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Given
George

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Pvt. George Page is home from California, where he has been stationed with the army. He is visiting his wife and getting acquainted with his young son.

Passmore
Howard E

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HOWARD PASSMORE ENLISTS

Howard E. Passmore, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Passmore, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Robert B. Hay, Missoula recruiter, has announced. Following his enlistment at state headquarters, Butte, he returned home on inactive status. When called he will receive his basic training at the Marine Corps base, San Diego, Calif.

LOCAL BOYS LEAVE FOR TRAINING WITH MARINES

Private Francis L. Bitney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Bitney of Kalspell, 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. Radol of Niarado, who enlisted March 29, will leave Butte for the San Diego training base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Radol of the Niarada community.

Private Howard E. Passmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Passmore of Creston, Mont., has been graduated from sea school at the Marine Corps base, San Diego, Calif.

He is now ready for assignment to a Marine detachment aboard a ship of the U. S. Fleet.

Patterson
Robert

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An honorable army discharge has been filed by Corporal Robert Patterson at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Camp Pike, Ark., in 1919.

Pedersen
Alfred E Jr

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Alfred E. Pedersen, Jr., was recently promoted to sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pedersen of Kalspell.

Sergeant Peterson is stationed somewhere in the south Pacific. He has been overseas since October, 1943.

He would like to hear from his old friends in Kalspell. His address is: Sgt. Alfred E. Pedersen, Jr., Headquarters Squadron, M.A.C., 53, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Peek
Gail

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Gail Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peek of Kalspell, is in the city from Farragut Naval Training station where he has completed boot camp. He will report back there at the end of 15 days for assignment.

Pemble
Charles J

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Charles J. Pemble, pharmacist mate, 2/c, U.S.N.R., arrived in Kalspell Saturday for a 30-day leave. He is visiting relatives and friends. Since entering the service, he has spent 22 months overseas, being stationed at Pearl Harbor for 18 months and at Midway island for four and a half months.

Charles enlisted in Sept., 1941, received his initial training at San Diego and attended Hospital Corpsmen's school there, graduating as Honor man. This is his first leave since November, 1941. He has been assigned to shore duty in the Eleventh Naval district which is on the California coast.

Charles J. Pemble, Ph. 1/c, arrived home Sunday from Oceanside, Calif., to spend an eight-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pemble of Columbia Falls. He will report to Portsmouth, Va., for 10 weeks' training at medical school.

Perry Joe 30 Nov 1944 pg 3

Perry in French Drive
Capt. Joe Perry, son of Mrs. Clara Perry of Kalispell, has written that he took part in the Fifth armored division's sweep across France, after the American break-through near St. Lo. Capt. Perry was in the first army vehicle over the roads and through the towns in the thrust that continued 100 miles to LeMans.
Tanks of the Fifth were first into both LeMans and Argentan and were the first armor astride the main highway to Paris. In his letter, he states "we led the entire division in a record run of 86 miles in 2 1/2 hours." Conspicuity was tried on this action when General Hodges revealed the activities of the "Victory" division.

Perry OS 30 Mar 1944 pg 3

Lieut. O. S. Perry has written his aunt, Mrs. W. R. Martin, from Italy that he heard a western Montana broadcast announced by his cousin, Weldon Martin of Missoula. The transcription was through New York on the CBS newscast. He adds that spring has come to Italy and that the weather is lovely but changeable.

Perry Thomas C 17 May 1944 pg 3

KALISPELL OFFICER NAMED C. O. OF FERRYING SQUADRON
New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Del., May 17.—Appointment of Capt. Thomas C. Perry of Kalispell, Mont., as commanding officer of the 2nd Ferrying Group's 27th Ferrying Squadron has been announced by Group Headquarters at New Castle Army Air Base.
Captain Perry was named to succeed Major William B. Whisonant.
He held a second lieutenant's reserve commission before the war, and in July, 1942, entered active service as a first lieutenant. He was promoted to captain Jan. 5, 1943.
Captain Perry has been attached to the 2nd Ferrying Group since May of 1942. Before assuming his present duties he was assigned to the 12th Ferrying Squadron as a transport pilot.

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Capt. Thomas Perry left last Saturday to report for duty at Wilmington, Del., after spending his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Perry. Mrs. Perry and infant daughter who accompanied him here will remain for a longer vacation.

