



With rapid demobilization, service news has become as scarce as a "Heil Hitler," thanks to our service men. However, as long as there are state employees in the armed forces, or the sons and daughters of state employees, we will continue to run the service items we receive.

We have been giving considerable thought to running a sort of a "Telumabout" column. For the few who do not know what "telumabout" means let us explain:

Joe returns home after months in Asia or Europe. With his proud folks about him, their ears pitched forward so as not to miss a word, he relates some of his experiences or the experiences of his buddies. Soon some admiring friends drop in. After hand shakes, pats on the back and congratulations are over, it's Pop's turn. Seated on the edge of the chair with both feet planted firmly on the floor he fixes Joe with a hypnotic stare and says, "Now son, telumabout this and that experience."

We believe it possible to publish a column that will be most interesting to our readers if the discharged veterans and those who still are in the armed forces will tell them about their experiences through *The Oregon State Employee*. So write us about them.

Here are a few to start with:

Howard Cox of Bend writes the following about one of the islands he was on while stationed in the Pacific:

"As I look back over a National Geographic map I carried overseas, I see a crude hand bearing the single

word HOME. Its pointed east and sets over a tiny dot which is labeled Tinian. Back tracking from Tinian runs a heavy blue line bearing south-east and running through another tiny dot labeled Enimetok.

"Enimetok, which is called Brown Atoll on some maps, is about 11° 30' north of the equator and is one of the most westward atolls in the Marshall group. The atoll is roughly oval in shape and encloses a lagoon which is perhaps 22 or 23 miles long and 15 miles wide. There is only one deep entrance, although the reef is broken in a number of places, some of them deep enough for passage of smaller ships. Numerous low coral islands rise from the reef. The two main islands in this atoll are Enimetok and Engebi, the former being in the southeast portion of the atoll and the latter in the north portion.

"During the Pacific engagement of less than two years ago, our forces took this atoll in a matter of only a few days. At that time, due to military secrecy, very little was written about it and the uses to which these islands were placed.

"The only Seabees on Enimetok Island at the time of the invasion were the 110th Battalion. They landed even while the last so-called mopping-up operations were under way and immediately started unloading equipment and getting organized for work. Within two days the equipment was all ashore and work was started on a bomber strip. As Enimetok was originally a cocoanut plantation, clearing