

Surname
Taufest

Given
Earl W

19 May 1944 pg 3

Receives Air Medal
Lt. Earl W. Taufest was awarded the Air Medal on May 3, according to word received here. He is with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy and has been stationed there since April 15. Mrs. Taufest is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Rawlings of Kalispell.

28 Jul 1944 pg 1

**LIEUT. EARL TAUFEST
REPORTED MISSING IN
ACTION OVER ROMANIA**

Word was received Thursday evening that First Lieutenant Earl W. Taufest is missing in action over Romania since July 15. He was a squadron navigator of a B-24 outfit in Italy. Lt. Taufest held the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster and had made 37 combat missions. Mrs. Taufest is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Rawlings of Kalispell.

Taylor

Alvis L

5 Aug 1944 pg 4

A Bomber Command Base, Somewhere in India, Aug. 5.—Promotion of Staff Sgt. Alvis L. Taylor of Kalispell, Mont., to the grade of technical sergeant has been announced at the headquarters of an XX Bomber Command Squadron with which he is serving at this base, somewhere in India.

Technical Sergeant Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lewis, Route 1 Columbia Falls, Montana.

Sgt. Taylor attended Flathead county high school, Kalispell, and before joining the army air forces was employed by the Stoltz Lumber company, Columbia Falls, Mont.

Taylor

Jack

3 Mar 1944 pg 4

Jack Taylor left last Tuesday for Farrago, Idaho, after spending a furlough with his parents in this community.

Taylor

Robert W

26 Dec 1944 pg 3

9th Air Force Command, France —One officer and three enlisted men from Montana are part of the P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group which was recently awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for smashing two German armored columns near St. Lo on July 11.

The Germans attempting to drive a wedge into American lines extending from Bayeaux to the Cherbourg peninsula, were spotted and attacked under a 1000 foot ceiling. Nearly a third of the tanks were knocked out. The Thunderbolts landed to refuel and rearm, then attacked again. This time the Nazi tanks were only 200 yards from American positions. The second attack completely disrupted the enemy column, striking a decisive blow at enemy armor during a critical time of the Normandy campaign.

Montana men who are eligible to wear the gold-framed citation ribbon are First Lieutenant James R. Aldritt, Bozeman; S/Sgt. John F. Griffith, Acreville, Lewistown; S/Sgt. Robert W. Taylor, Kalispell; Cpl. Woodrow Schlog, Great Falls.

Templeton David E

19 Dec 1944 pg 3

**DAVID TEMPLETON,
FORMER LOCAL BOY,
WOUNDED IN ACTION**

Mrs. Payne Templeton of Helena received a telegram from the war department Saturday stating that her son, Pvt. David Templeton, was seriously wounded this month during the battle of Germany.

Private Templeton is a member of a crack rifle unit with Gen. George Patton's Third army, which recently slashed through Metz. Since being wounded, he has been transferred to a hospital unit.

Mrs. Templeton is trying now, through the local Western Union office, to send word of the mishap to her husband, Capt. Payne Templeton, former superintendent of Helena schools, whose last known station was at Luxembourg. Since writing from there, Captain Templeton has advanced with his unit. He is connected with the Allied military government.—Helena Independent-Record.

Thomas Jerome

22 Apr 1944 pg 2

Private Jerome Thomas, son of Charles Thomas of Camp Tuffitt, Lake Ronan, who was recently inducted into the armed forces is now in the air corps at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Thomas Leslie

28 Jan 1944 pg 2

Word received here by relatives states that Private Leslie Thomas is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., and is in the Signal Corps.

Thompson David E

19 Jul 1944 pg 3

D. E. Thompson Now A Captain

An Advance 7th AAF Base in the Marshalls—David E. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Thompson of Kalspell, Mont., and engineering officer for a 7th AAF Liberator bomber squadron, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain.

Captain Thompson received his commission at the AAF technical school at Yale University. He is a 1941 graduate of the Montana School of Mines, and prior to entering the AAF was a mining engineer employed by the U. S. Gypsum Co.

A brother, Robert G. Thompson, is an aviation cadet in the United States.

