

D. M. S. office. He also made a run over to Grande Ronde to see Vic Mofitt and the rest of Paving Crew No. 6, and said the smell of asphalt made him homesick, so he tried to find an extra rake but the boys had them all in use. Bill is 50 Cal. Machine Gun Specialist on a Carrier.

Sgt. Leland P. Dixon, U.S.M.C. Sgt. Dixon, former office man at Burns D.M.S. office, is back home after two years in the South Pacific and is enjoying a well earned rest. He says he appreciates the Oregon scenery more than before and didn't realize it was so restful to the eyes.

Lt. Lloyd Russell Chandler, Seabees. "Pop" as he is known by most of us, has moved from his pin-up station on the East Coast for places unknown, so advises our LaGrande reporter, Joe Campbell. Pop will be remembered as the "Hermit of McDermitt" where he engineered for quite a while.

Pvt. David M. (Kelly) Palmer, Co. G. 328th Inf. APO 26, Fort Jackson, S.C., was recently transferred to his present post from Fort Shelby, La. Pvt. Palmer while enjoying his travels, from all reports still thinks Oregon is best. Kelly was on J. H. Scott's engineering crew until he was inducted into the army last November.

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A Seabee in the South Pacific patterned his version of life out there along the lines of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as follows:

"Two score and seven days ago our battalion brought forth upon this island a new project, conceived in a fox-hole and dedicated to the proposition that all Japs are created evil.

"We are now ensnared in the heat, rain and mud of the island, testing whether this project or the Seabees will long endure.

"We are all together slipping and sliding as we do this, but in a larger sense we cannot cultivate, we cannot navigate, we cannot harrow this ground, for those rains which make this mud here have made it impossible, far above the poor power of all but the "Cats" (tractors).

"It is for us, the Seabees, rather to be enslaved here by this menial labor which they who are in charge have thus so freely advanced. It is rather for us to be here sickened by the dish of hash set before us, that from these cans we took our nourishment; nor no devotion to those cooks, for our stomachs gave an everlasting measure of commotion.

"The world will little note nor long remember what we build here, but we shall never forget the hash and beans we ate here. Let us resolve that we shall not have sweat in vain; that this battalion shall have 30 days freedom in the United States by Easter; that this thought shall not perish from our hopes."

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