

*Alpha Phi Omega's*

# TORCH AND TREFOIL



THE RED CROSS is "at the side" of every fighting man of our nation around the globe. Its service extends to thousands of our brothers of Alpha Phi Omega. The Red Cross aids servicemen with personal problems, aids their families, sends food to war prisoners, collects blood to save the lives of injured men, operates recreation clubs overseas, provides comforts and cheer in hospitals and renders many other services.

This vast program deserves the utmost support of every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Many chapters are already cooperating wholeheartedly with the Red Cross, but there is opportunity for more extensive service. We can assist principally in two ways: First, by securing more donations of blood for the plasma bank; and second, by supporting the annual war fund campaign. The 1944 war fund drive is now underway throughout the nation. Every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega should put its full strength into this drive to help secure the greatest possible contributions from all students and faculty personnel on each campus.

In aiding the Red Cross we directly aid our fraternity brothers and their buddies who are fighting the battle for freedom. Let's give it our best!

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## MAN OF THE MONTH



Robert Svenson

Entering Delta Chapter in the fall of 1942, Bob immediately began effective work in our brotherhood. His activity along with four other members was largely responsible for continued action in his chapter during the critical spring quarter of 1943, and under his guidance Delta has now been advanced to the most active position APO has ever held on the Alabama Tech campus. The membership has been rebuilt to eighteen active members and sixteen pledges, and the service activities this year are surpassing all previous records of the chapter.

Bob is an Eagle Scout from Dobbs Ferry, New York. He is president of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, vice-president of ASME, vice-president of Theta Chi, member of MITEC, cooperative engineering society.

He waits tables at a boarding house to help finance his education and expects to graduate from Auburn in June, 1944. As a co-operative student he has worked at Westinghouse, Diston Saw, Reynolds Aluminum and Goodrich.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends heartiest congratulations to Brother Bob Svenson upon his strong and effective leadership in Delta Chapter.

## TORCH and TREFOIL

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## Opportunity for Service!

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COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C. (25)

January 27, 1944

Dr. H. Roe Bartle, National President  
Alpha Phi Omega  
407 Land Bank Building  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Dr. Bartle:

In view of the splendid work of your Chapter at the University of Texas in establishing training courses on Scout subjects for students from Latin American countries, we are encouraged to ask for the cooperation of Alpha Phi Omega in a nation-wide campaign to build stronger friendships between the United States and the South American countries.

Your motto "Leadership, Friendship and Service" is such as to make Alpha Phi Omega a logical organization in spreading the inter-American program on every college campus.

The enthusiasm of young men of college age, their freedom from old prejudices and their war-provoked interest in the world scene, are of tremendous importance to the inter-American program. It has often been said that if the rank and file of citizens in both the United States and the other American Republics could know their "opposite numbers" - student knowing student, merchant knowing merchant, engineer knowing engineer - the problem of inter-American understanding and solidarity would be solved.

We have the tools with which to work but we need the instrumentality to make use of them. We have more than 1500 speakers on Latin American subjects available throughout the country. We have fifty sound pictures covering all the countries of South America which are available on every college campus. We have literature and program suggestions.

The aid of Alpha Phi Omega would be of incalculable value to the inter-American program.

Sincerely yours,

*Melvin A. Hollinshead*  
Melvin A. Hollinshead  
Associate Director, Department of U.S.  
Activities and Special Services

The letter above gives brief explanation of an opportunity which Alpha Phi Omega chapters have to cooperate in creating stronger friendly relationships between the United States and the countries of Latin America and South America. By working in cooperation with the United States Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, we can sponsor special programs on various campuses to help more thoroughly acquaint students and faculty with our neighbors to the South. Excellent aids are available to us in the form of literature, motion pictures and program suggestions. A letter is being addressed to the senior faculty advisor of each active chapter of Alpha Phi Omega concerning this vital field for service. It is suggested each chapter discuss this at an early meeting and make plans to participate in this program.

## The National President Says:

My dear Brothers:

I am sincerely hopeful that every Alpha Phi Omega Chapter will find means of cooperating in the Inter-American program described above. This is an opportunity not only for some interesting and educational convocations for the student body and faculty of each college but it also opens the way for a tangible contribution toward a lasting peace.

