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Babb	Louis R	7 Jan 1944 pg 4	12 Jul 1944 pg 5
		<p><b>Is Promoted to Major</b>            Captain Louis R. Babb, Katispell Marine Corps officer, has been promoted to the rank of major, according to a Marine Corps announcement today.</p>	<p>Major Louis Babb of the U.S.M.C. is spending a leave in Katispell with his wife.</p>
Bachman	Karl	8 Apr 1944 pg 4	
		<p>Karl M. Bachman, S 2/C, is now stationed at the West Coast Sound school in San Diego, Calif. He writes that he has spent a good deal of time on the water. His work includes sending and receiving messages by radio-telephone and delivering decoded sealed orders to various ships in the harbor. In connection with his work, he had the occasion to meet the Commanding Admiral of the Pacific fleet. He is receiving training for becoming a submarine soundman.</p>	
Baertsch	Theo R	20 Apr 1944 pg 5	
		<p>T/5 Theo R. Baertsch of Camp Gordon, Ga., arrived the first of the week to spend a short furlough at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elsa Bernard. He will return to his post on Friday.</p>	
Baesclin	Sidney	14 Jun 1944 pg 5	
		<p>Pvt. Sidney Baeschlin is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Baeschlin of Columbia Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Baeschlin have sold their ranch near Columbia Falls and are moving to Vancouver, Wash., where they expect to make their home for the duration.</p>	
Bailey	Wesley	7 Jun 1944 pg 4	
		<p>Wesley Bailey has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bailey, that he met Warren Elwood, son of Mrs. Ethel Weber in Honolulu recently. Bailey is serving in an army anti-aircraft battalion and Elwood is in the navy. Young Bailey writes that they had a good visit and both admitted being homesick for the Flaihead. During school days, they were both Inter Lake carriers.</p>	
Bain	Lewis L	23 May 1944 pg 5	
		<p>Lewis L. Bain, of Katispell, Montana, has recently been promoted from Pfc. to sergeant it has been announced by the director of military personnel at Camp McQuaide, Calif. Sgt. Bain was employed at the Bain advertising bureau, (self) in Katispell.</p>	

Bain Richard

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Mrs. Richard Bain received word from her husband that he was recently promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant. He has been serving overseas with the U. S. Army for the past two years, leaving here with Company F, former National Guard unit. He is now stationed in Australia.

Mrs. Richard Bain has received word from her husband, T/Sgt. Richard Bain who has been recovering from malaria in Australia, that he has returned to New Guinea for further duty.

T/Sgt. Bain was in action at Sanananda, New Guinea. He said that the cemetery at Saputa, New Guinea is beautiful, much more beautiful than cemeteries here at home. Wild jungle flowers and many beautiful plants are to be seen growing there. Natives take care of the cemetery under the guidance of an American officer. One day he visited the cemetery and saw many natives place a flower by each cross. He said we owe the natives of New Guinea very much.

Baker Clarence

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**FOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS JOIN NAVY**

Three Kallispell policemen and a state highway patrolman from this district passed their pre-induction physical examinations at Butte Tuesday and were accepted for service in the navy. They probably will be called to service in about three weeks.

Orville Fredenberg, James Curtis and Mende James are the police officers who will go into the service and Clarence Baker is the highway patrolman. The complete list of men accepted in Tuesday's examination is expected shortly at the Flathead Selective Service office.

Baker Graeme Jr

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Graeme Baker, Jr., who is in training at the U. S. Naval station at Great Lakes, Ill., arrived home Friday on a short leave, which he is spending with his mother, Mrs. Rose Baker.

Baldauf Henry

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**HENRY BALDAUF ENLISTS**

Butte, Dec. 18—The enlistment of Henry C. Baldauf in the army enlisted reserve has been announced by Captain H. C. McKnight, commanding officer of the army headquarters at Butte. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Baldauf of Somers, and is attending Flathead county high school.

Henry Baldauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldauf, has enlisted in the army reserve and is awaiting his call.

**Spot Enemy Gun**

The paper published by Company K, \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Infantry somewhere in France, recently published the following account which will be of interest to friends of Lt. Charles S. (Jimmy) Baldwin:

"Lt. Baldwin, Sgt. McCarthy, Pvt. Wise and Pfc. Condon of "K" Company spotted an enemy gun so efficiently that the artillery knocked the Jerry piece with an expenditure of only two rounds.

"These four men encountered plenty of small arms fire from the Jerries, but were aided rather than hindered by the constant enemy flares. The men observed that flares come up about 1,000 yards behind the enemy artillery piece. This information helped them to pinpoint those guns."

**Lt. Baldwin Writes From French Invasion Battlefield**

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Baldwin have received a letter from their son, Lieut. Charles S. (Jim) Baldwin, saying that he is with the invasion forces in France.

He says:

"Just a note to let you know that I am still in one piece. You've probably been reading about my outfit. We're sure doing a great job. I guess I've never told you what division I'm in, so if you haven't already guessed, I'll tell you. I'm in the First Division, as it is no secret now. We're known as the "Fighting First."

The First Division was the first outfit over here in the last war, and is still carrying on its tradition.

"There is very little I can tell you about the fighting, except that we're going great, and I'm sure it won't be long until this war is over.

"I receive the Inter Lake regularly over here and it's a great help as it's sure swell to read about home. The first paper I received had Joan's picture on the front page (eighth grade play), and also an article on the last page about the essay contest. I'm sure proud of her and had to show the picture to all the men."

"By the way, we are pretty hard up for stationery. That first letter I wrote from France was on stationery taken from a 'Jerry' truck; we knocked out. This is written on stationery we got in a French town we went through. I don't know where they got it. (The letter is written on 20th Century Fox Film company stationery, and evidently came from the United States.)

"I know that this war will be over soon, and that I'll be home with you much sooner than any of us think."

By a strange coincidence, Lieut. Baldwin's father, C. S. Baldwin, served for 22 months as a lieutenant in the "Fighting" First Division in the first World War.

**LT. CHARLES S. BALDWIN KILLED IN ACTION IN EUROPEAN THEATER**

Lieut. Charles S. (Jimmy)

Baldwin was killed in action in the European theater, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Baldwin of Kalispell, Tuesday from the War department. Recently, he had received personal commendation and had been recommended for the Silver Star. The young man was a graduate of local schools and enlisted in the army sometime ago.

**ARMY CHAPLAIN WRITES TO MR. AND MRS. BALDWIN**

The many friends of the late Lt. Charles S. Baldwin will be interested in knowing that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Baldwin, of Kalispell, are in receipt of a letter from the chaplain of the Twenty-sixth Infantry in which their son served.

The letter was mailed about a month ago from somewhere in Germany, and was signed by Richard H. the chaplain of the Twenty-sixth Infantry in part as follows:

"I have seen the cemetery where Charles is buried, and it is beautifully situated. When it is completed, it will be a magnificent tribute and memorial to those who have given their lives for their country. 'Baldy' was buried with full military honors, and received a good Christian funeral of his own faith. His grave is marked by a white cross.