Peters Eugene 22 Feb 1944 pg 2

Eugene Peters is home on furlough and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Peters and family.

Peterson Donald F 24 Aug 1944 pg 3

Victoryville Army Air Field, Victoryville, Calif., Aug. 24.—Donald F. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Peterson of Kalispell, Montana, was recently promoted from second lieutenant to the grade of first lieutenant in the army air forces at Victoryville Army Air Field, where he is assigned as a bomb approach pilot.

Peterson Douglas 12 Aug 1944 pg 5

Cpl. Douglas Peterson, who has been with the army medical corps in California, has been enjoying a furlough with friends and relatives here.

Peterson Oscar 24 Jun 1944 pg 2
A/C Oscar Peterson returned on Wednesday to Purdue University at LaFayette, Indiana, where he is training with the Navy Air corps, after spending a brief leave with friends and relatives.

Peterson Willard B 6 Mar 1944 pg 5
Lieut. Willard B. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson of Kalispell, has arrived in England. He is a fighter pilot.

Petram William H 15 Jan 1944 pg 3
Mrs. Albert Sales of Thompson River has received word from her son, Lt. Wm. H. Petram, that he is somewhere in England with the army eighth air forces. He is a pilot in a B-17 which is the latest model Flying Fortress. His wife and infant son, Wm. Albert, are with Mrs. Petram's parents at Coram.

16 Mar 1944 pg 5
Word has been received by Mrs. Albert Sales that her son, Lieut. W. H. Petram is stationed somewhere in England. His bombing missions include raids over both France and Germany. Before March 1, he was awarded the Air Medal for his first five raids.

9 May 1944 pg 4
Fifteenth Army Air Force.—Second Lieutenant William H. Petram, B-17 co-pilot, of Kalispell, Montana, was recently assigned to an AAF Flying Fortress unit of the Fifteenth Air Force.
Lt. Petram joined the army on September 16, 1940, and received his Flying Cadets' appointment on September 4, 1942. He was awarded his pilots wing on July 28, 1943, at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and left for overseas in November, 1943.
He has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

24 Jun 1944 pg 4
Fifteenth Army Air Force.—Second Lt. William H. Petram of Kalispell, Montana, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight."
He is a co-pilot in a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 15th Air Force, commanded by Major General Nathan F. Twining, and has taken part in 31 combat missions.
Lt. Petram entered the A.A.F. on September 16, 1940, attended flying school at Ft. Sumner, N. Mexico, and has been overseas six months.
His wife, Mrs. Joyce N. Petram, lives in Kalispell.

17 Aug 1944 pg 5
Lieut. Petram Completes Fifth Combat Mission
15th AAF in Italy—First Lieut. William H. Petram, pilot of a Flying Fortress, of Kalispell, Mont., flew his fifth bombing mission in combat by flying over the railroad yards in Verona, Italy, July 2.
Lt. Petram joined the army as an enlisted man, September 16, 1940, and received his cadets' appointment on September 4, 1942. He was awarded his pilot's wings at Fort Sumner, N. M., July 28, 1943. He has been overseas eight months and flew his first mission on February 6, 1944, over France.
In civilian life, he was a rancher in Montana. His wife, Mrs. Joyce Petram, lives in Kalispell. He has been awarded the air medal with four oak leaf clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights.

18 Jul 1944 pg 5
Mrs. William H. Petram has received word that her husband, Lt. W. H. Petram has completed 50 missions and has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is stationed in Italy at the present time.

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PETRAM'S PLANE AND CREW HAVE CHARMED LIVES
Santa Monica, Calif.—Maybe Montanans live right. At any rate, First Lt. William Petram, Flying Fortress pilot of Yak, Mont., has a record that would raise the hair on a rabbit's foot.
"During the 50 missions we flew out of England," recalled Lt. Petram, who is now awaiting reassignment at the Army Air Forces redistribution station in Santa Monica, Calif., "no hits were ever scored on our plane by enemy fighters. The only damage to the ship was minor flak holes in the fuselage and wings."
The ship seemed to have a charmed life. No engines were lost, no equipment damaged and no crew member was as much as scratched, a fact Lt. Petram remembers with pride.
Evidence of Lt. Petram's achievements are the ribbons he wears. He has been awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the presidential unit citation, and the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with two stars.

Phinney Donald I 21 Jun 1944 pg 4
Word has been received from Sgt. Donald I. Phinney that he has been transferred from Ketchikan, Alaska, to another station.