Full materials and information will be made available to your chapter upon request to Mr. Melvin A. Hollinshead whose letter is published above. Let's make this a project of universal action in our brotherhood. I do not know of any project which is more in keeping with our objectives of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

*H. Roe Bartle*

National President.



# TRINITY OF FRATERNALISM

By Dr. M. C. Hayes

National Vice-President of Alpha Phi Omega  
Veteran Senior Faculty Advisor of  
Eta Chapter

*"Doc" Hayes has actively served in Alpha Phi Omega as Eta Chapter's chief advisor and as national executive board member for the past fifteen years. His work has ever been and is today an outstanding factor in the steady growth and effective service of our fraternity. In this article he speaks from experience.*

In this critical period in world history it might be well for each of us to carefully evaluate the fundamental principles that are the foundation of Alpha Phi Omega. In my judgment these basic principles, Leadership, Friendship, and Service, are more important than ever and Alpha Phi Omega members everywhere should redouble their efforts to keep alive these precious ideals and their heritage in Scouting that has resulted in the meritorious advancement of the most rapidly-growing college fraternity in the nation.

The unique appeal of this service fraternity has endeared it to thousands of American college men. From every section of the world (service camps far and wide) statements like the following have come to me: "How is Alpha Phi Omega?", "I am certainly pleased that I had the opportunity to belong to a fraternity that means so much to me", "When I get back I am going to be a better APO member because I realize now as never before how much it means to me", "Of all the organizations on the campus I liked Alpha Phi Omega the best because it did constructive work", "I am dying but I wanted to write my last letter expressing my appreciation for all that Alpha Phi Omega meant to me and wish I could tell all the future college men of America what a privilege it is to be a member of Alpha Phi Omega".

Many of these young men will not come back. They have made the supreme sacrifice. They have given their last full measure of devotion. Let us who are on the campuses of America determine that these splendid heroes of ours shall not have died in vain. We are confident that they did their part better because they had the opportunity to live for a while as members of our beloved



*The Author*

fraternity. Let us the living both on the campuses of America and elsewhere determine that we will commemorate the memory of these heroes by an increased devotion to the cause of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Just how will we continue building our fraternity as a constructive force on each college campus? Of course there are tremendously different problems on each campus but down through the years it has been our observation that there are a few basic principles that are of special importance if each chapter is to be a real vital force on its campus. I would call these few basic principles the "Trinity of Fraternity."

First: Every chapter must include in its membership a real cross-section of the campus life.

Second: Every successful chapter must have a carefully planned program.

Third: The members of every up-and-coming chapter must have the true spirit - Leadership, Friendship and Service.

This means that each chapter should put forth its best efforts to obtain members from all departments of the college and from every

other worth while organization on the campus. Of course no young man should ever be excluded from membership because he is not a campus leader. We should always be as much concerned about what we can do for our new members as what they can contribute to our fraternity work. Many members become leaders on the campus after they catch the spirit of APO.

This means further that every member be given specific responsibilities in accordance with his interests, that each chapter officer take seriously his particular job and do his assignment to the best of his ability and that active faculty sponsors be willing to give generously of their time in guiding the fraternity.

This also means that the officers and members of the fraternity must carefully plan a well-rounded program of service and social activities and then work their plan. Of course each chapter always needs men who have plenty of enthusiasm, so ably described by our National President as "spizzerinktum", both students and faculty who are constantly pushing to see that the program of APO is carried on to the fullest extent.

Just a few words about the future: In the important reconstruction days after the war when the whole wide world will be in turmoil it will be necessary as never before for men imbued with the spirit of APO to go out and inculcate its fundamental principles among all mankind. It will also be necessary for men possessing the idealism, the hard, two-fisted Americanism, the ability to put things over which is characteristic of Alpha Phi Omega members everywhere, to play a very important part in the readjustment which must take place on college campuses. Yes, my fellow Alpha Phi Omegans, America needs you, America needs all of you and countless other new members who are filled with the spirit of Leadership, Friendship and Service.