"I met your son when he joined the regiment in England. He was assigned to my battalion, and so we lived in the same camp. I saw a lot of him in the camp area and at meals. The men liked 'Baldy' very much. He was extremely generous with the amount of time he spent evenings helping to entertain the soldiers, playing the piano or saxophone. I have seen very few officers since being in the Army who would do such a fine thing.

"In combat your son was outstanding. He did not seem to know the meaning of fear, and appeared disappointed when he was not chosen to go out on a dangerous patrol. He met his death while leading his platoon up the street of a city in Germany. He died with a machine gun in his hand, beckoning his men to come on. His end came quickly, and gloriously."

Lieut. Baldwin was killed in action October 13th, according to the information from the War department.

**CORP. AND MRS. BALDWIN VISIT IN KALISPELL**

Corporal and Mrs. Gilbert Baldwin were in Kalispell Friday. They are now enroute to Cherry Point, N. C., where he is stationed with the Marine Corps.

The couple was married at Spokane on February 19. Mrs. Baldwin is the former Cleo Jewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jewell, now of Greenacres, Wash., but formerly of Libby, Montana. Mrs. P. H. Keller of Kalispell is the bride's aunt. Corporal Baldwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Baldwin of Whitefish. He has been in three major battles in the Pacific.

**Jim Baldwin Promoted**

Word of the promotion of "Jimmy" Baldwin, to first lieutenant has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Kalispell. In the first letter which the family has had for some time, the young officer writes that he is in the battle of Aachen and that his field glasses were shot off his belt. He wrote, "Dad, they are throwing everything at us but the kitchen sink."

Baldwin Roger G 24 May 1944 pg 2

Fort Riley, Kansas—Pvt. Roger G. Baldwin of Kalispell, Montana, graduated recently from a communications course at the Cavalry School. He entered the service last August, and received basic training at the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, Fort Riley.

Baldwin Wilbert G 17 Jul 1944 pg 4

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baldwin of Creston have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Wilbert G. Baldwin, written on June 23. He says it has been more than a month since he has been able to write to anyone for he has been on the move with most of the time spent on a boat, has been in the Dutch New Guinea theater of war. The past few days they have been cutting a camp site out of a jungle. Cpl. Baldwin is with the Ground Mechanic Airplane Force and writes that he is well but tired.

Bangeman Fred W 15 Jul 1944 pg 3

Pvt. Fred W. Bangeman stationed at Fort Knox, has been selected as a candidate for officer's cadet training, as well as being one of two men picked from Company "C" of 200 men, to attend mechanic school. Pvt. Bangeman was appointed Lance Corporal during his basic training and has earned an expert rating in shooting for record on the rifle range.

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Pvt. Fred Bangeman is spending a furlough in Kalispell from Fort Knox, Ky. He reports back October 31. While in Kalispell, he is visiting his wife and mother, and other relatives.

Banz O L 26 Dec 1944 pg 3

Petty Officer O. L. Banz arrived in Kalispell Wednesday from the South Pacific, where he has been with the Navy for three years. He is spending Christmas with his wife, Avis Ann Banz, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Perry.

Petty Officer Banz has been transferred from his battleship to attend school at San Diego. At the end of his leave, he will be accompanied by his wife to California, where they will reside. During his service in the navy, he was gunnery captain of the turret guns of his ship and participated in eight major engagements of the Pacific campaign, including the Aleutians, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Guam and he has just returned from the Philippines. His parents live at Sylvia, Kan.

Baril Arthur 30 Mar 1944 pg 5

Arthur Baril has left for Farragut, Idaho, where he has enlisted in the ship repair unit at the U. S. naval training station.

Barker Jack 10 Jan 1944 pg 2

**OAK LEAF CLUSTER IS AWARDED LT. ROWLAND**  
Washington, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Four Montana men were among more than 400 officers and enlisted men of the Army's 13th air force awarded bronze Oak Leaf clusters to the air medal for combat missions in the South Pacific.  
Second Lt. Richard W. Rowland of Kalispell, Mont., was awarded one Oak Leaf cluster.  
Capt. Steven W. Hockett of Hall, Mont.; Staff Sgt. Jack Barker of Pelson, Mont., and Staff Sgt. William C. Daniel of Billings, Mont., each received three Oak Leaf clusters.

Barkley Robert W 22 May 1944 pg 3

Ernest E. Thompson, 227 Fifth avenue west, Kalispell, and Robert W. Barkley, route 1, Thursday completed their enlistment in the United States Marine Corps at the state headquarters station in Butte. They were immediately transferred to San Diego where they will receive their basic training.

Barry Alroy C 23 Aug 1944 pg 4

Cpl. Alroy C. Barry, who is with a tank destroyer unit in France, writes that he would be happy to hear from his friends. His address is Corporal Alroy C. Barry, ASN 59615297, Co, A-823 D-Bn: APO 830, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

In telling of how he is situated, he says there is no table at which to eat and no bed on which to sleep. However, there is a rabbit that sleeps in his foxhole with him.

Barry Ralph J 9 Mar 1944 pg 4

Ralph J. Barry, seaman 1/C, R.M., is home on delayed orders before reporting for active duty as a radio operator with the fleet. He has been stationed at Farragut Naval Training station since entering the service last June. He is one of three sons of Mrs. A. J. Barry all of whom are in the armed services. Ralph states that he is enjoying his visit in the Flathead and plans to stop in Portland to see his sister and father who are working in the shipyards in the coast city.

Bear Raymond L 13 May 1944 pg 4

**TWO LOCAL MEN START NAVY S. R. U. TRAINING**  
Helena, May 13.—(AP)—Nine men who enlisted in the Navy's ship repair units with ratings left, left the navy recruiting headquarters today for the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho.  
The group included Gardner R. Hines of Kalispell, motor machinist's mate, third class, and Raymond L. Bear of Kalispell, motor machinist's mate, third class.

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MOM 3/e R. L. Bear left Saturday for Farragut U. S. naval training center after spending a 15-day leave here with his family.

Beck Melvin 16 May 1944 pg 3 27 Jun 1944 pg 3

Lt. Melvin Beck is now receiving medical treatment at Baxter army hospital in Spokane. A former Kalispell resident, he has recently returned from Pacific service.

Lt. Melvin Beck spent the weekend visiting friends in Kalispell. He had spent part of his furlough with his father in Deer Lodge. He now reports to Spokane and will then go to Santa Monica, Calif., for reassignment. Lt. Beck has seen overseas service.

Beck Robert 14 Mar 1944 pg 3 31 Aug 1944 pg 5 7 Nov 1944 pg 3

**ROBERT BECK ENLISTS AS AVIATION CADET**

The Aviation Cadet Examining board at Butte, has announced the enlistment of Robert J. Beck of Kalispell in the Army of the United States as an Air Corps Enlisted Reservist.

Young Beck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Beck of Kalispell and is 17 years of age. He will not be called to active duty with the Army Air Corps until some time within six months after he reaches his 18th birthday.

The entire course of training of an Aviation Cadet takes approximately 14 months to complete.

