

**Surname**  
Absalonson

**Given**  
Lloyd

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Lloyd Absalonson S 1[C, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Leo Miller, and other relatives and friends in Kalispell while on leave from the navy. He has served overseas.

Adair Fred T

18 Mar 1944 pg 4

Fred T. Adair, son of Mrs. E. E. Adair, Civil War widow at the Montana Soldiers' home in Columbia Falls, has recently been promoted to captain in the merchant marine, his mother has learned. The officer was born at Hamilton in 1901 and received his education in that town where he was known as "Buck." Captain Adair is now on duty in the Yellow sea. During World War I, he served in the navy. His wife and two sons are residing at Richmond Beach, Wash.

Anna Cash, who has been enrolled in the cadet nursing program in Spokane, arrived this week to spend a short vacation with her parents and friends. She has been training at Sacred Heart hospital.

Adams Frank L

11 Aug 1944 pg 1

#### WHITEFISH OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION

Information was received today that First Lieut. Frank L. Adams was killed in action in France on July 20. He had been a resident of Whitefish. The War Department advised relatives in Whitefish, where his wife and daughter reside.

Adams Warren G

25 Nov 1944 pg 4

Proctor relatives of Warren G. Adams, Fireman First Class, of the Navy, have been advised that he is missing in action.

He has been aboard a destroyer for the last two years. He was born and raised in the Proctor community.

Adams William H

15 Feb 1944 pg 2

#### 53 GO TO BUTTE FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Flathead county sent 53 men to Butte Monday for pre-induction examinations preceding acceptance for service in the armed forces. Those qualified will receive their call for Selective Service at a later date and will report to Butte to be sworn into the service.

In the group was William H. Adams of Whitefish who has already been accepted as an aviation cadet. Two of the number were to be given their final type physical examination in the conscientious objectors' classification.

Agather Victor

31 Jul 1944 pg 3

Capt. and Mrs. Victor Agather of Dayton, Ohio, arrived in Kalispell this afternoon for a 10-day visit with Capt. Agather's mother, Mrs. Martha Agather and friends. They will spend some time at Mrs. Agather's summer home near Bigfork.

Ahlgren Ivan

22 Jul 1944 pg 2

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Drew have received word from Ivan Ahlgren that he is hospitalized, having suffered an arm wound. Ivan, who is stationed in the South Pacific with the Marines, writes that he is recovering nicely.

2 Sep 1944 pg 5

In a recent letter, U. S. Marine Ivan Ahlgren told of a pleasant day spent at Pearl Harbor with Ensign Silvio Fopp. Ahlgren has lately been released from a hospital where he received treatment for wounds received at Solpan.

Aikins Bruce M 25 Feb 1944 pg 5

Bruce M. Aikins, who also is a nephew of Mrs. Barr and Mr. Myhre, graduated from the University of California last year and is now a midshipman in Navy Officers' training at the U. S. N. R. Midshipmen school in Chicago.

Albin Earl L 4 Mar 1944 pg 3

Word has been received that Earl L. Albin has completed advanced training and has received his "wings" and commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. He will now be stationed at Selman Army Air Field, near Monroe, La. Lt. Albin attended school in KallsPELL and the son of Mrs. Myrtle Albin of Portland, Ore.

Albright Ed 7 Jan 1944 pg 3

Sgt. Ed Albright is now home visiting. Sgt. Albright is stationed in Alaska and was a member of the first graduating class from Bigfork high school.

Aley Robert 2 May 1944 pg 3

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Aley and son, Bill, are visiting with the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aley of Bigfork, from his station in South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dyer and daughters also are visiting at the Aley home.

12 May 1944 pg 8

Sgt. Robert Aley and wife who have been spending a furlough with Bob's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aley, Sr., left Sunday morning for their camp in Columbia, North Carolina.

Allen Kathryn 10 Apr 1944 pg 3

**WAC KATHRYN ALLEN  
NOW 1ST LIEUTENANT**

Word has recently been received of the promotion of Second Lieutenant Kathryn Allen of the Women's Army Corps to the rank of First Lieutenant, according to Corporal Virginia Cornwell who is in charge of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station in KallsPELL.

Lieutenant Allen, formerly of KallsPELL, is the wife of the Rev. Thomas E. W. Allen who is now serving with the Armed Forces in France. Lt. Allen enlisted in the WAC in January of 1943, and received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She attended Officer Candidate school at Fort Des Moines and was commissioned in the spring of 1943.

