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## March, 1938—Indifference March, 1943—Pertinence

Today—March 8, 1943—first orders to report to duty were received by University of Nebraska students in the enlisted reserve corps.

About five years ago—March 11, 1938—German troops crossed the Austrian frontier.

Five years ago not one of the almost 350 students affected by the call was in college. The nazi invasion of Austria was something that their parents got somewhat excited about and that their high school teachers mentioned in between lectures on Roman literature and the Revolutionary war.

They might have even listened to H. V. Kaltenborn or Elmer Davis analyze the European situation just before the networks switched to "Matinee at Meadowbrook" for Benny Goodman's arrangement of "Music Maestro, Please."

But the war was far off; huge distances separated the U. S. from the struggle; there was no sense in worrying. What if Hitler did take Austria? Britain and France would stop him; Americans would watch.

And they watched. They watched the German armies march into Czechoslovakia, Poland, France; move toward Britain, Russia; swarm over the Balkan nations.

They watched and wondered—wondered if America could stay out of it, if America should stay out of it. And on December 7, 1941; they got their answer.

And on March 8, 1943, they got their call.

So 300 university men, the cream of the crop—and there is no question about that—will pause in their education, put on uniforms, receive the best of training, and fight—fight against the man who led Germany's armies into Austria five years ago.

Five years ago they didn't know what was going on. Today they don't know much more except that they are fighting for something that is all tied up with democracy and liberty and happiness and staying alive.

What high school teachers, Kaltenborn, Davis, parents and perhaps a few 14 year olds talked about has become something real.

And so, on this week is observed: 1. The fifth anniversary of the march of Hitler's hordes into Austria; 2. The first call to duty of UN army enlisted reservists; 3. Another indication that the finest American manpower is to be called to lead the United Nations to victory.

V... — Mail  
Clippings  
Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Nebraska's flying hero, DICK JOYCE, has been promoted to the rank of a captain. Word of his promotion comes from Delhi, India. He is at present stationed at McDill Field, Tampa, Florida. A Phi Psi, Capt. Joyce is "one of Jimmy Doolittle's boys" that bombed the Far East. The captain himself took part in 27 raids last April 14th. Coming back to the States, he flew from Chungking, China, to Miami Beach, Florida, in four days.



Courtesy, Journal.

BOB LICHTY, Beta of two years ago, is now stationed with the army in the Public Relations division "somewhere in India." A recent letter from him says that one of his pictures (a photograph) got a top page spread in a New York paper. V-Mail quotes from his letter telling of India: "The small change shortage here is acute. When we buy coffee or food they try to give it is tough on the beggars too. A beggar will ask for 2 annas bakishee, and we say o. k. if (1 rupee equals 16 anna). He, of course, you give me 14 annas change from this rupee wants the annas 2, but to get it he must pony up annas 14. He probably has the anna 14 plus \$2000 worth of American Tel and Tel in the vault under his piece of sidewalk sleeping accommodation, but to admit it would invalidate his original premise of poverty."

### Bizad Honorary Initiates Seven; C. M. Elliot Talks

Seven women were initiated into Phi Chi Theta, honorary bizad sorority Sunday night. New members include Mary Lou Holtz, Helen Freeborn, Mary Helen Thoms, Jessie Lou Tyler, Helen Emick, Catherin Dutton and Dorothy Baker.

### Tribute . . .

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than the fellows who got drafted?" Bill Irwin, "I'd be willing to rally with them. I'm in the navy." Kenny Ackerman, "Do it before Saturday—I'm leaving then." Art Schmale, "Good idea. Plenty of excitement—big time." Bob Gilmore, "Have a party where we reservists won't have to show much reserve."

### ERC . . .

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figures immediately available, are distributed as follows:

Freshman	164
Sophomores	120
Juniors	23
Seniors	37
Advance ROTC	173
Engineers, etc.	137
V-1	91
Marines	13
Total	758

Of this total, approximately 344 will be effected under the present set-up, with some pre-med, engineering, pre-dental, chemistry, etc., majors placed on a deferred status. "It is possible," Dean Thompson pointed out, "that the army will follow the system of calling reserves used by the air corps—will call a given number every other day or so. However, it is impossible to predict just what method will be used." The dean announced only a few days ago that half credit would be granted to ERC members who received active duty orders if they dropped school on or after March 26 in good standing, that is, after eight weeks of the current semester. Chancellor C. S. Boucher declared that a communication received from the war department Monday set "until summer" as the earliest possible date when the calling of college men into service could be completed. The chancellor was advised in the letter that "calls will be distributed throughout the remainder of the semester."

### Nuts from McNutt

BY BOB McNUTT.

There are only two items of interest for this week—measles and sorority initiations. Oh, yes, and the ERC.

Measles is probably the first disease to take preference over hangovers on college campuses since the sweep of the Bubonic Plague.

Measles, of course, are nothing to laugh about, but it's amusing to call up to sympathize with a victim and have some uninformed pledge answer: "I'm sorry, but Helen just went to the Union for a coke." The only thing that would be interesting about measles would be to get caught under the quarantine at the Theta house. Well, we can spend picnic season comparing rashes.

Coming Up.

Sorority initiations are going to put quite a crimp in social affairs for the weekend. There is, however, a party at the Cornhusker Friday night. It seems like someone would throw a good party before the army calls and have it someplace besides the Cornhusker.

From my files, cross indexed under both "aquarium" and "gender," comes this little household hint on how to tell whether your goldfish is a boy or a girl. To the water in the goldfish bowl add one-half ounce of sulphuric acid. If he comes floating to the top, he is a boy. If she comes floating to the top, she is a girl.

Well, that's my homework for today.

Sayings for Today . . .

Oh, yes, that reminds me of a small conversation between John Mason and Sadie Hawkins: John (embracing her firmly): Darling, your freckles are cute. Sadie: Freckles, heck; I've got the measles! The new income tax form is just out for the year. It looks something like this:

- How much did you make last year?
- How much do you have left?
- Send it.

The boys at the Brown Palace are still recuperating from their meal prepared for them by ag college girls.

**ASK THE RANGER FROM DIEPPE**

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