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The Inter-Fraternity Conference

REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 1918

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN



N the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, your Executive Committee has deemed it advisable to prepare an account of its relations with one branch of the Government during this war, and it does so for its historical value, and in order that the members of all fraternities

should be acquainted with the operations of the Conference, which for ten years has consistently pursued the policy of improving relations between fraternities and college authorities; for the betterment of conditions of undergraduate life and strengthening the relations of alumni to colleges and fraternities. This year the character of the personnel of fraternity members has been tested. This year the strength of your organization has also been tested; and the following account of our relations

with the War Department and the members of the Conference determines one question finally—the Inter-Fraternity Conference has been justified, strengthened, and placed in a position of influence by the coöperation of the fraternities themselves, their members, and the unity and harmony of purpose, which, under the direction of your Executive Committee, has animated every fraternity during this trying period.

Early in September, we became aware that Students' Army Training Corps were to be established by the War Department in the various colleges of the United States and, with our educational institutions under Government control, we realized the possible effect of such control upon fraternities and commenced to mobilize our forces.

At that time it was exceedingly difficult to secure any trustworthy information concerning this matter.

Therefore, we wrote to the Third Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Frederick P. Keppel, on September 13, 1918, a letter in which we asked two questions: Can fraternities be maintained in colleges, where the S. A. T. C. has been established by the War Department; and under what conditions are the houses to be taken?

Thereupon, we began immediately an independent inquiry concerning the S. A. T. C., and secured copies of the documents received by Columbia University, and sought therein answers to our inquiries.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called for September 23d, thinking that would give us ample time to receive an answer from Mr. Keppel and for a survey of the situation.

As the time approached for our meeting, and as there was no reply from Mr. Keppel, our Secretary, Mr. McCorkle, wrote and wired Colonel Rees, of the General Staff, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Special Training, having in charge the Students' Army Training Corps, asking about the status of fraternities, and whether men could be initiated.

The replies received indicated that fraternities would be considerably restricted, but these replies were not received until after the meeting of our Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee met on September 23d, and I submitted a survey of the S. A. T. C. together with my conclusions.

This report was received, filed, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee recommend that all fraternities coöperate with the military and college authorities, by offering their chapter houses for the use by the Students' Army Training Corps, and, except, so far as the military conditions in student communities may not interfere, the fraternities should continue their organizations and activities."

On October 25th, a circular letter containing this resolution was sent to all members of this Conference.

On October 23, 1918, the Dean of Columbia College sent a letter to all fraternities of Columbia calling a conference for October 24th. Your Chairman was invited and attended this meeting, at which all fraternities were represented. In his letter Dean Hawkes speaks of fraternities as "supplemental educational institutions."

The recognition by the university of the position of fraternities and the recognition of the Dean, a non-fraternity man, of the value of fraternities to the college as "supplemental educational institutions," marks a distinct advance in the relations of fraternities to college authorities, and this is attributable to the influence of this Conference.

The students asked the Dean to obtain the consent of the Administrative Board of the S. A. T. C. to permit the continuance of fraternities, which permission was granted, and on November 6th the Dean issued a memorandum to the fraternities at Columbia, in which he says: "I wish to emphasize, however, the importance from the point of view of the college of keeping the spark of fraternity life alive even during this period." . . "There is no objection to meetings of purely business character." He further states that he is authorized by the Administrative Board to say that such business meetings may properly be held at any time not inconsistent with academic or military appointments. In response to a letter from us he informed us at a later date that at such meeting men may be initiated.

We submit this as a sane and sound treatment of the whole question, and as an example of the way college authorities should have acted. At this meeting resolutions were adopted endorsing the position which our Executive Committee had taken on the previous day.

On September 26th, we received an answer from Mr. Keppel, in which he enclosed a memorandum which the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Special Training had drafted upon the question of fraternities, and which is signed by Colonel R. I. Rees, General Staff Chairman. We read this memorandum very carefully and came to the following conclusions:

- (a) That this was an official statement of the purposes of the War Department in the establishment of the S. A. T. C. and its bearing on fraternities;
- (b) That the War Department considered that fraternity activities are incompatible with military discipline;
- (c) That operations of fraternities should be suspended for the period of the war; and that the best interests of the fraternities require such suspension;
- (d) An appeal to patriotism of the fraternities and a request to show the same sort of loyalty and service that the colleges have shown.

We did not concede that fraternity activities are incompatible with military discipline, but we realized that some activities would have to be omitted in order that fraternities might be permitted to retain their organizations and not be suspended or abolished. Neither then nor now do we concede that fraternities are less loyal than colleges.

After reading this memorandum, I conferred with Mr. Mc-Corkle and Mr. Cheney, but could not reach all members of the Executive Committee. After carefully considering the matter, we agreed that unless we met the situation promptly, there was great danger that the life of college fraternities would be seriously endangered and a possible prohibition placed on their continuance. We concluded that it was useless to attempt to do anything by correspondence. The time was too short, the

S. A. T. C. was to be established on October 1st, consequently we deemed it necessary that your officers should proceed to Washington and take the matter up with the War Department at once and secure a ruling or modification of the memorandum.

Your Chairman and Secretary left New York on the midnight train on September 29th, and arrived at the War Department at nine o'clock, September 30th. We called on Mr. Keppel, who received us and took us to the office of Colonel Rees, who was not in his office, and we saw his assistant, Major Joy. We immediately took up with him the matter as laid down in a memorandum which we had prepared:

Subject, "Memorandum to Fraternities."

Dated—September 25, 1918.

To Col. R. I. Rees, Chairman,
Committee on Education and Special Training,
General Staff,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

From the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

The Inter-Fraternity Conference, composed of forty men's Fraternities, located in several hundred universities and colleges, and having a membership of approximately five hundred thousand men, and property of more than \$12,000,000, respectfully submits this memorandum:

- 1. The Fraternities have coöperated in every way with the Government in the prosecution of this war for freedom.
 - (a) Have placed their chapter houses in all colleges for the use of the S. A. T. C. at the disposal of the Government.
 - (b) Have pledged their resources for the successful prosecution of the war.
 - (c) Are 100 per cent American, and have given freely of their members for service.
 - (d) Are prepared to make every necessary sacrifice to assist in the development of the efficient training of men in the S. A. T. C.
 - 2. Will agree that Fraternity activities, in the usually accepted terms, should be discontinued, and will agree to discontinue such activities as are incompatible with military discipline, and recognizes that the establishment of the S. A. T. C. has changed the normal activities of college life, and has made them institutions for intensive military training.

3. The Fraternities respectfully submit that they have existed as institutions of college life for nearly 100 years, and are recognized as supplemental educational institutions, and have the highest ideals of Honor, Truth and the privileges of American citizenship.

As a class the college men have been first to offer their services in this war, as in all previous crisis, and of the college men, the Fraternity men have been and are the leaders. They have had instilled into them loyalty and service, and they are to-day valuable factors in promoting and maintaining the Morale of the Service.

As a whole, they are democratic and have no social cleavage. Their members are chosen for fitness and congeniality and, as men pursuing similar courses, it is a natural association. Therefore, we can not believe that the War Department desires an entire suspension of the American College Fraternities.

4. The Fraternities, through their accredited representatives, submit that the War Department should make it plain that it does not desire the suspension of the life of the Fraternities, and that the objects and aims of the Department are fully satisfied by the suspension of their normal activities, in the meaning that this term has acquired, and that it does not object to the meeting of fraternity men at times and in places that do not conflict with military regulations.

Fraternities have already shown the same spirit of loyalty and service that the colleges have shown, and, like the colleges, should be permitted to maintain their organizations during this emergency.

In conclusion, we desire to pledge anew to the Government of the United States, our entire resources of men and material for the successful conclusion of this war, and affirm our belief in the President of the United States, and in the justice of our cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Inter-Fraternity Conference,
By James Duane Livingston,
Chairman,

HENRY H. McCorkle, Secretary.

Sept. 28, 1918.

We believe that this statement answered the objections raised by the War Department, and truly sets forth the facts about fraternities.

It will be noted that we agreed to suspend normal activities, agreed to coöperate in every way with the War Department in the operation of the S. A. T. C., and requested a statement from the War Department that we be privileged to continue our life

and organizations at the colleges and, to that end, hold meetings. Major Joy heard what we had to say, but took the position that this was a great Democratic army; that he believed that fraternities should suspend all operations, not take any men, hold one or two meetings of chapter members and arrange to turn over everything to alumni control for the period of the war. To this we dissented and said that this would mean death to the fraternities. Thereupon he said that he would get another member of his Committee and talk with him about it. While we were awaiting his return an officer entered the room, sat down at his desk, and turning to us said: "Gentlemen, I am Colonel Rees. What can I do for you?" Thereupon, we stated our business, and told him that we were the representatives of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, and came to confer with him, relative to his "Memorandum to Fraternities," dated September 25th, and to ask him for a ruling on the status of fraternities in colleges after the establishment of the S. A. T. C.; that Mr. Keppel had referred us to him, and that we desired to make our position clear; that while we recognized the changed conditions in institutions where the S. A. T. C. was established, we did not believe that the War Department desired to abolish fraternities, but that we believed that that portion of his memorandum was a misapprehension of fraternity activities; that we were ready to do everything to make the S. A. T. C. a success; that we had already cooperated with the Government in every way, but we called his attention to the fact that the students would have some free time, even under the schedule of work adopted; that we believed that in the student soldier's free time that he should be allowed to meet with his fraternity men, in such places, and at such times as would not interfere with military discipline or regulations.

Colonel Rees gave us the closest attention, and interrupted several times to ask us questions and express his own views. At the close of our argument, he asked us whether we were authorized to speak for the fraternities, and we told him that we were, and called his attention to the memorandum that we had prepared and addressed to him.

Then he said that if we would leave this memorandum with him, that he would call a meeting of his Committee, render a decision and send us an official reply.

During this conference, we were asked if we were prepared to say whether fraternities would initiate men, in view of the fact that these men would remain only a short time in the college, as it was the intention to pull men out and send them to a training camp as soon as possible, and he did not think that fraternities would want such men as would not harmonize with fraternity ideals. We told him that we were not authorized to speak for the fraternities on this matter, the Conference was not a law-making body, and could only make recommendations; that each fraternity was the judge of its own membership as to qualifications, and that it would be up to each fraternity to pass on this point; that, personally, I agreed with him, that if men were to remain in the S. A. T. C. such a short time, that, I did not think that it would be wise to take in such men. He did not refer to this point again.

We then pressed him on the necessity of maintaining the fraternity organizations, and he agreed with us that this would be advisable, and it appeared from Major Joy's information that in most colleges initiations had already taken place, and therefore the question that was then debated was as to meetings, and Colonel Rees asked Major Joy his opinion as a fraternity man as to what he thought the Committee should rule. Major Joy then repeated that he thought that the existence of fraternities was incompatible with military discipline, but they might be permitted to hold one or two meetings to turn over to alumni the charters of their chapters, but that ceremonials should be omitted. Colonel Rees asked if it would be possible for fraternities to omit ceremonial and hold business meetings, if the War Department should decide in favor of the continuance of fraternities. We told him that we were prepared to recommend to fraternities to discontinue all the ordinary activities during the emergency, provided we were privileged to maintain our organizations and hold meetings at times that were free to students.

At this point, Major Joy again expressed his views that there should only be one or two meetings; that most fraternities had already initiated.

We told him and Colonel Rees, that if this opinion prevailed, that notwithstanding all the nice things that had been said about fraternities, that they would strangle fraternities; and with this thought we concluded our interview after they had advised us that a meeting of the Committee would be held immediately, the question decided, and that we would be officially advised of the result. Thereupon, we left them.

Mr. Keppel had previously invited us to return to him if we did not get what we wanted, consequently we returned, and when Mr. Keppel asked us how we had got on, we told him that if Major Joy was permitted to impress his opinion on the Committee, that American College Fraternities would be killed; that Colonel Rees had been most courteous to us, and had promised to have his Committee meet and decide the question that afternoon and send us an official ruling.

We then left the War Department, and after luncheon I returned to the War Department and met Colonel Rees just as he was leaving the building. I stopped him, and he told me that his Committee had decided the questions, and that if I would call at his office that I could secure a copy of the decision. I did so, received a copy, but was told that as Colonel Rees had not seen it, it was unofficial, and that it would be confirmed by letter. The memorandum is as follows:

September 30, 1918.

"The War Department, considering that fraternity activities are incompatible with military discipline in the very nature of things, feels that it is in the best interest of the service that they be suspended in institutions where units of the Students' Army Training Corps have been established, for the period of the present emergency. By 'Fraternity activities', as above used, is meant the social side of fraternity life—the living of the members together in chapter houses and the functions and meetings of the social or ceremonial nature.

"Realizing, however, that some fraternity organization must be kept intact to insure the resumption of fraternity activities when the present emergency has passed, the War Department will interpose no objection to the holding of such meetings as are of purely business character." It will be seen, however, from this memorandum that the decision of the Committee recognized the justice of our position as outlined in our memorandum of September 28th. The War Department still adheres to its position that fraternity activities are incompatible with military discipline, and then defines fraternity activities and feels that they should be suspended for the period of the war.

It then states "realizing, however, that some fraternity organization should be kept intact to insure the resumption of fraternity activities when the present emergency shall have passed, the War Department will interpose no objection to the holding of such meetings as are of a purely business character."

This was in accord and agreement with statements made at our interview. We were willing to discontinue normal fraternity activities, provided we were permitted to hold *meetings*, not one meeting, but meetings for keeping intact fraternity organizations and preserving the life of the American College Fraternity.

We returned to New York that afternoon and patiently awaited the official letter of confirmation before taking action and advising fraternities; and then on Wednesday, as we had heard nothing, I wrote Colonel Rees on October 2d and wired him on October 4th, asking him for an official confirmation.

Colonel Rees' letter of October 4th confirmed our arrangement and says that the informal memorandum (September 30th) "sets forth the policy of the War Department in this "matter, at the present time, as definitely settled upon, the "policy being that fraternity activities of a social or ceremonial "nature should be suspended, but that no objection will be inter-"posed to the holding of meetings of a purely business character, "called to the end of conserving fraternity organization for "resumption after the War."

On receipt of this letter, we sent to all members of the Conference a circular letter containing this correspondence. In the preparation of this letter it was deemed wise to confine ourselves to its subject matter and not make any recommendations, although we realized that all fraternities would probably desire a ruling on the question of initiations. It seemed clear to us

that if we were to maintain organizations we must initiate new men, especially if men were to be detached from the S. A. T. C. and sent to training camps immediately. After sending this letter we received many letters and telegrams asking the direct question, to which we replied that fraternities must be maintained, men may be pledged, initiated at business meetings, and usual ceremonies omitted. In order that it might receive an official interpretation a meeting of the Executive Committee was called (held October 10th), and at that meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Fraternity Conference the memorandum of the Committee of the War Department on Education and Special Training, dated September 30, 1918, and confirmed on October 4, 1918, permits the pledging and initiation of men provided all ceremonials and social activities are omitted; that the War Department will interpose no objection to business meetings held to the end of conserving fraternity organizations for resumption after the war"; and a further resolution was adopted recommending that any action taken by any chapter should be taken only after conference and coöperation with the other fraternities and after conference with the authorities of the institution.

On October 14th, a circular letter was sent to all members of the Conference containing the resolutions and its construction.

The War Department, however, had not issued any memorandum dealing with initiations. We considered the question as definitely settled and no other interpretation seemed possible. In the meantime, conditions at the colleges became chaotic. Deans, colleges, and military authorities were interpreting the memorandum of September 25th in many different ways. Results disastrous to fraternities were seen and troubles arose at Brown, Dartmouth, Syracuse, Williams, Rutgers, Vermont, Colorado, Richmond, Georgetown, and other institutions which have either been settled or are in process of settlement at this time.

The appearance in newspapers of articles and editorials all quoted the War Department's memorandum of September 25th as putting a bar on fraternities, and the papers were filled with these articles. A spirit of unrest was aroused everywhere and numerous letters from fraternities were received giving individual instances, requesting relief, suggesting publicity, and the publication of all correspondence.

It was apparent that no confirmation of our agreement with the War Department had been sent to commanders and college authorities, and it was difficult for fraternities to have the authorities reconcile our action with the papers before them. Finally, on October 26th, we wrote to Colonel Rees asking him if he had put in effect our agreement of September 30th, and he replied that a memorandum had been sent to all colleges and commanders. Thereupon, we wrote him asking him to send a copy so that it could be sent to the fraternities. A reply to this letter was delayed, and in the meantime we learned that the Secretary of War would be in New York on November 3d, and through Mr. H. I. Brightman we made an appointment with him. At this interview Secretary Baker heard a very complete statement of the case and made notes of the statements and said that these orders would be cancelled.

It appeared that the President of Dartmouth College had called Colonel Rees on the telephone and asked about the memorandum of September 30th, and was told that the fraternities could hold one or more meetings for the purpose of arranging for turning over the chapters to alumni during the war, and that no pledging or initiating would be permitted.

This placed a very different interpretation upon our agreement, and Secretary Baker promised to straighten out this matter after he returned to Washington, and the matter was left in his hands. On November 15th we received the following letter:

"WAR DEPARTMENT, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington.

(Rec'd Nov. 15, 1918.) November 13, 1918.

MY DEAR MR. LIVINGSTON:

I have been holding your letter of October 30th pending the issuance to commanding officers of Students' Army Training Corps units of new regulations on the fraternity question. I am enclosing herewith a copy of these regulations, and beg to say that we have not the slightest objection to your sending copies to the fraternities.

It is thought that these latest regulations should satisfactorily clear the whole situation. Their latitude is made possible by the splendid type of men who have answered the call of the Students' Army Training Corps, and by the splendid coöperation of the fraternities themselves, the thanks of the War Department for which I desire to extend to the fraternities through you.

I wish to express my appreciation of the kind sentiments conveyed in your letter. No less gratifying than the promotion itself is the feeling that those who know me consider that it is merited and are glad with me for the honor bestowed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. I. Rees, Brigadier General, General Staff Chairman of Committee on Education and Special Training.

Mr. J. D. Livingston,
Chairman, Inter-Fraternity Conference,
7 Pine Street,
New York City."

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"November 8, 1918. Rec'd Nov. 15, 1918.

Administration Memo No. 49.

I. FRATERNITIES.

1. Administration Memo No. 30, on the subject of 'Fraternities' is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

It is desired that no restrictions shall be placed on elections to fraternities; also that no restrictions shall be placed on fraternity activities, including initiations and meetings, except such as are clearly necessary to preserve proper military training and discipline. In determining what, if any, restrictions are essential, commanding officers will exercise tact and good judgment.

By direction of the Committee,

CHESLEIGH H. BRISCOE,
Major, Inf., U. S. A.
Administrative Officer."

On the same day, we issued a circular letter enclosing a copy of Administration Memo No. 49 by which the War Department desired that no restrictions shall be placed on elections to fraternities; also that no restrictions should be placed on fraternity activities, including initiations and meetings, except such as are clearly necessary to preserve proper military training and discipline. In determining what, if any, restrictions are essential, commanding officers will exercise tact and good judgment.

We feel that the Inter-Fraternity Conference can thank the Secretary of War for his interest and coöperation in this matter.

In their relations with the college authorities and commanders of the Students' Army Training Corps, we feel that fraternity men must have conducted themselves with honor and obtained the respect of their commanders, and must have been faithful to the principles with which they were imbued upon joining a fraternity, and that it is due to the coöperation of the fraternities and their members with the college authorities and the commanders of the Students' Army Training Corps that obtained the final result.

In closing I would simply quote from Colonel Rees' letter the following:

"It is thought that these latest regulations should satisfactorily clear the whole situation. Their latitude is made possible by the splendid type of men who have answered the call of the Students' Army Training Corps, and by the splendid coöperation of the fraternities themselves, the thanks of the War Department for which I desire to extend to the fraternities through you."

