

Surname
Calvert

Given
Richard M

31 May 1944 pg 4

Luke Field, Arizona, May 31—Richard M. Calvert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Calvert, RFD No. 2, Kalispell, Montana, has successfully completed his flight training at the Army Air Forces Pilot School here.

At graduation ceremonies May 23, he received the Army Air Corps silver wings and a second lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Corps Reserve.

Cameron

Leslie

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**SGT LESLIE CAMERON
WOUNDED IN ACTION
IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC**

Sgt. Leslie Cameron was seriously wounded in action at Wake Island, in the Southwest Pacific, May 19, according to information received by his parents, Mayor and Mrs. D. S. Cameron. Details concerning his injuries have not been learned but the family is to be advised by the War department when they are available.

Sgt. Cameron has been in the Pacific for some time. He enlisted in the army and left Kalispell with the National Guard in September, 1940.

Word that Sgt. Leslie Cameron's condition is improving and that he expects to be back with his outfit soon has been received by his parents, Mayor and Mrs. D. S. Cameron. This information was contained in a letter. Sgt. Cameron was seriously injured in a Southwest Pacific battle.

Camp

Kenneth

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Mrs. Erin Cooper has been informed that her son, Kenneth Camp, because of his excellent high school record and record while in the service, has been given a two-year course in the navy officer's training camp.

Great Lakes, Ill.—Kenneth A. Camp, 22, son of Mrs. E. C. Cooper of Great Falls, Mont., enrolled recently in the Navy V-12 Unit at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

Placement into the special training unit enables the student seaman to take a series of approved university courses. The regular academic curriculum is supplemented with military drill, physical education and naval organization.

Campbell

Ralph R

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Private Ralph R. Campbell has placed his honorable army discharge on record at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, Feb. 22, 1943.

Carbonari

Reno V

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**THREE 17-YEAR-OLD
FLATHEAD YOUTHS
ENLIST IN THE NAVY**

Don C. Foote, recruiter in charge of the Missoula navy recruiting station, has announced the enlistment in the U. S. navy of the following Flathead county young men, all 17 years of age: Francis A. Stocklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Stocklin of Kalispell; George N. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross of Gemers; Reno V. Carbonari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Carbonari of Sowers.

Chief Foote stated that the young men will soon leave for a naval training station where they will receive their basic training.

A/S. Reno Carbonari is now home from Farragut Naval Training Center where he completed nine weeks of basic training.

Carlson

CA

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Major C. A. Carlson, who is a chaplain in the service, is visiting relatives and friends in Kalispell en route home from Alaskan headquarters to Northfield, Minn., where he will await his next assignment.

Carlson Harold E 6 May 1944 pg 5
Pfc. Harold Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carlson, arrived in Kallispell Thursday to spend a furlough from Camp Forrest, Tenn. He is with the paratroopers.

Carlson Ole T 22 Nov 1944 pg 5
Pvt. Ole T. Carlson has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued Nov. 8, 1944, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Carpenter Earl 27 Dec 1944 pg 3
Cpl. Earl Carpenter, son of Leo X. Carpenter of 95 Fourth avenue east, has arrived in the United States on furlough from the Aleutian Islands where he has served with the corps of engineers. His furlough is through the rotation plan now in operation in the army, according to a public relations release of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Carr Clide Jr 12 Oct 1944 pg 5
CAPT. CLIDE CARR, JR., PROMOTED TO MAJOR
Capt. Clide Carr, Jr., has been advanced to the rank of major in the technical division of the Air Service Command at Wright field, Dayton, O. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clide Carr of Kallispell.

Carrico Woodrow 2 Dec 1944 pg 2
Carrico in Philippines
Pvt. Woodrow Carrico is now stationed in the Philippines with the engineers, having arrived there with the first invasion troops. So far most of his time has been spent in fox-holes as the "Washing Machine Charlies" (Japs in Zeros) are very active. He writes that mosquitoes are more plentiful than in New Guinea, but there are fewer rats. The Filipinos trade chickens for G.I. clothing and it isn't uncommon to see several chickens in a pen alongside a soldier's tent.

Casebeer R L 17 Feb 1944 pg 4
Lieut. R. L. Casebeer of the Army Air Base hospital at Blythe, Calif., has been promoted to the rank of captain. He was formerly in partnership with a brother Dr. H. L. Casebeer of Butte. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casebeer who reside west of the fairgrounds.

Cash Anna 28 Feb 1944 pg 3
Corporal Mike Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bongiani of Somers, is home on a 15-day furlough. His sister, Cadet Nurse Anna Cash, came from Spokane Friday to visit while her brother is home and also to see her parents and other relatives.

1 Jul 1944 pg 5
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.

Cash Henry 15 Nov 1944 pg 3
Henry Cash of the navy is home on furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Bonglana.

Cash Mike 28 Feb 1944 pg 3
Corporal Mike Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bonglani of Somers, is home on a 13-day furlough. His sister, Cadet Nurse Anna Cash, came from Spokane Friday to visit while her brother is home and also to see her parents and other relatives.