Allread John M 4 Nov 1944 pg 11

**FILES NAVY DISCHARGE**

John M. Allread has recorded his honorable navy discharge at Plattehead county courthouse. His rating was gunner's mate, 3/C. The paper was issued at the United States Naval hospital in Seattle, Oct. 13, 1944.

Altenburg Eric 15 Aug 1944 pg 1

### Eight Montanans Missing In Action; Local Man Is One

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Eight Montanans were reported missing in action by the war department today. The Montanans were among 1,627 United States soldiers wounded. With next of kin and theater involved. Montanans were:

Southwest Pacific—Tech. GR/4 Eric Altenburg; mother, Mrs. Florence Altenburg of Kalspell; Tech.

Altenburg John L 17 Feb 1944 pg 4

Cpl. John L. Altenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Altenburg of Smith Valley, is leaving for Camp Haan, Calif., Friday, after spending a furlough with relatives and friends. Corporal Altenburg is the driver of a "half-track" in an anti-aircraft battalion. Otto F. Altenburg, a brother, is stationed at Camp Benson, Farragut, Idaho, taking his naval "boot" training, which he will complete early in March.

Alton Roy E 27 Nov 1944 pg 4

New Cumberland, Pa.—Promotion of Pvt. Roy E. Alton of Belton, Montana, to the grade of corporal has been announced here by Col. Herbert L. Gryner, commanding officer of the 3384th Service Unit, New Cumberland, Pa.

Prior to his induction into the army in April, 1944, Cpl. Alton was deputy collector of customs, immigrant inspector, and school supervisor and principal.

28 Dec 1944 pg 5

Two honorable army discharges have been recorded by Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. Pfc. Howard D. Willis' discharge was signed at Fort Douglas on Dec. 13, 1944. Cpl. Roy E. Alton received his discharge, also at Fort Douglas on December 16, 1944.

Alward Herbert Jr 11 Feb 1944 pg 5

Corporal Herbert Alward, Jr., is spending a furlough with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Switzer, in Kalspell. He will be here for a week. The young man has visited here many times but this is his first trip to Kalspell in two years. He is from San Francisco.

Anderson Alice June 21 Jun 1944 pg 5

Cadet Nurse Alice June Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Kalspell, is spending a two-weeks' vacation with her parents. She is receiving her training at St. Luke's hospital in Spokane, Wash.

7 Nov 1944 pg 5

Alice June Anderson, who is taking cadet nurses' training in Spokane, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson.

Anderson Arthur 22 Jul 1944 pg 2

Pvt. Arthur Anderson is spending a furlough with his friends and relatives in Somers. He has been stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

23 Oct 1944 pg 5

Arthur Anderson, apprentice seaman, arrived here Sunday and will spend several days on leave at the home of his parents. A friend, Eric Ecu, apprentice seaman, of Buffalo, N. Y., joined him today. Both are enrolled in the Navy V-12 program at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Anderson Chester H 5 Jan 1944 pg 4 13 Jun 1944 pg 4 26 Jun 1944 pg 6 8 Aug 1944 pg 4

**Anderson Awarded Silver Wings**  
Harlingen Army Air Field, Texas.  
—Another class of aerial triggermen to guard army air force bombers was graduated this week from the Harlingen Army Air Field, aerial gunnery school of the AAF Training Command, and among the qualified "Sharpshooters of the Sky" was Chester H. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Halvor O. Anderson of RFD 1, Kalspell.

**An Eighth AAF Composite Station, Northern Ireland.**—Assistant engineer and gunner on a B-24 Liberator, Sergeant Chester H. Anderson, of Kalspell, Montana, is attending the combat crew school at this station.  
Anderson's schooling here, the final phase of his training, consists of instructions in high altitude bombing procedure and tactics as practiced in this theatre of operations.

S/Sgt. Chester Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Anderson, writes that he is back in England. He has seen his first large salt water fish and said it was quite thrilling. Sgt. Anderson writes that he is well but has not seen any of his Kalspell buddies.

**Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster**  
The award of the oak leaf cluster to the air medal to Sgt. Chester H. Anderson, Route 1A, Kalspell, Montana, was announced recently "Somewhere in England" by Major General James P. Hodges, commanding general of a Liberator bomb division.  
Citation: "For meritorious achievement in accomplishing with distinction several aerial operations of missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe."  
He is a son of H. O. Anderson of Kalspell. Prior to service, Sgt. Anderson was a U. S. postal clerk and carrier in Kalspell.