In accordance with the above request, we take this opportunity to convey the thanks of the War Department to the fraternities for their splendid cooperation during this emergency. We have set out these matters with some care and with considerable thought, with the idea that there are thousands of fraternity men, members of our organizations, who are not acquainted with the aims and the purposes of the Conference. It seems to us that no single act has justified the existence of the Conference so much as the conduct and action of the fraternities during the war. There is no question but that the War Department felt originally that in the Students' Army Training Corps there was no necessity or place for fraternities. It was no easy matter to convince them. Those having this matter in charge were not as a rule fraternity men. They had not been educated to the sense of loyalty and service which our fraternities endeavor to impress upon their members. They had the idea that fraternities were undemocratic, had social cleavages, and did not fit themselves into the general scheme of the S. A. T. C. No single fraternity could have obtained the original modification of the memorandum of September 25th, and the critical moment in our interview was when we told the authorities that we were authorized to speak for the fraternities, and that any agreement that we made with them would undoubtedly be adopted by all fraternities. Under these conditions the War Department recognized the strength of our position and saw that it was not necessary to abolish fraternities to produce a loval, faithful, and efficient army. Firm in the belief of the justice of our cause, steadfast in the soundness of our ideals, and dedicated to the principles of lawful government, we determined to maintain the ideals of our fraternities, our devotion to principles and loyalty to the United States conceding nonessentials, but maintaining our self-respect; ready to sacrifice all, if necessary, but unwilling to suspend the life of the American College Fraternity for one moment, if unnecessary.

In conclusion, we feel that we have established before the world an impregnable position. We have fought the fight; we have kept the faith.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DUANE LIVINGSTON,

Chairman.

November 30, 1918.

A DECADE OF INTER-FRATERNITY COMITY

For ten years, at this season of national thanksgiving, we have met here in New York as fraternity men, to hold conference together upon policies of common interest and problems of common importance. There has been great freedom of discussion and generous response to calls for information. some questions there have been sharp differences of opinion and much lively debate. But there is no one who has been associated in the comradeship of this organization, whether for the entire period of its existence or for a shorter term of years, who has not experienced the steadily intensifying feeling of friendship here developed. It has been as surprising as it has been gratifying that there has been so little of friction in our meetings. From all parts of our country we have come to join hands in a real fraternal companionship. Representatives of organizations, once called rivals and enemies, have seen the artificial barriers of local prejudice and established tradition broken down. That these walls of separation have fallen down forever, no one doubts. We have met face to face. We have looked eye to eve. We have been drawn heart to heart. There is not a fraternity leader in the United States, who has availed himself of the opportunity of sharing in these Conferences, who has not had his life enriched through the widening of the circle of friendship which has been brought about here at the shrine of this super-fraternity.

As thought has turned to the accomplishments of the Conference since that auspicious morning when President Faunce, in the name of the Religious Education Association, outlined the possibilities of closer coöperation of fraternity men, certain results have seemed clear and distinct. The dictionary defines religion to be "an essential part or a practical test of the spiritual life." Is there a member of the Conference, who has reflected upon the subject at all, who now has any doubt of the original propriety of the initiation of such a movement as this by an association for religious education?

The first and greatest gain from the Conference to college men, collectively represented under a fraternity name, is that we have learned to know ourselves. Before the Conference was called there were occasional fraternity workers who thought they knew their own organization. They had studied constitution and ritual and had caught a glimpse of lofty idealism. They had attended conventions and reunions and had experienced the rich joys of human friendship. They had counseled together and had prided themselves on their administrative achievements. They knew that their chapters had participated in local contests with rivals and, perchance, had come off victorious in the autumn struggles for new members. knew that their chapters had become accustomed to secure for their fraternity the more important places in the elections for so-called college honors. In an earlier period of fraternity history, perhaps they had shared the sweet satisfaction of triumph in the debates of literary societies, in state or interstate oratorical contests, or when the coveted valedictory or salutatory was awarded by the faculty to one of their chapter comrades. With vision circumscribed by their own insularity, they counted themselves unquestioned leaders. With judgment warped by personal prejudice, or shaped by inadequate information, they ranked beneath their own the other fraternities whose names they knew.

Then came the Conference, with its questionnaries and its comparisons, its confessions, and its confidences. The fraternity, at last and for the first time, knew itself. It knew that some of its cherished features of organization were good, because other fraternity workers were discovered searching for something like them. It knew that some of the things it had permitted were bad, because the burden of testimony bore harshly upon them. It knew that some of its ideals were lofty, because strong men in the Conference from other fraternities pointed the way along the same high plane. It knew that some were low, because, in an atmosphere of inquiry and inspiration, it felt the sure sense of shame, as the low were criticized and condemned.

And the second gain is like the first: We have learned to know one another. Once we thought we knew, because some

renegade had betrayed to us the mystic meaning of Greek letters, or had opened to our understanding the secret symbolism of crescent or cross, of dagger or diamond, of star or scroll, of pierced heart or the golden chain. Once the wisdom we gained from the careless exposure of the grip, or from the study of the purloined ritual or constitution brought us belief that we knew one another. Here, in the council chamber of a common cause, we have had brought home to us the knowledge that the friend or brotherly tokens once considered the facts of fraternity are but the outward expression of other and deeper meanings. Here we have caught the loftier vision of love, comradeship, and character. Here we have learned "the infinite worth of a life of service, the infinite meanness of a life of selfishness." Here our own ideals have been scrutinized, modified, uplifted, as some one, from another association has traversed again for us the roadway of his experience, or, in fancy, has caught us up and carried us onward to the mountain top of his inspiration. old fraternity has gained suggestions from the new. The small has appreciated the strength of the large. The eastern has learned to respect the western and the southern. The novitiate in fraternity work has felt his own strength increase as he has measured his aspirations and ambitions by the activities and the achievements of the veteran. The fraternity once criticized, perhaps condemned, because of local meannesses or neighborhood jealousies, has been given the fairer consideration of wider The fraternity once exalted in position and power, because of vague tradition or self-proclaimed virtues, has found its rightful place nearer the common level. The conviction that high ideals and noble manhood attach to the workers in every fraternity, regardless of its age or birthplace, has strengthened the faith and sobered the judgment of us all. The discovery that relatively new chapters in Idaho and Kansas and Colorado. possibly of new fraternities, may furnish helpful suggestions to old-established chapters in ivy-clad lodges in New England has nationalized the spirit of us all. And, as a result of this better knowledge, one of the other, better knowledge of institutions, better knowledge of men, inter-fraternity relationships

everywhere have been transformed. The honest things and the honorable have issued their challenge, where, in days gone by, the champion fought with weapons of deceit and defamation. If the estimate of the worth of the Conference ended right here, it would have justified its ten years of service a thousand fold.

There have been other and more tangible gains from the Conference. The chapter home and the chapter conscience alike have been helped. Liquor, gambling, idleness, immorality, and snobbishness, those ills of many a year, have been dealt hard The chapter house has become more homelike. atmosphere has been made more wholesome. Fraternity scholarship has been greatly stimulated. The responsibility of the older members for the younger has been emphasized. changed character of chapter and fraternity has attracted attention of professor and dean and student body, while good business methods, once wholly overlooked, are now made part of chapter administration, under uniform accounting systems and stricter supervision by national and regional officials. Some of these advances might have come in regular routine without any interchanges of ideas and of experiences, such as we have enjoyed here. But every member of the Conference will concede without question the far-reaching effect upon chapters all over America of the discussions and deliberations of this annual assembly during the decade now ended. For the Conference has served as a power-house, from which, on high-tension lines, loftier ideals of life have been transmitted over river and mountain, through valley and across prairie, to the colleges and universities from Maine to California.

In recent months our system has been put to the test. Our ritualistic and inspirational teachings have seen their rich fruitage. The many discouraged hours of the fraternity official were forgotten; all the questionings about real values were ended, when, from every chapter house, at the call of country, those who wear the badges we prize rushed forth to fight for national honor, for world democracy, for the eternal God. We have followed them with pride as they have faced the foe. We have mourned for them as they have fallen at the front. But, even

as we have laid our costly sacrifices upon the altar of human freedom, we have renewed our faith in that idealism, which, amid the darkness of the initiation chamber, was implanted in our lives, as we pledged eternal fealty to it, made our vows to human friendship, swore to "bear our part in human labor, take our share in human strife." If some carping critic of yesterday return to renew his attack against the college fraternity and to condemn its product, our only answer need be to point to starred lists of alumni organizations, to emptied chapter houses, to long lines of khaki-clad youth, to the rolls of the heroes in many a fierce fight, to the rows of graves beneath the poppies of Flanders fields, "out there at the Front, where their all they gave, our lives and the Soul of Life to save."

Companions and counselors in a constructive Conference, friends and fellow-workers in the fraternity field, we have a right to pride in what we have been enabled to accomplish together in the past ten years. Along the eastern horizon we see the eager, confident, expectant heralds of a new and better civilization. The demands upon us as fraternity leaders will be many and insistent. Let us here and now vow, as members together in a larger brotherhood, to "so live in all true manliness, as to be an inspiration, strength, and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours." In that prayer from "The Vision Splendid":

"God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see
Of that new world that He would have us build,
To Life's ennoblement and His high ministry."

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON.

PI KAPPA ALPHA'S REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 1918

The regular annual meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Conference was held in New York on November 30, 1918, and the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was represented there by the following delegates: Dr. Robert M. Bird, Iota, from University of

Virginia; Mr. J. Lorton Francis, Alpha-Chi, District Princeps, from New York City; and Mr. Edward R. Joyce, Alpha-Upsilon, from New York City.

There were thirty-six fraternities represented there by delegates, and four of the fraternities, who are members of the Conference, were absent.

A great deal of discussion was had as to the alumni help to chapters, and a committee appointed to study and report on this subject to the next Convention in 1919.

Our delegates will write a full account of this meeting, and we hope to have same in the February issue.

With the Restoration of Peace



HE news of the restoration of peace is, indeed, glad tidings for fraternities. On the heels of this news came the order from Washington that all restrictions were removed from fraternity activites. This news, of course, can not restore the fraternities to their former status immediately, while the S. A.

T. C. still exists, as the members of that organization have their time pretty well filled. It is, however, the view for the future, brought to the fraternities by the glad news, that gives it its chief interest for them.

With the coming of peace, we hope to see many of our brothers, who left college to enter the service, released; and we feel sure that many of these, on their release, will return to college to take up their education where it was left off. The return of such brothers will, of course, be a joyful occasion for all fraternities.

Further, it seems very probable that soon the colleges will be restored to their normal status, and the S. A. T. C. will no longer exist. Under such conditions, the fraternities will naturally return to the pre-war status. The students will have much more time to give to them than they do under the present régime.

Such prospects are, indeed, glorious, and it was with glad hearts that fraternities received the news on November 11th that peace had been restored to the world.

H. S. EVERETT, Tau.

Alpha-Eta at the University of Florida



T is difficult to imagine a perfect state of society in which closely connected groups of persons do not exist, banded together and working for the mutual aid and support of each other.

The student body at the University of Florida is no exception to that general rule,

and Alpha-Eta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is as cosmopolitan an aggregation of fellows as was ever called together in one school. Interwoven together with both latent and potent bonds of fellowship, the fellows look to each other as more than brothers; but as real friends, such as the old Greek prose and poetry depict.

The chapter roll, by the way, the largest on record, has names from all walks of life as represented on the campus-farmers, students, society men, debaters, "and everything." The leaders and members of Alpha-Eta each realize the power and prestige that may be added to any fraternity by having a well-rounded roster, each man trained in the purposes and ideals of the fraternity, and living up to the standards set by those ideals through sheer devotion.

The latter part of last year all the old stand-bys in the chapter saw the eve of school draw near with fear in their hearts and minds that with the dawn of a new term would come the end of fraternity life for the duration of the war, due to the very lack of suitable material. But, no, it was not decreed thus by the wise powers that be in Washington, who, by developing the S. A. T. C. to man the armies of democracy, also by the same move gave the fraternities a new lease on life with stronger chapters than ever before, by attracting to the schools and universities, throughout the nation, virile, capable young men who otherwise, without this added incentive, would have joined the colors, or started on the rough and rocky path of life without college experience and training.

That group drawn to the University of Florida was a large and splendid one, containing a whole section of fraternity timber, some of which has been cut and milled, but there yet remains a goodly patch to be cleared.

Alpha-Eta in the future, as in the past, will avoid all close connections with other Greeks on the campus, keeping plainly on the fence, friends to all and partial to none. Trusting to our own strength, we will endure the buffeting of the waves of adversity to the end, and attain the usual Pike prize of supremacy, whatever may be the cost.

DEWEY A. DYE.

WILLIAM HENRY ADAMS

Alpha-Alpha

Whereas, It has been the will of the Creator, who knoweth and doeth all things well, to take from us our beloved brother, William Henry Adams; and

Whereas, We believe that Pi Kappa Alpha, in the death of Brother Adams, has lost a faithful, devoted, and conscientious member, loved and esteemed by all who knew him;

Resolved, That the members of Alpha-Alpha Chapter, realizing the loss of the bereaved family, extend their deepest sympathy. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Adams, a copy to The Shield and Diamond, and that a copy be placed on our minutes.

G. L. HOOPER,

For the Chapter.

CLINTON FRENCH MOSS

Alpha-Nu

Whereas, It has been the will of the Almighty, who knoweth and doeth all things well, to take from us our beloved brother, Clinton French Moss; and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has lost, by the death of Brother Moss, one of its most conscientious and devoted members, and one that has done honor to his country, his university, and our Fraternity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Alpha-Nu Chapter extend their deepest and most sincere sympathy to his grief-stricken family. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Moss; and that they be published in The Shield and Diamond; and that they be recorded in the minutes of the Alpha-Nu Chapter.

> EMERY K. JOHNSTON, CHARLES H. POTTER, For Chapter.

EVERETT J. GRECIAN

Beta-Gamma

Whereas, It has been the will of the Almighty, who knoweth and doeth all things well, to take from us our beloved brother, Everett J. Grecian; and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in the death of Brother Grecian, has lost one of its most faithful and conscientious members, one who has ever been earnestly devoted to the advancement of its interests; and

Whereas, The members of Beta-Gamma Chapter do appreciate the honor he has brought to our country and our university, as well as to our Fraternity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Beta-Gamma Chapter, realizing the loss of the bereaved family, extend, in this hour of sorrow, their deepest sympathy. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Grecian; that they be published in The Shield and Diamond; and that they be recorded in the minutes of Beta-Gamma Chapter.

> Homer B. Hunt, S. M. C., For the Chapter.

Death of floyd herschell Lake

ALPHA-NU



LOYD H. (SHIRLEY) LAKE, half-back on the 1913 and 1914 varsity football teams of those years, died at his home in St. Joseph last week. He had pneumonia, followed by an attack of influenza.

Lake will be remembered by old timers as the white-haired half-back that was so hard

to lay hands on.

In the nip-and-tuck indoor meet with Kansas, in 1915, it was his running in the relay that won Missouri the meet.

He trained especially for the sprints, but, nevertheless, ran the first quarter. His opponent could do approximately 54 seconds, while Lake expected to do no better than 57. However, he headed his man on the first turn and came in, at the finish, winner by ten yards in the slow time of 1 minute, 1 second.

Lake, at the time of his death, was a practicing attorney in St. Joseph. He was a member of Alpha-Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Columbia, Mo.

-Evening Missourian, November 13, 1918.

FLOYD HERSCHELL LAKE

Alpha-Nu

Whereas, It has been the will of the Almighty, who knoweth and doeth all things well, to take from us our beloved brother, Floyd Herschell Lake; and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has lost, by the death of Brother Lake, one of its most conscientious and devoted members, and one that has done honor to his country and our university, as well as to our Fraternity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Alpha-Nu Chapter extend their deepest and most sincere sympathy to his grief-stricken wife and family. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife and family of Brother Lake; and that they be published in The Shield and Diamond; and that they be recorded in the minutes of the Alpha-Nu Chapter.

EMERY K. JOHNSTON.

R. ALVIN HOFFMAN

Beta-Gamma

Whereas, It has been the will of the Almighty to take from us our beloved brother, R. Alvin Hoffman; and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in the death of Brother Hoffman, has lost one of its most zealous and devoted members, whose energies have always been for the advancement of its interests; and

Whereas, The members of Beta-Gamma Chapter do appreciate the honor he has brought to our Fraternity and our university; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Beta-Gamma Chapter, realizing the loss of the bereaved family, extend, in this hour of sorrow, their deepest sympathy. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Hoffman; that they be published in The Shield and Diamond; and that they be recorded in the minutes of Beta-Gamma Chapter.

> Homer B. Hunt, S. M. C., For the Chapter.



OUR, WAR CORRESPONDENCE



[This new department will be of deep interest to us all, and the General Office earnestly asks that all chapters and alumni members lend us all letters received from our noble boys "over there."

We pledge the safe return of all such letters loaned us, and that they will not go out of our possession. They will be copied in the General Office for printer's use, and originals promptly returned.

Please also send us all newspaper items and articles published about our boys across the water.]

IN THE VERY THICK OF THE FIGHTING

"Somewhere," November 1, 1918.

DEAR HARRY:

Jerry Feesee, who just came back from the hospital, where he had been from a bad attack of gas while chasing Heinies, had a letter from you and let me read it, so I, being the only II here at present, and probably the only one that will read that letter for many moons, will endeavor to scribble you a few lines and tell you the whereabouts of about seven II's. I may, also, mention other Topeka and "K. U." men along the line, if I don't run out of paper and ink. To begin with, "Howdy" Cress, Corporal Cress, rather, is on a furlough just now, and I suppose is having the time of his life.

Furloughs are different over here than what they are in the States. To begin with, you get seven days over here, besides the time it takes going to and coming from the place where you wish to spend your furlough. Sounds good, so far, doesn't it? Well, listen to this: The "leave spots," as we call them, are about four in number in France, unless you happen to have relatives in England (and there is nothing to prevent a fellow from having relatives in England, is there?), are authorized by the United States Government, and are usually some historical spot.

Now begins the best part of the furlough—when you drop off the train, on which no car fare is charged, as soldiers don't pay car fare in France, a guide takes you to your hotel, and you spend your seven days, and then beat it back for your outfit; and never a word is said about your hotel bill. It is sent in to our Uncle Sam. But, say, Harry, such furloughs only come about once during such a war as this. You, no doubt, have read in magazines and newspaper articles where we get a furlough at the end of each four months, but I have been under shell fire, more or less for about five months, and I have not been one of the fortunate ones to date.

Corporal "Shorty" Berlin got shot up pretty badly not long ago, and is now in a hospital somewhere behind the lines. I am afraid he will be a cripple the rest of his days. A "H. E." (high explosive) shell hit within a few feet of him and fragments of shrapnel went through both legs, one just above the knee and the other just below the knee, breaking both legs. Also a chunk of shrapnel went through his left shoulder. "Doc" Lindsay Osborn (you know him, don't you?) and I carried "Shorty" on a stretcher for about a mile to get him to the hospital, so that a Medical Sergeant friend of "Shorty's" (I have forgotten his name) could dress his wounds. Such a rain of "H. E.'s" and bullets as we went through! It seems impossible that we could have gotten through it without a scratch, but we did.

Old Fritz was counter-attacking, and, Harry, you don't know half what counter-attacking means until you are in one. The Germans were shelling the hospital to which we were carrying "Shorty," and it appeared as if our Red Cross Station was going to evacuate it (we could see it down over the hill) before we could get there with "Shorty," and you bet we did not want all the ambulances to load up and "beat it," as we had to get our rifles and hurry back to help stop Old Fritz—hence would have to desert "Shorty," and that I never would have done.

Well, we hurried some, and, being weak from lack of sleep and food—as we had been chasing those Heinies for four days, and had not had time to sleep or eat—we had to set the litter down every hundred yards; and just the weight of "Shorty's" feet would cause him such pain in his broken legs, but he never whimpered, just gritted his teeth and said, "Go on, fellows, I can stand it." We gave him a cigarette and water, and he talked along the line.

We finally got him there, and turned him over to the Dressing Surgeons, and I have not heard from or of him since. However, am expecting to every day. Yes, we hurried back to the line, and "Old Jerry" was stopped in his tracks about five that evening.

Privates Johnny Scribner and Pete Compton were both gassed, the same day that "Shorty" was wounded, and they are now in a hospital. I have heard from them several times and am sending their mail to them. They are coming along fine, and I suppose will be like some of our other gas casualties who have just come back from hospitals—fat as they can be. Jerry Keesee was as fat and full of "pep" as one could expect. Heinie Henderson, while not of our company, is around occasionally, as well and healthy as ever. I talked with him a few days ago.