Pierson Harry W 14 Apr 1944 pg 1
HARRY PIERSON IS MISSING IN ACTION
Washington, April 14.—(AP)—Harry W. Pierson, aviation machinists mate 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Pierson of Kalispell, Mont., was reported missing in action today by the U. S. Navy department.

Pierson Wayne 13 Jul 1944 pg 4

Wayne Pierson, A.R.M. S/c. is home on leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pierson of Kalispell. He received his rating from the Naval Air Technical Training School at Memphis, Tenn., and was sent to Hollywood, Florida for gunnery school. The last phase of his training included flight training at the naval air station, Miami Florida, from which he was graduated with the air crewman's wings. He is to report to Norfolk, Va., to enter combat duty as a gunner on a P.B.F. torpedo plane.

Poole Alfred M 20 Dec 1944 pg 5

Alfred M. Poole, ordnance man in the Navy Reserve, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Poole. He has spent 20 months overseas and will return to Pearl Harbor after the first of the year.

Pope John L 7 Jun 1944 pg 4

Mrs. Francis Korb has been notified that her son, John L. Pope, has been graduated and promoted from third class gunner's mate to second class and assigned to a new destroyer.

Pope Louis W 27 Jan 1944 pg 4

Aviation Cadet Louis W. Pope has written his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Korb, that he is taking a nine-weeks' course at Tulare, California.

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Mrs. Frances Korb has received word that her son, Aviation Cadet Louis W. Pope, has finished his primary training at Rankin Aero-nautical academy at Tulare, Calif. He has been transferred to Gardner field, Taft, Calif. Upon completion of his advanced training, he will receive his wings and commission.

14 Sep 1944 pg 4

Louie W. Pope, son of Mrs. Frances Korb of Kalispell, was awarded silver wings Aug. 4, 1944, at Douglas, Ariz. He has been transferred to Kingman, Ariz., and now has the commission of second lieutenant on a B-17 bomber.

Poston Richard J 27 Mar 1944 pg 2

Richard J. Poston, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Poston, Kalispell, Montana, has successfully completed the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School training at Williams Field Chandler, Arizona, and has been ap-

2 May 1944 pg 3

Flight Officer Richard J. Poston who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Poston, received a telegram last week announcing that his leave had been shortened. He left Friday for Salinas, Calif., where he will receive further instruction as a combat pilot.



RICHARD J. POSTON

pointed a flight officer in the Army Air Corps. F/O Poston is a former student of Flathead county high school.

Powell John S 26 Feb 1944 pg 5

Private John S. Powell has received his honorable army discharge on record at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Camp Claiborne, La., in July, 1942.

Price Doris G 24 Mar 1944 pg 5

Word has been received here that Miss Doris G. Price has joined the Women's Army Corps at Vallejo, Calif., where the family is now living. They formerly lived in Kalispell, and Miss Price was a student in the Flathead county high school.

Prince Henry Jr 6 Jun 1944 pg 4

Staff Sergeant Henry Prince, Jr., who was recently in Washington, D. C., writes his parents here that in a visit to the national capital he was greatly embarrassed to find that Montana is the only state in the union which is not represented in the Hall of Statues.

In a party of 50 servicemen he was being shown about the capital by a guide, who asked each member of the party to call the name of his state and the statue representing the state would be pointed out. When he gave Montana as his home state, the guide, who was a woman, announced that she was very sorry but Montana was the only state not represented. Naturally he had to take a good deal of ribbing from the others in the party.

Sergeant Prince has been in the Pacific area until recently, but is now in the east.

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Sgt. Henry Prince, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prince of Kalispell left Monday for Charleston, S. C., after spending a leave with his parents. He has just returned from France and prior to that had served in the South Pacific.

Prindville Thomas S 10 Mar 1944 pg 5

Private Thomas Prindville writes his father, William Prindville, from New Guinea, that he is well and receiving his letters. He is always anxious to receive his paper and learn more about the boys from home.

20 Jun 1944 pg 5

After spending a two-weeks furlough with his father, William Prindville, W. A. Prindville, gunner's mate, 1/c, and marksman, left Monday for Bremerton, Wash., where he will be reassigned. He spent two years at Dutch Harbor.

