

**Surname**      **Given Name**      **Publication Date**  
 Backus      Lester C      10 Nov 1945 pg 4

Sgt. Lester C. Backus  
 Sgt. Lester C. Backus was re-  
 leased at Fort Douglas, Utah, Sept.  
 11, 1945. He entered the army Oct.  
 22, 1942, and earned the good con-  
 duct medal.

Baeschlin      Sidney      5 May 1945 pg 1

**SIDNEY BAESCHLIN  
 KILLED IN GERMANY**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Neal Baeschlin have  
 been advised that their son Sidney  
 was killed in action in Germany,  
 December 18, 1944.  
 Sidney was a graduate of Fair-  
 hood County High School with the  
 class of 1941.

23 Nov 1945 pg 2

**SILVER STAR AWARDED TO  
 BAESCHLIN, POSTHUMOUSLY**  
 The Silver Star has been posthu-  
 mously to Private First Class Sidney  
 J. Baeschlin, the medal being receiv-  
 ed by his father, Neal Baeschlin, No-  
 vember 14 at Barnes hospital, Van-  
 couver, Wash.  
 The citation says the Silver Star  
 was awarded "For gallantry in ac-  
 tion on 18 December, 1944 and 19  
 December 1944, in the vicinity of  
 Bieche, France. On 18 December,  
 Private Baeschlin, a platoon, re-  
 pentedly displayed great courage in  
 assisting his squad in assaults on the  
 strongly fortified forts of the Maginot  
 Line. With outstanding heroism  
 he carried explosive charges through  
 heavy enemy fire to the entrances of  
 the "bailets" and concrete emplace-  
 ments, and in the attack on 19 Decem-  
 ber, after his leader was killed and led it.  
 In a furious assault to attain the  
 immediate objective. On 19 Decem-  
 ber, while leading the squad in an  
 attack on a pill box, he fearlessly  
 defied hostile machine gun fire to

Bailey      Lawrence E      28 Aug 1945 pg 5

Lawrence E. Bailey, captain in  
 the navy, has arrived Saturday from  
 the south Pacific for a 30-day leave  
 to visit at the home of his parents,  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey. He has  
 been overseas two and a half years  
 and is on an army transport.

Bailey      Milton      3 Aug 1945 pg 5

Sgt. and Mrs. Milton Bailey are  
 visiting with the latter's parents,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Majdon Hall, in Kal-  
 ispell. They came here from Great  
 Falls where they visited with Sgt.  
 Bailey's mother.

21 Sep 1945 pg 5

Mrs. Milton Bailey, daughter of  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hall, arrived re-  
 cently from Santa Ana, Calif., where  
 she has been with her husband,  
 T/Sgt. L. Bailey, for some time. Mrs.  
 Bailey is employed at Hammer's.

22 Oct 1945 pg 2

T/Sgt. Milton T. Bailey was re-  
 leased at Santa Ana, Calif., Oct. 4,  
 1945. He departed Dec. 28, 1941. He  
 took part in the air offensive over  
 Europe. He earned the good conduct  
 medal, the Purple heart with one oak  
 leaf cluster, the air medal and the  
 European-African-Middle Eastern  
 Theater medal. He was wounded by  
 enemy fighter and anti-aircraft fire.

Bain      Louis      2 Apr 1945 pg 3

Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Bain and son  
 are visiting with Mrs. Bain's par-  
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Schoner.  
 They have been at Arlington, Calif.,  
 and Sgt. Bain reports to his section  
 April 15.

Bain      Richard      6 Jan 1945 pg 4

Mrs. Richard Bain of Proctor re-  
 ceived a telegram Tuesday morning  
 from her husband, T/Sergeant Ri-  
 chard V. Bain, stating he had arriv-  
 ed in California after nearly three  
 years in the South Pacific theater of  
 war. He has been serving in the  
 4th division and left the States  
 with Company "D" in March, 1942.  
 He took part in many of the major  
 battles in the Southwest Pacific.

24 Jan 1945 pg 5

T/Sgt. Richard Bain is spending  
 a furlough in Kallispell and other  
 Mountain points with relatives. His  
 wife and daughter reside at Proctor  
 but are in Kallispell with him at the  
 present time. He reports to Santa  
 Barbara early in February.  
 T/Sgt. Bain has served in the Pa-  
 cific for 34 months. He left Kal-  
 lispell with Company "E" and has  
 taken part in a number of cam-  
 paigns.

