believe too many realized before. Take your faculty advisors more seriously. If you ever have any problems do not hesitate to consult them because they can be of invaluable help. I can attest to that because I am indebted to them for their counselling.

As you prepare to celebrate the national birthday of APO, I like many of the other brothers of Gamma Pi chapter scattered all over the world, wish we could attend your meeting and be with you. However due to a variety of reasons it is impossible to leave the plant where I have been employed since graduation. I have been actively working in the engineering department of Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. on experimental and development work attached to the machine design department. Some day in the not too distant future I plan on visiting Ann Arbor with my wife and one of my first stops will be to APO.

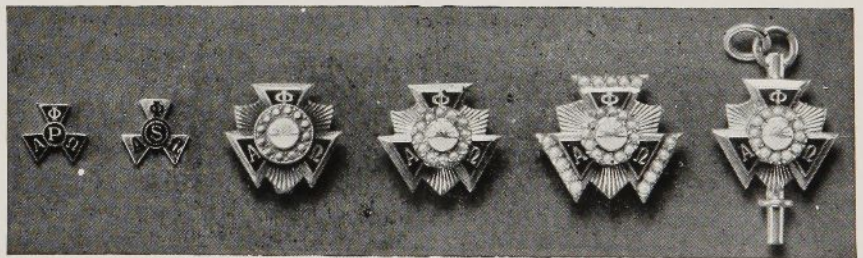
If there is any way in which I can ever help, do not hesitate to let me know. A special hello to any of my old friends present at your meeting. May I extend to you, my brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter, heartfelt greetings of friendship, courage, and action, and with the hope that this war will soon end so that everyone can return to a normal life and that all our brothers can return home safely.

Yours for more service,

Faternally

(Signed) IRVING C. KOVAL '43.

## INSIGNIA OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Pledge button (shown above at extreme left)	\$ .25
Service button (second from left above)	.25
Standard badge, gold plated (third from left above)	2.50
Standard badge, 10K	6.50
Standard badge, crown set pearl center plain arms (fourth from left above)	13.25
Standard badge, crown set pearl center and arms (fifth from left above)	24.25
Standard key, gold plated	3.25
Standard key, 10K	8.50
Standard key, crown set pearl center plain arms (extreme right above)	15.00
Standard key, crown set pearl center and arms	26.00

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Sgt. Walter Timberlake (Tau)  
In Aloha Land

Writes:

"Long time no see, but I couldn't let this time of year go by without saying Merry Christmas. Best of the best in the New Year."

Conner Harrington (Gamma Rho)  
U. S. Maritime Service  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Writes:

"The latest TORCH AND TREFOIL has reached me here and it is indeed a welcome sight. No one thing has given me more pleasure and satisfaction and friends my affiliation with Alpha Phi Omega. Sincere wishes for a very active New Year in the fraternity."

A/C Lenius Gottlieb (Alpha Gamma)  
St. Mary's College

Writes:

"I was very much interested in the activities of Alpha Phi Omega when actively participating in the fraternity at Purdue University. The TORCH AND TREFOIL is about my only connection now with APO so I really enjoy the magazine thoroughly."

Pvt. William H. Walker (Beta Eta)  
133rd Evacuation Hospital

Writes:

"I certainly desire to keep posted on all activities of Alpha Phi Omega and I am sure many worthwhile projects are being carried out during this holiday season."

Sgt. Seymour Trager (Gamma Delta)  
In India

Writes:

"The October TORCH AND TREFOIL reached me on November 20 and as usual I read it through from cover to cover. I need not say how eagerly I am awaiting the next issue. To read about the activities of the fraternity is like a letter from an old friend."

Cpl. Leon G. Miller (Gamma Psi)  
Palau Islands

Writes:

"For the past year I have been all over the Pacific with my outfit. In that time the mail has been quite slow in coming through sometimes, but when it has started coming in my copies of the TORCH AND TREFOIL have always made it when other magazines have not. I really get a great deal of pleasure in reading about my brothers in the Gamma Psi Chapter at the University of Minnesota. I only hope that in the future the TORCH AND TREFOIL keeps arriving as it has before."

Pfc. Robert Todd (Beta Iota)  
Oahu, Hawaii

Writes:

"It was really a pleasure to receive my first copy of TORCH AND TREFOIL overseas. Reading about what is going on in the fraternity is something I look forward to since I am so far away from its activities."

Pfc. Herbert J. Malach (Gamma Omega)  
Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California

Writes:

"I enjoy hearing of the continued success and wonderful work of APO and I hope both the fraternity and my chapter of N.Y.U. Heights keep up the good work."

Lt. Tom Sturrock (Tau)  
Guadalcanal

Writes:

"I was very glad to receive some time ago the November issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL. As I have said before no matter how small the campus there is a need for a service fraternity there, and now Alpha Phi Omega seems to be filling that need as it always has and I hope always will."

"There are quite a few marks and signs around this 'Rock' which indicate that at one time there was a little 'unfriendly' occurrence in these parts, but now everything is quiet and most all installations are set up as well as they are in the states."

Pvt. Ray Freeman (Beta Gamma)  
India

Writes:

"This is truly the best season of the year, not excessively warm during the day, no insects or bugs, and they are a terrible nuisance to contend with, and cool, sometimes too much so, nights."

Lt. (jg) Robert Adams (Beta Phi)  
U.S. Naval Air Force

Writes:

"I intend to use that G.I. Bill of Rights when the war is over. Will finish my law studies at Tulane. If you remember I was there to represent Beta Phi Chapter at the Tulane APO installation. Keep the fraternity slugging hard."

Joe McDade, AS (Beta Phi)  
Loyola University School of Dentistry

Writes:

"I intend to spend a few days at SLI on my between-term leave. I am also looking forward to the next Victory Ball on the campus."

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

Writes:

"I am sending today the second edition of 'Smulson's Poop Sheet of APO' (a newsletter about and to all alumni of Beta Gamma Chapter). Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David J. Rotter. They were married in Palo Alto, California, on January 10. May all of your troubles be 'little ones.' Dave was sent back to the States after being wounded and has been in Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California."

Frank Butcher (Beta Phi)  
Australia

Writes:

"I think I am settled for a while at least. I am working in the office of the personnel department and in about two more weeks or so I will be a Yeoman. I like my work fine and have a swell bunch of fellows to work with. This is the kind of work I have wanted to do since I left SLI. If everything works out as it should I think I may get to go back and go to supply school. I surely am hoping so."

Tom Little (Beta Phi)  
In the South Pacific

Writes:

"Here I sit in a PX line that hasn't moved for 30 minutes and I'm thinking about all of you fellows at school. How is everything coming along at SLI? I'm in a headquarters company in the message center. Like all communication work, this is a pretty good deal. The camp here is really nice. The chow is eatable, the duty easy, the sack time fairly frequent. The scenery here is beautiful."

Pvt. A. R. Weber (Gamma Delta)  
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Writes:

"This is my first month in the army and I can say that in this month, the friendships made in Alpha Phi Omega, have passed the test with flying colors. The mail from the brothers in Gamma Delta has been pouring in. The brothers have not wasted any time to keep me informed of the chapter's activities."

"I also received the TORCH AND TREFOIL which brought the fraternity to me across the many miles from New York."

Write often to the brothers  
of your chapter who are  
away in military  
service!