

Radabah Bob (Shorty)

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Bob "Shorty" Radabah, who is in the army is in a service hospital in Mexico with complications following a case of flu. All are hoping he will soon be up and around again.

Rainwater Arnold

11 Feb 1943 pg 5

Word has been received by Mrs. Agnes Rainwater that her son, Arnold, formerly stationed at Fort Crockett, near Galveston, Texas, has been transferred to Fort Precept recently. Arnold is a radio technician.

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Arnold Rainwater, Pfc, has been transferred from Precept, Texas, to Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas, to attend radio school. He is a son of Mrs. Agnes Rainwater.

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Pfc. Arnold G. Rainwater has qualified as second gunner with a grade of 92 which was highest in headquarters battery, his letter to relatives here stated. Word has also been received that First Lieutenant Harold G. Rainwater who is with the troops in North Africa is in good health.

13 Oct 1943 pg 4

Pfc. Arnold Rainwater has been transferred from the Coast Artillery at Precept, Texas, to the radio school at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

22 Dec 1943 pg 4

Corporal Arnold Rainwater, who is in the coast artillery, stationed at Fort Crockett, Texas, is spending the holidays with his mother. His brother, Harold, is a captain in the infantry in north Africa.

Rainwater Harold

9 Jan 1943 pg 4

Word has been received by Mrs. Agnes Rainwater of Kalspell that her son, First Lieut. Harold Rainwater, has arrived safely in North Africa. He was formerly transportation and supply officer in Ireland.

30 Aug 1943 pg 4

Word has been received here by Mrs. Agnes Rainwater that her son, Harold, has been promoted from First Lieutenant to captain. At present he is at a hospital in North Africa for slight injuries. He sends greetings to all his friends in Kalspell and vicinity. His address is Capt. H. G. Rainwater 155th Inf. 12th Gen. Hosp. A.P.O. 361 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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Letter From Africa

Following is a most interesting letter from Capt. H. G. Rainwater, who is in a hospital somewhere in North Africa. He says:

"It was a pleasant surprise indeed to run into Sergeant Technician Chester Thomas of Kalspell while being a patient here in a general hospital. It brought back fond memories of the happy days spent there, especially when he so thoughtfully brought me some old—but new to us—issues of the Inter Lake. It was a joy to read about the local events, familiar personalities, and great work the people of the Flathead are doing in the war effort.

"There is very little for me to say about the fighting front, and I am not going to describe or even mention any particular battle experiences. To one who knows it is not necessary, and to one who does not it is impossible and meaningless to describe either the fear that grips a man's heart as planes, bombs and artillery shells scream down upon him, or the scenes of destruction, horror and desolation of modern front line warfare.

"However, when we on the front read and hear how the folks back home are enthusiastically doing everything they possibly can on the home front to give us the means with which to carry on, we are only too glad to do our part for home and country.

"For some 17 months I have been in foreign service. Participated in the entire Tunisian campaign. Was a 'pichou' when Rommel's crack panzers drove us reeling back into the Kasserine Pass; then in the fighting which drove him back to Sbeitla, Fondouck and Karouan. We then made a left end run to Medjez-el-Bad and Tebourba. I was with the infantry unit that stormed and took Hill 609; thence to Matteur, Ferryville and finally into Bizerte, where we defeated Von Arnim's troops once and for all.

"At present I am resting in the hospital recovering from injuries suffered in recent operations."

Captain Rainwater is a son of Mrs. Agnes Rainwater of this city, and was well known here.

Chester Thomas, was a member of the Inter Lake staff before he enlisted. He was one of the first contingent to leave Kalspell about a year before Pearl Harbor.

Ramsey William

9 Mar 1943 pg 5

Mrs. Esther Sexton has received a letter from her son, Kenneth Sexton, a member of old Company F, who has been in the fighting in the Southwest Pacific area, saying that he was not injured, but has been sent to a hospital in Australia to recuperate from a fever or some kind of jungle sickness.

It is most interesting that in Australia he met William Wunderlich and William Ramsey, also Kalspell men, and he says they get together frequently and greatly enjoy talking about affairs at home. They all send their best regards to their Kalspell friends. Wunderlich has been in the fighting zone for six months and was uninjured, but was sent to Australia to rest.

Ramsfield Eddie

10 Feb 1943 pg 5

Eddie Ramsfield is now visiting his family on a two-week furlough from the medical corps of the army in Merced, California.

12 Feb 1943 pg 7

Sergeant Eddie Ramsfield who is with the Army Air Corps is here on a furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ramsfield and other relatives and friends. Sgt. Ramsfield is stationed in Southern California.

Rathbone Robert

26 Mar 1943 pg 4

Robert Rathbone, private first class in the U. S. Army, has been transferred from California to Camp Forest, Tennessee.

Rawding Herb

1 Mar 1943 pg 4

Herb Rawding, Matthew Stone and Fritz S. Newton, have received honorable discharges from the United Army. The first two on account of their age. They have returned to Flathead county.

Rawlinson Thomas F

9 Nov 1943 pg 4

Cadet Thos. F. Rawlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rawlinson, Portland, Ore., has completed his basic flying training course, and has graduated from the Marana Air Field at Tucson, Arizona. He will be sent to an advanced flying school to complete his training, after which he will be awarded his silver wings as an Army Air Corps pilot. He was a former Flathead county boy, and attended St. Matthews school.