Anderson Ed 18 Jan 1944 pg 4

Ed Anderson arrived home Wednesday after completing his basic training at Farragut Naval station and his furlough will extend until January 26.

Anderson Emile M 30 Aug 1944 pg 4

**Fort Bragg, N. C., Aug. 30.**—Promotion of Pfc. Emile Anderson to the rank of technician fifth grade has been announced by the commanding officer of the 940th Field Artillery battalion stationed at Fort Bragg.  
Corporal Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson of Somers, Montana.  
Fort Bragg officials stated his promotion was based on leadership ability and attention to duty.

Anderson Frances M 19 Feb 1944 pg 3

Second Lieutenant Frances M. Anderson has written her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Anderson of Kalspell, that she has arrived somewhere in England and likes the country very much. Crocuses are blooming and the season is earlier than in the Flathead, her letter states.

Anderson Frederick J 22 Jul 1944 pg 5

Lt. F. J. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson of Kalspell, is visiting his parents for a short time from Fort Benning, Ga. He will report to Tennessee at the end of his leave.

29 Jul 1944 pg 2

Fort Benning, Ga., July 29—(Special)—Frederick J. Anderson of Kalspell, Mont., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army of the United States after completing the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning. Lieut. Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson of Kalspell.  
The new lieutenant enlisted in the army on Aug. 1, 1942.

Anderson Harold C 20 Mar 1944 pg 4

**THREE INDUCTEES VOLUNTEER SERVICES**  
Three Flathead county inductees volunteered for immediate service upon acceptance for the armed forces. Ellis S. Dickey, chief clerk of the Flathead Selective Service board, announced today. They are Harold C. Anderson and Clifford F. McDonald, who have enlisted in the navy, and Byron D. Snyder, who was accepted for the army.

Anderson Harry M

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**HARRY ANDERSON GRADUATES FROM MIDSHIPMEN SCHOOL**

The commanding officers of the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's school, New York, N. Y., announces the graduation of the 18th class of Reserve Midshipmen and their commissioning as Ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve, Thursday, June 29.

Among those commissioned was Harry M. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Anderson, Kallispell, Mont.

Ensign Anderson was called to active duty in the Navy July 1, 1943, and assigned to Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill., where he had been a student. He received a B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering on February 21, 1944, and was then sent to Midshipmen's School in New York, with classes at Columbia University. He has volunteered and been recommended for submarine duty.

Due to the shortness of his furlough it was impossible for him to make the trip home, but he expects to see his brother, Apprentice Seaman Arthur Anderson at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and his sister, Miss Louise Anderson, at St. Louis, Missouri, before going to his next assignment.

Ensign Harry Anderson, who recently completed submarine training at New London, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Anderson while on delay en route leave.

Anderson James Gordon

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**JAMES ANDERSON ABLE TO SPEND ONLY ONE DAY HERE**

Travel time consumed so much of James Gordon Anderson's furlough that he was able to spend only one day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of R.F.D. No. 2 before returning to Camp Perry Va., where he is carpenter's mate, second class, in the Seabees. He already has served 22 months at Dutch Harbor and was in that locality during the fighting. He stopped while en route here at Livingston to see his grandmother and his uncle, John Collett, accompanied him to Kallispell.

While here, he also saw his aunt, Mrs. A. R. Porter of Bigfork. The serviceman is a graduate of Flathead county high school where he played football and was awarded a gold football for playing on a championship team. Later, he attended Polytechnic at Billings. His sister, Catherine Anderson, is a student at Montana State university at Missoula.

Anderson Lamar

11 Oct 1944 pg 5

Lamar Anderson has been discharged from the Veterans' hospital at Fort Harrison and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Anderson.

Anderson Lawrence

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Pfc. Lawrence Anderson has written friends in Kallispell that he is now somewhere in England. He is attached to a medical unit.