## President's Birthday Ball Sponsored By Alpha Phi Omega At University of Missouri



Snapped just after the crowning of the "First Lady of the Ball", this picture shows Mr. John A. Harris, chairman of the Boone County (Missouri) Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, speaking to the crowd at the President's Birthday Ball. After thanking everyone for their participation and their contribution to the March of Dimes fund, Mr. Harris complimented Alpha Phi Omega, saying, "The officials and members of the Missouri University Chapter of APO deserve highest praise for the efficient, dependable and successful manner in which they have carried out this important project." Beautiful Miss Dee Schuepbach, elected by popular vote, is shown wearing the insignia of First Lady.



Additional scenes in connection with the President's Birthday Ball. At the left are Brother Joe Stark, chapter secretary, and Brother Howard Half, treasurer, putting up the "colors", with a huge painting of President Roosevelt in the background. At the right is shown the "Hands Queen", Miss Frances Susanne Han, together with Dr. Darwin A. Hindman, director of student affairs for men, who served as a judge; and Sgt. Herbert M. Billington, overseas veteran, who was master of ceremonies of the entertainment program.

IN THE biggest "one night stand" benefit project ever sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega on any campus, Beta Eta Chapter earned \$406 for the March of Dimes by sponsoring the President's Birthday Ball, January 29.

More than 500 couples attended the ball, including students of the University of Missouri, Stephens College and Christian College. A large percentage of the men attending were cadets of the ASTP and Air Corps stationed on the M. U. campus.

The program was complete with special entertainment as well as dancing and included two beauty contests, one for "First Lady of the Ball" and one for "Hands Queen". Miss Dee Schuepbach of Stephens College was elected First Lady by popular vote, and Miss Frances Susanne Han was selected as having the most beautiful hands to be featured in the 1944 yearbook.

### The Mayor Crowns Queen

Mayor Bernard C. Hunt crowned the First Lady, presented her with a ribbon proclaiming her honor and kissed her soundly on the cheek. Said the mayor: "To Alpha Phi Omega goes the credit for the complete success of this outstanding program for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund."

The chapter, after securing approval of the university authorities several months in advance to hold the dance in Rothwell Gymnasium, contacted the county committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday, and after receiving approval of the committee, proceeded to carry out all arrangements necessary for the affair.

Alpha Phi Omega is especially grateful to Mr. John A. Harris, chairman of the Boone County Committee for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, for his aid in the arrangements and publicity; to Miss Theima Mills, university director of student affairs for women, who was very helpful by setting aside the date as an "exclusive"; to the ASTP, ROTC and Air Corps Cadets for aid in distribution and sale of tickets and for entertainment during inter-

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### MERCHANT MARINES CALL FOR BOOKS

The libraries of the Merchant Marines have issued a nation-wide call for books for the men in this branch of our nation's service. All types of good fiction are requested. Persons east of the Mississippi should send their books to the Merchant Marine Library, New York City, and those west of the Mississippi to the Merchant Marine Library, San Francisco. This is a worthy project for the consideration of every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

### WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Dr. F. E. Brown, veteran faculty advisor of Xi Chapter at Iowa State College, was recently awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to boyhood through the Boy Scouts of America.

Brother Ira Wollen has been appointed chairman of the War Service Committee of the Student Council of Brooklyn College for the next term.

### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL

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mission, to Sgt. Herbert M. Billington who effectively served as master of ceremonies; to The Read Hall Policy Committee for financing the use of the gymnasium. The combined aid from many sources was a big factor in the success of the ball.

The County Committee in its report especially complimented the leadership of Brother Bill Walker, chapter president; Brother George Jones, vice-president who was head of ticket sales; and Joseph Stark, secretary, for his work as publicity chairman. All other officers and members who worked on the project are also deserving of highest praise for putting over the largest and most colorful President's Ball ever held in Columbia, Missouri.

### THE HUMOR CORNER



"What, in Italy too!"

## THOUGHTS OF A FIGHTER PILOT ON LEAVE

By LT. RICHARD C. WALKER

U. S. Army Air Force

First President of Gamma Xi Chapter, Rockhurst College



The author while on duty in North Africa.

