

**Surname**      **Given**  
O'Claire      A A      25 Jul 1944 pg 3

Capt. A. A. O'Claire arrived Saturday from Camp White, Ore., where he has been stationed for the past six months to spend some time at his ranch northwest of Kallspell. Mrs. O'Claire is still confined in Rochester, Minn., hospital where she is recuperating from a recent operation.

O'Boyle      Francis T      10 Jan 1944 pg 2

Information received in Kallspell states that T/5 Francis T. O'Boyle of Kallspell, member of a signal air warning battalion attached to a fighter wing in the 12th AAF Air Support Command, has been personally commended by the wing commanding officer for his actions during the battle of Gela, Sicily, July 10 to 14, 1943.

The commendation just released by the wing, states: "At this stage of the battle in the Gela area, in the face of enemy counter-attacks, you were called upon to enter uncleared minefields and to aid in the defense of Gela, in addition to the performance of your regular duties under extremely difficult conditions. The courage and devotion to duty which you displayed during this trying period not only reflected great credit upon yourself but contributed in a large measure to the success of our air operations."

The battalion has accompanied assault forces on two invasions—that at Gela and later at Salerno. Its principal task is to provide warnings of impending raids by enemy aircraft.

O'Boyle      Walter A      12 May 1944 pg 5

Tech./Sgt. Walter A. O'Boyle has returned to his army duties in Alaska after spending a furlough with relatives in Kallspell.

O'Brien      Kenneth B      7 Jul 1944 pg 4

E. J. O'Brien received word from his son, Kenneth, this week that he is taking part in the European invasion. Kenneth is a radio technician for the army and is stationed "Somewhere in England."

O'Connell      Thomas      11 Oct 1944 pg 5

Capt. Thomas O'Connell and family arrived here Monday and will spend his two weeks' leave with his mother, Mrs. J. H. O'Connell and relatives.

Ognovic      Joe S      29 Mar 1944 pg 5

Sgt. and Mrs. Joe S. Ognovic left today for Denver, Colo. He had spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ognovic.

Olberg      Kenneth V      4 Nov 1944 pg 10

**PACIFIC WAR VET ON FURLOUGH VISIT AT HOME**

Lt. Kenneth V. Olberg is spending a 21-day furlough in Kallspell with his mother, Mrs. Anna Olberg. He has just returned from almost three years' service in the Pacific, having left Kallspell with the National Guard. He has since been transferred to the 32nd division. The young officer has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He participated in the Papuan campaign and others in the Pacific.