Anderson Leonard P 15 Aug 1944 pg 3

**Awarded Bronze Star**  
Bougainville — Staff Sergeant Leonard P. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson, Somers, Montana has recently received a Bronze Battle Star for active participation in a combat zone.  
A member of a truck unit assigned to the quartermaster service of and advanced base service command, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Sgt. Anderson is one of the outstanding platoon sergeants in his organization. His duties are varied and consist of supervision of his men and the operations of the trucks assigned to him.  
Before his induction, Sgt. Anderson was employed at Fort Peck dam, Montana. Another brother, Pvt. Arthur Anderson is now overseas in the European theater of operations.  
Sgt. Anderson also possesses a Good Conduct Ribbon for exemplary behavior, efficiently and fidelity as a soldier in the army of the United States.

Anderson Ralph 27 Sep 1944 pg 4

A letter from Ralph (Bill) Anderson, who is with the armed forces in the Galapagos Islands, says:  
"This isn't a bad place as there is lots of fishing, which reminds me of the South Fork. We also have lots of lizards, seals and rats, although we are practically on the equator. If you see any of the Flathead Forest bunch tell them 'hello,' and also say that I am pleased that there were no large trees in the Flathead forest this year. At least, I haven't read of any big ones."

Anderson Rosella A 4 May 1944 pg 4

**EUREKA PROUD OF ITS FIRST WOMAN SOLDIER**  
Eureka is today saluting its first woman soldier. She is Private Rosella A. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Anderson of R. F. D. 1 Eureka.  
Pvt. Anderson, has enlisted as a surgical technician, in the Woman's Army Corps, will be called to active duty around May 30. After completing basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, she will be permanently assigned at the station of her choice, Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, California.  
A graduate of Eureka High school, Pvt. Anderson also took a six months' nurses' course at Nat-spell General hospital. She has been most recently employed by the Hotel Florence in Missoula.  
She has a brother also in army service. S/Sgt. Russell Anderson, who is stationed at Tinker Field, Oklahoma.

### JAP BROADCAST HEARD BY F. C. C. MENTIONS LOCAL MAN, PRISONER

Parents of Private Willard H. Anderson today received a telegram from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service, Federal Communication Commission, stating that he has been mentioned in an enemy broadcast as a Japanese prisoner. The message states "These enemy broadcasts aim at getting listeners for their propaganda. However, the army is checking for accuracy and will advise you as soon as possible."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderson, R.F.D No 1, Columbia Falls, Private Anderson, 24, enlisted in August, 1940. He had previously been reported missing and this is the first word his parents have had about him since they received a card in July, 1943, saying that he was in a prison camp.

### Andersons Receive Copy of Message Sent by Their Son

Parents of Pvt. Willard H. Anderson have received a copy of a short wave broadcast that was intercepted from Japan. It relays a message to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderson of R. F. D. 1, Columbia Falls. The message from the government follows:

"Washington, D. C.  
June 5, 1944.

"Mrs. G. W. Anderson,

"Route 1-A,

"Columbia Falls, Mont.

"Following short wave broadcast from Japan has been intercepted. Quote 'My Dearest Mother: I received your messages of March 14 and was overjoyed to hear that you were all well at home. I also received your box. I sure appreciate it. I am well, as usual with us Andersons. Please mother write and give all my friends my best regards. Give that brother of mine my regards to his new wife. I hope she is a good cook. I am very high in spirits except that I am a little homesick. It has been four years you know and I really miss all of you. I received one letter from Les and a box and picture from Laura. You looked just the same in your picture Mother as I last saw you at home. I often wonder if you got the picture album I sent you just before the war broke out. I guess I won't know anyone any more, including my nephew. I am hoping and praying that the time will come soon when we can have a reunion. Keep on writing to me Mother, it helps a lot. My love to everyone. Pvt. Willard H. Anderson.' unquote.

"This broadcast supplements previous official report received from International Red Cross. Stop.

"Leich, acting provost marshal  
General, 7:45 a. m."

Maj. Herbert Archibald has arrived in Kalispell for a three weeks leave with his wife and family. Mrs. Archibald met him at Seattle. He reports to Santa Barbara for his next assignment. He has been gone for three years and all of that time was spent as signal corps officer in the Fiji Islands.

Major Herbert R. Archibald, 38, son of Mrs. Harold Archibald of Chinook, Montana, is now temporarily stationed at the A.G.F. A.S.F. redistribution station in Santa Barbara, Calif. His wife, Mrs. H. R. Archibald and children, reside at 444 First avenue west, Kalispell. Major Archibald has just returned from overseas, having spent 32 months with the Signal Corps in the South Pacific.

