

SERVICE NEWS

Louis R. Kerber, Chief Carpenters Mate, in the Seabees, who had put in over a year's active service in the South Pacific including the Solomons Campaign, was home on 30-day leave during the mid-winter. Lou fully corroborated the reports we have had that the South Pacific fighting is tough. He is stationed at present at Camp Parks, California.

Joe Gately, of the Seabees, had his basic training at Norfolk, Virginia, later being sent to the South Pacific where he was stationed at New Caledonia. A bad case of asthma brought Joe back to the States and he has spent several months in navy hospitals in California. He was given limited active duty in the San Diego area.

Darel Rohrbaugh in Jordan Valley writes that Alvin Wallace is somewhere in Australia; F. W. Niles is in Japan's backyard and G. E. Pack is in Hawaii.

Walter T. Wright, of the Seabees, is now stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

Don Taylor, Chief in the Seabees, was home on a 30-day leave late in the winter. He has been stationed in Bermuda for about a year. His accounts of the way of life there were very interesting, much different than ours.

Val Johnson was inducted into the army in September of 1942 and has since spent most of his time being educated. He has attended Stanford University and Oregon State College where he took advanced engineering courses under the ASTP and he later was transferred to the University of Michigan where he took advanced training in sanitary engineering. Val was transferred to an engineer training battalion

at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he is at present located.

Verne R. Jones, CM 1/c Seabees, recently returned home from the South Pacific where he helped build airfields and roads for about 18 months. Verne is now stationed at Camp Parks, California.

W. D. "Curly" Folliett, recently promoted to Chief Carpenters Mate in the Seabees, has been stationed for nearly a year in Trinidad. He was home on leave early this spring. Curly was formerly employed with the Oregon State Highway Department as a bridge carpenter and is doing similar work with the Seabees.

Glenn Loertscher entered the U. S. Coast Guard in August of 1942 and took his basic training at Bonneville and has since been stationed in the Portland-Vancouver area.

Capt. C. E. Gardner, Marines, was a welcome visitor in Salem the other day. Slim saw action at Guadalcanal and in the South Pacific and had a lot of interesting news.

Lt. Robert Hill, of the Navy, is on active duty "somewhere in the South Pacific." We hope he has good hunting during the next few months.

Lt. Henry Jullum, USNR, after almost three years in the Hawaiian Islands on construction work, writes that he is very anxious for a furlough and a trip to the U. S. A. to visit his wife in Portland.

Sana Millett enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in December of 1943. She had her basic training at Camp Lejune, South Carolina, and is at present working in the fleet post office in San Francisco.

Lt. Malcolm Smith, Army Air Corps, is doing his stuff at Thunderbird Field, Arizona.