Olberg	Stanley	26 Jan 1944 pg 4	29 Feb 1944 pg 5	<p>Stanley Olberg of the air corps has been promoted to sergeant and is stationed in England, according to word received here by his mother, Mrs. Anna Olberg. Another son, Lieut. Kenneth Olberg is in the hospital suffering from malaria. This is his third attack. He is stationed in the South Pacific.</p>	<p>Mrs. Anna Olberg has received word that her son, Stanley, was promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant, on February 1. He is a tall gunner on a bomber in England. Mrs. Olberg's daughter, Myrtle L. Olberg, has been transferred the second time in Alaska since being sent there from Army Headquarters, Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif., her mother has learned. Miss Olberg's present address is Ordnance Section, 11th Air Force, Service Command, A. P. O. 942, c/o P. M., Seattle, Wash.</p>
Oleson (Olsen)	Owen W Jr	20 Jan 1944 pg 5	5 Jul 1944 pg 4	11 Jul 1944 pg 6	27 Dec 1944 pg 3
		<p>Owen W. Olesen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Olesen, arrived Monday from Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry. He will leave Friday for Texas to receive further assignment.</p>	<p>Fort Benning, Ga.—Second Lt. Owen W. Olesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen W. Olesen of Kalspell has won the right to wear Wings and Boots of the United States Army Paratroopers. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which he made six jumps from a plane in flight, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing. Jumping at the parachute school has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. There is less than one per cent chance of injury while jumping at the school. In addition to producing jumpers, Parachute Specialist training is given to qualified men in communication, demolition, riggers and sewing machine maintenance, vital skills for airborne troops.</p>	<p>Lt. Owen Olesen, a paratrooper from Fort Benning, Georgia, his father, Owen W. Olesen, and Frank Barbridge of Kalspell visited Conrad Spaulding Thursday.</p>	<p>Lt. Owen W. Olesen has arrived in Kalspell on leave. He has been hospitalized in England for the last two and one-half months. The paratrooper is now stationed at Barnes General hospital in Vancouver, Wash.</p>
Olson	Clarence	5 Apr 1944 pg 5			
		<p>Sgt. Clarence Olson is home on furlough having been called to Kalspell by the death of his brother, Clifford. He would like to see his friends and would be glad to have them call at 518 Second avenue west. He will be visiting with his mother and other relatives until Sunday when he returns to Camp Gordon, Ga.</p>			
Olson	Dewey	7 Oct 1944 pg 5			
		<p>S/Sgt. Dewey Olson, formerly of Fluxville, Mont., is in Kalspell having been given a furlough from overseas on the rotation system. He took part in battles at Fedela, Sicily, Cassino, Anzio and the Tunisian campaign and the Rome battle. He was given rest periods between these engagements and additional training. He landed on the Mediterranean beach near Toulon. Following his furlough, he reports to Santa Barbara.</p>			
Olson	George R	19 Sep 1944 pg 2			
		<p>Marine Corporal George H. Olson, son of John C. Olson of Bigfork, is now stationed at the marine barracks rehabilitation center, Klamath Falls, Ore. The Bigfork Leatherneck has served at Hawaii, Midway, the Florida Islands, the Russell Islands and New Caledonia.</p>			

O'Neil

John

14 Mar 1944 pg 1

**2ND LT. JOHN O'NEIL  
WOUNDED IN ACTION  
IN ITALIAN FIGHTING**

While directing fire in Italy, Second Lieutenant John D. O'Neil, was wounded, sustaining injuries to the fingers of his right hand, his arm and leg, according to word received here by his wife. He is now showing improvement at a hospital in Naples.

O'Neil, an infantry officer, apparently was out in the open in his capacity of liaison officer when he was wounded. It is believed here that it happened about a month ago. He writes that later he will be sent to a rest camp in southern Italy or northern Africa. Lt. O'Neil entered army service early in 1942 and has been overseas for eight months. He was employed at the Forest Products company in Kalspell before the war.

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**LT. JOHN O'NEIL AGAIN  
WOUNDED IN ACTION**

For the second time, Second Lieutenant John D. O'Neil has been wounded in action on the Italian front, his wife has been advised. No details have been learned here concerning his condition.

Mrs. O'Neil recently received the Purple Heart which her husband had been awarded and has been advised that he will get the bronze oak leaf cluster for his second wound.

28 Jul 1944 pg 1

**LIEUT. JOHN D. O'NEIL  
KILLED IN ACTION  
IN ITALIAN THEATER**

Definite word was received in Kalspell today of the death of Second Lieut. John D. O'Neil in the Italian war theater. Lieut. O'Neil was killed in action on May 31, the telegram stated. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. O'Neil of Pomona, Calif., and husband of Mrs. Helen Cochran O'Neil of Kalspell.

Lt. O'Neil had been reported wounded in action twice while in the Italian area.

Opalka

Joseph Thomas

12 Jul 1944 pg 5

Joseph Thomas Opalka has placed his honorable discharge from the Coast Guard on record at Flathead County Courthouse. It was issued at Seattle, June 20, 1944. He was boatswain's mate, 1/c.

Joe Opalka, petty officer first class in the U. S. Coast Guard, has arrived home from Manzanita, Ore., having been released from further duty. He was accompanied by Mrs. Opalka, who has been with him during the two years they have been in service. They both describe it as a wonderful experience, but are glad to be home again. Their home is in Columbia Falls.