Corporal, Private, Corporal, Private George Chandler (yes, he has been up and down like the mercury in a thermometer) is not with us. Has not been for about two months, but I have every reason to think that he is kicking around, as the outfit he was transferred to did not see very much "close-up" action. George is doing his old work—drawing or sketching, or something of the sort.

I have not seen Paul Flagg since we left Camp Doniphan. However, once this summer he was close up to us and sent word down to us, but we have lost all trace of him since that time.

Did you know Bill Kinkle, a Topeka boy, Sigma-Chi, at K. U.? He has been with our company since we were at Riley, but he left us a few days ago to take the West Point entrance examination. Tough for him, eh?

Bruce DeGroate, an Alpha Tau Omega, was gassed while on the front, and is now in a hospital.

Fritz Bonebrake, a Phi-Psi, and Topeka boy, was left in the casual camp at Doniphan, but he crossed over and roamed around over France until he found us.

We have, or did have, four Washburn Kappa-Sigma's: Daeschner, from Hiawatha; Ralph Oman, from Topeka; Herbert Talbert, who was wounded in the back, and is now in a hospital. He is a Topeka boy. Also Fred Norris, a Hutchinson boy, who was killed by an "H. E."

Give Mother Wilmot my love, and let all the bunch at the house—if there is any house—read this.

I don't know many of the pledges—I don't think I even know your brother, Fay—but give them all the glad word from me.

I am Mail Orderly and handle all the mail for the company, and have just received a sack of mail, and, after distributing it, I had five letters, so will close and read them.

Move all the fellows to write me a letter, if you can, and don't be stingy with your own letters.

Always yours,

L. EARL CROWDER, Beta-Gamma.

A GLIMPSE AT THE MOTOR SUPPLY TRAIN LIFE IN FRANCE

"Somewhere in France," August 27, 1918.

DEAR "MIKE":

Suppose you have come to the conclusion long before now that I've forgotten my old friends. This is not the case by any means, but things have taken place so rapidly in my small life for the past few months that I've hardly had a breathing spell. From Trinity, N. C., to France in three and one-half months is about the record, isn't it?

I came over in the same convoy with old "Skin" and saw he and Kibler several times in the first camp we were in. We left him there and went to another camp on the coast, remaining there only a few days. We were next shifted across France, and are now nearly at the foot of the Alps. We are in the next largest city in France, second to Paris only, and, believe me, old

boy, it's some town! Think of going into one of the largest cafés in the world and having the old wine served as a regular part of the meal! That's the life we lead over here. We are allowed all the wine and beer we want to drink, so long as we do not get too much under our belts.

A part of our outfit came through France on a convoy of trucks, but my lot was by rail. I am acting clerk for the company now, having lost our sergeant clerk by transfer, and I hope soon to be able to wear the stripes myself.

We have not been in this camp but a few days, and are under orders to move again—to unknown parts, of course. That is what I can say for our branch of the service, we are not tied up in any one place long at a time. Suppose we will leave here with a full train of trucks, and I hope we do. We have six companies in a train and there are 30 trucks in a company, so you know, when we get 180 trucks, besides the officers' cars and motorcycles, it is some show. The train only reaches between four and five miles.

If you were only over here you would be surprised at the number of American soldiers. Coming over on our last move we couldn't stop at a crossroad, even, but what there was a bunch of our fellows around the train inquiring what part of the States we were from; and the thing that impressed me most was that not one of them had any complaint to make except that they would not let them go to the front. That's the American spirit that will beat Hell out of the Kaiser, isn't it? A good many men behind the lines are leaving their outfits and reporting at the front for duty. Don't think, now, that I'll have to do that, for we were issued gas-masks yesterday, and are under orders to move, and I hope soon that I'm going to see some of the real stuff.

The camp we are now in is a new one, and we were about second outfit of Americans to get in, so the French people (and especially the girls) were very enthusiastic over our arrival. That is to be a motor-truck base and the park is to be large enough to hold 40,000 trucks and cars! Some size, isn't it? That's the way the Americans are doing things over here. We

see aeroplanes come over every day, but no enemy planes get over this city. There is an anti-aircraft battery here, however, and we see the searchlights at work nearly every night.

Mike, I wish you would send me "Hip's," "N.'s" "Panic's," and any of the other old boys' addresses that you happen to have. I had them all at one time, but have lost them in some way, and would like to get them again. Moving as we do I'm liable to run into them at any time, and would like to write to them. Saw "Son" Houston in the second camp we were in, and also the Field Hospital bunch that was organized in Raleigh. I knew a good many of the fellows, and more who said they knew me when I used to come over to Raleigh. Not much wonder that I didn't know them, was it?

Well, it is most mess time now, and you know I can't miss that. Write me a long letter and give me all the news from Winston-Salem and Durham. If you don't hear from me regularly write anyway, for you know I'm in the Army now; but will do the best I can.

With best wishes to you and all of our friends, I am, Yours in the bonds,

SAM H. LEE, Alpha-Alpha.

A HOSPITAL ORDERLY'S VIEW OF FRANCE

"Somewhere in France," September 26, 1918.

DEAR MATZEK:

I have been intending to write you fellows, but somehow or other have not had the time. After doing my twelve hours, at night, I turn in and sleep all day, or the better part of it at least. I am a night orderly in one of the wards, and, although the work is not arduous, it at least takes some time.

Just now I spend my spare moments trying to keep warm, and it is a hard job, for it is a damp cold, of a sort that penetrates no matter how many clothes are worn.

You asked about France, and, so far as my limited acquaintance goes, I will try and give you some idea of it. We located at Limoges, soon after we arrived, and were put to work constructing a hospital. Before we finished, we moved down to our own hospital and finished that, and got patients while in the process.

The town is ancient, and looks it. When one gets a little out from the center of town, he runs into the poorer sections. The houses are built up off the dirt sidewalks, and are of either stone or cement. The outsides show the effects of the weather and are all flaked off, making a mighty scrubby appearance. The interiors are little better; dirt floors and all that. There is a hole in the wall for a door and every once in a while one has to jump lively in order to escape a shower of dirt or dirty water propelled toward the street by the vigorous broom of some old, bent beldame.

There are little "buvettes," or saloons, everywhere. In fact, I think that at least every third hole in the wall has its row of bottles. Nearer the downtown district each "buvette" has its upstairs adjunct. The inmates use the "buvette" as a playground and a place to work up trade. The Army posts notices as to which of the places a man may enter. Perhaps an effort is made to distinguish between the bad and the worse!

There are lots of interesting places in the town: The market, the wash-houses, the opera square, where an American has to fight to escape after dark, the cathedrals, and what not. The market is quite a place. It is a large, square building, partitioned off into stalls and sections. There are sections for vegetables, meats, fish and all kinds of sea food, cheeses, and the Lord only knows what. The individuals rent stalls in the sections and put out their produce. Then comes the fight. There is also an out-of-doors market, where everything under the sun is sold, from post cards to lace—vegetables and flowers to meat. In one place, there is nothing sold except the old stuff that refugees have brought back with them. Some of the darndest junk you ever saw—old tattered books, stove lids, bundles of rags—everything under the sun. The town is full of refugees from the

French border, and Belgians. Normally the town has about 92,000 people, but there must be well over 100,000. The country around here is hilly and affords a lot of fine scenery. There is a lot of wooded land here. In fact, the amount of wood really surprised me, because I had always thought of France as being nearly out of wood.

Give my regards and best wishes for the year to the boys and push them hard. When we come back we want a strong chapter—because it will take a strong one to hold us when we do come.

Yours fraternally,

MAX E. WEBB, Beta-Iota.

A PI PRIVATE

"Somewhere in France," November 1, 1918.

MY DEAR LORT:

You will be interested, I am sure, in hearing that I have been in France about two months, getting ready to go to get the Hun.

In order that you may know that I am not a General, please be advised that this letter is being written at the hour 6 A. M. You know only buck privates get up at such an early hour—no, I am wrong, for recently I was made a first-class private. Nevertheless, I am getting used to things as they go.

Right now this "Yank" is quite comfortable, sitting on a box, warming his feet in front of a red-hot stove, awaiting breakfast.

For a few weeks my nights have been spent 'n an army tent, about three miles from quarters. The bunch of hine men on this detail march down here every night, do our bit, and then return the next morning. Our work of late has not been exceptionally strenuous, and just now we are a long way from the firing line, and getting further away each day—not because of our movement, but because the Yanks on the front are pushing the Germans back.

I would like some late fraternity literature so much, so please send me some. Otherwise my needs are well cared for by Uncle Sam.

Here's wishing you and your family the best in life. Yours fraternally,

"PRIVATE" JAMES F. REYNOLDS, Alpha-Chi.

ONE OF OUR TAR HEELS IN FRANCE

"Somewhere in France," October 27, 1918.

Dear -:

I am now going to do something that has been on my mind for months—that is, to write you a letter. I could write a book, but I am not going to bore you to that extent.

No doubt you know about the time that I left the good old U. S. A. We had a great trip over—but that is all history now. We immediately set out on our mission, and ended up by getting some good "cannon" and traveling over quite a bit of France.

Our work has been for the largest part that of conveying "pills" to the Dutch, and we have been doing quite a good deal in that. I am just in, now, from forty-eight hours out, and I am sure in for a good night's sleep if Fritz does not come around.

My observations have been wonderful, and experiences even more so. I have been in quite a number of air raids, gas and shell attacks, but so far I have come through all right. To describe some of the above is impossible, as I am my own censor. I will say, though, that they certainly would make a "deacon" put his Book down. You can not imagine such things as have happened—it is impossible!

I guess that you wonder if I can "shoot this lingo." No, not much, but I take up a few words each day, and this helps matters.

This country is beautiful way back, but we never see that part. We see a lot of devastated country, but you could hardly

judge France by the buildings, etc., that we come into contact with. Some of the old French houses look like a barn—I am not much of an artist, but here is a drawing of the one in which we live. Not so bad, you know, but from odor and noise one would think that he was on some old farm. The odor is just wonderful!

I have met a good many old cronies over here, including A. Warlick, G. Carver, Gus Newberry, Walt Lambert, and others. I see some new Π on most every trip. They are all O. K., and have the optimistic feeling and broad smile over the Allies' great offensive.

We get good "chow" over here, and the men get plenty of good clothes. "Uncle Sam" is certainly keeping care of his boys, and nothing is lacking. The Dutchmen are getting a good licking, and we will get a real peace some day via—Surrender route!

Turk English has gone and jumped the river and is married. John King, Kid Anderson, Paul Venable have all gone West. Paul Montague is a prisoner. Walt Martin, Jr., slightly gassed over here. Ben Gray went to America, slightly wounded, to do service as an instructor.

I was examined to-day for promotion. Write me soon, and with best wishes.

Your devoted friend,

WESLEY L. FERRELL, Alpha-Alpha.

DODGING THE GERMAN SHELLS

SUNDAY IN FRANCE, SOMEWHERE AT THE FRONT.

Have been intending writing you for some time, but business has been rushing over here. Before we came up here some one told us that we were going to a quiet sector. All I have to say is that if this is a quiet sector, an active one must be "some action." Am getting somewhat accustomed to shell fire, that is,

so I don't shy like a young colt the first time he is in harness every time I hear one coming. You soon learn to tell by the hum whether said shell is going to be short, over, or in your own immediate neighborhood. If it's coming very close it always pays to hit the dirt, for shell splinters cover quite an area. They certainly have a wicked sound as they go through the air. I got caught out in an open field the other night when Fritz started shelling a road near the field. Naturally, a number of his shots landed in the field. Needless to say, I vacated the field without undue delay. Fritz is a methodical cuss, usually, and if you observe him carefully you can gather quite a bit of helpful data on when a place is going to be unhealthy, and for how long. But you can't sometimes always tell.

Pugh is near here, though I have not seen him for some time. I saw Perc Forman a few days ago. I suppose you know that he is a Second Lieutenant of Engineers. He seems to be getting along fine. Said that he had been up with the infantry doing some work. Saw "Pop" Shriver about a week ago. He is with the same outfit that Perc is.

Am writing this in a German-made dugout, by the light of a German candle. Am sitting on a German bedstead, said bed being infested with a million or more German fleas that bite like h—, and listening to the reports of bursting shells and artillery. A nice setting, is it not? It will be nice so long as the bursting shells keep out of this immediate neighborhood, but they haven't been doing that of late.

The thing that I like best of all is gas. I am not in love with high explosives, but I can stomach it much better than gas. I certainly do take good care of said mask. It never strays far from my side.

Drop me a few lines soon, and tell me all the news. Wish I could tell you more, but guess I had best not.

LIEUT. MARK L. TERRY, '18, Alpha-Kappa.

EXTRACTS FROM ALPHA-KAPPA LETTERS FROM "OVER THERE"

FROM CAPT. T. S. DUNN, '10

Hiked out from the States just after receiving your last letter. Managed to get across without being seasick or blown up, and, after seeing a bit of England, landed in France. (The man that calls it "sunny" France is a liar.)

It sure was a rough trip across the channel, and I managed to keep top side up. Only four of us weren't seasick, and it was a joyous time.

Got me here, and they didn't lose any time putting us to work. I've been put in command of 750 coons, and it is sure some job. I'm averaging 16 to 18 hours a day, and never get finished.

Haven't seen an M. S. M. man since I landed, but know they are scattered all over France. I've often wondered if any of them got soaked in the Archangel expedition.

We are back from the front; don't know when I'll see any fighting, and are in what is known as the S. O. S. (services of supply). It keeps us busy all night, and I never realized what a mess of stuff an army needs until I got into this end of the game.

We are stationed in a fairly large town, and the officers all have rooms around the place. I have a magnificent room in a private family.

FROM LIEUT. J. W. PUGH, '18

I got a *Miner* the other day from McCandliss, and picked up lots of dope from it. Well, I am not in Italy, nor is Terry, and we hope we never will be there. French is bad enough to savvy, without mixing in Dago.

We are at the front now, and are into the real thing. It is all right, except that you may be killed or wounded any time, and sometimes it is not done in a very gentle manner.

I am now the Adjutant of my battalion. It is a Captain's job; however, it does not make a Captain out of me. Our post of

command is in an old chateau of the smaller type. We are comfortable, except when Heinie tries to blow us out with what seems to be hogsheads loaded with T. N. T. In that event we hike for the well-known hole, and endeavor to pull it in after us. It is honestly comical to see our hard-boiled doughboys under shell fire at times. Each one will have a little trench dug for himself, so that only a direct hit will get him. Well, they will all duck when they hear one coming. As soon as she hits they all rare up like a bunch of prairie dogs and holler and yell, asking where it hit; and if one hits and does not explode, there is an awful racket about "foul ball."

I saw a couple bringing in two innocent-looking German prisoners the other day. Each doughboy had traded tin hats with their prisoners. They had on German boots; each had a pair of captured field glasses around his neck. Sugar pistols stuck all over them, trench knives in their boot legs, and sawed-off shotguns on their shoulders. They were the fiercest-looking things I have seen outside a comic opera.

"KEEP THE CHAPTER GOING"—A MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

"Somewhere in France," October, 1918.

DEAR MIKE AND ALL PI KAPPA ALPHA BROTHERS:

I know you will pardon my not writing you sooner when you know how busy I have been. I have "bawled the Jack" since I last saw you. I have traveled from Florida to France, and have covered near all this place; and been through quite a good deal of experiences with the shelling and bombing, and even the old gas sprayed at me.

This branch of the service that I am in was taken out of the Q. M. C., and is in the "Transport Service," as a separate individual corps of the Army. I do not know but what it should be called "The Hun Target Service," though so far we have been very lucky, as we have only lost one man and about a dozen in the hospital.

I have often been wondering as to what you are doing, and I am writing to say to you one important thing now—if you go back to Trinity College—keep Alpha-Alpha going! If you do not go back to the college, keep in close touch with the boys there, and help things along and see that the chapter does not go under.

We have a bunch of good trucks—good drivers, and everything, as a rule, runs along pretty smoothly, though with the heavy rains there is a great deal of mud. But the rain and the mud both can not stop this bunch of "bucks," and you can just wager your best that the American soldier will cold chisel the Dutch.

Fraternally yours,

Wesley L. Ferrell, Alpha-Alpha.

II'S AT FIELD ARTILLERY CENTRAL OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL, CAMP ZACHARY TAYLOR, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Brother John U. Field gives the following list of those II's whom he has met at the training school up to November 12th. He says there are doubtless more of them, but he has not yet met them.

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Dr. E. C. ElliottOmegaY. M. C. A. 153
Geo. M. Ivey
L. L. Boon, Jr
C. B. Young
James M. RobinsonAlpha-Delta28th Tr. Bat.
J. Beaman Alpha-Epsilon 2d Tr. Bat.
V. H. MooreAlpha-Zeta19th Tr. Bat.
A. J. Cone
H. E. Bouis
—— Dagg
R. G. Hicks
Paul W. Miller
E. R. TurnerAlpha-Omicron
H. L. Eggar (Pledge) Alpha-Omicron 36th Tr. Bat.
Fred E. RenkertAlpha-Rho5th Tr. Bat.
S. W. McCarte
Lieut. H. W. Rudolph Alpha-Upsilon,
Bat. E, 4th Bat., 5th Regiment
W. D. McCloskyAlpha-Psi14th Tr. Bat.
— Moses
E. D. Perry
L. P. Whitehead
A. W. Anderson
M. L. Jones
Geo. B. Sammons Beta-Gamma6th Tr. Bat.
F. E. Gaines Beta-Delta 28th Tr. Bat.
Lieut. Hartman Beta-Eta 8th Tr. Bat.
H. F. Chadeayne Beta-Theta 8th Tr. Bat.
C. H. Snively Beta-Iota 9th O. B.

A SAILOR PI

DEAR SQUIRE: "AT SEA OVER THERE," October 9, 1918.

I was mighty glad to get your letter with all of its news of the old bunch, and I am looking forward a lot to your next letter telling of your rush-week successes, and so on.

You see, it is this way, Squire—while I am a long way off (thousands at least), and I know I don't write as much as I should, a fellow's mind sure does wander back to the old bunch and old times.

Wish I could kick in with a slight donation occasionally, but due to the fact that a sailor is supposed to have "one" in every port, I'm afraid I'm on the minus side of the ledger to the Dad most of the time as it is. But, boy, I have one or two of the fair species I would enjoy having you look over. Oh, boy! It's a great life. That is, if a "gob" drew as much a month as Henry Ford does a year!

Now, tell all of the boys my best. This letter is for all of them, and especially Mother Wilmot.

I like my work fine. I have been in the store room for three months, but for the last two months I have been on the outside. I am aboard the U. S. S. South Dakota all of the time, but don't do any work at all on her. All of my work comes when we are in port, and then I am ashore most all of the time, so you can see how interesting it is.

Congratulations, both to Pi Kappa Alpha at K. U. and also to your pledges.

Fraternally,

JOE J. PRATT, Beta-Gamma.



EDITORIAL



Chapter correspondents are giving a great deal of trouble, and much unnecessary work, to the General Office by inattention in writing their letters for the magazine.

Chapter Correspondents Take Notice. They were notified November 16th (General Office Letter No. 66) to mail letters for this issue on December 1st.

On the tenth only twelve letters had been received, necessitating another reminder.

The dates when letters are due are plainly set forth in the "Calendar," and in these pages. Notices are not required to be sent correspondents—nor will any more be sent.

Hereafter, the fines, provided by the Constitution, will be rigidly enforced, where letters are not received at proper times.

Your General Office is carrying an extra heavy burden of work this session, and appreciation of this should be shown, by helping it with the magazine—not increasing the work and worry incident thereto.

This issue would have appeared on time, but for the delay of the correspondents.

Let us have no more of this, with the three remaining issues. Write, and mail, your next letter the first week in January.

War conditions have, in recent years, necessitated our buying, at one time, the entire amount of paper neded for the magazine for that year.

The Magazine's This summer, when prices were slightly

New Paper. lower, warranting this purchase, our Government requested that the use of enameled papers be discontinued, for war-emergency reasons.

Therefore, of course, in conformity therewith, we changed our

purchase to the present paper.