Proctor John G 11 Jan 1944 pg 3

Pvt. John G. Proctor has left for Tampa, Fla., after a two-day visit here. Due to the short time he was here he was not able to see all of his friends but he extends greetings to them. Pvt. Proctor enjoys the Florida climate and likes his work and friends there, but states there is nothing can compare to Montana.

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Proctor in Italy.
Cpl. John G. Proctor, gunner on a bomber, writes from somewhere in Italy: "A friend and I just swam out to inspect wreckage of a bombed, shelled, and burned vessel about a half-mile out, but swimming is easy in this salt water. This morning we picked almonds and grapes and this afternoon I expect to go sailing on the Adriatic and catch some fish. This part of the country is beautiful, but shows effects of war. The few Italians I have met seem pleasant and courteous."

28 Aug 1944 pg 1

CPL. JOHN G. PROCTOR REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION OVER ITALY

Cpl. John G. Proctor was killed in action on August 14 over Italy, according to word received from the War department Monday by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor of Kalispell. He has been a gunner on a bomber. The telegram states that a letter will follow.

Cpl. Proctor had been in the service since April, 1943. He was born at Proctor, Mont. May 11, 1913. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Wallace Anderson of Spokane, two brothers, Stanley Proctor of Kalispell and Ellery Proctor of Anchorage, Alaska.

Pufahl Thomas 8 Jul 1944 pg 4

Thomas Pufahl, H. A. 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pufahl now of Los Angeles, has been transferred from New Guinea to Australia. He likes it very much but says it's cold there now, being wintertime.

Headquarters Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Tex.—The largest class in the history of the central unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command stepped out of the ranks of cadets into the ranks of the Army Air Forces' Fighter and Bomber pilots this month.

The new pilots include: Carmen D. Nutter, R. F. D. 1, Columbia Falls, Montana, Roy G. Putman, R. F. D. 2, KallsPELL, and Jack T. McWilliams, Somers, Montana.

Perrin Field, Texas, — Lieut. Roy Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Putman, RFD 2, KallsPELL, has arrived at this Army Air Forces Training Command station for assignment as a basic pilot instructor. Receiving his wings and commission a month ago at Ellington Field, Tex., Lt. Putman was in transition training at Liberal, Kans., flying a B-24 bomber, prior to his transfer to Perrin Field.

Lt. Warren Putman Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Putman of RFD 2, KallsPELL, were advised Friday by the war department that their son, Lieutenant Warren Putman, has been missing in action since December 31, 1943. No other details were given in the telegram.

Lieutenant Putman, pilot of a B17 Flying Fortress, was stationed in England and was with the U. S. Army Air Forces. He arrived in England Nov. 10, last year. It is presumed that he was on a mission over enemy territory.

Lieutenant Putman was born and reared here and attended the Flathead schools. He enlisted in the army air corps December 6, 1941, one day before Pearl Harbor.

He attended primary training schools and graduated from Ellington Field, Texas, receiving his "wings" and commission as a second lieutenant.

Lt. Warren Putman Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Putman of R.F.D. 2 KallsPELL, were advised by the War Department Monday that their son, Lieut. Warren Putman, previously reported as missing, was killed in action December 31, 1943.

The War Department received this news through the International Red Cross from Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Putman first learned that their son was missing after a flight over enemy territory on January 14 of this year. No details were received at that time and additional information was lacking in Monday's wire.

Lieutenant Putman was born and reared here and attended schools in the Flathead. He was with the Eighth U. S. Air Force as pilot of a Flying Fortress and had been in England since November 10, 1943. He enlisted in the army air corps Dec. 6, 1941, and graduated from Ellington Field, Texas.

AIR MEDAL AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY TO LT. WARREN PUTMAN

On Saturday May 27, Lieut. Walter Muller, accompanied by Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Sucharski, of Great Falls came to KallsPELL and presented Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Putman, parents of Lieut. Warren Putman, the Air Medal. Lieut. Putman has been reported killed in action.

The citation relating to this award read:

"For exceptional meritorious achievement while participating in five bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Putman had previously received the Purple Heart medal.

Second Lt. Warren L. Putman was reported killed in action Dec. 31, 1943, while on a bombing mission over Europe. He was a pilot on a Flying Fortress. Mr. Putman has learned only three of the crew of ten were reported killed.

Warren was a native of KallsPELL, receiving all his education in the KallsPELL schools, and graduating from Flathead county high school in 1939. He worked at the Coast-to-Coast store until his enlistment Dec. 6, 1941.