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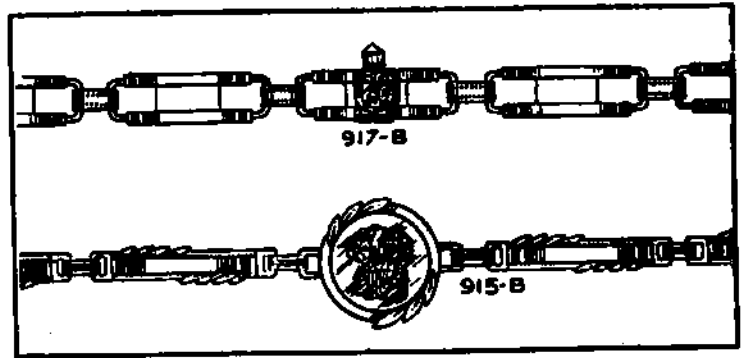
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The President's Message



Frederick W. Ladue

The recent statement of Winston Churchill that the European War may run into 1945 is a challenge to the undergraduate and alumni brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity to plan more fully and to exemplify the true meaning of our motto. We are indeed grateful for the fraternal interest of our large alumni body, and we hope it may be continued during the period of the emergency. Our fraternity has done well since Pearl Harbor, but we must be everlastingly alert in assisting our undergraduate and alumni chapters so that these units may function even with small numbers.

In August it was my good fortune to be with our California undergraduate and alumni chapters. There the spirit of Theta Chi Fraternity is real; the ideals and traditions of our beloved fraternity seem deeply implanted in the hearts of our Pacific Coast brothers. Owing to limited train reservations, it was impossible for me to continue up the Pacific Coast and through the Great Northwest. But had this trip been possible, I feel certain that our brothers there would have been equally enthusiastic for Theta Chi. We have a great fraternity because of the ever loyal interest and support of our selected membership.

The War Emergency Service Fund is steadily increasing. To date 613 brothers have contributed \$4,145. This represents nearly 3% of our 22,600 members. The Grand Chapter feels that many others plan to contribute to this worthy fund. Why not now? We are very appreciative of your support.

Yours for Victory,

Frederick W. Ladue

National President

Lt. Col. B. H. Vandervoort DSC Wearer

■ Among the revealing stories of heroism in this World War II will be that of young Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort, Washington College, '38, who led his battalion of paratroopers to victory on D-Day despite the fact that his ankle was broken when he dropped from the skies on Sainte-Mere-Eglise in France. Refusing to go to a hospital, he consented to having his foot put into a plaster cast. He not only led his men on June 6, but with the aid of a crutch he continued to lead them in the succeeding weeks, although eight times the plaster casts were washed off by the rain in foxholes which he occupied with his men when they were not advancing on the enemy.

A brief wireless dispatch headed "With the American Forces in France" and featured in *The New York Times* of July 5 tells how he spent the Fourth of July: "On Hill 131 today was Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort of Columbus, Ohio, who broke his ankle on D-Day. He was hobbling about on a crutch today as briskly as any whole man. He went at the head of his column up Hill 131 yesterday over fences and across plowed ground."

Official recognition of his courage and leadership came July 10, when, supporting himself with a cane, he stood while Lt. Gen. Omar S. Bradley, commanding officer of the invasion troops, and recently nominated a permanent major general, pinned on his tunic the Distinguished Service Cross. The event took place amidst the rubble that had resulted from the fighting at Ste. Mere-Eglise, in Normandy, France.

■ The Distinguished Service Cross, third highest American army decoration, established in January, 1918, is awarded to a person who distinguishes himself by individual acts of extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

The official citation which accompanied it in the case of the Theta Chi hero follows:

"Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort (0-22715), 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 6 June, 1944, near Ste. Mere-Eglise, France. Though he sus-

tained a broken foot in his jump, Lt. Col. Vandervoort refused to be evacuated. He immediately, despite his painful injury, assembled and organized all the available troops from his battalion and personally led them through enemy-held territory to the



Lt. Col. B. H. Vandervoort

initial objective. With only first aid treatment for his broken foot, he remained with his unit and directed the defense of its newly won position against a vastly superior enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety he continually moved about the foremost elements, subjecting himself to intense enemy rifle, machine-gun, and artillery fire. Inspired by his presence, his men successfully withstood repeated enemy counter-attacks. The personal bravery, devotion to duty, and outstanding leadership displayed by Lt. Col. Vandervoort reflect great credit on himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces."

■ Along with the capture of Tarawa by the hard-fighting Marines will go the taking of the "impossible" Nijmegen Bridge by American air-borne troops in September as an example of raw courage and brilliant leadership. Among the leaders responsible was Colonel Vandervoort, whose crisp comment was: "The enemy fought with a fanaticism never before experienced by our veterans."

The Germans held both ends of the bridge, a life line to the airborne forces isolated at Arnhem, eight miles north. Feeling that a frontal assault would be suicidal, the commanders at three o'clock in the afternoon sent troops across the river in small boats, twenty-one of which were sunk under the murderous fire of the Germans. Overcoming desperate opposition, the Americans and British finally took both ends of the bridge. Thanks to the Dutch underground workers who cut the wires, the Germans were foiled in their attempt to blow up the bridge, and at six o'clock in the evening the British tanks rolled across.

Colonel Vandervoort's exploit on D-Day brought forth headlines abroad and at home.

As the English Tell It

■ Under the heading "Colonel Leads on a Crutch—'Glory Hound' Wraps Plaster Cast in His Gas-Mask Case," *The Daily Express* of London on July 5 published the following story:

FROM MONTAGUE LACEY:

Near La Haye du Puits, Tuesday Night:

"Here on captured Hill 131 is 29-year-old Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort, who led his men to the top hobbling along on a crutch. His men called him 'Glory Hound.' He is always first to any objective.

"The colonel was shaving when I arrived at his forward command post. The enemy were just across the hill-top, and American and German shells were whistling overhead. Tall and bronzed, Colonel Vandervoort looked a magnificent figure. His foot was in a plaster cast, and he had covered it with the waterproof case from his gas-mask. A wooden crutch was propped against the hedge. He told me he had hurt it slightly—that was all—as though he were half ashamed. He was grinning as he shaved, remembering a German officer his men had captured.

"The colonel had led his men forward at 5:30 yesterday morning in the fog and rain. The German officer, when brought in, complained bitterly, 'You Americans are crazy to attack in such weather.'

"I had to get the full story about the colonel from his officers and men. Apparently he broke his ankle when he landed in France on D-Day. He refused to go to a hospital, although he agreed to have the foot put into a plaster cast. Eight times the plaster cast has been washed off by the rain, for the colonel stays in a foxhole like his men when he is not advancing, which is not often. Then he beat the rain by wrapping the cast in his gas mask waterproof.

"The colonel was first all the way up the hill," said one of his lieutenants. "Though walking on his crutch, he set such a pace that we arrived before the general thought we should get there. Our own shells were still falling, and we had to call back and stop them."

As the French Saw It

From the Mayor of Sainte Mere-Eglise (Manche):

To Monsieur, the Commissioner of the De Gaulle Government in Bayeux.

Subject: Request for a French decoration for the two Battalions of Parachutists which landed at Sainte Mere-Eglise.

Monsieur, the Commissioner:

Monday the fifth of June, around 11 o'clock or midnight, within a flight of heavy bombers flying in close formation, the American parachutists dropped on Sainte Mere-Eglise.

They were the first of the Allies to put foot near a beleaguered French town. Their strength was about two battalions.

For forty-eight hours, the two battalions, their strength reduced already by losses during the night, always alert for combat resisted alone with their sub-machine guns, two machine guns, and two small cannon taken from gliders.

These men I have well observed in battle. They did not show false bravado. They spoke little. One might say they only maneuvered. They went along, cigarette between their lips or chewing their gum, hugging the walls, yet going along upright and quietly, under the ceaseless shelling from the batteries of Azeville and Saint Martin. * * * *

Forty-eight hours after their arrival, the magnificent work was accomplished. By them alone, two battalions had been cut to pieces. They had destroyed eight tanks, some cannon,

and had taken 364 prisoners. The losses of the airborne troops were heavy.

I ask you, Monsieur, the Commissioner of the Government, if it would not be possible to request recognition from our great general who recognizes such courage, for these rough men, who, the first of all, wrenched from the enemy a piece of French soil, a citation which gives them the right to wear fourragere Francaise. I believe that their sacrifices will seem lighter to them if they can hope to pin to their battalion flags soon a mark of French recognition. In future combat they will fight with even more tenacity, proud to be airborne battalions which France has recognized as the Brave among the Brave.

Please accept, Monsieur the Commissioner of the Government, the assurance of my complete devotion.

The Mayor of Sainte Mere-Eglise.
ALMAND

And From the American Press

■ A news story from the Columbus (O) Citizen, July 5, reads:

Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort, a parachutist with the 82nd Air Borne Division, has been leading a forward company in the attack with his right leg in a cast, advices from France said today.

There were no details, but it is believed he may have injured his leg on his combat jump the morning of June 6. He made combat jumps against the Nazis in both Sicily and on the Italian mainland prior to the Normandy invasion.

Col. Vandervoort, 29, was promoted to a lieutenant colonel June 2. He has been in the service since April of 1938.

A V-mail letter, first since the invasion, came to the colonel's wife, Nedra, yesterday, but made no mention of his injury.

The letter said in part:

"We have been in combat . . . We have done a fine job this time . . . I am proud of the fact I have been able to accomplish as much as any of the others (battalion commanders) without nearly so many casualties."

Colonel Vandervoort has a bachelor of science degree from Washington College in Chestertown, Md. He and Mrs. Vandervoort have a son, Benjamin III, 14 months old. The colonel last saw his son when the baby was a week old.

Col. Vandervoort is the son of Col. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Vandervoort of the Corps of Engineers stationed here.

■ An editorial from the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News, July 12, headed "G. I. Ben" starts off with a tribute to G. I. Joe and his gallantry in doing a superb job in landing on the Normandy beaches. Then it continues:

But this is the story of G. I. Ben. He isn't a man in the mass. He is an individual fighting man, Benjamin H. Vandervoort of Columbus, O. Young for his rank, just this or that side of 30, he rates lieutenant-colonel in the AEF.

The day before the Fourth, in a free-swinging fight, he led his column up Hill 131 in Normandy and celebrated America's Independence Day on the hilltop, pouring it down on the receding members of the "master" race.

To reach the hilltop took a lot of doing. There were rushes up dirt roads, races over ploughed meadows, marshy and finny ground to squirm over, fences and stone walls to climb. But the men followed the colonel enthusiastically.

They marveled at his spirit and stamina. They wondered how he did it. While they propelled themselves on two legs, sturdy from practice hikes, he made it on one, just as fast and uncomplaining, with the crutch he gaffled after he broke his leg in the D-Day landing, less than a month before.

He is only one man, but quite a contrast to the Nazi general who surrendered himself at Cherbourg and let his men battle on. He is quite a contrast to the Fuehrer who hides himself in the snuggery of Berchtesgaden and tells the boys, "Now we must fight."

He typifies liberty on the march, fighting and fearless. Whether his name is Joe or Jim, Ben or Legion, whether he is from the city's main street or the country lane, from Columbus or Concordia, Peoria or Provincetown, he is all man, All-American, a member of the first team—the sturdy stuff of which victory is made.

Well Known Engineer Dies on Railway Train

■ Alfred E. Buelow, Case, '17, chief consulting engineer of the Lamson & Sessions Co. of Cleveland, died in Chicago, July 12. He had been attending a meeting held under the auspices of the United States Bureau of Standards. He suffered a heart attack on a Cleveland-bound train, while it was standing in La Salle Street Station, and was taken to a Chicago hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A native of Cleveland, he had been connected with Lamson & Sessions throughout his business career. Widely known in engineering circles here, Mr. Buelow was the second head of the Electrical Maintenance Engineers Association, organized in 1924. He belonged to the Cleveland Engineering Society and the American Society for Metals. Mr. Buelow was a charter member of Roosevelt Masonic Lodge and also belonged to Hillman Chapter, R.A.M.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and his mother.

Mother of Five Theta Chis Pays Tribute to Fraternity

By MRS. BURTON B. LOWRY

EDITOR'S NOTE:—In this discussion of the value of a fraternity from the point of view of a mother is found an effective answer to the recent attacks upon the college fraternity made by several columnists whose comment reveals their lack of accurate information or personal experience. Mrs. Burton B. Lowry knows whereof she writes, as she has watched the effect of fraternity membership upon her five sons and her son-in-law. As she lived in the same state in which are the two educational institutions attended by her sons, she has had numerous opportunities to visit those campuses and to be a guest in the Theta Chi chapters at those institutions. Mrs. Lowry was recently elected state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Oregon.

■ Yesterday was Flag Day. I happened to be in the city where three of my five Theta Chi sons had attended school. The campus was almost deserted now except for those boys who were taking special military training and the senior co-eds who were remaining for the graduation ceremonies. Although I was on a hurried mission, I felt that I could not leave the campus without paying a visit to the fraternity house of Theta Chi, so dear to my sons and to me.

As I approached the building, I noted that somehow it seemed changed; something was lacking. And then, in an instant, I realized the flag which had always waved aloft from its staff on the tower was not there! And this was Flag Day too! This surely bespoke the fact that I would find no Theta Chis there now, because one of the first things which those boys had bought out of their meager funds in the days of the depression was a large American flag, which every day sun-up 'til sun-down had flown atop of their fraternity house. That was not strange, for patriotism and love of country are foremost among the virtues fostered in the fraternity.

Yes—the boys are gone, and the colors are flying above them on all the far flung battle lines.

They are making for themselves another flag, a flag of service to their country. Many of its stars are of gold. Those of blue are almost countless in number, and every chapter of Theta Chi has its heroes—living and dead—who have fought in this cause of Freedom.

So the fraternities are lonely places now. Deserted are the campus homes of our boys, who, as eager freshmen, inexperienced in the ways of college life found help and guidance within the fraternity walls; the sophomores, juniors, and seniors, all have answered their country's call.

■ As I stood before the huge fireplace in that familiar fraternity house I felt that this was a hallowed spot. In its warmth there had grown and flourished undying friendships. A common purpose, to promote the welfare and the ideals of their fraternity and its members, had bound these boys together in brotherly love. Now the hearth is cold; its ashes are gray.

But I believe that we, the parents of our Theta Chi sons, should dedicate ourselves to the task of rekindling these fires when the war is ended.

For we know that the fraternity takes foremost place among all the influences for good that exist in the life of a college man. The fraternity offers a varied program for the upbuilding of our youth which no other institution, not the best home, can offer. The fraternity is, in fact, the college home of our boys; it replaces the parental roof, but its influence goes much farther because it carries forward the program of physical, mental, and spiritual training which had its beginning in the home. And I firmly believe that good fraternities, like good homes, are one of the foundations of our nation.

The upperclassmen of a fraternity supervise the affairs of the house and its members. They are men who have been chosen because of their high moral and scholastic standing, because of their leadership and other outstanding abilities. These men are the

foster parents, so to speak, who are primarily interested in furthering the good reputation and the achievements of their fraternity and its members.

The best fraternity chapters uphold high moral standards. They do not tolerate carousing and dissipation. And, should a member forget himself as to discredit his organization and himself, the fraternity administrators sure and stern discipline.

Because of the daily contacts among members of a fraternity, these upperclassmen soon learn of a fellow member's abilities and of his shortcomings. And they, like the true parent, make it their business to advise, to aid, and to guide each member so that he may develop his desirable characteristics and lose those traits which are undesirable.

Is a boy shy, unsocial? does he have an inferiority complex? does he need training in manners and other social graces? The fraternity through its program of compulsory social activities and its insistence upon self-expression in the individual will gradually change the too modest member into a person having poise and a more pleasing personality.

Or perhaps the new member of a fraternity has too much self-assurance. He may be inclined toward egotism or bigotry. The chapter will soon change that. In no uncertain terms his fellows will soon let him



Mr. and Mrs. Burton B. Lowry, Parents of Five Theta Chis

know that these traits are undesirable. These fraternity brothers will help him to see himself as others see him.

The fraternity is the greatest of all factors in teaching its members tolerance and the ability to get along with one's fellow men. If the fraternity did nothing else for our American youth, this one thing would justify its existence.

■ Is the fraternity pledge an idler? is he lazy? does he need assistance in reviewing his work—in planning his course of study? The fraternity has its scholastic adviser, a student who sees these problems from the student's point of view, who will assist and insist upon a definite plan of supervised study for all underclassmen. No nights off, no dates, or other social activities are allowed those men who are behind in their scholastics. The scholastic advisers of a fraternity consult often with the teachers of these men, and make every effort to keep the work of the underclassmen up to standard.

Scholastic leadership on the campus is a matter of great pride among good fraternities. And the fraternity man soon learns that his efforts must aid in building up, not tearing down, this high standard. The same is true of athletics, of all extra curricular activities.

The fraternity encourages its members to participate in all fields of endeavor. Its representatives are leaders in all campus activities. And, obviously, these leaders must be, and are, chosen from the best which the campus affords. And there is no greater proof of a man's worthiness or of his ability than to be known as a leader in a good fraternity chapter.

In leadership and other activities the fraternities vie with one another. It is the spirit of competition which gives to fraternity members some of the most valuable training in their college career. It is a training which fits them for their places in world affairs, for their positions in a realistic world, a world of competition where in they must work and compete for their very existence.

The spirit of loyalty and helpfulness toward one's fraternity brothers exists in every group, but it extends far beyond the walls of a chapter house. This was well demonstrated not so very long ago.

A Theta Chi traveling in a state distant from his own became gravely

Lowry Theta Chi Sons

BURTON B. LOWRY, JR., was the first of the Lowrys to pledge Theta Chi with Sigma Chapter at Oregon State College in 1930; now supervisor in the Albina Stream and Engine Works, Portland, Ore., manufacturers of submarine chasers and LCI boats.

DAVID B. LOWRY, '37, who established the Lowry name in the Alpha Sigma Chapter at the University of Oregon, became permanent secretary of his class upon graduation; now proprietor of orchard properties and a cattle ranch in southern Oregon. He is a director of the Southern Oregon Sales Co., Inc., Medford, Ore.

MAJOR ROBERT WAYNE LOWRY, Oregon State, '38, was until recently an executive officer at the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant, Minneapolis, Minn., but is now inspector of ordnance, with his office in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

DR. WALLACE D. LOWRY, Oregon State, '39, graduate work at the University of Rochester, was voted by Sigma because of his all-round good fellowship, fairness, and likeable personality "the one who contributed most in 1938-'39." He is now state geologist with the Department of Mines and Geology, Portland, Oregon.

CPL. PHILIP B. LOWRY, Oregon, '40, senior class president and president of Alpha Sigma Chapter, designated as "a fraternity brother in the most thoroughgoing meaning of that title and so the one contributing most," continued as a law student to demonstrate leadership and scholastic ability so effectively that in 1942 he was awarded the Reginald Colley Trophy as Theta Chi's outstanding undergraduate. Shortly after becoming an attorney-at-law, he entered military service and is now in the classification department of a headquarters company somewhere in the South Pacific.

(All of the foregoing four were undergraduates in the year 1936-37 and officers of their respective chapters: David, vice president of Sigma; Wayne, house manager of Alpha Sigma; Wallace, chaplain of Sigma; Philip, president of Alpha Sigma's delegation of 21 pledges.)

And by Virtue of Marriage

MAJOR O. W. MILLER, Oregon, '34, met Lucille Lowry, an Alpha Chi Omega at the University of Oregon, and, as a result, joined the Lowry clan through marriage. As an undergraduate he was interested in flying, his experiments with the autogyro being notable. He is now with the Air Corps, stationed in Ireland.

ill. In fact, he was unconscious when found by the conductor of the train upon which he was traveling. The train crew noticed that the young man wore a Theta Chi pin upon his coat, and they immediately got in touch with members of this fraternity in a nearby city. These Theta Chi members, strangers though they were to the sick man, placed him under the care of the best doctors available. This saved his life because his illness called for special and expensive hospitalization and the most skillful medical care. These were essential to his recovery. The responsibility for all this was assumed without question or hesitation by these loyal Theta Chis.

How often in these days of sorrow and trouble the members of a fraternity have given aid, cheer, encouragement, and solace to fellow members who are ill or to bereaved parents whose boys have given their lives in the service of their country.

The grief-stricken parents of a Theta Chi son who lost his life in the crash of a bomber have said that the beautiful ritual and the talks which the fraternity brothers made at the funeral of their son had given them much comfort. Because of the close association which these college men had had with their son, they seemed especially near and dear to these parents. And the letters and the visits of these boys have in a large measure filled the great emptiness in the lives of these parents who are proud to say that their son was a Theta Chi.

When this war is over, when the last taps have sounded in this struggle to build a new and better world for all humanity, when we are planning a program of betterment for Youth, let us seek, first of all, to re-establish the fraternity!

We, the parents, know what it has done for our boys. We know what it will do for all young men who are so fortunate as to be enrolled under its guidance.

I hope that my grandsons may enjoy the privileges, the opportunities, and the benefits which a good fraternity affords.

Being the mother of five Theta Chi sons and the mother-in-law of another Theta Chi, I take pride in them and their fraternity.

So, I am standing by—ready, that I may be among the first to aid in rekindling the fires on the hearthstones of Theta Chi.

British and U.S. Honors Given Theta Chis

■ Holder of two military decorations among the highest bestowed by Great Britain and the United States, the Order of the British Empire and the Legion of Merit, respectively, is Capt. Edwin A. Andress, Fresno State, '40, 25 years of age. Both came because of the contribution he made as a member of the 8th Army Air Force stationed in England in developing special equipment and training

tion, which has resulted in the destruction of over 60 enemy aircraft."

The citation was written January 1. By the time of the presentation of the award, February 19, the station's toll of enemy planes rose to 100. In addition, Andress built two other stations, one responsible for the destruction of 73 enemy planes, the other for 60.

"If they want to give medals for having a time of one's life, it is okeh by me," Andress modestly wrote his mother, Mrs. A. M. Hamlin of Fresno, Calif.

■ The Order of the British Empire was created by the king in 1917 and is conferred for services rendered the empire at home and abroad. The empire gives only two higher military awards, the Victoria Cross and George Cross.

The award was conferred by the air chief on a windswept field simultaneously to three generals, two colonels, and to Andress, who wrote to his mother: "I felt sort of out of place as a mere captain, believe me."

Andress was born shortly after his father's death. In his senior year at Fresno State College he was named one of the three most prominent men students of the college. He was the president of the chapter which became Beta Phi of Theta Chi.

Throughout his high school and college careers and until his enlistment he was employed by a sign company owned by his mother and stepfather. He constructed an amateur radio broadcasting station in his home and was president of the Fresno Ham Club.

Andress enlisted December 5, 1941, and went overseas January 8, 1942.