It does not make as handsome a magazine, nor show up the illustrations quite as well, but, with all that, it is a very good paper, and we know every II approves the substitute at the Government's request.

We are much indebted to our publishers, the J. P. Bell Co., for the great personal interest taken in selecting this, and the pretty cover, papers. By their help, we secured both at a very low price.

During the upset conditions due to the S. A. T. C., the rules were not enforced, requiring each chapter to write two articles on timely fraternity subjects—one in Contributed Articles October and one in April.

for the Magazine. Now that conditions are normal again in college life, chapters must send in the articles due in October at once.

Read Rule 2, on third page of the "Calendar."

This new department in our magazine has, we feel sure, been of keenest interest to all, and we hope more letters will be loaned for the next issue.

Our War

Correspondence.

Letters will be carefully handled, and they will not go out of the General Office—simply being copied there and immediately returned to owner.

Brothers will please send in any of these letters from the boys "Over There," so this department can be continued to the great enjoyment of all.

Any photos from these boys should be also sent, so cuts can be made for the magazine.

Please give this attention, and every II, everywhere, help, by sending in letters received from our boys "Over There."

In a large organization such as ours it is readily appreciated that for a General Office to have the direct supervision of the small details of forty-five chapters would be impraticable and inefficient. The General Office is not interested particularly whether John Jones was absent from meeting, or in

the personal remarks of (or the results to) the weekly critic. However, our General Administration is vitally interested in a spirit of indifference or a chaotic condition existing within the chapters. Right here is the function of the District Princeps' office—a clearing house between the Powers That Be and the Active Chapters.

While the geographical and possible means of communication are important, the determining element in districting a fraternity is common interest. Many business organizations are very much handicapped in this particular, due to a policy of just growing rather than scientific planning. A spot record on a map, showing the location of a college's activity, will readily determine whether or not a chapter is in the proper district.

In addition to routine matters, lending a helping hand in time of trouble, and interpreting the general policy to meet local conditions, the District Princeps' office has the greatest opportunity of coördinating the chapters, or of inculcating the spirit of a national fraternity rather than having individual clubs with a common name, meeting occasionally at a general convention.

In normal times, when district conventions are practical, local needs and conditions can be discussed, and, if the subjects are of sufficient importance from a national point of view, they can be presented to the general convention in a thought-out manner, resulting in a saving of time and patience, and leaving a feeling that such efforts are in line with the national ideals.

J. LORTON FRANCIS.



CHAPTER LETTERS



Chapter Letters must be typewritten and mailed to the General Office, 328-331 Trust Co. of Ga. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., not later than the 15th day of September, November, January, March, and May 1st of each year. Further notice of this rule will not be given. Chapters are liable to fine for failure to observe it.

ALPHA

University of Virginia

Alpha is alive! We have only been gassed. The German gas, however, has put our throats in a very bad condition, which has prevented us from talking.

The stupendous war-time program that our Government has exercised this collegiate year has been very disastrous to fraternity life here. As you have full details regarding the S. A. T. C. units established at various colleges, it is useless to go into any details regarding it.

On October 1st, the Government commandeered all fraternity houses up here, ours being included. At that time we had practically all the brothers living in the house and, consequently, had unity in the chapter. Two days after this they moved all the brothers out of the house, with the exception of myself, and quartered them in various other fraternity houses and school dormitories. This was done by the military authorities, so that they would have all the men in school taking the same courses quartered together. As the brothers were practically all taking different courses they were broken up and scattered about college and, consequently, assigned to different military companies. This made it difficult for the brothers to get together, plan, and work for the perpetuation and upbuilding of Alpha. Even under this difficulty we worked hard and even missed military formations (for which we were put on kitchen police duty) in order that we might get some unity in working toward the common end, that of getting in some good "goats."

Then came the serious blow to our struggling chapter—the influenza epidemic came upon us. The first blow carried three to the hospital, and these were followed, as if in turn, by practically all the rest. In the midst of this epidemic there came a call from various training camps for officers' material, and, as the military authorities cast their eyes in the direction of Pi Kappa Alpha, they saw the good material they needed for officers, and drew five from this chapter and sent them to training camps. Then came the day when fraternity activities were to be disbanded "until further notice"—the day of October 20th. This day found about half of us still in bed with the "flu" and the other half in training camps.

The men of last year's chapter that returned to college in the fall were:

- J. S. Horsley, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- F. M. Massie, University, Va.
- F. D. Leach, Richmond, Va.
- W. W. Nickels, Bristol, Tenn.
- W. T. Jenkins, Newport News, Va.
- W. R. Dove, Biloxi, Miss.
- W. Newton, Norfolk, Va.
- C. M. Catlett, Staunton, Va.

We were also very fortunate to have the following transfers:

- A. R. Johnson, from Alpha-Gamma.
- M. Omohundra, from Gamma.
- R. Graham, from Iota.
- R. H. Allgood, from Upsilon.
- T. Coleman, from Omicron.
- W. Leonard, from Omicron.
- S. H. Preston, Jr., from Iota.
 - Woodall, from .

Due to the conditions existing here none of the above brothers were formally transferred.

Of the old Alpha men, Brother Newton left about October 1st for Alexandria, Va., where he had accepted a position in the teaching staff of the Episcopal High School. Brother Dove left the latter part of October for Camp Taylor, Kentucky, to enter

the F. A. Training Camp there. Brother Coleman left for Camp Lee, Virginia, to enter the training camp there; however, he is at present in the newspaper business in Richmond, Va. Brothers Preston and Woodall arrived here very late. After finding that he could not be inducted into the S. A. T. C. on account of his age Brother Preston left for Tazewell, Va., his home. He is, however, expecting to return up here in January. Brother Woodall was sent here by the Government to undergo training in the Naval Unit established here. He left yesterday for his home, and is uncertain about returning after Christmas.

At present we have the following brothers in college: Brothers Massie, Horsley, Leach, Nickels, Jenkins, Catlett, Johnson, Omohundra, and Leonard.

We had a meeting December 18th in regards to "coming back" strong at the beginning of the year. The S. A. T. C. unit will have been demobilized by this time, and the college returned to its normal course. Brother R. M. Bird, faculty member and president of Alpha Incorporation, called the meeting, and put forth some excellent suggestions as to how we were to start out anew. After Christmas we hope to be able to report some very good "pledges."

The house will be turned back to us at the beginning of the year, and we hope to have everything going in their normal order soon after that time.

Alpha wishes for her sister chapter, and all II's, the most prosperous and brightest of all New Years and the merriest of all Christmasses.

W. T. JENKINS.

BETA

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Football has held our attention for the past few weeks. Fischel and Robbins are representing Beta; Fischel is right tackle on the varsity, and Robbins is center on the scrubs. Fischel has played in every game of the season, and has starred

in most of them. He has more than won his letter. Robbins has made all of the varsity trips. If he returns next year he will probably make his letter. Davidson lost only one game during the entire season. We won the state championship by defeating the University of North Carolina 14 to 7.

During the first week in November we had some ladies down from Statesville to see the Washington and Lee game. After the game we gave an informal dance for them. The ladies voted Pi Kappa Alpha the best on the "Hill."

Along with the good news of peace came the appointment of six of Beta's sons for the Officers' Training Camps: McQueen, Robbins, and Pritchard were selected for the Infantry; Inman, Bradham, and Boswell for Aviation.

Brother Hendricks had to return to his home on account of illness, but we are glad to know that he is recovering fast.

Davidson recently contributed \$7,800.00 to the United War Work Campaign, while her quota was only \$3,000.00. This is the best record that has been made by any southern college. In spite of our Army regulations, Davidson has not lost its "pep," and never will. Beta contributed over \$600.00 to this fund. Did all of Beta's sisters do this good?

Beta recently received the bad news that Capt. W. E. Mattison has been gassed. We have not been able to hear from him, but we trust that he is recovering. Brother Mattison has been with our forces in France for eight months.

Several days ago we had a visit from Brother Overton, '17. He is stationed at the Naval Training School in Newport, R. I., and expects to get a commission soon.

Beta is well represented in the Glee Club this year by Corlette, Inman, Belk, McQueen, and Shields; Shields is manager and leader, and is in the Pi Kappa Alpha mandolin and guitar club and quartette. The quartette is composed of Corlette, Inman, Belk, and Shields; the mandolin and guitar club of Inman, Shields, and McQueen.

The St. Cecilia gave a dance in Charlotte on Thanksgiving night. Beta was there with a strong force of loyal sons. Brother Inman is president of the St. Cecilia.

At a recent meeting the following men were elected and appointed to hold office for the following term:

A. M. Inman, S. M. C.

C. M. McCaskill, I. M. C.

J. R. Boswell, Th. C.

George Corbett, S. C.

B. E. Shields, M. S.

T. H. Pritchard, M. C.

Beta sends best regards to all her sister chapters.

P. H. Brown.

GAMMA

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

We are now fast approaching our Christmas holidays, and the only thoughts of the students are of the examinations which start next week.

The biggest event of the season has just taken place. During the latter part of November orders were received for the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. unit here. The officers in command decided to have two large dances, December 6th and 7th, which would make a fitting close to the military régime. The dances proved a big success, and the old campus was alive with the fair sex from all corners of the State. The dances took place in the mess hall, which was artistically decorated in a military manner. Brother Walton attended the dances, and said that in all probability he would return to college in January.

Many of the students, who were discharged last week, have gone home until January 2d, including Brothers Tipton, Sibley, and Hendley.

There has been practically no time for athletics this year, although we did have a football team of the true spirit that did credit to the college.

Gamma was represented on the gridiron by Brothers Tipton and Murphy, both of whom did commendable work.

We hope soon to have our baseball team up to the usual standard. Brothers Robert and Tayloe Murphy and Stephens expect to go out for the team.

Now, as the S. A. T. C. is demobilized, we find more time to stay in our house, which we all enjoy immensely. We had several girls here during the dances, and the good times we spent went a long way to reviving and stimulating the true, old fraternity spirit.

Gamma extends to all II's wishes for a most pleasant holiday, and that the New Year may open up bright and prosperous for them.

ALLIE E. S. STEPHENS.

DELTA

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Delta Chapter takes great pleasure in introducing the following brothers, initiated since October chapter letter:

Robert Neely Bell, Jr., Birmingham, Ala. Ernest McCrary Hunt, Prattville, Ala. James Monroe Scarborough, Jr., Dover, Tenn.

Clifton Stanton Winston, Rosedale, Miss.

Charles Robert Wolford, Cordova, Ala.

We have been greatly handicapped in fraternity work while in the S. A. T. C., for we could not find time for meetings or initiations. Now that we are mustered out, we hope to do better and more efficient work. A great many men are leaving college, and at present we can not tell how we will be affected.

Our men and pledges have taken an important part in college and military life.

Seven were noncommissioned officers in the military organization.

Business manager and assistant business manager of the college annual are both Π 's.

Seven of our men made the football team. We were not permitted to play football until after the armistice was signed. With less than two weeks' practice, we defeated Howard College and a picked team from Camp McClellan.

With best wishes to all chapters.

W. L. Ellis.

ZETA

University of Tennessee

Zeta takes peasure in announcing the following pledges:

J. I. Caldwell, Union City, Tenn.

T. E. Neblett, Cumberland City, Tenn.

Hale Thomas, Knoxville, Tenn.

Due to the demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps, and the fact that many of our men have already gone home for the holidays, Zeta has had no initiation thus far this year. But when school reopens on the first of the year, and we get started good, we are going to have a big initiation and jollification meeting.

We expect to have about ten men to initiate, and have a big thing for them. Due to the unsettled conditions here with the S. A. T. C., most of the fraternities here have not had any initiation yet, although some frats have taken in their new men.

Regular classes were begun on the "Hill" on December 9th, although demobilization of the S. A. T. C. was not completed until the 12th, and everything went back on a pre-war basis. Due to the fact that the Christmas holidays are so near, and the men wanted a rest after their touch of army life, practically all of the men returned to their homes as soon as they were demobilized.

Zeta had the following men leave: Brothers Hobbs, London, and Murfree; and Pledges Barnhill, Dugan, Caldwell, and Neblett. They will all return after the holidays, and we are then expecting a large chapter. Brothers Wade, Wadlington, Bond, and Ezelle all returned to their homes after being released from

training camp, and they expect to be back. Brother Landess and Pledge Wilson elected to remain in camp, and try for a commission in the reserves, but we are expecting them back with us soon. We are also expecting Brother Myrick back with us soon. He is now an Ensign in the Navy, but prefers to return to college and complete his education. With the return of these men, great things may be expected of Zeta in the near future.

A little less than a year ago, we were shocked to learn of the death of Brother Patton in the Navy. Up until a short time ago, we thought that we were fortunate in losing no more men, although we had a large number of men in the service. But in the last two weeks we have learned of the deaths of Brothers Belmont Earle and Robert Brown, and Pledge Charles Johnson. Brothers Earle and Brown were killed in action, although we have not learned any of the details, and Pledge Johnson died of influenza in a camp in France. Although we are very sorry to learn this sad news, we are proud of them, for we know that they were willing to make the supreme sacrifice for their country.

We were exceedingly glad to have a visit recently from Brother Bayer, of Cumberland City, Tenn. He was on his way home from a northern camp, and was bemoaning his fate because he did not get a "crack" at the Huns. We are always glad to have visits from our alumni, and any other II's who may be passing through Knoxville.

Brother Beers, who has been one of the officers in charge of the S. A. T. C. here, expects soon to be discharged, and return to his home in Kansas. We are sorry to see him go.

Zeta extends to all sister chapters best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. HARRY NORTON.

ETA

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Eta Chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity her first pledge of the session, John Randolph Foote, of New Orleans, La. We hope that by the next letter we will be able to announce the names of several more pledges.

Due to war conditions, the fraternity situation at Tulane has been very unsettled so far this year, but now that the great struggle is over we see our way clear to state that there is a great future ahead for Eta. The S. A. T. C., which was organized on October 1st, was demobilized on December 10th, after two months of real camp life. On account of the rearrangement of the class schedules, classes will not begin again until January 2d.

Eta Chapter was equally divided in camp and outside of camp. Brothers Allain, L. Hammett, T. Q. Foote, and Pledge J. R. Foote enlisted in the S. A. T. C., and were stationed at Camp Martin, New Orleans. All four were "noncoms," Brother T. Q. Foote a corporal and the other three sergeants. Brothers Corry and Elizardi were enlisted in the Naval Unit of the S. A. T. C. Brothers Ferguson and W. B. Hammett being, much to their sorrow, under age, were forced to remain in civilian life.

All of the men in camp from this chapter had the good luck of being assigned to the same company, and, though we are not going to claim any of the credit, Company 10 happened to come out ahead in practically everything it went into.

Eta also states with some proudness that the Tulane football team would never have won five games out of six had not Brother Allain been manager of that eleven.

With the new year Eta sees great chances for the most promising year, and wishes her sister chapters to share alike all the good the year of 1919 can bring.

Louis N. Hammett.

THETA

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY

Theta wishes to introduce to the Fraternity the following initiate:

John Alexander Lindamood, Columbus, Miss.

Since our last chapter letter was mailed many changes have been affected at old Southwestern. The S. A. T. C. unit, which was established here in September, has been disbanded, and we are on the same college status as of former years. This has had some effect on our chapter, for two of our pledges, who were here especially for military training, will have to leave and we will be somewhat weakened by their departure. Still, with the remaining new men and with two old men as a nucleus, we hope to be a flourishing chapter soon and one that will be a credit to Pi Kappa Alpha.

We are hoping, and have good reason to believe, that Brother P. L. Armstrong will return after Christmas and take up his college course again. His coming will surely be looked upon with joy in old Theta, for he is a good man and will render us invaluable service in the chapter.

Theta sends congratulations to all sister chapters on their fine showing during the crisis this fall, and extends to all a very pleasant Christmas.

S. R. KING.

KAPPA

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

Since the October letter Kappa Chapter has much brighter prospects for a good year's work. We were greatly handicapped by the "flu" situation and war conditions. All of our men here are in the S. A. T. C. unit, and due to military restrictions we have been unable to do any rushing. The "lid" has been on here since October 7th, but, with conditions steadily improving, it is hoped that the "flu" ban will be lifted before the Christmas holidays. Public or private gatherings of any sort or description are strictly prohibited. We expect to be mustered out within the next two weeks, and just as soon as the ban is lifted conditions will again be restored to normal, and we are expecting to again have real fraternity life.

Kappa was represented on the S. A. T. C. football team by three of the four present members. Martin, a varsity man, played at center. Salmon suffered an internal injury and was removed at quarter. Seabrook, playing left half, was disabled early in the season, and was unable to return to the game.

We expect to have pledge day soon and have several good prospects. We will be able to announce names in the next letter.

Basket-ball is occupying our minds at present, and prospects for a successful schedule are encouraging. All of our letter men are back. Salmon will probably play one of the forwards, and Martin is a candidate for center. Our new coach is expected soon, and with his arrival the season will open with lots of "pep."

Although many of our men will remain in the service for quite a while longer, we are expecting the return of some of them who left last summer and fall. Things will soon, therefore, we believe, be in the dear old normal, pre-war shape, and Kappa will surely welcome this change.

With the season's greetings to all Π 's wherever they are.

JOHN A. MARTIN.

OMICRON

RICHMOND COLLEGE

After remaining in a dormant state for a month and a half fraternities at Richmond College were allowed to resume their accustomed activities on November 15th. As a result of the rushing season, Omicron Chapter proudly announces the following new brothers, initiated the night of December 9th:

John William Mullan, Clifton Forge, Va.
John Milton Newton, Jr., Graham, Va.
Rufus Tazewell Newton, Graham, Va.
John Kenneth Tiller, 2117 Park Ave., Richmond, Va.
Emory Taylor Warner, Horsey, Va.
Thomas Boyd Washington, Woodford, Va.
Also the following pledges:
T. Coleman Andrews, Richmond, Va.
Charles Haycock, Portsmouth, Va.

Demobilization of the S. A. T. C. here is now going on. The college will be closed immediately, opening its doors again on the 1st of January. Men who have been in the service will be given full credit for the first term's work, and will be able to secure a whole year's advancement by completing the remaining two terms. We are expecting quite a number of old men back, and Omicron is particularly rejoiced over the prospective return of some of her last year's brood.

Brother Ellett is now at home, being called there by the sickness of his father; but we hope to have him back with us after the holidays. Brother Willis, who received his degree from college last year, returned this year as assistant professor of math. He will be with us until the end of the session. Brother Duval doesn't like to be mustered out of the Army, because his uniform holds such attractions for the fair sex. Never mind, Jimmie, you'll have more chances to go to see 'em anyhow.

Now that the boys are all returning, we are looking forward to a big Pi Kappa Alpha get-together in the near future. Probably we'll write you about it next time.

Omicron sends to her sister chapters best wishes for a happy Christmas season, and for renewed strength and vigor after the holidays.

J. M. H. WILLIS.

PI

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

The fraternity outlook for next term and the remaining part of the year is much brighter than at any previous time since September. Due largely to the unprecedented conditions caused by the Students' Army Training Corps and to the fact that only two active members returned to college, Pi has had a most difficult struggle all during the past term. However, with no Army regulations to hinder us, and with the return of old members, we expect to start things moving in the old way after Christmas.

We are glad to announce the pledging of David G. Humphries, Fernandina, Fla., who will be initiated as soon as college reopens. We also have other good pledges in view, whom we expect to announce in the next issue.

The S. A. T. C. is being rapidly disbanded now. The first discharges were given on the 8th or 9th of December, and men are leaving now very fast. The commanding officer expects to have the demobilization completed the 21st.

Beginning January 3d, the college authorities will run the scholastic department in much the same manner as before the war. The law school will open its doors, and all the former pre-war courses will be offered.

Examinations are in progress now, and, although it has been difficult to study much this term, Pi expects to uphold her scholastic standing. Next term we hope to raise that standing and bring it even nearer the front than it is at present.

Best wishes and greetings to all Π 's.

SAMUEL E. BAYLOR.