Charles A. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Payne Arnold of Kalispell, has begun training as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Training Command school at Yale university, according to word received from the public relations office at New Haven, Conn. Upon completion of the course, he will be commissioned a second lieutenant. Duties of a technical officer in communications are being studied.

Charles Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Payne Arnold of Kalispell, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces Training Command school at Yale university, recently. He will be assigned to a tactical unit where he will be in charge of maintaining the communications of his outfit. He will be stationed at Boca Army Air base, Boca Raton, Fla., his parents have learned. The Arnolds are former Red Lodge residents.

T/S Harold L. Arthurs recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county courthouse today. He is visiting his parents at Belton and intends to join the merchant marine. He has been in service more than three years and has Asiatic-Pacific and American campaign ribbons.

Arvidson Alvin 8 Dec 1944 pg 5

Al Arvidson, S 2/c, who has been serving in the Aleutians with the Seabees, is spending a leave at his home in Bigfork.

Asbridge Norman 1 Nov 1944 pg 2

Norman Asbridge is home from Gambie, Alaska where he has been with the weather bureau for the past several months. He will spend a few days with home folks before leaving for Boston where he will report for Army service.

Asbridge Ralph D 10 Aug 1944 pg 5

Pvt. Ralph D. Asbridge arrived home Sunday for a visit with his parents and friends. He has been stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., for the past month.

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#### P.F.C. RALPH ASBRIDGE IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Pfc. Ralph D. Asbridge was slightly wounded in action on December 1 in Corunna, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Asbridge of Somers were advised today by the acting adjutant general. They are to be informed when reports of his condition are received.

Pfc. Asbridge has been in the service for almost two years. He shipped overseas in September and been in combat since then with the exception of a rest period in Holland. He is 21 years old.

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#### Asbridge Recovering

Mrs. Vern Asbridge has received word that her son, Ralph D. Asbridge, is in a hospital in England. His left hand was injured and he had had three operations, but is making a satisfactory recovery.

Asbridge Robert 25 Jan 1944 pg 5

Miami, Fla.—Chief Machinist Mate Robert Asbridge of Kalispell, who joined the Navy in Billings in 1928, has just reported to the Submarine Chaser Training Center here.

A veteran of duty in Asiatic, Pacific and Atlantic waters, Asbridge has been connected with Atlantic supply work since the start of the war. His mother, Mrs. Aineec Asbridge, lives in Somers, Montana.

Auclair Harold D 7 Jan 1944 pg 4

Word has been received from Harold D. Auclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auclair, C M M 2/c, that he has been transferred to Attu, Alaska. He wired flowers to his mother for Christmas, and sent his best wishes to all his relatives and friends in Kalispell.

Auclair Vilas M 7 Jan 1944 pg 4

Vilas M. Auclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auclair, left December 27 for Gulfport, Miss., after spending a furlough with his parents and his wife and baby daughter. He was transferred from Camp Peary, Va., in November, and went to Gulfport for a new assignment and rating as an instructor. He was glad to be back in Montana, and as his time was limited, he wished to be remembered to those friends he was unable to see.

Auge Alvin 11 Mar 1944 pg 5

Alvin Auge, son of Eugene Auge, writes from the Southwest Pacific that he is well and hopes to be home by next Christmas. He has been fighting in the jungles and has been in the service for two years. He received most of his training in Alaska.



Fred Aulich of Kalispell has received a large coconut from New Guinea. It was mailed to him by H. E. Briggs, former Kalispell resident, who is with the army specialist corps.

**Aune Is Promoted**  
 T/Sergeant Rude Aune has been promoted from staff sergeant upon completion of 25 missions as tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress somewhere in England. He writes that he will be required to remain in England as an instructor for three months. Word was received by his sister, Mrs. Ervin Lee.

**Aune Coming Home**  
 Rudolph Aune of Kalispell, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for extraordinary achievement while serving as a gunner on 20 bombardment missions over Continental Europe, is expected home shortly. Relatives here have been advised that he has completed his missions, and left for home April 5.

The citation, which was made November 8, 1943, states that Aune was decorated for displaying great skill and courage in action; that he destroyed one enemy plane, warned off many attacks and materially aided in the 20 missions he had completed up to that time. Since then it is said that he has more enemy planes to his credit.

He is the son of Mrs. Sarah A.