Six Local Men Die In Action In The South Pacific Battle Region

ALL OF THE YOUNG MEN WERE MEMBERS OF COMPANY "F" OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD AND WELL KNOWN IN KALISPELL

Relatives in Kalispell received telegrams yesterday from the War department stating that the following members of Company "F", National Guard, had been killed in action in the Southwestern Pacific, presumably in New Guinea:

- Sergeant Harold W. Roush, of Kalispell.
- Sergeant Harry Biltzborough, Kalispell.
- Corporal James Ray, Kalispell.
- Corporal Harold E. Pulliam, Kalispell.
- Ellis Olsen, Bigfork.

Aaron Keating Dickey, Kalispell. In addition to the above members of Company F, Private Leo R. Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson of this city, was reported killed in action in the South Pacific area January 16, evidently in the same battle that claimed the lives of the six men named as being killed in action on subsequent days up to the 20th of January.

This tragic news brought home to Kalispell the terrors of war, and on the streets today men and women were talking over the sad news. Into the homes of the boys killed the news quickly turned them into houses of mourning. It was recalled that during the First World War that nothing just like this had happened, for the men from any community were scattered widely into different units so that not many were reported killed at the same time.

The Daily Inter Lake has been able to assemble the following facts about the young men:

CORPORAL JAMES RAY

Corporal James Ray, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Ray, 220 East Idaho street, this city. On August 20, 1942, he was 20 years of age. He was a graduate of Flathead county high school and had been a member of Company F, National Guard, for three years. The telegram to his parents stated that he had been killed in action January 17 in the Southwest Pacific area. When a lad James was a carrier for the Daily Inter Lake.

Raymond Murry

8 Mar 1943 pg 2

Murry Raymond has returned from Butte where he passed his examination. He will leave for Fort Douglas within the next week or two.

15 Mar 1943 pg 7

Joseph Wagoner and Murry Raymond, residents of Bigfork and former high school students left Thursday for Fort Douglas, Utah where they will be inducted into the Army.

Redfield Lloyd

6 Mar 1943 pg 3

Lloyd Redfield returned to his duties in the army after spending several days home on furlough the past week.

Reese Donald D

27 Nov 1943 pg 5

Fort Myers, Fla.—Sgt. Donald D. Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reese, Coram, Montana, was graduated Monday from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Fort Myers, Fla.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will become a member of one of the thousands of bomber crews which will be sent overseas in a few weeks.

23 Dec 1943 pg 2

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 23—Donald D. Reese has been promoted to sergeant in the 50th Bombardment Squadron, according to an announcement from the army air force base at Morris Field. Sergeant Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reese of Coram, Montana.

Reeves Charles

5 Jan 1943 pg 5

Mrs. Charles Kelley has been employed by the Flathead county high school as instructor in history in place of Charles Reeves, who left last Friday to enter the U. S. navy as a chaplain.

22 Mar 1943 pg 4

Chaplain Charles Reeves, former teacher in the Flathead county high school, is attending a Navy school in Norfolk, Virginia.

Reeves G N (Buzz)

28 Dec 1943 pg 5

Ora Reeves of Columbia Falls has received word from his son Corporal G. N. (Buzz) Reeves of the Marines. That he has been transferred overseas, and has arrived safely. He is with an amphibious corps and is somewhere in the Pacific area.

AUSTRALIAN CALENDAR SENT HOME BY REEVES

Mrs. Roy Michels of Coram has received an Australian calendar from her nephew, Sergeant Leonard Reeves, which is something of a curiosity to an American.

The days of the week are arranged vertically instead of horizontally, and the first day of the month may be at the bottom instead of the top. To an American it would be about as complicated as a railroad time table.

Artistically the calendar is very attractive, and shows an Australian Koala, or honey bear.

Sergeant Reeves left here with the National Guard, which enlisted long before war was declared.

He writes that he was in seven battles and never got a scratch, but contracted malaria and typhus on his way to a rest station, and has been in a hospital in Australia for a year. He has just recovered and got back into service.

He says the Australians are very hospitable, and he tells of a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and party which they gave for the service men. He likes Australia, but says he is homesick for the USA.

FOUR SONS OF MR. AND MRS. L. R. RIEDER IN THE ARMED SERVICES

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Reitan Philip

24 Feb 1943 pg 4

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Reitan Is Prisoner

The parents of Private Robert B. Reitan of Kalspell have at last heard from him. They have received a card informing them that he is in Japanese Imperial comp No. 1 in the Philippines. He stated on the card that he was well and unharmed, and wished to be remembered to all his relatives and friends. This is the first word the Reitans have had of their son since before Pearl Harbor. He had been in the U. S. Army since January, 1940, and had been stationed in the Philippines for eight months before war was declared by Japan.

Rhode Charles R

9 Apr 1943 pg 8

Kearns, Utah—Pre-aviation Cadet Charles R. Rhode of Bigfork, Mont. is now stationed at this Army Air Forces basic training center.

Private Rhode is the son of Frank Rhode of Bigfork. Prior to his enlistment for aviation cadet training private Rhode was a scholarship student at Montana State College.