TAU

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The event of chief interest to every one in Chapel Hill at present, and especially to the fraternities, is the demobilization of the S. A. T. C., which begins December 2d, and is to be completed by December 15th. This will free four of our men from military discipline, and we hope that after the holidays we can get settled in the chapter house again on the old status. This reinstatement will, indeed, be a joyful occasion for Tau Chapter, for then we can again get together as in old times. During this fall, we have been so scattered over the campus that it has been hard for us to keep track of each other.

The big fall dances, the long-looked-for social event of the season, will take place on Friday and Saturday of this week, and we are expecting several good sisters and some old brothers to be present. We, however, anticipated the big dances by giving a little informal dance in the house last evening.

We were agreeably surprised yesterday when Brothers Prince and Robbins, both of last year's Senior Class, dropped in to visit us. They had both recently been discharged from the naval aviation training station at Miami, Fla., and were on their way home. Both of them are thinking of returning to school after Christmas. On November 23d we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Holt of the Class of 1920, who is now stationed in the naval unit at Georgetown University. He was expecting, however, soon to receive his discharge. We hope to have him back with us after Christmas, and perhaps several others.

The chapter has been very much affected over one of our brothers who has made the supreme sacrifice. Brother Hubert Smith has been killed in action, thereby striking a pang through the hearts of Tau Chapter, but at the same time shedding honor on his fraternity.

Two of our brothers have had the honor of assistantships conferred upon them this year. Brother Hunter is assistant in Bacteriology, and Brother Pace is assistant in Chemistry. We naturally feel proud of them.

We hope to be able to run on a smoother and more normal basis after Christmas, and we hope that the same may be true of all sister chapters. We extend to all sister chapters and to the Fraternity in general our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and and a successful New Year.

H. S. EVERETT.

PSI

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Since our last letter things have been rather dull around the chapter house on account of the S. A. T. C., which does not give us enough time off to visit the house during the week; but it is always full from Saturday morning until Sunday night, for during this time we are off duty. This has also, along with the influenza epidemic, kept us away from a few of our meetings, but now with peace and the reduction of our military to a much smaller scale the chapter is beginning to "pick up."

The football season ending on Thanksgiving, Psi wishes to congratulate Brothers Hal J. Morris and T. M. Smiley for the splendid record made this season. Brother Morris, captain of the team, has set a record that the future teams can look back on. Brother Smiley, our two-hundred-pound guard, has done his part to make the '18 football team of N. G. A. C. a success. Pledge Cox also proved to be one of the best halves that N. G. A. C. has ever known.

Psi received word from Brother Lamar Weaver, our last year's S. M. C., announcing his engagement to Miss Rae Meaders, of Dahlonega, who for some time has been a faithful sister to the chapter, and who has done much to help the chapter. Brother Weaver, now a Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, is stationed in California.

Now that the war is over, things will begin to get back to a normal condition. Psi extends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

BYRON H. BOND.

OMEGA

University of Kentucky

Omega Chapter announces the pledging of Mr. Maddox, Sanders, Ky., since the last letter. We have several other good men in view, but are waiting for them to get on citizens clothes again so that we may look them over more carefully. It has been impossible to have an initiation yet, but we have seven men to go through after the holidays. This will make fourteen men in the active chapter.

As far as university life is concerned, things have been dragging at Kentucky State practically the entire fall. The influenza has been especially severe in this part of the country, and the board of health bans have put a quietus on all sorts of gatherings. The entire student body was furloughed home October 12th, and did not return until November 4th. Class

work was not resumed until November 11th, and even then only members of the S. A. T. C. and women who lived in the women's dormitory were allowed to attend.

Practically every man in school now is a member of S. A. T. C., and, of course, we are housed on the campus, and kept under strictly military discipline. Large temporary barracks have been built and most of the men stay in them, though one company is bunking in the armory building. None of us dreamed last winter, when we used to dance around the armory floor, that in less than a year we would be allowed away from it for only twelve hours at a time on week-ends. To those who have known the good old days, of lots of parties and coming in when we pleased, it's quite a change. Imagine some of the "Old Guard" never seeing town except on Saturday or Sunday nights!

Under the present conditions, keeping a house was out of the question, so we got one room where we held infrequent meetings. It really served as a loafing place when we did manage to get out in town on a pass. It has been very difficult for everybody to get out at once, so we've had to worry along as best we could under the circumstances. Better times are in sight, however, and a committee has gone house-hunting.

The university returns to the pre-war basis on the 6th of January, the opening of school after the holidays. Orders have already been received to the effect that demobilization of S. A. T. C. units should be completed on December 20th, and farewell parties are already planned by all the companies for the night of December 19th.

Omega Chapter sends her heartiest good wishes to all the sister chapters.

W. R. WILSON.

ALPHA-ALPHA

TRINITY COLLEGE

The work of Alpha-Alpha has been seriously handicapped by military training, but, now, since this is to be discontinued, we expect to be able to resume our normal activities. The chapter has pledged no men thus far, but we have several good men in view, and we feel confident that we shall be able to pledge them when the time comes.

The chapter is making an effort to secure the hall which we had before the war broke out. If we are able to do this, we shall perhaps have the best location and quarters of any "frat" on the park.

At the beginning of the year things looked rather dismal for Alpha-Alpha, but now the troubled skies are beginning to clear, and we face one of the most successful years in the history of the Fraternity.

Brothers McCullen and Lee, both Lieutenants, at Camp Grant, Illinois, have been discharged, and will return to college after the holidays. Brother Swan also expects to return.

Football season has just closed. The season has been a most successful one, considering the fact that this is the first time in several years that the school has had a team. However, next year we hope to put out a team that will make all the followers of the pigskin game take notice. The chapter has one man on the team, Brother Thomas. He plays quarter-back.

Basket-ball has just begun to blossom forth and a call has been made for candidates for the varsity. Brothers Thomas and McCullen will probably respond to the call. There have been several games between the companies, and much interest has been manifested in athletics generally.

With the abolition of Kitchen Police and guard duty, and with the mustering out of a large number of men, we feel more than ever that the "war is over," and that we shall soon be our own boss once more.

Best wishes to all our sister chapters for a most successful year. We extend a cordial invitation to all our brothers to visit us at any and all times.

J. A. THOMAS.

ALPHA-GAMMA

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Now that the semester examinations are drawing near, every one is laboring over the desk and burning the "midnight juice," so that a creditable showing may be made.

Since the October letter some changes have taken place at L. S. U. The Students' Army Training Corps unit at this university has been demobilized, and about 80 per cent of the students have gone to their homes until after the holidays. Those going home will have the privilege of taking their first-semester examinations at the close of the second semester. Ten of Alpha-Gamma's twelve members are taking advantage of this vacation: Brothers Chandler, Guthrie, Hulse, Langston, Miller, O'Pry, Pittman, Powell, Simms, and Vaughn having gone home. These brothers will all return to the university December 30th, and we expect some of the brothers who were with us last year to also return on that date.

Two very interesting and exciting football games were recently played on gridiron. The naval section played Company D of the S. A. T. C. on Turkey Day, and the score was 0 to 0. Company D played a fast game, and had the ball near the goal line several times, but failed to score. Last Saturday Company C upset the dope when it walked away with victory, defeating Company D, 27 to 6. These are the only games we have had this year at the university, so we enjoyed them thoroughly.

This session marks the fifteenth anniversary of Alpha-Gamma, the chapter having been established in 1903. During this decade and a half, one hundred and two men have been initiated into the bonds by this chapter. Since its installation the chapter has made steady and consistent progress. The chapter has just passed through probably the most critical period since its founding, and has emerged from the storm all the stronger. At present we have a band of loyal alumni with the interests of the chapter at heart, an active membership, and a future full of possibilities.

As yet we have not had a dance at our house, as under the regulations of the S. A. T. C. it was not permitted. We are planning to have several dances during the second and third semesters, and we are looking forward to them with keen interest.

We have had the pleasure of visits from three of the brothers who were with us last year. Brothers Voelker, Marston, and Sullivant were on the campus last week. We are always glad to have them with us; and also any other brothers who may happen to be in the city.

Alpha-Gamma extends its thanks and congratulations to "those higher up," and all of the chapters, for the renewed energy and enthusiasm with which they are conducting affairs. She believes that Pi Kappa Alpha has entered a new and brighter era of her career. Let us all do our part and transform our encouraging prospects into enviable accomplishments.

Christmas has already begun to loom large in the horizon. Alpha-Gamma wishes every II a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will eclipse all others in Pi Kappa Alpha's history.

W. C. KING.

ALPHA-DELTA

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

The news of the close of the war was joyously received and extensively celebrated by Alpha-Delta. The gloom which has foreshadowed the future has been slightly removed, and we once more look forward to a bright and prosperous year.

The S. A. T. C. at Tech has developed into a strong, disciplined military organization. The military spirit at Tech was readily adopted by all the students and instructors. The great interest and coöperation of the enlisted men has made the unit a big success. In obedience to the order of the Adjutant-General, our division will be mustered out after the 4th of December. All the army students are banking strongly on being free

citizens before the Christmas holiday begins. Army life is great, but does not mix with academic duties. We will all be glad to get back to regular college work again.

Three distinct units-the Army, Navy, and Marines-comprise the S. A. T. C. unit here. All type of fighting men are to be found on the college campus. Pi Kappa Alpha is well represented in each of these divisions. Fifteen khaki-clad wearers of the II pin have served in infantry drill and soldiery. Don't you know they are sorry that the war closed so soon? For, now, they will be left to weep over their lost commissions, and be forced to quit as enlisted men. Nine of the fifteen mentioned above were selected as noncommissioned officers. They all have a splendid record, and have done due credit to themselves and their Fraternity. Four of our boys donned the blue jacket, and are very prominent among the sea-going crew. Two of these are acting as Lieutenants, but, as conditions are, they will all lay aside their navy serge without the opportunity to inhale the salty atmosphere. Two joined the Marine Corps. According to last reports they still have a chance to go abroad on a relief expedition. The work of the Marines have shown up splendidly, and has added greatly to the spirit and appearance of Tech as a Military Post.

Societies, and all student activities, have been dead during the existence of the S. A. T. C. It is our hope that they will all revive after demobilization has taken place, and lots of "pep" will be gotten up after the holidays. Athletics and military work mostly was emphasized, though our football team fell before the Pittsburgh eleven, for the first defeat in four years; we are not at all discouraged for a champion team next year. We have since succeeded in downing the Alabama Polytechnic Institute by score of 41 to 0. On Thanksgiving Day the Golden Tornado disbanded in good cheer; with the exception of Joe Guyon our entire team will return in 1919 season. Company football games were played throughout the season. The Marines retired as undefeated champions.

Alpha-Delta managed to keep her old house, with but four men as residents. We have had a hard struggle, but, nevertheless, will come through with a remarkable record this year. Since demobilization orders were issued, twelve room reservations have been made. Eighteen men will be accommodated in the house. All restrictions on fraternities at Tech have been raised. Alpha-Delta is planning a great year to come, and, with the aspirations of peace before us, we are not apt to have any further setback.

The chapter has been honored by visits from the following brothers:

Captain Burton Barrs, Alpha-Eta.

Private Charles M. Cramer, Alpha-Upsilon.

Private Charles P. Walters, Beta-Alpha.

Private Harold D. Hayward, Beta-Alpha.

Private Charles H. McFarland, Beta-Alpha.

Private Sephares C. Lynn, Beta-Alpha.

These brothers were all in the noble service of their country, and make a big unit at the Camp Gordon O. T. C. Alpha-Delta everlastingly enjoys visits from her brothers. Don't pass us up while in Atlanta.

With eleven old men now in the chapter, Alpha-Delta has good prospects, after peace is made certain, and the S. A. T. C. disbanded.

With best wishes to all the chapters, and a Merry Christmas to each brother.

WINSTON ATHBERRY.

ALPHA-EPSILON

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

At last we are about to realize the end of our troubles, and at one time these were great. All fraternity activities were ordered to be stopped, so you can imagine how the news was received that all restrictions on fraternities were removed.

Alpha-Epsilon at once went to work by giving a little "feed" to the boys on whom we had received recommendations.

Rushing this session has been very slow on account of the S. A. T. C. We only have about thirty minutes a day off, and we usually make good use of this time. We have been given week-end passes for the last month, and we always date up some "rush" for that time.

N. C. State was defeated by Wake Forest on Thanksgiving for the first time in the history of football.

We had our first military ball Thanksgiving night, and I think I am safe in saying it was a great success. Many ladies from out of the city were present, and we hope that we will be honored by another visit from them.

Alpha-Epsilon greatly enjoyed having Brothers Everett, Robbins, and Prince, from Tau, this past week-end, and, although we couldn't do much to make them "feel at home," we sincerely hope they will drop in again, and any other brother that can possibly do so. Brother Harshaw, who finished here last year, surprised us by a visit Thanksgiving, and our only objection is that he made it too short.

Alpha-Epsilon was hit hard by sickness this year, and lost three brothers who had returned. Brother Peoples is in the hospital at Plattsburg, N. Y., recovering from appendicitis, and we are glad to know he is getting along fine and expects to return after Christmas. Brother Jones was transferred to Camp Gordon. Most of the fellows that were transferred at the same time have returned, but, on account of sickness, Brother Jones was unable to, but we sincerely hope he will answer the roll call after Christmas. Brother Pate was sick all summer, and, therefore, was not strong enough to return this year, but, from what we have heard from him, we expect him back after Christmas.

Our commanding officer announced to the battalion last Tuesday that all of us would be discharged by December 21st, and we will be glad to get back to the old college life, since peace has practically been declared.

Now, brothers, since we are free to go ahead once more, let's get busy and get the best.

With best of luck to all II's.

WILLIAM W. VAUGHN.

ALPHA-ZETA

University of Arkansas

Alpha-Zeta has added two new brothers whom she wishes to introduce to the Fraternity at large:

- J. S. Dante, Dumas, Ark.
- C. M. Eggleston, Little Rock, Ark.

Alpha-Zeta is justly proud of these men, and with pride announces their initiation.

The Thanksgiving holidays have closed after two days of pleasure for all. The Regiment "Jazz" Band came up from Camp Pike to play for a dance given by S. A. T. C. men, to which civilians were invited. The men in camp were out till nine-thirty Thursday night, so they had a nice day of it.

As the S. A. T. C. will be disbanded in December, Alpha-Zeta will be able to resume the former chapter-house life.

Conditions at the university have changed some in the last few weeks. The men have had more privileges, and have been allowed to get out nearly every week. In addition to this, much guard and detail work has been done away with.

It is always with great pleasure that Alpha-Zeta welcomes visiting brothers. We were recently visited by Brothers L. R. Byrne and J. L. McKennon, both of Alpha-Zeta, whose visits were a source of pleasure to the chapter.

From the present outlook, we believe that some of our men will soon be returned from training camps. None have been sent back yet, but we hope there will be soon, to help Alpha-Zeta make another prosperous year.

With best wishes to the Fraternity.

S. M. HARRIS.

ALPHA-ETA

University of Florida

The past two months have been banner months for all the fraternities on the college campus, and especially for Pi Kappa Alpha. Her chapter now consists of twenty-seven members:

Richard Boring, Gainesville, Fla. Lonnie Pope, Hapeville, Ga. Frederick Henry Lecks, Palatka, Fla. Henry Allen Renfroe, Jacksonville, Fla. Donald Newton McMullen, Largo, Fla. Lawrence Benjamin Evans, Tallahassee, Fla. Lonnie Haymans, Gainesville, Fla. Clayton DeVere Burr, Tallahassee, Fla. John Frampton Wyman, Estill, S. C. Thomas Lewis Smith, Cheraw, S. C. Carl Edwin Duncan, Tavares, Fla. Julian Harold Jackson, Largo, Fla. Ralph Crosby, Palatka, Fla. Hugh H. McCallum, Jacksonville, Fla. Frank Morgan, Arcadia, Fla. T. Duke Williams, Jacksonville, Fla. Dewey Albert Dye, Bradentown, Fla. Garland L. Upchurch, Jacksonville, Fla. A. Eugene Carpenter, Orlando, Fla. Bwines Lynn Feaster, Micanopy, Fla. Robert E. Duckworth, Orlando, Fla. D. Lamar Leahy, Jacksonville, Fla. Maxwell Cook Snyder, Jacksonville, Fla. John Treadwell, Arcadia, Fla. Robert Howard, Tallahassee, Fla. Lewis Cone Holloway, Tallahassee, Fla. William Odus Wells, Griffin, Ga.

And the following pledge:

Henry George Burke, Tampa, Fla.

Of these men Brothers Wells, Feaster, Carpenter, Upchurch, and Crosby are all in the last Officers' Training School; at this time it is not known whether they will be returned to school or allowed to complete their training. As they have been gone for several months, it is likely that the latter course will be pursued.

Brother Banks Flewellen, who was with the Training Detachment at the university the earlier part of this year, is at present

in an O. T. C. at Camp Pike, Arkansas. In a letter received from him some time ago he spoke in no light terms of the course he was taking.

Owing to restrictive orders, caused by the S. A. T. C., dances this past period have been almost a minus quantity. However, Pi Kappa Alpha has been successful in getting away with a couple in their chapter rooms, which were well attended, and brought to an end, due only to failure of time or passes. Several non-S. A. T. C. men have been keeping the social ball rolling to a reasonable degree.

On Saturday, December 14th, Pi Kappa Alpha plans a "real affair" in the Elks' Club ballroom, with "imported" girls, orchestra, punch, programs, and all the other trimming. This dance follows, by about two weeks, one of the semi-annual interfraternity dances, which, if our plans do not miscarry, will be entirely forgotten and left in the shade.

A monthly letter telling of everything that has taken place in the college world is to be sent out by the chapter to absent members. This plan was followed last year with unusual success.

Three brothers, Dye, Pope, and Bowen, are on the football squad, which will close the season in Jacksonville, with a game with Camp Joseph E. Johnston. Pledge Burke has also won a place on the squad, and will undoubtedly do his share in winning the game.

Brothers too numerous to mention are noncommissioned officers in the different S. A. T. C. companies on the post.

Every one in the chapter has posed, or soon will pose, for his picture, later to be grouped together and be placed in the chapter rooms.

Two beloved brothers have been called to the great beyond by their Maker recently: Brothers B. K. Buck, who died in civilian life, and Capt. A. E. Hamm, who made the supreme sacrifice in France. Brother Buck was a charter member. Brother Hamm was in the chapter of 1916-17, and a graduate of the first O. T. C. With his Army insurance he established a scholarship in this university, and also another at the Alma Mater of his

wife. His picture was recently unveiled with honors at a general assembly of the students of this school.

Most of the fellows for the past ten days have had a long face and a sore arm, due to the Army "shot" administered some time ago.

The peace news killed the incentive of most of our fellows for military, so we are looking forward to an early dismissal of the S. A. T. C., thereby enabling their return to their studies without hindrance.

Brother Leahy has been elected S. C. to fill Brother Carpenter's place.

All the men are looking forward to the October issue to see the comparative success of the Fraternity all over the nation.

DEWEY A. DYE.

ALPHA-IOTA

MILLSAPS COLLEGE

It is with great pleasure we introduce the following initiates: William Leon Day, Brookhaven, Miss.

James Barrow Simmons, Sardis, Miss.

Beltin Eglebert Stallings, Lexington, Mo.

We also have the following pledges soon to be announced as initiates:

John Bledsoe Harris, Jackson, Miss. Henry Grady Graves, Hazlehurst, Miss. John Galloway Calhoun, Mount Olive, Miss.

Alpha-Iota has just passed through one of the greatest crises of its history. Only two old men returned this year: Henry Allen Norton and Fred Miller McCorkle. Both of these men were in the twenty-year-old class, and were going to be sent to the Officers' Training Camp before December 1st, which was Initiation Day. Consequently, they did not reorganize the chapter at the beginning of the session, for they felt sure that they would not be here to initiate.

After peace was declared, we began to work, but were greatly hampered by military regulations. We were not allowed to leave the campus, so we had no meeting place. We were demobilized on the 10th, and have moved into our house, No. 802 North State Street.

As we look into the future, we feel sure that our way will be smoother. We are expecting a good many new men to come in after Christmas, and we feel sure that we will get our share of them. So far we have not had a single bid turned down.

Alpha-Iota extends her heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters.

