

Vic Coffey, District Maintenance Superintendent, and family, were among those of the Highway department vacationing recently. They spent several days with his people in Astoria, but also visited in Camas, Washington, North Bend and Bandon, Oregon, and other cities along the coast. Vic was stationed for several years in the Roseburg division, and this is the first time he's had a chance to visit his old stamping grounds for six or seven years, the war having restricted travel for five years.

Hubert L. Watkins has returned from Germany and is back at his old job on the bridge crew. After hostilities ceased he spent several months helping police the conquered areas, raiding black markets, etc. He says it was lots of fun chasing Germans after they got started on the run. They'd oftentimes come in and surrender in droves to only half a dozen American soldiers. He was wounded once, the shot passing in front of him, tearing away his clothing, and knocking him down. The wound was shallow and healed without trouble.

Clarence R. "Bob" Smith returned from Germany in April and is working at the S. & M. Motor Garage here. (This may be stale news, but we couldn't tell it until we were told. We learned that lesson when a boy, as we often got in bad with our parents by

telling things before they were told to us. Usually, however, it was because the facts were found to be entirely lacking.) Bob was scout for his squad and saw lots of action, and although he had some narrow escapes he was never even scratched. When the fighting was over he was transferred to Marseille, France, where the trials were held for war criminals and where the soldiers embarked for home. He served in the capacity of secretary and typist for both these activities.

We have a communication from Bremerton, Washington, stating that John Macy, former bridge crew member, and member of the old 41st Division and later of the 158th Bushmaster Infantry, and one of the five survivors of his original company, is working at the Navy Yard there. He had many close calls in the south sea islands and learned how to cope with the Japs and avoid their traps, but was unprepared to escape the snares of his homeland. Yes, you guessed it. He was recently married and now has not only a lovely wife, but a fine young step son.

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At our August meeting, the chapter was called to order by President Lenz, (Continued on next page)

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