Rhodes Cecil

24 Feb 1943 pg 4

7 Jul 1943 pg 4

Elmer Rhodes of Somers, has received a letter from his son, Lieutenant Cecil Rhodes, from New Guinea, dated February 1, stating that he is still in the hospital but getting along fine. Lieut. Rhodes left Kalspell with Company F.

First Lieutenant Cecil Rhodes wired his mother, Mrs. Bessie Rhodes, recently stating that he was well. He also said he had received many parcels and letters from friends in Kalspell and that they were much appreciated. Lieutenant Rhodes is in the South Pacific battle area.

Rhodes	James E	5 May 1943 pg 4	2 Jul 1943 pg 4
		Aviation Cadet James E. Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhodes, route 2-B, Kalispell, has reported at the Army Air Forces flying school at Altus, Oklahoma to begin the final stages of pilot training. After going to school for nine weeks, both in the class room and behind controls of two-engined training planes, Rhodes will be awarded the silver wings of the Army Air Forces pilot and appointed a flight officer or commissioned a second lieutenant. Before he entered the service, Rhodes was in the U. S. Forest Service. He attended Northern Montana College in 1941. His brother, Private First Class Robert F. Rhodes, is in the U. S. Marine Corps stationed at El Centro, California.	News has been received from the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center at Randolph Field, Texas, that among the graduates on June 26 was James Rhodes of rural route 2-B, Kalispell. He was awarded his silver wings.
Rhodes	Lester George	6 Jan 1943 pg 4	26 Jul 1943 pg 4
		Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Rhodes have received word from their son, Lester George, that he has been advanced to a corporal. He is now stationed at Newark, New Jersey. His new address is Cpl. Lester G. Rhodes Signal Corps Detachment Group 10 United Radio-Television Inst. Inc., Newark, New Jersey.	Corporal Lester G. Rhodes, Sr., writes home that he is located in India now, and likes it fine except for the extreme heat. He says it is hotter there at night than it ever is in Kalispell in the day time.
Rhone	John D	14 Dec 1943 pg 5	
		Sergeant John Rhone is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rhone, in Kalispell and will return soon to his Texas station.	
Rich	Clarence E	9 Sep 1943 pg 5	
		Ensign Clarence E. Rich of Sand Springs, Mont., who spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sullivan of Columbia Falls, left on Tuesday for his base at Norfolk, Virginia.	
Richard	Frank H	1 May 1943 pg 5	
		Frank H. Richard and James E. Richard of Kalispell, Montana, were two of 245 University of Chicago students enrolled in the army enlisted reserve corps who were called into active service this week.	
Richard	James E	1 May 1943 pg 5	4 Nov 1943 pg 4
		Frank H. Richard and James E. Richard of Kalispell, Montana, were two of 245 University of Chicago students enrolled in the army enlisted reserve corps who were called into active service this week.	Private and Mrs. James E. Richard left Sunday for Chicago where he is stationed at Chicago University with the A.S.T.P. unit. They had spent a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Richard.
Richman	Frank	24 Feb 1943 pg 2	
		Mrs. Lynn Richman was pleasantly surprised last Saturday when her son Frank came home from Camp Crowder, Missouri. Frank came to see his father who is a patient at the Sisters' Hospital in Kalispell. He will return to camp the first of the week.	
Ridgeway	Robert L	11 Jan 1943 pg 5	
		This afternoon Charles E. Seal and Roger E. Stanton of Whitefish, Norman A. Knutson of Kila, and Lloyd A. Absolonsen, Robert L. Ridgeway, Harold W. Morrow and Louis M. Watters of Kalispell will take the examination as volunteers in the United States Marines. The examination will take place in room 265 in the Federal building.	

