

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



THIS THANKSGIVING all of us—whether stationed on the campus, at a training base, or overseas—have much for which to be thankful. We should all reverently express thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings and opportunities we have enjoyed.

Let's be thankful for the American ideals for which we are living, working, fighting. Let's be thankful for our friends, fraternity brothers and loved ones who believe in us and are working hand-in-hand with us to preserve and extend the principles of justice and fair play. Let's be thankful for the measure of success which our individual and collective efforts have achieved during the past year toward victory and peace and security. Let's be thankful for the privilege to study, read and hear what we choose, to worship God as we please, to express our opinions openly, to vote for what and whom we choose. Yes, and let's be thankful for the sense of responsibility which we have in Alpha Phi Omega to promote good fellowship and unselfish service.

The best way to express thankfulness, not only at Thanksgiving time but the year around, is to give our utmost in service to our fellowmen. As the old saying goes, "Action speaks louder than words", and in Alpha Phi Omega there is certainly unlimited opportunity for action by every member, pledge, advisor and alumnus. The needs for service, on the campus, in the community and around the world are now the greatest in history. Let's make the coming year a continuous Thanksgiving expressed in forceful action toward our goal of justice, happiness and freedom among all men everywhere.

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Ensign C. A. Schutze, Jr.

Receiving his BS degree in business administration and his Ensign's commission in the United States Naval Reserve the last week of October, Brother C. A. leaves behind an enviable record of leadership and service in Alpha Phi Omega and in other affiliations at the University of Texas. He was initiated into Alpha Rho Chapter in May, 1940, and served ably in many capacities in the chapter, being elected president last year. During his presidential term he led his chapter to unprecedented heights in service and man-power despite the heavy drain of war upon university enrollment.

Brother Schutze was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, was elected to Friars, senior organization which includes the four outstanding senior men of the entire campus, and to Phi Eta Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity. He was battalion commander of the NROTC for 1943, member of the Student Cabinet, student election judge, member of university dance committee, chairman of the sweetheart election committee. He was active in the YMCA, MICA, Naval Club and the university band.

Off-campus activities of Brother Schutze included the leadership of Boy Scout Troop 24 in Austin, camp waterfront director for three summers, and Lodge Chief in the Order of the Arrow.

Dean Arno Nowotny, dean of men at the University of Texas and member of Alpha Phi Omega's national executive board, says: "In every activity in which Brother Schutze has participated, he has made an outstanding contribution."

Alpha Phi Omega congratulates Brother Schutze and wishes him good luck and good hunting as he goes on active duty with our nation's fleet.

Promote the sale of War Bonds and
Stamps on your campus. Back
our brothers with bullets.

The Meaning of "Crisis"

By Dr. H. Roe Bartle
National President

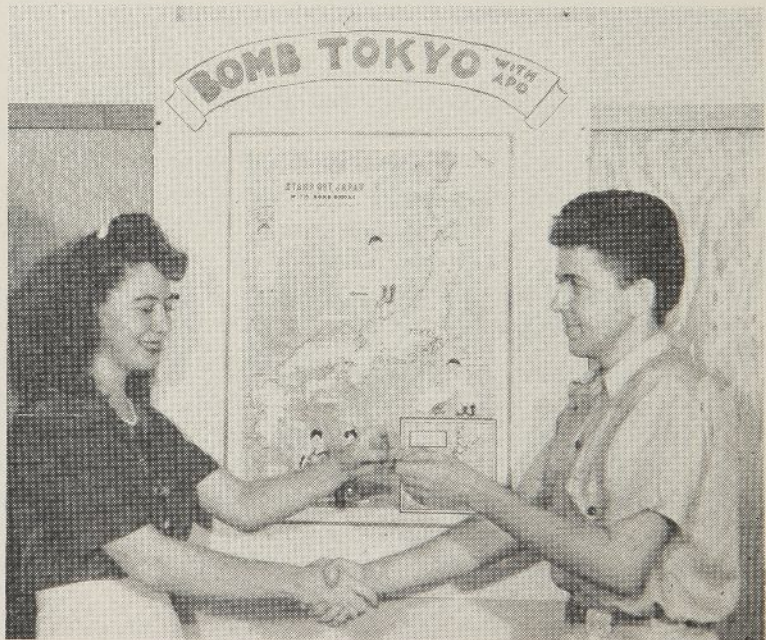
Students of the Chinese language tell me that the symbol for the word "crisis" combines the symbols of the words "danger" and "opportunity". This combination holds true in Alpha Phi Omega.