Robert has a brother in the Navy who recently returned from Guadalcanal and the South Seas. He has been a member of the Flathead High School Band for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck have received word from their son Robert stating he had passed examinations and given the rank of air cadet in the army air forces. He is stationed at the air base at Amarillo, Texas.

Robert J. Beck has passed examinations to qualify for study as a bomber pilot. The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck, he is now stationed in Albuquerque, N. M. Another son, Warren-D. Beck, has recently been sent back to the South Pacific after

a time spent at a rest camp in San Diego.

Beck Warren D 7 Nov 1944 pg 3

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Beebe Don 28 Jan 1944 pg 4 30 Dec 1944 pg 4

Ed Beebe, who lives on the east side near the Theriault ferry, has received a letter from his son, Don Beebe, saying that he is with the American forces in Italy. Mr. Beebe hadn't heard from his son for some time, and is greatly relieved to know that he is all right.

Private Donald Beebe, son of Ed Beebe of Creston, has returned to the U. S. for a well-earned furlough. He is now visiting his grandmother, Mrs. C. P. Smith of Portland, Ore., as well as other relatives in that city. Private Beebe has seen service in North Africa and Italy. He will return to service in January.

Beekers Hubert 21 Jul 1944 pg 3

Lt. Hubert Beekers has been transferred from 29 Palms, Calif., to King City, Calif. He is now an instructor and flight commander in the Army Air Corps.

Begg George M 19 Dec 1944 pg 3

Flight Officer George M. Begg has reported for duty with the ferrying command at Gore field, Great Falls, after spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. Mae Begg of Kalispell. Mrs. Begg has had word of the safe arrival of another son, Second Lieut. Ronald V. Begg, in New Guinea.

Begg Ronald 31 May 1944 pg 4

Pecon, Texas, May 21—Ronald V. Begg, son of Mrs. Mae Begg of Kallispell Montana, received his pilot wings today when he graduated as a second lieutenant from the Advanced two-engine pilot school at Pecon army air field. It was announced by Col. Orin J. Bushey, commanding officer.

The new pilot, a former resident of Kallispell, completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned to Pecon from Minter, Field, California.

He is a former student of Flathead county high school.

Bell Harvey H 3 May 1944 pg 1

**T/SGT. HARVEY BELL  
KILLED IN ACTION**

Washington, May 3—(AP)—Tech. Sgt. Harvey H. Bell, Jr., son of Mrs. Dorothy N. Bell (117 Third avenue east) Kallispell, Mont., has been killed in action, the war department announced today.

Beller Leo D 17 Feb 1944 pg 5

**FILE ARMY DISCHARGES**

Three more honorable service discharges have been recorded at Flathead county courthouse. Leo D. Beller, T/5, was released at Camp Howze, Texas, Sept. 21, 1943. Private Maylo M. Geiken received his discharge at Fort Douglas, Utah, Dec. 31, 1942. Peter M. Van Aken, 11fe., was released from service on Sept. 15, 1943, at the Army Air Base in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Beller Orin F 13 Dec 1944 pg 1

**BATTLE WOUNDS FATAL  
FOR LT. ORIN BELLER**

Lt. Orin F. Beller died of wounds received in France, according to word received in Kallispell by his sister, Mrs. Eugene Tiffany. He was injured November 13 and died November 15. Lt. Beller was 23 years old and had left Camp McCain, Miss., for overseas duty about July 25.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beller, reside at Salmon, Idaho, as does his wife, Frances; a sister and brother also survive at Salmon. His uncles, Everett and Dean Beller, live in Kallispell. Lt. Beller entered service April 29, 1942, and served with the reserve officers' training corps at Montana State college before going to officers' candidate school. He had graduated from high school at Victor, Mont., and from the state college where he was a prominent member of the Bobcat football squad and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Bellmore Alan 13 Jul 1944 pg 2 15 Dec 1944 pg 2

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bellmore are spending a few days in Bigfork visiting relatives and friends. Alan is with the U. S. Army and for the past year has been stationed in Alaska.

Allan Bellmore, son of Fred Bellmore, has received a discharge from the army and has settled in Bigfork with his wife.

Bellmore Fred W 16 Nov 1944 pg 4

T/5 Fred Bellmore, Bigfork, was given an honorable medical discharge from the army at Fort George Wright AAF convalescent hospital after four years of meritorious service. He enlisted in Sept., 1940, at Kallispell and in April 1942, was sent to the Aleutians to serve as an aviation engineer with the Eleventh Air Force, returning to the states in July, 1944. Before enlisting, he was affiliated with the park service and plans to resume this work as soon as he reaches Bigfork.

Benson	John W	30 Dec 1944 pg 5	<p>Prf. John W. Benson has placed his honorable army discharge on record at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Fort Douglas, Utah, Sept. 7, 1942.</p>
Berger	Edward	3 Jan 1944 pg 7	<p>Private Raymond Berger and Cpl. Edward Berger returned to their camps last week; Raymond to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Edward to Nashville, Tenn. They were here for the funeral of their brother, Joseph.</p>
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Bergman	Wailee	14 Sep 1944 pg 4	<p>Relatives in Kalspell have been advised that Wailee Bergman has been promoted to chief commissary steward, and is now located somewhere in the Pacific area.</p>
Bergstrom	Lloyd	16 Mar 1944 pg 5	<p>S/Sgt. Lloyd Bergstrom is spending a furlough from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in Kalspell with his wife and son, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Worden.</p>
Bergstrom	Rudolph Jr	3 Jan 1944 pg 4	<p>Rudolph Bergstrom, Jr., of Somers has finished his training at Randolph Field, Texas, and has been assigned to the Ryan School of Aeronautics at Tucson, Arizona, as a flight instructor.</p>
Berry	Donald Milton	21 Jun 1944 pg 4	<p>Cpl. Donald M. (Milton) Berry, arrived in Kalspell Monday from British Guiana, where he has been stationed. He is leaving soon for Spokane to visit his mother, Mrs. Florence M. Berry. He entered the service more than three years ago, and has been in the Caribbean area about two years. He expects to be reassigned at the end of his furlough, and says he will be glad to leave the tropics.</p>
Bibb	Robert	8 Jan 1944 pg 2	<p>R. H. Bibb has received word that his son, Robert, has sailed for overseas duty.</p>
Bienz	Thomas H	2 May 1944 pg 3	<p><b>Thomas Bienz Enlists</b></p> <p>Enlistment of Thomas H. Bienz, Washington State senator, in the navy has been learned by relatives in Kalspell. His enlistment was completed at recruiting headquarters in Spokane and he has the rating of pharmacist, 1/c. Senator Bienz had operated a drug store at Dishman, Wash.</p> <p>A veteran of World War I, Mr. Bienz was raised in Kalspell and received his education in the local schools. He is a brother of Mrs. Emil Anderson of Kalspell.</p>