■ The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Presidential citation with one cluster are the decorations already bestowed upon 1st Lt. William G. Hutchinson, Norwich, ex-'45, now at Palmer Field, Bennettsville, S. C., taking pilot training. He was in England for six months with the Eighth Air Force and as a navigator on a B-17 completed 25 combat missions over Kiel, Bremen, Emsden, Berlin, Munster, Paris, Bordeaux, and other European cities. He was promoted at

the end of his tour and returned to this country April 13 to instruct navigators of replacement crews and then to train for service as a pilot.

Jack P. Martin, Oregon State, '41, in the South Pacific last May won a promotion to first lieutenant in the Air Force and the Air Medal with oak leaf clusters for service as bombardier in flying over Rabaul from February 28 to March 14. After 40



Capt. Edwin A. Andress, Fresno State, '40



Lt. Jack P. Martin, Oregon State, '41

British and American personnel in its use. The three fighter direction stations he constructed caused the destruction of 233 invading German planes. The American decoration was awarded July 21, the British one in March.

The citation accompanying the latter was by King George VI, and the actual presentation was to have been made by him. It was necessary, however, for Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, commander-in-chief of the Allied Expeditionary Air Forces, to substitute for the ruler.

"Captain Edwin A. Andress," the citation reads, "has displayed outstanding technical ability in the development of the fighter direction station which he commanded. His enthusiasm and leadership with his breadth of outlook and capacity for work have been responsible for the high standard of efficiency of his sta-

missions he is now on his second rest leave. One of his exploits is reported in the following press dispatch:

"Flying his first mission as lead bombardier of an entire squadron of 13th AAF bombers, 1st Lt. Jack P. Martin was assigned one of the hardest targets to hit in the South Pacific's Rabaul area. The target was a supply dump in the middle of a dense jungle.

"Bombardier Martin paid no attention to the anti-aircraft bursts, one of which nicked a nearby plane. He followed the same procedure he had used on 19 previous missions. A large explosion followed by a column of dark brown smoke blossomed from the center of the target.

"Official reports after photographs of the bombing had been interpreted: 'A pattern of bombs blanketed approximately 80% of the target. Several small buildings were also hit.'"

■ George G. Shackley, Purdue, '40, promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps in April, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He previously had received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.



Lt. Col. G. G. Shackley

He has been in the Air Corps for four years now, having joined just after his graduation from Purdue. He started as an aviation cadet and has attained his present lieutenant colonel's rank at the age of 26. He has flown more than 20 combat missions over Europe. At present he is commanding officer of a B-17 squadron based in England, and he can be addressed at A.P.O. 557, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

■ Lt. Berchard H. Grimm, AAF, N.Y.U., '42, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and Purple Heart. He is now recovering here in the U.S.A. from wounds received when his plane was shot down over the Mediterranean. His first two awards were for action in the African campaign.

Col. Kenneth B. Bush, Illinois, '16, has been awarded the Army's Legion of Merit for work done in organizing Headquarters, Northwest Service Command, and supervising plans for the completion of an operation of the Alaska highway.

Colonel Bush, after spending over a year and a half at Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, as chief of staff, Northwestern Service Command, has been assigned to duty in the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., and detailed as the adjutant general's representative for soldier voting.

Five alumni of Alpha Xi Chapter at Delaware have received special honors. Col. Robert H. Pepper, '17, was cited by Admiral Halsey for the Tulagi action, awarded the Legion of Merit for the Guadalcanal action, and shared in the First Marine Division presidential unit citation; Lt. Del Minner, '35, was presented with the Air Medal by Admiral Nimitz for action in the Pacific; S/Sgt. Joseph Rowland, '45, received the Air Medal and oak leaf clusters for action over Germany; Major Frank Ross,

'42, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with oak leaf clusters for action against Germany; and Lt. (jg) Robert Hanna, '45, was honored by Admiral Nimitz for duty in the Pacific area.

■ The fact that Brig. Gen. Harvey S. Burwell, Norwich, '13, had been awarded the Legion of Merit was recorded in the summer Rattle. The official citation follows:

Brig. Gen. Harvey S. Burwell, 0-3628 (then colonel), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as special adviser to the Air Staff from September, 1941, to April, 1942.

General Burwell formulated and developed a system of control which provided Headquarters, Army Air Forces, with the fundamental elements necessary to expedite the supervision of major phases of activity during early expansion of the Army Air Forces. This plan included the methods and forms for reporting and requisitioning personnel, reporting the degree of equipment supplied tactical units, reporting the location and status of aircraft, and reporting the status and progress of air base projects.

General Burwell's achievement contributed materially to the efficient and expeditious operation of the statistical control system of the Army Air Forces.

One of the first hundred men to land in New Guinea in advance of the squadron and a participator in the Papuan campaign was Sgt. Donald C. Crumbaker, 15073243, Michigan, '42, APO 920, San Francisco. His unit received a citation with one oak leaf cluster in recognition of their activities. He has had two and a half years of service in the Air Corps, most of it in the South Pacific area.

1st Lt. John E. Boydston, California, '41, is a member of the Pioneer P-51 Mustang group and entitled to wear a blue ribbon in a gold frame over the right breast as that unit was given a Presidential citation "for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy." The award was presented by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commanding general of the Ninth Air Force.

For his outstanding service as a surgeon, Lt. Col. Walter R. Cook, Cincinnati, was presented with the Bronze Star in France by Gen. Walter M. Robertson, commanding an infantry division.

Lt. Jack Teddy, California, with an air corps bombardment group in the European war theater, has received two citations.

The Air Medal and the rank of

major have been conferred upon William C. Bowen, Jr., Florida, '41, of Army Air Corps, now serving in France. On August 20 for the Army Hour Program Major Bowen broadcast from the battle field, giving a demonstration of the activities of air plane and artillery work.



Major William C. Bowen, Jr., Florida, '41

■ Word has just been received of the award on September 6 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to Lt. (jg) Francis H. Mead, CGR, Washington College, '42, who was wounded on June 6 in the invasion forces on the coast of Normandy. The award and citation were presented by Rear Admiral J. L. Hall, Jr., commander of the Amphibious Forces, on behalf of the commanding admiral of the U. S. Navy in Europe. Since his recent discharge from the hospital, Lieutenant Mead has been serving as flotilla training officer in the Amphibious Forces.

At the time of his injury, Lieutenant Mead was operating one of the large infantry landing craft, LCI (L). It was in the first wave of the Normandy invasion and struck a section of the beach where the opposition was strongest. The boat came under direct fire at point blank range of a German battery, and three explosive armor piercing shells struck right at the pilot house. Two of the shells exploded directly in the small area, killing three out of four of the officers standing there. Lieutenant Mead was cut up somewhat by shrap-

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Dramatic, Inspiring Tales of Theta Chis

■ Late in July the Associated Press announced in a dispatch from the Supreme Headquarters of the United Nations that Major Carl Lindstrand, Delaware, '33, was one of the two American officers who, with the aid of two unarmed French civilians, captured 564 German prisoners in a single operation.

Among the prisoners taken was a nephew of Baron von Richthofen, leading German air ace of the last war. He is Freiherr von Richthofen, aide to Lt. Huber Schmitz, commander of the radar station in Brittany, which was taken intact with its entire garrison by the small party.

Although the reports on the capture were vague, it is believed Major Lindstrand and an American colonel flew to the scene of the capture after receiving some sort of an inkling of the garrison's plight from a radio report.

Major Lindstrand has been in the Army for nearly four years. With four years of ROTC training at the University of Delaware to his credit he entered the Army with the rank of first lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of captain just before leaving the United States two and one half years ago and received his next promotion while stationed in England.

While attending college Major Lindstrand was captain of the university swimming team and held two Delaware swimming records. When in England last year he organized the United States Army swimming team which competed in several meets of international importance. The team won 31 of 33 meets, securing 25 silver cups and making a 100% sweep of all the trophies presented for swimming in the meets in which the team was invited to compete. Major Lindstrand was captain of the team on which he swam the medley and free style events. At the age of 33 he swam the 100 yards in 57 and 8/10 seconds.

The Privates' Chronicler

■ Despite a shrapnel wound in his right eye, T/Sgt. David B. Richardson, Indiana, '40, correspondent for *Yank*, the army weekly, traveled on foot until he caught up with the

Australian infantry in the campaign against Lae in New Guinea, September 16, 1943, and was the first enlisted man to set foot in the town.

For his coverage of the campaign, Richardson received the Legion of



T/Sgt. David B. Richardson, Indiana, '40

Merit from General Douglas MacArthur and was decorated by Major General J. L. Frink, commander of the Army Service Forces in that area.

The citation reads: "Technical Sergeant David B. Richardson—for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and demonstrated outstanding ability in reporting vivid and accurate pictures of the New Guinea campaigns. His soldierly qualities, energy, and aggressiveness enabled Richardson to make a substantial contribution to the morale of the troops in the southwest Pacific."

At the present time, Richardson is working at General Silwell's headquarters in northern Burma. The sergeant trekked with Merrill's Marauders, the crack volunteer jungle fighters, during their campaigns in Burma, was in the jungles with them three months, and took part in three battles, handling a gun in two. During the march, Richardson walked over 500 miles and was the only correspondent, civilian or military, to stay with the Marauders throughout their entire campaign.

Richardson holds many "firsts" as a *Yank* correspondent since reaching Australia in September of 1942. He was the first correspondent, civilian or military, assigned to ride with Lt. Comdr. John D. Buckley, who brought General MacArthur out of the Philippines. Under machine gun and cannon fire, Richardson PT-boat-ed deep into Japanese territory in New Guinea in order to report a raid on Nip shipping. He was with the first wave of assault troops to land at Woodlark Island in the campaign against Bougainville and New Britain.

Richardson also covered the battles at Buna, Sanananda Point, where he was the only photographer, Nassau Bay, and Salamaua, in addition to Lae, at which time he was the only soldier-correspondent in New Guinea. Riding as a correspondent and fighter, he had taken over the belly-gun in bomber raids over Wewak and Rabaul.

■ Sergeant Richardson was the subject of a feature story by Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., which was published in the *New York Herald-Tribune* under a dateline from Allied Headquarters in Australia. Part of this story, which designated Richardson as "the privates' chronicler" follows:

Red haired, tall, lanky, never without his camera, seldom without his typewriter, and always carrying some sort of weapon, from a captured Japanese pistol to an Australian Owen submachine gun, he became a legendary character to officers and enlisted men alike, and in his thirteen months down here he never missed an operation in which American troops were engaged.

Sergeant Richardson was a soldier, but in his capacity as a correspondent he could have remained behind the lines, or even on the Australian mainland, and probably those who read his articles in *Yank* wouldn't have known the difference. But from first to last he considered himself a "combat correspondent," and he was in there taking pictures, making voluminous notes, and sometimes shooting back, every time American soldiers were being fired at by Japanese in New Guinea.

Whenever action was impending Richardson would turn up long enough beforehand to get properly settled among the enlisted men, and with them he would go into it. If two operations were in progress at once, he always succeeded in covering both—the first part of one and the latter stages of the other—even though they were hundreds of miles apart, despite transportation problems that assume weird proportions in New

Guinea. The only one that he missed completely, because it happened before he reached this part of the world—the battle of Milne Bay in August, 1942—he covered in an anniversary article a year later that became the first complete story of this engagement.

The engagements he covered in person involve every name that has come to mean something to Americans in this area—Buna and Sanananda Point, Nassau Bay, Salamaua, Lae. In the latter operation he traveled with Australian soldiers on landing craft operated by American engineers; then, because only the Australians were to proceed on to the former Japanese base, he decided to accompany them so that the Americans would be represented.

He landed on Woodlark Island, off the eastern tip of New Guinea, on June 30, when Americans moved forward all along the line from near Salamaua to the Solomons, and remained long after all the other correspondents had left so that he could write the exclusive story of the construction of an airfield there by a Navy construction battalion. And when the first plane landed, an old English Avro Anson, he flew out with it and thus became the first passenger from a field which helped to make history in the record raid on Rabaul.

Thanks to the Navigator

■ Capt. William E. Smith, Washington, '38, was the subject of a dramatic service story published July 31 in the *Rocky Mountain News* of Denver. Most of it follows:

A 28-year-old navigator from Denver took a final squint at his instruments and calculations on the flight deck of a giant Super-Fortress high above Manchuria and grinned at what he saw. Calmly he spoke to the pilot over the interphone: "She's right on the course, and we'll be there in just three minutes."

The Super-Fort, first ship of the formation over the target, broke from a high cloudbank over the muddy Gulf of Chihili and banked gracefully into a bomb run that seconds later was to leave port facilities in Taku, one of Japan's most important colliery points, a shambles.

The navigator whose precise calculations had brought the big B-29 through the Manchurian clouds in exact position for her lethal job was Capt. William E. Smith. The story of Captain Smith and his fellow crew members in the third big raid by the Super-Forts on Jap territory was carried yesterday in an eyewitness description of the raid by Hugh Crumpler, United Press correspondent, who accompanied them.

Crumpler's dispatch told of a take-off from a rain-washed field somewhere in China after nervously "sweating it out" when a cloudburst had threatened cancellation of the long-awaited mission.

The Super-Fort crew, Crumpler wrote, stood at constant alert through the hours as the big ship paced her squadron through the skies high over North China.

Then came the laconic announcement from Captain Smith that the timetable

was down to a matter of a few dozen heartbeats.

Maj. William H. Delacey, the pilot, flipped control of the great ship over to Bombardier Ernest Felts and said, "She's yours, Ernie. Give it to them."

Felts tersely announced, "They're gone," a moment later, Crumpler said in



Capt. William E. Smith, Washington, '38

his dispatch, and then an age seemed to elapse before the tail gunner shouted gleefully: "Right on the nose."

Tension on the flight deck relaxed abruptly and the men began to laugh. But back in the midriff of the giant plane the gunners stood by their posts, straining eyes for a glimpse of long-expected Jap fighters. But no Zeros showed up. Delacey resumed control, put the monster plane into a sharp bank, and ordered Smith to set the course for home.

As the plane circled back, Crumpler said he could see smoke billowing up from the target, where a railroad yard and warehouses were ablaze. Other Super-Fortresses were roaring in with bomb bays yawning to spill still more destruction upon Taku.

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Kavieng was never quite the same after that raid, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur considered the devastation sufficient to award Tanberg the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

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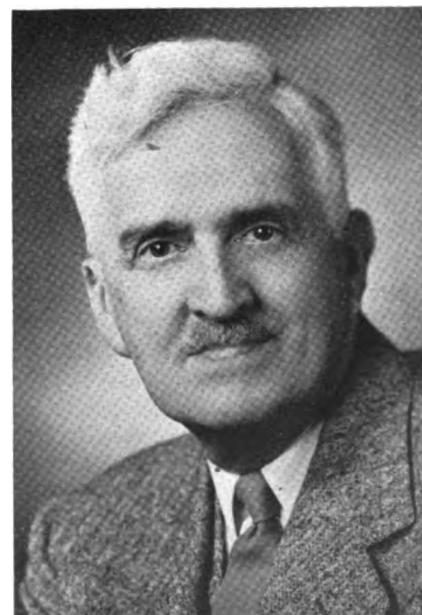
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Reported as missing in action after six missions over enemy territory, 2nd Lt. Glenn E. Terry, Jr., Oregon State, ex-'44, is now listed by the War Department as killed in action. While in his sophomore year in college he enlisted in the Air Corps. After training at Santa Ana, Marana, and Luke Fields, he was commissioned in March, 1943. Following a brief training period at Monroe and Glendale, Calif., he was sent to North Africa. His home was Tillamook, Ore.

Capt. Robert T. Viles, UCLA, '44, a member of a Fighter Squadron, has been killed in action. No details are known.

1st Lt. Robert G. Greene, Air Corps, Birmingham-Southern, '46, died July 1, 1944, in an English hospital after the plane which he was flying was severely damaged by a bomb explosion which occurred when he landed with a bomb half released from the plane. Robert was stationed in England and had made many missions over Western Europe.

Ward R. Vincent, Stanford, '35, was killed November 20 at Tarawa. He was with the Naval Medical Corps attached to a marine division.

■ Major Frank Ross, Delaware, '42, was killed in an air raid over France, April 11. His military record was one of the chapter's most outstanding. He shot down two German planes, and was awarded the Air Medal with several oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served for 13 months in Iceland where he landed with the original American occupational forces in Aug-

ust, 1941. While there he married a native of Reyjavik, the island's capital city. After spending nine months in the U. S., Major Ross went to England where he was a squadron commander with the Ninth Air Force. He was commanding his P-47 Thunderbolt fighter squadron escorting some Fortresses when he shot down his first plane. Later an Army news dispatch contained an account of his exploits over the beachheads of the Cassino and Anzio fronts. After several months in Italy he returned to England where he was stationed when he was killed.

Another alumnus of Alpha Xi, Lt. (jg) Gerrish Gassaway, Jr., '44 was killed in a plane crash last August at the San Diego naval base, where he had just arrived a day or so before, after serving on an airplane carrier for three months in the South Pacific. During his flying career Gerrish had had several narrow escapes and once spent 36 hours on a life raft in the Atlantic Ocean before he was rescued. On another occasion the motor of the plane he was flying went dead when he was only 100 feet high in a takeoff, but he managed to land the plane along the edge of the field. He was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

■ Capt. Ripley Buckingham, Norwich, '35, whose death in action occurred in China, August 18, had recently returned to the hospital base after two months at the front under General Stillwell. A telegram from Secretary of War Stimson was received by his family at Brandon, Vt., advising them of his death. They had received a letter from the captain about a week before in which he described his return by a plane in a few hours over territory which took him nearly two months to cover to reach the front.

Captain Buckingham's death occurred the day before his 32nd birthday and exactly one year from the day he left Brandon for his overseas assignment.

He was born at Marsh House in Brandon, August 19, 1912. He was graduated from Norwich University and from George Washington University Medical School, where he received his commission as lieutenant. On the same day June 12, 1941, he married Miss Virginia Wright of Warren, Pa.

He received his basic training at

Camp Carlisle, Camp Pickett, and Camp Shelby. Last year he boarded an officers' plane in Florida for China. During his year in China he served as medical officer, instructing the Chinese who were qualifying for medical aides in the Chinese army. For meritorious service overseas he was promoted to captain.

His wife and parents survive.

Lt. Ralph Leland Russell, Oregon, who prior to his enlistment in the Army was sports editor of the Boise (Idaho) Statesman, was killed near Brest, France, September 8, while serving with Company M, 38th Infantry.

Born in Roseburg, Oregon, 28 years ago, Lieutenant Russell attended Albany College and University of Oregon. Shortly before his death he received the Bronze Star for meritorious action in France. Besides his parents, Lieutenant Russell is survived by his wife, living in Topeka, Kansas. The surviving father, Ralph L. Russell is grand master of the I.O.O. F. of Oregon.

Popular Sports Writer Turns to War Service

■ Paul Zimmerman, Nebraska, '26, who resigned from the sports staff of the Los Angeles Times to go to Washington, D. C., as a captain in the Services of Supply, was the subject for "The Sports Parade" in one issue of the Times. Braven Dyer, the writer of this popular feature, paid his associate thorough-going compliments.

At Nebraska Zimmerman won a varsity letter as a two-miler in track. In 1924 he joined the Associated Press staff in Los Angeles, after work for the AP in Lincoln and St. Louis. He became city editor in Los Angeles and then was sent to Albuquerque, N. M., as head of the bureau there. He returned to Los Angeles and became a member of the Times staff.

An article by Captain Zimmerman was published in Esquire.

■ Grantland Rice in his column "Setting the Pace" published in the New York Evening Sun of December 6, included the following:

"I have just received a letter from Capt. Paul Zimmerman, former sports editor of the Los Angeles Times, now stationed in India.

"We are a long way from home," he said, "but all service men I've seen are keen about getting the sporting news. We had the world series replayed for us a day late over the air, but it would have been just as welcome a week or a month later. I have talked to many of them about the sporting programs back in the states, especially baseball and football. They are all for it. They know in this war the Army and Navy are taking all who are fit for service.

"Out here they play baseball, football, and basketball; they box and wrestle. The equipment is pretty low, but they do the best they can with what they have. Our troops have certainly carried their games around the world. It is about the closest tie they have with home, and I know it would be a blow to them if all sport were badly curtailed or cut down. They understand there isn't any slackening on the part of those who don't happen to be in uniform at the moment."

Chapter Loses Interested Alumnus

■ Harold W. Hawxhurst, Rhode Island State, '13, prominent businessman of Cranston most of his life, died September 22 at Deaconess Hospital, Boston, after an operation. Born in Providence March 31, 1892, he married the former Jeane Palmer on June 10, 1924. In addition to his widow, his survivors include his mother and three sisters.

Mr. Hawxhurst served in the U. S. Navy in World War I, and in 1919 joined his father in the electrical business which he continued until 1938, when he entered the employment of the Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

He was very keenly interested in Eta Chapter and seldom visited the Rhode Island campus without calling at the chapter house.

Three Probable Election Winners

Three Theta Chis, all Democrats, are considered as likely winners in the November congressional election: Warren Magnuson, Washington, '27, for the Senate from Washington; Eugene J. Keogh, NYU, '27, and William B. Barry, NYU, '25, for the House from New York districts.

Oldest Theta Chi On Coast Dies

■ As an undergraduate of Alpha Chapter, as a member of the faculty, as a distinguished alumnus, and as a trustee, Prof. John Benjamin Johnson, '79, holder of Theta Chi's Distinguished Service Award, played an important part in the history of Norwich University. His death on September 27 in Pasadena, California, at the age of eighty-six, ended the notable career of the oldest Theta Chi on the Pacific Coast and one of the oldest living alumni. He with two other Theta Chis, Charles Horace Spooner, who later became president of Norwich, and Eugene Merwin Carr, who became a brigadier-general, commanding the National Guard in the state of Washington, 1893-'97, made up the entire membership of the graduating class of 1879.

Until his retirement, Professor Johnson had occupied the chair of civil engineering at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, which post he accepted in 1906. He resigned his position as professor of mathematics and civil engineering at Norwich University in 1900 and moved to Pasadena, a matter of great regret to students and faculty, for he was considered a most effective and an unusually active force in the university.

As an undergraduate, his knowledge of mathematics and his skill in teaching were recognized by his instructor, Gen. Alonzo Jackman, who called upon him frequently to take charge of classes whenever he was obliged to be absent. General Jackman considered Cadet Johnson such an able mathematician that he expressed a wish to President Curtis that his student should be selected to take over his work when he finished his service to the university. As a result, when General Jackman died in February, 1879, the young senior took over some of his classes for the remainder of the year, and at commencement he was named instructor in mathematics. His success was so notable that he was raised to the rank of professor a year later. In 1884 Norwich University conferred upon him the degree of A. M. and in 1890 the degree of C. E. He later studied at the Thayer School of Civil Engineering at Dartmouth and at Harvard.