Opp

Allen

10 Mar 1944 pg 5

Private Allen Opp is visiting his father, Frank Opp, while on furlough from the army. He is being transferred from Camp Roberts, Calif., to Fort Reed, Md.

**MARINE ALVIN ORR BEATS  
JAP OFFICER IN FOXHOLE**

U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 30—A saber-wielding Jap who sat in the same Salpan fox-hole as Private First Class Alvin E.

Orr and slashed the 19-year-old St. Ignace, Mont. Marine four times across the legs, came out second best in the argument.

The story of the hand-to-hand battle was told here by Private First Class Orr, now convalescing from other wounds and other injuries suffered on Salpan.

"It was our fifteenth night on the island," he said. "We had run into a concentrated Jap artillery barrage and were digging in for the night.

"I was working on my own fox-hole when this Jap crashed down on my back. I was completely surprised, but I managed to throw him off, and we sat in the bottom of the hole, facing each other.

"I saw the flash of steel then, and I felt a blow across my knees. I kicked out at him in the darkness, and again felt the steel across my



legs. He slashed me twice more across the knees and then started to scramble out of the hole.

"I felt for my carbine and found it behind me just in time to put four shots into him as he disappeared into the night. He was bayoneted by another Marine, and we found he was a Jap officer.

"Somehow, in all the excitement, I had received a rifle bullet in my thigh, and a few pieces of shrapnel in other parts of my body. I don't remember being fired at, but I guess I was too busy to notice anything as trifling as that."

A Marine for a year and a half, Orr was overseas for eight months.

Before the Salpan campaign, he fought on Nanur Island in the Marshall Islands. He served as a "bazooka" man in both campaigns.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Orr of St. Ignace. The Ors are former residents of this area, having operated a ranch at Pleasant Valley for a number of years.

### CPL. DOROTHY ORSER HAS INTERESTING JOB AT BASE HEADQUARTERS

Corporal Dorothy J. Orser of the Women's Army Corps, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser of Kallispell, is fast becoming an expert on forms and procedures.

Working in the classification section at base headquarters, Pyote, Texas, she has more than just a speaking acquaintance with the classification records kept for each soldier and the many forms used to get the right man in the right place. She is responsible for helping all applicants for Officer Candidate school, Army Specialized Training program, and Air Cadet Training over the hurdles of application blanks and personal interviews.

"It is such interesting work," says Cpl. Orser, "and I wouldn't trade my training and experience in the WAC for anything. Of course, there are many other interesting army jobs open to WACS, and I hope more and more women will realize how much they are needed to help win this war."

Cpl. Orser enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in February, 1943, and trained at Fort Des Moines, Ia. She was first assigned to Camp Polk, La., and then to Pyote, Texas, where she is now stationed. She is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Cpl. Orser's job is but one of the 239 army assignments now being filled by WACS. It has recently been announced by the Women's Army Corps that women, enlisting in the WAC with a specialized training or background for a specific job, may request placement in that job upon completion of basic training. They may also indicate the section of the country in which they would prefer to be stationed. Further information regarding the Women's Army Corps may be secured from Pvt. Virginia Cornell at the U. S. army recruiting office in the Kallispell hotel.

Sergeant Dorothy Orser arrived early Thursday morning to spend a two weeks furlough at the home of her parents. She has been transferred to Oglethorpe, Ga.

Sergeant Dorothy Orser has reported to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for assignment. Recently she spent a furlough in Kallispell from her Women's Army Corps duties with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser Wednesday received a cable from their daughter, Sgt. Dorothy J. Orser, stating that she had arrived safely at her base overseas.

### STAFF SERGEANT RANK WON BY DOROTHY ORSER

Headquarters, VIII Air Force Service Command, England—Staff Sergeant Dorothy J. Orser, Kallispell, Mont., has recently been promoted from sergeant at this headquarters where supply and repair activities of the Eighth Air Force are coordinated.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser, Kallispell, Mont., she is chief clerk in the Ordnance Section.

