

Corporal Berl Williams with a Medical Ambulance Co. in England, asks that his buddies on the east side of the Cascades keep the streams well stocked with fish as he intends to catch those big ones that got away before he left, when he has time off from bridge repairing, after Berlin.

Wm. C. Grabenhorst, M.M. 2/c, Seabees, will be remembered by many of the Highway Department oiling crew men. Bill spent several years on oiling and extra gang crews before joining the Navy, and recently spent a 10-day furlough at home and with old friends before returning to Camp Parks.

Robt. W. Carpenter, M.M. 2/c, C. B. M. U. Bob was employed at the Salem Highway Shops when he joined the Seabees in 1942 and is now in New Guinea slinging parts. He should be good at it as he did a swell job at the Salem Shops before he left.

Bob says he has seen a lot of the large cities in Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea. He says he can see why they named the "Coral Islands", but would much rather be able to step on good old Oregon beach sand any day.

Lt. Col. George Hester, A.A.C. George was assistant in Office Engineering Dept. when called to the service and is now Battalion Commander of anti-aircraft at Camp Cook down at Santa Maria, Calif. Someone please give us a little more information on George.

Staff Sgt. James Carlin. Jim has spent most of the last two years in Oakland, the greater part of the time as Chief Clerk in a Medical Unit at the army hospital there. He recently stopped at the Salem Shops to see his old friends, where he used to be chief parker of equipment. Jim says the California weather is O.K., but he prefers Oregon and will be glad to get back. He was on one of those 10-day leaves before going to parts unknown.

Capt. George Bagnall. George has spent about two years in the Pacific most of the time in the Hawaiian islands. A few months ago he was sent to the Marshalls where he is keeping the planes in tip top shape for shooting. George is in Army Aviation Ordnance there and says that country has nothing he wants nor can he see anything interesting about any of the Pacific Isles except the Hawaiians, and they have been built up a great deal by publicity agents. He also says the native gals in the Marshalls are not attractive and would like to know what kind of stuff the fiction writers smoked when writing their stories about them.

Many of the Highway employees will remember George, who was the '64" boy who used to go around concocting mechanical devices for the Salem Shops where he was Mechanical Designer for several years.

Paul Davies, C.P.O., Seabees. Paul was home recently on a 10-day leave and spent part of the time visiting the Lab where he was employed for about 20 years, and also visited some of his friends at the Main Office. Paul spent seven months in charge of a road construction crew on Kodiak Island. He says the Seabees are doing a remarkable job despite the severe weather and other bad conditions existing there. He doesn't know where his next stop will be but hopes it won't be for long as he is anxious to get back to his old Lab job.

Pfc. Donald McMurren, U.S.M.C. Roger Wright, Quartz Mountain section foreman, says he hears from Don quite often and that he is quite interested in the Highway work there where he was employed until his 18th birthday, having joined the Marines about Oct. 1, 1943. Don left the States in March and is now somewhere in the Pacific. He hopes to make Highway

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