Cassel Lloyd 25 Nov 1944 pg 4
SOMERS CLUB WILL FETE YOUNG COUPLE
The Australian Army Mother's club is sponsoring a community party for Cpl. Lloyd Cassel, T/5, and his bride, the former Ellen Nelson of Kalspell at the assembly room of the Somers school house on Monday, Nov. 27, at 8 o'clock. Friends of the young couple are welcome. The soldier is home on a short leave after having served overseas in the southwest Pacific area for more than 33 months. Further information concerning arrangements for the community party may be obtained by telephoning No. 13, Somers. Mrs. Alva Ulrich, president of the club, announced today.

Caton Douglas D 9 Mar 1944 pg 4
Tampa, Fla., March 9—T/Sgt. Douglas D. Caton of Kalspell, Montana, has been promoted to staff sergeant, Third Air Force Headquarters Detachment here announced today.
Sgt. Caton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caton of Kalspell. His wife is with him in Tampa, where he is assigned to the intelligence section of Third Air Force Headquarters. He has been in the army since December, 1941.

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T/Sgt. Douglas D. Caton writes from Tampa, Fla., to say that an error was made in the account of his promotion in the Inter Lake of March 9. He was promoted from Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant.

Caton Ross A 13 Nov 1944 pg 5
Sgt. Ross A. Caton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caton, 57 Fifth avenue west north, soon will be home on furlough from the southwest Pacific theater of operations where he served 33 months with the army air forces. Word to this effect has been released by the Ninth Service command at Fort Douglas, Utah.

21 Dec 1944 pg 4
Caton at Santa Ana
Santa Ana, Calif., Dec. 21—Sgt. Ross A. Caton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caton of Kalspell is stationed at the AAF redistribution station of the Santa Ana army air base after having served overseas with the Fifth air force as a mechanic.
Sgt. Caton entered the service on Dec. 28, 1941, and went overseas in January 1942. He has been stationed in Australia and New Guinea.

Chabot Louis H 12 Jan 1944 pg 7
A letter from Sgt. Louis H. Chabot says:
"Say hello to everyone for me. I am just one of the boys in New Guinea from Kalspell—one of the best towns ever.
"I have been getting my Weekly Inter Lake regularly, and it sure seems good to get all the news from home. Can't write much, but it is rough as hell here. We are all doing fine here and making history."

Chandler John H 21 Feb 1944 pg 3

4 Enter Marine Training

Four Flathead county men, Clair W. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston, Columbia Falls; Norton F. Gaede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gaede, and John H. Chandler, both of Somers, and Donald Egholm, son of Mrs. E. H. Wilkins, Big Fork, left Butte Thursday evening for San Diego, Cal., to begin their basic training in the United States Marine Corps.

Private Johnston is the fourth member of his family to enter the armed forces. Three brothers are now serving with the army, Private First Class Howard Johnston, Australia, Private Clifford and Dempsey Johnston, still in this country. Private Gaede's brother, Private Manley Gaede, is in training at Fort Benning, Georgia. During Private Chandler's service with the Marines, his wife and two children, will make their home at Sidney, Iowa.

Chapman Fred 14 Mar 1944 pg 5

Fred Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman of Kalispell, has been promoted to petty officer second class. He has recently been transferred from San Diego to Detroit. Another son, Technical Sergeant Austin Chapman, is now stationed at Savannah, Ga.

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Fred Chapman, petty officer 2/c, arrived last Sunday for a week's leave from San Diego, Calif., to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chapman. Chapman's job is to install turrets in planes.

Chapple Richard E 8 Jul 1944 pg 4

Maj. Chapple Writes

Major Richard R. Chapple, formerly of Billings, has written the Kalispell Lions club from the Pacific to extend thanks for cigarettes sent to the mobile, field hospital at which he is stationed. He said the patients were very happy to be remembered in this fashion.

The writer has been in the Pacific for 17 months, first at Guadalcanal and later New Georgia but was unable to tell his present location. He remembers treating only one Montanain, Capt. Oliver Roholt of Browning. Being in a tent hospital in the tropical heat and such is not exactly as some may picture it.

Chittick Roger 12 Jul 1944 pg 3

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Herbert Chittick, Roger Chittick says he is getting along fine and that he and Eddy Darrow are sharing the same bunk at Farragut where they are taking their boot training. Both boys enlisted in the navy this spring following their graduation from Flathead county high school.

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Roger Chittick, S 2/C, returned to Farragut Naval Training center Tuesday after spending a leave in Kalispell with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chittick.

Chrisinger Cecil L 27 Jul 1944 pg 4

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Cecil Chrisinger and baby daughter of Tacoma were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bodine at Rocky Bar ranch one evening last week.

Christensen John Gerhard 28 Oct 1944 pg 7

Among those graduating from an intensive course of basic engineering at recent Service Schools exercises here was John Gerhard Christensen of Somers, Montana.

Christiansen Chester D

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Chester D. Christiansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Christiansen of Kalispell, is stationed at the Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, where he is included in the army specialized training program.

