

John Frederick Bell, of Ashland, Oregon, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States recently upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Bell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bell, Ashland, Oregon. He enlisted in the army on October 28, 1942 and served with the 10th Mountain Div. before going to officers' school. He then held the rank of Sergeant. The new officer is a graduate of Ashland high school and he also attended Oregon State College where he was prominent as an athlete.

John's father is section foreman helper on the Greensprings.

Pfc. D. E. Hardcastle writes from Bad Orb, Germany, "Was much pleased to receive another copy of *State Employees* magazine and enjoyed reading it way over here in Germany.

We are surely glad the job is finished here and can go home some day. This country around Bad Orb (home of the Stalag No. 9) is hilly, has many fir trees on the slopes and is green, very beautiful now. We live in a big hotel. We can't fraternize with the Krauts but the army tries to give us enough entertainment to keep us busy and our morale up.

Today has been rainy like Oregon and I feel right at home.

Crossed the Rhine at Mainz and spent some time in Bad Nanheim."

Staff Sgt. Elwin "Bud" Adamson employed on the Drain Maintenance crew and paving crew No. 8 before entering the service is stationed at the Yakima Firing Center. Bud is instructor in light arms.

Charles Campbell is home from active duty in the Philippines. Mr. Campbell applied for and received his discharge from the Seabees, returning to civilian life again.

Cpl. John F. Kergil was married April 27th in England. The Kergils plan to make their home in Astoria after the war. Johnnie says he can hear Uncle Sam calling from the South Pacific, "Johnnie get your gun, get your gun," so he doesn't expect to stay long in England.

M/Sgt. Raymond H. Higgins was a visitor here recently. Mr. and Mrs.

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