Billsborough	David S	11 Mar 1944 pg 5	14 Aug 1944 pg 3		
		David Billsborough has completed his boot training at Farragut Naval Training station and is spending a two week's leave visiting his parents in KallsPELL.	David S. Billsborough, F 1/C. E. M., has reported to a base in California after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billsborough.		
Bischoff	Howard	15 Jan 1944 pg 3	15 Apr 1944 pg 5	11 Aug 1944 pg 2	
		Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bischoff have received word that their son, Howard, has been promoted from ensign to the rank of Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. navy. Howard enlisted in the navy in February 1942 and has been stationed in a navy air station operating office overseas for a year.	Lt. (jg) Howard Bischoff U.S.N.R. who is in the United States on a short leave has gone to San Diego to visit his wife after spending a few days in KallsPELL. He will report to Norfolk, Va., for foreign duty at the end of his leave.	Lieut. (j.g.) Howard Bischoff, U. S. N. R., has been transferred from foreign duty in the South Atlantic to the office of the chief of naval operations in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Bischoff, who has been living in San Diego, has gone to Washington, D. C., to be with her husband.	
Bishop	Enoch	15 Dec 1944 pg 2			
		Mrs. Upton Bishop has received word that her son, Pfc. Enoch Bishop, was wounded somewhere in France.			
Bitney	Francis L	12 Apr 1944 pg 4	22 May 1944 pg 3	29 Jul 1944 pg 5	7 Sep 1944 pg 3
		<b>BITNEY ENTERS MARINES</b> Francis L. Bitney, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Bitney of KallsPELL, Friday completed his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Robert B. Hay, Missoula recruiter, reports. Private Bitney returned home on inactive status but when called to active duty will receive his basic training at San Diego, Calif.	<b>LOCAL BOYS LEAVE FOR TRAINING WITH MARINES</b> Private Francis L. Bitney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Bitney of KallsPELL, who enlisted in the Marine Corps April 7 and has been on inactive status since that time has now been called to active duty. Sergeant Robert B. Hay, Missoula recruiter, announces. Private Bitney will leave Butte for the Marine Corps base at San Diego on May 24 to begin his basic training. He will be accompanied to San Diego by Private Howard E. Passmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Passmore of Creston, who enlisted April 19. On May 25 Private Charles W. Radul of Niarada, who enlisted March 29, will leave Butte for the San Diego training base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Radul of the Niarada community.	Francis Bitney, Jr., is home on a short furlough from San Diego, where he is stationed.	Pvt. Francis L. Bitney of the U. S. Marine Corps has recently been transferred from the Marine Corps Aviation Division, Miramar, San Diego, Calif., to a aviation radio school at Farragut, Idaho. Pvt. Bitney will receive four months' training at Farragut.
Bjorneby	Laurence C	24 Nov 1944 pg 3			
		<b>Sgt. "Larry" Bjorneby Busy</b> Sgt. Laurence G. Bjorneby is a watch repairman for a Fifteen air force Flying Fortress group in Italy, according to a press release from the commander in chief of the Mediterranean Allied air forces. Sgt. Bjorneby lived in KallsPELL before entering the service. The release states that all of his tools have been salvaged from different watch dealers since he was stationed in North Africa more than a year ago.			
Blachley	Paul Arthur	31 Oct 1944 pg 4			
		Mrs. G. A. Blachley has received word from her son, Paul Arthur Blachley, petty officer, second class, that he has arrived in the States and is now in San Francisco. He expects to visit here soon on leave. For 28 months, he served in the Samoa islands.			
Blackmer	H P	19 Jan 1944 pg 5			
		Corporal H. P. Blackmer arrived on a furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blackmer of Columbia Falls.			

Bloodworth	Charles D	26 Aug 1944 pg 5			
		<p>Capt. and Mrs. Charles D. Bloodworth are in Kalispell for a short time from Spokane where he is with the Spokane Air Service command.</p>			
Blumer	Jonathan	31 Jan 1944 pg 5	10 May 1944 pg 3	11 May 1944 pg 4	22 Sep 1944 pg 3
		<p>Sergeant Jonathan Blumer writes that he is now stationed in India. He is with the air force.</p>	<p>Jonathan E. Blumer, a resident of Kila, now serving with the 12th Air Service group in China, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the army air force.</p> <p>Sgt. Blumer attended high school in Kalispell. Prior to entering the service of his country, he worked in Washington, at the Spokane air depot.</p>	<p>Mrs. John Blumer has received word that her son, Sgt. Jonathan E. Blumer, was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant on April 8. He was formerly in India, but is now with the active forces somewhere in China. In a recent letter he said he was enjoying the scenery and the people and their customs.</p>	<p>John Blumer and son of Creston called at the Branch home Monday. He says that his son, Staff Sergeant Jonathan Blumer, is doing well in the 12th Air Force in Asia.</p>
Boerner	Warren	15 Dec 1944 pg 2			
		<p>Warren Boerner, former student of Bigfork high school, is back in the states after having completed 30 missions over Germany as a gunner on a bomber. He is expected to spend a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Boerner of the East Lake Shore.</p>			
Bohdeson	Eric Garvin	30 Dec 1944 pg 4			
		<p>Gets Bronze Star</p> <p>Eric Garvin Bohdeson, shipfitter S/C, was awarded the Bronze Star medal and a citation signed by Adm. C. W. Nimitz for dramatic action that may have saved from destruction the destroyer upon which he was serving. The medal and citation have been received by his wife who is an electrician at Consolidated. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bohdeson, reside at Somers.</p> <p>The heroic exploit occurred June 21, 1944, when the destroyer undergoing repairs near a Pacific island became the target of intense gunfire. "On observing that a magazine containing boxes of ammunition had been hit by enemy fire," the citation states, "with complete disregard of his own safety, he entered the magazine, removed the ammunition damaged and threw it overboard thus averting serious casualty to his ship."</p>			
Borgen	Norman G	26 May 1944 pg 4			
		<p>Ole Borgen has received a telegram from Adjutant General Dunlop stating that his son, S/Sgt. Norman G. Borgen, has been seriously ill in New Guinea since May 16.</p>			
Bogardus	George M	2 Feb 1944 pg 4	9 Feb 1944 pg 5		
		<p>First Lieut. George M. Bogardus, M. C., has been promoted to the 128th Evacuation hospital in England.</p>	<p>Lieut. George Bogardus has been transferred from the 53 Medical Battalion to the 128th Evacuation Hospital. His address is A.P.O. 320 New York.</p>		

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**LT. BOGARDUS INJURED  
IN OVERSEAS SERVICE**

Mrs. Gertrude Bogardus has received a letter from her son, Lieut. George Bogardus, stating that he has been injured, although not seriously.

**Lieut. Bogardus is in England**

and is with a medical unit in the infantry. He gave no details concerning his injury or the circumstances of how he received it. Lt. Bogardus is a doctor in civilian life. He has been across for nearly two years.

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**Lt. Bogardus Wounded in France, Now At Bushnell**

First Lt. George Bogardus of the medical corps is hospitalized at Bushnell General hospital in Utah. He was wounded on July 29 in France and arrived in the United States last week. He is the son of Mrs. F. B. Bogardus of Kallispell.