Christiansen Harold E

18 Mar 1944 pg 5

Pvt. Harold Christiansen, who was employed by the Conrad National Bank before his enlistment, has arrived from Buckley Field, Colo., for a week's furlough at his home here. His next assignment with the Army Air Corps will take him to Amarillo, Texas, for further technical training.

Christianson Clarence

29 Jan 1944 pg 3

Clarence Christianson, who for the last four months has been stationed in San Diego attending burler's school has been graduated and received his diploma. He is now at the U.S.N.R. station awaiting further orders.

18 Dec 1944 pg 3

Clarence C. Christianson, bugler, 1/c, has just returned from overseas duty and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Christianson, 1204 First avenue east. He will report to his ship about the first of the year.

Christianson Darwin A

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 Kalispell. Lancaster and Fincher are seniors at Flathead County High school and have been placed on inactive duty until they graduate this spring. Harold E. Prumbaugh, a senior at Whitefish High school was also enlisted. All four boys are 17 years of age.

Christianson Ernest

9 Sep 1944 pg 4

Pvt. Ernest Christiansen has recorded his honorable discharge certificate with Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. It was issued at High Point, N. C., Feb. 8, 1944. He had served since June 29, 1942.

Christman Julius

10 May 1944 pg 3

Julius Christman, Tec./5, has filed his honorable discharge at the Flathead county court house. The paper was issued at Camp Pickett, Va., May 4, 1944. He had been in the army since April 17, 1942.

Christopherson Doris

14 Dec 1944 pg 5

Doris Christopherson, cadet nurse, arrived in Kalispell Thursday from Great Falls to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Christopherson. She is studying at the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls.

Christopherson Elvin E

17 Feb 1944 pg 4

Elvin E. Christopherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Christopherson of 22 Fifth Avenue east in Kalispell, is at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, in Texas, where he is taking cadet training in the pre-flight school.

23 Aug 1944 pg 4

Independence, Kans., Aug. 18—Aviation Cadet Elvin E. Christopherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer L. Christopherson, Kalispell, Mont., is enrolled in the class of cadets taking basic flight instruction at the Independence Army Air Field.

He has successfully completed both the pre-flight and primary phases of the aviation training program.

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.

Christopherson Teddy

25 Mar 1944 pg 6

Pvt. Teddy Christopherson of Camp Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, is spending a ten-day furlough at his home here.

Clark Arnold

21 Feb 1944 pg 3

A/C Harris W. (Billy) Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Clark of R.F.D. 2, Kalispell, has completed his solo flight at Mira Loma Flight academy in Oxnard, Calif., according to word received by his parents. He writes that he likes his work. His older brother, Corporal Arnold Clark, is serving in New Guinea in a medical unit.

Clark Carol

8 Aug 1944 pg 5

Cadet Nurse Carol Clark returned Monday to Great Falls to continue her training at the Deaconess hospital. She had spent two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Clark of Whitefish.

Clark Harris William

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Lieut. Harris William Clark and his wife, the former Iona Davis of Cedar City, Utah, arrived in Kalispell Sunday to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Clark of route No. 2-B, Kalispell. On August 4, he received his wings at Mather Field, Calif.

Clark Richard

20 Apr 1944 pg 5

John Lawson has received word that Sgt. Dick Clark who was lately transferred to England has been reported missing in action. Dick was flying on the heavy bomber Jayhawker. He was a bombardier.

28 Oct 1944 pg 1

SGT. RICHARD CLARK NOW REPORTED KILLED
Sgt. Richard Clark, formerly of Bigfork, was killed in action over Europe, according to word from the War department. He was a member of the army air corps and had been listed as missing since March 23.
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, who reside in San Francisco. Sgt. Clark graduated from Bigfork high school in 1940.

Clark Richard W

11 Aug 1944 pg 2

PURPLE HEART MEDAL AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY
Sgt. Richard W. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Clark, who died of wounds sustained in the North African area, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. His parents have received the decoration for their son.
Sgt. Clark was wounded in action and his death resulted on June 3, 1944. The award of the Purple Heart was made July 31, 1944.

Clark William R 22 Sep 1944 pg 4 23 Sep 1944 pg 4 28 Oct 1944 pg 7

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England. — Sergeant William R. Clark of Kalispell, Mont., has "bought himself a piece of the Air Force."
He was among the first soldiers stationed on this Eighth Fighter Command Mustang base to make a purchase in the War Bond campaign staged by the Eight Air Force to buy a "Victory Squadron." All planes flown by the Eighth will be represented in the "Victory Squadron," and each officer and enlisted man buying bonds in the drive becomes a "shareholder."
Clark, a fighter squadron armorer, formerly resided in Kalispell.