When the war began, then again when all men over eighteen became subject to military service, and later when the student reserves were called up, the membership of all college organizations was affected. The whole thing spelled "danger" for fraternities. Yet in Alpha Phi Omega that danger was turned into opportunity. The crisis opened new avenues for unselfish service in our chapters. It caused us to make "Service to the nation as participating citizens" the primary objective of our organization. It caused increased interest on the part of many faculty advisors. It proved that our program of Leadership, Friendship and Service is a practical, workable program in wartime as well as in peacetime. It proved that in the final analysis men of America are fundamentally interested in service to God, to country, and to fellowmen. It proved that the training and ideals we have received in Scouting in earlier years are "the real stuff" which will carry us through in times of uncertainties and strife.

Yes, the chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have accepted the opportunity and challenge for greater service and greater fellowship during this emergency. Our chapters are pushing ahead this fall, beginning with very small numbers of members at the opening of the fall term and building up sizable pledge classes to proceed with a strong program.

Any crisis is just what we make of it. Let's continue to build Alpha Phi Omega more strongly this year than ever before and render every possible service to our nation toward victory and a permanent peace to follow.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI VS. NIPPON



Miss Betty Graham and Brother Marty Greenberg, president of Alpha Pi Chapter, are shaking hands for more reasons than one in the above picture. First of all, Betty, member of Delta Tau Alpha, honorary art fraternity, is wishing Marty good luck on the Alpha Phi Omega "Slap the Jap" war stamp drive on the University of Miami Campus. Secondly, Marty is thanking Betty for her help on the drive—especially for the above map of Japan she painted. The map, covered with typical Japanese "so sorry" phraseology, will be "stamped out" by student purchase of war stamps. Proceeds of the drive will be converted into a war bond to start a fund for a permanent memorial to University of Miami students killed in this war.

Pfc. **Spizzer** INKTUM **Speakin'**

Hi GANG!

I WOIKED UH DEAL WIT' TH' CARTOONIST & FRÖM NOW ON I'LL DO MUH OWN SOUNDIN' OFF AN' HE CAN STICK TO HIS DRAWIN'!



I THINK ABOUT MY FURLOUGH—(ONLY 153 GUYS GIT THEIRS FUST!)—HOW I WILL BEAR-HUG THE LOVELIFE—LOTS TO TALK OVER 'N' STUFF—



AND MEETIN' THE FELLOWS WHO ARE CARRYIN' ON FOR US BACK AT THE OL' ALMA MAMMY— AND I LIKE TO PLAN ON A VISIT TO NAT'L OFFICE— THOSE FELLERS ARE REALLY DOIN' A JOB IN KEEN STYLE.

WHOOPS—THERE'S THE GAS ALERT AND HERE COMES THE SMOKE—BOY, DO I APPRECIATE THIS MASK (IT'S TH' BEST IN THE WOLD)

IF'N YEW RECOLLECTS KINNEY WUZ TRYIN' TO TELL YA 'BOUT THE 'FUN' (HOO SED DAT!) I FOUND AT BASIC TRAINING. THE ONLY THING HE GOT ON TH' BEAM WUZ ABOUT CHOW. THE MESS SARG IN' I GET ALONG FINE! IT'S ALMOST A PLEASURE DO-IN' K.P. (HEY, WOT AM I SAYIN'!)

GUARD DUTY GIFFS A FELLA A CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON HIS THINKIN'—

AND WILL I GO FOR TEN DAYS OF MOM'S CHOW—TAPIOCA PUDDIN' 'SPECIALLY'!

OF COURSE A TREK UP TO TH' CAMPUS IS ON THE AGENDA, SEEIN' TH' NEW BOND BOOTH I HEAR THE CHAPTER BUILT—

YEP—WILL I EVER THROW DAD IN 'INJUN-WRESTLIN'—IT SES HERE! I'M GONNA GIVE MY FOLKS LOTS OF TIME WHILE HOME—THEY! DESOLVE IT—

YOU BUDDIES WHUT WROTE ME OUGHTA ALL GET 3-DAY PASSES—THANX MUCH!

