

Ted Smith, son of R. M. Smith, District Maintenance Supt. at Corvallis, enlisted in the Navy on May 2nd and was sent to San Diego for boot camp training. He writes home that he is taking some rather strenuous exercises that are guaranteed to remove the "bulge" from any one's anatomy. However, Ted is doing all right and passed the Navy's strength test with 30 push-ups and 50 set-ups.

Alvie Putnam, son of Joe Putnam, section foreman at Corvallis and now a Lieutenant J.G. in the U. S. Navy, has been flying an observation plane based on a Cruiser. Recently he suffered a broken leg when he slipped on one of the ship's ladders. This accident landed him in a hospital somewhere in the Mariannas. As soon as transportation is available and he is sufficiently recovered he will be returned to the United States and given at least 6 months Stateside service.

T/5 Cecil W. Head has reported several interesting comments on his activities since late April. "One town we went through we found mixed emotions of crying, laughing, throwing of flowers, and silence from the people . . ." "We really have been on the move lately and it is more like a rat race and I do mean rats. We are now at last resting, getting clean clothes, showers and sleep."

Cec is with the 91st Inf. Div. He has been overseas since March, 1944, and has spent the most of this time with the 5th Army in Italy. Prior to entering the armed forces in October, 1942, Cec was employed by the Highway Dept. and worked for Mr. Glaisyer, Secretary to the Highway Commission.

Roger E. "Pinky" Card, C.M. 3/c stopped in Myrtle Creek the other day to say hello to the fellows with whom he used to work. He was on his way

back to duty after spending a few days with his folks at Jacksonville. Mr. Card spent some time in the Aleutians, but for the last few months has been stationed at Clatskanie, Oregon. He is very anxious to get back to his old job with the Highway Commission.

Sgt. Joe Arnold, former shovel operator with the Highway Department is now with the U.S. Army Engineers somewhere in England. Recently Joe met Lt. (Tex) Carlton and Tex gave him a copy of The Oregon State Employee. Joe liked the O.S.E. and wanted to subscribe. The Oregon State Employee is mailed free to all former state employees in the service upon receipt of their address and we hope that you will find it interesting. We have Joe's address and he is on our mailing list. There is a berth on a speeder shovel waiting for you Joe when you get home.

Ash Taber was home on a thirty-day furlough in January and at present is in a Navy Hospital in California being treated for an eye infection. Ash was helper at Odell Lake prior to joining the Sea Bee's a year ago last August. He is now a C.P.O.

Wel Maxwell is now in overseas duty. We don't know whether he is gunning' for a hun or out to slap a Jap, but we do know he would like to hear from any of his old friends. He is now a first class machine gunner and, as you remember, was head office man for Mr. Toole.

The following interesting letter was written by Pfc. Donald E. Hardcastle from a French village on March 12: "I wish to thank you for the copies of The Oregon State Employee which I have been receiving right along. Certainly enjoy them and especially any scenes of old Oregon. I happen to be
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