Riedel	Chester T	6 Aug 1943 pg 4	
			Chester T. Riedel, private first class, has filed with the clerk and recorder of Flathead county his honorable medical discharge from the U. S. Army. He had been stationed at Brigham, Utah.
Rieder	Ray	20 Dec 1943 pg 5	
			Ray Rieder, T.A.R.M., A. C. of the naval air base at Pasco, Wash., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rieder, in Kalispell. He expects to leave this week for Murray Field, Tenn., for the second phase of his training as a naval air officer.
Riley	Donald	17 Apr 1943 pg 4	15 Oct 1943 pg 5
		Donald Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Riley, arrived here Monday from Ellensburg, Wash., where he has been taking basic training. He will have a short furlough before being transferred for further training.	Aviation Cadet Donald M. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Riley, has left for Randolph Field, Texas, after spending a short furlough with his parents. He will continue his course as junior instructor.
Riley	Robert W	1 Nov 1943 pg 4	
		Aviation Cadet Robert W. Riley, has just commenced the army's primary flight training course at Thunderbird Field No. 1, Glendale, Arizona. A/C Riley, the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Valjean Riley of Kalispell, is a graduate of Washington High School, Portland, Ore., and attended the University of Wisconsin. He entered the armed services Feb. 22, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois.	
Rinseth	James	11 Dec 1943 pg 7	
		James Rinseth who is in the navy, left last week for San Francisco after spending a short leave at his home here.	
Ritter	Melton W	24 Jun 1943 pg 4	20 Nov 1943 pg 4
		Private Melton W. Ritter is home on a 14-day furlough from Alaska, and is visiting at the home of Mrs. D. C. Ritter in this city.	Melton Ritter Injured Mrs. Ledwina T. Ritter has received a telegram from the War department that her son, Private First Class Melton W. Ritter, was accidentally injured at Fort Greeley, Alaska, on November 2. She was told that she will be advised as to his condition, which is serious. He was serving in the Coast Guard.
Ritter	Rex	2 Jun 1943 pg 5	24 Jun 1943 pg 4
		REX RITTER KILLED IN ACTION IN THE NORTH AFRICAN BATTLE Another Kalispell boy has been killed in action in the North African campaign. Mrs. D. C. Ritter has received word from the War Department that her son, Rex, was killed in North Africa on May 7, and that when further particulars are available they will be sent to Mrs. Ritter. Rex, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritter, grew to manhood in Kalispell, and attended the city and high schools in this city. He was a studious young man and greatly liked by his associates.	Word has been received by Mrs. D. C. Ritter from the Secretary of War that the Purple Heart award has been awarded posthumously to her son, Private Rex S. Ritter, who was killed in North Africa during the early part of May. Mrs. Ritter and family wish to extend their thanks for sympathy received during their time of sadness.
Ritzman	Orville	26 Mar 1943 pg 4	
		Mrs. Arthur Kirk of Somers has just received a cablegram from her brother, Orville Ritzman stating he is well and safe. He has been absent two months and this is the first word received from him. It is not known where he is.	

Robbin James A

15 Jun 1943 pg 5

Fort Knox, Ky., June 15.—A new large contingent of selectees arrived here last week for three months of rigorous basic training in the Armored Force Replacement Training Center.

Among the new trainees are: Pvt. James A. Robbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robbin of Kalispell.

24 Dec 1943 pg 5

Corp. James Robbin arrived today from Camp Chaffee, Ar., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robbin on the East Lake Shore.

Robbin John D

8 Jul 1943 pg 4

John Robbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Robbin of the east lakeshore, is spending a furlough with his parents and friends. He is stationed at Randolph Field, Texas.

10 Jul 1943 pg 7

Johnny Robbin is spending a furlough here visiting relatives and friends. He is in the Army air corps at Fort Worth, Texas.

Robertson Clarence

20 Aug 1943 pg 5

Private Clarence Robertson, who is stationed in North Africa, has written relatives in Kalispell. He said news was scarce, so he wrote a poem that ended with the line, "I have an ambition—I wanna go home."

Robertson Ray

20 Aug 1943 pg 5

Word has been received in Kalispell from Sergeant Ray Robertson, who is in New Guinea, that he has been promoted to staff sergeant. He also says he has spent two birthdays overseas and expect to spend a third one there, that he is used to New Guinea, but likes it less every day.

23 Oct 1943 pg 5

Ray Robertson, son of Mrs. Mary Robertson of Kalispell, has been promoted to master sergeant. He is serving in the army and is now stationed in Australia. He also writes that Cal Tidrick, formerly of Appar, has been made a sergeant. He also is in Australia.

Robertson Vose

23 Jan 1943 pg 4

Vose Robertson has returned from the Reception Center at Fort Douglas, Utah, on a medical discharge. He has been at Fort Douglas for the past three months, and enjoyed army life while there. He says the men are well fed, well housed and cared for. The meals are excellent, and are prepared by some of the best chefs in the country.

29 Jan 1943 pg 5

Vose Robertson, Jack Burgess and August Kusler, who have been members of the armed services in the present war, have been accepted for membership in the Flathead Post of the American Legion. They will be initiated Friday evening, February 5.

Robischon Tommy

27 Dec 1943 pg 5

Tommy Robischon, 2/c Petty Officer, is spending a 21-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robischon, in Kalispell. He has been in the navy for a year and one-half and has seen action in Sicily and the Gilbert Islands. He reports to San Diego, January 9, and is being transferred back to the aeronautics department.

Robinson Bud

24 Aug 1943 pg 5

Bud Robinson and Claude Elton, stationed at Farragut, Idaho, arrived in Bigfork Wednesday for a 14-day furlough. Bud will remain in Bigfork visiting his parents and friends. Claude left Friday morning for his home in Valer to spend the remainder of his furlough with his parents.

Robinson Cal Jr

25 Mar 1943 pg 4

Cal Robinson, Jr., who has been stationed at the Naval Air Base at Pasco has been transferred to the University of Montana at Missoula.

22 Jun 1943 pg 4

Cal Robinson, Jr., who is taking training at the Missoula airport, is spending a few days' leave with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson in Kalispell. For some time Cal was located at Pasco, Wash., but was transferred to Missoula some time ago. He expects to be assigned to another post as soon as his furlough is over.

23 Oct 1943 pg 5

Calvin Robinson, Jr. arrived home from Seattle on furlough this morning, but will have to return Sunday as he has been transferred to the east coast.

He is one of a class of 50 who have finished the V-12 Naval College Training program at the University of Washington, and are to receive appointment to a Midshipman school in the east. He would have graduated from the University in four months.