■ Professor Johnson was assistant treasurer of Norwich University for six years, trustee of the Alumni Endowment Fund for a like period, alumni secretary for ten years, and president of the Alumni Association, 1899-1900. He was appointed alumni trustee of the university in 1905



Prof. J. B. Johnson, Norwich, '79

and served for a number of years. He was the first to prepare and publish an alumni catalog.

The following tribute to him was published in the History of Norwich University:

"The alumni and past-cadets of 'old N. U.' owe much to Professor Johnson, who, in the dark days of the university's existence from 1879 to 1888 loyally and self-denyingly cast his fortunes with her, and, refusing many tempting offers from other institutions, remained and taught at a mere pittance. His resignation caused great regret among the Board of Trustees and the student body. He was not only an eminent mathematician, but a thorough teacher; his constant aim was to have his students thoroughly understand their work and to go into the world fitted to become masters in their chosen profession."

Professor Johnson was born in Montgomery, Vt., January 27, 1858. He is survived by a son, a member of Beta Tau Chapter at the University of Southern California who is now in service, and his widow, who

is an active member of the Mothers' Club of Beta Tau.

Funeral services were held at Pasadena's All Saints Church in which he had been an official for 38 years. Among the twenty-two honorary pallbearers were two noted alumni of Alpha Chapter, Col. H. B. Hersey, '85, and Russell W. Porter, '92.

Professor Johnson had been a member of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, the Twilight Club, and the University Club, of which he was one of the founders. He was known in Pasadena as an educator and a philanthropist. He was given the Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity several years ago.

Seven Officers Wounded In European Invasion

■ Lt. Charles Hornby, Ohio, '43, was severely wounded in the Normandy invasion as was his classmate and chapter mate, Lt. Kingston Mote. The latter was evacuated to England for hospitalization. A letter from Lt. Lee G. Emerick, ex-'44, APO 15328, c/o PM, N. Y., dated July 18, tells that he talked with a wounded soldier who had seen Mote two days earlier at which time he was all right.

Two Michigan Theta Chis were also wounded in that engagement. The foot of Lt. William O. Sabom, '34, was badly smashed by an artillery shell fragment; as a result, Lieutenant Sabom was flown from England to the McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. Lt. George Eddy, ex-'43, was also evacuated to England after having a ship sunk under him and being bombed, strafed, and finally wounded by mortar fire. He recovered and at last report was in a replacement depot awaiting reassignment. His father is Col. George G. Eddy, Colgate, '17, director of scientific research of the Ordnance Department, stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Capt. Robert Morgan, Delaware, '42, is at Fort Knox, Ky., after being wounded in the North Africa campaign. He saw service in England and Ireland with a tank corps.

Major Elisha Peckham, Rhode Island State, suffered slight wounds in the D-Day invasion.

Ensign Delbert R. Gardner, Monmouth, was wounded in action and is recovering at the Great Lakes Hospital.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Previously listed: Capt. Earl Pease, New Hampshire, '39.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Lt. Col. B. H. Vandervoort, Washington College, '38, for extraordinary heroism in action, June 6, 1944.

LEGION OF MERIT

Brig. Gen. John D. Barker, Norwich, ex-'19, after service with the General Staff and in North Africa.

Capt. Edwin A. Andress, Fresno, '40, for developing equipment effective in destroying enemy planes.

Col. Kenneth B. Bush, Illinois, '16, for organizing the Northwest Service Command. Col. Robert H. Pepper, Delaware, '17, Marine Corps, for action at Guadalcanal.

Previously listed: Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing, Norwich; Lt. Col. Jeremiah A. Chase, New Hampshire, '36; Col. Philip M. Whitney, Norwich, '20; Brig. Gen. Harvey S. Burwell, Norwich, '13; T/Sgt. David Richardson, Indiana, '40.

THE MILITARY ORDER OF CHINA

Previously listed: Lt. Col. Charles Ross Greening, Washington State, '36; Capt. Harold F. Watson, Norwich, ex-'40.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Capt. Edwin A. Andress, Fresno, '40, for outstanding technical ability in the development of fighter direction stations for the R.A.F.

SILVER STAR

Capt. Lawrence Tanberg, North Dakota State, '41, for gallantry in action over Kavieng, New Ireland.

Lt. Frank F. Lahr, Marine Corps, Michigan, '41, for gallantry in action in the South Pacific.

Lt. Frederick Noel Spiess, California, '41, for duties as a diving officer on a submarine.

Previously listed: Lt. Col. Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., Norwich, '23; Lt. Col. Loren C. McCollom, Washington State, '36; Capt. Melvin McKenzie, Maine, '36; Capt. Warren Davison, New Hampshire, '40; Capt. Allan Ferry, New Hampshire, '41; Capt. Robert E. Wirt, California, '43; Lt. Jack W. Kirk, New Hampshire, '41; Lt. John L. Glover, North Dakota, '39; 1st Lt. Francis P. Keenan, Alabama, '42; Lt. Samuel Wilson, Rhode Island State.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Lt. John H. Card, III, Dartmouth, ex-'43, a B-17 navigator, for heroism over German occupied territory in 1943.

S/Sgt. T. G. Williams, Jr., Florida, for bravery over enemy held territory.

Lt. Col. George G. Shackley, Purdue, '40, for gallantry in action over German occupied Europe.

Lt. William G. Hutchinson, Norwich, '45, for bravery in action over German held Europe.

Lt. Berchard H. Grimm, NYU, '42, for bravery in action in North Africa. Major Frank Ross, Delaware, '42, for action over Germany.

Previously listed: Lt. Col. Charles Ross Greening, Washington State, '36; Capt. Harold F. Watson, Norwich, ex-'40; Lt. Earl Pease, Jr., New Hampshire, '39; Lt. John L. Glover, North Dakota State, '39; Lt. Russell Johnson, Illinois Wesleyan, '39; Lt. Paul

To These . . . The Nation's Honors



A. Zeigler, Jr., UCLA, '42; Lt. Herbert Welby George, Montana, '38, USN; Lt. James W. Ingram, Illinois, '39; Lt. Col. Loren C. McCollom, Washington State, '36; Capt. John R. Stack, MC, Washington College, '41; Lt. William W. Thompson, Washington College, '38; Capt. John Zuber, MC, Montana; Lt. Kenneth Matson, Michigan, ex-'43; Capt. Robert Randolph Ayres, Jr., Maryland, '42; Lt. (sg) Bradford Maitland Brooks, UCLA, '39; Major Arthur B. Hilmo, Washington State, '41; S/Sgt. Nick Beals Smith, Cincinnati, ex-'42; Capt. Robert C. Wirt, California, '43.

SOLDIERS' MEDAL

Previously listed: Lt. James R. Agee, Washington State, '35; Lt. Col. Jeremiah A. Chase, New Hampshire, '36.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sgt. Robert C. Ratliff, Illinois, '33, for exemplary action under fire in the Solomons. Lt. Col. Walter R. Cook, Cincinnati, outstanding service in France as a surgeon. Lt. Ralph Leland Russell, Oregon, for meritorious action near Brest, France.

Previously listed: Lt. Col. Sylvester L. Stephan, Ohio, '35.

ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Lt. Berchard H. Grimm, NYU, '42, for wounds received in air engagement over Mediterranean.

Pvt. Frank T. Higgins, NYU, '42, for wounds suffered in South Pacific.

Walter Eugene Bond, Rochester, '39, awarded posthumously in June, 1944.

Capt. Robert William Morgan, Delaware, '40, was wounded in Tunisia, March 29, 1943. S/Sgt. Nick Beals Smith, Cincinnati, '42, awarded posthumously, 1944.

Major Milton M. Cardwell, Sr., Alabama Polytechnic, '38, wounded in New Georgia campaign.

Lt. (jg) Francis H. Mead, CGR, Washington College, '42, wounded June 6, 1944, in Normandy invasion.

Previously listed: Lt. Charles Windus, Washington State, '34; Major Kenyon T. Bement, Washington State, '34; Capt. Geo. Newgard, North Dakota State, '28, posthumously; Capt. Harold F. Watson, Norwich, ex-'40; Lt. James Byron Ashley, Michigan, '38-41m; Lt. John L. Glover, North Dakota State, '39; Capt. Eugene L. McGee, Oregon, '41, posthumously; Ensign Robert Sinclair Booth, Jr., Maryland, ex-'36, posthumously; Lt. Ralph Lehr, Purdue, '40, posthumously; Lt. Paul Rutherford Larson, Illinois, '39, posthumously; Lt. Richmond N. Allen, Norwich, '32, posthumously; Arthur B. Hilmo, Washington State, '41; Lt. Elmer Harris, Washington State, '42; Lt. James R. Dunn, Pittsburgh, '40, posthumously; Capt. Warren Davison, New Hampshire, '40; Capt. Robert E. Wirt, California, '43; 1st Lt. Charles C. Bliss, UCLA, '37; Lt. Edmund T. Rumble, USN, Hamilton, '31; Lt. Jack W. Kirk, New Hampshire, '41, posthumously; Lt. Edward W. Gould, New Hampshire, '41; Capt.

Harry Y. McSween, Presbyterian, '40; Lt. Col. Sylvester L. Stephan, Ohio, '35; Lt. Allan H. Brown, III, Colgate, '35, posthumously; 1st Lt. William C. Johnson, UCLA.

ARMY, NAVY AIR MEDALS

Lt. John H. Card, Dartmouth, ex-'43, with three oak leaf clusters for 26 missions over France and Germany.

S/Sgt. T. G. Williams, Jr., Florida, with three oak leaf clusters for more than thirty missions over enemy territory.

Lt. Col. George G. Shackley, Purdue, '40, with three oak leaf clusters for more than twenty missions over Europe.

Lt. William G. Hutchinson, Norwich, '45, with three oak leaf clusters for 25 combat missions as navigator on a B-17.

Lt. Jack P. Martin, Oregon State, with oak leaf clusters for missions over Rabaul. Major William C. Bowen, Jr., Florida, '41, for service in France.

Lt. Berchard H. Grimm, NYU, '42, aviator, for action in North African campaign.

Major Frank Ross, Delaware, '42, with oak leaf cluster, action against Germany.

Lt. Del Minner, Delaware, '35, by Admiral Nimitz for action in Pacific.

S/Sgt. Joseph Rowland, Delaware, '45, with oak leaf clusters for action over Germany.

Lt. Jack S. Teddy, California, and two citations, as a bombardier.

Pledge Everett Harwell, California, for missions over Europe.

Previously listed: Lt. Herbert Welby George, Montana, '38, Navy; Lt. Walter T. Miles, Massachusetts State, '41, with two oak leaf clusters; Lt. John L. Ryan, Monmouth, '42, with oak leaf cluster; Lt. Thomas P. Mayo, Norwich, ex-'43; Lt. Walter T. Miles, Massachusetts State, '41, with two oak leaf clusters; Lt. Paul A. Ziegler, UCLA, '42, with two oak leaf clusters; Major Owen G. Birt-whistle, Rhode Island, '36; Lt. Wayne A. Stover, Penn State, '38; Lt. Robert E. Wirt, California, '43, with two clusters; Lt. Robert E. Boak, Ohio, '42; Capt. Napoleon A. Shaka, Norwich, '38; Lt. Col. Loren C. McCollom, Washington State, '36; Capt. Robert E. Wirt, California, '43; 1st Lt. Charles C. Bliss, UCLA, '37; Lt. Edward Gould, New Hampshire, '41; Lt. William W. Thompson, Washington College, '38; Lt. Kenneth Matson, Michigan, ex-'43; Capt. James Walters, Rochester, '37; 1st Lt. Harold C. Wingfield, Jr., Birmingham-Southern, '42; S/Sgt. Nick Beals Smith, Cincinnati, ex-'42; Major Frank Ross, Delaware, '42; Lt. Wayne Stover, Penn State, '38; 1st Lt. William C. Johnson, UCLA.

OTHER CITATIONS

Col. Robert H. Pepper, '17, by Admiral Halsey for Tulagi action and presidential unit citation with First Marine Division.

Lt. (jg) Robert Hanna, '45, by Admiral Nimitz for duty in the Pacific area.

Lt. Jack Teddy, California, Air Corps, two citations for service in European war theater.

Sgt. Donald C. Crumbaker, Michigan, '42, for action in New Guinea.

1st Lt. John E. Boydston, California, '41, for outstanding performance of duty.

Previously listed: Major Fred P. Henderson, Purdue, '34, Marine Corps; Capt. Lawrence Tanberg, North Dakota State, '42; Major Howard T. Wright, UCLA, '35; Lt. Robert W. Krumrine, Jr., Colgate, '40; Capt. William L. Blake, Illinois, '33.

Theta Chi News Letter for Service Men

[This is to be torn out and mailed along with a letter perhaps by parents, wives, brothers, sisters, or fraternity brothers to men who are not receiving *The Rattle* at their service address.]

Athens, Ohio, October 25, 1944

Dear Brother in Service:

As I sit writing this letter to you colleges and universities in Theta Chi's broad domain are getting under way for the fall semester. While the campuses are not exactly the same as when you were in classrooms and laboratories, life there is perhaps more normal than you might expect. That doesn't mean that students and faculty members are not conscious of what is going on in the world of which you are so definitely a part. Newspapers, the radio, documentary films, stories of men who have returned from service, picture magazines, books, all are helpful in making us realize perhaps for the first time in history the realities of war. These close-ups, inadequate as they must be, give us some appreciation of the things that you are doing that the way of life which has meant so much to us in the past may be retained, and that our children and yours some day may live in a world of opportunities free from fear. There is often a feeling of wonder that you are able to do so much and to undergo experiences that try both body and soul. All of us, I am sure, want to do everything possible to make the ultimate victory that will return you to normal living as complete and as early as possible. If we are not doing all that is possible or if we are not doing what we are trying to do well, it is, I am sure, because we do not know what to do or how to do it.

Those of us who are on college campuses often wonder whether life should be as similar to normal times as it is. Frankly we have not yet learned a better way, and so campus life continues much as you knew it, and we hope that that is the way that you might wish it and that through our efforts the world will be a better place in which to live after you have made it a safer place.

This fall enrollments of civilian students on most Theta Chi campuses are larger than they were last year, both of men and, in case of co-educational institutions, of women. In fact, the registration of women has in many cases broken all previous records, making housing problems that in some cases have been solved only by taking over vacant fraternity houses temporarily as residences for women. On a single Theta Chi campus this fall ten additional fraternity houses were rented for this purpose. Not only are the women taking over fraternity houses, but they are taking over leadership in many fields of campus activities. The present situation offers an opportunity for them, and at the same time places a responsibility upon them, for, if the activities are worth while, their preservation by women students is a desirable contribution.

While a considerable number of Theta Chi chapter houses are being used for student dormitories and for other university purposes, the number that are housing undergraduate chapters is steadily increasing. The exact figures will be given in the winter issue of *The Rattle*. One of the surprising things about the wartime situation has been the number of men who have been initiated into the fraternity the past year, despite the fact that many

chapters were closed and others were operating on a limited basis. If early reports of fall rushing are an indication, the number of men pledged and initiated this academic year will exceed last year's total. This is due to two things: more high school graduates are entering college instead of going into war industries and men discharged from the military services are finding their way to the campuses either to continue an interrupted college education or to start on one. Both groups are providing rushing material, and, while chapters for the most part are not able to offer many things that have in the past helped to make membership appealing, they can still offer the basic element: the spirit of fraternalism that develops lifelong friendships.

All of you, I expect, know that the government is making it possible for men honorably discharged from the armed forces to secure a college education either on the undergraduate or the graduate level, or is providing the opportunity for refresher or retraining courses. Under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 a man who was 25 years of age or under at the time of entering service can within two years after he has been discharged or after the war ends enroll in any approved educational or training institution. His scholastic expenses, such as tuition, fees, and books, will be paid for by the government up to \$500 a year, while he will also be paid a subsistence allowance of \$50 a month, or \$75 a month if he has one or more dependents. If the conduct and the educational progress of the person is satisfactory, he is entitled to this aid for a period not to exceed the time he was in active service following September 15, 1940, and before the termination of the war, exclusive of any period he was assigned to the ASTP or the navy college training program. The total period of education is not to exceed four years.

This generous provision should encourage those whose education has been interrupted to complete their college education and should mean that thousands will take the opportunity to enter upon a college education. College and university enrollment will go to record heights, and fraternity chapters will profit thereby.

That Theta Chis will return to their respective campuses from service at home and abroad, eager to reestablish their chapters and make them finer institutions than they have been in the past is indicated in the numerous letters written to fraternity officials and to me as editor of *The Rattle*. Through their experiences they have gained an appreciation of fraternity that makes them desirous of making their chapter a vital force. The War Service Emergency Fund, now exceeding \$4,000, is one source of evidence, for many of the contributors to it are men in the armed services.

Not only you brothers in service are proving your devotion to Theta Chi, but your mothers are doing likewise. Mrs. Burton B. Lowry, mother of five Theta Chis and mother-in-law to another, has given an authoritative

answer to those who question the value of a college fraternity, while other mothers have made contributions to the War Emergency Service Fund or are editing and circulating chapter news publications to keep the organizations together.

Theta Chis can certainly take a tremendous amount of pride in the role their fraternity brothers are playing in this World War II. One of these pages lists, for instance, decorations, both national and foreign, given members of our fraternity. The gallant deeds justifying this recognition would fill many pages. The story of Lt. Col. B. H. Vandervoort, hobbling along at the head of his paratroopers with the aid of a crutch to win victory over the Nazis at Ste. Mere-Eglise, is but one of the dramatic tales in which Theta Chis have been playing leading roles. The capture of 564 Germans, including the nephew of Baron von Richthofen, top German air ace in World War I, by Major Carl Lindstrand, Delaware, '33, another American officer, and two French civilians in a single operation will be another page in the history of World War II.

Theta Chi leadership is also recognized through many recent promotions. Topping the list are John D. Barker, Norwich, ex-'19, and Frank A. Henning, North Dakota State, '19, who are now brigadier generals. As chief of special services on the staff of General Eisenhower in Europe, Col. Oscar N. Solbert, Worcester, '08, has charge of all the movies, USO shows, GI theatricals, athletic programs and contests, and musical entertainment provided in the United Kingdom and liberated Europe. Lt. (sg) Philip B. Spear, Jr., Michigan, '23, is harbor master at Guam.

A Theta Chi veteran of World War I was honored June 10 when a Liberty Ship slid down the ways at Portland, Maine, after being christened the USS Ernest W. Gibson after the senator from Vermont, who died June 20. Alpha Chapter could take pride in that as well as in the notable record of Prof. John B. Johnson, '79, oldest Theta Chi on the Pacific Coast, whose death occurred September 27.

Theta Chis are following some outstanding football players this fall: Robert Westfall, who as captain of Michigan's 1941 football team made All-American, this fall joined the Detroit Lions at one of the largest salaries ever paid a football player; Robert Hoernschemyer, '47, whose return to Indiana this season made that university a serious Big Ten contender; James McMillen, Raymond Reif, and Norman Tarnow, who are helping Purdue in its fight to remain a championship team. In the sport field, William G. Mokrav, Rhode Island, '29, is in charge of Boston's first series of seven double-header basketball contests.

Theta Chis will also watch the political arena in which Warren Magnuson, Washington, '27, seeks the senatorship from the state of Washington, and William B. Barry, NYU, '25, and Eugene J. Keogh, NYU, '27, are striving to retain their seats in

Congress from New York districts. All are Democrats.

Participating in the 36th National Interfraternity Conference at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, November 24-25, will be National President Frederick W. Ladue as a member of the Executive Committee of the NIC, class of '44; Maxwell E. McDowell as a member of the Law Committee; George Starr Lasher as chairman of the Publicity Committee. These three with George W. Chapman and Francis H. S. Edie will be Theta Chi's delegates and alternates to the Conference.

Some of you may be interested in the fact that the fraternity's jeweler, L. G. Balfour, is marketing a handsome Theta Chi service ring, mounted with either the fraternity's distinctive badge or crest and bearing on the V for Victory shank the service insignia for the Army, Army Air Force, Engineers, Ordnance, Army Medical, Navy, Navy Air Force, Marine Corps, or Tank Corps. With the badge mounting, the price is \$8 for a sterling silver ring with 10 karat badge mounting; \$19.50 for 10 karat yellow gold; for two dollars extra onyx or pearl stone may be secured. Similar rings with a coat of arms instead of the badge mounting are two dollars less. There is the usual 20% federal tax, of course.

As yet, only 500 of Theta Chi's several thousand servicemen have sent in the Theta Chi service record repeated below. If you have not done so, please fill it out and mail immediately, as a satisfactory service directory will be impossible without more thoroughgoing co-operation. While it is doubtful if any other fraternity magazine is publishing more service news than *The Rattle*, I would like to do a more complete job. That is also up to you. Please write me of your experiences and of news of other Theta Chis.

Always fraternally yours,

George Starr Lasher

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THETA CHI SERVICE RECORD

To Those To Whom Tribute Is Due

GOLD STARS

- Lt. John H. Card, Dartmouth, ex-'43, son of John H. Card, Norwich, '11, died June 30, 1944, in Algeria of an accidental gunshot wound.
- Lt. Donald A. Larson, Ohio, '42, killed when the Marines landed in June to take Saipan from the Japanese.
- Lt. Charles Wooding Hutchinson, Massachusetts State, '35, ex-president of Theta Chapter, died July 24, 1944 in France from wounds received two days earlier.
- S/Sgt. T. G. Williams, Jr., Florida, killed in an airplane crash in England, July 5, 1944.
- Walter Eugene Bond, Rochester, '39, killed on the Italian front, June 4, 1944.
- Lt. Robert Bruce Holman, Dartmouth, '44, bombardier on a four-engine bomber, killed in England, June, 1944.
- Lt. Phil R. Miller, Colgate, '41, Flying Fortress navigator, killed in a flight over Germany, January 11, 1944.
- Lt. Eugenio L. Bonafin, Norwich, '43, killed in action in France, July 13, 1944.
- Capt. Ellis S. Allen, Jr., Hampden-Sydney, '30, Medical Corps, died January, 1944.
- Lt. William Ralph Laire, Birmingham-Southern, '43, killed in action over Denmark, February 22, 1944.
- 2nd Lt. Salter Storrs Clark, Norwich, '44, killed over robot bomb coast in France, February 28, 1944.
- Jack Collins Sullivan, Michigan, '39, killed in a plane crash, June 6, 1944.
- Sgt. Robert C. Ratliff, Illinois, '33, killed in action in the Southwest Pacific, April 12, 1944.
- Major Carl I. Changstrom, Nebraska, '27, died in Battle Creek (Mich.) hospital, June 14, 1944.
- Lt. (jg) John G. Byrnes, Rhode Island State undergraduate, aviator, killed in Europe, August, 1944.
- Pvt. Adrian Knott, pledge at Rhode Island State, killed in action overseas.
- Major Frank M. Ross, Delaware, '42, killed in action over France, April, 1944.
- Lt. (jg) F. Gerrish Gassaway, Delaware, '44, killed in a plane crash, August 24, 1944.
- Pvt. Frank T. Higgins, NYU, '42, killed in battle of Saipan, July, 1944.
- Lt. James David Yurk, a Beta Kappa, killed in Italy, July 1, 1944.
- Ward R. Vincent, Stanford, '35, Navy Medical Corps, killed at Tarawa, November 20, 1943.
- 2nd Lt. Albert Von Block, Lehigh, '43, killed in Italy, July 17, 1944.
- Capt. Robert T. Viles, UCLA, '44, member of a fighter squadron, killed in action.
- 1st Lt. Robert G. Greene, Air Corps, Birmingham-Southern, '46, died in England from injuries in a bomb explosion.
- Lt. Glenn Edwin Terry, Jr., Air Corps, Oregon State, ex-'44, killed in action.
- Capt. Robert Buckingham, Norwich, '35, medical officer, killed in action in China.
- Lt. Ralph Leland Russel, Oregon, killed near Brest, France, September 8, 1944.