3 Feb 1945 pg 5

T/Sgt. Richard Bain will spend  
 day for Santa Barbara, Calif., where  
 he will enter an army hospital for  
 treatment and re-assignment. His  
 wife accompanied him to Missoula.

26 Mar 1945 pg 3

T/Sgt. Richard Bain arrived at  
 Proctor Sunday on a 28-day fur-  
 lough from the convalescent hospital  
 at Camp Lockett, Calif. His wife met  
 him in Kallispell Friday and accom-  
 panied him to Proctor, where he  
 will spend most of his furlough.

5 Apr 1945 pg 5

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Bain and  
 small daughter are visiting relatives  
 in Kallispell and Ewer. Sergeant  
 Bain will leave for California at  
 the conclusion of his furlough on  
 April 6. He will enter the Camp  
 Lockett convalescent hospital for a  
 rest and treatment following over-  
 seas illness.

17 Apr 1945 pg 2

T/Sgt. Richard Bain received a  
 month's extension on his furlough  
 and will not leave for Camp Lockett,  
 Calif., until May 9.

22 Jun 1945 pg 2

T/Sgt. Richard Bain recently re-  
 ceived a medical discharge from  
 Mitchell Convalescent hospital at  
 Camp Lockett, California. Sgt. Bain  
 served three years in the South Pa-  
 cific, and took part in a number of  
 battles in the New Guinea area dur-  
 ing the first stages of the war with  
 Japan. He was eligible for honor-  
 able discharge on the point system,  
 with 116 points to his credit. Mr.  
 and Mrs. Bain and daughter Carolyn  
 will move to Kallispell this week  
 where they plan on making their  
 home.

Baker      Ernest G      23 Jul 1945 pg 3

S/Sgt. Ernest G. Baker has been  
 honorably discharged from the  
 Army Air Force at Ft. Lewis re-  
 cently, according to word received  
 in Kallispell. Mrs. Baker left Fri-  
 day to meet him and accompany him  
 home. S/Sgt. Baker was at Tinian  
 in the Marianas before returning to  
 the U. S.

1 Aug 1945 pg 4

**Army Discharge Recorded**  
 S/Sgt. Ernest G. Baker received  
 his honorable army discharge at  
 Fort Lewis, Wash., July 22, 1945,  
 and has placed it on record with  
 Clerk and Recorder, A. J. Shaw. He  
 entered the service Sept. 20, 1942.  
 Assigned as an airplane mechanic,  
 he was in the India-Burma-China  
 Theater and took part in air con-  
 trol operations against the Japs. He  
 has the good conduct, American  
 theater service and Asiatic-Pacific  
 theater medals.