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**Lt. Bogardus Wounded in France in Odd Manner**

First Lt. George M. Bogardus, 30 of Kallispell, Mont., had the strange and unfortunate experience of waking up his first morning in France to find himself a battle casualty.

Awake in a foxhole, he was struck by shell fragments from an overhead artillery burst during the Allied offensive which resulted in the breakthrough at St. Lo last July. Evacuated to England, five days later by air, Lt. Bogardus now has arrived at Bushnell General hospital in Utah for specialized treatment.

He entered the service in July, 1942, as a medical officer, and has been overseas since October, 1942. Lt. Bogardus is a 1933 graduate of the Duke University Medical school, served an internship at the University of Chicago in 1938-40, and took advanced medical work at the University of Tennessee in 1941-42. He graduated from Flathead County High school.

He is the son of Mrs. F. B. Bogardus of Kallispell, Mont.

Bogg

Ronald V

29 Jul 1944 pg 2

Second Lieutenant Ronald V. Bogg of Kallispell has been assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command after receiving his wings in the Army Air Force and is now continuing training at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.

Lt. Bogg attended Flathead County High school. He was an aircraft mechanic and did defense work prior to entering the service.

Bolz

Thelma

3 Jun 1944 pg 2

Lieut. Thelma Bolz, a nurse at the army air base hospital at Pueblo, Colorado, Private Reamer Bolz of the Combat Intelligence Service at Camp Hondo, Colorado, Miss Margaret Kvom and Mrs. Bolz of Spokane enjoyed a short visit with their friends and relatives. They picnicked Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bolz, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parr and Phillis and Clarice at Swan Lake.

2 Sep 1944 pg 5

Lieut. Thelma Bolz who has been stationed at the Pueblo, Colorado Army Air Base for the last year, has been selected to attend Chief Nurses' School at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, for the month of September.

Bond

Walter Jr

21 Jul 1944 pg 1

**BOND IN PRISON CAMP**

Word has been received here that Walter Bond, Jr., who was reported as missing over Italy, has been located by the International Red Cross in a German prison camp.

Bondurant

Eugene C

7 Nov 1944 pg 5

Technician, 5/G, Eugene C. Bondurant has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Camp Crowder, Mo., March 23, 1943.

Bonnett

Emile M

17 Aug 1944 pg 5

**Lt. Emile M. Bonnett is Awarded Bronze Star**

Lt. Emile M. Bonnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bonnett of KallsPELL, has been awarded the Bronze Star by General Charles Gerhardt of the 29th Infantry division for meritorious achievement in military operations against the enemy on July 18 in Normandy. He received his commission at Fort Benning, Ga., last September and later was assigned to the 177th regiment as instructor.

He writes that his men suffered only three casualties and that two of them were slight. He also states that he had a slight argument with a German officer and Lt. Bonnett now carries his luger automatic and the German is on the bottom end of a white cross. They took four prisoners out of 50. "It was fun while it lasted. They aren't supermen and I can vouch for that. They stink more when they are dead, that's all," he concludes.

21 Oct 1944 pg 5

**Emile Bonnet Promoted**

Emile Bonnet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bonnet of KallsPELL has been promoted to first lieutenant and is serving somewhere in Europe, his parents have learned.

Lieut. Bonnet writes, "Even as you, we, too, are looking forward to the end of the war. It is so far



away though when we measure it in human lives and materials that are yet to be sacrificed.

"You people at home are far too optimistic for us boys over here. We who have looked the terrain over with a practised eye cannot see the end as you can. Propaganda is one of the greatest weapons of modern warfare. Only death to the fanatical hordes that we face can end the war, not the hope of a hundred million people that everyone will be home by Christmas. There is definitely a date set but I fear that it is in the distance."

Boon

Edwin

24 Jun 1944 pg 2

**Edwin Boon, M.M. 1/C, is spending a furlough at his home in Somers. He has been stationed in Alaska.**

15 Jul 1944 pg 8

Edwin Boone, who was home on leave from the navy, was honored at a dinner party Sunday at his home.

Boorman

Merle

20 May 1944 pg 2

Sgt. Merle Boorman has been transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, from California. His wife and daughter, Jerry, left for Winnett, Mont., to be with her parents.

Boyd

Robert

6 May 1944 pg 5

Robert Boyd has arrived in KallsPELL to spend a two-week's furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Boyd. Robert is a aerial gunner on a B-26 bomber and is stationed at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Boyer

Ernest Jr

1 Sep 1944 pg 4

Staff Sergeant Boyer has served 31 months of overseas duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boyer of Whitefish.

Bradley

Kelsey

11 Mar 1944 pg 4

Kelsey Bradley, C 2/c of the Seabees, is spending a short leave in KallsPELL visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bradley. He has been in the service for two years and was in the Southwest Pacific area, and has visited many of the islands. He was formerly employed by the Monarch Lumber company. He will leave next week for Seattle to visit his parents.

Branch Graydon

5 Jan 1944 pg 2

Staff Sergeant Graydon Branch writes that he is now stationed in Italy.

28 Apr 1944 pg 4

Staff Sergeant Graydon G. Branch of Kila was promoted to the grade of technical sergeant on April 1. He is stationed somewhere in Italy.

28 Apr 1944 pg 7

Word has been received here that Staff Sergeant Graydon Branch has been promoted to the grade of technical sergeant. He writes that his squadron is enjoying the best living conditions that they have had since going overseas nearly two years ago. Their food is much improved and they have organized a club which is open every evening. They have also attended operas and many good picture shows. They are stationed in a city of some size in Italy, and he writes that the Italians celebrated Easter with great enthusiasm, the streets being crowded with people for a full week. He says Easter Monday was celebrated similar to Memorial Day here.

20 Jun 1944 pg 3

An Advanced Air Base in Italy, June 20—Graydon G. Branch, son of Mrs. Edith Branch, Kila, Montana, has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant, it was announced by headquarters here recently. Overseas for 22 months, T/Sgt. Branch has seen service in England, North Africa, the island of Pantelleria and now Italy, and wears three battle stars on his campaign ribbon for participation in the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy.

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Technical Sergeant Graydon Branch writes that he has lately visited Pompelli and taken snap shots of Mt. Vesuvius.

Brant Owen T/H

14 Jun 1944 pg 1

**T/SGT OWEN T. BRANT WOUNDED IN BATTLE**  
Mrs. Ruth Brant has been advised by the War Department that her son, Technical Sergeant Owen T. Brant, was slightly wounded in action on May 18. Sgt. Brant is with the armed forces in the New Guinea theater. No details were revealed in the telegram but it said she would be advised of changes in his condition. Sgt. Brant is the second local man reported wounded in action in the same battle area, Sgt. Leslie Cameron also being wounded there recently.

7 Dec 1944 pg 4

**Soldiers' Hometown**  
Due home on furlough soon from overseas duty are four KellsPELL, Montana, servicemen. They are: (1) First Sgt. Gerald F. Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burrell; (2) T/Sgt. Owen H. Brant, son of Mrs. Ruth Brant; (3) S/Sgt. Elmer L. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Burton, all from the southwest Pacific theater of operations, where they served 33 months with the Infantry; and (4) Technician Fifth Grade Donald L. Dern, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dern, 33 months duty in the southwest Pacific theater of operations with a medical department unit.