*This cameo comment was written by Brother Walker while at home on leave. Recently returned to this country after seventeen months of combat flying within the famous 57th Fighter Group of North Africa, Dick whimsically recalls some of the incidents of everyday life in the combat zone. Brother Dick was one of the pilots who helped knock down seventy transport planes loaded with German soldiers being evacuated from Tunisia.*

Sitting here in Alpha Phi Omega's headquarters in Kansas City, it certainly doesn't seem like two years have passed since I wound up my term as president of the Rockhurst Chapter. It isn't easy to compress eighteen months of combat experience in Egypt, North Africa, Sicily and Italy into the allotted space, but I'm glad to present this brief sketch.

Speaking as a charter member of the well known fighter squadron "The Black Scorpions" I can say that in many ways the trans-African trek and subsequent Italian skirmishes was like a government-subsidized tour of the Middle East, yet there were many grim moments. (Thomas Cook & Sons could have done better.) Being a pilot I was able to see World War II in an aerial perspective. Despite the horrors of war, our group quite often found itself in humorous situations. For example, the times we would confuse the German pilots by shouting inarticulate double-talk over the radio faintly suggestive of some of Adolph's balcony harrangues . . . and the night intrigues which would exist such as loosening tent stakes and filling helmets with water and then shouting "Air Raid" (Sounds

like old Scout camp stuff).

As the first American Fighter group in the Middle East we found there was much to be learned in combatting the wily Jerry. Fortunately, we were given excellent tutoring by South African fighter units, which I believe prolonged our training to enjoy our precious American cigarettes. Our squadron received its title from the great amount of scorpions which persisted in sharing our beds with us. We didn't mind them as bed-fellows but we didn't appreciate being disturbed by the nips that would have made bee stings seem like a pleasure.

Perhaps the most unbelievable thing of the whole affair is the fact that most of our group owned our own personal automobiles . . . and without rationing of gasoline or tires. We obtained the cars simply by relieving the captured German officers of their transportation as they reported to Prisoner of War quarters. Captured gasoline and tires were plentiful and we were continually bemoaning the fate of the poor civilians at home.

After a brief sojourn here in the States I hope to return to an active theater of war. My postwar plans include public relations work for my Alma Mater, where I hope to resume work with Alpha Phi Omega in the capacity of faculty advisor. Best wishes to Alpha Phi Omega on every campus for continued good work during the war, and I'll hope to see many of you at the National Convention in 1947.



## ETA CHAPTER BROTHER RENDERS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO NATION



**Captain Le Roy Davison**

Brother "Lee" entered the service more than three years ago. He went in as a mess sergeant in a National Guard regiment. He was commissioned after attending a school for physical education officers. Later he transferred to the Army Air Force, and went on several bombing missions over Germany. He was later transferred to the South Pacific where he was officially credited with shooting down nine Zeros with twenty other probables.

One day he was in a dog fight with a Zero when another one attacked him and he was badly wounded. He shot down both Zeros and then crashed in the jungle where his jaw was broken and he had serious shrapnel wounds. One was so deep in his hip that he could not get at it with Sulpha drugs. He couldn't move much but was finally rescued and spent months in hospital in Australia and the United States. He finally was released and it was recommended that he be retired. He would have none of it and is now on active duty again.

Among the honors he has received are The Purple Heart, The Silver Star, The Soldier's Medal, The Distinguished Service Medal, and The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Alpha Phi Omega extends congratulations to Brother Le Roy Davison upon his outstanding record in action against the enemy.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Joseph Oesterle**

*Faculty Advisor  
Beta Theta Chapter  
University of Wisconsin*

## WHY NAVY V-12 MEN SHOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN ALPHA PHI OMEGA

**By Lewis R. Hutchison, AS, USNR**

*Immediate Past President, Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
De Pauw University*

The present war has stirred the Navy to establish one of the finest programs for young men the country has ever seen, the V-12 pre-officer units. They are unique from any such program set up in the last war, and best of all, V-12 gives many a fellow who never was able before a chance to go to college. Yet going to a university in uniform does not deprive him of any of the facilities open to regularly enrolled students. He earns credit toward a degree and is free to engage in extracurricular activities, among which is Alpha Phi Omega.