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England, Sept. 23—Sergeant William R. Clark of Kalispell, Montana, is a member of an Eighth Fighter Command P-51 Mustang group which recently passed the 450-mark in victories over Nazi planes, becoming the third American fighter group in the European theater of operations to make such a record.
Sgt. Clark is a veteran armorer in a Mustang squadron stationed here and his work contributed to the group's high record of combat efficiency.
This fighter group, commanded by Col. William J. Cummings, Jr., of Lawrence, Kansas, established a record for American units in this theater when it destroyed 4 enemy planes on the ground and seven in the air in one mission. And in four low-level attacks, the group destroyed 118 German planes on the ground, an average of more than 29 per mission.
Sgt. Clark, who formerly resided in Kalispell, Montana, was employed by the Kinshella Logging Co. in Kalispell, before being inducted in September, 1942.

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England—Sergeant William R. Clark of Kalispell, Mont., has received official recognition of his skill as an airplane armorer in a Mustang squadron here.
He was employed as a woodsman by the Kinshella Logging Co. in Kalispell, before being inducted in September, 1942.

Clothier Stanley I 13 Mar 1944 pg 3 12 Oct 1944 pg 5

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Clothier of Lakeside have returned from California after spending a week with their son, Stanley I. Clothier, who is in the Air Service at Monterey. They found him wearing his wings, and he also has another stripe to his credit. He was feeling fine, and was anxious for all the news about his friends at home.

Stanley I. Clothier, A. R. T. 1/c, arrived home on a two-weeks' leave which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Clothier of Lakeside. He has been in a special air task air group in the Southwest Pacific and recently took an examination for flight training and passed highest in his squadron and fourth highest in the entire Southwest Pacific. He will return to San Francisco and will then be sent to school in Illinois.

Clusen Bernard S 31 Oct 1944 pg 1

**EMIL A. NOMMENSEN, A/O,
NOW REPORTED SAFE;
LONEPINE MAN MISSING**
Washington, Nov. 1.—(P)—The Navy department announced today that aviation ordnanceman 2/C Emil Nommensen, Jr., (U. S. Naval Reserve) previously reported missing in action is now safe. He is the son of Emil Nommensen, Sr., of Kalispell.
The list also announced that Maj. Bernard S. Clusen, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, is missing in action in an undesignated theatre of war. He is the son of Alfred Clusen, of Lone Pine.

Clydesdale Valentine 28 Oct 1944 pg 5

Valentine Clydesdale, who has been spending her furlough at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clydesdale, returned to her station at Arlington, Virginia, Saturday afternoon. She is working there as a member of the WAC.

Cockrell

Charles S

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Sgt. and Mrs. C. S. Cockrell arrived several days ago to spend a furlough of a couple of weeks at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Cockrell. Sgt. Cockrell is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Cockrell Becomes T/Sgt. Rank Army Air Forces Training Center Camp Barkley Texas, (Special)—The adoption by the ASPTC, Camp Barkley, of a suggestion for "Lifts for Victory" won the grade of technical sergeant last week for Charles S. Cockrell, of the enlisted personnel section of the ASPTC. The suggestion brought about an improvement in the consolidation of daily strength returns. It was said. Sergeant Cockrell, a native of Kalispell, Mont., has been with the personnel section since he finished training at Camp Barkley 23 months ago. He was promoted to staff sergeant last month. Before entering the service, he was employed with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Colby

Lloyd

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.

Colby

Walter E

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Lieutenant and Mrs. W. E. Colby of Rosecrans, Mo., arrived Thursday to spend a week's leave visiting their parents and friends. Lt. Colby is an army pilot instructor in instrument flying and multi-engine aircraft.

Word has been received that Lt. W. E. Colby, Jr., of Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo., has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Captain Colby Link Training Chief at Rosecrans Field
Capt. Walter E. Colby, son of Mrs. and Mrs. W. E. Colby of KIA, is the officer in charge at Rosecrans field in the Link Trainer outfit at St. Joseph, Mo. His picture appears in a field newspaper, which has been received here. His assistant is W/O Kenneth R. Revoir. The Link trainer section is described as a vital cog in the First Operational Training unit's machinery for the know-how-of-ferrying division pilots. Every hour an officer reports to the trainer assigned him for the period, receives a problem in instrument flying, discusses it with his instructor then climbs into the closed cockpit of the trainer. The instructor broadcasts all sorts of radio signals and instruction. Nineteen enlisted men, three WACS and 14 civilian girls work under the direction of Capt. Colby. The department was organized in September, 1942, with a single trainer it has amassed more than 23,000 hours of Link trainer time on the records of Ferrying division pilots. One of the enlisted instructors explained that they not only have to be teachers but are supposed to be mechanics, electricians, navigators, radio operators, map makers and meteorologists. They are giving courses in all these fields in Link trainer school. Instrument ratings are acquired by hundreds of ATC pilots at Rosecrans. Many of these Rosecrans-trained pilots flying the ATC routes to the fighting fronts frequently encounter fog over the Atlantic, a blizzard over Alaska or the treacherous weather "over the Hump" of the Himalayas in Asia which forces a total reliance upon their instruments. The "Link outfit" here has helped prepare them for the emergencies.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRENCH INVASION AREA WRITTEN BY MELVIN COLE

Some interesting, first-hand facts on the invasion were contained in a letter from T/S Melvin Cole of Somers to his wife, who is now residing in Kallspell. He is stationed somewhere in France.