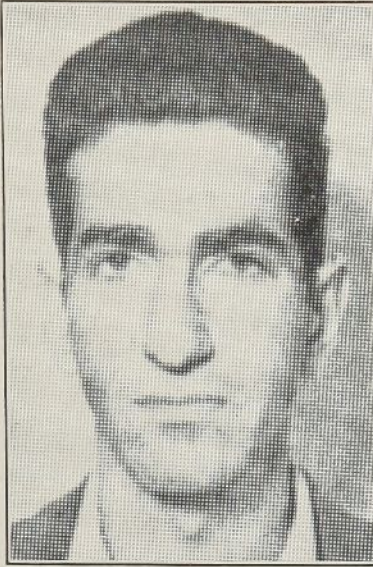
SPIZZER



WOT AM I DOIN' WITH THIS NIGHT-STICK? GUARD DUTY! BROTHER, FOUR HOURS OF IT!



FLORIDA BROTHER GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR NATION



Albert Kasanof

While receiving flight instruction in Miami in the Enlisted Reserve of the United States Army Air Corps, Brother Kasanof of Tau Chapter at the University of Florida gave his life in our nation's service. A defect in the plane caused a fatal crash. Just as other American patriots are doing their jobs for Uncle Sam, this brother was doing his when the end came. It is an honor to have had Albert Kasanof as a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

NORTH TEXAS BROTHER CON- DUCTS UNIQUE FIRST AID COURSE BY SIGN LANGUAGE

Brother S. E. Scott of Gamma Rho Chapter recently taught the standard course in Red Cross first aid to a class of deaf mutes. In probably the most unusual class ever to meet at the North Texas State Teachers College, four students who could neither hear nor speak received Red Cross certificates after meeting the regular twenty-two hours for instruction and two hours for examination. All instruction was under the direction of Brother Scott, himself a deaf mute. He had previously completed the instructor's course under Professor W. G. Cooper, Red Cross coordinator at the college and senior faculty advisor of Alpha Phi Omega.

KATE SMITH SAYS:

"If you don't write, your wrong."
Write frequently to the brothers from
your chapter in the armed forces.

TWO URGENT NEEDS FOR ACTION

The War Production Board says increasing quantities of old tin cans are needed in the manufacture of war equipment. Each chapter of APO may get full facts about helping in the tin can salvage drive in its community by contacting the local salvage chairman. Service in this drive is definitely a contribution toward a speedy victory.

A second need: The Red Cross is calling for more blood donors. This is an opportunity for Alpha Phi Omega chapters to render a real service.

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Brother **Bob Lyons**, president of Alpha Omicron Chapter had the responsibility of planning and conducting an all-school party on the Southern Methodist University campus given for the Navy men.

Brother **Prince Brigham** of Alpha Pi Chapter has been elected president of the student body of the University of Miami.

Brothers **Jack Hahn** and **Robert Steckler** of Gamma Mu Chapter were included among fourteen students of Evansville College who were honored as "campus notables" at a special student assembly last May.

Brother **Frank Vernon**, treasurer of Beta Sigma Chapter, has been elected president of the senior class of Texas Technological College.

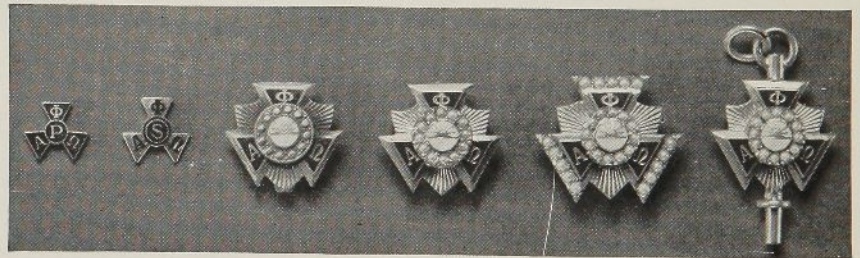
ALL TYPES OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA INSIGNIA STILL AVAILABLE AT NO INCREASE IN PRICE

**In Answer to Questions Received from Many Sources This Statement About
Fraternity Jewelry Is Presented**

Standard pins, keys, recognition buttons and pledge buttons are still available for delivery to members. Our official jewelers, the L. G. Balfour Company, continue to give us excellent service despite the fact that their facilities are engaged 60% in war production and Uncle Sam's needs must come first. Orders for insignia continue to come through with accuracy and reasonable promptness.

And by the cooperation of our jewelers, the prices of all items of APO insignia are the same now as before the war.

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

(To all prices add 10% federal tax, and state sales tax.)