H. A. Norton.

ALPHA-KAPPA

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

Without doubt the future portion of the year will be more favorable to the activities of our Fraternity. Though some of us have more or less completely suspended the continuity of social life and chapter functions with our courses of study, with the termination of the war, and the subsequent removal of War Department regulation of fraternities, we may anticipate brighter prospects ahead. At that, Alpha-Kappa maintained her home from the first, and we have found no little enjoyment in lounging there while off duty. Notwithstanding the fact that most of our active members have, since October 1st, been enlisted in the S. A. T. C., we have kept our organization so complete that resumption of normal conditions will be of the slightest difficulty. Needless to say, however, when the culinary virtues of our housekeeper are again called into service, there will be additional thanksgiving for the Kaiser's downfall. Our army "chow" is of the finest, but, then, there's "chow" of as many varieties as those of which our friend, Mr. Heinz, boasts; and one we have learned to appreciate second only to "mother's." Army orders to demobilize the S. A. T. C. by December 21st have lately been received. In view of this good news, we have decided to reopen our dining-room on January 1st.

Regardless of having had only nine men return, Alpha-Kappa was fortunate. This was due largely to our resolution, at the last meeting in May, to be the first Greeks to return in the fall. Arriving about a week in advance of enrollment day, several of our men set the house into order, and were prepared to examine each "Frosh" as he stepped off the train. The initiation of ten pledges was announced in the October issue. We are justified in proudly presenting to our brothers of every chapter a new pledge:

Merton Ira Signer, Tonica, Ill.

Prof. H. T. Mann, our brother of worthy counsel and energy in former years, is still with us, and, more than ever, we have appreciated his support during the unsettled conditions of adjustment to the S. A. T. C. Brother N. C. Hutsinpillar has left M. S. M. to accept a position with Huron College. His absence is keenly felt.

Brother Gill is an instructor in the Department of Metallurgy this year. He is also editor-in-chief of the *Missouri Miner*. Brothers Hummel and Larsh are assistants in the State Experiment Station.

Brothers Larsh, Glen Norville, Hosterman, and Signer are making good with the football squad.

Brothers "Bus" Hughes and "Dinty" Moore were initiated "Satyrs" early in October. The organization is an honorary Sophomore society. Brother A. L. Webb was initiated into the Iota Chapter of Theta-Tau, a professional engineering fraternity.

Brother Hughes was elected Sophomore vice-president, and Brother Leonard president of the Freshman Class. Brother Webb is Sophomore reporter for the *Miner*.

In the S. A. T. C., Burford, Cornwell, and Hunt are corporals, Webb is a sergeant, and Hosterman is chief bugler.

From every place the Yanks have pushed their lines; our men in the service are assuring us that they'll all be back to resume their work. Will it not be a most glorious reopening for all chapters when our men come back? Alpha-Kappa expects a large percentage. It will be stabilizing and encouraging to have more upper-classmen in the chapter, since this year's members are largely Sophomores and Freshmen.

All chapters are extended sincere greetings from Alpha-Kappa.

A. L. Webb.

ALPHA-LAMBDA

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

After passing through many trials for the last two months, Alpha-Lambda again says "hello" to her sister chapters. We also wish to introduce the following recent initiates:

H. Bayer Taylor, Murray, Ky. George A. Lehnhard, Paducah, Ky.

The S. A. T. C. almost put a stop to fraternal activities for a while. We had our meetings between 6:45 and 7:30 every Monday night, but it made any kind of rushing almost impossible. However, the members have taken advantage of every opportunity, and we hope to announce the pledging of several more in our next letter.

It is reported that we will be mustered out of service December 21st, and no one regrets it now that the war is over and we can no longer be of any service to our country in a military way.

The football season ended very disastrously for the Tigers on Thanksgiving Day, when they went down in defeat at the hands of Center College by a score of 83 to 3. Pi Kaps played a very prominent part this year in football affairs. Batsel was the captain, and Bauer the manager of the team. Among those who received their letters were Brothers Batsel, Bauer, Dean, Lehnhard, and Pledge Stopp. Lehnhard has been chosen captain of next year's team.

Among the honors won by our members this year are the following: Bauer, president of the Senior Class; Lehnhard, president of the Sophomore Class; Nash, business manager of the annual and president of the Ciceronian Literary Society.

We were surprised Turkey Day with a visit from Brother L. W. Patterson, whom we supposed was on the other side of the world. We were glad to see him, but sorry that he could only be with us a day. He expects to be mustered out of the Navy by mid-year and then enter college.

We had a letter from Brother Gaitskill a few days ago, and he said we could look for him in any time.

All of our members are looking forward to a pleasant time during the holidays, when there is no such animal as taps or reveille.

Every member is anxious to go to work and build up the chapter which has suffered very badly during the war. If each man proves as faithful to the "Garnet and Gold" as he has to the "Red, White and Blue" we predict a very successful year for the chapter.

It is with deep regret that we learned to-day of the death of Brother Tazewell. He has passed to a sweeter brotherhood beyond the river. His death should bring to our minds, more vividly than ever, the gratitude which we owe him for making it possible for us to enjoy the fellowship in the bonds of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Alpha-Lambda now boasts of a major on her chapter roll, Brother Cecil Anderson having won that commission about two months ago.

Alpha-Lambda looks hopefully to the great future of Pi Kappa Alpha, and extends best of Yuletide wishes for all her sister chapters.

WILLIAM G. NASH.

ALPHA-NU

University of Missouri

In the list of those who returned to chapter, in October issue, an error occurs, and one name was omitted.

Eighth name should be—Paul A. Dow, Topeka, Kan. Add to the list—Carl E. Heidbreder, Kirkwood, Mo.

School was clanking along in its own quiet way, after a great beginning, when the Spanish influenza clogged up the whole works. All our brothers know how broken up one is when he has a vacation wished onto him, so we won't moralize on this. We hate to think what it would be like with the theaters and "fillum" houses open. As it is, the most exciting thing in town is a midnight fire-drill-in one of the fourteen barracks. Theater stubs produce fond recollections, and we look at a picture show like a tourist at a pyramid. The soda fountains are running out of flavors. Undefiled harmony will burst forth when the quarantine of nine weeks is lifted and the university turns our house over to us, which has been in use as medical headquarters of the S. A. T. C.

The University of Missouri completed the work of the fall term on December the 6th, and will reopen for the winter term on December the 30th. The war has depleted our ranks. We have been depending almost entirely on our new men the past semester; we are hoping to have all our old men back with us; several having signified their intentions to return.

Alpha-Nu has contributed more than three-fourths of her active membership to the Army and Navy. Three of the blue stars upon our Service Flag have melted into the pure gold of sacrifice for righteousness and our beloved country. All died in service, on land or sea, soldiers of America.

A new year is before us. The whole world is awakening and forming new ideas and ideals in respect to our relationship towards one another and towards the whole world. It is said that we should live up to our ideals. They are always something better than we are, and can only be striven for. When we do live up to them they cease to be ideals, and we must form new and broader ones.

We must think with deep concern and consideration of our Fraternity, in order that we may do something to raise its standards, and to keep it one of the best organizations of its kind.

We take this opportunity to introduce to the Fraternity at large our initiates since October issue:

Russell W. Elliott, Kansas City, Mo. Cyrus A. Slater, Kansas City, Mo.

Alpha-Nu is going to make up for lost time this next semester. We are going out for desirable pledges, and are going to keep the ball rolling. Alpha-Nu sends best wishes to her sister chapters, assuring them that our door is always open, and our Welcome Shingle is always out.

To all her sister chapters, Alpha-Nu sends these greetings:

If we sent You cigars You would smoke them,
And we don't know the kind You prefer;
If we sent You rare gems You might soak 'em,
Or maybe you'd give them to Her;
If we sent You a book You would read it,
And carelessly toss it away;
If we sent You a Ford You might speed it,
And eat Turkey in jail Christmas Day;
But a good wish needs no rhyme or reason,
And we are sending a million to You—
That this be the best Christmas season;
Brothers, that You just ever knew.

EMERY K. JOHNSTON.

ALPHA-PI

HOWARD COLLEGE

For several weeks just preceding the demobilization of the S. A. T. C., our chapter restricted its activities to the absolute essentials. Since our last letter we have initiated one member, Brother Horace Greely Williams, of Clanton, Ala. Brother Williams was first sergeant in the S. A. T. C. here, and is a Senior this year. We are all very proud to have him come into our midst.

We have a number of pledges to report since October issue:

O. B. Newman, Birmingham, Ala.

John F. Weaver, Birmingham, Ala.

Herman E. Dean, Birmingham, Ala.

Samuel Eddy, Ensley, Ala.

These men will not be initiated until after Christmas. We have been promised our quarters by the opening of school in January, and, since all our furnishings are stored away, we will not attempt to do anything else until then except the absolute essentials.

One thing has happened here this year that some of the boys are especially proud of. It is in regard to the football team. We had eleven Pi Kappa Alpha men on the team. Some of these are only pledges with us: McLain, full-back; Newman, right half; Blackwelder, left half; James, coach and quarter-back; Acton, sub backfield; Harris, sub backfield; McKinnon, center; Williams, right guard; Weaver, right tackle; and Eddy and Dean, sub ends. Somehow we feel that we almost had the football team in our hands. And the boys are just counting the days until the basket-ball season and Glee Club work comes around, for we feel that we are going to make ourselves felt there also.

We have been through a trying time on our work here, and we have had to let things go undone that we knew ought to have attention. But, now that the S. A. T. C. has demobilized, and things are getting back normal, I have never seen boys quite so enthusiastic about our Fraternity as they are now. And we are just waiting until after the holidays to go into regular activities.

This is our first communication after the end of hostilities, and we wish to greet all our brothers in the new age we are to live in. We wish, for each of you, all that this age is capable of bringing to you.

W. W. ADAMS.

ALPHA-RHO

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Since the writing of our last letter the chapter has been scattered through the different companies of the Students' Army Training Corps here, and, being separated, has been unable to carry on the usual fraternity activities. However, the S. A. T. C.

unit here is being rapidly demobilized, and we soon hope to be back in the house. The life in the barracks under military discipline has been agreeable to most of us, but, nevertheless, we are all anxious to get back again to civilian life and pursue our regular college work.

Two new brothers have been added since October issue, and we are glad to announce them as follows:

Merlin Peter Schrock, Trenton, Ohio. Charles F. Woyame, Toledo, Ohio.

The football season has just finished. Ohio State did not win another championship of the Western Conference this year, but played good football nevertheless. Big "Red" Matheny was the only Pi Kap to make his letter this year. His excellent work at full-back made him one of the most valuable men on the team. He is also one of the two letter men of last year's basket-ball team in school, so he is now devoting his athletic ability to basket-ball. Clarke, who played end part of the time on the football team, is also out for basket-ball. He has quite a reputation as a basket-ball player already, having starred on last year's Freshman team, and also in his high-school days. He will make a strong bid for one of the forward positions.

Four of our men—Robert E. Cronebaugh, Harold S. Weiser, Harry J. Miller, and Arthur L. Donnenwirth—who have been in an Officers' Training Camp at Camp MacArthur, Texas, have been released, and all will be back in school next semester.

Our men who were in the service are gradually returning to their homes, and most of them expect to be back with us in school at the beginning of the next semester.

RAYMOND A. YOUNGER.

ALPHA-SIGMA

University of California

With greatest regret we chronicle the placing of the first gold star on our flag. Elwyn Mannhart's death in France came as a shock—as his usual cheerful letters came, dated as late as September 14th. Pneumonia, contracted while on guard (at the front), was the unlooked-for result of exposure. His loyalty to the Fraternity and his faith in its ideals were often expressed, and his death leaves a place hard to fill.

The foregoing was early in November, then came the glad news of peace and the joy of the anticipated home-coming and happy reunions. Already men are drifting in and find the old house has kept its doors open and, when so many fraternities have had to close, we realize what it means to still have a home.

The S. A. T. C. is fast discharging men; of our fifteen in its training, every one will return to college next semester. Of those in other camps, all expect to return by August.

Twenty-five brothers have been in foreign service in France, England, Scotland, Samoa, Bermuda, and Siberia. Four were in the great Argonne drive and will return as Captains. One of the four is still in a hospital, recovering from shell shock.

We are certainly proud of the seventy-eight stars in our flag, plus fifteen other men in the S. A. T. C., out of a membership of one hundred and three.

Forty-four are commissioned officers, twenty-four in the medical and hospital service, twenty-three in the naval branch. Tank, aviation, sapper, balloon and other branches are also represented.

Fourteen "service letters" have gone to each man in the chapter, resulting in keeping us in touch with each other and going far toward keeping the inspiration and spirit of Alpha-Sigma alive through this, the most trying time in its history.

W. ROLLAND SENTER.

ALPHA-TAU

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

We have had a hard time of it here in Salt Lake City on account of the "flu." It has grown into the "black plague," and, of course, things have been closed up as tight as possible. There has been no college as yet, and even the S. A. T. C. unit here

was furloughed until it was necessary to bring them in for demobilization, when there was a strict quarantine ordered.

Of course, as this shows, the chapter has had no chance to be active, in the sense of meetings and initiations, other than reported in our October letter.

We have secured some very fine men, however, and are prepared to pledge some others as soon as college opens.

We are so sure, right now, of our strength that we are hunting a house so as to get it opened during the holidays.

We have lost Brother Nils O. Bolin from our active list, as he has taken a position with the Mineral Products Company, in Marysvale, Utah, with very best promise of success. To offset this, Brother B. G. Johnson, who was S. M. C. at the beginning of last year, has been discharged from the Army and will be with us. Brother McRae, of Chico, Cal., a member of Alpha-Sigma, is in correspondence with us, and expects to be here this year. So, altogether, we will be as strong, when college does begin, as we were this fall.

It will be interesting to learn that Brother Parmelee arrived overseas before the closing of hostilities. He was commissioned at Camp Fremont early this last summer.

We have been rather unfortanate in losing in this war, as far as I know, the greatest number of men of any fraternity here. To date, we have four "gold stars."

One of the best men Alpha-Tau ever secured was lost to us the first week of December. He was one of the best-liked men in the S. A. T. C. organization. In the four years that I have been in the Fraterity, we never secured a man so lovable in his appeal. He was taken to the base hospital here with a high temperature and died four days later with pneumonia. He was but a pledge, as yet, since we were unable to initiate him after the closing of college, but was just as much a member of the Fraternity as any of us.

College will open January 3, 1919, and Alpha-Tau looks forward with confidence to a big year, and expects to give a good account of herself in the next issue.

Best of all greetings for the season to all Π 's.

ALPHA-UPSILON

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Alpha-Upsilon takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity two new brothers:

Chas. Louis Jaeger, Brooklyn, N. Y. Haig Garabed Sarafian, Yonkers, N. Y.

Military life played the biggest part of the students' life, and from that there was very little left for other activities. However, we expect to be discharged on December 19th. In the meanwhile we have very little time for fraternity duties. The only time they allowed us for such purposes was from 9:00 P. M. to 9:45 P. M., until the beginning of the month, when they reduced it to 9:20 P. M. To be caught off the campus means twenty hours of K. P., or mixing concrete for our new chemistry building.

Our football team experienced an unsuccessful season, losing all four games they played. Without bragging, it can be safely said that the team missed Brother Egan, who was coach and half-back on the Camp Grant team. Camp Grant defeated Pittsburgh U., which defeated Georgia Tech.

Both Brothers Egan and McCarty, who were Lieutenants at Camp Grant, have been released from service, and are to return to college on January 1st. Also Brother Buckley has been released from the Navy, and is also to return on January 1st.

We just received word that Pledge Albert Klaber was killed in action. A high-school fraternity brother of his found the body while he was going into the trenches.

Every brother joins heartily in wishing our sister chapters the utmost success during these very trying times.

KENNETH WALTERS.

ALPHA-PHI

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Iowa State College is in the midst of the demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps. As a result, there is the greatest of confusion and turmoil among the fraternities.

This year fraternity life has been practically at a standstill, as military restrictions and the influenza have made it very hard for any gatherings whatsoever.

Although there are a greater number of Freshmen in college this year than in any year before, never has rushing been so complicated and so restricted.

We have been unable to have any social functions, and could only meet men on the campus and the streets, and there but one hour each day. Thanksgiving Day the restrictions on dates were slightly modified, and every active, as well as prospective II, took this opportunity, promising, however, to comply with the orders, which stated: that one must "keep moving, keep five feet from his lady friend, and never face her directly."

Alpha-Phi has determined to uphold her old standards, and, as soon as the Government turns our house over to us, we will open and run as in former years. All plans have been made for redecorating the interior of the house, and every man has promised to return to college in due time to have the house in running order by the opening of the semester immediately after the Christmas vacation.

Several old Pi Kaps have already passed through Ames on their way home from the training camps, and have signified their intentions of returning to school next semester. We feel certain that we shall have a very successful year in spite of the conditions which we have had for three months.

Alpha-Phi has many new pledges whom she expects to introduce as "brothers" in the next letter.

Greetings and best wishes to all chapters.

Kurt J. Buck.

ALPHA-CHI

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Alpha-Chi announces that the local inter-fraternity council finally lifted the ban on fraternity activities at noon, Saturday, December 14th—seven days after we had been mustered out. We wish to introduce to you as pledges:

J. P. Tolley, Binghamton, N. Y. Carl Van Husen, Ithica, N. Y.

The Army section S. A. T. C. were discharged December 7th to 9th, after hanging back on the doors of the different fraternity houses used as barracks, and moving the furniture into Sims Hall, and making it as near like it was two years ago. The Navy boys didn't get away till December 16th, and when they were discharged they surely celebrated. It is sufficient to say that the only misdemeanors practiced were the usual college pranks. Every one left with good-will to the different "Top Sergeants." Our house, as well as all other fraternity house barracks, requires considerable repairs before it is again tenable.

Brothers Dunham and Peck, of Cornell, were in town calling on the few brothers, and the Chapter of Delta Delta Delta.

"Hep" Hepinstall hit town as a Lieutenant in the Aviation Section. He has been at Wright Field, Ohio. He says that he only has to bring down one more machine to be an "ace," and that his first two smash-ups were not very serious. "Ernie" Bird, John Port, and Lyndon Eddy also have their commissions in this branch of the service; while Whitney is on a transport as an Ensign, U. S. N.; and Glynn is a Lieutenant in the Army, Signal Corps.

Christmas cards and greetings have been received from Tommy Thompson, John Avery, Jones, Hardesty, Reynolds, and MacKenzie, who are overseas. The two Loves, Frank and Charlie, have received promotions in the American and French armies, respectively; and both are recovering from their wounds.

P. D. Fogg, '11, has been recommended for a Distinguished Service Cross for rescuing a brother officer under fire. Hagberg, from the engineers at Camp Humphries; Snyder, from the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal; and Huntley, from the U. S. S. *Hiawatha*, have returned to Syracuse, and are planning to reënter college.

Alpha-Chi sends holiday greetings to her sister chapters.

CHAS. E. GARDINER.

ALPHA-OMEGA

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Our chapter can well rejoice with all other chapters that the War Department has removed the restrictions on fraternities. This will again permit fraternity activities, which have won favorable comment in every institution, and is now recognized as a vital part of college life.

Very few former chapter members made their appearance this year due to the military activities of our country. Those who returned to resume their college work were Brothers Dawing, Otto, Hoath, Gfiller, and Pledge Lofgren.

Brother Lester Gfiller was sent to O. T. C. at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky.

We regret to announce that death claimed one of our number, Pledge Ray Doane, of Osborne, Kan. He died very suddenly as the result of pneumonia.

The S. A. T. C. has set apart Friday and Saturday evenings for social activities, and, since the influenza quarantine has been removed, every man seems to have recovered his old pep.

There are about 1,000 men in the training corps here. Five hundred of these are drafted men, who will be discharged in a few days on account of the armistice being declared.

We who attended college in pre-war days earnestly hope to see fraternity life revived as early as possible, and get back to a peace-time basis.

This chapter, as near as can be estimated by information to date, has between 85 and 90 per cent of our chapter membership in service.

There are records of several instances where some of our chapter members have met most unexpectedly in various parts of France.

Our chapter was greatly shocked to-day by the sad news that Brother Glen W. Davis died November 30th at Camp Raleigh, N. C. Brother Davis entered the tank service early in October of this year. His death was due to pneumonia following influenza, and is the second to occur in his immediate family in the past week. As yet funeral arrangements are not completed. The untimely death of Brother Davis leaves a place on the chapter roll that can never be filled. The chapter extends its most sincere sympathy to his mother and his entire family in their hours of sorrow.