The letter follows:

"This will be my first real letter from France. I wrote a V-mail today, but I have more time now so I'll try and talk to you some more. I'll try and tell you some of what has happened, but don't know how much of this they will censor.

"We came ashore with some of the first troops into France. The boat had to stop in water up to my shoulders and we had to wade or swim ashore, depending on how tall you are. Sgt. Moody is short so I towed him in till his feet touched. There were shell holes under water, too, and they really helped. Just when you figured you had kept your stuff dry you walked into a deep one. We walked up on the beach and I saw my first German "super" soldiers. The infantry had a few corralled in a silt trench. I was walking along through a bunch of thistles muttering "So this is France" when the air became full of snarling motors and flying bullets. Thistles or not, down I went. I had just gotten up and pulled out the thistles as the planes came back. They knocked one down that time. J. D. got up and says "It's getting mighty rough in the E. T. O." We went to the outfit we were assigned to and went right to work, wet or not.

"I had never seen a freshly wounded man, and the paratroop and glider boys could tell some rough stories. Among all these wounded men, our first case was an appendicitis. He was a German soldier, or rather a captured Russian fighting for the Germans in his theatre. That was my first case and the guy died.

"I had never worked in an operating room before and I expected to get real sick, but I didn't. I never was much for working, but when you see these boys all shot up you get ambitious quick. I helped around the operating room for two days and then I scrubbed up and was the sterile technician. I stand and pass the doctor instruments, help hold the incision open and just get in the road in general. There are no nurses in a beachhead.

"None of the work bothers me any more, except amputations. I am very much interested in some of the 'belly' cases. It is really something to watch these surgeons work. An amputation gives you an awful feeling when you end up holding a leg or arm that just doesn't belong to anyone anymore. It looks kinda lonesome. We do hardly any of that anymore though, as we are near the fighting and get the cases a few hours old and the surgeons are able to really help the boys.

"You don't realize how brave our boys are till you see them all shot up, lying on an operating table and not even whimpering. I have never found one from Montana. One fellow was from Colorado, and his leg had to come off to save his life as he had infection. The major told him, and he said 'Okeh, if that's the way it is.' While I was giving him blood he told me about his wife and

home. I went to see him before we left that hospital and he was doing fine.

The fields here are divided up like England's, only they have trees around the fields instead of neatly trimmed hedges. The people here have had more to eat than most of France, but they are still very poor.

"We got lost for a while while moving towards the front the other day, and we were pretty sure that we were in 'No Man's Land' for a while."

"Civilians gave us hard cider to drink. They have no wine left.

"This is all the paper so will close."

Pte. Noel R. Coleman, son of John R. Coleman of Kallspell, is due to arrive in the United States this month on furlough from the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations where he served 26 months duty with the corps of engineers. This announcement is from the Ninth Service command at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Pvt. Richard C. Collier of Camp Chaffee, Ark., is spending a 10-day furlough here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Collier. He leaves for camp Sunday.

Combs Donald E 19 Aug 1944 pg 7

Donald Combs, who has been visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. N. Combs, has left to report for duty at Lincoln, Nebr., to be assigned to a crew on a B-29. He was graduated from Scott Field as a radio operator mechanic, after which he was sent to a B-29 radio school for specialized training on a superfortress. He was graduated from this school with the wings of an aircrewman.

Compton Walter 14 Apr 1944 pg 4

Sergeant Walter Compton has been transferred from Camp Hood, Calif. to Camp Hood, Texas. His address is C/o H. Q. T. N1, I.R.T.C.

5 Aug 1944 pg 4

Walter Compton has been enjoying a furlough with his parents.

Conant Roger 1 Jun 1944 pg 5

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Conant and children of KallsPELL came down to Woods Bay last Tuesday and visited at the Art Anderson, George Corban and E. F. Mauley homes. Roger left Friday, May 26, for induction into the army. He grew to manhood in this community and the good wishes of all go with him.

Cone Leo F 28 Oct 1944 pg 7

Air Medal Awarded Cone

15th AAF in Italy—Second Lieutenant Leo F. Cone, 26, Yak1 Mont., has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy. Cone is a navigator on a 15th Air Force Liberator bomber and since arriving overseas in September has chalked up nine combat missions.

Recently his group has been bearing down on enemy installations at Munich, Vienna, and Budapest. Rail yards, oil refineries and factories in the cities have been crumbled by the group's bombs as well as many and varied lines of communications throughout the Balkans and northern Italy.

"I've been on two really rough missions," said Cone. "They're all rough until you get back and then you're inclined to regard them pretty much in past tense and not back at all. But that flak over Munich and Vienna—that's the stuff that makes you think. The Munich flak bracketed us pretty accurately but we got by with only a few holes. We hit Vienna above a heavy undercast and I guess it still holds true: about what you can't see you can't hit."

Cone now charts the "Libs" deep into occupied Europe but prior to cadet training was employed by the Montana State Forestry department. Later he worked in the electrical installations and final assembly department for North American Aviation, Inglewood, Calif. His wife, Eleanor Lou Cone, resides at Yak1.