Previously listed: Lt. George K. Williams, Purdue, '40, March 25, 1941; Staff Sgt. Fred L. Pankey, Oregon, '39, June 20, 1941; Ensign Robert Sinclair Booth, Jr., Maryland, ex-'36, December 7, 1941; George Harkness, Penn State, '39, 1942; Leonard Ballif, Oregon, ex-'43, 1942; John L. Collins, Washington College, '40, July 13, 1942; Grant Teats, Oregon State, '41, June 3, 1942; Capt. John N. Nevins, Colgate, '40, September, 1942; Capt. George Newgard, North Dakota State, '38; Lt. Richard W. Brett, Akron, '38, November 8, 1942; Lt. Walter C. Henning, California, '40, January, 1943; Capt. Harl Pease, New Hampshire, '39, August 7, 1942; Karl Allen Oliver, Washington State, '38, U.S.N., 1940; Lt. Oscar U. Cook, Jr., Alabama, Feb. 9, 1943; Lt. Stevens Graves, Illinois, '39, Jan. 16; Sgt. G. I. Taylor, Georgia Tech, November 29, 1942; Major Walter Harrison Smith, Michigan, ex-'17; Lt. James B. Ashley, Michigan, '38-41m, 1943; Eugene M. Greene, Rhode Island State, '40, 1942; Capt. Robert S. Sorensen, Ohio State, '25, 1943; Capt. Eugene L. McGee, Oregon, '41, May 29, 1943; Lt. Col. Girvelle Field, Norwich, '20, 1943; Capt. John P. Saunders, Richmond, '40, July 27, 1943; Lt. James R. Dunn, Pittsburgh, '40, March 31, 1943; Lt. Ralph Lehr, Purdue, '40, March 3, 1943; Lt. Paul R. Larson, Illinois, '39, November 17, 1942; Paul Leslie Ewalt, Illinois Wesleyan, '42, May 13, 1943; Ensign Arthur M. Taylor, North Dakota State, ex-'38, 1943; Lt. Richmond N. Allen, Norwich, '32, February 14, 1943; William C. Schrouder, UC LA, '43, May, 1943; Lt. Charles M. Cannon, Jr., Florida, '39, 1943; Charles W. Wood, Stanford, '39, civilian Airlines employe, 1943; Robert Hunter, Fresno State, December 7, 1941; Joseph A. Brady, Jr., Hamline, '38, July 20, 1942; Lt. Jack Ryan, Monmouth, '42, Army Air Corps, 1943; Capt. Charles H. Cooke, Jr., Norwich, '33, July 13, 1943; Ensign Donald E. Brown, Akron, '42, August 27, 1943; Lt. William E. Somers, Jr., Washington State, February 22, 1944; Pvt. Arthur Franklin Amadon, Jr., Rensselaer, ex-'45, February 18, 1944; Lt. Norman Angell, Oregon, in 1943; Harry Hewitt, Oregon, in 1944; Lt. Allan H. Brown, III, Colgate, '35, February 12, 1944; Ensign Lee C. Miller, Michigan State, December, 1943; Lt. Alton E. Dryden, Jr., N. R., Washington College, '40, Feb. 1, 1944; Lt. Wendell Roy Hovey, Massachusetts State, '35, December 27, 1943; Lt. Frederick Alfred Weibel, Jr., Hamilton, '39; Lt. (jg) Reed Hartnett, Washington College, '41, March 5, 1944; 2nd Lt. Williams H. Myers, Birmingham-Southern, '40, July 12, 1944; Lt. Jack W. Kirk, New Hampshire, '41, May 6, 1943; Capt. Joseph Ford Berry, New Hampshire, '38, July 11, 1943; Lt. G. Wynn Whitmyre, New Hampshire, '41, November 11, 1942; Avi-

ation Cadet Roderick W. Smith, Jr., New Hampshire, '45, July, 1943; Raymond R. Giordano, Rhode Island State, '42, March 31, 1943; John A. McGunagle, Jr., Rhode Island State, ex-'44, July, 1943; Charles A. Salley, Rhode Island State, ex-'38, October, 1943; Lt. Loyal Felts, Oregon State, '38, November 9, 1942; Lt. Wilfred Grenfell, Oregon State, '38, November 11, 1943; Lt. Joseph Paul Heltman, Pittsburgh, '28, March 20, 1943; Lt. Col. Moultrie Powell Freeman, Presbyterian College, December 13, 1943; Capt. Howard B. Larlee, Rutgers, '36, March 4, 1943; Ensign Robert Dee Weaver, Purdue, '43, August, 1943; Cpl. Robert Evangelist Joseph Paris, Michigan State, '43, in 1944; S/Sgt. Nick Beals Smith, Cincinnati, '42, August 16, 1943; 1st Lt. Harry R. Jones, Dickinson, '41, March 13, 1944; Capt. John Wesley Moore, Washington State, '30, April, 1944; Charles Eldridge Dunn, Maine, ex-'43, October 28, 1943; Lt. Henry L. Halverson, Wisconsin, March 22, 1944; Capt. Floyd G. Wood, UCLA, '30, January 17, 1944; Col. Robert Truman Phinney, Norwich, '02, December 23, 1941; Sgt. Eugene Arter Myers, Allegheny, '29, August 2, 1941.

MISSING IN ACTION

- Kermit Hillman Neal, Maine, '46, stationed in England, reported missing in action.
- Sgt. Richard E. Pierce, '34, reported missing in action, April, 1944, in Italy.
- Lt. (jg) Reed Held, Penn State, '44, has been missing since January 4, 1944.
- Capt. Howard Wertman, Ohio, '41, reported missing in action in the South Pacific since July.
- Lt. (jg) Robert Johnson, Ohio, Coast Guard, reported missing in action in the Atlantic area.
- Lt. John J. LaCastro, Rhode Island State, reported missing in action in Italy since April.
- Previously listed: John Roberts, Alabama, '39; Lt. Fred Wallenberg, Washington State, '39; Lt. Arthur P. Murphy, California, '37; Pledge Thomas Nelson, Jr., California, '41; Lt. Canoll Castell, Washington College, '36; Melville Eaton, Massachusetts State, '41; Lt. Harry E. French, UCLA, '42; Lt. John E. Bentley, Worcester, '40; Lt. (jg) Oscar William Bersenbrugge, Wisconsin, '38; Capt. Einar Iver Mickelson, North Dakota State, '39; Lt. Phil R. Miller, Colgate, '41; Lt. William R. Lavies, Birmingham-Southern, '43; Capt. Oliver J. Nordby, North Dakota, '42; Ensign George Riggan, Maryland; Lt. George Melvin Walter, Purdue, '39; Lt. Salter Storrs Clark, Norwich, ex-'44; Lt. Horace Neff, Syracuse; 1st Lt. Harold C. Wingfield, Jr., Birmingham-Southern, '42; Lt. Donald Garniss, Minnesota, '42; Lt. (jg) Edward William Tolin, North Dakota State, ex-'43; Ensign Earl Rubens, Rochester, '35; Lt. Samuel Wilson, Rhode Island State; Capt. Lewis T. Stoneburner, Richmond.

Fund To Help 68 Chapters Meet War Needs Is \$4129

■ From overseas, from camps in this country, from mothers, from brothers of service men, from alumni, and from undergraduates have come bills, money orders, and checks to increase the Theta Chi War Service Emergency Fund to a total of \$4,129 and the number of contributors to 609, as of September 22. The need of the fund to rehabilitate chapters and to keep the service men of Theta Chi's sixty-eight chapters in touch with their fraternity becomes more urgent as here and there efforts are being made to re-establish groups that have been dormant. Each month brings a larger number of men back to this country to be discharged. Many of them are returning to their respective campuses. Theta Chi chapters ought to be ready to bid their members welcome.

Perhaps the following letters will make you conscious of what the men in service are hoping for:

APO 192, c/o P.M., New York City
... Just received *The Rattle* for Spring of 1944. Kinda swell to get it over here in India. Took it in to the mess to read at afternoon tea. We have developed that famous English habit here due to our close association with them. Well, a fellow officer with whom I have worked for about two months said, "What the hell—a *Rattle!*" Turns out that Capt. Emerson Page, Oregon, '42, is a brother. Small world.

Well, since my last communication to you I've traveled quite a bit, was transferred to Air Transport Command last December and assigned to India-China Division. I spent the first six months of 1944 up in Assam at the western terminus of the Hump run and recently was assigned as one of the assistant Air Corps supply officers at headquarters in Calcutta.

Captain Page is doing a similar job in some section. I'm sorry, yet proud to hear of what the brothers are doing. I'd say we have a lot to feel proud about in Theta Chi. Future reunions at Alpha Gamma and Epsilon and all the other houses will last far into the night with tales of strange sights and places. The real stories of courage and effort will not be told, but the minds of all will be full, and as the fireplace glows and the old songs are sung a silent prayer will be offered for those brothers who have given their all.

Over here, not in the city where I am, but in the bahas of Assam and the jungles of Burma, the hills of China, and all places where men are gathered there must be at least one Theta Chi in the vicinity. He may pass on, and thus our rolls decrease. So you fellows and brothers back there must keep the thing that binds us

together going. We'll need it when we get back and are restless. I hope to get out where there is some action soon. Good luck—Albert H. Bellamy, Jr., Michigan, ex-'35 (Capt. AC)

54 Oread Street, Worcester, Mass.
... Will you please find enclosed another check, and credit it to my son, Pvt. G. W. Webb, 11085717, Fort Bragg, N. C. I am trying to interest thirty-six other mothers of sons who were at Middlebury last year to do the same. My idea: One dollar a month for the duration as a pledge and maybe the beginning of a Mothers' Club at Beta Mu, Middlebury.—Mrs. George F. Webb.

526 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
... My son, Cpl. William Burton Wolff, NYU, '43, now stationed somewhere in New Guinea with the U. S. Army Air Force, asked me to please send you this check as a contribution toward the Theta Chi War Emergency Service Fund. May God bless you in this good work you are doing and may your fund go over the top.—Mrs. Ada J. Wolff.

13 Mississippi Ave., Joliet, Ill.
... I have just returned to the States after 34 months of active duty. I would like to express my appreciation to you for sending *The Rattle* to me. It is about the only way a man can find out where the old gang is located. I spent two months in the hospital at Calcutta recuperating from wounds received while on a combat mission over Burma. After recovering, I was sent back to the States where I spent another month at the Gardiner General Hospital in Chicago for malaria. Starting this month I shall send a dollar a month, the amount I would be paying in national dues if I was still in college.—James H. Balma, Pittsburgh, '42 (Sgt. Air Corps).

123 Ash St., New Bedford, Mass.
... Enclosed you will find a contribution for the Theta Chi Emergency Fund to be credited to my son, George W. Sullivan, Middlebury, '43. I also wish to pledge one dollar per month for the duration. I am glad to do this at the suggestion of Mrs. George F. Webb of Worcester, Mass., who is organizing a Mothers' Club for the boys of Beta Mu Chapter. Our son is now in the South Pacific after serving a stretch on a destroyer escort convoying on the South Atlantic. He is now aboard a sub chaser.—Laura P. Sullivan.

Wakenan Gen. Hosp.,
Camp Atterbury, Ind.
... Can't we exert more influence on the brethren who fail to recognize the validity of their responsibility to the Service Fund? Irrespective of the moral and business aspects of the campaign, the honor to our late beloved Brother Nick should spur the most insensitive to immediate action. Incidentally, where is Alpha's pride?—Walter H. Weatherill, Alpha, '44.

Malin, Oregon
... 1st Lt. Walter H. Stastny, Oregon

State, '39, with the Medical Corps in the Armored Force is in France. Enclosed is my contribution to the Theta Chi War Chest which I gladly dedicate to making a better Theta Chi available to the boys that come back and to give them the opportunity to enjoy the fraternal benefits of a college fraternity. To those that fail to return it is in memoriam.—Edwin J. Stastny, Oregon State, '38.

University of Connecticut, Storrs
... The enclosed contribution is made as a memorial to Wendell R. Hovey, '35, and Charles W. Hutchinson, '35, of Theta Chapter at Massachusetts State College. These two Theta Chis have made the supreme sacrifice in the fight to preserve peace and democracy cherished by all true Americans. I sincerely hope that every Theta Chi alumnus and undergraduate will feel it his privilege to swell the War Service Emergency Fund so that returning Theta Chis may be assisted in resuming a normal chapter life.—Owen S. Trask, Theta, '36.

England
... I am enclosing a contribution to Theta Chi. You will note that it is a U. S. paper bill; and I have saved it to send to you. I have been here over three months now, but have just gotten around to write. Best of luck to you and in what you are doing. I hope it isn't long until I can be back doing something for Theta Chi once again.—Richard B. Kimball, Syracuse, '39 (1st Lt., A. C.)

Buffalo, New York
... The enclosed check for the Emergency Fund is the first opportunity I have had to be of any tangible assistance to Theta Chi. I hope that my small contribution will help swell the fund to keep and preserve all the Theta Chi stands for.—J. Gaylord Glenn, Jr., Rensselaer, '35.

Massene, New York
... I wish to do my part in helping to re-establish Theta Chi at Syracuse as well as the other colleges and universities; so with that thought in mind I am enclosing a check to be added to the general fund.—Gerald Lockrow, Syracuse, '29.

Vallejo, California
... I enclose a check for the National Emergency Fund. I am in accord with your program. We must be financially sound when this war is over as we will have real work to do at that time—Herbert Sand, North Dakota.

Springfield, Missouri
... You really have advanced Theta Chi since Delta came in; and it must stay up there. It's been in existence too long to be folded up now.—Earl R. Scrafford, Rensselaer, '09.

Overseas
... Enclosed is my contribution to the War Service Fund. I hope to increase this on receipt of my next *Rattle*. I thoroughly enjoy the magazine, though at this time it takes considerable time to reach me. I think your roster of all Theta Chis in the service a splendid idea.—T. A. Bravos, Stanford, '42 (Captain).

■ In the list that follows will be found those members who have contributed to the War Service Emergency Fund since July 1, together with the total number of contributors from each chapter up to September 22, and the total of their contributions.

Alpha—Cpl. George F. Adams, '15; Harold R. Orr, '24; 12, \$66.
 Beta—Clyde A. Benson, '22; Capt. Thomas E. Sears, Jr., '32; 8, \$33.
 Gamma—Robert E. C. Speed, '44; 7, \$66.
 Delta—James G. Crump, '20; Gustav A. Partenfelder, '11; 23, \$168.
 Epsilon—Carl F. Meyer, '22; 12, \$90.
 Zeta—Robert B. Stewart, '43; 15, \$59.25.
 Eta—Harold W. Browning, Jr., '46, 7, \$50.
 Theta—Pfc. Richard F. Jackson, '45; Owen S. Trash, '36; Lt. Elmer R. Warner, '44; In memory of Wendell R. Hovey, '35; and C. W. Hutchinson, '35; 20, \$113.
 Iota—Lt. (jg) Jere D. Gilmour, '42; Perry J. Stevenson, '14; 30, \$139.
 Kappa—Lt. (jg) Charles B. Aldridge, '32; 8, \$43.
 Lambda—Joseph L. Boyer, '42; Lucius W. Johnson, Jr., '47; Herman F. Seep, '31; 11, \$59.
 Mu—Raymond A. Andresen, '35; Hilary Crawford, '44; 22, \$136.
 Nu—2, \$6.
 Xi—6, \$27.
 Omicron—4, \$23.
 Pi—7, \$33.
 Rho—James H. White, '23; 9, \$51.
 Sigma—Lt. Jack P. Martin, '41; 11, \$140.50.
 Tau—2, \$12.
 Upsilon—Harold E. Djourup, '31; George J. Erickson, '38; Ensign John C. Heim, '43; Eugene J. Keogh, '27; Cpl. William B. Wolff, '43; 38, \$453.
 Phi—S/Sgt. Paul M. Brostrom, '44; Major Max R. Hughes, '29; Paul E. Huss, '43; Lloyd E. Kelly, '16; 27, \$144.
 Chi—James H. Allen, '20; 7, \$57.
 Psi—Paul J. Hunt, '37; 6, \$58.
 Omega—12, \$79.
 Alpha Beta—S/Sgt. James H. Balma, '43; Capt. Harold W. Byers, '38; 7, \$57.
 Alpha Gamma—John W. Ackenhusen, '45; Robert Bridge, '16; Pvt. John E. Brown, '46; William L. Chase, '28; Ensign Colvin L. Gibson, USNR, '40; Lew Greiner, '36; Lt. Comdr. Kenneth W. Hartwell, '33; Cpl. Richard A. Harvey, '44; William D. Hawes, '44; George W. Johnston, '30; Ensign Milton E. Kettler, '44; Eugene B. Power, '28; John H. Thompson, '41; Carl B. Schoonmaker, '25; Richard F. Shroth, '39; Leon C. Smith, '22; 29, \$186.62.
 Alpha Delta—9, \$71.
 Alpha Epsilon—5, \$19.50.
 Alpha Zeta—3, \$13.00.
 Alpha Eta—1, \$5.
 Alpha Theta—5, \$32.
 Alpha Iota—Morgan Z. Ketchum, '46; 6, \$37.
 Alpha Kappa—no contributors.
 Alpha Lambda—Major N. W. Kuebler, '27; 4, \$13.50.
 Alpha Mu—19, \$73.
 Alpha Nu—1, \$20.
 Alpha Xi—Walter P. Paul, Jr., '43; 12, \$62.
 Alpha Omicron—Ensign Theodore W. Alverson, '44; Fred B. Bowman, '27; Dr. Walter J. Krebs, '44; Donald A. Mitchell, '29; Robert L. Salter, AMM 2/c, '43; Charles W. Schulke, '40; L. E. Strausz, '41; Pfc. Stanley W. Thiel, '43; Morgan F. White, '26; 15, \$83.
 Alpha Pi—Lt. Stanton Aby, '29; Lt.

Hannaford On Grand Chapter

■ Duke O. Hannaford, California, '22, for a number of years counselor of Region IX, has been chosen national historian of Theta Chi Fra-



Duke O. Hannaford

ternity to fill the vacancy in the Grand Chapter caused by the resignation of Lt. (jg) Clair N. Fishell, California, '29. The latter, who is in the Naval Air Transport Service, recently was

given an assignment which will take him out in the Pacific. As a result, he felt that he would not be in a position to give time and effort to the fraternity. His new service address is Air Cargo Terminal, Navy 29, FPO, San Francisco.

Duke Hannaford has been actively interested in the progress of Theta Chi Fraternity since his initiation by Mu Chapter in September, 1919. As an undergraduate he was prominent in extracurricular activities, being business manager of *The Occident*, a member of the freshman and varsity track teams, Golden Bear Society, English Club, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Alpha Kappa Psi.

In 1924 he secured his MBA degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He served the Pearsons Taft Company of San Francisco as statistician and later the Henry L. Doherty Co., as field manager. In 1934 he became a partner in the firm Hannaford & Talbot, investment securities.

Mr. Hannaford was a prominent member of the San Francisco Alumni Chapter and had important responsibilities in connection with the two national conventions held in San Francisco. For the present he will continue as counselor of Region IX.

Richard C. Blanding, '42; Phillip O. Rosendahl, '44; 12, \$40.50.
 Alpha Rho—Gerald L. Corkrum, '45; Capt. William E. Smith, '38; Lt. Harold H. Widsteen, '40; 10, \$88.
 Alpha Sigma—Pvt. Gordon W. Gullian, '45; Ensign Philip B. Putnam, Jr., '44; 10, \$47.50.
 Alpha Tau—5, \$74.
 Alpha Upsilon—Kenneth D. Phillips, '31; Harvey A. Thiele, '28; 2, \$8.
 Alpha Phi—Cyril J. Breza, '40; 3, \$12.
 Alpha Chi—James S. Gould, Jr., '44; 1st Lt. Richard B. Kimball, '39; 6, \$30.50.
 Alpha Psi—Kaeter T. Broach, '22; 8, \$41.
 Alpha Omega—Walter S. Anderson, '30; 2, \$8.
 Beta Alpha—1, \$5.
 Beta Gamma—13, \$80.50.
 Beta Delta—Louis A. Deardorff, '30; 9, \$51.
 Beta Epsilon—1, \$5.
 Beta Zeta—Jack Grady, '42; Donald M. Walling, '44; 5, \$35.
 Beta Eta—Sgt. John Hitchcock, '45; 4, \$18.
 Beta Theta—7, \$74.
 Beta Iota—Capt. Edward H. Andres, Jr., '31; Dr. Vernon L. Mahoney, '15; Vernon Lloyd Mike Maboney, '46; 7, \$55.

Beta Kappa—1, \$25.
 Beta Lambda—C. Edward Hoelzer, '23; Pfc. Wm. F. Slusher, '44; 7, \$31.50.
 Beta Mu—George W. Sullivan, '43; Pvt. George W. Webb, '46; 9, \$37.
 Beta Nu—2, \$20.
 Beta Xi—1, \$5.
 Beta Omicron—Ensign Robert B. Wickes, '46; 14, \$50.
 Beta Pi—2, \$20.
 Beta Rho—no contributors.
 Beta Sigma—3, \$35.
 Beta Tau—3, \$40.
 Beta Upsilon—2, \$10.
 Beta Phi—2, \$7.50.
 Beta Chi—Robert L. Johnson, '46; 2, \$12.
 Beta Psi—1, \$25.
 Beta Omega—no contributors.
 Gamma Alpha—no contributors.
 Gamma Beta—Gilbert B. McCall, S 2/c, '45; Ensign Roy C. McCall, Jr., '43; Ensign Huette C. McCraw, '44; Robert A. McGraw, Jr., '45; 4, \$20.
 Theta Chis at large—12, \$56.
 Bucknell alumni—3, \$35.
 Beta Kappa alumni—11, \$172.63.
 Alumni Chapters—3, \$76.

**RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Ship Named Honoring Theta Chi Senator

■ The late Ernest W. Gibson, Norwich, '94, United States senator and secondary school classmate of President Calvin Coolidge, was the second Theta Chi to be honored by having a wartime vessel named after him. The Liberty Ship was launched June 10 at Portland, Maine, a year after a destroyer escort vessel was christened the USS Booth to honor Ensign Robert Sinclair Booth, Jr., who was killed at Pearl Harbor.

The USS Ernest W. Gibson had as its sponsor Miss Doris Gibson, of Brattleboro, Vt., daughter of Senator Gibson, and among the members of the launching party were Lt. Col. Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., Norwich, '24, who served out his father's term as senator, and Mrs. Ernest W. Gibson, Jr.

The Liberty ship was the 181st cargo vessel to be built by the New England Shipbuilding Corporation at its South Portland yard. It is a

10,500 ton freighter and will carry a full cargo load of 9,000 tons. It is 427 feet long and develops a speed of 10 to 12 knots an hour. It carries a crew of 44 men in addition to a gun crew of 28.

One of Theta Chi's most loyal alumni, Senator Gibson honored his university and his fraternity by a life of outstanding public service. He was born in Londonderry, Vt., December 29, 1871. After his graduation from Norwich University in 1894 he attended the Law School of the University of Michigan and then started his legal career in Montpelier. He was appointed deputy clerk of the United States District Court, located in Brattleboro, Vt.

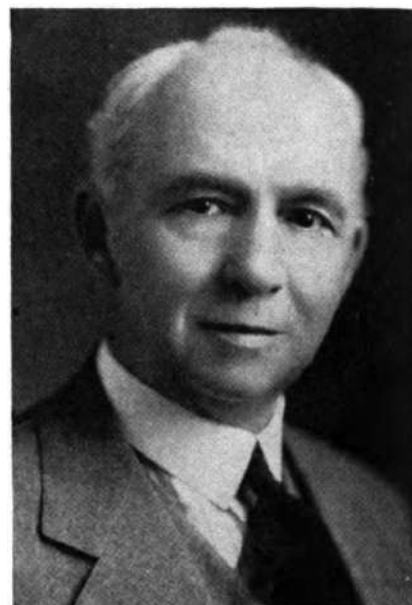
He was elected to the lower house of the Vermont legislature in 1906 and two years later became a member of the state senate of which he was elected presiding officer.

As a member of the National Guard, Senator Gibson saw active service in the Mexican border activity in 1915 and went overseas as a captain in World War I, later achieving the rank of colonel.

In 1922 he was elected to the 68th Congress, but had only served a year when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Senate caused by the death of Senator Hale. He was serving his second elected term in that body at the time of his death June 20, 1940.

■ His son, Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., was appointed to fill out his unexpired term. Besides doing effective work in his father's place, young Senator Gibson was made chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, succeeding William Allen White, who resigned because of ill health.

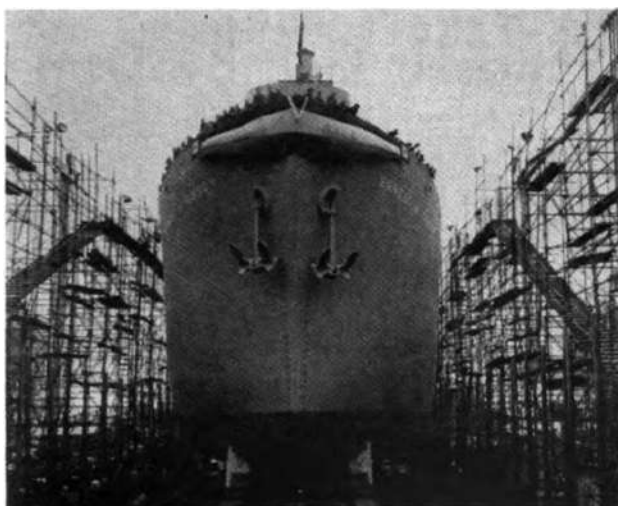
He gave up this responsibility to enter the armed services. Early this summer he returned from active duty in the South Pacific, where he was wounded and also decorated for gal-



Senator Ernest W. Gibson

lantry in action. He is now with Army Intelligence in Washington, D. C. His brother, Preston F. Gibson, Norwich, '29, is also an officer in the Army, but was not able to be present at the launching.

It seems appropriate for a ship to be named in honor of the late Senator Gibson, as he served on the Naval Committee and was particularly active in defense legislation. He visited Hawaii, the Philippines, and other insular possessions to inform himself about needs for defense. He made an inspection trip to the Panama Canal Zone a short time before the heart attack which preceded his death from pneumonia. He was so seriously concerned with the need for defense, that realizing that he might die, he requested that the Senate should not adjourn in his memory, but drive ahead in planning defense measures. The Senate, instead of following its usual custom to adjourn, voted, upon learning of Senator Gibson's death, to recess for an hour and then continue its important work. Tributes emphasized his statesmanship and the qualities that made him a thoroughly liked public servant and personal friend.



The S. S. Ernest W. Gibson Sliding Down the Ways, June 10



At the launching: Lt. Col. E. W. Gibson, Jr., Miss Doris Gibson, the sponsor, Mrs. E. W. Gibson, Jr.

Heads Cook County's Schools

■ Superintendent of one of the largest county school systems in the country is Noble J. Puffer, Illinois Wesleyan, '23, who in Cook County, Illinois, has 194 districts and approximately 4,400 teachers under his di-

■ He is president of the Lions Club, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a member of the Executive Committee of Northwestern Suburban Council of Boy Scouts, a past president of the National Association of County Superintendents, and a member of various state and national educational associations.

As an undergraduate at Illinois Wesleyan he was one of the founders of Pi Mu Epsilon, which became a chapter of Beta Kappa, and he asserts, "The experience in good fellowship through fraternity life is something which I cherish very much." He was made a Theta Chi at the initiation for Chicago Beta Kappas.

Rushing Booklet Aid To Beta Omicron Men

■ "Key to the House of Key Men" is the apt title of a booklet published by Beta Omicron Chapter of Cincinnati for the current rushing season. It contains brief sketches of the twen-

ty members of the chapter and helpful information concerning Theta Chi Fraternity.

The fall rushing season opened with the alumnae rush picnic sponsored by the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter at "Greatways," the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seibert. A treasure hunt, bowling party, house parties, and other rushing events followed. Only thirty new male students registered at the University of Cincinnati for the summer semester in June, but Beta Omicron pledged five of them. Robert Irwin, Charles Fischer, Herbert Jones, and Nicholas Sakelos were midsummer initiates.

What Is It Worth To You?

Just what does it mean to a man overseas to know that an effort is being made to keep his chapter alive? Here's an answer from 1st Lt. John M. Metzger, Penn State, anticipating action in France and Germany: "Enclosed is a check for \$52.50, one 'house bill.' This doesn't begin to pay for what Theta Chi has meant to me."



Noble J. Puffer, Illinois Wesleyan

rection. While Chicago is not a part of the Cook County school system, it does include a number of populous communities, like Evanston, 66,000; Oak Park, 60,000; and Cicero, 55,000.

Superintendent Puffer has a staff of six professional assistants, who visit the schools and offer guidance and help wherever needed. Numerous educational problems have to be faced because of general teacher shortage and financial limitations which make it difficult to meet present day educational demands.

As an undergraduate, Superintendent Puffer became interested in educational administration as a career, but his first position after graduation was as athletic director of the Hartsburg (Ill.) High School. A year later he became assistant principal of the Arlington Heights Township High School, and in 1926 he became assistant county superintendent of Cook County. After he had served seven years in this capacity he was elected superintendent in 1935, and is now serving his third term. He took his master's degree in educational administration at Northwestern University in 1932.

Again One Finds It Can Be Done

By Peter Anthony Di Rito

■ The job of reorganizing Alpha Phi Chapter at Alabama at the start of the school year was left to three members, Neil Dunlap, Robert Cummings, and Pedro Montenegro. As these three did not constitute a sufficient number to warrant the renting of the old house on the campus, the boys let the University rent it to another fraternity. To build up the chapter was a slow, steady process at first, but the three musketeers kept at it, and soon they had twelve actives on their roster and seven pledges. Others active in reorganization were William Batson, Carl Screws, Patrick Amato, and Richard Corr.

The idea hit the brothers that they should try to get the old house back and when the house became vacant, they began to burn the midnight oil figuring out how they could run the house and not go broke. This phase of the job was left to Lee and Dodd.

It was decided to move into the house by the first of April. For the next few weeks the brothers were busy getting the house in shape; there

was not a member of the chapter who did not carry the odor of paint and plaster about him. But the house was soon ready for occupancy.

The chapter has lost a few of its members through graduation and the draft, but the roster still lists seventeen actives and four pledges.

The revived chapter takes a lively interest in campus politics and intramural sports.

■ The present activities of those who left the chapter last semester are: Neil Dunlap, ensign in the Navy; Carl Hallberg, at an Air Corps OCS in Texas; George Puckett, in business with his father in Gadsden, Ala., until the Army calls him; Lloyd Rarig, a second lieutenant at Fort McClellan, Ala.; Larkin Thornhill, a second lieutenant; Pedro Montenegro, a graduate student at Alabama and an employee of the Reichold Chemical Plant, Tuscaloosa; Dominick H. Bizzoco, a medical student in Boston and associated with Beta Chapter; Pledge Robert Batson, playing piano with a name orchestra.

Brigadier Generals Head Promotion List

■ Two more names have been added to Theta Chi's list of brigadier-generals, those of John D. Barker, Norwich, ex-'19, and Frank A. Henning, North Dakota State, '19.

General Barker has had a prominent part in the activities of the General Staff during the present war, being with the operations division in Washington. He has helped in the planning of several invasions. For ten months in 1942-43 he served in North Africa and was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1943.

General Barker entered the Army in 1917, after the completion of his sophomore year at Norwich, where he was serving Alpha Chapter as treasurer. His military service has been entirely in the Air Corps, in which he holds rating as command pilot and combat observer. He has attended the Air Corps Technical School, the Command and General Staff School, and the Army War College and has served as instructor at the Command and General Staff School and the Army and Navy Staff College. He has been detailed on the General Staff 1938-40 and from 1943 to the present.

General Henning, a charter member of Phi Chapter at the time of its installation in 1917, is commanding officer of the 71st Division of Artillery, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He went from North Dakota State to West Point. After his graduation from West Point, he was commissioned a second lieutenant on July 2, 1920.

General Henning was graduated from the Army War College in 1938, the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1935, the field artillery basic course in 1921, and the advanced motors course in 1933. For four years, prior to his assignment to the 71st division on October 21, 1943, General Henning was attached to the General Staff corps in Washington. His work was confined to supply problems for which he was officially commended.

General Henning is married to the former Celeste Lyman, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. E. J. Lyman. They have two sons, William, 9, and Frank A. III, 17, who is attending Sullivan's West Point Preparatory School, Washington, D. C.

■ Captain is the new title of Ralph T. Brotz, Wisconsin, ex-'34, assistant air inspector for the AAF Central Flying Training Command at Randolph Field, Texas. Captain and Mrs. Brotz, and their son, Ralph, are living in McQueeney, Texas.

Promoted to the rank of captain recently was Charles L. Bauer, III, Colgate, at Selman Field, Monroe, La., largest navigation school in the AAF training command, where he is a training and supply officer of Section A. Prior to entering service, he was a law student at Columbia University. Another recent captain at the same field is George D. Leighton, Rochester, a flight commander.

Commissioned at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., in 1942, Arthur H. Leigh, Nevada, '40, was recently promoted at Camp Maxton, N. C., where he serves as instructor and glider pilot. Lieutenant Leigh entered the service in 1939, first taking extensive courses in chemical warfare. He later transferred to the Air Corps. His wife is with him at Camp Maxton.

Promotions among members of Alpha Delta, (Purdue) alumni include Richard E. Harris, '32, to navy lieutenant commander, and Theodore M. Shead, '42, to lieutenant (jg), c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Recently promoted to the office of Navy lieutenant, junior grade, are three classmates of Eta Chapter, Rhode Island State: George Martin, Charles Bergesson, and Richard Sweet. Lt. Frank Cromwell, on duty at Base Weather Station, Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., was another promoted recently.

■ Lieutenant colonel is the new title of Wendell M. Van Sickle, Akron, '37, 29-year-old alumnus of Alpha Lambda Chapter. He is squadron commander at a 5th Army Air Force Liberator base in Italy.

It is now Lt. (jg) Paul W. Neidhardt, Jr., Illinois, '37, former director of public relations for Theta Chi Fraternity. He is aboard a 173-foot sub-chaser in the Atlantic.

Three Alpha Zeta alumni completed their work at Rochester's Medical School and received their commissions, but have nine months of internship ahead: Army 1st Lt. William Smith at the University of

Chicago; Navy Lts. (jg) Lawrence Linderbery at St. Louis City Hospital and Frank Post at Strong Hospital in Rochester.

Edward W. Tobey, New Hampshire, '42, was commissioned a second lieutenant, August 21, 1944, as a navigator. He is now at Boca Raton, Fla., for further instructions in radar, but expects to leave shortly for a replacement training unit.

Richard C. Claymore, Ohio, ex-'45, received his lieutenant's commission September 19, from the Army Air Forces Navigation School of the Hon-do Army Air Field, Texas.

Ensign Robert B. Wickes, Cincinnati, now at Lee Field, Green Cove Springs, Fla., received his wings and commission July 26 and is now flying a Corsair.

Herbert Strohson, Rochester, '45, received his lieutenant's commission at Cornell, June 28.

Walter L. Blocker, Jr., Birmingham-Southern, '44, was recently commissioned a 2nd Lt. upon graduation from the U. S. Marine Officer Training School at Quantico, Va.

Richard B. Kimball, Syracuse, '39, based on England with a bombing group, was recently made a first lieutenant and lead navigator. He had completed twenty missions on September 4.

■ Herbert A. Peters, Washington, '42, was recently promoted to major at the Marine Corps El Toro Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif., where the veteran combat flyer, 21 years of age, is executive officer of a Corsair fighting squadron.

He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Star in lieu of a second similar award.

Peters and a fellow pilot sank a Jap destroyer 150 miles north of Guadalcanal. He is credited with four enemy planes and two probables. In his year of overseas service, the Seattle flyer flew on missions with two well known Marine Corps aces, Major Joe Foss and the missing Major Gregory Boyington.

Sidney B. Wetherhead, Worcester, ex-'45, and Garland L. Clarke, Richmond, ex-'44, were among the men from 43 states who on August 4 won their silver wings at Lubbock Army Air Field, the twin-engine Bobcat base in Texas.

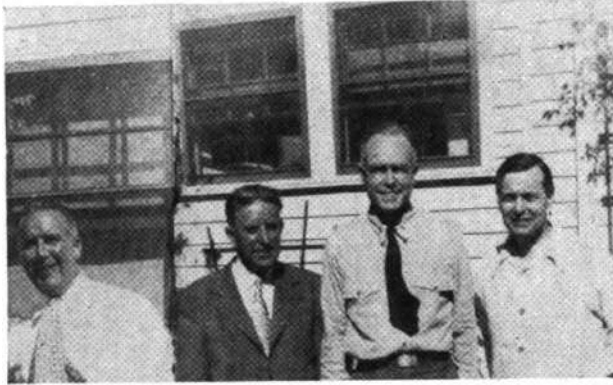
Californians Honor the Ladues

■ Fifty Theta Chis gathered at the Roslyn Hotel the evening of August 17 when National President Frederick W. Ladue was the honor guest of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter. After the dinner President Ladue discussed the situation of Theta Chi Fraternity in the war emergency and then in reply to numerous questions he told of various problems that face the fraternity. The dinner was only one of a number of delightful events which demonstrated the famous Californian hospitality and kept President and Mrs. Ladue almost breathless from the time of their arrival on August 15 to Saturday morning, when they left for San Francisco.

There was an informal reception at the home of Frederick Richman attended by eleven Theta Chis and their ladies Wednesday evening and on Thursday noon a luncheon for Mrs. Ladue at the Jonathan Club at the same time one was given President Ladue at the Beta Tau chapter house, where the president and secretary of Beta Tau Mothers' Club were also guests. Mrs. Ladue was entertained with "symphonies under the stars" at the Hollywood Bowl Thursday evening. Three automobile trips interspersed through the days gave the Ladues an opportunity to see Los Angeles and its environs pretty thoroughly, including the orange groves of Gabriel Valley.

■ From the time President and Mrs. Ladue arrived in San Francisco, August 2, until they left on August 21, a series of official and unofficial meetings, dinners, and other affairs kept them busy.

Upon their arrival at the Ferry Building, Mr. and Mrs. Ladue were met by a group of Theta Chis including the National Historian Clair N. Fishell, Regional Counselor Duke O. Hannaford, San Francisco Alumni President N. K. Bergquam, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Jacobs, and others. Mrs. Ladue was presented with flowers and immediately captivated the committee by her gracious manner.



A. H. Jacobs, President Ladue, C. N. Fishell, D. O. Hannaford

The following Sunday, the Ladues were guests of honor at an open house picnic and barbecue at the home of Fred Benz at Emerald Lake near Redwood City, attended by over sixty-five members and guests. The children were active in badminton, swimming, and other sports, and the old timers were content with visiting, singing, and less active endeavors.

After many years of weekly Wednesday meetings in the Fraternity Club in the Palace Hotel, Theta Chi moved with the Fraternity Club to its new modern quarters at 345 Bush Street in San Francisco, where the Wednesday luncheon meetings will be continued. It was fitting, therefore, that President Ladue could be present on Wednesday, August 9, when the first luncheon in the new club rooms was held. Albert H. Jacobs was chairman of the day, and Lt. Clair Fishell, USN, spoke of Theta Chi matters on the Pacific Coast and the war problems and post war prospects for Theta Chi in this area. He also announced that his request for active service in the Pacific had finally been acted upon and that this service would make his continued tenure of office as national historian impossible.

President Ladue then painted a word picture of the wartime Theta Chi Fraternity. He gave figures showing the large percentage of members who are serving as officers and men in the world conflict. The relatively large number of Theta Chi chapters maintaining active fraternal life either in the chapter houses or elsewhere was mentioned. The important work of restoring the active chapters after the war, on the campus of each col-

lege and university where no member is now enrolled was stressed with the thought that this work rests almost entirely with the alumni groups. Ladue gave examples of the way in which the expense of the Executive Office has been cut to keep pace with the greatly reduced income both from active chapters and invested funds.

On Sunday, August 13, an initiation was held at Nu chapter house at the University of California. Three became undergraduate members: Gerald Austin, Visalia; Robert Sabini, Berkeley; and Jerry Brennan, Reno, Nevada. Also taking the obligations were Charles S. Renwick of Richmond, a former member of the University of Nevada chapter of Delta Sigma Lambda and George J. Burkhard, University of California Delta Sigma Lambda chapter, class of 1927. Both affiliated with Mu Chapter.

Following the initiation, at which the charge was given by A. H. Jacobs, a former member of the Grand Chapter, the actives and alumni present gave fraternity honors to President Ladue and were addressed briefly by him. He especially urged the chapter to remain active and continue the Theta Chi spirit on the campus, but not to compromise on the qualifications of new members.

Chairman of the committee in charge of the San Francisco program of events was Charles Dal Sooy.

Mu Claims Campus Leaders

John Laughlin, '45, 145-lb. division Pacific Association AAU wrestling champion, is captain of California's wrestling team. James Shepard, '45, made his Big C in track, running the 440 low hurdles and the relay and is now on the football squad. A teammate in the low hurdles was Bernard Wanek, '45. Other men of Mu include Irving Heinrich, Navy unit company commander, Phi Phi; Jerry Austin, president Tau Beta Pi; Jerry Ball, Phi Phi; Robert Sabini, V-12 battalion commander; and Jerry Brennan, a transfer from Nevada.

Four Graduated at Rochester

Four seniors were graduated from Alpha Zeta Chapter at the University of Rochester the end of February: Henry Knoll, a Navy reserve; Frank Langley, who is working for an affiliate of the Norden Company in Indianapolis; Robert Hills, a Navy applicant; and Donald Kelly, who is in West Hollywood, Calif., with the Mitchell Camera Co.

GI's Can Thank a Theta Chi For Movie Fun in Europe

■ Col. Oscar N. Solbert, Worcester, '08, now chief of special services on the staff of General Eisenhower in Europe, served as best man at the recent wedding of the Duke of Sutherland in England. Colonel Solbert entered service immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He sat at his desk at the Eastman Kodak Company's offices in Rochester, New York, this October for the first time since August, 1942, being back in this country briefly. He participated in the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" to the company at the Red Wing Stadium and declared the Kodak workers could be proud of the role their products are playing in bringing movie shows to the fighters overseas. At that time he discussed the program for morale-building entertainment he directs for all the American troops in England and liberated Europe.

"In combining to bring current movies, reduced to 16-mm. film, to our soldiers, the photographic and motion-picture industries have made a tremendous contribution to the morale and the battle efficiency of our troops," he said.

■ With but few exceptions, every G. I. in the United Kingdom and liberated Europe has a chance to see a different movie each week, he explained. The troops rate them as their number one entertainment.

"It is nothing unusual for a movie unit to be strafed by the enemy," the colonel stated. "Shows have been put on so close to the front that members of one movie unit recently took prisoners when they entered a barn to set up for a one-night stand only to find a group of Nazis using the building for a hideout. The unit took the Germans captive, and the show went on."

In addition to movies, USO shows, G. I. theatricals, athletic programs and contests, and musical entertainment are the responsibility of Colonel Solbert's command. Another popular "home" contact is a radio system set up by Special Services in the United Kingdoms to bring American-type programs to the troops overseas.

Colonel Solbert, who had been in England for 17 months prior to the invasion of Normandy, landed in France on D-Day plus 9 and since then has spent much of his time near



Col. Oscar N. Solbert, Worcester, '08

the front. He visited Paris while the German and Fascist snipers were still active and reports that many buildings carrying the name Kodak were undamaged.

Colonel Solbert was decorated by Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden, June 27, 1938, being made a chevalier, first class, of the Order of Vasa, an order founded in memory of one of Sweden's early kings. He had twice been in charge of American tours of the crown prince, the first time in 1926 when he was a presidential aide at the White House.

Alpha Nu Keeps Going Despite War Problems

By U. V. Henderson, Jr.

