

SERVICE NEWS

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home. He says most of the natives there are employed in spraying the stagnant swamp water in malaria control and they receive the elegant sum of \$1.60 per month each.

C. H. "Botch" Maison, Chief Storekeeper, U.S.N., returned home recently from 28 months of service in New Guinea, the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, and other spots lesser known. Botch is now at Treasure Island after his 30 day leave. He stopped in to visit the highway shop boys just before taking off for the Island and had quite a visit with his former pals there. He also visited the Accounting Division office where he found but few of the old familiar faces that were there when he left for the service in early 1942. Botch says he doesn't care much for the Islands but as it is all a part of the job he has no regrets. He informed us he had his first airplane ride on a navy transport between two of the Pacific islands and did not have to be told twice to sit still.

Lt. George Sothman, Army Engineers, is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., so advised Harold Heath, president of Klamath Falls Chapter No. 12. We would appreciate a word or two more about George, or, better yet, from him.

Lou Kerber, Chief Machinist Mate, Seabees, on 10 day leave from Camp Parks recently visited with his former associates at the highway shops and

office at Salem, and the D.M.S. office at Portland. Lou has been at Camp Parks about nine months having been sent there upon his return to the States in December from the South Pacific where he spent 19 months. Lou says he hopes to be running that old paving crew again in the near future, but says he wants to get the old fight over with first and is afraid that won't be very soon. We hope he is wrong as to the time.

Marvin J. Van Horn, C.M. 2/c, is a concrete finisher on one of the Admiralty Islands. Marvin is a former Alsea crew member and has been in Samoa, New Caledonia, New Zealand, etc. These boys surely get around and with the experience they are getting we can see where the highway department will have a first class force when they all return.

P.F.C. Jack Holman, A.A.A., says he has 28 months in on the Hawaiians and would like to get back to the States as he would like a change of scenery even though some of the scenery there is quite nice. Jack enjoyed the June-July issue of our magazine very much.

Capt. Henry A. Meyer called at the Public Utilities Commission office in Portland where he was employed prior to entering the service and paid a wel-

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