Rings and Gifts Available with Fraternity Coat of Arms

A wide variety of crested items are illustrated in the 1944 Balfour Blue Book just off the press. Rings, bracelets, compacts, wallets, cigarette cases, and other novelties bearing the Alpha Phi Omega coat of arms may be purchased by or for members on official order forms or by letter to the national office. Orders may also be placed with your nearest Balfour representative. A copy of the Blue Book may be secured by requesting it from the L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts. (Only one copy to a chapter, please.) For Christmas delivery, order early!

WISCONSIN BROTHER WINS AIR MEDAL IN SICILIAN CAMPAIGN



Lieut. Richard C. Mautner

For meritorious service in flying bombing raids against the Axis in Sicily, Brother Mautner has been awarded the Air Medal. He is a pilot with the "Avengers" medium bombardment group. By flying on subsequent missions, he has qualified for three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, the war department announced.

The "Avengers" operated in close support of the British Eighth Army in the Tunisian campaign and helped them smash into Tunis. Later they joined in the attack on Pantelleria and were an important factor in the final reduction of that Italian fortress in the Mediterranean.

Brother Mautner was studying chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin and was an active member of Beta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and he enlisted in the air force the day after Pearl Harbor.

Congratulations to Brother Dick Mautner upon his big contribution toward victory.



Civilian students and Army and Navy trainees are joining hands this year in continuing the service program and fellowship activities of Alpha Phi Omega on campuses all over the United States.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ISSUED TO THIRTY-SIX BROTHERS IN THE PAST YEAR

Active Life Membership in Alpha Phi Omega Opens Way For Continuous Service in the Fraternity

The opportunities for active participation in the growth of Alpha Phi Omega throughout the years ahead have been secured by thirty-six more brothers in the past twelve months who have subscribed for life membership in our fraternity. These brothers have expressed faith and confidence in the continued growth of APO as a fraternity of leadership, friendship and service. Furthermore, these brothers have expressed their desire and intention to keep in close touch with the work of Alpha Phi Omega during the remaining war years and in the peacetime years to follow and to continue their efforts on behalf of the fraternity.

Gamma Zeta Chapter at Georgia Tech leads the list with six members.

The reason these brothers desire life membership is typically expressed in the following statement by Ensign Harry Rinehart, USNR, past president of Alpha Pi Chapter: "I desire life membership so that I may continue to do my part in such a fine and upstanding fraternity as Alpha Phi Omega."

The new life members:

Thomas V. Waber (Michigan State)
 Jack B. Lowenbein (C. C. N. Y.)
 Fred B. Widmoyer (Texas Tech)
 Curtis H. Heimstaedt (Queens)
 Warren H. Hilborn (Michigan State)
 George H. Jones (Kansas City U.)
 Eugene C. Butler (Minnesota)
 John W. Mack (Kansas City U)
 Robert S. Henkel (Wisconsin)
 Robert C. Hull (Kansas)
 Howard I. Schwarz (Brooklyn)
 William C. Kouns (Georgia Tech)
 H. Mac Moore (Georgia Tech)
 Clyde B. Kennedy (Colorado)
 Victor O. Rath (Brooklyn)
 Robert K. Maxwell (Georgia Tech)
 Carl W. Bartholomai (Purdue)
 Christy M. Broughton, Jr. (Illinois)
 John W. DeVore (Southern Methodist)
 Richard C. Agacinski (Milwaukee STC)
 R. E. Barnett, Jr. (Georgia Tech)
 Edward M. Bain (Colorado)
 William R. Peterson (Kansas State)
 Robert L. Edelblut (Georgia Tech)
 Walter J. Edelblut, Jr. (Georgia Tech)
 Ray O. Davies (Drake)
 Adolph Brandt, Jr. (Cincinnati)
 Simon Hoffman (Brooklyn)
 Newton E. Condray (Southwest Missouri STC)
 Walter T. Smith, Jr. (Illinois)
 William D. Gordon (Michigan State)
 Albert B. Levine (New York U.)
 Bert A. Kessler (Brooklyn)
 Harry E. Rinehart (Miami)
 Cyrus Ettinger (Brooklyn)
 Leonard Fuchs (New York U.)

Brothers who have not yet subscribed for life membership may secure special application forms by writing to the national office.