Robinson Charles R

29 Apr 1943 pg 7

Letters received from Charles Robinson state that he is in North Africa. He says the food they get is very good and cigarettes are cheaper than in the States. Also that he likes the French who are in camp near them but does not think much of the natives.

29 May 1943 pg 3

A letter received by his parents from Charles Robinson, who was in North Africa during the big battles, assures them of his safety. He says he is seeing some wonderful sights, but will surely be glad to see the "lady with the Torch," again.

Robinson Donald

4 Sep 1943 pg 7

Donald Robinson and Claude Elton left Wednesday for the Naval Training Station at Farragut after visiting friends and relatives here while on furlough.

Roboeker Eugene (Roboeker)

2 Aug 1943 pg 4

Sgt. Eugene Roboeker spent a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Roboeker of Creston and other relatives and friends. Sgt. Roboeker is stationed at Camp Horn, Arizona.

16 Nov 1943 pg 5

Eugene E. Roboeker has been discharged from the army and has placed his honorable discharge on file at Flathead county courthouse. He served from June 9, 1942, until Oct. 30, 1943.

Roche John D

3 Feb 1943 pg 5

Lieut. and Mrs. John D. Roche of Medford, Oregon, are visiting relatives and friends in Kallispell. Lieut. Roche is with a hospital unit of the United States Army.

17 Feb 1943 pg 5

Lieutenant and Mrs. John D. Roche have returned to Medford, Oregon, after spending two weeks with relatives and friends here. Lieutenant Roche, who is in the army medical corps, was here on furlough.

25 May 1943 pg 5

Mrs. John Roche is visiting relatives and friends in Kallispell. Her husband, Lieut. Roche, has been transferred from Oregon to a military camp in California.

21 Jul 1943 pg 4

Lieutenant John Roche is now located in the South Pacific war zone, according to word received in Kallispell by Mrs. Roche. Before enlisting in the armed service Lieut. Roche practiced dentistry in the Ross clinic in this city.

7 Sep 1943 pg 4

Mrs. Carol Roche has received a letter from her son, Dr. John D. Roche, stating that he has left New Caledonia where has been for the past four months, and is being sent to the Guadalcanal area. He was recently promoted to the rank of Captain.

Rodvold Hjalmar

23 Oct 1943 pg 3

Accompanying her son, Hjalmar Rodvold to Spokane, Mrs. Pete Rodvold spent a week visiting relatives there. Hjalmar Rodvold left Spokane Monday to report to his duties with the Sea Bees in California.

Roe Archie

6 Apr 1943 pg 5

In a letter to George Robbin, Sgt. Archie Roe advised that he had been advanced to rank of Master Sergeant. He has been stationed in Australia and is now in New Guinea.

Rogers Thomas

27 Oct 1943 pg 4

Cpl. H. Thomas Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rogers of Columbia Falls has been transferred from Camp Carson, Colo. to the Medical Corps at Fort Omaha, Neb. Cpl. Rogers was a graduate of Flathead County high school in 1931 and was studying for his Ph.D. at Indiana University when he was inducted into the service.

Rognlien D Gordon

23 Mar 1943 pg 5

D. Gordon Rognlien of Kallispell, who is an instructor in military law at the MPTC, Fort Omaha, Nebraska, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant March 15, the promotion being announced March 18. Lieut. Rognlien was graduated from Provost Marshal General Training School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, Sept. 26, 1942, and was assigned to Fort Omaha, where he has been ever since. He enlisted in the U. S. army August 13, 1942. After enlisting in the army he was re-elected county attorney of Flathead county and was given a leave of absence for the duration.

6 May 1943 pg 4

D. Gordon Rognlien was released from his post as instructor of military law at Omaha on April 28. He has received orders to report at

Douglas, Wyoming, on May 8. Mr. Rognlien and two sons will remain in Omaha until school closes.

An internment camp is being built there to take care of the 4,000 Italian prisoners. Mr. Rognlien will be one of the officers in charge of the camp. The camp will be ready about June 1, when the prisoners will arrive.

He writes that Percy Lennon, located in Washington, D. C., visited Mrs. Lennon with the children stopped off at Omaha for a week visit. She is on her way from the west coast to join her husband.

11 Jun 1943 pg 5

Word has been received that Lt. D. Gordon Rognlien has been appointed executive officer and adjutant at the internment camp at Douglas, Wyoming.

Preparations are being made to care for some 3,000 Italian prisoners of war. The camp is about ready and the prisoners are expected within the next two weeks.

He had expected to come home on a furlough this summer but with the added duties that have been assigned to him, he thinks that he will not be able to get away.

7 Jul 1943 pg 5

Mrs. D. Gordon Rognlien and children, who have been with Mr. Rognlien at Douglas, Wyoming, where he is in the army service, are at Choteau, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip I. Cole. Mrs. Cole recently had the misfortune to break her hip. Before returning to Wyoming Mrs. Rognlien will visit relatives and friends in Kallispell.

13 Aug 1943 pg 5

Lieut. D. Gordon Rogulien and two sons arrived from Choteau last evening for a short visit at the home of Lieut. Rogulien's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Rogulien.

