

Surname Given  
Waggener Raymond L

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**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 Cochran was discharged in 1943 from O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo.

Waggener Ted W

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Ted W. Waggener, AMM 3/c, and Leroy Heinrichson, AMM 3/c, have returned from navy service at Pearl Harbor and are attending naval training school at Oakland, Calif., where they are taking a 16-week course. The young men have been stationed at the same points ever since enlisting in the navy. Waggener is the son of Mrs. R. I. Moore of Kalspell and Heinrichson's home is near Creston.

Ted Waggener, AMM, 3/C, left Kalspell Monday for Alameda, Cal., after spending a leave with his wife and his mother, Mrs. R. I. Moore. Prior to coming here, he had served in the Pacific and then received advanced training at a California naval base.

Wagner Beulah

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**WAC PRIVATE BEULAH WAGNER VISITING HERE**  
Private Beulah Wagner of the Women's Army Corps, daughter of L. W. Dorrah of Kalspell is home on furlough. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Hiatt, also of Kalspell.  
Private Wagner enlisted in July of 1943 and took her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She is now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland where she is learning to be a computing expert. At the present time she is working in the bombing section where she computes bombing tables.  
Private Wagner is the wife of Sergeant Thomas Wagner who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific with the Army Air Forces in that area.

### Wagner Receives Silver Star



First Lieutenant Frederick C. Wagner of Kalispell, Mont., whose wife, Mrs. Olga F. Wagner, lives at Tucuma, Wash., receives the Silver Star for gallantry in action at this 15th Air Force Heavy Bombardment Base in southern Italy. Col. Hugo P. Rush, his wing commander, makes the award. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Herman C. Willem, Jr., 15th Air Force photographer.)

First Lt. Frederick C. Wagner of Kalispell has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action at a 15th AAF base in Italy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Wagner of Creston and formerly was an automobile salesman for the Plathood Motor Sales company and was cited for gallantry during a bombing mission last February 23 over Austria.

The coveted silver star, one of the highest air force awards was presented Lt. Wagner by his wing commander, Colonel Hugh P. Rush.

The citation for the first pilot of the Liberator, "Young and Willing," reads:

"Despite the knowledge that his .50 caliber turret and tail turret guns were inoperative, his plane was subjected to a series of furious attacks by enemy pursuit using rockets and 20-mm. cannon fire, nine separate passes from all directions being made. Lieutenant Wagner courageously maneuvered his crippled aircraft over the target for a highly successful bombing run, inflicting grave damage to enemy factories, supplies and adjacent installations. Both waist gunners were very seriously wounded, the rudder trim tab control cable was shot out, main spar on the left rudder broken. As soon as friendly pursuit had driven off the enemy pursuit, Lieutenant Wagner went back to the waist to obtain an estimate of the situation. He did this without the use of a walk-around battle, all of which were being used by the wounded waist gunners. The plane, at this time was at 18,500 feet. He replaced long enough to give most of his flying clothes to the wounded men, supervised first aid treatment being given them, and made an examination of the damaged rudder and rudder control cable." The citation then tells of how he was able to keep his ship with the formation, until out of enemy territory, then landing the crippled Liberator at a friendly base.

Lieutenant Wagner is also assistant engineering officer of this squadron.

First Lt. Fred C. Wagner has arrived home on a 30-day sick leave from the Fitzsimmons General hospital at Denver, Colo. He recently returned from overseas and was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal and the European Theater Ribbon. Lt. and Mrs. Wagner are visiting at the Albert Wagner home in Creston.

Lt. and Mrs. Fred Wagner of Denver have been visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wagner, of Creston. Lt. Wagner has returned to the Fitzsimmons General hospital at Denver but his wife will remain here for sometime.

Manhattan, Kansas. — Private George F. Wagner of Bigfork, Montana, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Seattle, has arrived at Kansas State college for a course of Army Air Force instruction as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces.

Pvt. George F. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of the East Lake shore, has won the right to wear the "wings and boots" of the United States army paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing. The release concerning Pvt. Wagner came from the public relations office of the parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. George Wagner has returned to the service after a short visit with family and friends.

Overseas Reunion  
Three Kalispell boys recently met unexpectedly "somewhere in the Pacific area." They were LeRoy Mooers, Orville Ritzman, and Marvin Wagner and Roger Kaylor. Ritzman is in the navy, and the others are in the army. When his ship arrived in port, he discovered the other boys, and they enjoyed a wonderful get-together.

Pvt. Lawrence Ourstand and Pvt. Hisson returned to their homes Wednesday from Farrakut, N.C. Training center where they spent a short time with Robt. B. Walker.

