

3/c. Lester M. Davidson, M.M. 1/c, has just returned home from the South Pacific on a well deserved leave. William Glen Davidson, C.C.M., is stationed at Irquois Point, Hawaiian Islands. Glen wrote home that he ran into Jack Sherman, C.C.M., former highway employee and they sat down and had a visit about old times with the department just like two school girls. Also that he had to beg to get to read the *The Oregon State Employee*, for there was only one copy in the outfit.

Warrant Officer Gilbert "Gib" Anderson, former member of Hughletts bridge gang, has returned home for a well earned leave and is looking well. "Gib" has been in the South Pacific. Ten months at Pearl Harbor, then to the Ellice Islands and then got in on the Gilbert Islands invasion. "Gib" is with the U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps.

And so we will wind up Service News with the one about the reporter interviewing the visiting Frenchmen: "What do you want to see in America most?" the reporter asked. "Vee vish," the frogs began, "to visit that famous Mrs. Beach who has so many sons in this war."

#### *Coos County, Oregon*

Better wages, better working conditions and a 10-day sick leave provision have been granted Coos County, Oregon, employees.

#### GIVEN COMMAND

With the Army Air Force Engineer Command in Italy—Bringing with him years of varied experience, Capt. Lockwood W. Franklin of Salem, Ore., was recently given command of an aviation engineers utility detachment maintaining a key airfield for allied air power in Italy.

In civilian life Capt. Franklin was resident engineer in the Oregon state highway department. He received his ORC commission in the crops of engineers in 1936 but was not called to active duty until February, 1941. His first assignment was a combat engineer officer commanding a platoon.

Later he was transferred to the staff of corps area engineer as supply and reproduction officer. He joined the aviation engineers in the days when the need for building and maintaining airfields for the successful prosecution of military operations was most acute. Because of his outstanding qualities as a leader of men and his varied military experience, his aviation engineers utility detachment has shown a most enviable record of achievements superior officers declare.

Capt. Franklin was born at Ocean-side, Calif., but has lived in Salem so long he considers it his home town. His wife, Ruby, and sons, Lockwood, 15, and Robert, 9, live at route one, box 9J, West Salem.—*Oregon Statesman*, Oct. 20, 1944.

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