19 Nov 1943 pg 5

I. D. Rogulien Is Dinner Guest of Fielding Yost

Of particular interest to sports fans would be the experience which First Lieutenant D. Gordon Rogulien recently had at Ann Arbor, Mich., when he was a dinner guest of Fielding (Harry Up) Yost, former well-known Michigan coach.

Mr. Yost visited the University of Montana in 1922 and recalled meeting the late Dr. C. H. Clapp, then president, and "Doc" Scriber, athletic director, and seeing Dornblaser field. Lt. Rogulien, former Grizzly athlete, and Coach Yost had an enjoyable visit mostly pertaining to sports.

23 Nov 1943 pg 4

Word has been received that D. Gordon Rogulien has been elected president of his class in the Judge Advocate General's school conducted by the U. S. Army at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The class will graduate December 23, and he will leave immediately for Choteau, Mont., where he will meet Mrs. Rogulien and the children, and they will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil I. Cole. He will then return to Kalispell to remain until he is assigned to duty, but does not know yet where he will be sent.

28 Dec 1943 pg 5

Lieut. D. Gordon Rogulien is spending a few days in Kalispell with his wife and sons and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Rogulien. He has just completed a course at Ann Arbor, Mich., and will receive his new assignment soon. He plans to leave Kalispell January 1.

Role

Donald

22 Sep 1943 pg 5

Mrs. Donald Role of Whitefish spent the weekend with relatives here. She will soon leave for the west coast where she will join her husband, who is in the Sebeas.

1 Oct 1943 pg 8

Donald Role of Gulfport, Mississippi spent his furlough here and in Whitefish and left Monday. He is a Seabee.

20 Jan 1943 pg 4

Greenville, Texas -- (Special) -- Two Kalispell boys, Warren L. Putman, 20, and Kenneth B. Rongstad are among the class of aviation cadets who this week will complete nine weeks of basic flight training at Majors Army Field here. They will report to the Army Air Force advanced flying school at Ellinger Field, Houston, Texas by Saturday to begin the final stage of their flight training.

Cadet Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Putman, Kalispell served nine months in the Air Corps before receiving his appointment as an aviation cadet.

Cadet Rongstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Rongstad, enlisted in the Air Corps in December 1941 and began his flight training last September.

20 Aug 1943 pg 5

Rongstad Gets Plane

A letter received from Lt. Kenneth B. Rongstad, who was stationed at Walla Walla air base and now is stationed at Redmond, Oregon, part of which may be of interest to friends: He says, "Dear Folks, my one mania seems to be blowing tires on B-17's. Yep, I dood it again! Only this time on my own brand new B-17 which I signed for in Walla Walla two days ago. Flew it down here with a skeleton crew. It's got a thin turret in the nose. When coming in for a landing today, the brake locked and there was a streak of black from about 30 yards from where I landed until about 1,000 feet had been traversed, before she blew. It was a strange happening; there was no screeching as 16 ply of good U. S. rubber was scraped away. The ship merely but positively rolled toward the edge of the runway despite full throttle on the bad side and full opposite brake. It blew just at the edge of the landing strip, and when she blew it sheared the tail wheel lockpin and I did the prettiest ground loop you ever saw. It's the first ground loop I ever did.

We have to run all our own pre-flights, dailies, 35, 50, 100 hr. inspections, and everyone on the crew helps. It's our baby and everyone helps keep her up. We keep it locked and one member stand guard on it all the time. Studebaker engines on it and they are good engines.

Tomorrow we have to run a 24 hour inspection on it besides fly 6 hours and tomorrow is our day off. Calibrated our instruments and so forth. Saw some pretty country, just as grand as Glacier Park, near Crater Lake, on our way down here."

5 Jun 1943 pg 4

Lieutenant Kenneth B. Rongstad visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rongstad, and friends here the past three days. He returned to Geiger Field Friday.

8 Jul 1943 pg 4

Lieut. K. B. Rongstad is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rongstad before going to Walla Walla, Wash., Army Air Base. He is pilot and airplane commander on a B-17, four-engine Fortress. He was previously located at Ephrata, Geiger and Moses Lake Air Bases.

17 Aug 1943 pg 4

Lieut. Kenneth B. Rongstad of Kalispell is now a pilot of a Flying Fortress at the Walla Walla army air field, where he and his crew-mates are receiving their last phase of bomber training before being shipped to an overseas combat area. Lt. Rongstad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rongstad of Kalispell. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on March 20, 1943, and received his early and advanced training at the army air base at Moses Lake, Wash., and Geiger Field, Wash., before assignment at Walla Walla. In civilian life Lt. Rongstad was employed at Guest's Photo Art Shop.

2 Oct 1943 pg 5

Lt. Kenneth B. Rongstad has been overseas since the first part of Sept. He is now in Iceland. He wrote they have named their bomber, a B17-G, "Bugs Bunny." Since arriving some of the crew caught a wild rabbit with their bare hands; it is their mascot.

Lieut. Kenneth Rongstad Is Killed In Action In Europe

Parents of Lieutenant Kenneth B. Rongstad were advised today that he had been killed in action, November 19, in the European war. Word came to Mr. and Mrs. Rongstad from the adjutant general and the telegram said a letter would follow.