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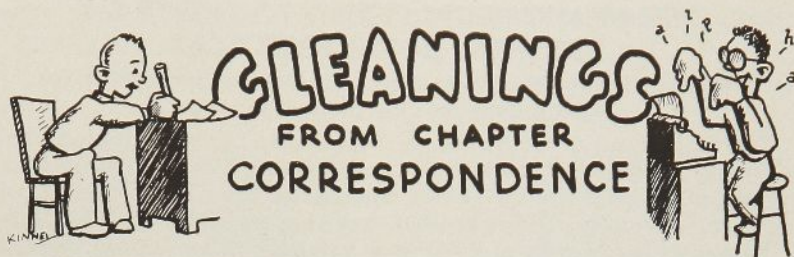
PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM TUBERCULOSIS



BUY and USE Christmas Seals

In the face of a wartime rise in tuberculosis, local tuberculosis societies all over the United States point out three fundamental facts. First, tuberculosis is an infectious disease and should not be thought of as an act of God or an inherited disease. Second, tuberculosis causes no symptoms in its early stages making advisable chest X-rays for all persons possible. Third, tuberculosis is curable by early diagnosis and prompt treatment. Funds to help stamp out tuberculosis are needed now in increased amounts. Sales of Christmas Seals for 1943 are depended upon to pay the cost of fighting this serious disease in the coming year.

Here is an opportunity for Alpha Phi Omega chapters to render a valuable service. Each chapter is asked to have a committee contact the Christmas Seal chairman in its community and arrange to back the sales of Christmas Seals on the campus.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS STC

"Eta Chapter has pledged fifteen men this fall, which is quite remarkable considering the fact that our college has no military units. These men have been carefully selected and have already shown real interest in Alpha Phi Omega. We started this year with only two active members on the campus, Brother Ed Rams and myself. Although we will both be leaving at the end of this term we are confident that our new members will continue the worthy program of Eta Chapter under the guidance of Dr. Hayes and our other faculty advisors.

—Paul Alongi, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO

"The Alpha Phi Omega group here is now busy preparing the college directory which is one of the most worthwhile projects the chapter has been carrying out in recent years."

—C. E. Peterson, Dean of Men.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI S. T. C.

"On October 14, Beta Psi Chapter was honored to have the National President of Alpha Phi Omega, Dr. H. Roe Bartle, as special guest and speaker at a 6:45 breakfast meeting. About forty members, prospective members and guests attended and all were inspired by the challenging address by our National President. The meeting was a huge success and we are planning our fall initiation ceremony for early in November."

—Professor O. M. Skalbeck,
Senior Faculty Advisor.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"An executive council meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter was held October 21 at which plans were made for our rationing project, social activities, and for the initiation of ten new members on October 23."

—Owen Fauntleroy AS, USNR, Secretary.

CCNY

"Gamma Delta Chapter has begun an all-out drive for increased membership. We have started nine men in their pledge duties, and our first smoker of this semester will be held October 24. Invitations have been sent to 160 men of the freshman class who have been affiliated with Scouting. Although our brothers are constantly entering the armed forces, the outlook in Gamma Delta Chapter is bright. In our service program, our sponsorship along with Gamma Epsilon Chapter of the Dean's reception for new freshmen is scheduled for November 6. All arrangements for this have been made by our three brothers on the freshman orientation committee. Also, all the brothers and pledges of our chapter are aiding in mailing our school paper to all men of our college who are in the armed services. This is a huge undertaking as there are more than 1500 copies mailed of each issue."

—Milton Brown, Secretary.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

"The reorganization of Alpha Xi Chapter is well underway after losing all but one of our last year's members. Our first meeting prepared by a word-of-mouth campaign brought a turnout of fourteen interested men, and we have now conducted a survey of the 200 men on the campus finding 150 former Scouts who are prospective members of our chapter. We anticipate a good turnout at our open meeting scheduled for October 13."

—Leonard Young, Senior Faculty Advisor.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Three more new members have recently been initiated into Beta Theta Chapter and we are planning an open meeting on November 4 for prospective members. The personnel officer of the Navy V-12 Unit here has given his OK to our program and we are now arranging to distribute 450 of the special Alpha Phi Omega survey cards to the V-12 men and we hope to include a considerable number of these men in our chapter activities. New officers were elected a short time ago, with Brother Stan Sax now serving as president, and we are looking forward to a big year. Several of our traditional projects are being continued and we have other new projects in mind."

—Tom Patterson, Past President.

CCNY

"Gamma Epsilon Chapter has elected new officers for the fall term, with Brother Fred Duatman serving as our new president."

