

Surname	Given	
Dahl	John	28 Jan 1944 pg 4 <p>John Dahl, electrician's mate, 2/C and Milo Kaeding spent a few days at the Ed Kaeding home. They were stationed on the same ship and left Saturday for Boston. The visitor was impressed with the beauty of the Flathead and hopes to visit here again.</p>
Dale	Rollin A	22 Aug 1944 pg 3 <p>Marine Private First Class Rollin A. Dale, Kalspell, Mont., has completed a course of instruction in the radio operators' school conducted at the Marine Corps base, San Diego, Calif. He was promoted to his present rank because of his outstanding record in school and is now ready to join a combat unit as a communications specialist.</p>
Damsey	Billy	6 Oct 1944 pg 4 <p>Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koch received a phone call from their son Don from California. He is on his way to Fort Lewis and will be on his way home soon. Others to arrive will be Billy Damsey and Ray Robertson. The men are Pacific veterans.</p>
Danielson	John	24 Jan 1944 pg 3 <p>Corporal John Danielson left last week after spending a four-day furlough with friends in the Egan community.</p>
Danielson	Pete	24 Jan 1944 pg 3 <p>Private Pete Danielson has arrived for a week's furlough and is visiting with friends in the Flathead.</p>
Day	James	17 Oct 1944 pg 4 <p>Pvts. Roger and Byron Metcalf and Pvt. James Day are in Kalspell from Fort Knox, Ky. They are here on delay enroute.</p>
Decker	Clyde	29 Nov 1944 pg 3 <p>WHITEFISH AIRMAN IS REPORTED MISSING (Whitefish Pilot) A wire was received here Saturday from the War department advising that Clyde (Bub) Decker was missing in action over Germany. He was a gunner on a bomber. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Decker, and husband of Mrs. Martha Haugen-Decker. He is a graduate of Whitefish high school. The family will be kept advised of any developments. It will take several weeks to learn if he is a prisoner of war in Germany, through the Red Cross.</p>
Decker	Donald D	11 Sep 1944 pg 3 <p>Pvt. Donald D. Decker has arrived in Kalspell to spend a 16-day furlough. Coming here from Fort Knox, Ky., he is being transferred to Camp Chaffee, Ark., with the Sixteenth Tank battalion.</p>

Delaney

James R

6 May 1944 pg 5

Dr J. R. Delaney has returned to the United States after spending 22 months in the South Pacific. He is spending a two weeks' leave with his wife and family at Detroit, Mich., according to word received here. He has been promoted to lieutenant commander.

28 Sep 1944 pg 4

Lieutenant Commander James R. Delaney, Medical Corps, U. S. N. R., formerly of Kalispell, Montana, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation September 16 in the presence of the assembled ship's company of the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, Michigan. Dr. Delaney was attached to the First Division Reinforced, U. S. Marine Corps during the first great offensive on Guadalcanal starting in August, 1942. The citation was presented by Captain George R. Fairbairn, Jr., U. S. N., commanding officer of the station.

Dr. Delaney was called to active duty in the Naval Reserve in April, 1942. Prior to that he served as staff president of Kalispell General Hospital, and as vice president of the Flathead County Medical Society.

He was with the First Marine Division when they first assaulted Guadalcanal. Later he was active in establishing the first naval hospital at Tulagi in the Florida group, and following this he was attached to a base hospital in the New Hebrides and the navy hospital at Wellington, New Zealand.

DeLong

Darey

5 Aug 1944 pg 3

Kenneth E. Lee and Darey DeLong, who recently enlisted in the Navy, are now taking basic training at Farragut.

Denny

William E

1 Jun 1944 pg 5

William E. Denny, C 1/C, U. S. Navy, and his wife of Long Beach, Calif., are spending a 10-day leave visiting the serviceman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Denny of Kalispell.

Dern

Donald

7 Mar 1944 pg 3

Cpl Tech 5 Donald Dern of a medical detachment in Australia writes of having received a medal of good conduct and a campaign ribbon with two stars for being in two campaigns.