Brawley Doris C

13 Jul 1944 pg 4

**DORIS BRAWLEY IN ENGLAND**  
An Air Transport Command Station in Great Britain—Pvt. Doris C. Brawley, daughter of C. H. Brawley of Whitefish is now serving in the European theater of operations. She is a member of the Women's Army Corps assigned to the European wing of the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army air forces.

Breadehoft Edward A

8 Dec 1944 pg 1

**BREADEHOFT, BUNDRACK KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE, PARENTS LEARN**  
Mrs. Melissa Woodward was advised by telegram today from the war department of the death of her son Pvt. Edward A. Breadehoft in action in France November 12, 1944. He previously had been listed as missing in action. Mrs. Woodward was advised also of the death in action of William Bundrock. Breadehoft and Bundrock were cousins and had been at the front but a short time.

Brevig William 2 Dec 1944 pg 5  
S/Sgt. William Brevig has reached the States and is on furlough after long service in the South Pacific. He is with relatives in Clearing, Wash.

Brist Kenneth 14 Sep 1944 pg 5  
Aviation Cadet Kenneth Brist home on a 10-day furlough from Santa Ana, Calif. He is visiting his wife and baby son at Somers, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brist of KallsPELL.

Brist Orin 27 Nov 1944 pg 5 2 Dec 1944 pg 5  
Petty Officer Orin Brist is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brist of KallsPELL and other relatives while on leave from the navy. He has spent 23 months overseas and just returned recently from England. He has seen action in major landings in the Pacific and also took part in the Normandy landing at the time of the invasion.  
Chief Petty Officer Orin Brist has been renewing friendships in Somers after having been overseas for many months.

Brist Thomas 19 Aug 1944 pg 5  
Among the inductees leaving KallsPELL on Tuesday for Fort Douglas, Utah, was Robert White, Thomas Brist and Alven Krantz, both former Somers residents, were also in the group.

Brock Foyt T 10 May 1944 pg 3 26 Sep 1944 pg 5  
Mrs. George Henderson of Bellon has received word from her son, Lieut. Foyt Brock, that he has arrived safely in northern India and is now in active duty as a fighter pilot flying high altitude planes. Foyt was stationed last winter in the Tunisia sector and flew from Tunis to northern India, stopping at Cairo, Egypt, where he saw the Sphinx and the pyramids. He also flew over Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and reported a very wonderful trip. He says the officers' club and all accommodations where he is now stationed, are of the best. He is in good health and excellent spirits.  
Lt. Foyt T. Brock has been in China since June 1 and writes that he flies a P-47 Thunderbolt and escorts B-29 Superfortresses on raiding missions.

Broeder Gordon L 17 Jul 1944 pg 5 29 Jul 1944 pg 5 26 Aug 1944 pg 5  
Gordon I. Broeder who has finished his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, is spending his leave here with his wife. They are visiting his parents and other relatives.  
Gordon I. Broeder S 2/C. returned Wednesday, July 26, to Farragut Naval Training Station to wait further assignment. He spent a 15-day leave here with his wife and small daughter, Carol Ann who came over from Chester, Mont., where they had been staying with her parents since his induction into the Navy in May.  
Gordon I. Broeder, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broeder, Sr., of RFD No. 1, KallsPELL, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Naval Diesel Training School located on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.  
Upon the successful completion of the course the Bluejacket will graduate and receive recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class.

Brooner Ernest G 10 May 1944 pg 3 5 Oct 1944 pg 3  
Ernest G. Brooner, has been promoted to the rank of first class radioman in the submarine service of the navy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Brooner, of KallsPELL have learned. He has completed five patrols. Brooner enlisted in the navy on Dec. 8, 1941.  
**ERNEST BROONER, RM 1/C. IS HERE FOR VISIT WITH PARENTS**  
Ernest Brooner, RM 1/c. arrived in KallsPELL Wednesday afternoon for a 30-day leave. He is enroute to a submarine base at New London, Conn., where he will receive advanced training. He has been in submarine service in the southwest and central Pacific. He enlisted on Dec. 10, 1941. This is his second visit home since his enlistment. He visited his parents here last fall. Leaving Oakland at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, he flew from California and arrived in KallsPELL Wednesday.

Brosten

Heming

8 Jul 1944 pg 4

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**Airmen in Contest**  
 Cpl. Heming Brosten, husband of Denida Brosten of 527 Third avenue west, Kallispell, is still wiping his brow but he's also pointing to the new production record he helped establish recently in a contest with two other hangars at an Air Service Command depot in England. Word of comes from headquarters of the air service command, United States strategic air forces in Europe.  
 The contest started when one hangar modified the most combat planes in a single month. Undaunted by the smallness of the prize, Cpl. Brosten's hangar edged into the lead and stayed there. The prize was an English pound or about \$4. Now nobody knows what to do with the money.

An Air Service Command Depot, England.—Recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts, Cpl. Heming Brosten of Kallispell, Mont., and fellow soldier-technicians at an Air Service Command depot in England are now basking in praise from the British press.  
 The widely-read "Sunday Express," in a feature article pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records," and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over Western Europe.  
 "It's good to know that other people think we're doing a swell job," commented Cpl. Brosten. "And just to prove that praise hasn't gone to our heads, we're going to keep those production figures high."  
 He is the son of Hjalgerd Brosten and the husband of Mrs. Denida Brosten, 527 Third avenue west.

Brown

Cecil L

28 Feb 1944 pg 3

Sgt. Cecil L. Brown, who enlisted in Company F in 1940, serving 33 months in the South Pacific and now retained in the enlisted reserves will be a speaker on behalf of the American Red Cross at the kick-off meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Temple Tea room.

Brown

Jack

22 Apr 1944 pg 5

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Jack Brown who recently enlisted for duty with the arm air forces is now stationed temporarily at Ft. Douglas, Utah.

Mrs. J. E. Brown has received word from her husband, Private Jack Brown, that he is in the air corps and stationed at Amarillo, Texas. He left Kallispell recently.

Brown

Robert R

25 Feb 1944 pg 5

Lieutenant Robert R. Brown arrived here Friday from Desert Training Center, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Brown. He leaves today to report for duty with the 292 F. A. Obs. Bt., Camp Bowie, Texas, and would be glad to hear from his friends.

Bruce

Wallace D

29 Feb 1944 pg 5

Wallace D. Bruce, A. M. 1/c, son of S. A. Bruce of Kallispell, has been promoted to first class petty officer. He is in the South Central Pacific and has been serving in the navy for two and one-half years.

Bruch

Charles

3 Jun 1944 pg 3

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Charles Bruch left for Fort Douglas, Utah, last Friday for induction into the army.

Pvt. Charles Bruch is here on a furlough from Camp Roberts, Calif.