Baker	Graeme Jr	14 Jun 1945 pg 5	20 Sep 1945 pg 5
		<p>Graeme Baker of Seattle is in Kalispell to visit relatives and friends. He stopped off en route Chicago where he has been to visit his son, Graeme Baker, Jr. who is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Mr. Baker says travel is exceptionally heavy, and reservations are very difficult to get.</p>	<p>Graeme Baker, Jr., has arrived home from the Great Lakes naval training station, and is spending a short leave with his mother, Mrs. Hope Baker. He expects to leave soon for San Diego for assignment to duty in the Pacific.</p>
Baker	John W	18 Apr 1945 pg 4	15 Nov 1945 pg 4
		<p><b>Wins Bronze Star</b> With A Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Depot Group, Italy—For meritorious service and untiring devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant John W. Baker, Whitefish, Montana, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command.</p>	<p>S/Sgt. John W. Baker was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, Nov. 3, 1945. He enlisted Dec. 29, 1941. He fought at Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno campaigns. He has the American theater of operations service ribbon, the European-Middle Eastern service ribbon, the good conduct medal and the bronze star medal and the victory medal.</p>
Baker	Ralph W	15 Nov 1945 pg 4	
		<p>Cpl. Ralph W. Baker was released from the army at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., June 30, 1919. He saw action at the Meuse-Argonne in World War I.</p>	
Bakewell	Warren	12 May 1945 pg 1	
		<p><b>GRANT BAKEWELL'S NEPHEW REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION</b> Grant Bakewell of Kalispell has just received the news that his nephew, Sgt. Warren Bakewell, of Colgan, North Dakota, is missing in action. He was serving on one of the large B-29 bombers in the Philippines area. He has two sisters in the service, one a Lieutenant, in the nurses' corps and the other in the WACS.</p>	
Balding	Donald L	15 Nov 1945 pg 4	
		<p>S/Sgt. Donald L. Balding was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Nov. 3, 1945. He entered the army in July, 1942, and fought at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhine, and Central Europe. He has the American theater service medal, the European-Middle Eastern theater service medal and four overseas service bars.</p>	
Balding	Richard G	26 May 1945 pg 3	9 Nov 1945 pg 4
		<p><b>Good Men in Group</b> Congratulated by Doolittle Roosevelt, V-E Day. Among the 133,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the Eighth in January, 1944, were several from Kalispell. "I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done," Gen. Doolittle said in a message to all personnel. "Each of you," he continued, "may be proud of your part in the success of the Eighth Air Force. The world is proud of you." Among the Eighth personnel from Kalispell, Montana, were: M/Sgt. Charles P. Busch, M/Sgt. Lyle E. Green, P/Sgt. Edward R. Christenson, Somers, S/Sgt. Richard G. Balding, Sgt. William R. Clark, Sgt. John C. Hendrickson, Columbia Falls, Pvt. Ernest C. Hestretter.</p>	<p>S/Sgt. Richard G. Balding was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, on Nov. 5, 1945. He entered the army March 6, 1942, and earned the American theater of operations service ribbon, European-Middle Eastern service ribbon, the good conduct medal and the victory medal.</p>

### Posthumous Honor Awarded Lt. Baldwin

Missoula—(Special)—At an impressive formal ceremony in the State university presidential chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Baldwin of Kallispell were presented the Bronze Star by Major George W. Misovic for heroic action performed by their son, First Lieutenant Charles S. (Jim) Baldwin, Jr., who was killed in action in Germany.

Dignitaries and members of the deceased from Missoula, Kallispell and Helena were in attendance at the presentation.

The citation accompanying the award, which was bestowed on behalf of Major General G. C. Shedd, commanding general for the Ninth Service command at Fort Douglas, read: "For meritorious achievement."



LT. CHARLES S. BALDWIN, JR., in connection with military operations against the enemy on October 12, 1944.

Present at the occasion were University President E. O. Melby, Deans Walter A. Anderson, Charles W. Lombard, John Crowder and Registrar J. B. Spoor, Professors E. A. Atkinson, Tom Swearingen, Clarence Bell and Attorney Walter Pope—all of Missoula, and Captains Malcolm Burns, Kallispell, Jr., and Mrs. James M. Egan, Helena, and the youth's parents and Major Misovic, who is professor of military science and tactics at the university.

Lieutenant Baldwin was a featured caterpillar at university convocation and public events during his undergraduate days at the university, during which time he played with the university band and orchestra and campus dance orchestras. He was a member of Bearjaw, sophomore service honorary organization, and was affiliated with Sigma Nu social fraternity.

Lt. Baldwin was killed by a German machine gun near Aachen on October 12, while leading a patrol of 200 men on a volunteer commando raid into the German lines. All were killed in the patrol except for two men.

In connection with the mission which resulted in the awarding of the Bronze Star, Lieutenant Baldwin spotted large pieces of German artillery and informed American gunners of the position so that the equipment was knocked out with one shot.

Before he was killed, Lieutenant Baldwin was written up in the *Evening Star and Stripes*.

He went ashore in Normandy in the invasion and spent 150 days in the fighting front line against the Germans before he was killed at a place just 120 miles from where his father served in the first World War.

He had organized four of the best singers among his men and always accompanied them by playing a large captured German band accordion. The captain of his company wrote his father, Charles S. Baldwin, Sr., that it was with a heavy heart they buried the lieutenant in the Haute Chappelle cemetery in Belgium; that he always spent much time playing the piano and the organ for the men in the company and was loved by both the officers and men of the 26th Infantry and that he died with a smoking machine gun in his left hand taking the German machine gun.