Thompson Eugene E

22 May 1944 pg 3

Eugene E. Thompson, 227 Fifth avenue west, Kalspell, and Robert W. Barkley, route 1, Thursday com-

pleted their enlistment in the United States Marine Corps at the state headquarters station in Butte. They were immediately transferred to San Diego where they will receive their basic training.

Thompson James L

29 Aug 1944 pg 3

Firs Lieut. James L. Thompson, who was recently honorably discharged from the artillery branch of the army after four years' service, has come to Kalspell and will make his home with his father, Attorney T. A. Thompson.

8 Sep 1944 pg 5

Sgt. James L. Thompson has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Fort Sill, Okla., May 18, 1942. He had graduated from officers' candidate school at Fort Sill just before being discharged.

Thompson	Robert G	24 Feb 1944 pg 5	19 Jul 1944 pg 5
		<p>Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Tex., Feb. 24.—The following navigation and student officers have arrived at the AAF Training Command's installation here for 18 weeks of instruction in aerial navigation.</p> <p>Montana is represented here by: Glen S. Buek, son of Mrs. Christine Buek, Creston, Mont.</p> <p>Hal E. McPheeters, son of James W. McPheeters, and Robert G. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thompson, Kalspell, Mont.</p>	<p>A brother, Robert G. Thompson, is an aviation cadet in the United States.</p>
Thon	Bill (R A)	24 Apr 1944 pg 3	14 Oct 1944 pg 5
		<p>Lieutenant R. A. Thon left Kalspell today for Albuquerque, New Mexico, after a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Cleora Thon, and family. He will be based at Kirtland air field, Albuquerque, for hunter pilot training.</p>	<p>Bill Thon, S 2/C, son of Mrs. R. A. Thon, is in Kalspell on leave from Farragut Naval Training station. He has completed boot training and reports back to Farragut in two weeks.</p>
Thone	Royal	21 Dec 1944 pg 5	
		<p>Mrs. Royal Thone received word from the War department this week that her husband, Pfc. Royal Thone, who is with the First Marines, was wounded by shrapnel in the arm on Pelelien.</p>	
Thornycraft	Cyril	22 Jun 1944 pg 4	
		<p>Word has been received from Camp Lee, Va., of the promotion of Cyril Thornycraft to the rank of first sergeant. Mr. and Mrs. Thornycraft are parents of a daughter, born April 16. Mrs. Thornycraft will be remembered as the former Jean Simonson of Kalspell.</p>	
Tibke	Douglas B	4 Jan 1944 pg 4	
		<p>Sgt. Douglas B. Tibke is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tibke. He just recently returned from Kiska. He will report back for duty with the 389th Quarter Master Truck Co., at Camp Carson, Colorado.</p>	
Tidrick	Carlton O	13 Jun 1944 pg 4	
		<p>Sgt. Carlton O. Tidrick was commissioned a second lieutenant at Officers' Candidate school in Brisbane, Australia, on May 27, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal G. Tidrick of Delton. He is in the army infantry.</p> <p>Young Tidrick left with Company F in September, 1940. He was wounded at New Guinea and later was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.</p>	
Tilton	Floyd	31 Jan 1944 pg 5	
		<p>Pfc. Floyd Tilton spent a furlough with his parents in the Boorman district. He is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas.</p>	
Tilton	Lloyd	18 Oct 1944 pg 3	
		<p>Word has been received here that Pfc. Lloyd "Brownie" Tilton has been wounded in the battle of France and is in a hospital in England.</p>	

Todd Clara Ann 5 Jan 1944 pg 5 23 Jun 1944 pg 5

Cadet Nurses Clarann and Marie Todd, serving with the U.S.C.N. Corps at Columbus hospital in Great Falls, returned to duty Tuesday after spending a short leave here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Todd.

Cadet Nurse Clara Ann Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd, will return to Great Falls Saturday, after a visit in Kalispell with her parents. She has finished her training at Galen and who now continue at Columbus hospital.

Todd Marie 5 Jan 1944 pg 5

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Tontant Earl W 13 Jul 1944 pg 2

Pvt. Earl Tontant who is stationed at Tucson, Ariz., arrived here to visit his parents. He will have a three weeks furlough.

Toole Kenneth 20 Oct 1944 pg 4

Sergeant Kenneth Toole is spending a furlough in Kalispell from Ogden, Utah, where he is stationed. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Toole.