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| Walter  | Bonnie M  | 3 Aug 1944 pg 5   |   |  |
|         |           | Miss Bonnie M. Walter, Yeoman 2/c, of the Naval Air Station, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, is enjoying a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walter. At the same time her sister, Miss Florence Walter, is here from Renton, Wash.  |   |  |
| Walter  | Richard C | 17 Jan 1944 pg 3  | 8 Mar 1944 pg 7   | 21 Jul 1944 pg 7   |
|         |           | Seaman 2/c Dick Walter spent the weekend in KallsPELL with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walter, from Farragut Naval Training station where he is in the office commissary.  | Seaman, second class, Richard C. Walter has been transferred from Farragut, Idaho to the University of Idaho at Moscow where he will enter radio school. Seaman Walter has been at the navy station at Farragut for the past eight months where he was truck dispatcher for Ship's Company. | <b>Walter Completes Training</b><br>Richard (Dick) Walter, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Walter of KallsPELL, has completed training at the Naval Training school at Moscow, Idaho, and was graduated with the rating of radioman, 3/c. Petty officer Walter was the only man in his platoon to earn this rating and was seventh from the top in the graduating class.<br>Petty Officer Walter arrived home Tuesday evening with delayed orders and will leave Sunday for Norfolk, Va., for additional training. |
| Watkins | CE        | 12 Jan 1944 pg 7  |   |  |
|         |           | Word has been received here that C. E. Watkins of Portland, Ore., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Chester King of KallsPELL, has been inducted into the navy and will report at Farragut, Idaho, January 14. Due to previous navy experience Mr. Watkins re-enters the service with a specialist's rating. |   |  |
| Watson  | Comet E   | 30 Mar 1944 pg 5  |   |  |
|         |           | Comet E. Watson, pharmacist's mate, third class, is spending a 15-day furlough in KallsPELL at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester King. He is stationed at Farragut Naval station.  |   |  |
| Watters | Lewis M   | 8 Jan 1944 pg 5   |   |  |
|         |           | Corporal Lewis M. Watters, son of Mrs. Lewis Watters, spent a week's furlough with his relatives in KallsPELL. He left Friday to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Frances Swartz, of Missoula. He is stationed at Santa Ana, Calif., with the Marine corps.                                     |   |  |
| Weaver  | Ernest    | 15 Jul 1944 pg 7  |   |  |
|         |           | Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Weaver that their son, Ernest, has lost his right arm while fighting in the Pacific with the marines. This is the second time he has been wounded.  |   |  |
| Weaver  | Virgil    | 7 Mar 1944 pg 5   |   |  |
|         |           | Sgt. Virgil Weaver is spending his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Weaver.  |   |  |
| Webster | Harold    | 1 Jul 1944 pg 5   |   |  |
|         |           | Merchant Marine Harold Webster visited here en route to a base on the west coast.   |   |  |
| Weed    | Vernon    | 25 May 1944 pg 5  |   |  |
|         |           | Capt. Vernon Weed of the army medical corps has been sent to England.   |   |  |

Weir Lloyd R 22 May 1944 pg 1

**S/SGT LLOYD WEIR IS AWARDED THE D. F. C.**

Washington, May 23—(AP)—The war department announced today that two Montanans, Staff Sgt. Lloyd R. Weir of Kalispell, and Staff Sgt. Harvey U. Dionne of Malta had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Both sergeants are members of the United States Army Eighth air force.

Weisz Roy 2 Jun 1944 pg 5

Cpl. Roy Weisz and Mrs. Weisz are visiting in Kalispell. He is on furlough from the army after being stationed in Alaska. He reports to Eugene, Ore.

Wendt Richard M 21 Feb 1944 pg 5

Word has been received from Richard Wendt who enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and left for Seattle on January 14. He has been sent to the U. S. Naval Flight prep school at Northfield, Minnesota. Dick is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wendt.

10 Apr 1944 pg 5

Word has been received from Dick Wendt stating this is his last week at Northfield, Minnesota. The boys in this battalion are shipping out next Monday and Tuesday. At present Dick doesn't know where he will be sent for W.T.S.

26 Aug 1944 pg 5

Athens, Ga.—Naval Aviation Cadet Richard M. Wendt, of Columbia Falls, Mont., has reported to the U. S. Navy pre-flight school here for intensive physical training and ground school study. The course is a preliminary step in the progressive stages of flight training for future Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine combat pilots. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wendt.

Wendt Wayne A 19 Feb 1944 pg 3

Second Lieutenant Wayne A. Wendt has left for Roswell, N. M., after spending a few days in Kalispell. He graduated February 8 as a pilot at Douglas, Ariz.