■ Alpha Nu at Georgia Tech had a second semester in which ten men were initiated and seven men pledged. The initiated are: Charles E. Lamb, Clifford J. Bond, Jr., Darius S. Westmoreland, Jr., Edwin L. Rogers. U. V. Henderson, Jr., Warren Van Landingham, Charles Edwin Hodges, Carrell Kimbro, Marion W. Bagwell, Jr., and H. Mirza Amirkhan, Jr. Pledges now are: Jack MacArthur, and Kenneth Shaw. Norman Durfee, a Beta Kappa alumnus, was also initiated into Theta Chi.

Although over half of the membership was made up of Naval V-12 and V-5 students, four civilians lived in the house, and meals were served to about fifteen.

At least one social function, such as a house dance was held every month. There was a hay ride and a garden party, but the highlight of the season was a house party.

In the semester Alpha Nu was visited 38 times by alumni from its own and other chapters, active members from other chapters, pledges from other chapters, and friends. Many of the visitors spent one or more nights. Alpha Nu is always ready to extend real southern hospitality to its brothers from other chapters.

The chapter president, W. S. Johnson, was also president of the Interfraternity Council and the senior class. Alpha Nu lost a number of men in June by graduation, service calls, and transfer: W. S. Johnson, '44, and Hugh Long to Midshipman's School; James Keith, '44, graduation; Joseph Hooten, transfer; Robert Athey and Jack Smith, army; Peter Rogers, service; U. V. Henderson, Charles Lamb, Warren Van Landingham, Merchant Marine Cadet Corps; Pledge James Slack, seaman aboard hospital ship; Pledges Theodore Grissett and Bud Allen, navy; Pledge Jack MacArthur, Army Air Corps Reserve.

New officers elected are: pres., William Capers Rice, Jr.; vice pres., Willie J. Settles; sec., Gordon Hase; treas., Jack Hutchins; marshal, Carroll Kimbro.

Appointed Acting Dean Of Journalism School

■ George S. Turnbull, Oregon, '15, was appointed acting dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon, following the death of Dean Eric W. Allen, founder of the school. He served on the staff of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* after his graduation and in 1917 joined the faculty at Oregon. He secured his master's degree at that institution in 1932.

Dean Turnbull has been secretary of the Oregon Press Conference since 1920. One of his outstanding contributions to the field of journalism is "The History of Oregon Newspapers," published in 1939.

Alpha Delta High in Leadership

■ Despite war, fire, and high water, Alpha Delta at Purdue continues to maintain its record for campus leadership. Back in its own house at 359 Vine Street this semester, it boasts a chapter of normal size: thirteen civilians, living at the house, and three living outside, while more than twenty others are in the V-12 program at Purdue.

James T. Richardson, chapter secretary, is editor-in-chief of the *Exponent*, campus newspaper, president of



James T. Richardson, Purdue, '43

Sigma Delta Chi, secretary-treasurer of Gimlet Club, Purdue's senior leadership society in which Alpha Delta has twice as many members as any other chapter on the campus, Distinguished Student, and a member of the Activities Bureau Electoral Board, Iron Key, Student Honesty Committee, Convocations Committee, and Scrivener Club.

William Peck this fall replaced Paul Davis as senior baseball manager; James McMillen is a member of Purdue's championship football team, on which are also Ray Reif, a V-12 transfer from the Oregon State Chapter, and Pledge Norman Tarnow. William Paisley is advertising manager of *The Exponent*. Peck, Davis, Paisley, McMillen, and Willas Vermilion, Alpha Delta president and former *Exponent* editor are members of the Gimlet Club along with Richardson.

■ Robert Plevo, who contributed so much to the success of the 1943 Boilermaker eleven, is now in the Army, having joined at the end of the 1943 football season. He helped the East to win in the East-West game on New Year's, playing throughout the game except for a few minutes.

Blond six-footer McMillen came to Purdue on a scholarship after a notable athletic record at Riley High School, South Bend, Indiana. He won his freshman numerals in football and boxing in 1942. The next year he played right guard on the varsity football team and was the boxing team's best heavyweight. He also made the varsity wrestling team the first year he went out for that sport.

The outstanding athlete at Purdue's interfraternity track meet in the spring was a pledge of Alpha Delta Chapter, Rudy Dettwyler, who

won the 60-yard low hurdles, the 60-yard high hurdles, and the 440-yard run. James McMillen won the shot put, while Robert Smith and Carl Scholl took fourths in the mile and half mile, respectively. Thus Alpha Delta secured second place in the meet; the chapter also finished second in baseball.

Alpha Delta initiated Coolidge Streeter, Samuel Bonham, Lewis Unnewehr, and Rudolph Dufka this spring and pledged five: Rudy Dettwyler, Pit Curtiss, V-12 men, Thomas Seaney, James Ryan, and John Conde.

Eta's Mothers' Club at R. I. Observes 14th Birthday

■ The Mothers Club of Eta Chapter, the oldest organization of its nature at Rhode Island State College, observed its fourteenth birthday in May, at the home of one its members, Mrs. Anthony Christy. The officers were re-elected: Mrs. Bradford T. Bowen, Rumford, R. I., president; Mrs. R. C. Martin, Providence, secretary; and Mrs. Frank R. Cromwell, Cranston, treasurer.

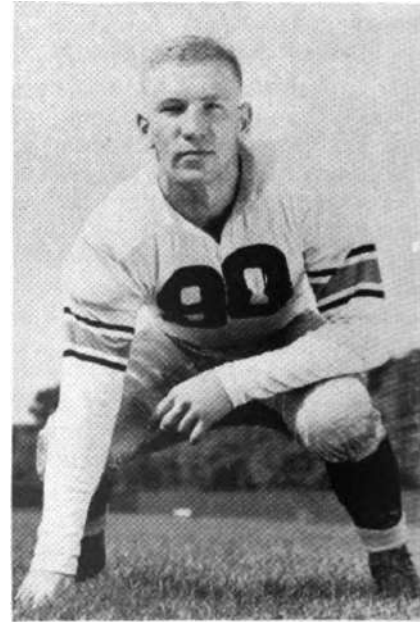
In view of the fact that there is only one Theta Chi remaining on the campus, all scholarship awards, hereafter named in honor of Mother Taft, founder of the organization, will be deferred until after the war. The Mothers Club is continuing to publish the chapter publication, the *Eta News*, in behalf of the members, and the boys enjoy it immensely.



James McMillen, Purdue Guard



Raymond Reif, Purdue Tackle



Norman Tarnow, Purdue Tackle

36th National Interfraternity Meeting

■ When the 36th annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference meets at the Hotel Commodore in New York City, November 24-25, it will truly live up to its name as a conference. There will be no speakers, but the entire time of the usual three-half-day sessions, as well as an additional meeting on Friday evening, will be devoted to the study and discussion of fraternity problems. For the past year, under the direction of Chairman Leroy A. Wilson, the Executive Committee through sub-committees and its own meetings, has done an unusual amount of investigation and study concerned with the post war problems that will face national fraternities. As a result, the coming conference promises to be the most fruitful in constructive effort in the history of the organization. It is expected that each of the 58 member fraternities will be represented by a full quota of delegates and alternates so that it will have participants in the various round table discussions which will be under way often at the same time.

As usual, a number of Theta Chis will be active in the Conference. National President Frederick W. Ladue is a member of the Executive Committee of the NIC, class of '44; Maxwell E. McDowell is a member of the Law Committee; George Starr Lasher as chairman of the Publicity Committee will be in charge of the publicity for the event. These three with George W. Chapman and Francis H. S. Edie will be Theta Chi's delegates and alternates to the Conference.

The program outlined for the conference is as follows: Friday morning—officer and committee reports; Friday afternoon—completion of committee reports and round-table discussions; Friday evening—report by the Resolutions Committee presenting all Conference resolutions, which will then be tabled for the Saturday morning session; Saturday morning—following action on the resolutions there will be a discussion on ways and means of implementing the recommendations made.

■ Much interest at the forthcoming conference will center around the report of the Post-War Planning Committee. This committee, under

the chairmanship of Verling C. Enteman, was divided into five sub-committees which have been studying the following questions: What is negative in the fraternity system and militates against its successful operation? What is positive in the fraternity system and should be continued? What is desirable in the fraternity system and should be included? What part can and should the alumni plan in the fraternity system? What attitude should national fraternities take with reference to expansion, etc., in order to dignify the fraternity system?

Presidents or representatives of national fraternities met with the committee at the Hotel Commodore, September 9, for a full day session and discussed frankly and completely the mimeographed reports that had been prepared by the sub-committees. Fifty-five persons were in attendance. The committee planned to meet again in October to review the discussions and make plans for the presentation and implementation of the report at the annual conference. Other problems, such as house mothers and dormitory competition, will be considered in the final report.

Wherever local campus and economic conditions permit, fraternities should be urged to consider the employment of house mothers, according to the special committee of the National Interfraternity Conference, appointed to study the advisability of having house mothers. The report states that the committee recognizes the value of house mothers in cultivating the amenities of good living and in managing the dining room departments, but feels that in any sweeping changes of local campus requirements that consideration should be given to the fact that houses often do not have suitable accommodations, that the size of chapters is too small to warrant the necessary expense, and that sometimes chapters operate on the lodge, rather than the residence system. There has been confusion over the resolution adopted last year by the NIC, as some administrations have considered it a "must," rather than a recommendation.

■ The most universally used point of contact between fraternities and members in service is the fraternity

magazine, according to the NIC committee appointed to consider opportunities for improving fraternity relations with men in the armed forces. Most fraternities are sending their publication to the men in camps or overseas whether or not they are subscribers, according to the report, and without exception the arrival of the magazine is eagerly welcomed. The committee found that almost 100% of the fraternities consider the maintenance of their magazines essential.

The second most valuable contact is correspondence both by individual chapters or fraternity headquarters. That a great service in morale building is rendered by fraternity letters is proved by the replies which come from all parts of the world and which, some officials believe, will be valuable for fraternity archives. Those responsible for letters to service men, the committee feels, are not only performing a fraternity act by writing, but are building both present and future good will for fraternities.

The committee, of which John H. Marchmont is chairman, makes some suggestions for further development of good will. These include a registration place in every camp where fraternity men may post their name, fraternity, chapter, service unit and address; the holding of fraternity and interfraternity get-togethers in camps, on shipboard, and in foreign cities; registration lists of fraternity men at embarkation camps with committees to arrange for the entertainment of men before they sail; fraternity committees to visit brothers who are hospitalized in their vicinity.

Five Theta Chi Alumni Die

Five deaths among Theta Chi civilian alumni have been reported to the Executive Office recently, but without details. Those who have died are: Thomas L. Nudd, California, '11, an electrical engineer with the Vultee Aircraft Co., Downey, Calif., in June; Orin Burton Sanders, Washington State, '32; Robert Gaudin Greene, Birmingham-Southern, '46; Edward Harry Andres, Arizona; and Clement F. Demsey, California, '24, who died on October 4. He was head claim adjuster Travelers Insurance Company, 55 John St., New York, N. Y.

Guam Harbor Master a Theta Chi

■ Harbor master at Guam is Lt. Philip B. Spear, Jr., Michigan, '23, FPO, San Francisco, who had a grandstand seat from which to watch the invasion and liberation of that island. As harbor master, Lieutenant Spear pilots in ships, checks cargo and passenger lists, supervises salvage crews, directs the placing of buoys, and in other ways sees that all is well



Lt. (sg) Philip B. Spear, Jr.

for the Navy as far as Guam is concerned. Enroute to Guam, he sailed May 1 for Pearl Harbor, where several times he saw his brother, George, ex-'24, who is with one of the USN construction battalions, now stationed at Tinian. The latter's son, George, Jr., is in the Navy.

Commissioned a lieutenant (sg) in the U. S. Navy, with which he served in World War I as a fireman, second class, Philip B. Spear, Jr. Michigan, '23, general manager of Spear & Sons, Marquette, Mich., and commander of Richard M. Jopling Post, American Legion, reported November 20 for active duty and training.

In World War I he was a member of the crew of the *Leviathan*, giant luxury liner, which was used as a troop transport, and helped stoke her boilers on several trips overseas.

Lieutenant Spear is a director of the Wisconsin Retail Lumberman's Association, a past president of the Cloverland Retail Lumberman's Club, past president and now a director of

the Marquette Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Marquette Rotary Club, and Eleventh District president of the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

He served as Upper Peninsula chairman of the Michigan retailers war stamp and bond committee and also as district chairman. He was chairman of the Navy's civilian advisory recruiting committee in Marquette and chairman of the house committee for the new Veterans Center. He was for several years the principal figure in the promotion and management of league hockey teams in Marquette. He also took a leading part in the development of winter sports in that city.

Lieutenant Spear's brother, George N. Spear, Michigan, '24, also a member of the firm of Spear & Sons, is serving with the Navy Seabees "somewhere in the Pacific." He enlisted in the Seabees in April, 1943, and is a quartermaster, second class.

Starts From Scratch Yet Leads Its Campus

■ The academic year 1943-1944 will bulk large in the history of Tau Chapter, for, despite the fact that there was not a single undergraduate member in September, thirty-eight men were initiated in the year, the chapter topped all other Florida fraternity chapters, winning the Fraternity Scholarship Cup, purchased a fine building lot, and ended the year, despite inroads made by graduation and the armed forces, with a nucleus of ten men to open the fall semester, September 14.

Dr. G. Ballard Simmons, acting dean of education of the University of Florida and alumnus adviser of Tau Chapter, in September, 1943 pledged Thomas W. Strickland and Paul B. L. Mitchell, whom alumni initiated. They, with the assistance of alumni, steadily built up the chapter's membership, meetings being held each Monday evening at the home of alumni living in Gainesville, even throughout the summer session.

Three brothers were graduated in the year:

Thomas W. Strickland, with high honors, Phi Kappa Phi; Paul B. L. Mitchell, chapter president, now principal of schools at Lake Alfred, Fla., master's degree; Raymond B.

Hobbs, supervising principal of schools at Milton, Fla., master's degree and Phi Kappa Phi. Strickland was elected Tau's "most outstanding man" for 1943-44.

Present officers and members are: Joseph Adkins, president; Sigsbee Prince, vice-president; James Richardson, treasurer; Nathaniel Storms, marshal; Eugene Holz, chaplain; Rex Rowell, Norman Dennis, Ernest Jay, Jr., Pledges Fate Helms and Gene Masters.

Beta Sigma Carries On At Lehigh University

By Charles H. Tuttle, '46

■ Beta Sigma Chapter has continued to be active at Lehigh University, being one of the few chapters operating there. At present there are six brothers, four pledges, and one boarder living at the house, while three freshmen in the incoming October class have agreed to live at the chapter.

Regular meetings are held every other week. The class officers are: pres., Ronald G. McKay, '45; vice pres., Lido Iacocca, '45; sec., Charles H. Tuttle, '46; treas., Alfred J. Dinon, '46. Max Petersen, formerly chapter adviser and professor of physics, has left Lehigh and is now teaching at M. I. T. Beta Sigma at present is without a faculty adviser.

Beta Sigma has upheld its tradition of participating in university affairs. Five members of the 1944 baseball team were from the house, and this fall there are representatives on both the football and soccer teams. Pledge Wilson was recently elected on the five-man committee of Arcadia, the student governing body.

William Bloecher, '44, was awarded the president's cane, which is given to the president of the student governing body of Lehigh. He was also president of Tau Beta Pi, and a baseball and soccer letterman.

Fifty Missions to His Credit

Capt. Walter E. Davis, a former Beta Kappa, hurrying to the West Coast for a rest period after completion of fifty missions over enemy territory, stopped off at Gunnison, Colo., long enough to be initiated into Theta Chi Fraternity by Deputy Counselor Richard J. Owen. He has seven oak leaf clusters to his credit, having served as a photographer with a unit operating in the Italian war theater.

Theta Chis Find It's a Small World

Capt. Brick Lundberg, '42, bumped into a Rho chapter mate, Richard Taylor, '39, in the Officers Club, London, Eng., while Lt. Garr A. Ingels, '44, a B-24 navigator had a similar experience in meeting Theodore Gielland, '44, in a Houston (Texas) hotel lobby.

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Another Rho get-together had as principals Lt. Robert McCarthy, APO 520, New York, and Cpl. William Larsen, '45, 16120129, APO 512, New York, somewhere in Africa.

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From "somewhere in New Guinea" Capt. Harold W. Byers, Pittsburgh, '38, APO 928, San Francisco, Calif., writes under date of April 7:

"Theta Chi has afforded me a great many happy and almost priceless memories and, too, a background that I cherish most deeply. Two weeks ago I accidentally met one of my fraternity brothers, 1st. Lt. Donald Lotz, Alpha Beta, '40. He is stationed with an infantry division near here. We had a wonderful reunion. I hadn't seen him since I graduated from school and you can imagine that we had a lot of lost time for which to account to one another."

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While at a pre-flight school in San Antonio, Texas, Lt. Robert J. Crane, Michigan, '41, met a chapter mate, Lt. John R. Corson. After being together for their pre-flight training, they were stationed the following summer at Ft. Stockton, Texas, and spent all their week-ends together, one being taken up by a trip to the Carlsbad (N. M.) Caverns. In September they were sent to San Angelo, Texas, for basic pilot training and flew in the same squadron.

An unfortunate accident eliminated Lieutenant Crane from air crew training, and after six weeks' hospitalization he was sent to Wright Field, Dayton, O., as a staff officer to Colonel Weaver's Production Division, Material Command. In April he was made chief of the employment unit for the Personnel Section Material Command. Thus he is back in the city which was his headquarters for the first thirteen months of his military career, when he served as project officer for production of

B-25's and P-51's, both products of the North American Aviation Inc. He made numerous trips to the Los Angeles and Kansas City factories, his special assignments including: follow-up of monthly allocations of B-25's to Russia; installation of 75 mm cannon in the B-25; production co-ordinator on all components for the P-51 and A-36, the modified P-51; control of a special block of 125 B-25's for the North African invasion.

Lieutenant Corson received his wings, January 7, at Moore Field Mission, Texas, and is now at reconnaissance school at Meridian, Miss.

Charles F. Porter, '45, and Cpl. Kenneth Crippen, '45, are another duo of Alpha Gamma chapter mates who can prove that luck sometimes is with fraternity brothers. They saw each other while waiting in line for "chow" in Chicago at a pre-radio school. Although in different branches of service, they were sent to Washington, D. C., eight months ago for advanced training and have been able to live together in the Capitol City. At the school they have met Theta Chis from Georgia Tech, Washington, Rensselaer, Maryland, and other schools. They also had get-togethers with Lt. Earle Russell, '44, before he went overseas, Colvin Gibson, '40, and another Alpha Gamma undergraduate, Jack Robins, '46, who was studying malarial control under Gibson.

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A "round robin" service letter inaugurated by Robert B. Glass, Ohio, '45, Aerology, VR 4, NAAS, Oakland 14, California, is bringing much pleasure as well as news to Alpha Tau men in service. From the early spring release are gleaned the following notes concerning surprise meetings here and there. Glass met Joseph Penner, ex-'45, and Homer Gurlufsen when they were playing at the Stage Door Canteen in San Francisco. As Lt. A. L. Franzolino, '43, while in training at Camp Benning was marching to a class in the theater, he heard some one shout, "Hey, Franzolino." It was a chapter mate, Lt. John Heller, '42. The result was an Alpha Tau get-together at the Service Club that night with Lee Emerick, ex-'44, and Robert S. Kenney, '43, to make a foursome. At

a party on Staten Island Seaman First Class Stanley Rose met a brother from Beta Chapter, who happened to be naval inspector on Rose's boat. Rose also spent part of an evening with Sammy Kaye, Alpha Tau, '32. Pfc. Jack Male, '45, 3505359, APO 185, Los Angeles, bumped into Ensign Harlan R. Hosch, '43, on the street in Los Angeles.

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Somewhere in Australia where he had been since June, 1943, Capt. Louis E. Beckman, Jr., Illinois, '35, OCS, APO 923, San Francisco, Calif., ran into Lt. Albert Noble, '32, and a number of enjoyable Rho visits resulted.

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Ensign George Martin, FPO, San Francisco, who was with a Marine brigade in the Marshalls-Kwajalein and Eniwetok engagements, tells of meeting a Rhode Island chapter mate, Roland Morin, at the Marine PX, but John Platt, a Rhody track star, tells even a better one. He was standing in Oran with a bundle of Stars and Stripes under his arm, when someone called, "Say, son, may I buy a copy?" He turned to face a former chapter mate and track team mate, Cpl. Jack Krueger, APO 15155, New York.

Reunion in San Francisco

Howard Hyde Roberts, California, '16, familiarly known as "Bob" among Theta Chi alumni in Los Angeles, where he is with Standard of California's public relations department, was dining with his wife at Omar Khayyam's in San Francisco, one night in November. They were enjoying a vacation jaunt, according to Robert O'Brien, columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Half through his meal, Mr. Roberts leaned back from his shishkabob, glanced across the room, and looked squarely into the face of his daughter, whom he had not seen since three years before when she had sailed on a pleasure trip to Hawaii. There she fell in love with a handsome naval flyer, Lt. John Edwards, and married him. December 7, 1941, had intervened to prevent travel between the mainland and Hawaii. But here she was, her husband by her side, and in her arms, Richard, the grandson of the Roberts. They had tried futilely to reach the Roberts by telephone since their unexpected arrival in San Francisco.

More Missing and More Prisoners

■ As World War II continues, Theta Chi's lists of men missing and those taken prisoners steadily increase in length.

Lt. (jg) Reed Held, Penn State, '44, has been missing since January 4 after 65 missions to his credit as a radar officer.

Capt. Howard Wertman, Ohio, '41, has been reported as missing in action in the South Pacific since July. A chapter mate, Lt. (jg) Robert Johnson, Coast Guard, was also reported as missing in action recently in the Atlantic area.

Reported missing in action since last April has been John J. LaCastro, Rhode Island State, '39, who had more than a score of flying missions from an Italian airfield.

Donald Garniss, Minnesota, '42, a B-24 pilot, was listed among the missing in action over France this spring. He will be remembered as a strong activity man in Alpha Pi Chapter.

Earl Wesley Rubens, Rochester, '35, who got his commission from the communications school at Harvard, is still on the Navy's among the missing list of men in the Mediterranean area. He was a leader in Alpha Zeta Chapter in his undergraduate days.

Kermit Hillman Neal, Maine, '46, entered service in 1943 and as a hospital apprentice, 2/c USNR, was assigned to the amphibious command on a LST. After training at Newport, R. I., Norfolk Naval Hospital, Va., and then Pensacola, Fla., he was assigned to England. He is now re-



Earl W. Rubens, Rochester, '35

ported missing following action in the performance of his duties.

Sgt. Richard E. Pierce, California, '34, U. S. Infantry, is reported missing in action April, 1944, in Italy. Sergeant Pierce was a bazooka expert in the armed forces.

Lt. Thomas William McManus, UCLA, '43, is missing in action over France. He was piloting an A-20 when he was shot down in action.