A 1938 graduate of Flathead county high school, Sergeant Orser was graduated from the University of Washington in 1942 where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She has two brothers in the service; Midshipman Robert Orser, serving with the Navy, and Pvt. John L. Orser, in the army, stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

John L. Orser, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser, has arrived from Camp Roberts, Calif., to spend his furlough with his parents. He will report to Fort Ord, Calif., for further training.

S/Sgt. Robert Ordish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ordish, arrived in Kallispell Wednesday. He has been overseas in the South Pacific area. He will have a three-weeks' furlough before returning to Fort Ord, Calif. Sgt. Ordish has been away from here for more than two years, leaving with Company F.

Robert Orser, apprentice seaman, is spending a short vacation from his studies at Ann Arbor, Mich., with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser.

Orser	Dorothy	9 May 1944 pg 4	23 Jun 1944 pg 5
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**SGT. DOROTHY ORSER APPLIES FOR AN OVERSEAS TRANSFER**

Friends of Sgt. Dorothy Orser of the Women's Army Corps will be interested to learn that she has applied for overseas service, and now has an A. P. O. address.

Sgt. Orser is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Orser. She studied at Flathead County High School, attended Carlton College, and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

After joining the WAC in December, 1942, Sgt. Orser received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and was later sent to the Army Administrative School at Commerce, Texas.

Lt. Frances V. Peterson, officer in charge of the WAC section at the State Recruiting Headquarters in Sault, received her basic training at the same time, and is a close friend of Sgt. Orser.

Sgt. Orser's new address is Sgt. Dorothy Orser, A. P. O. 3619, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Sgt. Dorothy Orser has arrived in England and is with Headquarters Division of the Eighth Air Force. She states she is very happy in her work and her surroundings.

Ost	Otto H	11 Apr 1944 pg 3
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Two honorable army discharges were placed on record at Flathead county courthouse Tuesday. Private Otto H. Ost was discharged from Camp Hale, Colo., July 23, 1943. Discharge papers were issued to Private Charles H. McGilhon at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, Nov. 1943. He had been in the service since September, 1940.

Oursland	Albert G	26 Sep 1944 pg 5	30 Dec 1944 pg 3
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Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas—Albert G. Oursland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Oursland of Somers, Montana, has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in this Army Air Forces technical training school.

His graduation from this technical school now fits him for airplane maintenance and he will be sent to an air base where he will assist in keeping America's Flying Fortresses in the air for Allied victory.

Airplane Mechanic Albert Oursland is home from his army duties at Las Vegas.

Oursland	Lawrence	2 Dec 1944 pg 7	9 Dec 1944 pg 7
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Pvt. Lawrence Oursland arrived home on Thanksgiving day to spend a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Oursland. Pvt. Oursland has been stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., since his induction in July.

Pvt. Lawrence Oursland left on Tuesday for a new assignment after spending a 10-day furlough with his parents.

Overby	Erwin	18 Jan 1944 pg 4	25 Mar 1944 pg 2
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Mr. and Mrs. Mentz Overby have received word from their son, Erwin Overby, that he has arrived safely in North Africa where he is stationed at the Ordnance Depot.

Erwin Overby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mentz Overby, has been stationed in India in the Ordnance Department of the Army.

Overlay	Glenn	24 Oct 1944 pg 5
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Capt. Glenn Overlay and two children and his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. Whiteker, left Saturday for Morrow, Ohio. Capt. Overlay will report in 30 days to Santa Monica for re-assignment.

**FRANKLIN OWEN ENDS  
'BOOT' TRAINING;  
FAMILY IN INGLEWOOD**

A letter from Mrs. Helen Owen states that her husband, Franklin W. Owen, pharmacist's mate, 3/c in the U. S. Navy, is just completing "boot" camp in San Diego, after which he will be sent to school for further training.

Mrs. Owen is living in Inglewood, Calif., where she is accountant for a chain of ladies' apparel shops. The boys are in school in Inglewood, and she says they are enjoying it immensely. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pufahl, former Kallspell residents, are their near neighbors in Inglewood.

She says, "We miss good old Kallspell and all our former friends."