Second Lt. Roger Baldwin is spending a few days in Kallispell visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin. He came by airplane from Fort Monmouth, N. Y., and will report to Camp Crowder, Mo.

**Turkey for Christmas**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baldwin of Creston, have received a letter from their son, Wilbert Baldwin, who is with the armed forces in the Pacific area. He says that even though they are so far apart they were fortunate in having turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. He said the cooks stand up most of the night before preparing it, and did a grand job. He sent his parents some turkey money, which was used during the occupation which, he says, is worthless as currency in the United States, but he is making a collection, and wishes to keep as a souvenir.

**Wilbur Baldwin Proposed**  
Fifth Air Force, Philippines—Wilbur G. Baldwin, son of E. S. Baldwin, Creston, Mont., has been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the "Hoghunters," a "C-47" outfit of Fifth Air Force Fighter Command. Now in P-51 "crop" outfit, Sergeant Baldwin has been overseas for 26 months, and did his part in leading the "Hoghunters" into the jungles of Borneo, and Staff Sergeant Baldwin in the Pacific to destroy more than 200 enemy planes in aerial combat.

S/Sgt. Wilbert G. Baldwin was released at Fort Lyle, Wash., Nov. 16, 1945. He was captured by the Japanese in Oct. 1942, and took part in the air offensive over Japan, Bismarck archipelago, China, New Guinea, southern Philippines, Luzon and the Ryukyus. He has the distinguished unit badge, the Asiatic-Pacific service medal, the Philippine liberation medal with one bronze service star and the good conduct medal.

Prior to entering the army, the sergeant worked on his father's farm. His sister, Miss Gladys M. Baldwin, is serving as a member of the Civil Nursing Corps.

**Bangeman Promoted to Sergeant**  
Word has been received by Susan E. Bangeman that her son, Fred W. Bangeman, who is with the armored force stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Upon completing his basic training Sergeant Bangeman has been on duty as Cadre on driving and mechanically maintaining every type of heavy armored vehicle, such as the General Sherman tank and tank dozer. He is attached to Headquarters Company, First Training Regiment at the Armored Replacement Training Center.

Pfc. Orphie H. Baune was released at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Nov. 17, 1945. He entered service June 16, 1941 and has the good conduct medal and World War II victory medal.

Banning John L

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Pfc. John L. Banning was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 27, 1945. He entered the service Aug. 23, 1942. He fought in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, southern France, the Rhineland and central Europe campaigns. He has the good conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal and four overseas service bars.

Barker Frederick J

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M. Barber received a wire this week from their son, Fred, saying he had arrived in this country on a furlough. He has been overseas for two years in the European theater.

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S/SGT. Fred D. Barker, released Sept. 4, 1945, at Fort Douglas, Utah, after serving since Oct. 1, 1941. He took part in the air offensive over Europe in Normandy, northern France and in the Rhineland. His decorations include the American defense service medal, the good conduct medal and European-African-Middle Eastern service medal.

Barker (Barber) Jensen C

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John C. Barker, husband of Mrs. Jensen, was released from the navy at Bremerton, Wash., Nov. 5, 1945.

Barker Marcus W

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Pfc. Marcus W. Barker was released at Fort Lewis, Wash., Dec. 28, 1945. He entered the service Dec. 29, 1942, and fought at Dinagore, Mindanao, New Guinea, southern Philippines and Luzon. He earned the purple heart for wounds received in the Asiatic-Pacific theater April 22, 1945, the good conduct medal, the bronze service arrowhead, American theater service medal, Asiatic-Pacific service medal, the Philippine liberation medal with two bronze service stars and the victory medal.

Barkley Robert W

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**Wounded Marine in U. S.**  
Marine Private Robert W. Barkley of Columbia Falls, who was wounded on Okinawa in May, has arrived at the hospital at Fargout, Idaho. He is recovering from wounds in his right leg which were caused by machine-gun bullets. He was in a hospital at Guam before being brought to a San Francisco receiving hospital enroute to Fargout. While on Guam, he was visited by Warren Price, a cousin from Whitefish and a friend who are Seabeck stationed there.

Barnard Harry R

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Harry R. Barnard, A. M. M. 2/c, who has spent over two years at Pecos, Wash., has been sent to Memphis, Tenn., to the N. A. Tech. training center.