First pilot on a Flying Fortress, Lieutenant Rongstad, 21, had been in the European theater for two months. About a month ago, he was rescued from the North Sea after having been downed and he and seven other men were on a raft for several hours. He recuperated for a few days in the hospital after that experience.

Born in Kalispell, the young flier attended local schools and graduated from Finthead county high school in 1940. He was especially interested in photography and worked at the Photo Art Shop before enlisting soon after Pearl Harbor.

He received his training at Kelly Field, Texas.

Fortress Pilot Killed In Action



Lieutenant Kenneth B. Rongstad of Kalispell was killed in action while on duty in the European war theater Friday, November 19, according to telegraphic advice to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rongstad, from the adjutant general's office.

Ronseth James 1 Jul 1943 pg 4

Mr. and Mrs. Ronseth of Half Moon have received word from their son, James, who is now at Miami, Florida, attending an auxiliary school dealing with refrigeration, motors and evaporation of salt water into fresh water.

He states that he is well and attaining a healthy tan at the cost of a much blistered back and shoulders.

Ross Cletus 19 Jun 1943 pg 7

Leonard Webb, a former Aggar boy, who has been flying in North Africa since the invasion by the Allies, and who has been decorated twice for meritorious work, was recently ordered to rest, according to word received by friends here. Foyz Brock, the son of Sam Brock of Belton, who is in Texas, has recently been promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. Delmas Ross and Wilfred Sibley, both with the armed forces in North Africa, are heard from regularly by their families here. Cletus Ross recently sailed from the east coast probably for Africa according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross.

13 Oct 1943 pg 2

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Rouselle James

6 Mar 1943 pg 8

Billy Marsh, James Friskic, James Rouselle and Pat Friskic left the first of the week for Helena. They had a week's furlough before being transferred to Farragut Naval station.

Roush Harold W

12 Feb 1943 pg 1

Six Local Men Die In Action In The South Pacific Battle Region

ALL OF THE YOUNG MEN WERE MEMBERS OF COMPANY "F" OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD AND WELL KNOWN IN KALISPELL

Relatives in Kalispell received telegrams yesterday from the War department stating that the following members of Company "F", National Guard, had been killed in action in the Southwestern Pacific, presumably in New Guinea:

Sergeant Harold W. Roush, of Kalispell.

Sergeant Harry Billsborough, Kalispell.

Corporal James Ray, Kalispell.

Corporal Harold E. Pulliam, Kalispell.

Ellis Olsen, Bigfork.

Aaron Keating Dickey, Kalispell.

In addition to the above members of Company F, Private Leo R. Johnson, son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson of this city, was reported killed in action in the South Pacific area January 16, evidently in the same battle that claimed the lives of the six men named as being killed in action on subsequent days up to the 20th of January.

This tragic news brought home to Kalispell the terrors of war, and on the streets today men and women were talking over the sad news. Into the homes of the boys killed the news quickly turned them into houses of mourning. It was recalled that during the First World War that nothing just like this had happened, for the men from any community were scattered widely into different units so that not many were reported killed at the same time.

The Daily Inter Lake has been able to assemble the following facts about the young men:

22 Mar 1943 pg 4

SGT. HAROLD ROUSH

Sergeant Harold Roush was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roush, who live one-half mile west of the fairgrounds on U. S. Highway No. 2. He was a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph company before he left Kalispell with Company F in September, 1940. Harold went through the Kalispell schools. The telegram to his parents stated that he had been killed in action January 17, in the Southwest Pacific battle area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roush have received a letter from the War department notifying them of a posthumous award of a Purple Heart will be made to their son. He died in the Southwest Pacific war zone in January.

Rowland Fairlee

10 Jul 1943 pg 5

Colonel Fairlee Rowland of the Women's Army Corps, is spending a furlough in Kalispell at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sophie Murchison. She is stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida.

22 Oct 1943 pg 5

Sergeant Fairlee Rowland has been accepted for officers' training in the WAC and has been transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., from Dayton Beach, Fla., relatives in Kalispell have learned.

Rowland Richard W

9 Jan 1943 pg 5

Mrs. Fairlee Rowland, who attended the graduation of her son, Dick at a Colorado Army Air Corps field, has returned to her home in this city.

11 Jan 1943 pg 4

Rowland Gets "Wings"
La Junta, Colo.—Richard W. Rowland, a former resident of Kalispell, received his "wings" and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at the La Junta Army Air base January 4. He is the youngest cadet in this graduating class, being 18 when his commission was received. He is a son of Mrs. F. Rowland, and attended Flathead county high school.

22 Sep 1943 pg 4

Second Lieutenant Richard W. Rowland, 509 Second avenue east, has been awarded the Air Medal for bravery in the South Pacific battle area. He is with the U. S. Army 13th Air Force.

Rowley Arthur Lycan

20 Feb 1943 pg 4

MRS. LYCAN HAS FOUR GRANDSONS IN SERVICE

Lucy S. Lycan of Kalspell has four grandsons in the armed services of the country, also her nephew and wife (the former Ruth Redingschafer) Mr. and Mrs. Benson of Ridgefield, Wash., have a daughter, Miss Susie Benson, in the WAVES.