## Sgt. Rudolph Aune Home From England

Tech./Sgt. Rudolph Aune, tail gunner on a Flying Fortress in the army air forces, arrived in Kalispell last Friday and caused Mrs. Sarah Aune to have an especially memorable Mother's day. He has been stationed in England since June 11, 1943, and after completing 25 missions over Europe, he later spent three months instructing before coming back to the United States.

Sgt. Aune, who has two names to his credit, speaks modestly of his accomplishments. His shyness disappears, however, when he tells of the splendid job which the Eighth airforce is doing. He regrets not having asked members of his crew what they would like to say to the people at home.

While England is a pretty country which has a hand-made appearance, it can't compare with Montana especially with the Flathead, in his opinion. One subject on which the sergeant opened up was the tremendous accomplishments of the Red Cross in England. There are



T. SGT. RUDOLPH AUNE

dozens of centers in London where servicemen may get lodging, meals and recreation. It is unbelievable he said, how much volunteer workers accomplish. English girls and women spend hours doing the most routine tasks for the comfort of servicemen.

T/Sgt. Rudolph Aune, who completed 25 combat missions, was issued his honorable discharge at Fort George Wright, Wash., Nov. 30, 1944. He served as a gunner with a bomber squadron and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Sgt. Aune was in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater. He entered the service in August, 1942.

He said that he had seen a number of entertainers who had come from the States to England. The first he recalls was James Cagney. After training, working and going into combat with high ranking officials, the glamour of the star has little effect on the servicemen the sergeant said, but they hold all the fellows' interest because they have come from home and may bring some news about the United States. Some of the actors and actresses may be able to pick up a little news about the war on their tours but mostly they are answering questions concerning how things are going on in this country.

Sgt. Aune made the trip to England by airplane but he returned on a ship. Although they docked in the middle of the night, everyone aboard, including all the officers, was on deck to see the lights of New York. After several months in blackout England, the lighted buildings and streets were a very welcome sight.

Aune was surprised to learn that the Inter Lake had carried Associated Press dispatches of raids in which he had participated. In a raid on Aug. 17, 1943, over Peenemunde, Germany's battle coast, Sgt. Aune accounted for a Nazi plane. On Sept. 17, 1943, in a 1,000-mile round trip to Cognac, American Flying Fortresses made an 11-hour bombing mission in the dark without a single battle scar. It was the longest Fortress mission ever carried out in that theater and was directed against the German fighter plane assembly base at Cognac. Aune shot down a Focke-Wulf in this raid. The Nazi plane was about 200 yards to the rear, he said, and he gave him a couple of hundred rounds and part of his landing gear fell off. Then a wing ripped away from the fuselage and he then shot the plane to pieces. The pilot bailed out.

T/Sgt. Aune is married to the former Margery Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck of Kalispell. She has been in defense work at Portland but is now in Kalispell with her husband and will accompany him to California, June 7, where he will spend some time for rest.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Sarah Aune, he is spending some time with his sisters who are: Miss Marie Aune of Kalispell, Mrs. Irvin Lee, Marion; Mrs. Lon Collier, Mrs. Earl Drollinger and Mrs. Clyde Aames, all of Kalispell, and his other sisters, Mrs. E. L. Olson reside

and a brother of Mrs. Clyde Aune Kalispell. His wife, the former Jovie R. Beck, has arrived fromATTLE to meet him.

Aurand Charles Irvin 18 May 1944 pg 5

Private Charles Irvin Aurand has been released from service with the marines and filed his honorable discharge with Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. His discharge was issued in December, 1942.

Averill Clifford G 5 Jul 1944 pg 4

**CLIFFORD AVERILL  
ENLISTS IN U. S. M. C.**

Clifford G. Averill, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Averill of the Somers community, completed his enlistment in the marine corps at Spokane, June 27. His wife and son will make their home in Spokane while he is in the service. He is a graduate of Platteau county high school and also attended Somers schools. He was employed at the Trentwood Aluminum mill at Spokane. A brother, Lt. Lester W. Averill, is in the army air force in Africa.

Averill Lester W 4 Jan 1944 pg 4

Lester W. Averill, First Lieutenant, of Somers, Mont., reported for duty with the Seventh Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, Great Falls, Montana, December 22. He is the son of Sam B. Averill of Somers.

25 Mar 1944 pg 2

After spending a ten-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Averill, Lt. Lester Averill, who has recently been stationed at Great Falls, left Thursday for Miami, where he will receive his new assignment for overseas duty.