

## SERVICE NEWS

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port and in the course of his work may get a chance to visit his parents and friends—soon, we hope.

Tom Cooper, son of Mrs. Teresa Cooper of the State Industrial Accident Commission, is home from Farragut, Idaho on a week's leave. The Navy seems to agree with Tom.

Chief Wayne Lithgow of the Seabees, is in the Mariannas, or was at last writing. He may be in Tokyo soon.

Everett Lyman is also in the Seabees and is on one of those Islands, being a neighbor to Lithgow.

★ Reported missing since September 28 in action over Germany, Lt. Robert S. Stearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Stearns, Lapine, was killed in action, his parents have been notified. Lt. Stearns, a bombardier, was in a plane shot down only ten miles from Berlin. The young officer went overseas last May. He was attending Oregon State College when he entered the service. Previous to that time he worked on the maintenance crew at Lapine.

★ Pvt. James Koch Risen, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Risen, Bend, has been killed in action in the European theater of war, his parents have been officially notified. Only recently Pvt. Risen had been reported missing in ac-

tion. Pvt. Risen volunteered for enlistment while attending Oregon State College, prior to that time he was employed on the construction party of W. S. Hodge at Madras. His father is with the Highway Department at Bend.

Cpl. Joseph Miller, former Highway Shop mechanic at the Salem shops, is now soldiering at Fort Sill. Joe is helping keep the jeeps and trucks going down that way and advises he is receiving a lot of good schooling on convoy movements and expedience as well as mechanical subjects. Joe expresses his appreciation of our magazine and says he is all for it.

Elbert Elliott, formerly employed on the Corvallis Section Maintenance Crew, is now on Leyte Island and is pretty busy dodging sniper bullets.

Andy Ayers, also from Corvallis, is running shovel for the C.B.'s on Leyte.

The Hohner boys, Joe and Paul, are together on a beautiful island in the Pacific, but would gladly trade it for one look at Oregon.

Orville Waddell, now serving as signalman on a Landing Craft in the Pacific Area, reports that he has joined the boxing team and is really making a business of fighting these days. He said that he was having it easy while his boat was being used to evacuate the wounded from Leyte.

Marine Captain Grover Betzer, son

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