Word has been received here that Charles Bruch is stationed in Italy.

Bruch

Harold

21 Nov 1944 pg 2

Pvt. Harold Bruch and Pvt. Lloyd Colby are spending a furlough at their respective homes here. They have completed their three months preliminary training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Brumbaugh Harold E

3 Mar 1944 pg 5

**FOUR FLATHEAD YOUTHS ENLIST IN THE NAVY**

The Missoula Navy Recruiting Station announces the enlistment of Darwin A. Christianson, Sidney C. Lancaster and William H. Fincher, all of Kalspell. Lancaster and Fincher are seniors at Flathead County High school and have been placed on inactive duty until they graduate this spring. Harold E. Brumbaugh, a senior at Whitefish High school was also enlisted. All four boys are 17 years of age.

Brust Kenneth

27 Jan 1944 pg 4

**Brust On Rifle Team**

Private Kenneth Brust, son of Robert Brust of 262 First avenue east north, writes from the University of Nevada, of Reno, that he is on the university rifle team and they are to compete against 50 other colleges in a correspondence match. He is one of the top five at the present time.

When in Kalspell, Kenneth took a great deal of interest in guns. He formerly worked for Otto Marken and states that he expects a furlough this spring. He sends greetings to his friends.

Brust Oscar

16 May 1944 pg 3

Word has been received here by Mrs. A. L. Montgomery that her brother, Pvt. Oscar Brust, has arrived at Camp Roberts, Calif. His address is Pvt. O. H. Brust, 37362231 A.N.S., Co. B 93 Inf Tng Btn, Camp Roberts, Calif, East Garrison. He would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Bryan Donald M

17 Jul 1944 pg 4

**BRYAN PROMOTED**

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—The temporary promotion of Capt. Donald W. Maxwell of Deer Lodge, Mont., to the rank of major was announced Friday by the War department. Other promotions included First Lt. Donald M. Bryan of Kalspell, to captain.

29 Jul 1944 pg 2

**Lt. Donald M. Bryan Promoted To Captain**

Rapid City Army Air Base, South Dakota—Announcement of the promotion of First Lt. Donald B. Bryan, veteran oversens pilot now stationed at the Rapid City army air base, to a captaincy has just been announced. Capt. Bryan, who has been in the Air Corps for almost three years, wears the Air Medal with seven clusters in recognition of his service with the 12th Air Force in the European theater. He was in 44 missions, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Capt. Bryan's home is in Kalspell, Mont., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bryan. He enlisted as an aviation cadet in Sept., 1941. He went overseas in November, 1942. In his battle experience his plane was shot down on two occasions, once over the desert, and once over the water, but he and his crew escaped each time in the crash landings.

Capt. Bryan came to the Rapid City army air base in January of this year, and is a pilot instructor at the heavy bomber base. On July 15 he was married to Second Lieut. Mildred C. Peterka, dietitian at the base hospital, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peterka, of Yankton, South Dakota.

A brother of Capt. Bryan, Sgt. Robert W. Bryan, in the air corps since January, 1942, is now stationed with the Ninth air force in England.



Bryan

Robert W

27 May 1944 pg 5

**VETERAN NOW IN ENGLAND**

A Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command Station, England—Private Robert W. Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bryan, Kallispell, who is a radio operator in a Ninth Air Force Troop carrier group, is now stationed in England. Private Bryan has been overseas 17 months, and during that time has taken an active part in four campaigns, and one airborne invasion. He is now in the Ninth Air Force.

He fought through the North African and Mediterranean campaigns from El Alamein to the beachheads of Sicily and Italy. Private Bryan has been awarded the Air Medal for his heroism in the invasion of Italy. He also wears the Good Conduct Medal and the four bronze battle stars of the Libyan-Tunisian-Sicilian-Italian campaigns.

19 Aug 1944 pg 7

**CORPORAL BRYAN ONE OF FIRST "ACROSS" ON D-DAY SAYS IT NOT TOO THRILLING**

A Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Base, European Theater of Operations—One of the first Ninth Troop Carrier Command radio operators to cross the invasion coast on D-Day, Corporal Robert W. Bryan of Kallispell, Montana, reports the mission a tremendous success "due to the magnificently detailed planning by American and British Intelligence."

"My flight into France in the early hours of D-Day was not as thrilling as we had expected. The second night was quite a little more lively. We were all happy to safely arrive here at our home base and are glad to know we assisted in this great invasion."

Prior to the Army and various Technical Radio Schools, Corporal Bryan was a student. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bryan live in Kallispell at 251 Main Street.

The IX Troop Carrier Command, headed by Brigadier General Paul L. Williams, is part of the Ninth Air Force, U. S. component of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force. Troop Carrier planes struck the opening blows of the Allied European offensive.

Buck

Fred

6 Oct 1944 pg 4

Pfc. Fred Buck of the U. S. Marines left Thursday after spending a furlough at his home here. He is in route to Norfolk, Va., where he will report back for ship duty. He has taken part in three invasions, the last in Normandy.

Buck

Glen S

24 Feb 1944 pg 5

Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Tex., Feb. 24—The following navigation and student officers have arrived at the AAF Training Command's installation here for 18 weeks of instruction in aerial navigation.

Montana is represented here by: Glen S. Buck, son of Mrs. Christine Buck, Creston, Mont.

Hal E. McPheeters, son of James W. McPheeters, and Robert G. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thompson, Kallispell, Mont.

27 Nov 1944 pg 4

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Now in England undergoing a pre-combat training period, Cpl. Glen S. Buck of Creston, Mont., is preparing to take part in bombing attacks over Germany as tail gunner on an Eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress in the group commanded by Col. Frank P. Bortom of Bangor, Me.

The Fortress group to which Cpl. Buck has been assigned is a unit of the Third Bombardment division which was cited by the President for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Buck

Russell L

9 Dec 1944 pg 7

**S/SGT. RUSSELL BUCK IS REPORTED WOUNDED**

S./Sgt. Russell L. Buck, formerly of Creston, is listed as wounded in action in the European area. His name was included with nine Montanans on a War department report listing the names of 2,698 wounded soldiers in the various combat theaters.

S/Sgt. Buck is a brother of Miss Ruby A. Buck of Creston.

Buck

Samuel M

27 Dec 1944 pg 3

Fort Myers, Fla.—Pfc. Samuel M. Buck of Creston, Mont., was graduated this week from the AAF Training Command's Flexible Gunnery school at Buckingham Field near Fort Myers, Fla.

He formerly attended Flathead County High school and was employed in the Douglas plant in Santa Monica, Calif.

Buckingham Ward 7 Jul 1944 pg 5

Capt. and Mrs. Ward Buckingham and son of Seattle have arrived to spend the month of July visiting relatives and friends. They will be at the Otto Markon and Ward Buckingham, Sr., homes.

Bundrock William 2 Nov 1944 pg 5

**PVT. WILLIAM BUNDRACK MISSING IN ACTION**

Word that Pvt. William J. Bundrock, Jr., is missing in action has been received here in a message from the war department. The message states that he has been missing since Oct. 10. His wife, the former Alberta Gronsted, resides in Kalispell.