At schools all over the country where there are Navy V-12 Units, there are large numbers of trainees who are or have been Boy Scouts. Alpha Phi Omega is for the purpose of bringing such men into a program of fraternal spirit, leadership and service. What would be better for a V-12 trainee than to embark upon such a ship of endeavor, to be a leader with his Scouting and Navy brothers in an active, constructive program of leadership and service on campus. Good officers must be good friends as well as good leaders. There are innumerable opportunities for a member of Alpha Phi Omega to develop a spirit of fellowship and service by working cooperatively with his brothers in enterprises beneficial to himself and to others.

The membership of a V-12 man in Alpha Phi Omega does not mean giving up time once a week for a good guzz session. It does mean taking part in interesting programs such as movies on topics of current interest, talks by popular campus professors, talks by Navy officers, campus activities such as collection of needed war materials, soliciting for the Red Cross, conducting war relief dances, bridge tournaments and other worth while projects. Alpha Phi Omega opens the occasion for a trainee to improve his initiative, expand his knowledge, enlarge the number of his acquaintances, and take a share of the leadership in Alpha Phi Omega's recreation and work on war-time campuses.

Certainly then, a V-12 should not deny himself a chance to prove his mettle in as progressive a fraternity as Alpha Phi Omega where old Scouts become new Scouts and where the Scout Oath and Law thrive again!

## FINGERPRINTING AT TEXAS TECH



A very successful fingerprinting project has recently been conducted by Beta Sigma Chapter at Texas Tech in cooperation with the FBI. The above picture shows the work (very pleasant work, we would judge) in progress, the participants being Brother Maxey Pinson, chapter vice-president; Miss Rowena McKinley, secretary of the Texas Tech Student Association; and Brother Frank Vernon, chapter treasurer. (Picture is by courtesy of "The Toreador".)





## CLEANINGS FROM CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE



### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Alpha Rho Chapter has set a goal of 91 members for this spring. We now have 66 men working in our chapter including actives and pledges, and need 25 new men to reach our objective."

—John A. Focht, Jr., President.

### GEORGIA TECH

"After being dormant several months and making two futile efforts at reorganization, we have made a third attempt and we believe we will now be successful in rebuilding the work of Gamma Zeta Chapter on the Georgia Tech campus. Seven members and twelve prospective pledges showed up at our recent meeting and almost tore the house down with enthusiasm. Temporary officers were appointed including Dick Hall, USNR, president; Gord Harrington, USNR, vice-president; Fred Dietz, USNR, secretary; and J. E. Richardson, USNR, publicity chairman. The next meeting has been set for March 9 to be followed by pledging ceremonies on March 23. We believe that Gamma Zeta Chapter can be revived and carry on in the same manner as the old chapter."

—John L. Espy, USNR, Past President.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"The pledging of ten new men took place on January 26 and we are planning their formal initiation to be held on February 13."

—Professor Daniel DenUyl,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Our chapter is impressed by the need for additional service on the campus and we are now going all-out to give more service than ever before. I am sure we will all be doubly activated since receiving the February issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL. It was a most impressive issue."

—David Cooperman, Alumni Secretary.

### PARK COLLEGE

"We have reorganized Iota Chapter to include Navy men as well as civilians and initiated seventeen new members, February 22. It looks as if we will have a strong program underway within a very short time."

—Robert T. Peake, AS, USNR,  
Temporary Chairman.

### TULANE UNIVERSITY

"Home on furlough, I am glad to find that Gamma Upsilon Chapter is still active on campus."

—Pfc. Addley Gladden, Past President.

### CENTRAL MISSOURI S. T. C.

"Beta Kappa Chapter has a group of ten new pledges preparing to be initiated March 12 and we anticipate an active future for APO on this campus."

—Warren Stark, AS, USNR, President.

### ALABAMA TECH

"Delta Chapter worked on the local scrap paper drive again the week end of February 5 and 6 in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts. We have a chapter dance scheduled for February 12. We also are proud to report seven more new pledges making our total number of pledges at the present time sixteen men. We believe this is the largest number of pledges ever to serve in our chapter at one time, and furthermore we are outdoing all previous records of service in our chapter."