■ From Commander Kane, skipper of the "Grim Reaper" fighting squadron, comes details regarding the disappearance of Lt. (jg) Edward William Tolin, North Dakota State, ex-'44, a Hell Cat pilot in the South Pacific:



Donald Garniss, Minnesota, '42

"Our squadron was to be launched before daybreak and sweep the air over this enemy base, obtaining control of the air so that our bombers could come in unmolested. It promised to be a thrilling mission, and every one of us was keyed to a high pitch. Bill Tolin flew number four in my division—the first—which consisted of Billy Steward, Ned Colgan, and myself.

"The time came for us to man planes. It was as dark a night as I have ever seen—no stars, no horizon, just lots of squalls carrying much rain. It was decided to proceed with the launchings, and I was shot off, quickly followed by the rest of my division.

"Once in the air, conditions became worse. Constant reference to instruments was necessary to maintain the plane's correct altitude, all of which made rendezvousing the squadron a very precarious undertaking. Not being able to tell who was who, we managed to get most of the squadron together and proceeded for the target. As it became lighter, we were able to ascertain just who was joined up. I

didn't have any of my own division. Colgan had returned to the ship and was kept there, I found out later. Billy Steward and Bill had disappeared. We used



Lt. (jg) E. W. Tolin, North Dakota State

our radio in an attempt to locate them, but to no avail. They didn't show up at the target, and a search of the area where we had been launched disclosed no evidence.

"I believe that Steward and Bill had joined up together and became lost in that squall. They must have flown into the water suddenly; otherwise they would have called me on the radio. Nothing was ever heard."

■ Lt. Col. Offa Shivers McCollum, Alabama, '25, is a prisoner of the Japanese, probably having been captured when Corregidor fell. He had been wounded in the earlier fighting in the Philippines, but had returned to duty. He entered service in 1940 at Fort Benning, volunteered for overseas service, and was sent to Manila in the fall of 1941. His wife is in Marion, Pa.

Two alumni of Alpha Xi Chapter (Delaware) are listed as prisoners of war: Lt. W. Harold Marvel, '38, of the Japanese since the capture of the Philippines and Lt. Robert A. Skerry, '45, of the Germans since October 14, 1943, when the Flying Fortress of which he was pilot was shot down.

Cpl. Richard Pierce, California, '34, is a prisoner of war in Italy.

Lt. Kenneth Ingalls, Maine, '46, a pledge of Gamma Chapter, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was with a bomb group.

Thomas Nelson, California, first reported as missing, then as killed in action in the Battle of the Solomons, is now a prisoner of the Japanese,

Mothers' Efforts Win Recognition

■ The Mothers' Club of Eta Chapter at Rhode Island State has been getting a good deal of state-wide publicity recently when newspapers found out about its efforts to bring news and cheer to the chapter members in service. One paper used pictures of the mothers at their task of publishing the service editions of the *Eta News*.

Perhaps the most widely read and clipped feature of the Providence *Journal* is the "Daily Until Victory Letter to 'Out There'" by Jack Martin, who as a schoolboy sports editor for the past twenty years has known and followed more college athletes than any other person in the state. His knowledge of Rhode Island Theta Chis is indicated in his 622nd letter, July 16, parts of which follow:

Your old pal, Johnny Christy, is in England; maybe you'll run across him. He went over on the same boat with Bing Crosby. His mother was in to see me the other afternoon and told me a most interesting story about how the Mothers' Club of Theta Chi—that was Johnny's fraternity at Kingston—keep in touch with all the boys who are in service through the *Eta News*.

The club was founded by the late Mother Taft in 1930 and was the first of its kind on the R. I. State campus. Little did the undergraduates realize 15 years ago that the young organization would provide the ties between the boys at a time like this. I'm sure, though, the desire of the Mothers' Club to perpetuate the continuity of the *Eta News*, the chapter paper, and keep the servicemen informed of the progress and activities of their campus friends is highly appreciated.

The mothers enjoy this editorial task, though they admit they have been a bit green at it. They make assignments and willingly fulfill them. A group of two or three address envelopes, another task force phones acquaintances for news items. A third keeps the boys' addresses up to date. All in all, they have a grand time doing it. The copy is assembled, typed, and mailed to Boston for printing, and

according to information sent his parents Easter week by the International Red Cross.

Lt. Samuel P. Wilson, Rhode Island State, '43, previously reported missing in action, since has been reported a prisoner of Germany.

Gordon Davis, Rochester, a Flying Fortress navigator, was listed as missing over France on August 11.

George Fahlstrom, Minnesota, '42, was taken prisoner by the Germans after his B-17 was shot down over France.

when the finished product is ready the mothers get together to mail them out. I have read a recent issue, and I find the material in *Eta News* is printed in a "folksy" way; big-and-happy-family style.

For instance, you learn that Cpl. Bob (Rabbit) Hall, who captained Toot's famous cross-country team that won the IC4A and NCAA titles a few years back, is a milk inspector in Seattle and promises anyone a good time who visits him at his station. And Pfc. Les Nichols, brother of Harrier Bob, is trying to find out where Charlie Tingley is these days.

There's a report that Ensign Ed Petro, one of State's finest court stars, has seen the historic sights in Italy. Lieutenants Jim and Tom Wright, on furlough from Coast Guard, recently were home.

Then there's Col. Norman (Stretch) Smith, '25, old Tech athletic star and footballer at State, is in the Special Service Bureau in Washington. Stretch used to coach at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pa., and took part in the Dieppe raid and staged the first football game in Africa on Thanksgiving Day in 1941. Stretch had three other brothers at State: Cecil, Noel, and Stanley.

Major John E. Meade, for whom the Kingston athletic field is named, is in France with the Army Engineers. He likes it. He was in Panama at the start of the war, but requested a change to get close to what is going on. I guess he made it. In the social column, you find that Capt. Johnny Christy, Leon Goff, and Lieut. Bob Trumbull have recently gone into double harness.

The Mothers' Club has no trouble financing their wartime editorial assignment. Mothers and fiancées invariably contribute \$2 to replenish the postage account, and, just when the funds seem low, contributions come rolling in.

This issue shows that Theta Chi has five gold stars now. They are in memory of Lt. Gene Greene, basketball star of 1940, who was RISC's first casualty; Pvt. John McGunigle, Pvt. Charles Salley, Lt. Raymond Giordano, and Pvt. Adrian Knott. Lt. Johnny LaCastro, who starred in basketball and baseball, is missing in action since March. One, more fortunate than these, is Lt. Sammy Wilson of Cranston, who first was reported missing but since has been discovered as a German prisoner. Sam pole-vaulted for Fred Tootell.

And Major Ken Potter, who starred in baseball and football, took part in the Anzio landings. Ensign Norm Geisick of Saybrook, who was a Seabee in the Pacific area, was temporarily stationed on Treasure Island, and as soon as Lt. Bill Beck, former RISC football coach, heard of it, Bill immediately dashed over from 'Frisco and paid Norm a visit. Dana Conley is in England and Bud Conley is in South Carolina.

There's plenty more meaty news in this little paper, but those are the highlights about the fellows you and I know. It says on the front page that Mrs. R. C. Martin of Providence is the editor; Mrs. Anthony Christy of Cranston is circulation manager, and Mrs. Frank E. Cromwell of Cranston is business manager.

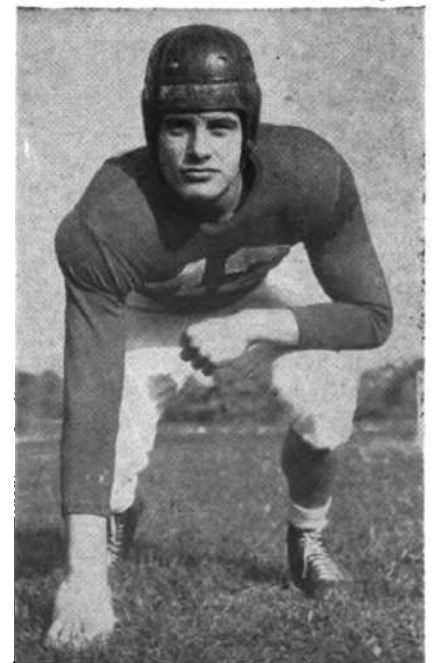
Two in National Park Service

Allyn P. Bursley, Massachusetts State, '11, Juneau, Alaska, who has been with the National Park Service since 1934, is a senior land planner and expects to remain in Alaska until October, 1944.

Charles R. Vinten, Massachusetts State, '22, is coordinating superintendent, Southeastern National Monument, National Park Service. He is in charge of seven historic areas from Charleston, S. C., to the Dry Tortugas, a 39-mile seashore near Pensacola, and the preliminary negotiations on the Everglades National Park project.

Upsets Sport Dope

Indiana, counted out as a threat in the Big Ten, has become a menace in the minds of rival team coaches. It is all because a Theta Chi returned to the campus, having been granted a special order discharge from the Navy. Robert Hoernschemyer, '47, last year completed 72 out of 155 aerial attempts for a total of 1136 yards, making Indiana one of the best all-civilian teams. Indiana started its schedule with a 72 to 0 win over a big Fort Knox team, thus breaking its own stadium scoring record. Indiana's surprise victory over Michigan was largely due to Hoernschemyer's prowess, as he is again in condition.



Robert Hoernschemyer, Indiana

Mokray To Direct Big Basketball Program

■ Boston basketball lovers will see plenty of stellar attractions at the Boston Garden this winter when 26 college teams, including many of the nation's top flight quintets, appear in a series of seven double-headers. The new program culminates a full year's planning by Col. Walter A. Brown, president of the Boston Garden; his assistant, Thomas J. Kanaly; and an erstwhile newspaperman and college publicist, William G. Mokray, Rhode Island, '29, who arranged the program. Release of this news was made September 27 when Mokray was introduced to representatives of the press and radio at Boston.

Last March at the Boston Garden, a \$10,000 court was constructed. The floor proved a hit. A total of 22,000 attended the opening three-day tourney. It was a remarkable showing that convinced Brown, Kanaly, and Mokray to go all out in their determination to present outstanding teams for their initial season.

In selecting Mokray to direct the basketball program, the Boston Garden picked the former athletic publicity director at Rhode Island State College, whom some have regarded as one of the best drum-beaters in collegiate circles. He has pursued the game for the past 27 years. Possessed of a special aptitude to turn basketball statistics into popular reading and eager to exploit the unusual achievement of court stars, he has written for various publications. He has also written for Spalding's Basketball Guide and the Converse Basketball Years. For years, he was statistician for the New England Conference.

Since May, 1942, Mokray has been employed as an accountant in the shipping department at the Naval Advance Base Depot, at Davisville, R. I. Despite the exacting type of work demanded of him in assigning shipments to all parts of the world, the Boston Garden's protege has carried on his basketball activities at night.

Theta Chi campuses which will have teams participating in the schedule are Dartmouth, Rensselaer, Syracuse, Akron, and Hamline.

William Mokray, since his initiation, has been an important factor in Eta Chapter. He was alumnus adviser for a number of years and now serves

as alumni secretary. He edited "A Glance Back, a Thought Forward," a booklet published in 1936 to review Eta's first twenty-five years. Sachems, senior recognition society at Rhode Island State, was founded by him, and he also instituted the traditional senior class vote and the annual Kingston mock mayoralty campaign.

Capt. Einar Mickelson May Be Jap Prisoner

■ A letter from the China National Aviation Corporation to the father of Capt. Einar Mickelson, North Dakota State, '40, indicates that Captain Mickelson may be alive and a prisoner of Japan. He was reported as missing several months ago, after his disappearance while flying near the Burma border. He had planned to return home in March because of ill health, and was to have been accompanied by his wife, formerly Natalie Beloff of Calcutta, India, but decided to make a trip while waiting for her passports. Mrs. Mickelson is now employed in Calcutta.

Captain Mickelson's parents also received a wire from Pan American Airways in February stating that unconfirmed reports indicated that he had made a forced landing in Free China territory, but that no details were available.

Alpha Psi One of Two Chapters at Maryland

■ Alpha Psi is one of only two chapters at the University of Maryland that are still maintaining their houses. It now numbers thirteen members with six pledges.

The members have taken an active part in campus activities with Rowland Adams serving as chairman of the Student Government Association and Robert Downes as president of the Riding Club. Ex-president Thomas Graham is captain of the ROTC honor company. Two other members gained fame on the university rifle team. Adams has also been pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma.

The Mothers' Club, in cooperation with the members, has compiled a complete list of the addresses of former members. This list together with a brief summary of the fraternity's recent activities, has been sent to the various brothers at home and abroad. The "Theta Chi News Letter," as it is called, has been greatly welcomed.

Three Become Theta Chis

Cincinnati Beta Kappas who recently became Theta Chis include: Ralph H. Auch, a WPB official from Washington, D. C.; Capt. Richard VanVeen, who was back on leave; and Maurice Woodruff, Cincinnati.



WARTIME CHAPTER at University of Michigan: rear row left to right, Louis G. King, Robert L. Yung, Jack D. Zuiderveld, Pledge Edward Edson, Earl Paton Wood, Hugh M. Wanty; middle row, Robert H. Hudson, Robert E. Twining, Herman Moss, Charles Droman, Milton E. Kettler, Francis W. Coward, William W. Taylot; front row, Eugene D. Parvin, George Beresford, William J. Wood, Kent M. Hopkins, William Albert Lee, James R. Frederickson, Gerald O. Noll. Despite the fact that the university is using the chapter house as a dormitory for freshmen, the chapter is steadily pledging and initiating men. It has a number of pledges and maintains quarters at 610 Forest.

Service Notes From Many Quarters

■ Captain A. M. Watts, Drexel, '43, a pilot of a B-24 Liberator, recently flew his 50th mission over enemy territory. Since his arrival in Italy last April, he has participated in bombing attacks on such important targets as, enemy airdromes, oil refineries, railroad yards, harbors, and bridges in Germany, Roumania, Austria, Hungary, France, and Northern Italy. Captain Watts entered the Army Air Corps in July, 1941. He was a member of the Drexel football team.

Capt. Robert E. Boak, Ohio, ex-'42, who was confined to the Station Hospital at Davis Monthian Field, Tucson, Arizona, for six months with scarlet fever and its aftermath, rheumatic fever, expects to go to Albuquerque, N. M., soon for reassignment.

Ensign C. R. Kazebee, Case, has offices in the Navy Building, Washington, D. C., but travels a great deal on the east coast, doing special work on radar. He shares an office with a fraternity brother from Alabama Polytech, Brother Blicke.

Lt. Harvey B. Fitzgerald, USNR, Colgate, '34, is resting in St. Alban's Hospital, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., after a long period of overseas duty. He had been stationed in the Southwest Pacific in charge of a flotilla of LST boats in the Bougainville and Tarawa areas. The Japs bombed his outfit and his own boat was sunk.

William Henry Tappey Squires, Jr., Hampden-Sydney, '37, a full lieutenant in the Navy air force, has been in service more than four years, having entered the Naval Aviation Academy at Jacksonville,

was with the Standard Oil Co., Norfolk, Va. At Hampden-Sydney he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams. His brother, David D. Squires, '29, also belonged to Nu Chapter.

1st Lieut. John E. Boydston, California '41, U. S. Air Corps, has served as the Post Statistical Officer in England 354th Fighter Grp.—the Pioneer P-51 Mustang Grp., has recently been put in charge of special service somewhere in France. APO 141, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Sgt. Don Boor, ex-'44, one of Michigan's outstanding football players, is in the army regional hospital at Greensboro, N. C., because of the recurrence of an old knee injury, which may necessitate an operation. Sergeant Boor has been serving as an intelligence instructor for combat crews at Morris Field, Charlotte, N. C., address Sqd. N, RTU (LB). Too vigorous participation in physical training resulted in a locked joint which took 48 hours to pull out by traction. It was expected that Sergeant Boor would figure prominently on the strong Third Air Force football team this fall.

As pilot of a Liberator stationed in Italy, 1st Lt. Leon W. Coquillette, Jr., Michigan, '42, 0-813663, APO 520, New York, has 35 missions to his credit.

T/Sgt. Harry P. Haldt, Jr., Colgate, '39, Hdqrs. Det., 89 Cml. Bn. (Mtz), Camp Carson, Colo., was using the 4.2 in. chemical mortar that has been publicized recently as automatic artillery, but has been transferred to S-2, Intelligence.

■ On various fronts and in training camps, alumni of Mu at Iowa State are doing their part. Ensign LeRoy J. Asman, '43, is serving on a destroyer in the South Pacific. Ensign Richard H. Pfitzenmaier, '43, is on a destroyer in the Atlantic, having received his training at Annapolis, Md. Lt. J. B. Glassburner, '43, is taking liaison pilot training in Kansas, after graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. His wife, Eleanor Schlott Glassburner, and new daughter, Kay Ellen, are with him now. A/C Roger Harrison, ex-'44, is taking pilot training at Pensacola. Lt. Jack Kohrs, '42, was in England when last heard from, and Ensign Eugene Hallock, '42, was on a minesweeper in the Pacific. Cpl. J. R. Poulter, ex-'43, is now with an MP unit at Fort Custer, Mich. He was in an ASTP unit at the University of Michigan before being transferred to Custer. Sgt. Fred E. Phillips, Jr., ASN 37465232, is with Hq. Det., 1st Tng. Rgt., Fort Francis E. Warner, Wyoming.

Three Rhode Island State Theta Chis have overseas experience to their credit. Major John E. Meade, '15, 0-143054, APO 350, New York, writes that the French, despite the ruins of their homes, are pleased to return to a liberated country. He states that some of the children never had tasted a piece of candy until the Americans took over. Ensign Norman S. Gesick, who saw action in the Pacific theatre early in the war, returned for advanced schooling, and since has left

upon a new assignment. S/Sgt. Leonard Tamule, '33, located with the medical unit in Italy, is anticipating a visit to Pope Pius.

Cpl. George W. Stowell, Ohio, '40, 35285913, APO 650, c/o Postmaster, New York, is working in the public relations department of a B-26 bomber group in Sardinia. Other Ohio alumni overseas include Capt. R. W. Van Orne, 0-390815, APO 464, c/o Postmaster, New York, and Lt. G. T. Savage, Jr., Ohio, APO 12810, AA 145, New York.

William G. Youden, Rochester, '21, has been in government service in India since 1942; Richard Callahan, Rochester, '38, is back in Iceland.

Pfc. Richard D. Weeks, Washington State, '44, is with an infantry division in the Southwest Pacific, APO 716, San Francisco, and has seen tough action.

Cpl. Richard B. McGraw, Maine, '42, ASN 31117434, APO 141, New York, has been overseas for some time.

Major Clifford C. Haddrell, Norwich, '36, is director of storage, A.S.F. Depot, New Cumberland, Pa.

Major Harvey N. Brown, Delaware, '21, is at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

■ Overseas service has been experienced by a number of men from Omega (Penn State). Capt. J. A. Genter, 0-885044, APO 663, New York, was injured at Anzio, but recovered sufficiently to help establish the beachhead at Normandy as he had at Sicily and Salerno. Capt. A. I. Kahn, 0-388311, APO 230, New York, away from this country for three years, is now in England after 25 months in Iceland. Major S. Dale Kaufman, APO 4174, San Francisco, has been in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Trinidad, for three and a half years. Capt. Malcolm M. MacKay, 0-378690, APO 24, San Francisco, has recovered from wounds sufficiently to walk without crutches. Plenty of action has been seen by Edward B. Webb, navy lieutenant, as he was based both on aircraft carriers and Guadalcanal. He is test flying in this country until fall. Lt. (jg) Paul Hardwick was on the LST boat about which W. C. Heinz, New York Sun correspondent, wrote in his Cherbourg invasion stories. John Moore, '42, was evacuated to England from Normandy after receiving a minor leg injury. Lt. Gerald T. Karver, 0-875369, APO 520, New York, Penn State's outstanding miler, who forecasts weather and briefs pilots on weather conditions in Italy, reports that the ruins of Naples are more complete than those of Pompeii. Lt. (jg) H. B. Wodock, PPO, San Francisco, has been in the Marshalls.

Andrew B. Britt, Jr., Maine, '45, is now in Officers Training School, U. S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia. He enlisted in the Marines, March, 1943, and finished boot training in May, qualifying as an expert with the rifle. When the college V-12 program opened July 1, he was transferred to the University of Rochester, where he was secretary of Alpha Zeta Chapter for two terms.

Lt. Robert L. Wertman, Ohio, '41, APO 925, San Francisco, is with the headquarters company of the Far East Air Forces somewhere in New Guinea after



Lt. (sg) William Henry Tappey Squires, Jr.

Fla., May 1, 1940. Since December 1 of last year he has been stationed in the Aleutian Islands, following service in Key West, Trinidad, and the Caribbean area. He has made numerous flights over Japanese islands. Before entering the Navy, he

having been stationed in Brisbane, Australia. His brother, Lt. (jg) Daniel M. Wertman, Ohio, '39, is at Memphis, Tenn., in charge of a large publishing operation for the Navy. He edits and prints all the training manuals and has a large staff of writers, artists, and photographers under his direction as well as a printing plant. His daughter, Cheryl June, celebrated her first birthday on European D-Day.

■ The list of Illinois Theta Chi overseas grows steadily longer. Major R. C. Evans, '35, APO 398, New York, is with a cavalry brigade in Africa. Ensign Robert J. Soebbing, Jr., '38, PPO, San Francisco, is on the staff of the commander of an amphibious force in the South Pacific. 2nd Lt. Thomas Cloke, '43, APO 230, New York, is range officer with a 90 mm. antiaircraft battalion, stationed in England. Ensign Richard Brauniller, '43, is on a destroyer in the South Pacific. Sgt. William Larsen, '45, 16120129, APO 512, New York, is overseas with the publication branch of the Adjutant General's Hq. Lt. Col. Charles Fairman, '18, former professor of political science at Stanford, is completing his first year overseas with Military Government Section, APO 512, New York, following a year in the Judge Advocate General's Office, Washington, D.C. Lt. (jg) E. P. Weaver, '40, has completed his 6th war submarine patrol in Pacific. Asst. adjutant in an anti-aircraft brigade is Lt. Robert L. Brumbach, '39, APO 709, San Francisco. Ensign James Grumley, PPO New York, is on a DE type of vessel. Major James Larson, '36, writes that the most dangerous things he has found in New Guinea are falling coconuts. Stationed in England for a year has been 1st Lt. Charles O. Kaiser, 0-1553674, APO 646, New York. Also in England have been Col. Roy L. Dalferes, APO 255, and 1st Lt. Philip Ray, '37, 0-1300829.