He was in New Guinea nine months and has had five attacks of malaria.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dern and has been overseas for almost two years.

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 32 months with the Infantry; and (4) Technician Fifth Grade Donald L. Dern, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dern, 32 months duty in the southwest Pacific theater of operations with a medical department unit.

Dern

John L

18 Jan 1944 pg 3

An Eighth AAF Bomber Command Station, England—Cpl. John L. Dern, 21, Kalispell, Montana, is a truck driver in the transportation section at this Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress base. Cpl. Dern is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dern, Rt. 2, Kalispell. Before entering the army he was a caterpillar operator for the Karow Lumber company, Kalispell.

26 May 1944 pg 1, 8

CORPORAL JOHN DERN SEVERELY WOUNDED IN NEW GUINEA BATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Dern of Kalispell have received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Corporal John I. Dern, was wounded in action April 25, at Hollandia, New Guinea.

A letter received by Mrs. Dern from her son stated that he was struck by a bullet which passed through his stomach, liver and in-

testines, and came out his back.

After being so critically wounded, he walked over half a mile to a medical truck where he was given aid. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Corporal Dern has served two years and eight months with the armed forces, and has spent 23 months overseas without a furlough. He is expected to arrive in the United States as soon as he has recovered sufficiently. He is reported as recovering satisfactorily.

Deseve	Joe	10 Jul 1944 pg 6	21 Jul 1944 pg 6	
		Joe Deseve, gunner's mate 3/c, visited his mother, Mrs. Sam Croy, this week. He has recently graduated from gunnery school at San Diego, California. Mr. Deseve has seen action in the south Pacific.	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drew recently had as their guest Mrs. Drew's brother, Joe Deseve. He is in the U. S. Navy and has for some months been in action in the south Pacific. He has now just completed a course of training in San Diego and is to go to Bremerton to be assigned for new duty.	
Deseve	Lowell	14 Feb 1944 pg 3		
		Lowell Deseve has passed his examinations to qualify as an aviation cadet and will now take officers' training toward his commission as a second lieutenant, according to word received by relatives from his mother, Mrs. Fern Deseve. He has been stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., but will be sent to a university for his instruction. Upon completion of his course, the cadet will receive wings. Lowell is a former Kallispell youth and played on the Flathead county high school football team when a student here.		
De Voe	Bob	9 Oct 1944 pg 5		
		PM 2/c Bob DeVoe, after long service in New Zealand, has returned to the states. Sunday evening in a telephone conversation he informed his parents that he would receive a 30-day furlough and would probably be able to leave for home in a short time.		
DeVoe	Charles	24 Feb 1944 pg 3		
		On Furlough Sgt. and Mrs. Leslie DeVoe have been guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeVoe during Sgt. DeVoe's brief furlough from army duties. Sgt. DeVoe expects to return to Bradley, Conn. Friday. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. George Seufert of Chateau, parents of Mrs. L. DeVoe, arrived to enjoy a visit with members of the DeVoe family.		
DeVoe	George A	23 May 1944 pg 5	27 May 1944 pg 3	15 Nov 1944 pg 3
		George A. DeVoe, C.M.1/c, U. S. coast guard has been visiting at the home of his parents in Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeVoe. His wife and son, Roger, accompanied him from Seattle.	George DeVoe, quartermaster first class in the coast guard, returned to his home in Seattle to resume duties with the coast guard last week after spending a short leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeVoe. His wife and son were here with him. George is the oldest of the four boys in the DeVoe family, all of whom are in the service.	C. M. 1/c, George DeVoe and family left Friday for their home in Seattle.
DeVoe	Leslie	3 Feb 1944 pg 4	24 Jun 1944 pg 2	
		Sergeant Leslie DeVoe, who has been in charge of the PX at Gorton Field has been transferred to Bradley Field, Conn., as head dispatcher.	Mrs. Charles DeVoe received word that her son, Sgt. Les DeVoe, has arrived safely in England.	
De Voe	Ronald	1 May 1944 pg 5	6 May 1944 pg 2	12 Aug 1944 pg 5
		Ronald DeVoe has reported for duty with the Navy Transport Service. Mrs. DeVoe accompanied him to Seattle.	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVoe and daughters left for Seattle last week where Mr. DeVoe was inducted into the Navy as a Junior Mortician with the rating of a Lieutenant. Mrs. DeVoe expects to return to Kallispell soon.	Lieut. Ronald De Voe visited here a short while this week. Mrs. DeVoe who had been here vacationing, returned to Seattle with her husband.
				Lieut and Mrs. Ronald De Voe left Tuesday for Seattle. They were accompanied by P.B. Mate 2/c Bob DeVoe.
Dickson	Ora 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 17, 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'Rilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo.		