—Ara John Nigolian, Secretary.

### UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"Our Ugly Ike-Gaudy Girt election is to get under way on February 19. Brother Kyle Bates is the chairman of this project and Brother Dean Messinger is securing trophies to be presented to the winners. Brother Manford Morris has been appointed chairman of our service flag project and Brother Don Collins is serving as chairman of our blood typing project which will secure the types of 100 students to be available on call at the university infirmary. Our Victory Book drive netted over 800 books."

—Bob Eikum, Corres. Secretary.

### DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

"Our latest group of initiates is a live-wire bunch and we should be able to carry on this spring in top-notch style. An all-university War Relief Dance is being sponsored April 29 by Alpha Upsilon Chapter in cooperation with Delta Phi Eta, the Girl Scout organization on the campus. Our Use-The-Walks campaign is all set to go as soon as spring comes, and some thought is being given to an Arbor Day project."

—Bill North, AS, USNR, President.

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Everything is running smoothly in the up-building of Beta Iota Chapter. We have a rush smoker set for February 25. We have now been granted permission to stamp on the students' registration cards the question whether they have been previously affiliated with Scouting. This we believe will greatly aid us in recruiting new members. Credit for this goes to Pledge Stanley Meyers. Our entire pledge group is worthy of acclaim as they are all excellent workers."

—Chet Kaminester, President.

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Our chapter was highly complimented recently for work in connection with the annual Syracuse Winter Carnival. We now have nineteen men in our organization and have set a goal of reaching thirty-five men this spring."

—John H. Grimm, President.

### QUEENS COLLEGE

"After spending more than a year in Washington, I have been very much impressed upon returning to Queens College to notice the determination of the men of Gamma Omicron Chapter to carry on in the face of great difficulties. At the most recent meeting of the chapter a poll was taken concerning incoming freshmen, and there are about thirty former Scouts available to be invited to a pledge party before the end of February. A quick review was made of present projects on the campus and all possible new ones. The manpower of the chapter is smaller than in pre-war days but the spirit is willing and there is still plenty of life in the Queens Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega."

—Dr. Henry S. Miller, Faculty Advisor.

### MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"On this campus of very limited civilian personnel, Beta Omicron Chapter now has only ten men, but we have determined a rushing goal for this spring and hope to double our manpower in the near future."

—Bob Barmeier, President.

### SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

"From a start of ten members last fall, Beta Phi Chapter has advanced to a total at present of 26 active members and six pledges, and we plan to build up to a total of 40 men this spring."

—Joe W. McDade, President.

### CARNEGIE TECH

"As the new semester begins at Carnegie Tech, Kappa Chapter is starting a rush program to pledge as many former Scouts as possible. We have recently started handling the checking at school functions, and plan to use APO armbands to identify our members on this project."

—John J. Schultz, Jr.,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### TEXAS TECH

"Our spring dance was a splendid success and the credit goes to Brothers DeWolf, Thea and Pinson."

—Fike Godfrey, President.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Plans are under way to renew the radio programs sponsored by Alpha Alpha Chapter and to render the regular assistance at the state high school wrestling tournament this spring as well as to continue swimming classes for the boys of the community."

—Louis R. McCreight, Past President.

### NORTH TEXAS STATE

"There is a greater challenge now than ever before for all members of Alpha Phi Omega."

—Prof. W. A. Cooper,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.





Ens. Fred B. Widmoyer USNR (Beta Sigma)  
On duty in India

Writes:

"This is a nice place, but it's the United States for me. Time flies but not fast enough for us fellows over here who are anxious to return to homes, places of employment, colleges and to our favorite fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. Today (January 13) I received the September and October issues of the TORCH AND TREFOIL and certainly enjoyed the news of the fraternity especially of the blood donors service in Beta Sigma Chapter."