—George M. Weinstein, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"We are now engaged in our largest service project of the year, publishing the student directory. Our past president, Dan Farb, is the editor of this year's directory. Our chapter will hold a pledge smoker on October 29 and we expect a large number of pledges for this semester. A number of freshmen made inquiries about membership in our fraternity on the first day of classes."

—Milton Horowitz, President.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"Gamma Nu Chapter held an initiation ceremony and banquet on October 27, and everything went off with a bang. Dean Jeffers of the Forestry School ably served as toastmaster, and Dr. W. W. Smith gave the principal talk of the evening. Fourteen new members were initiated, all of them having been pledged since the beginning of the fall semester. New officers were elected, and we now have Brother Bob Stillinger serving as our new president, and we have a good series of projects planned. With the cooperation of our faculty advisors, headed by Dr. Tom Brindley as senior faculty advisor, we expect to have a very successful year."

—Bob Eikum, Secretary.

MICHIGAN STATE

"Our vice-president, Bill Konde, has started the ball rolling in Beta Beta Chapter this fall with a meeting which six active members and four advisors attended to plan our year's activities. Arrangements have been made to invite fifty prospective new members to attend our first rush smoker."

—Dr. H. C. Barnett,
Senior Faculty Advisor.

ALABAMA TECH

"We have eleven active members who are on the campus and in position to attend meetings. Nine new men have been recently pledged and we expect to have more pledges soon."

—Ara John Nigolian, Secretary.

TEXAS TECH

"Sixteen new men have been pledged as the first group of new members who will enter Beta Sigma Chapter in this school year. There are more men on our campus who are interested in Alpha Phi Omega and we are planning to have another rush period before the end of this semester."

—Frank Vernon, Treasurer.

CCNY

"We have high hopes of inducting a large number of new brothers into Gamma Delta Chapter this semester in order to keep our service program at a high level."

—Stanley Ferber, Treasurer.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"We have obtained permission from the commanding officer of the ASTP here to circulate the special APO membership survey cards to the 400 men of the unit. Our chapter has already started several service projects and a smoker has been held for prospective pledges. Several of our members who were called into the armed forces will soon be returning to school, and they will be a big asset to our chapter."

—Robert Jamison, Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Gamma Rho Chapter is beginning the pledging and initiation of about twenty new members for the fall semester. We have outlined several useful service projects and expect to have them in full swing in the very near future."

—Jack D. Brown, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"We have excellent possibilities of getting some of the Navy V-12 men into our chapter membership. Most of our active members from the past summer are still here, so Alpha Alpha is still progressing."

—Louis McCreight, Vice-President.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Beta Eta Chapter is definitely remaining active this year although our membership was nearly wiped out by calls of various branches of the armed service. Those of us who remain on the campus are working to build an even better Beta Eta Chapter than ever in the past and we already have a number of fellows who will pledge in the very near future. With their assistance we will stage a campuswide membership drive. Plans have been made for possible service projects for this year to include civilian fingerprinting, ushering each Sunday at the Burrell Bible Class and operating a book exchange."

—Bill Walker, President.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Arrangements have been made to have National President H. Roe Bartle address the 1000 Army Air Corps Cadets on our campus when he is in Syracuse on business on November 15. This engagement is being sponsored by Phi Chapter. Colonel Spencer who is in charge of the Army trainees here has given approval of our contacting the ASTP men by means of a special survey and we are now using 1000 of the Alpha Phi Omega membership survey cards.

—Professor Gurth Whipple,
Senior Faculty Advisor.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

"The two active members of Alpha Tau Chapter who are on the campus this fall are making a survey of the freshmen who have entered Butler this semester, and we will endeavor in every way to keep our chapter active throughout this year."

—H. T. Vitz, Scouting Advisor.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

"Alpha Mu Chapter is planning an open house for all NPFS Cadets on the campus in December, and our President Bob Rusk is arranging for a permanent meeting room for our organization. Nine new men have been pledged and they will soon be initiated into active membership. We are now compiling a complete list of the Alpha Mu brothers who are in the armed services.

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

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Although only one active member is left in our chapter this fall, plans are under way for adding new men so that the spirit and work of Alpha Phi Omega on this campus will continue."

—Chet Kaminester, President.

HOWARD COLLEGE

"We have arranged to distribute the new Alpha Phi Omega membership survey cards to all men of Howard College at fall registration. Two civilians and two V-12 men were initiated into our chapter October 12."