31 Oct 1944 pg 4

LIEUT. LEO FO CONE IS REPORTED MISSING

Lt. Leo F. Cone, 26, is reported missing in action by the War department. The message states that he has been missing since October 13. He was a navigator overseas with a heavy bomber group, serving there since August. Lt. Cone enlisted in May, 1942.

Mrs. Cone is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palm of Thompson river. The officer's father is Joseph H. Cone of Marion.

6 Nov 1944 pg 1

LIEUT. LEO F. CONE NOT MISSING IN ACTION; RETURNS TO HIS BASE

Lieut. Leo F. Cone of Yak1, Mont., is no longer missing in action over Germany, a telegram from the War department has informed his wife. He has returned to his base in Italy and resumed duty on October 21.

Lt. Cone is a navigator on a Liberator bomber and recently was awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy.

Conn James 26 May 1944 pg 4

Cpl. James Conn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conn, arrived in KallsPELL Wednesday evening and will spend a 21-day furlough here. He has been serving in Alaska for the past 27 months and will report to Camp White, Medford, Ore., upon completion of his stay here. Cpl. Conn left KallsPELL as a member of Company F and has been away from here for the past 28 months.

Connors John P 30 Dec 1944 pg 4

Makes The Grade
Staff Sergeant John P. Connors of Butte will probably be the oldest Montana Marine to see overseas service in this war. The 43-year-old Butte native, who for 22 months has been attached to the Butte recruiting office, had consistently been refused a transfer by his immediate



superiors because of his age, and because his recruiting services were considered too valuable. Connors won out by appealing to Marine Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, and has left for Camp Lejeune, N. C., to begin training. He served with the Marines in the 1st war.

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Pvt. Edwin C. Conrad arrived home for a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad. He has been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and will leave for Fort Riley, Kansas, for a new assignment.

Edwin Conrad of Ft. Riley, Kas., has been promoted to the rank of private first class.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad have received word that their son, Edwin, has recently been promoted from private first class to the rank of corporal. He is now at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he is taking tests for officer candidate school.

Corporal Edwin Conrad is attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad of Kila.

Cook Earl N 29 Apr 1944 pg 4

Earl N. Cook, S 2/c, who is in training at the Farragut naval training station, is home on leave until May 5. Mr. Cook is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Decker of Creston.

Cookson Milton A 19 May 1944 pg 3

Lt. Milton A. Cookson, USNR, former rector at Christ Episcopal Church, is stationed at the Naval Training School for chaplains, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Mrs. Cookson will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Howard in Butte until Lt. Cookson is permanently located.

Cooper Chester L 15 Sep 1944 pg 3

Aviation Cadet Chester L. Cooper, son of Ernest C. Cooper, Creston, Montana, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia. Colonel John B. Patrick, commanding officer.

Corban Albert M 3 Jan 1944 pg 5 16 Feb 1944 pg 2 18 Mar 1944 pg 4 24 Mar 1944 pg 2

Private Albert M. Corban and wife of Bend, Ore., have been home on a furlough for the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Corban of Bigfork, and left Killebrew Dec. 30 for Camp Abbott, Ore., where he has been stationed for the past five months.

Mr. and Mrs. George Corban have received word from their son Albert that he has been transferred to Pittsburg, Calif., and expects to leave shortly for an overseas destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Corban of Big Fork have received word from their son, Pvt. Albert Corban, that he arrived safely overseas and is well.

Mr. and Mrs. George Corban received a letter from their son Albert who is in the army engineers' corps, saying that he is now stationed on Oahu in the Hawaiian group.

Fifteenth Army Air Force. May 3.—Thomas J. Corbett, Jr., 24, son of Thomas Corbett, Coram, Mont., has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. It was announced at 15th Army Air Force headquarters.

Lt. Corbett has been in the Army two years and is a pilot in his Liberator squadron in Italy. He is a member of the 15th Army Air Force.

He is a graduate of North Montana College at Havre.

Lt. Thomas J. Corbett arrived Oct. 15 to spend a 23-day leave with his father and other relatives. He came from Italy after completing 30 missions. The officer has been awarded the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and four oak leaf clusters. He piloted a B-24 Liberator.

Gets Air Medal



LT. THOMAS J. CORBETT

First Lt. Thomas J. Corbett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corbett of Coram, a pilot on a Liberator bomber, was awarded the air medal, according to an announcement from the Fifteenth Army Air Force Headquarters. He received his award, in the words of the citation, "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." He is stationed in Italy with a Fifteenth AAF B-24 Liberator bombardment group which has been bombing German held targets in Austria, Romania, Hungary, France and northern Italy.

Lt. Corbett was graduated from Columbia Falls high school and Northern Montana college, Havre, Mont. He has been overseas five months and in the army two years.

Awarded Air Medal

Fifteenth Army Air Force Headquarters—First Lieut. Thomas J. Corbett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corbett, Coram, Mont., a pilot on a Liberator bomber, has been awarded the air medal. He received this award, in the words of the citation, "for meritorious achievement in aerial flights while participating in sustained operations of activities against the enemy." He is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bombardment group which has been bombing German-held targets in Austria, Romania, Hungary, France and northern Italy.