26 Jul 1944 pg 5

Lieut. Wayne A. Wendt returned Sunday, July 23, to Sioux City, Iowa, after spending four days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wendt, Jr., of Croston. Lt. Wendt received his wings in February, 1944, at Douglas, Arizona, and has just completed training in four-engine aircraft as first pilot of a B-17, Flying Fortress. He returns to Sioux City Air Base to await new assignment.

28 Oct 1944 pg 7

**Wendt Wins Air Medal**  
15th AAF in Italy—"For meritorious achievement in aerial fight," the Air Medal was presented to 2nd Lt. Wayne A. Wendt of Kalispell, Mont., by his squadron commander, Lt. Col. Carl A. Ousley, of Omaha, Neb., at a recent ceremony in Italy.  
An AAF B-17 co-pilot, the 27-year-old lieutenant has participated in 18 combat missions with the 15th AAF to bomb enemy targets throughout southern Europe. Wendt's first mission, Aug. 23, was an attack against enemy installations and railroad yards at Vienna, Austria.  
Before he entered the service on May 26, 1942, at Missoula, Wendt had attended Montana State U., winning a B. A. degree in business. Winning his wings and commission at Douglas Army base, Ariz., on Feb. 8, 1944, Lt. Wendt entered foreign service Aug. 8.  
His father, Gus Wendt, Jr., lives at Holt Stage, Kalispell.

6 Dec 1944 pg 1

**LIEUT. WAYNE A. WENDT MISSING IN ACTION**  
First Lieut. Wayne A. Wendt is reported missing in action, according to a telegram received by his father, Gus Wendt, Jr., from the War department. The message states that the flier was listed as missing on November 11, 1944, over Germany. If other details or information are received, Mr. Wendt is to be notified promptly.  
Wendt enlisted in May, 1942, and was commissioned in February, 1944. He has been overseas since August 8, 1944, and has flown between 25 and 30 missions.

West Dorothy 12 May 1944 pg 6

Mr. and Mrs. Fred West and daughter, Miss Dorothy, drove here from Somers Sunday. Dorothy was home for a short visit from Missoula where she is taking cadet nurses' training.

1 Jul 1944 pg 5

W. Schreckengast, S 2/s, and Cadet Dorothy West visited Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred West at Somers. They came from Missoula.

18 Nov 1944 pg 5

**CADET NURSE WEST AND BROTHER SPENDING LEAVES AT HOME OF PARENTS**  
Cadet Nurse Dorothy West of St. Patrick's hospital in Missoula spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West, and her brother, George West, A.N.M., 1/C. The latter is spending a short leave in Somers after completing special training in four-engine aircraft in California. A successful hunting trip was enjoyed by the family. George reports to Kansas City, Mo.

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Wetterhus Merle 6 Jul 1944 pg 4  
Merle Wetterhus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wetterhus, who is in the navy, has arrived home on a two-weeks leave. He was originally in the Pacific, but was transferred to the Atlantic fleet, and has just returned from England.

Wheaton Clark E 24 Nov 1944 pg 3  
Clark E. Wheaton, S. 2/c, graduated recently from the naval air technical training center at Norman, Okla., and received his present rating. The son of Frank Wheaton of 224 First avenue west, Clark enlisted in the Navy at Seattle last June. He will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work.

White Robert 19 Aug 1944 pg 5  
Among the inductees leaving Kalispell on Tuesday for Fort Douglas, Utah, was Robert White, Thomas Brist and Alven Krantz, both former Somers residents, were also in the group.

Whitehead William 4 Nov 1944 pg 11  
William Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hojpe, has been wounded in action and is in a hospital in France. This word was received from the War department.

Whitford Roy 25 Mar 1944 pg 2  
Lieut. Roy Whitford of Great Falls was a guest at the Sam Averill home Monday and Tuesday, before going to Seattle for a brief furlough. Lieut. Averill and Lieut. Whitford were buddies during their early flying training, and have been assigned to the same post overseas.

Whitney Jack J 27 Jul 1944 pg 7 5 Aug 1944 pg 5  
Jack Whitney, CM 1/c and Mrs. Whitney arrived from Bremerton, Wash., this week and are visiting relatives and friends here. Jack is a Seabee and has been in the Aleutians the past 18 months.  
After 18 months' service in the Aleutians, Jack J. Whitney, carpenter's mate with petty officer rating, 1st class, is spending a 30-day leave at Bigfork with relatives and friends. He is accompanied by his wife, who has been employed in the Fort Orchard, Washington, housing project.