—Paul Sanderson, President.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Everything is going well in our chapter, and we have at present eight new men pledged who will be ready for initiation in the near future."

—David Siehl, President.

CARNEGIE TECH

"In the most impressive initiation ceremony in Kappa Chapter in recent years, twelve new men became active brothers on September 18. The pledge project of this group was the completion of the APO fireplace on the campus. The fireplace is located on the grounds of the Student Union and is available to all campus organizations. It was formally dedicated October 7, and at the ceremonies the chapter presented a gift and best wishes to Brother Bill Babbitt, our Scouting advisor and most faithful alumnus, upon his departure for the Army. A complete staff of new officers have been elected and installed with Brother Bill Emerson now serving as president. Already the new officers are laying plans for a new rushing program and various chapter projects for this year, and we are confident the future of Kappa Chapter will be successful.

—Art Uber, Past President.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Lt. Col. Stewart, commanding officer of the Army trainees on this campus, has given hearty approval to Alpha Phi Omega and has given us permission to distribute the special membership survey cards to the 500 Army men here. We believe this boosts our opportunities for continued success in our chapter this year.

—Bob Thomas, President.

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Eta Chapter's annual Turkey Hop is scheduled for Wednesday night, November 24. It is traditional to put on this event for our entire student body the night before Thanksgiving. During the recent War Chest Drive we collected \$12.65 in pennies for the cause by means of a penny-pitch bucket hung above the lobby of the administration building. Plans are now underway for the initiation of eleven new men who have been pledged this fall.

—Dick Gredell, President.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Alpha Chapter held a Hallowe'en party which was enjoyed by all and will probably result in the pledging of some more freshmen into our organization."

—Allan M. Dumas, Treasurer.

CCNY

"Although there is no entering freshmen class this year at Uptown CCNY, Gamma Epsilon Chapter has already pledged six new men and we are expecting a few more."

—Dave Benforado, Vice-President.

BEAUTIFUL EMBROIDERED COAT OF ARMS RECEIVED FROM BROTHER JOHN MCBRIDE, ALUMNUS OF ETA CHAPTER

A replica of Alpha Phi Omega's coat of arms, beautifully embroidered, about two by three feet in size, now adorns the wall of our national office through the courtesy of Brother John McBride of Eta Chapter and his mother, Mrs. James McBride of Knox, Indiana. The story of this coat of arms as related by John is interesting and is hereby passed on to our entire fraternity. He says, "The history of the embroidered coat of arms goes back to my membership in Eta Chapter at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College. I was selected by the chapter to go to Kansas City for the national convention in 1934, and our delegation was to serve as the ritual team. My mother wasn't pleased with the coat of arms which we had so she prepared an embroidered replica in less than three days. It served its purpose well at the convention and I have prized it ever since. I am now forwarding it to Brothers Roe Bartle and Sid North to be used in a fitting manner by the national fraternity. All credit for the beauty of it goes to my wonderful mother, Mrs. James McBride."

To Brother John and his mother Alpha Phi Omega extends hearty thanks for the beautiful addition to the insignia in our national office.

AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL VICTORY BALL AT SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE



At Beta Phi Chapter's fifth Victory Ball, September 25, beautiful Miss Beryl Littell was crowned Victory Queen by Commander William O. Baldwin, commanding officer of the Naval units on the SLI campus. Above are shown the queen and the commander in the grand march with a Naval and Marine guard of honor. In the background (in tuxedos) are Brother Wayne Richmond and Brother Joe W. McDade, president of the chapter. Proceeds from the ball added \$300 to the SLI veterans scholarship fund to be used to aid students now in the armed forces to continue their education after the war.



Lt. Keith W. Green (Beta Pi)
Fort Riley, Kansas

Writes:

"Announcing the arrival of a future Eagle Scout and football player and APO member, in the person of Richard Vance Green who is now one week old."

AC Paul Lawrence (Chi)
Walnut Ridge Army Air Field

Writes:

"This is an ex-president of Chi Chapter at UCLA sounding off. I now have the privilege of being an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. This training includes not only learning to fly airplanes but also learning everything about them and their military uses."

Pvt. Morton E. Rabin (Alpha Eta)
Western Defense Command
San Diego California

Writes:

"I really appreciate receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL each month. There are three other APO men here and we plan to visit the San Diego State College Chapter as soon as possible. There are lots of things that a fellow loses contact with during wartime but I can honestly say that I still have the ideals gained in Alpha Phi Omega. I am now an Assistant Scoutmaster of a troop here."