Torbergson Alfred 29 Apr 1944 pg 4

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Torbergson of Somers have received word that their son, Sgt. Alfred Torbergson, has landed safely somewhere in England.

Torbergson Pete 18 Jan 1944 pg 4

Pete Torbergson is enjoying a visit with members of his family after arriving from his army base in South Carolina the past week.

Torgerson Oscar 4 Jan 1944 pg 5 14 Jul 1944 g 5 30 Aug 1944 pg 1

Oscar Torgerson, T/5, who has spent part of his furlough in Kalispell from his station at Camp Cook, Calif., left Tuesday afternoon for North Dakota, where he will visit his parents.

T/5 Oscar Torgerson is now stationed in France, according to word received here by friends. He has been in the army for several years.

**T/5 OSCAR TORGERSON
KILLED IN BATTLE
ACTION IN FRANCE**

T/5 Oscar Torgerson of Kalispell was killed in action in France, August 17, according to word received by relatives here. He had been in the invasion of Normandy and had been overseas for some time.

Parents of the soldier reside in North Dakota but his two sisters live northeast of Kalispell on a farm. He entered the service in the early days of the war and first trained with a tank destroyer outfit and later transferred to the field artillery.

Sisters of Mr. Torgerson were advised of his death in a telegram from the War Department and a letter will follow.

Trankle Donald 17 Aug 1944 pg 3

Cpl. Donald Trankle has received his wings at the Las Vegas gunnery base and is awaiting further orders. The information was received by Mr. and Mrs. George Trankle, the corporal's parents.

Trankle George 7 Feb 1944 pg 3
Corporal George Trankle has received his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps with Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. The paper was dated August, 1919.

Trent Roy S 15 Jul 1944 pg 5
Roy S. Trent has placed his honorable army discharge on record at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Fort Washington on Oct. 23, 1941.

Triplett Joseph L 10 Jul 1944 pg 3
Pvt. Joseph L. Triplett son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Triplett of Route No. 2, Kalspell, Montana, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic.

Tschache Dean A 15 Mar 1944 pg 5
First Sergeant Dean Tschache of Camp Polk, La., is spending a short furlough in Kalspell visiting his parents and sister, Mrs. Doris Lingberg. He arrived here Tuesday.

Tucker Milan 23 Oct 1944 pg 5
Milan Tucker has returned from Seattle, Wash., where he passed the Navy's V-6 examinations on October 13 and 14. Mr. Tucker is now on inactive duty, awaiting his call to train as a combat aircrewman at Memphis, Tenn.

10 Nov 1944 pg 5
Milan J. Tucker left yesterday for Seattle, where he will enter the United States Navy and take specialized training.

Turner Vernon N 22 May 1944 pg 3
Turner Gets Air Medal
Somewhere in New Guinea—Lieut. General George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area, has awarded the air medal to Second Lieutenant Vernon N. Turner of Kalspell, Mont. "for meritorious achievement" while participating in operation flight missions in the Southwest Pacific during which hostile contact was probable and expected.
In the course of these operations he escorted bombers and transport planes, made interception and attack missions and patrol and reconnaissance flights. During many of the flights strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment.
Fighter squadrons of the Fifth Air Force, with which he is on duty, have played a major role in General MacArthur's coordinated air, land and sea offensive against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific.

27 Jun 1944 pg 2
Lt. Vernon Turner Is Awarded The Air Medal
Lt. Vernon N. Turner, son of Mrs. Lydia Turner of Kalspell, was decorated with the air medal, recently, according to word received by his mother from his commanding officer. The award was made in recognition for courageous service.
Lt. Turner was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from January 3 to March 2, 1944.
The letter states that Lt. Turner took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included escorting bombers and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions and patrol and reconnaissance flights. Strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases.

Twining W R 22 Jul 1944 pg 4
T/5 Twining in England
Mrs. W. R. Twining has received a letter from her son, W. R. Twining, T/5, announcing that he is "somewhere in jolly old England." He says that it is a beautiful country, and the food is good, with plenty of fresh meat, vegetables and eggs. Mrs. Twining does not know when he arrived in England, and says he left Camp Cooke, Calif., about June 1.