Dixon Marion 7 Nov 1944 pg 5

Cpl. Marion Dixon left Sunday after spending several days here visiting relatives and friends. He is stationed at Laredo, Tex., and is an aerial photographer.

Dockstader Willard 2 Dec 1944 pg 5

Willard Dockstader and Bertell Eeklund are spending furloughs at their respective homes. This is the first visit at home that they have had since leaving with Co. F of the National Guard in 1940.

Dofelmire Alfred 27 Dec 1944 pg 3

Dofelmire Promoted
With the 32nd Infantry Division in the Southwest Pacific.—Alfred Dofelmire, brother of Mrs. Richard Nelson of Whitefish, Montana, has been promoted to Sergeant Technician. He holds the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action.

After his induction into the service in April, 1943, Sgt. Dofelmire was stationed at Camp Boule, Calif., where he had basic training. In October, 1943, he was assigned to overseas duty with the Red Arrow division.

Donovan James 10 Jul 1944 pg 3

James Donovan, petty officer, 1/c, and his bride, the former Evelyn Logan, have returned from their honeymoon and will leave Wednesday for Parris Point Naval Training Station, where he is located.

Dorrack Walter 14 Jan 1944 pg 5

Chief Petty Officer Walter Dorrack, who has been spending a furlough in KallsPELL, left today to return to his duties. He has seen service in Italy. His wife came to KallsPELL from the west coast to see him.

Drew Laurence A 19 Jan 1944 pg 5

Laurence A. Drew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drew of Somers, has been promoted from fireman first class to machinist mate, 3/C. He is stationed at Morrow Bay, Calif.

11 Mar 1944 pg 5

Laurence A. Drew, M.O. M.M. 3/C, is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drew and family. He came from the Navy base at Shoemaker, Calif.

Drollinger

Bill

23 Mar 1944 pg 1

DEATH OF PVT. BILL DROLLINGER LEARNED

Clyde Drollinger this morning received a telegram from the War Department announcing the death of his son, Private Bill Drollinger, in India, and stating that a letter would follow.

The telegram did not state the cause of his death.

3 Apr 1944 pg 1

ASPHYXIATION CAUSED DEATH OF PVT. BILL DROLLINGER IN INDIA

Further information concerning the death of Private Bill Drollinger at Assam, India, was received today from the War department by his father, Benjamin Drollinger, 1204 South Main street, KallsPELL. The youth, died March 17, 1944, as a result of asphyxiation when a ditch caved in.

Pvt. Drollinger was born Nov. 11, 1924, in KallsPELL and attended local grade and high schools. He enlisted in the army in March, 1943, and received his training at Camp Polk, La. Surviving are his father, three sisters, Mrs. Velta Lee, Mrs. Wanda Kind, Mrs. Clyda Kusler and one brother, Burl Drollinger, all of KallsPELL.

13 May 1944 pg 4

Drollinger's Death That Of a Hero's

Circumstances surrounding the death of Pvt. Bill Drollinger in India indicate that he died a hero's death, word from his army chaplain to his father, Benjamin Drollinger of KallsPELL, indicates.