The overseas list of Alpha Delta at Purdue constantly grows, some of the latest additions being: Capt. Fred L. Willis, '29, Caledonia; 5'Sgt. John J. Hast, APO 230, New York, who has been overseas for two years with an engineering battalion; Capt. Jack Shepherd, '40, MC, with a pack howitzer battalion in the Pacific area; Capt. Samuel D. Weldy, Jr., APO 38, San Francisco, commanding a field artillery battalion; Sgt. Donald E. Schrader, 35712632, APO, 7528, San Francisco; Lt. Col. W. P. Birely, '35, APO 149, San Francisco; Lt. Roger F. Bone, '41, APO 80, New York.

Ivy W. Parks, Hamline, '19, a commander in the Navy, now at 4435 Del Monte, San Diego 7, Calif., writes: "Arrived in Honolulu with my wife and youngest daughter, Beverly Ann, Dec. 4, 1941, in time for the hot reception given us by the Japs on the 7th. I count it a real privilege to have been there to help out at a time like that. Many were the dentures spewed out in the oily water of Pearl Harbor, and we dentists were completely snowed under with restorative work. After twenty-two months service there my family and I returned to San Diego where I am now stationed. This town has been our home since 1927 with exception of time spent in the Islands.

We are thankful the Japs waited until Midway before trying to take the Islands. If they had come much earlier we would have lost the islands."

Merritt Lionel Anderson, Illinois Wesleyan, '35, has arrived in Puerto Rico to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross assistant field director. Un-



Merritt Lionel Anderson, Illinois Wesleyan

til his overseas assignment, he served the Red Cross at Camp Bowie, Tex. Previously, he was employed by the State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company, Bloomington, Ill. His wife will remain in Bloomington during his service overseas.

■ Service news of Michigan Theta Chi includes the following notes. Ensign Arlie D. Reagan, CEC, c/o PPO, San Francisco, is in the South Pacific area with the Sea Bees. Lt. Richard Strain, 0-1945501, APO 887, New York, is overseas with a Service of Supplies unit. Pvt. William O. Keas, Jr., ex-'42, has been in France since July 22. Lt. H. Earle Russell is also in France. Barry F. Whitehead, '39, Box 368, Batesburg, S. C., has a boat operator classification in the Army Air Corps, being on a crash boat that patrols around island bombing targets to rescue plane crews following crashes. 2nd Lt. William Watkins, '45, GAAF, Greenwood, Miss., is test flying the Vultee Vibrator and managing all small arms firing conducted on the post. Life on a battleship is pleasant, reports Lt. (jg) Gordon A. Hardy, PPO, San Francisco, who is in charge of a division of 215 men and 6 junior officers. Ensign Richard Emery, '43, is now on the Pacific on a new destroyer. Major John G. Briner, '37E, battalion commander with the Army Engineers, recently arrived in the South Pacific with his unit.

After nearly twenty months as medical officer with a detachment of Sea Bees in the South Pacific and postgraduate work at the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., Lt. (sg) Thurman M. Rogers, ex-'31, is on the neuro-psychia-

tric department staff of the Naval Hospital, San Diego, 34, Calif. John C. Robins, Jr., ex-'46, Ph M 2/c, is a member of the Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, doing research on tropical diseases, address NAMRU 2, Rockefeller Institute, 66th St. and York Ave., New York City. As his anticipated theater of operations is some Asiatic or Pacific area, he expects at least two years of overseas service, regardless of when the war ends.

Lt. (jg) Charles J. Dillman, '42, is overseas with the Coast Guard: Home address, 4838 Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Md. Lt. John Roberts Corson, '42, APO 16397 EE13, New York is also overseas.

H. William Freeman, Jr., '46, a navigator on a Flying Fortress based on England, is flying missions with the 8th Air Force. He left this country in August. Philip Gustafson is serving as a radio operator in the United States Merchant Marine. Robert Twining, '47, is a cadet at Iowa Pre-Flight School, Iowa City. Lt. (sg) Robert Sadler is an officer on a submarine overdue in the South Pacific. Herman Moss, ASV-12, 955 North 14th St., Marquette Medical School, Milwaukee. Wis. Pfc. Charles C. Killen, '45, ASN 16105989, Co. C, 291st Inf., APO 451, is at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

■ Service news of Beta Alpha (UCLA) alumni is varied. Lt. J. Craig Mackie, '34, who was battery officer, personnel officer, and battalion adjutant at Camp Callan, is now overseas, APO 5692, New York. Lt. Paul E. Richards, '29, is executive officer with the Navy V-12 unit, North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, Texas, after serving in a similar capacity at Williams College and Emory University. Pfc. Charles F. S. Ryan, '35, former president of the Beta Alumni Association and of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, is attending an advanced radio materiel school at Treasure Island, Calif. 2nd Lt. Howell C. McDaniel, Jr., '42, after service in Greenland, is stationed at Caspar, Wyo., with Prov. Trn. Unit, AAB. Capt. Allen M. Hoppe, APO 709, San Francisco, is with a quartermaster's depot in the South Pacific. Lt. Richard Preston, Jr., APO 15329, New York, is again overseas after two years in the Aleutians. Capt. C. Bliss, back in the States, tells of being knocked out of a formation while near Berlin. After a dog fight all the way back he landed at his base with two shot-up engines, but no one injured.

■ Stanford Theta Chi are reporting interesting activities overseas. Capt. Deny Bernt, '22, is occupying an Italian villa. Lt. Phillip Towle, '40, is with the chemical war service in Panama. Pvt. Edward Scoyen, '45, 19113288, APO 716, San Francisco, writes that Theta Chi should establish a chapter in the Pacific jungles to set a standard for comfortable living. Lt. Robert H. Howe, '31, APO 7, San Francisco, after taking part in the Kiska campaign, saw further action at Kwajalein in the Marshalls. Capt. Albert Nadeau, 0-464352, APO 650, New York, writes from Sardinia that in two years overseas he has become well acquainted with England and the Mediterranean area. Lt. Harry M. Fair, 0-854484, APO 210, New

York, admits he would like to become acquainted with the natives of the U.S. after spending 21 months getting acquainted with the natives of Africa, Sicily, Italy, Egypt, India, and now China. Capt. William E. Bostwick, 0-403049, has APO 469, San Francisco, as a new address.

Mu's list of California alumni overseas is a long one: Howard Clary, with an anti-aircraft unit of the Marine Corps in the South Pacific; Lt. Comdr. Ronald Morton, '35, Navy Supply Corps, FPO, San Francisco; Keith Taylor, '43, on an APC in the Solomons; Sgt. Robert Anderson, '44, and Sgt. Robert Angwin in New Guinea; Lt. Richard Hack, Lee Galloway, '46, Lt. Col. A. Roland Wood, '32, Lt. Leonard Newton, '44, a Beta Kappa affiliate from Fresno State, now flying missions over Germany, all in England; Capt. Wilfred N. Ball, Jr., '41, with an air service command in India; Major Mathew Santino, '32, Panama; Sgt. Victor Bernhard, '39, Fifth Army, and Capt. Carl W. Koerber, '33, Medical Corps, in Italy; Lt. Albert Geiger, '39, APO 85, New York; Ensign Peter Gardett, radar officer.

■ Pvt. Harold W. Browning, Jr., Rhode Island State, '46, son of Dr. Harold W. Browning, Eta, '14, dean of men at Rhode Island State, is with Co. E. 84 Bn., 17th Engr. Grp., ASFTC, Camp Clairborne, La.

Lt. Howard B. Germain, Dartmouth, '45, and Lt. Karl R. Musser, Dartmouth, '44, are pilots in a U.S. Bomber Group in England.

Pfc. G. Walter Webb, Middlebury, '46, Co. G., 398 Inf., APO 447, Fort Bragg, N. C., was recently awarded the "good conduct" ribbon.

Capt. Frederick T. Hancock, Jr., Rhode Island State, '40, Hdqrs. Normandy Base Section, Communication Zone (Forward) E.T.O., APO 562, New York, has been overseas since August, 1942.

New service addresses include:

Lt. Elmer R. Warner, Massachusetts State, '44, APO 258, Camp Polk, La.

Cpl. John L. Rittenhouse 14163478, Birmingham-Southern, '43, 21st Photo Sqdn., APO 627, New York.

Captain Leonard Mayrisch, California, '38, APO 31, San Francisco.

Cpl. Richard B. McGraw, Maine, '42, APO, New York, with a fighter squadron overseas.

Major Milton M. Cardwell, Jr., Auburn, '38, Marine Corps, Guns 7, AAAS, Bldg. 1460, Camp Davis, N. C.

Lt. Francis R. King, USNR, UCLA, '28, Rect. Tr. Comd. Hq., Camp Peary, Va.

Lt. George Clarence Erickson, NYU, '38, AC- AVS, enroute to P.O.E.

Lt. Donald M. Walling, Michigan State, '44, QMRP, Fort Robinson, Nebr.

Lt. Paul E. Richards, UCLA, '29, exec. officer, V-12 unit, USNR, c/o NTAC, Arlington, Texas.

Pfc. Gerald L. Corkrum, Washington, '45, a student at the North Pacific College of Oregon, School of Dentistry, 1108 N. E. Halsey, Portland, 12, Ore.

Ensign Philip B. Putnam, Jr., Oregon, '44, on an LST, FPO, New York.

Ensign John V. Costello, Jr., USNR, Colgate, '37, 4 Stonehenge Road, Upper Montclair, N. J.

■ Pvt. Charles J. O'Donnell, Jr., Rhode Island State, '46, APO 452, New York.

S/Sgt. Lewis F. Byers, Ohio State, '40, D.E.M.L., 1848 Enl. Det., N. Camp Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Gordon W. Gullion, 19134824, Oregon, '44, Hdqrs. Det. 122 Med. Bn. APO 411, Camp Gruber, Okla.

Sgt. John Hitchcock, Washington, '45, with the U. S. Air Force, West Indies.

Pfc. Stanley W. Thiel, Washington State, '43, AST-SU 3708, 4933 Forest Park, St. Louis, 8, Mo.

Cpl. Howard S. Fleck, Jr., Alabama, '40, 35628050, Battery C, 2nd CA, Fisherman Island, Fort John Custis Branch, Cape Charles, Va.

Dr. Thomas L. Blair, Dental Corps, BTC. No. 10, Greensboro, N. C.

Ensign James Franklin Keely, Hamline, '43, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Col. George Alfred Jones, Oregon State, '33, APO 343, San Francisco.

Thomas Bowen, Rhode Island State, '42, a V-12 student at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

Pvt. Elisha Hutchinson Mack, III, 32936370, Cornell, '46, APO 84, New York.

Major Frederick Charles Smith, CMP, Oregon, '37, 506 Military Police Battalion, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Lt. (jg) John H. G. Stuurman, 3rd, NYU, '40, U. S. Maritime Service.

Jack J. Varnum, CM 2/c, CBMY 549-5, FPO, San Francisco, in the South Pacific.

■ Wade R. Squire, Ohio, '43, recently completed his flight training and received his gold wings and commission as ensign at Corpus Christi, Texas. He took his flight preparatory as a V-5 student at Ohio Wesleyan and then was transferred to Spokane, Wash. He was sent to St. Mary's College, Calif., for pre-flight training and then to Norman, Okla., for flight training. He took specialized training at Corpus Christi. At the present time he is at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

2nd Lt. Lee Emerick, Ohio, ex-'44, APO 9, New York, is in the thick of things in Germany. He saw a chapter mate, Robert Kenney, in France, and reports that Walter Kusmuk is with the paratroopers in Holland.

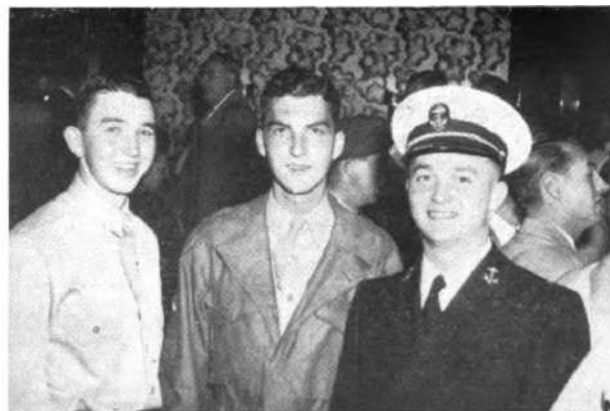
Sgt. Ernie Mariani, Ohio, '42, APO 83, New York, a machine gun squad leader, is still finding his piano playing ability a great asset for making friends, this time in France.

Cpl. Wendell W. Burton, Ohio, '35, is with a replacement depot in Italy and serving as chief of section of the judge advocate's staff.

■ Alpha Xi at Delaware claims a considerable number of men in overseas activities. Capt. Walter Maher, '33, reports that in 27 months spent in the South Pacific Isles,

including four months of combat, most of his men have not had an opportunity to speak to a white woman. Ensign Robert Nase, '40, was in the Anzio engagement. Sgt. Ned Wilson, '46, was on the Anzio beachhead. S/Sgt. Russell Rowland, '45, is first engineer on a Flying Fortress that is a part of the famous Ball squadron, based in England. Lt. Ralph Shannon, '42, flew to Brisbane, Australia, and from there to his present station in New Guinea with a camouflage company. Lt. Samuel Speakman, '42, based in Italy, has flown on combat missions as a cameraman. Some of India's largest cities have been visited by Capt. Albert Tingle, '40, who is doing flight test work and cargo flying. Service in both the Pacific and the Mediterranean theaters was experienced by Capt. William Derrickson, '28, now at Fort Meade, Md. He has flown the Atlantic twice. Capt. Samuel Hunn, '35, is at Camp Haan, Calif., after 15 months in the Aleutians, where he commanded one of the few anti-aircraft batteries that saw action in that area. Frank Lynch, '33, after South Pacific service, is in the same camp, being S-3 of the 821st AAA Bn.

Lt. Col. James Nichols, '35, is commanding officer of a battalion in Panama. Capt. Randolph Eastburn, '38, is group photographic officer of a group with the Ninth Air Force, stationed in England and has been photographing P-47 dive bombing. Lt. A. E. Maronnette, '21, who served with a M.P. detachment in Africa, was given a physical discharge recently. Chief Petty Officer William Clemo, '28, has been with the Seabees in the South Pacific since July, 1943. Lt. Charles B. Middleton, '30, is with the Seabees in the Admiralty Islands, South Pacific. Major Gilbert Chase, '33, was sent to England recently. Lt. Col. James W. Brown, '34, is now in Europe while Major John E. Connor, '39, is in France after long service in Panama. Capt. Howard Patterson, '35, is with an anti-aircraft battalion in the Pacific while Capt. Wilmer Hoffecker, '37, is with a similar unit in Europe. Lt. Wilmer K. Benson, '37, went to North Africa the first of May. Major Hugh L. Stewart, '36, has been in Hawaii before and since Pearl Harbor. T/Sgt. Bert Burslem, '42, after duty in the Caribbean is



IT WAS A LARGE EVENING at Jack Dempsey's night spot in New York City when (left to right) Pfc. Aubrey D. Green, '46, Pfc. Herbert L. Hoot, '46, and Midshipman Hugh Long, '45, got together for a bit of a reunion in memory of Chi Chapter and Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

with the Air Corps in Italy. William R. England, '43, 3/c P. O., CG, is in the South Pacific after service in the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Lt. Gregory B. Hillman, '44, is in India, while S/Sgt. Harold C. Thompson, '45, is in England.

■ Norwich men: Ensign Bradford J. Sibley, '41, Naval Training School, Princeton, N. J.; Capt. F. Carl Burt, '39, APO 4174, San Francisco; Lt. Col. Warren E. Sweetser, Jr., '27, MCAS, Edenton, N. C.; Lt. Thomas W. Prior, Jr., '45, Air Corps, Buckingham Field, Fort Myers, Fla.; Capt. James H. Ray, '37, QMC, Fifth Army in Italy; Lt. Ricard S. Bullens, '40, Camp Claiborne, La.; Lt. James S. Allen, '43, APO 5799, San Francisco; Lt. Col. Richard Hosmer, '34, APO 343, San Francisco; Lt. George R. Sommer, '43, Camp Swift, Texas; Lt. Edward S. Alexander, '43, Air Corps, APO 5568, New York; Capt. James B. Baird, '35, Camp Forrest, Tenn.

1st Lt. Walter H. Stastny, Oregon State, '39, is with the Medical Corps with the Armored Force in France.

Ensign Theodore W. Alverson, Washington State, '44, BOQ, Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

Ensign George W. Sullivan, Jr., USNR, Middlebury, '43, FPO, San Francisco.

Richard C. Blanding, Minnesota, '42, 1557 S. U., University of Louisville, 101 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, 2, Ky.

Robert H. Connell, Monmouth, '44, RM 2/c Div., FPO, San Francisco.

S 1/c Franklin R. Wolfe, Susquehanna, '41, FPO, San Francisco.

Cpl. Howard S. Hugus, 13094280, Antitank Co., 273rd Inf., APO 417, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Lt. Clyde E. Stevens, Akron, '41, Co. B., 151st Ord. Bn., APO 403, c/o PM, Shreveport, La.

Lt. James F. Robjent, Worcester, '41, APO 595, New York.

■ Amos T. Bonneville, Alabama, ex-'42, who has been working at Pearl Harbor since January, 1942, writes expressing a desire to see any Theta Chis in Honolulu, where his address is 2999 Kalakana Ave., Apt. D.

Maj. James A. Smith, Georgia Tech, '32, is now stationed at the AAF Overseas Replacement Depot, Kearns, Utah.

Major R. M. Roberts, Alabama, '40, APO 403, sends V-mail greetings from Normandy.

George W. Etsell, Washington, '46, AMM 2/c, N.A.S., Sqdn. VR-2, Alameda, Calif.

Pvt. Joseph S. James, Jr., 33823121, Richmond, '47, Co. A, 2nd Platoon, Medical Dept. Technicians School, 202, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Capt. Charles R. Keefe, North Dakota State, '41, APO 6, San Francisco.

Major Lloyd F. Kaiser, Wisconsin, '28, APO 595, San Francisco.

Ensign Rex Roy Bowen, Montana, '40, is in communications school, Harvard University.

Captain William H. Foster, Norwich, '32, is now at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Cpl. Albert Marvin, ASN 12148675, Alabama, '44, 988 Sig. OPN Co., APO 689, New York.

Lt. (jg) Robert Claude Cotten, Jr.,

Richmond, '42, SC 1329, FPO, New York.

Capt. Robert Earl Boak, A. C., Ohio, '42, A.A.F. Convalescent Hosp. Det., Albuquerque, N. M.

Ensign George W. Sullivan, Jr., Middlebury, '43, S. C. 668, FPO, San Francisco.

Capt. John P. Haley, Jr., Alabama, '30, U. S. Dental Corps, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lt. Col. Kermit M. Johnson, Oregon State, '31, G.S.C., APO 339, New York.

Capt. William T. Curry, Auburn '42, R.A.S.F. Depot, Richmond, 12, Va.

1st Lt. John D. Lee, Air Corps, Alabama Polytechnic, '42, APO 639, New York.

Lt. William E. Maybeu, Jr., Alabama Polytechnic, '45, S-3 Weapon Sect., A.S. F.T.C., Fort Belvoir, Va.

Lt. Holman W. Baker, Q.M.C., APO 758, New York.

Major Leyton M. Rogers, Norwich, '40, is now commanding officer of a Marine battalion in the Marianas.

A/C Lee C. McDonald, Oregon, '46, Box 261, Class 44-K, Merced Army Air Field, Merced, California.

Capt. Thomas A. Bravos, U. S. Air Corps, Stanford, '42, Officer's Mail Room, A.A.F., S.A.T., Orlando, Fla.

J. V. McQueen, Birmingham-Southern, '44, is an ensign in the U. S. Maritime Service.

Ensign Donald E. Matthieu, USNR, Birmingham-Southern, '40, is stationed in Washington, D. C.

■ Capt. Francis L. Cooper, Minnesota, '41, with a Marine division headquarters company, Fleet Marine Force, FPO, San Francisco, is adjutant to the assistant division commander. He has completed more than two years' service overseas, having participated in the Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester campaigns. Activities of other Alpha Pi men include: Capt. Edward Bowen, flying a B-17 from an Italian base; Lt. Richard Blanding, '42, quartermaster's corps, Fort Knox; T/Sgt. Richard Ovestrud, '42, with the Marines at Camp Lejeune; William Caldwell, '42, personnel work, Camp Butner, Durham, N. C.; Lt. Stanley Aby, AGD, New York City; S/Sgt. Marvin Spittler, New Guinea. Russell Deputy, '40, who is flying from an aircraft carrier, has a son born last winter.

Cpl. Lowell C. Reed, Illinois Wesleyan, APO 455, San Francisco, intimates that he would be willing to forego the charms of Hawaii for a chance to become acquainted with John Cameron Reed, born September 5, 1944, whom he saw only briefly through the hospital glass before leaving for overseas. He is in the Transportation Corps on Oahu Island. He be- moans the fact that Theta Chi names are few on the Fraternity Register at the Honolulu Army-Navy USO.

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nel, but suffered principally from a very bad concussion and spinal injuries.

Lieutenant Mead became the father of a son on September 20.

Major Milton M. Cardwell, Jr.,

Alabama Polytechnic, '38, has been back in the States since last May, after having been on duty for more than two years in the South Pacific with the Marines. He took part in the Guadalcanal, Rendova, and New Georgia campaigns. Serving as battery commander he saw much action in all three campaigns. He was slightly wounded in New Georgia battle, and was awarded the Purple Heart. His battery was several times cited for the special work done both by its division commander and by the President of the United States.

He is now at a combine Command and Staff School for heavy artillery at Camp Davis, N. C., where special training is being given to joint work by army and marine branches of the service. He expects to complete this assignment this September and may then be returned to the Pacific.

Capt. Robert William Morgan, Delaware, '40, has been awarded the Purple Heart. He was wounded in Tunisia on March 29, 1943, having been sent overseas with the First Armored Command Division. He participated in the invasion of Oran in North Africa. He has seen service in Ireland, England, North Africa, and Italy, spending a total of 22 months overseas. He is now commanding officer of Company A, 3rd Bn. at Armored Force Hq., Fort Knox, Ky.

S/Sgt. Nick Beals Smith, Cincinnati, '42, was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for wounds received, resulting in his death.

Lt. Frank F. Lahr, Michigan, '42, Marine Corps, was recently awarded the Silver Star for action in the Pacific area.

A short time before Lt. Ralph Leland Russell, Oregon, was killed near Brest, France, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action.

S/Sgt. Joseph Rowland, Delaware, '45, first engineer on a Flying Fortress, based on England, has received the Air Medal and oak leaf cluster for service over France and Germany.

Lt. Frederick Noel Spiess, California, '41, was awarded the Silver Star for duties as diving officer on a submarine. He was credited with 2100 tons of enemy shipping sunk in one patrol. Another Mu alumnus to be decorated is Lt. Jack S. Teddy, a bombardier in the Army Air Corps, who was awarded the Air Medal, as was Pledge Everett Harwell, who is an Army flier over Europe.