We extend our heartiest Christmas greetings to all other chapter members, and our brothers in the service.

LYMAN R. VAWTER, Alumnus "'18."

BETA-ALPHA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

Since our last letter Beta-Alpha has been exceedingly busy. Here at Penn State we are carrying on our regular collegiate work along with severe military training. Between the two fires, we have hardly a minute that we can call our own. However, the brothers are feeling fine, and are pulling together with the good old Pi Kappa Alpha spirit.

Fortunately none of the men in the house were hit by the "flu" epidemic. Just at present we can not be so boastful as to our physical powers, for the house looks like a hospital. We are getting our first shots in the arm.

Thus far we are permitted to use our chapter house, and have not been forced to take any nonfraternity men into the house. We have twenty-one men in the house and two pledges quartered close by.

Although we have had the misfortune of losing five brothers, we, nevertheless, are glad and consider it an honor that they were chosen for Officers' Training Camps. Brothers S. C. Lynn, C. H. McFarland, Charles P. Walter, and Harold D. Hayward were sent to Camp Gordon. Brother Mearkle was sent to Camp Hancock. By the way, before they left, Brother Lynn handed us the surprise of the season by taking on a better half, and thereby becoming a member of the "Benedicts."

After the conditions became more settled we were able to initiate, and now introduce the following brothers, initiated since October issue:

Arthur Edmund Holt, 600 N. Second St., Pottsville, Pa. Stanley Nelson Roseberry, 404 Laurel St., Pottsville, Pa. Alois Clarkson Bace, 224 Fairview St., Pottsville, Pa. James Bateman Davis, 122 North St., Minersville, Pa.

Penn State, although her athletic teams have been sadly depleted by men leaving college, is still working on. The football team is rather light and is made up of green material, but so far has been showing up very well. "Red" Korb is playing right end on the varsity, and has gone to Lehigh to help bring back the bacon. Brothers Spaeth and Glading are playing "varsity soccer." Brother McCallum has just been elected varsity baseball manager.

The past few days have been exciting ones for Beta-Alpha. Brothers Lynn and McFarland and Walter have returned from Camp Gordon, and are here to take up their college work. The evening of their arrival was an exciting one, the main engineering building burned to the ground. The central heating plant of the college was destroyed, so we were sent home for eight days. We are all back now and classes are running as usual. The Penn State spirit is pushing aside all obstacles, and we are all confident that the fire will not seriously hamper our college year.

Last, but not least, we come to that "House-Party"! It was a wonderful success! Uncle Sam was very thoughtful, for he paid us the first afternoon of house-party.

Beta-Alpha extends her sincere wishes to all her sister chapters.

JOHN L. PACKER.

BETA-BETA

University of Washington

I am glad to be able to write this letter, fellow brothers and gentlemen. Although the uniform you all wear is not as significant of gentleness as of force, yet the ideal soldier is always a gentleman, even when exercising the forces of war. Now we represent an inspiring countenance seen by the boys of 1776, 1812, 1861, and may it ever cast an American influence over all who behold it, an influence that shall fix their motives in the solid rock of patriotism when the surging tide of treason sweeps by. With such feelings we can simply say that should occasion again arise we shall come forth again inspired for its protection.

Hurrah! We have our house for the ensuing year. We have been indeed fortunate in securing a house, because conditions in Seattle have crowded the city, and especially the university district. Our old house had been leased for two years, and temporarily put us on the basis with eleven other fraternities, without a house.

We will entertain two sororities at a rushing dance in our new home at 5038 University Boulevard. By the next letter I am sure I will be able to announce many more pledges besides the October list with some new brothers we hope to initiate very soon.

We feel that we must introduce to you our new mother, Mrs. Sadie B. Starr. She has placed her entire house at our disposal for our use during liberty hours, and was always there with a big smile and something to eat. We have thought of making her a member of the Mothers' and Sisters' Club.

We have received word that First Lieutenant Smith Freeman Reavis, one of our charter members, was recently decorated with the Croix de Guerre, and has been entertained by the Duke of Connaught. Also that Albert and Ernest McKeen, two other members, have been decorated for bravery.

Pinkie Hilton also writes that the French girls are not what they are reported to be. He says that where he is stationed not a pretty one has been discovered, and if there ever was "they have packed up and gone to the city for better diggins." Paul Holbrook, Perry Land, Douglas Cairus, and Fred Renner have returned from the artillery school at Waco, Texas.

Harry Ross has gone to his home in Michigan, but we hope to have him with us by the first of the year. Lieut. Jameison will return to finish his curriculum in education, and also help maintain our high standing in the basket-ball league. With four basket-ball men back and two basket-ball pledges, we will do things sure. Al Roos, a pledge of last year, is back with an Ensign's commission, and his initiation next month will be most extraordinary. Ray Nelson and Millard Murane are also returning by March, and will then have commissions. Archie Turnbull left last week for San Diego, California, to get a commission, and be put on the reserve in Naval Aviation Corps. Rumor is prevalent that he is married, but Quien sabe? not even D. T. himself. Bert Slack, of gas and flame ability, will return by the first of the year with a little bar, so says Marion. We are going to list all our members who were champions in the struggle, and show them to you in our next issue of the Boomerang, the last one of which we hope you all appreciated.

Beta-Beta wishes all her sister chapters and officers the merriest of all Christmases, and the happiest New Year with the decided effort and motive that Pi Kappa Alpha will hail the louder, and with Brother Massie we say, "Again the light did not go out."

RALPH GREGG.

BETA-GAMMA

University of Kansas

Beta-Gamma introduces the following new brothers initiated since writing October chapter letter:

James Austin, Cottonwood Falls, Kan. Dempsey Elliott, Lawrence, Kan. Ervin Glenn, Sedan, Kan. William Mathews, Kansas City, Mo. Since the last issue all but three of the brothers have moved into barracks, and our table has been discontinued. However, we have kept the house open, and have used it as a club room for the II's during their spare moment. At present things are beginning to look good for the fraternities, as Captain Scher last week received orders from Washington to start demobilizing the S. A. T. C. on December 4th. As soon as the men are discharged they will move back into the house, and things will once more be on the boom. Men in the Naval Unit have sent in applications for releases and expect to be released by Christmas.

Owing to the late opening of school, and the five weeks' quarantine on account of the "flu," the football season for Kansas University was considerably shorter than usual. However, we won two of the four games which we played, winning from Baker University and the Kansas Aggies, and losing to Nebraska and Oklahoma. Beta-Gamma was not fortunate enough to have a man on the football squad, but hopes to make up for it on the basket-ball court. Mathews, who played center on the varsity last year, is out again and is practically assured of his old position. Keckley and Glenn are also battling for a position on the team, and we hope that they will be successful.

The Pi Kappa Alpha quartette, composed of Brothers Metcalf, Myers, Kurtz, and Wright, are building up quite a reputation for themselves in the university. They are called upon to sing at the Pep Rallies, the Hostess House, and have responded to many invitations at the sororities.

Brothers Lemon and Spencer Gard were recently recommended for an O. T. C. and sent to Camp Grant, Illinois. After the signing of the armistice Brother Lemon was released from the service and will be with us next semester.

The engagement of Foster Myers to Miss Meda Van Zandt was recently announced and came as a surprise to the members of Beta-Gamma. "Foss" is the first Freshman in the Fraternity to become engaged, so it was, indeed, a surprise to the older members. Miss Van Zandt is a member of the local chapter of Alpha Chi Omega and lives in Hutchinson, Kan.

Homer Eagles and Earl Metcalf, both mining engineers, are taking a trip with the class, and will be gone for several days visiting the coal mines around Pittsburg, Kan., and the lead and zinc mines in the vicinity of Joplin, Mo.

In the past month the following brothers have been guests of the chapter: Lieut. Wm. Ayers McKinney, Lieut. Geo. Sammons, Robert Reed, Ed Thompson, Harry Bennett, Howard Ritchey, Floyd Hockenhull, and George Dehn, Alpha-Omega.

Dutch Kimmel and Squire Glenn, early in October, enlisted in the Motor Transport Corps, and are now in training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Previous to their enlistment both were enrolled in school, and their loss has been keenly felt by the members of Beta-Gamma.

Our military record is one of which we are extremely proud. From a chapter roll of 102 members, 77 are now or have been in the service since the declaration of war. This is an average of over 75 per cent of the men in the service.

O. R. FARRIS.

BETA-DELTA

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Beta-Delta, just as many of the other chapters, has been hampered in its activities this fall, both by the S. A. T. C., and the quarantine against the Spanish influenza, which lasted for two months.

At the opening of college, October 1st, ten men gathered in the Estufa. Since that time the number has been lessened by the death of Harry Lee, one of our most active members, and by the appointment of Brothers Boldt, Patton, and Chess to an Officers' Training Camp. At the present writing, it seems likely that these three men will be with us again next quarter.

During the first weeks of school we pledged eight men, one of whom, Ted Pate, was initiated before leaving for the officers' camp with the brothers mentioned above. On December 7th we initiated:

Bruce Herbert Robinson, Chandler, Ariz.

Frank Hunter Neher, 403 N. Second St., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

The remaining five pledges, with three recently added to the list, makes the complete pledge list as follows:

John Meyers, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
William Sganzini, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Thomas Bunn, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
George Hite, Las Vegas, N. Mex.
Chas. Culpepper, Carlsbad, N. Mex.
Thos. Pendergrass, Clovis, N. Mex.
Herman DeBoldt, Raton, N. Mex.
Lonnie Colthorp, Texico, N. Mex.

Now that the S. A. T. C. has been disbanded, we are looking forward to a successful year. It is expected that the university will go back to its normal schedule at the beginning of the January quarter.

New Mexico had no football season this year, owing to the war and the establishment of a unit of the S. A. T. C. However, basket-ball will probably be revived at once, and baseball and track will receive their usual attention.

Ralph Meyers has accepted a position as student instructor in Chemistry at the university.

With greetings and best wishes to sister chapters and all II's.

ALLEN WILLIAMS.

BETA-EPSILON

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

As for Beta-Epsilon—Greetings!

Although college life has been an uninterrupted series of disappointments from a scholastic point of view, Beta-Epsilon feels that she had admirably adapted herself to meet this year's conditions. If we have been compelled to give up our own interests, we have emerged from our experience in the S. A. T. C. unit a better chapter withal. If we have given up pleasures, we have received knowledge. If we have sacrificed comforts, we have gained strength. If we have left our chapter house, we

have been inspired by a greater love, if this be possible, for our Fraternity. We are united more than ever before in our feelings, our experiences, and our hopes. Such a union can lead only to success. This condition bids well for Beta-Epsilon.

We were deprived of our chapter house early this fall, being obliged to remain in the barracks. The official staff, realizing the value of the location, converted our house into the base hospital for the unit, and kept our matron as nurse. Once more we contributed to a worthy cause. Steps have already been made, however, to reoccupy it, and, as soon as we are discharged, we should have a spirited chapter in our own house.

In addition to the pledges announced in the October issue, we have the following:

- E. D. Noyer, who returned from last year.
- P. W. Harrison.
- T. N. Heath.
- L. R. McKibben.

With this as a nucleus, and with men returning to school after having done their bit for Uncle Sam, we feel sure that we will have little trouble in bettering our annual record.

Already we are strong in activities. Brother Hoffman is president of our Student Council, and is top sergeant of the leading company in our military organization. Brothers Baldwin, Hickling, and Pledge Cunningham were sent to Officers' Training Camps, but will return on winning their bars. Brother Richardson and Pledges Sweet and Long are active at headquarters, while every single member holds a noncommissioned office. Pledge Gaskell was chosen president of the Freshman Class, which leads us to believe we have a promising set of pledges.

Our scholastic record has been maintained. Of twelve fraternities in school, we ranked fourth last semester, and this term we aspire even higher. For with the return of normal conditions and of the old college pep, Beta-Epsilon will be right in her accustomed place, at the top.

Excelsior!

BETA-ZETA

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Two weeks and the S. A. T. C. at S. M. U., and the student soldiers of Beta-Zeta, will be no more. When the news of the immediate dissolution of the S. A. T. C. came, joy was unconfined, and jubilation was in order, for it meant the return of the university to its good old ante-bellum state; it meant the establishing once more of a university atmosphere in the institution, which was, until now, occupied, and justly so, by the military phase; it meant the taking up of the student activities, so essential to the life and making of a university; and it meant, for Beta-Zeta, that there would be time now to be brothers again.

The writer of this letter also rejoices in the restoration, though he can not but profoundly regret that he sold all his civilian clothes at a pitiable sacrifice, through vain expectation of a long military career.

And with certainty of return to normal condition comes the hope of the return of many of our old men. And with them back we can once more occupy our house, after Christmas. We are happy that our brothers who have gone have not been lost to us.

Beta-Zeta is ably represented on the football team by one of its pledges, Kitts, a star end and emergency back fielder. Our schedule has been broken into considerably by bad weather; hence there are only two games to be recorded, since the last letter was written. Baylor, a keen rival of ours, we took into camp to the tune of 14 to 0. But the gods played against us when we met State, and we took down our shingle.

The influenza here, after having been stamped out, has broken out afresh because of the constant rains of the season, and may become interesting again. So we can only "trust in God and keep our feet dry."

Finally, a matter of general interest: Through its four years' connection with the U. the "dinky" has been well written into the history of the school. And now—it is no more. No more

will the faithful old ark rock off the track, leaving us a mile to walk at eleven-thirty. No more will we wait half an hour for it on some cold night. We have through service to town now.

We were delighted to receive a letter from Brother I. K. Stevens, who wrote while in action with the Artillery. He reports an interesting time, but a great anxiety to get back to the United States.

Recent visitors to the chapter were Brother Stanley, from Beta-Theta, and Brothers Stokes and White, of Alpha-Omicron. Our only regret at their visit was that military restrictions prevented us from showing more fully our pleasure at their coming.

Brother Ford, who has taken his two degrees here, will represent Beta-Zeta on the faculty, being instructor in the Department of English. His energy and aggressiveness in matters of the Fraternity has stood us in good stead, and we account it well that he is to be with us yet.

Beta-Zeta extends a warm welcome to all visiting Π 's, and sincere regards to her fellows in the bonds.

S. Eros Brown.

BETA-ETA

University of Illinois

With the continuance of army life, and all that goes with it, at Illinois, Beta-Eta has practically ceased active participation in university affairs, as has every other fraternity on the campus. When the S. A. T. C. is completely demobilized, however, we will take back the chapter house, and it is hoped things will return quickly to their pre-war status.

The university has decided to continue the quarter system, in place of the semester system, for the rest of the year. The second quarter will begin January 3d. Since many students have announced their intention of not returning to school after this quarter, a "Come Back to Illinois" campaign has been started, which is rapidly gaining strength; and, with the influx

of new students and the return of many who have been on active service, it is hoped last quarter's record registration will be equalled.

We have received a letter from Brother James A. Peterson, Second Lieutenant Air Service, telling us of his intention to return to Illinois, "to put Beta-Eta back on her old pedestal." Brother George Landon, '18, is visiting us and will return next quarter to continue his study in law. He has been released from the School of Naval Aeronautics at Boston Tech. We have also received visits from Brothers Conrad Karkow, Second Lieutenant Infantry; Marvin G. McConnell, Second Lieutenant Infantry; and R. Norton Melin, now at Great Lakes Training Station, during the past month. Brother Melin may come back to school in March. Brother Geo. W. Temple, now in the Marines, writes to say that he, too, will be back at Illinois next quarter.

Beta-Eta announces the intiation of Hardy R. Schneider, '21, of East St. Louis, Ill., on December 8th.

Owing to the lack of fraternity activities, there is a dearth of material for a chapter letter. But with the return of many of the old brothers, Beta-Eta should be truly "back on her old pedestal." Here's hoping. The best of luck to our sister chapters.

Donald E. Bean.

BETA-THETA

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

When the university opened this fall, we were fortunate in having twelve old active II's to carry on the work of the chapter. But it was not long before Uncle Sam called five of the brothers for O. T. C.

As soon as the S. A. T. C. commenced, we were stationed in various barracks. As these barracks were often a long ways apart, and because of the many different duties attached to the S. A. T. C. men, we were prevented to a great extent in holding our usual "get-togethers." Nevertheless, we have been able to muster together for a few important meetings.

We have elected as officers:
Alfred James Peer, S. M. C.
George L. Dunham, I. M. C.
William C. Hull, Th. C.
Lyndon A. Peer, S. C.
Charles G. Peck, M. S.
James C. McGahan, M. C.

One advantage, resulting from our being located in different barracks, has been the opportunity to become acquainted with new material. Three new men have been initiated since October issue, whom we introduce as follows:

John Joseph Campbell, New York, N. Y. Seward Snow Merrell, Syracuse, N. Y. Thomas Albert Short, Merchantsville, N. J.

Realizing the need of a large number of new men this year to offset the loss of our old brothers, who, through other duties, will be unable to return, we have pledged three more men, and have a number of other men in view. These pledges are:

Benjamin Barnes, Ridgewood, N. J. Pickens Johnson, Houston, Texas. Alfred Underhill, Auburn, N. Y.

At the present writing, all university activities are at a standstill. Athletic schedules have been cancelled, and social functions omitted. The Widow, the Cornell humorous book, is the only student publication. We are proud to have three of our brothers, Dunham, McGahan, and Peck, represented on its board. All fraternity houses have been taken over by the Government and turned into barracks. We were fortunate in getting one of our brothers stationed in Beta-Theta, so we have at least had some one to see that the dear old place is not damaged as much as some of the other houses are.

Now that the S. A. T. C. schedule is to be abolished, regular university courses will begin December 30th. We will be able to move back to our house and resume our normal fraternity activities. Although it is difficult to prophesy how many

brothers will return next term, we are confident that there will be from fifteen to eighteen members. With these as a nucleus, and the new men whom we are steadily securing, Beta-Theta will retain the high standing it has held in former years on the hill.

Brother Volkert, of Alpha-Xi, entered Cornell this fall, and was enrolled into the S. A. T. C., and we are glad to have him with us. None of our other brothers have visited us, but we hope that as conditions become normal, and we can open our house, visits will be more frequent.

The brothers that returned this year, in addition to those named in October issue, are:

Kurt A. Mayer, Brooklyn, N. Y. William H. Dorance, Camden, N. Y. Paul W. Thomen, Litchfield, Conn. Frederick Roess, Oil City, Pa.

Brothers returned from O. T. C.:

William Henry Dorance, from Fortress Monroe, to Camden, N. Y.

Gustave Frederick Roess, from Camp Lee, to Oil City, Pa.

Best wishes to all Π 's.

C. G. Peck.

BETA-IOTA

BELOIT COLLEGE

We are still in the S. A. T. C. here, and will be until the 21st of December, according to the captain. We have received our uniforms and our guns, and may properly be considered soldiers in at least a theoretical sense. The company is drilled two hours a day on every day excepting Saturday and Sunday. We have fine officers.

There were but five deaths among the four hundred men here, during the "flu" epidemic, which certainly speaks volumes for the efficiency of our medical staff. The college curriculum has been adjusted so that S. A. T. C. men may begin the study of the subjects they wish to take, just as though the next trimester was the opening of the school year. I have written before of Beloit's quarterly system, which allows a student to finish college by taking three trimesters of work for four years, or by taking three trimesters and one summer session and finish in three years. This system was instituted this year in order to allow men whose finances are low to get the same training in three years that would ordinarily take four years. The college believes that trained men are needed now as never before, and this is their way of helping students to quickly, yet thoroughly, equip themselves to help in reconstruction days.

None of our men who were in the service have returned to school yet. Clifford Snively, of Freeport, Ill., has just been discharged from the Artillery O. T. C., at Camp Taylor, and will return to school after the holidays. Sergeant Wiltberger, of last year's chapter, is also endeavoring to get out of the Army and back to school.