Mrs. Lycan's grandsons in the service are: Maurice Lycan, who is a civilian instructor in the Air Corps; Herbert is in South Carolina in the service; Richard G. Lycan, a graduate of West Point Military Academy has a bombing squadron and was in Alaska the last time he was heard from; and Arthur Lycan Rowley, Mrs. Lucy Lycan's daughter's son, is in the Merchant Marine.

Mrs. Lycan is quite proud of the part her family is taking in the great war and hopes they will all return home after the victory is won.

Rudd Milton C

4 Jan 1943 pg 4

Corporal Milton C. Rudd, son of Mrs. Helena Rudd, is attending Signal Corps school at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J. He entered the armed services of the country last August and was assigned to Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then transferred to Red Bank, where he is taking officers' training.

24 Feb 1943 pg 4

Ft. Monmouth, N. J. — Second Lieutenant Milton C. Rudd was a graduate of the Officer Candidate Department of the Eastern Signal Corps School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He successfully completed the course of instruction for officer candidates and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States on Feb. 19, 1943. He is now assigned for duty with the Signal Corps. Lieutenant Rudd was a former resident of Kalspell, Montana. He is the son of Mrs. Helena Rudd, 704 Seventh avenue west.

25 Feb 1943 pg 5-

Second Lieutenant Milton Rudd is leaving tonight after spending the past two days with his mother, Mrs. Helena Rudd.

29 Jun 1943 pg 4

Lieut. Milton C. Rudd, son of Mrs. Helena Rudd, is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. He is with the Signal Corps.

Rueggeger Gordon W

30 Apr 1943 pg 4

Gordon W. Rueggeger, who was inducted into the army in July, 1942, and stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado where he received his first rating of Corporal. On February 15, he was promoted to Sergeant Technician. In March he was transferred to Camp Blanding, Florida and he writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rueggeger, that he has been advanced to be Staff Sergeant at the Regional Supply Headquarters where, with the help of about a dozen assistants, he has charge of requisitioning and distributing equipment. He is very pleased with his work, but hasn't very much to say in favor of the weather.

16 Oct 1943 pg 5

Staff Sergeant Gordon Rueggeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rueggeger, came home for a surprise visit on a 12-day furlough from Camp Robinson, Ark. He is connected with the 66th Infantry division and likes his army work very much. He was inducted in July 1942 at Camp Carson, Colo., and later in October was transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla., for the winter months, coming to Camp Robinson, Ark. in August 1943. He is now awaiting further assignment, probably shortly. Sergeant Rueggeger says the boys in the service are well cared for in every way including the prisoners of war he has an opportunity to observe in connection with his military duties. He will return to camp in three or four days.

Rundell Clarence C

28 Apr 1943 pg 4

Clarence C. Rundell of Route No. 1, Bigfork, is presently stationed at the air depot training station at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and attached to the 43rd depot repair squadron, and has been promoted from the rank of private to the rank of corporal.

Runsvold Donald V

30 Aug 1943 pg 4

T/Sgt. Donald V. Runsvold left Saturday to return to Biggs Field Air Base at El Paso, Texas. He has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Runsvold, and his many friends in Kalspell while on a short furlough.

Ryan George F

7 May 1943 pg 5

George F. Ryan, who has been in the service at an internment camp at Florence, Arizona, has received his honorable discharge, and has filed the same with the county clerk and recorder of Flathead county.

Rydeen Fillmore

30 Jun 1943 pg 4

Corporal Fillmore Rydeen, who is with the Army Air Corps and stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, has arrived home on furlough, which he is spending with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haugen of Kalispell RFD 2, and other relatives and friends here.

Ryder Norman

10 May 1943 pg 5

Norman Ryder, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryder, has arrived from Spokane, and will spend two days at home before entering the service on May 23.

Ryder Spencer H

9 Jan 1943 pg 5

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ryder of Kalispell, have been informed that their son, Private Spencer H. Ryder has been transferred to Weatherford, Okla., from Florida.

13 Mar 1943 pg 4

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryder of Kalispell, have just received a letter from their son, Spencer, who is in the technical division of the U. S. Air Corps, and stationed at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. He complains of the mud, but says that he is well and there is nothing to worry about. He has requested a furlough so that he can visit at his home in Kalispell.

17 Mar 1943 pg 7

Pvt. Spencer H. Ryder was among the enlisted men graduating from the technical supply school of the Army Air Forces technical training command located at Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford, Okla., March 4.

17 Apr 1943 pg 4

Spencer Ryder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryder, is home on a short furlough from Dayton, Ohio, where he has been connected with the 55th Air Squadron.

19 Jul 1943 pg 4

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ryder have received a letter from their son Pvt. Spencer Ryder, who is now in England, stating that he is well and is pleased with army life. This is the first letter they have had from him in over a month and the first since his going overseas.

Ryder Walter A

8 Nov 1943 pg 4

Walter A. Ryder has received a V-mail letter from Sergeant Carl R. Bue, formerly of Kalispell, who is now somewhere in England. He has heard that Spencer Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder's son, also is in that country and if he gets the opportunity hopes to see him. Sergeant Bue writes enthusiastically of the response Flathead county made to the recent bond drive. He says he cannot understand where the money comes from but has come to the conclusion that Montana can do her share, any time, any place. He asks to be remembered to the bowlers.