"A fellow soldier and an Indian laborer were buried to their waists in the cave-in of a ditch they were digging," the letter states. "Without thought of himself, Pvt. Drollinger jumped into the ditch and started digging the entrapped men out. For



some unknown reason, the entire excavation caved in, bringing a complete covering of dirt over all the men in the ditch. Your son was dead before he could be rescued from the ditch."

Pvt. Drollinger, along with the comrade he so bravely sought to rescue, was buried in the American Military cemetery. The funeral-instrument was with full military honors and in keeping with the Protestant faith. His entire company under the command of the commanding officer attended the funeral in military formation, the chaplain writes.

DuFour

Wilfred P

27 Jul 1944 pg 5

Dufour Gets Bronze Star

A United States Bomber Base in Europe, July 27.—(P)—Staff Sgt. Wilfred Dufour of Somers, Montana, member of a Liberator bomber group, has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious achievement.

Dufour's group was the first in the European theater to complete 200 combat missions. Col. Jack Wood, of Riverside, Calif., wing commander, told the unit yesterday that the record is "unsurpassed by any flying unit in the world."

23 Aug 1944 pg 4

Dufour Awarded Bronze Star

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England—Staff Sergeant Wilfred P. Dufour of Somers, Mont., was recently awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in connection with aerial warfare against the enemy as Armament Flight Chief of heavy bombardment aircraft in the European theater of operations."

Sergeant Dufour's group is the oldest B-24 Liberator group in England, having participated in seven campaigns. His group won a citation from the war department for action in the historic, low-level assault on the Ploesti oil fields in Romania on August 1, 1943. All officers and enlisted men of this group wear the Distinguished Unit Badge in recognition of the dramatic attack.

Dukleth

Gordon W

16 Jun 1944 pg 5

T/Sgt. Gordon W. Dukleth, mechanic in a bomber squadron, is stationed in England.

Dukleth

James F

16 Jun 1944 pg 5

James F. Dukleth, S 2/c, is stationed in San Diego attending school for signalmen.

Dunn Walter 28 Mar 1944 pg 2 19 Oct 1944 pg 5

Lieutenant Walter L. Dunn is now stationed somewhere in China, according to word received by his wife. He states that inflation in China is unbelievable for it takes 200 Chinese dollars to equal one American dollar. A Schaffer pen sells for \$7,000, a pair of silk stockings, \$850, and a T-bone steak for \$220 in Chinese money. Lt. Dunn writes that you need a basket to carry your money.

Word has been received by Mrs. Walter Dunn that her husband, now stationed in China, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant.

Dye Earl W 3 Jan 1944 pg 5 21 Apr 1944 pg 5

Corporal Earl W. Dye arrived Sunday from Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., to spend a short furlough with his family in Kalspell.

Corporal Earl Dye is spending an emergency furlough in Kalspell from San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was on water maneuvers at the time of his mother's death and was unable to come home for her funeral.

Dye James W 29 Jun 1944 pg 4

S/Sgt. James W. Dye, son of Mrs. J. A. Watters of RFD 1-B, Kalspell, has received three oak leaf clusters to the air medal which he was decorated with some time ago. On June 15, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress. For the past nine months, he has been stationed in England.

Dye Roy W 28 Nov 1944 pg 4

DISCHARGE IS FILED
Roy W. Dye, private first class, of World War I, has recorded his honorable discharge at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., on Sept. 27, 1919.

Dyer Joe 14 Apr 1944 pg 1

MALARIA FATAL TO JOE DYER IN NEW GUINEA

Joe Dyer, a Flathead county boy, died of malaria in Finshimien, New Guinea, on April 7, according to information received by Mrs. C. P. Christianson of Kalspell.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dyer, formerly of Creston, but now living in Seattle.

He attended school here, and left here with Company F, Montana National Guard, when they entered the service.