Lieut. Corbett was graduated from Columbia Falls high school and Northern Montana College, Havre. He has been overseas five months and in the army two years.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster

15th AAF in Italy—First Lieut. Thomas J. Corbett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corbett, Coram, Mont., has been awarded the second oak leaf cluster to the air medal. It was announced by the 15th Army Air Force headquarters.

In the words of the citation, Lt. Corbett was awarded the cluster "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A pilot, Lieut. Corbett has participated in aerial assaults on such key targets as the Ploesti oil refineries and the Bucharest railroad yards, Romania.

He was graduated from Columbia Falls high school and attended Northern Montana College, Havre. Lieut. Corbett has been in the army since March 14, 1942, and received his commission on April 22, 1943.

Fifteenth AAF in Italy—First Lt. Thomas J. Corbett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corbett, Coram, Montana, has been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal. It was announced by 15th Army Air Force headquarters.

In the words of the citation, Lt. Corbett was awarded the cluster "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A pilot, Lt. Corbett has participated in aerial assaults on key German-held targets in southern Europe.

He was graduated from Columbia Falls high school and attended Northern Montana College, Havre. Lt. Corbett has been in the Army since March 14, 1942.

Pvt. Clair Cordell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cordell of Kalspell, has returned to Camp Cooke after a 16-day furlough with his wife and daughters, and other relatives.

PFC. VIRGINIA CORNELL RETURNS FROM CONFAB

Private First Class Virginia Cornell of the U. S. Army Recruiting Office in Kalspell has just returned from a conference of all WAC recruiting personnel which was held in Butte at the Montana Army Recruiting and Induction center.

With Lt. Betty Taylor, Montana WAC commanding officer, in charge, the group conferred on various phases of a state-wide WAC recruiting program.

One of the highlights of the meeting, was an address by Lt. Col R. L. Lamb, commanding officer of the center. Colonel Lamb told of the pressing need for WAC enlistments in order to permit reassignment of men to field forces.

"Of the 406 different Army jobs classified as non-combatant in the Ninth Service Command alone, 239 are now being completely filled by WAC personnel," Colonel Lamb said.

CORP. CORNELL IN LIBBY

Corporal Virginia C. Cornell of the Women's Army Corps left today for Libby where she will remain for two days in connection with the Women's Army Corps Recruiting Week being sponsored by motion picture theatres throughout the country. Corporal Cornell will also be in Whitefish on Saturday, May 13, Kalspell on Sunday, May 14, and in Eureka on Tuesday, May 16.

Sgt. and Mrs. Don Corrigan and baby son of Polson were week-end guests of Mrs. Corrigan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson. Sgt. Corrigan, who has been spending a two weeks' furlough with his family in Polson, left Monday for Colorado where he is stationed.

Cothran Jack L 16 Feb 1944 pg 2

ARMY DISCHARGES FILED
Honorable army discharges have been filed recently with Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. Private Raymond L. Waggener was released from service March 11, 1943, at Fort Douglas, Utah. Ora L. Dickson received his discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., April, 1943. Private Jack Cothran was discharged in 1943 from O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo.

Counsell Clarence L 22 May 1944 pg 3

Aviation Cadet Clarence L. Counsell, son of Mrs. Anna Counsell, Creston, Mont., was appointed Saturday a flight officer in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlbad, New Mexico, Army Air field.
As an officer in the Army Air Forces ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

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F/O Clarence L. Counsell, Creston, Mont., recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.
His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our liberation of occupied Europe.

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Word that Flight Officer Clarence N. Counsell was seriously wounded in action over Germany also has been received here. The message was received by the serviceman's wife, Mrs. Helen Counsell, Creston, and his mother, Mrs. Aung Counsell.

Covey Donald 19 Aug 1944 pg 5

DONALD COVEY KILLED IN ITALY, REPORT FROM FATHER STATES
Lt. Comdr. E. Channing Covey has informed Kalispell friends that his son, Donald, was killed in action in Italy on June 1, according to word received from the War Department. He at first was reported missing in action. The youth was active here in troop No. 11 of the Boy Scouts. His father writes that he could have remained as an advanced cadre to train others but preferred to get overseas.
Bob Covey is with the Eighth Air force in England. Lt. Comdr. Covey is now at Mare Island navy yard, Calif., after serving overseas for 18 months.

Craven Jack L 3 Apr 1944 pg 2

Aviation Cadet Jack L. Craven, son of Mrs. Lucille Craven of Kalispell, has arrived at Frederick Army Field, Okla., where he will receive his final phase of training as a bomber pilot.

3 Jun 1944 pg 4

Headquarters Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Tex., June 3— Thousands of young Americans from the 48 states and from Cuba, Hawaii, Alaska, Brazil and Canada became army air force pilots recently in mass AAF Training Command graduation exercises at the eleven flying schools of the Central Flying Training Command: Cecil W. Everitt, Columbia Falls, Mont., Altus Field, Okla., Robert G. Sawrey, Columbia Falls, Mont., and Jack L. Craven, Kalispell, Mont.