8 Dec 1944 pg 1

**BRADHOFF, BUNDRACK KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE, PARENTS LEARN**

Mrs. Melissa Woodward was advised by telegram today from the war department of the death of her son Pvt. Edward A. Bradhoff in action in France November 12, 1944. He previously had been listed as missing in action.

Mrs. Woodward was advised also of the death in action of William Bundrock. Bradhoff and Bundrock were cousins and had been at the front but a short time.

Bundy Thomas R 8 Aug 1944 pg 4

Mrs. Thomas R. Bundy of Kalispell has been promoted to the grade of T/5, according to information received from the commanding officer of the prisoner of war camp at Florence, Ariz.

Bureau Ernest A 10 May 1944 pg 4

**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS IS AWARDED TO LT. ERNEST BUREAU**

Lt. Ernest A. Bureau, son of Mrs. Regina Bureau, formerly of Kalispell, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, friends here have learned. The citation states that he was decorated for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area between August 25 and December 7, 1943.

In a letter from Lt. Gen. George C. Kennedy, his commanding officer, he states that he is genuinely proud to have men such as Lt. Bureau in his command. Mrs. Bureau now resides in Tacoma.

Burg John P 14 Mar 1944 pg 5

**Jack Burg Promoted**

John P. (Jack) Burg, Jr., of Kalispell, has, according to a recent announcement by the world-wide Army Always... Communications System, been promoted to the grade of corporal. Stationed at No. 5 Eastern Wing of Air Transport Command, APO 648, New York, N. Y., Corporal Burg is engaged in direction-finding operations, one of the services provided airmen by the AACS. In helping to determine the location of pilots either lost or forced down, he is making a real contribution to the war effort. Since the procedure must be carried out with greatest speed and accuracy to provide help for lost aircraft or aircraft personnel adrift on rafts, the corporal is in a position of great responsibility. To prepare for this exacting work he attended a special session in one of the AACS radio operating schools.

Burnell Fred 6 Jan 1944 pg 5

Private Fred Burnell has returned to St. Bonaventure, N. Y., after spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burnell.

Burns Lester R 7 Dec 1944 pg 4

Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas—Arriving here with Class 44-K, Aviation Student Lester R. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, and Aviation Cadet Elvin E. Christopherson, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Palmer L. Christopherson, both of Kalispell, began the final period of pilot training at this advanced two-engine school of the army air forces training command. After a few more weeks of intensive training on the ground and in the air they will receive the coveted silver wings of a bomber pilot and become a flying officer in the army air forces.

Burns Malcolm O 29 Jan 1944 pg 3

**Capt. Burns Graduates**  
Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Jan. 28.—The Medical Field Service school, Carlisle barracks, today graduated another large class of officers of the Medical department who are now qualified for duty with troops in the field after six weeks of intensive training.  
Among those graduating were Captain Malcolm O. Burns, Medical Corps, Kalispell, Montana, who received his M. D. degree from Rush Medical college.

19 Dec 1944 pg 3

Capt. Malcolm Burns of the Army Medical Corps is back in this country, his wife has learned. He telephoned from New York early this week. Dr. Burns has been with Patch's Seventh army in the European theater.

Burns Robert L 9 Jun 1944 pg 5

Robert L. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burns, left Tuesday for San Diego, after a ten-day leave. He is reporting back to the Marine Corps base, and will go to Northwestern University at Chicago for specialized training. Mr. and Mrs. Burns and Justine Mather accompanied him as far as Missoula on his way back to California.

Burrell Gerald F 7 Dec 1944 pg 4

**Soldiers Homebound**  
Due home on furlough soon from overseas duty are four Kalispell, Montana, servicemen. They are:  
(1) First Sgt. Gerald F. Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burrell;  
(2) T/Sgt. Owen H. Brant, son of Mrs. Ruth Brant; (3) S/Sgt. Elmer L. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Burton, all from the southwest Pacific theater of operations, where they served 33 months with the Infantry; and (4) Technician Fifth Grade Donald L. Dern, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dern, 33 months duty in the southwest Pacific theater of operations with a medical department unit.

Burt William R 3 Jan 1944 pg 4

Great Lakes, Ill., Jan. 3.—Recent graduation ceremonies held for Service School students at the U. S. Naval Training Station here saw Bluejacket William R. Burt of Kalispell, Montana receive recognition as a "qualified striker" for the petty officer rate of gunner's mate, third class.

Burton Elmer L 17 Oct 1944 pg 1

**S/SGT ELMER BURTON RECEIVES WAR WOUND**  
S/Sgt. Elmer L. Burton of Kalispell was wounded in the southwest Pacific theater of war, according to announcement made by the war department. He is the son of T. C. Burton, 319 Third avenue west.

7 Dec 1944 pg 4

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Busch

Charles

21 Apr 1944 pg 5

Mrs. Leona Busch of Seattle, Wash., has received word that her husband, Charles, received his rating as Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corps, and has now left for active duty overseas.

M/Sgt. Busch enlisted in the Air Corps in December, 1941, and received his wings as aerial gunner. Before leaving he was stationed at the Army Air Base, Glendale, California.

20 Jun 1944 pg 3

Mrs. Mabel Busch has received word that her son, Master Sergeant Charles Busch, has arrived safely over seas and is stationed somewhere in England.

18 Nov 1944 pg 5

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England—Master Sgt. Charles Busch, whose wife, Mrs. Leona M. Busch, lives on Route 1, Kalispell, Montana, is an aircraft mechanic in a fighter squadron at this Eighth Air Force fighter station in England which was commended by Brigadier General Jesse Auton, wing commander, for the part played in making possible the destruction of 43 enemy aircraft and the damaging of 23 others on a German-held airdrome recently.

General Auton pointed out that it required the cooperation of every member of every organization on this field to prepare the way for and support its commanding officer, Col. Hubert Zemke (now missing) and his fighter pilots on their strafing missions on the enemy airdromes.

The mission began as a bomber escort assignment, but after the bombers had dropped their loads on the fields, Col. Zemke and his pilots raked the area again and again until almost every plane in view was either damaged or destroyed.

M/Sgt. Busch's mother, Mrs. Mabel Busch, lives in Kalispell, Mont.

Byrne

Francis Edward

16 Nov 1944 pg 4

Ensign Francis Edward Byrne, who recently was commissioned in the navy, spent an 11-day transit leave in Seattle. A recent graduate of the V-12 program, he had attended Seattle college in 1943 as an engineering student. Ensign Byrne received his commission on Oct. 26 at Columbia university in New York after four months of rigorous study.

Ensign Byrne has been assigned to 10 more weeks of schooling in amphibious craft. His address is Ensign Francis E. Byrne, Amphibious Train School, Little Creek, Va.

Ensign Byrne and Bill Hodgson attended St. Matthew's school in Kalispell together and met in Columbia in July for the first time since school days. They graduated together there, receiving their commissions in the same company of the twentieth class. Byrne is the grand son of Mrs. Thomas Edwards of Kalispell.