Whitwell Furman R 13 Mar 1944 pg 4 18 Apr 1944 pg 5  
**PFC. OLIVE WHITWELL VISITING AT HOME HERE**  
Private First Class Olive Patricia Whitwell of the Women's Army Army Corps is in Kalispell on furlough visiting her father, F. R. Whitwell.  
Private Whitwell has been stationed at Camp Wilmington, Port of Embarkation, Los Angeles; California and has been selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.  
Private Whitwell enlisted in the Women's Army Corps during the summer of 1943 after her graduation from Montana State College.  
She has one brother in service, cadet Furman Whitwell, who is training in the Navy Air Corps.  
Athens, Ga. April 18—Naval Aviation Cadet Furman R. Whitwell, Jr., son of F. R. Whitwell of Kalispell, Mont., has reported to the U. S. navy pre-flight school here for three months of intensive physical toughening and instruction in advanced ground school subjects. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be transferred to a naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Whitwell Olive Patricia 13 Mar 1944 pg 4 21 Jun 1944 pg 2

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**OLIVE WHITWELL RAISED TO RANK OF 2ND LIEUTENANT**

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., June 20—Olive P. Whitwell, daughter of F. R. Whitwell of Kalispell, Mont., received her commission as second lieutenant in the army of the U. S. at the graduation exercises of Officer Candidate School held Saturday, June 17, at the Third WAC Training Center here.

Wickham Douglas 10 Jun 1944 pg 3

Pvt. Douglas Wickham is visiting at the home of his parents on the lake shore. He has been stationed at Camp Ellis, Indiana.

Wiley Earl C 23 Jun 1944 pg 4

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., June 23—Two Kalispell men, Earl C. Wiley and Edward Hedstrom recently arrived at the Army Service Troops Training center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, where they will receive basic training as ordnance soldiers.

Wilkes Ernest 27 Nov 1944 pg 5

Ernest Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes of Kalispell, has arrived home on furlough from Galveston, Texas. He expects to return the latter part of this week.

Wilks George A 10 Oct 1944 pg 5

George A. Wilks, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilks of Kalispell, has graduated as seaman first class at the Aviation Ordnance school in Norman, Oklahoma. He now rates as a petty officer, third class, and will be assigned to duty in the Pacific area.

Will Gene 21 Jun 1944 pg 5

T/Sgt. Gene Will has arrived safely in England, according to word received by his wife.

Sgt. Will left here with the local National Guard unit but due to injuries was separated from them when they left for overseas in March, 1942. He was then stationed in Hawaii for some time, returning to the United States on cadre detail with Ammunition Ordnance.

Mrs. Will and son will remain in Kalispell for the duration.

Williams Lester 24 Nov 1944 pg 5

Lieutenant and Mrs. Lester Williams left by train Monday for Santa Ana, Calif. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Creston. They enjoyed their visit here and Mrs. Williams was especially delighted with the snow as it was the first she had ever seen.

Willis Howard D 28 Dec 1944 pg 5

Two honorable army discharges have been recorded by Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. Pfc. Howard D. Willis' discharge was signed at Fort Douglas on Dec. 13, 1944. Cpl. Roy E. Alton received his discharge, also at Fort Douglas on December 16, 1944.

Wilson John E 5 Sep 1944 pg 7

Pvt. John E. Wilson has recorded his honorable army discharge at the Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, March 8, 1943.

Wilson Louis C 25 Nov 1944 pg 5

Pvt. Louis C. Wilson has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Camp Beale, Calif., Nov. 14, 1944. He entered the service in June, 1941.

Wilson Ross J 6 Jan 1944 pg 5

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ross J. Wilson, and sons left today for Colorado, where they will reside. Col. Wilson will be stationed at Camp Carson. He recently returned from Kiska.

Wise Aljia 26 Jun 1944 pg 6

A letter by V-mail from New Guinea was received from Pvt. Aljia Wise to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spriggs, stating he had arrived safely and enjoyed the trip across and was feeling fine.

Wood George 19 Apr 1944 pg 5

Sgt. George Wood is now somewhere in England with the United States army air forces, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wood of Kalispell. He landed there the last week in March.