Lieut. and Mrs. Jack Craven are visiting their parents and small son in Kalispell. Jack has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air force and has received his silver wings. He completed the advanced, two-engine pilot school, graduating on May 23. After a 14-day furlough Lieut. Craven will report for further training as a pilot at Greensboro, North Carolina.

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LIEUT JACK CRAVEN KILLED IN ENGLAND IN AERIAL COLLISION
Mrs. Kathleen Craven has been advised by the War Department that her husband, Second Lt. Jack L. Craven, was killed on July 28, 1944, at Stenford, England, in an airplane collision. The telegram stated that a letter would follow.
Lt. Craven would have been 23 years old August 7. He enlisted in the Air Corps in May, 1942, and was not called until March, 1943. He was commissioned a second lieutenant May 23, 1944.
He was married to the former Kathleen Freer of 114 Fourth avenue east, and is survived by his wife and small son, Jackie Lee, and by his mother, Mrs. Lucille Craven, and two sisters, Margaret and Ethel. A brother, 8/Sgt. Thomas Craven, was killed in the Pacific, January 1, 1944.

SGT. CRAVEN DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED AT BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND

Staff Sergeant Thomas G. Craven, formerly of Somers, died January 1 as the result of wounds received at Bougainville, it has been learned here from a message sent by the War Department. He would have been 27 years old this month. Craven was a radio operator on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

He had been in the service for a year and a half, receiving his radio training at Chicago and airplane training in Utah and Arizona. He was married to Rae Marie Casey of 161 First avenue east north in May, 1911. She is the daughter of A. J. Casey.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lucille Craven, a brother, Jack, who is in the air corps, and two sisters, Margaret and Ethel.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART TO GO TO S/SGT. CRAVEN

Mrs. Rae M. Craven has been advised that the Purple Heart will be posthumously awarded to her husband, Staff Sergeant Thomas G. Craven.

A letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson dated January 25, says:

"My dear Mrs. Craven:

"At the request of the President I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your husband, Staff Sergeant Thomas G. Craven, Air Corps, who sacrificed his life in defense of his country.

"Little we can say or do will console you for the loss of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us in this battle for our country, is a loss shared by all of us.

"When the medal, which you will shortly receive, reaches you, I want you to know that it goes with my sincerest sympathy, and the hope that time and the victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief."

THREE 17-YEAR-OLD FLATHEAD YOUTHS ENLIST IN THE NAVY

Don C. Foote, recruiter in charge of the Missoula navy recruiting station, has announced the enlistment in the U. S. navy of the following Flathead county young men, all 17 years of age: Francis A. Stocklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Stocklin of Kalispell; George N. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross of Somers; Hino V. Carbonari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Carbonari of Somers.

Chief Foote stated that the young men will soon leave for a naval training station where they will receive their basic training.

George Cross of Somers, who is in boot camp at Farragut Naval Training station, recently entered the two-mile cross country race and placed fourth among the 135 contestants. He is to enter the finals soon and medals are to be awarded for the event. George was outstanding in track work at Flathead county high school.

Apprentice Seaman George Cross has completed his boot training at Farragut and is expected home on furlough.

New Haven, Conn.—Robert W. Crowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crowe, of Kalispell Montana, has begun training as an aviation cadet in the army air forces training command school at Yale University. His training will prepare him for the duties of a technical officer in communication, and upon completion of the course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

CROSS AND SUNDELIUS FILE NAVY DISCHARGES

Honorable discharges from the coast guard have been placed on record at Flathead county courthouse by Clarence G. Sundelius, pharmacist's mate, 1/c, and by Roy N. Cross, specialist, 1/c. Both papers were issued at Seattle. Dr. Sundelius' was signed April 10, 1944, and Mr. Cross' on March 31, 1944.

Crquhart James Jr 17 Aug 1944 pg 3

James Crquhart, Jr., who has been on the incentive list since enlisting in the Army Air Corps last spring has been called to duty and has gone to Fort Douglas, Utah. He will be assigned later to the air base at Amarillo, Texas, for training.

Curtis James 16 Feb 1944 pg 8

FOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS JOIN NAVY
Three Kalispell 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.

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James Curtis, S 2/c, arrived in Kalispell Friday to spend a 15-day leave from Farragut Naval Training station. He formerly was a member of the Kalispell police force.

Cyr Richard 18 Apr 1944 pg 5

Richard Cyr has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States army. He is now stationed in New Guinea. His brother, Robert, is a member of the military police and is stationed in Australia.

Cyr Robert 24 Jun 1944 pg 2

Somers residents are happy to know that Mene Guanello and Bob Cyr, who left here with Company F, will soon be home, according to word received by Bill Guanello.

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Pfc. Robert Cyr, who has been in New Guinea for the past 28 months, is spending a portion of his furlough in Somers. Private Cyr was a member of Company F and left Somers in 1941.