Our chapter house, which we rented to the college authorities for use as a girls' dormitory, will not be available for our use until next autumn. When we rented the house for a year we naturally were not expecting the war to end so suddenly, and enable us to occupy it again. By arrangement with President Brannon we will be allowed to occupy a separate floor or section of the boys' dormitory for the remainder of the school year. This has one advantage in that it will leave us in fine financial shape next autumn when all our returned soldiers will be "back in the fold" again. Next year will surely be a banner year for Beloit.

None of our stars are "gold" yet, and we hope most sincerely that they will not be. We have heard indirectly that several of our men had been wounded. Curtis Bush and Wayne Allen were reported to be recuperating in hospitals in France, but we have heard no direct word concerning them.

We take pride in the fact that every physically fit Pi Kap from Beta-Iota was or is in the service. The two who were physically unfit have contributed their utmost mental and moral support to their Government, and we feel very proud of our war record.

We wish to introduce a new pledge: Merle Wheeler, R. F. D., Beloit, Wis.

CLARENCE L. BUCK.

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ZETA

V. B. Newburn is in the S. A. T. C. unit at Rose Polytechnic Institute.

IOTA

Banta's Greek Exchange, September issue, just at hand, has the following interesting note:

P. Tulane Atkinson, Grand Editor of Pi Kappa Alpha Shield and Diamond, was married in July to Miss Esther Thomas, of Romney, W. Va. Editor Atkinson is now lending his efforts toward the defeat of Kaiserism and is stationed at Camp Humphreys, Va.

KAPPA

Corp. Jas. E. Barbee is now on detached service somewhere in France, having been chosen with three other men of Unit 40 (a unit organized in Lexington by Dr. Barrow, a prominent physician of the Blue-Grass) for this particular service.

J. M. Durbin is in Trojan, France, serving in the U. S. Naval Flying Corps. "Big Bill" had quite an exciting adventure not long ago. He was sent out on a scouting expedition, and when about 50 miles out at sea his engine went dead. That was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He worked as best he could until nightfall, but was unable to again start the engine. That night a storm came up, and Bill's account of that night and his efforts

to keep his "ship" afloat are surely full of thrills. However, he came through in good shape, saved his plane, and was rescued the next day by a scout patrol sent out in search of him.

First Lieut. Harold Kelley is with Company B, Division Battalion, Camp Pike, Ark. Lieutenant Kelley expects to return to school when mustered out.

Flying Cadet Forrest Wright, recently discharged, has been around the campus the past few days. Forrest expects to reënter school in February.

Lieut. Earl S. Teaford is with the 335th Infantry, A. E. F. Brother Teaford and Lieut. T. L. Barbee are in the 84th Division, which is reported to be among the first troops to be returned.

Naval Aviation Cadet A. W. Wooten has recently received his discharge from the service, and is now at his home in Memphis, Tenn. "Wally" was stationed at the Flying Field in Miami, Fla. Previous to entering the service he was taking a course in law at Vanderbilt and will probably resume his studies there at the earliest opportunity.

Lieut. A. H. Owen is at present stationed in the 14th Replacement Battalion, Camp Pike, Ark. We have not heard from "Pat" recently, but expect him to reënter Transylvania when mustered out.

Lieut. J. W. Neal, stationed in France, has seen active service on the firing line. "Daddy" was seriously wounded, and, while passing through a small French village on a hospital train, chanced to look out the window. Just at that moment Capt. John Barclay, who was passing by, glanced up—imagine the joy of that meeting. "Daddy" is convalescent now and expects to be in the service again soon.

Lieut. Ivan Kelley is now somewhere in France. Since the signing of the armistice Ivan has been spending his time in seeing the sights.

Forrest Murphy, a graduate of 1917, has been in the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. We have not heard from "Mike" recently.

Corporal Prewitt, who enlisted immediately after the declaration of war, is now somewhere in France.

Lieut. Roy N. Cloyd, who received his B. D. degree in 1916, is now Senior Chaplain of the 84th Division. Lieutenant Cloyd is thoroughly in love with his work and is having some great experiences.

B. F. Foster is now pastor of the First Christian Church, Cullman, Ala. He has been a leader in all public interests, and has shown what Pi Kappa Alpha stands for.

Prof. R. E. Monroe, now connected with the Intelligence Department of the U. S. Government, is stationed in Lexington, Ky. "Prof." has made a brilliant record since entering the service. He expects to sail for overseas duty about January 1, 1919, and do work as an interpreter. "Prof." speaks French, Spanish, and German fluently.

K. B. Bowen is now in Columbia University.

Henry Martin is taking an M. D. course in Vanderbilt. Henry was a member of Vanderbilt's S. A. T. C. unit, and recently was made a corporal. Also, he was elected president of his class.

Burkitt C. Chinn entered Yale in September. Burkitt is in for electrical engineering.

Eugene E. Freeman is in Clay City, Ky., working in the Clay City National Bank.

Lieut. Jas. A. Garrett, of Alpha-Gamma, Louisiana State University, has been stationed here since October 1st. Jimmie's pleasing personality has won for him many friends among the men of the unit. Incidentally he has proven himself a "bearcat" with the ladies. No doubt if he could have heard the conversation of several State University girls, during a game between army officers of Lexington and Sigma-Nu, his hat wouldn't fit. Jimmie won his laurels in this game and showed himself to be a "star" end.

Bradley W. Bourne, who entered the service in the summer of 1917, has just received an honorable discharge from the Naval Aviation School, Boston School of Technology, and is now at home in Lancaster, Ky. Bradley expects to reënter college the first of the second semester, and resume his course of study where he left off when he joined the Navy.

Lieut. John Barclay, since arriving overseas, has been promoted to Captain. He is stationed near the front.

OMICRON

Weston Bristow, who has always been so active in the Fraternity, has been a candidate in the Chaplain Training School at Camp Taylor, Ky., preparing for his duties in that phase of the Government work. He writes the General Office, under date of December 4th: "This camp is about seven miles from Louisville. Just exactly what our status will be after completing the course, now that the armistice has been signed, is at present uncertain. However, we are continuing the course as usual. I have met a great many II's here, and have enjoyed so much talking to Brother John U. Field."

TAU

A very interesting letter from E. S. Lindsey, who is with the 36th Training Battery, F. A. C. O. T. S., at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., reports that while he is "enjoying army life, to tell the truth, I am not crazy about it." Their hours of work are from 5:30 A. M. to 10:00 P. M., with practically no spare time at all, and with a very strict discipline. He reports that this camp is the largest in the world, and is considered the second hardest in the country.

Hugh W. Prince writes the chapter asking for information as to how they are getting along and what initiates they have taken in. He mentions the name of some whom he recommended, and is very anxious to hear about them; so that even in his arudous duties in the Naval Air Station at Miami, Fla., his thoughts are still with his chapter and with the work that

they are doing. He adds the following very splendid testimony to the Fraternity: "You will never know what a good Fraternity you are in until you get out and meet a lot of good brothers. I have met many of them—and they are all good, and we have no sorry chapters. Men from other fraternities have told me how well Pi Kappa Alpha stands at all of the colleges."

Lieut. Norman St. George Vann has been cited for bravery in General Order 49 as follows:

Headquarters First Division, American Expeditionary Forces, France, August 19, 1918:

The division commander cites the following organizations, officers, and men for distinguished conduct during the operations of this division south of Soissons, July 18-22, 1918:

First Lieutenant Norman St. George Vann, M. C., 26th infantry, "displayed admirable devotion to duty by dressing and evacuating the wounded while exposed to shell and machine gun fire."

By command of Major-General Summerall.

ROLAND S. CLARK,

First Lieutenant, National Army, Assistant to Division Adjutant.

James Erwin Montgomery has recently been discharged from the Naval Aviation Training Station at Massachusetts Tech. He spent December 4th, 6th, and 7th with Tau Chapter. He expects to return to school for graduate work after Christmas.

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J. W. Bradshaw and C. H. Baker, Jr., are with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va.

Lamar Weaver, who is a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, is stationed in California.

OMEGA

James M. Hedges, of last year's chapter, is back from France. He is a second class machinist's mate in Naval Aviation, and certainly has a swell line of tales for the boys. He's fuller of stories than a Civil War veteran.

Second Class Machinist's Mate Buford Williams and Ensign Paul Hite, of the Naval Aviation forces, have been in Lexington recently on furloughs. Brother Hite has been flying in France.

It will probably be only a short time now until more of our brothers will be back, and we are even hoping to have some of them reënter college soon.

ALPHA-ALPHA

Thos. N. Lee and J. B. McCullen passed through Durham the first week of December on their way home from Camp Grant, Ill., where they had just been mustered out. Both of them say they will be back after Christmas, as will some other men who will be out of the service by then.

Агрна-Самма

Capt. Charles Doran, Class '15, was recently wounded in France, and now is in a base hospital near Nice. He will probably be there for several weeks yet. Just after he was wounded he was recommended for a majority by his regimental commander, but was unable to return to his regiment.

Otto Morris, who has been doing Government work, has been released from duty, and will sail for Cuba to accept a position with a refinery there as sugar chemist. Brother Jumonville will accompany Brother Morris to Cuba.

R. A. Hill recently finished at West Point and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. A. He graduated at L. S. U. in 1916, and entered West Point shortly afterward. He finished eleventh in a class of about 250 students. Brother Hill has returned to West Point to take a postgraduate course.

Edgar Galloway, Chas. B. Young, Jos. Clyde Bruner, and Hugh W. Bazet, who were commissioned last summer, will soon be discharged from the service. They are expected to return to L. S. U.

C. W. Loe is stationed at Camp Beauregard. He has the grade of a sergeant in a chemical unit. He expects to receive his discharge in the near future.

Lieut. James A. Garrett is stationed at Transylvania University. Further news of this brother will be found in Kappa Chapter alumni notes.

ALPHA-ZETA

Russell A. Cole is in the Naval Unit at the University of Missouri.

ALPHA-KAPPA

V. B. Newburn, of Zeta, who is in the S. A. T. C. unit at Rose Polytechnic, paid us a short visit when here on Thanksgiving Day with the "Rose-Poly" team. Useless of repetition, we reiterate, "we've never yet seen a II of whom we were not proud."

Howell Smith Clark, Ray Knickerbocker, and Donald H. Radcliffe were until recently in the E. O. T. C. at Camp Humphreys, Va. Brother Clark is with us at present for a visit. He is a sergeant and was soon to have been commissioned, when peace was declared.

Walter Zeuch was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Engineers Corps, and since gone across.

E. L. Miller was commissioned a Second Lieutenant last September; he is still stationed at Hampton Roads in the Coast Artillery.

V. L. Whitworth was transferred from Fort Sill to the U. S. Nitrate Plant No. 1 at Sheffield, Ala.

H. H. Hughes was in the Naval Flying Corps at Seattle, Wash., but expects to reënter college after Christmas.

Robt. D. Moore was accepted for Army Aviation Corps, but not called. He is now working with a smelter in Granby, Mo.

Robert L. Marston is stationed at North Island, San Diego, Cal., in the Naval Flying Corps. We expect him to be with us for the second semester.

ALPHA-PI

The chapter has received news of the recent arrival overseas of W. Dean Blackwelder.

- R. E. Duke has received a commission in the Tank Corps.
- C. B. Price is a Lieutenant at Camp Hancock, Ga.

Allison Bell is a Lieutenant, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

- D. G. Farley and Floyd Attaway are with the forces overseas.
- J. S. Jackson and J. R. Simmons are in the Aviation Corps.

Агрна-Вно

Fred E. Renkert has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in reserves. He stopped off in Columbus a few days in first week of December and visited the chapter.

Lieut. Carrol A. Stubbs, who is stationed at Camp Upton, New York, has been appointed Assistant Judge Advocate.

James E. Pollard, former Associated Press correspondent at Camp Sherman, now in France, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

ALPHA-UPSILON

Ex-District Princeps, now Corp. Millard G. Larkin, Sanitary Corps Detachment 301st Water Tank Train, writes most interestingly from France, and the letter will appear in the February issue. He is quite well and working hard, but enjoying it.

J. Elmer Briggs, Jr., Company A, 304th Machine Gun Battalion, also writes charmingly of France, addressed to the Fraternity at University of New York. This will also appear in February issue.

ALPHA-OMEGA

Capt. W. A. Bright, '15, is camp veterinarian at Camp Sherman, Ala. He entered the service shortly after war was declared.

Capt. Sidney R. Vandenberry, U. S. Marine Corps, is stationed at San Diego (Cal.) Marine Barracks.

Lieut. L. P. Whitehead, '16, is stationed at the School of Fire, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lieut. John Fredinberg is stationed in New York City on temporary duty.

C. S. Briggs is stationed at Camp Funston in the personnel office. Mrs. Briggs is living in Manhattan and attending college.

E. E. Bates is recuperating from a severe case of pneumonia. He is at the base hospital in Fort Riley. Stay with it "Punk" and it can't get you down.

Lieut. John F. Davidson has recently been ordered overseas. He was stationed at Camp Rariton, N. J., in the Ordnance Department.

Carl G. Libby, D. V. M., is in training at the Medical Officers' Training Camp for veterinarians at Camp Greenleaf, Ga.

Harold Goble, '15, is stationed at Municipal Pier, Chicago, in the Naval Training Detachment. He was married last June to Miss Gertrude Harris, of Cottonwood Falls, Kan. Mrs. Goble was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority at Kansas State Agricultural College.

Ed J. Otto, '16, is stationed at Camp Luce, Great Lakes Training Station. He was married last June to Miss Elizabeth Hassebrook, of Riley, Kan.

Albert Norlin, '13, is located at McCracken, Kan. He is associated with his father in mercantile business. Brother Norlin is the proud father of three children.

Harry Avery is doing county agent work at Shoshone Falls, Idaho.

John V. Hepler, '15, is emergency farm agent at Dodge City. Cruger Miller, '17 is with Base Hospital No. 28, A. E. F.

Russel Knapp is located at Camp Funston. No doubt he is furnishing entertainment at the Y. M. with his musical talent.

Lester Gfeler is in O. T. C. for Artillery at Camp Taylor, Ky. Mrs. G. E. Anderson informed the correspondent that "Andy" and Paul Holmes met in France a short time ago.

R. I. Throckmorton, professor of soils, and E. V. Floyd, professor of physics, are located in their respective departments, and very busy due to shortage of teachers and heavy collegiate work.

Glen Paddleford is in Naval Aviation Camp at Seattle, Wash. Harry Allen, '13, is farming at Gaffs, Kan.

Let us hear from you, and do not forget to give the addresses of any other brothers from whom you have heard and their occupations.

Address Lyman R. Vawter, '18, care of Veterinary Department, K. S. A. C.

Beta-Alpha

During the first part of December we have had two very welcome visitors. One was Second Lieut. Arthur Pugh, who has recently been demobilized from the service at Camp Grant. He was one of our last year's Juniors, and received his commission at Plattsburg this summer. We hope he will be able to get back with us next semester. The other visitor is with us now, Brother John Willets Warner.

We are always glad to meet these old boys, and do hope that many more will drop in on us now that the war is over.

The Grand Treasurer has received the following interesting announcement from Philadelphia, Pa. Hearty congratulations are extended to our good Brother Keyser and his wife, and to the future young Π .

Ensign and Mrs. Clarence N. Keyser announce the birth of their son

NAAMAN HENRY

on Thursday, December fifth One thousand nine hundred and eighteen

Вета-Вета

Capt. Smith Freeman Reavis, a charter member, has received the Croix de Guerre, and has been entertained as a guest of the Duke of Connaught.

Ernest E. McKeen, another charter member and a member of the Engineers' Signal Corps, Somewhere in France, has also been decorated for bravery.

James Albert McKeen, a sergeant in the Aero Squadron, Somewhere in France, is a third member of this chapter to be decorated for bravery.

Вета-Самма

In the last month several changes have taken place among our alumni. Lieut. W. A. McKinney, one of the first to enlist after the declaration of war, received his commission at the first Officers' Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kan., and remained there until the latter part of October. Feeling that he could be of more use to the Government in France, Mac transferred to the Field Artillery, sacrificing his rank of First Lieutenant for that of a Second Lieutenant in order to make the transfer. He had been in his new quarters at Camp Zachary Taylor only about a month when the armistice was signed, thereby blotting out his hopes of serving his country in France. Mac says: "It has been my fate to be kept here, and I've tried to do my job in the best and most efficient way that I could."

Geo. B. Sammons, who has been in training at Camp Zachary Taylor, received his commission as Second Lieutenant, and recently paid the chapter a visit. George makes a fine officer, and one of whom the U. S. should be proud. His visit was a very agreeable one to the members of Beta-Gamma.

Floyd L. Hockenhull, who has been at Camp Funston since August, paid the chapter a visit while on his way to the O. T. C. at Camp Benjamin Franklin, Md. A letter from him says that he has not yet run across that "Girl in the heart of Maryland."

Howard Ritchey stopped off for a short visit while on his way home from Camp Funston. He expects to be discharged soon in fact to eat dinner at home on Thanksgiving Day in 1919.

These visits from the old men have all been very pleasant, and we invite other members of the alumni to drop in and talk over old times.

It is with the greatest of sorrow that we report the deaths of two of our beloved brothers, Everett J. Grecian and Reuben A. Hoffman. Both were the victims of Spanish influenza, and their loss is mourned by many friends and brothers. Brother Grecian was in the service of his country, and died while in an officers' school at Columbia University. Brother Hoffman was at his home in Havre, Mont., and is survived by his wife and infant daughter. We wish to express our sympathy for the families of these brothers in their deep sorrow.

We have recently received word that Brooks Berlin was badly wounded in France. He was with the 110th Kansas Engineers, and was struck by shrapnel which broke both legs and inflicted a serious wound in the left shoulder. Pete Compton and John Scribner were gassed in the same engagement and all three of the boys are in the hospital. The latest reports are that they are gradually improving and hope to be home soon.

BETA-DELTA

John J. Emmons has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Marines, and is stationed somewhere on the east coast of the United States. Lieut. Glenn Emmons has been placed in command of two aero squadrons, and is the commanding officer at his camp in England.

Paul Dieckman, who enlisted in the Chemical Corps, was stopped in New York on the eve of sailing, November 11th.

Nelson Newman, of the Forestry Engineers, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant, and is in France.

Floyd W. Lee has been promoted to Instrument Sergeant, with Battery A, from this State.

Chester Lee has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Forestry Regiment.

Lieut. Ira V. Boldt was ordered back to Camp Cody from Jacksonville, Fla., just as his company was preparing to sail.

Leo E. Murphy received an appointment as field clerk, and is now in France and happy.

Lieut. Paul Butt, of the Medical Corps, is stationed at Camp Meade.

First Lieut. Willard Chamberlain has been recommended for the *Distinguished Service Cross*. He has been officially credited with his second German aeroplane.

Leslie Boldt and George White, both of the Naval Aviation, are stationed in England.

Harold Sellers has received a First Lieutenant's commission. Don Richardson is hard at work in the Quartermaster's Depot at Camp Cody, N. Mex.

William Halloran was recently commissioned a First Lieutenant in Battery A, a New Mexico organization.

Latest reports advise that Brother Charles Lembke was not killed, as was first reported, but that he was severely wounded, being hit by three machine gun bullets, twice through the jaw and once in the shoulder. He is recovering rapidly.

BETA-ZETA

Cornelius A. Pugsley, Jr., who spent the first month of the S. A. T. C. at the University of Missouri in the capacity of instructor in the Naval Unit, is now at sea.

Вета-Іота

Norman E. Wood, ex-'20, and Edmund Schaet, ex-'20, are at Pelham Bay, and will very likely get their commissions before Christmas.

Stillman Wright, ex-'20, is in the Naval Hospital at Key West.

Sergt. W. Alden Wiltberger, ex-'20, is at Fort Sheridan.

Lieut. P. A. Porter, ex-'19, is stationed in Maryland at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Rees Jones, ex-'20, has gone to France with a hospital unit. Leslie Bean, ex-'20, when last heard from, was at Jefferson Barracks.

Arthur Lamb, '15, is in training for a commission in the Navy.

LeRoy Laube, ex-'20, is in the S. A. T. C. at Beloit.

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Headquarters,

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Announcement is hereby made of the appointment of George Banner Marsh, Alpha-Omicron, San Marcos, Texas, as District Princeps, District No. 8, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas.

This appointment to be effective as, and from, January 1, 1919.

Chapters will govern themselves accordingly.

FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL,

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