Wood Walter 28 Oct 1944 pg 7

**Columbia Falls Marine Wipes out Jap Nest**  
By Sergeant Walter Wood, Marine Combat Correspondent  
Ngesebus, Paula Islands (Delayed)  
—Marine Private First Class Julius B. Hill, of Columbia Falls, Mont., a flame-thrower operator with the First Marine Division, turned out two Jap pillboxes, accounting for approximately 22 Japs, in the two-day fight for this one-and-a-half-mile long coral atoll.  
Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hill, Columbia Falls, said there were about 12 Japs in the first pillbox and 10 in the other.  
A graduate of Columbia Falls High School in 1941, Hill has been overseas 18 months and fought previously at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

Wood Wayne C 18 Mar 1944 pg 4

Chico, Calif. — Aviation Cadet Wayne C. Wood, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Wood of Columbia Falls, Mont., has completed basic pilot training in the Army Air Forces at Chico, Calif., army air field.  
Cadet Wood has been transferred to Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, for advanced pilot training. Upon completion of advanced training he will receive his wings.

24 May 1944 pg 2

Ft. Sumner, N. M., AAF Pilot School, May 24—Aviation Cadet Wayne C. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wood of Columbia Falls, Montana, graduated from this AAF Pilot school today.  
He will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army air forces and will be entitled to wear the silver wings of a flying officer.

Woodard Bob 1 Jul 1944 pg 5

**Bob Woodard of the Coast Guard, who has been stationed at Portland, is visiting at the Washington home**

Woolley St Charles 29 Sep 1944 pg 4

Word has been received by Charley Woolley of Somers that his son, St. Charles Woolley, who was in the Army Air Corps at Nome, Alaska, is now at Great Falls air base.

Wyman Vernon Lyle 12 Jan 1944 pg 7

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wyman have received word that their son, Corporal Vernon L. Wyman, has arrived safely somewhere in Africa.

11 Feb 1944 pg 5

Corporal Vernon L. Wyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wyman of Kalspell, is now stationed in North Africa, his parents have learned. He has been there since Christmas. At a visit to one of the large cities, Young Wyman reports that he saw the names of four Kalspell boys on the register at a Red Cross center. He has been awarded the good conduct medal.

24 Mar 1944 pg 5

Corporal Vernon Wyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wyman of Kalspell, is now stationed somewhere in Italy. He writes of having visited Naples and says it must have been a beautiful city before the war.

3 Jul 1944 pg 2

**LOCAL MAN ONE OF "88TH" FIRST TO MEET BEACHHEAD**

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Following behind the reconnaissance unit of the Fifth Army that first made contact with the Anzio beachhead from the lower Italian front were Corporal Vernon Wyman of Kalspell, Montana, Lieutenant Alvin Hansen of Fortuna, Calif., and Technical Sergeant Joseph Nicholas of Lincoln, Indiana, all of the 88th Infantry Division.

The men made the trip up Highway 7 long before the snipers had been cleared out of the valley.

Greeted by the Italian civilians with flowers, handshakes and kisses, they arrived at Cisterna without a single shot fired at them. They were met also by a member of the beachhead divisions who had been sitting in their dugouts for nearly four months waiting for the line to break.

"Now I will be able to see some of my friends that I have been wanting to see for a long time," said Hansen.

The trio spent the rest of the day looking for old acquaintances.

8 Sep 1944 pg 3

Pvt. Lyle Wyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wyman, has sent a hand-carved rosary from Rome to his parents. He also has sent souvenir copies of "Stars and Stripes," telling of the fall of Rome and the invasion of France.

29 Sep 1944 pg 4

**LOCAL SOLDIER FIGHTS WITH "KRAUT-KILLER" REGIMENT IN ITALY**

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pvt. Vernon L. Wyman, Kalspell, Mont., is serving with the 349th Infantry Regiment, one of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army units which smashed the Gustav and Hitler lines and chased the Germans from the Garigliano to the Arno river in Italy.

Part of the 88th Infantry Division, first Selective Service Infantry division to enter combat on any front, the 349th piled up a total of 95 miles gained in 45 days of actual combat during the Fifth Army sweep up the Italian peninsula.

Known as the "Kraut-Killers" Doughboys of the 349th fought across some of the worst mountainous terrain to capture Fondi, key point in the vaunted Adolf Hitler line, and protected the flank of the French Corps in its push across Mt. Ansoni and Lepini.

Highlight of the regiment's action below Rome came at Magna when one platoon ambushed an entire German armored company attempting to flee the town.

After driving through Rome, the 349th was pulled back for rest about mid-June. It returned to combat early in July, and after its envelopment of Volterra, it overcame stubborn enemy resistance in a smash to the south bank of the Arno river.

During the action, one of its toughest battles occurred after capture of Palaia and San Miniato, when a platoon of the 349th beat off eight German counter-attacks of near battalion strength while holed up in a house at Calenzano.

Colonel Joseph B. Crawford of Humboldt, Kansas, veteran of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio, and holder of six decorations for bravery, commands the 349th Infantry Regiment.