AC Bert A. Kessler (Gamma Iota)
Maxwell Field, Alabama

Writes:

"My parents recently presented a life membership to me as a birthday gift, and I consider it the finest present I could have received."

Pfc. Dick Sladky (Upsilon)
ASTP University of Nebraska

Writes:

"Until reading the TORCH AND TREFOIL while actually in the armed service I did not realize fully what our publication means to all brothers. The greatest service that can be done of advantage to all is to help prevent another occurrence of World War and I think everyone of our brothers who are in the service and those on the campus front are looking toward that goal."

Pvt. Cyrus Ettinger (Gamma Iota)
Army Air Forces
Miami Beach, Florida

Writes:

"I am glad to subscribe for life membership in Alpha Phi Omega because I feel that our fraternity is a symbol of American progress in the field of brotherhood and service."

Lt. E. L. Zechmeister (Alpha Kappa)
Second Air Force
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Writes:

"Things are very interesting here, but we keep a wicked pace. I am hoping that all chapters of Alpha Phi Omega will make good progress this year and I am planning to visit the University of Colorado chapter within a short time."

T/3 Glenn E. Turner (Lambda)
Camp White, Oregon

Writes:

"I received the October TORCH AND TREFOIL and was very glad to get it. I have been on maneuvers for quite some time and have found this part of army training very interesting."

Herbert C. Lazarus, AS-USNR (Tau)
Pensacola, Florida

Writes:

"I am glad to be in the service even though I had only six months to graduate when Uncle Sam called me. The spirit here is similar to our APO fraternal spirit. When it comes to a job there are no slackers. Everyone puts his shoulder to the wheel and the job is done."

Lt. Gene Butler (Gamma Psi)
Pine Camp, New York

Writes:

"I am pleased to have received the report that Gamma Psi Chapter is moving along splendidly. The new brothers can be counted upon to carry on another year of real activity after having contacted a rich heritage. Since Syracuse is within a few hours traveling time from Pine Camp I expect to visit the chapter at Syracuse University."

Pfc. Irving Moskowitz (Gamma Iota)
Chanute Field, Illinois

Writes:

"One of the greatest thrills and inspirations I have experienced since entering the army has been receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL. To learn of the accomplishments of the chapter and of the brothers who are in the service and to know that they all feel the bond of Alpha Phi Omega makes me realize that one of the finest things I have done was the small part I played in the formation of our chapter at Brooklyn."

Pvt. William M. Rodgers (Gamma Zeta)
Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland

Writes:

"Greetings from Brother Robert Maxwell and myself from Georgia Tech who are stationed here together."

Pfc. Richard C. Meaux (Beta Phi)
Gulfport Field, Mississippi

Writes:

"The TORCH AND TREFOIL has been coming to me regularly and it has certainly been deeply appreciated. I am now in an airplane mechanics course which is very interesting and educational. Beta Phi Chapter has been doing more than its share in helping its brothers in the service. They have a well rounded program whereby they keep us informed of the chapter's doings and all the addresses of all our brothers in every branch of the service. We welcome such contacts and we really appreciate the ideals of APO at a time like this. Keep up the good work!"

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

Writes:

"I am finding Scout training a great help in my service in the transportation corps. My past work in first aid, camping, etc. is naturally of tremendous value now."

Lt. Edward B. Liljeblad (Alpha Tau)
Army Air Base
Herbert Smart Airport

Writes:

"I get a big kick out of reading the letters sent from the brothers in the service as published in the TORCH AND TREFOIL. It is great to read of the work and growth of the fraternity and I think the leaders of those chapters in the 'Big Ten' in membership growth deserve special congratulations. I am sure every alumnus realizes that reaching the 10,000th member is a mark of real distinction in our brotherhood."

Pfc. Seymour Trager (Gamma Delta)
Army Air Forces
Salina, Kansas

Writes:

"Went home on furlough last month. I visited Gamma Delta Chapter, and it was a wonderful feeling to see the chapter still functioning actively. The fellows who are on the campus are doing a creditable job. While stationed here I am hoping for an opportunity to visit the national office in Kansas City."

AC Frank W. Elliott, Jr. (Alpha Delta)
Army Air Forces
Jackson, Mississippi

Writes:

"I was only active one year in APO at San Diego before entering the armed service but I can truthfully say that we had the best bunch of fellows on the campus."