

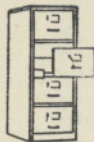
interesting letter from P. F. Conner, SK 2/c:

"Was thrilled very much to receive the September-October issue of "The Oregon State Employee." I find that after all someone has what seems to me a fair method of retirement for State Employees. We who have been state employees for 25 long years realize beyond a shadow of doubt that very few of us could exist without financial aid from some source or other. I am for it 100 per cent.

"Since the Bureau of Naval Personnel has frozen all store-keepers to 44 points I can't say when I expect to be fortunate enough to be sent to the States. I am short two points which seem very large to me.

"I am living in a Quonset hut along with 22 others. Our hut faces the beach about 75 yards away, Chimu Wan. Wan being the Nip name for bay. It is beautiful if a man can stop cussing the mud long enough to appreciate the beauty of this land of the "Book." Beautiful green right down to the coral sand on the beach. I wish you could see it sometime other than under the same circumstances in which I am permitted to take in its beauty."

From the Forest Log we selected information about Forestry Department servicemen as follows:



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Lt. Col. George S. Spaur, U.S. Army Engineers, and formerly with the State Forestry Department, arrived in Seattle from Japan on December 21. It is expected that he will receive his discharge from the army in the near future and immediately return to his home in Salem. However, it will probably be some little time before he resumes work since he is now convalescing from a very serious illness and is still under the doctor's care.

Prior to entering the armed services, Col. Spaur was attached to the lands division of the Forestry Department. At that time he was a major in the reserves and in October, 1940, was called into army service and assigned to the Portland headquarters of the engineers as unit instructor.

Later he went to Fort Lewis and shortly after his arrival became assistant corps engineer. Following that he was assigned to an engineering unit in the deep south and spent the next two years inspecting troops to see that they were ready for shipment overseas. His next jump was to Hawaii where he was engaged in similar work and from there he went to the Philippines. While there he was awarded the bronze star for outstanding work in handling the staging and embarkation problems for the Leyte and Mindanao invasions.

Shortly after the war ended he was

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