Pfc. William E. Newby (Alpha Eta)  
ASTP Texas Tech

Writes:

"After seven months in the Army I have landed in the ASTP at Texas Tech for advanced study in electrical engineering. I immediately looked up the APO chapter here and attended a meeting and met a lot of fine fellows. They have a good chapter, and although I cannot get into the activities much I am glad to report that I am again in contact with the fraternity."

Ensign Harry Rinehart, USNR (Alpha Pi)  
Navy Supply Corps School  
Harvard University

Writes:

"I have had a pleasant visit with Brother George Disbrow, Scout Executive of Cambridge, concerning the movement to establish a new chapter at Harvard. The group is on the right track and hopes to have something definite under way by the end of March."

Ensign Mervin Lippman (Alpha Rho)  
U. S. Naval Reserve

Writes:

"I am still wearing the Blue and Gold of APO in my heart and am longing for the day when we can have another great get-together."

Lt. William Milton (Zeta)  
420th Armored FA Battalion

Writes:

"After Stanford ('40) I went to Harvard Graduate School in English and got to stay long enough to complete an M. A. before the Army decided it was time I used my reserve commission for something besides an adornment to the wallpaper. This is a hard-working outfit and I am writing this on one of those Sundays which is hard to tell from any other day."

Lt. James Harold Kuhn (Alpha Eta)  
In the Southwest Pacific

Writes:

"I'm now on still another island of the South Pacific, having seen every large group of islands. Living out here under adverse conditions, it has been my opportunity to give Alpha Phi Omega the supreme test and the results are definitely positive. I know now that I can always depend on the ideals of our fraternity. There is always plenty of activity and excitement over here. The past two months we've had almost constant rain and the foxholes are about six feet deep. If the rain continues we may strike oil. Appreciate the TORCH AND TREFOIL very much so keep it coming this way."

Captain Richard K. Stouffer (Xi)  
308th F. A. Battalion

Writes:

"I have just completed three years service with the armed forces, but still do not feel that this service has the great background of the service we did or tried to do in our chapter of APO at Iowa State. Of course at the present time this military duty is necessary so that APO may continue to serve."

John H. Liles (Eta)  
U. S. Maritime Service

Writes:

"During my relatively short term of office in Eta Chapter the many benefits of Alpha Phi Omega attracted my undivided interest. Consequently, it is still an interest of mine to see Eta Chapter as strong and active as possible considering Northern Illinois' limited enrollment."



From Pfc. Del J. Kinney (Upsilon), U. S. Army Air Forces.

Lt. Simon Hoffman (Gamma Iota)  
In European War Theater

Writes:

"More than ever before it is being proved that one good deed inspires another."

Pfc. George H. Jones (Alpha Eta)  
AAB, Salt Lake City

Writes:

"The TORCH AND TREFOIL sure is a pick-up when a guy is feeling low. I'm working nights in charge of the shipping and receiving office of this squadron. It's a pretty nice job. I met an APO from Texas and we had a good bull session. Tell the fellows at home that we are proud of the job they are doing under unfavorable conditions and that we will be back to fight for APO on many campuses when this thing is over."

Kaliste J. Saloom (Beta Phi)  
On Duty in North Africa

Writes:

"North Africa with its ancient structures, its Arabs, its donkeys, and its color still remains picturesque and enchanting to my eyes. It's been almost a year since I left the States but not once have I lost touch with the good old Yankee spirit and civilization. Americans are builders and workers and to a certain extent we have imbibed these people with that go-forwardness from the moment the first GI landed on these shores. But of course months cannot change centuries."

A/C B. A. Kessler (Gamma Iota)  
Air Corps Training Detachment  
Decatur, Alabama

Writes:

"We don't have time to think about anything except flying, flying and more flying, but this training is really wonderful. It would seem that Gamma Iota Chapter is quite air-minded. Of twenty-five brothers in the service (at last count), thirteen of them are in the Air Corps."

Cpl. A. I. Coe (Gamma Delta)  
Fort Ord, California

Writes:

"We are out on maneuvers now, and believe me that camping I did in Scouting and APO surely is proving useful. I'm mighty proud of the swell job Gamma Delta Chapter is doing. Three of the present members were in my patrol when I was patrol leader back in Scouting days and I am sure they will continue to make an outstanding record in APO."