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MSG/C and Mrs. Harry Barnard of Pecos, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowell and Henry Blod spent Sunday at the Ray Barnard home.

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Harry Barnard, aviation machine-gun crew, 2/c, was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 29, 1945. He entered in Oct., 1940 and fought at Rhineland, Ardennes and in Central Europe. He has the good conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal, the American defense service medal with one Bronze star.

Barnes Robert G

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LT. Robert G. Barnes is visiting at Flathead lake while on furlough from the army. He is a pilot of a B-24 and has served in the European theater. He will report to Santa Ana, Calif., at the completion of his leave. He resides at Hot Springs.

Barnhart Oren J

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**Barnhart is Discharged**  
T/5 Oren J. Barnhart, after serving in the army since April 1941, received his honorable discharge at Fort Lewis, Wash., May 29, 1945, and has recorded it at Flathead county courthouse. He has three bronze battle stars for the Papuan, New Guinea and Philippines Liberation campaigns, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal, the American defense service medal, distinguished unit badge, the Philippines Liberation medal, the good conduct medal and six overseas service bars.

Barry

Alroy

3 Mar 1945 pg 5

**Barry Brothers Meet**

Corporal Alroy Barry, who has been overseas since D-day, and his brother, PFC Ernest Barry, had the good fortune to meet on the Belgian border recently, according to a letter from Alroy Barry to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barry.

Alroy Barry, who is with Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, has been awarded battle honors, and received a decoration for his part in a six-day fight. He was also promoted from corporal to sergeant.

Another brother, Ralph Barry, who is in the Navy, was recently ordered to radioman, first class. He is expected home on leave soon.

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**Interesting Letter Is**

Written By Sgt. Barry

Sgt. Alroy G. Barry, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dwyer of route No. 1-A, Kallispell, has written an interesting letter to his relatives in Kallispell.

He left the states April 6, 1944, and landed in England, April 18. It was one of the largest convoys to cross the Atlantic. Sixty attacked but not a ship was lost. Death stamps were used on the enemy side. In England, he worked hard getting ready for the invasion. He landed on the beach of France on June 23. He was in a battle at St. Jean just before St. Lo. Bombers offered close ground support but the bombs also killed lots of our men and destroyed much equipment, he writes. This is where General McCarry was killed. Al Murray his outfit ran into Hitler's 200 craters and an German planes strafed and bombed and there were quite a few casualties. This continued for seven days. The first edition of A G-2 was cut off from the rest of the troops for three days. In camp they only ate soup. They then went on a task force into Belgium, Belgium was the scene of the fighting. The fighting was the most intense. From Belgium they moved into the Netherlands. In the 16-day battle the youth was exhausted but they were only a slight injury. He says he was wounded again in action in Germany and was sent back to a hospital for five days.

When the Germans broke through the line they lost all of their guns within six hours of fighting. Barry was almost captured but crawled through machine gun fire and was able to get away although he did get a few bullet holes in his jacket. The Germans were finally pushed back. He was on the Ruhr river and his battalion was the first to cross it. Prisoners called them Roosevelt's SS troops. Sgt. Barry went to a hospital for an operation and was sent back two days before the war ended.

The last fight the outfit was engaged in was at Mungtoburg, just west of the Rhine river. He is now in southern Germany. The battalion knocked out 50 German tanks. He has three ribbons, the presidential citation, the KPO with three stars and two more coming, and the good conduct ribbon.

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T/Lt Alroy G. Barry was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 21, 1945. He entered the army in Jan., 1943, and fought in Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and central Europe. He has the Presidential citation, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal, the American theater service medal and three overseas service bars.

Barry

Ernest

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**Barry Brothers Meet**

Corporal Alroy Barry, who has been overseas since D-day, and his brother, PFC Ernest Barry, had the good fortune to meet on the Belgian border recently, according to a letter from Alroy Barry to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barry.

Alroy Barry, who is with Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, has been awarded battle honors, and received a decoration for his part in a six-day fight. He was also promoted from corporal to sergeant.

Another brother, Ralph Barry, who is in the Navy, was recently ordered to radioman, first class. He is expected home on leave soon.

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Ernest A. Barry, T/Lt, was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Dec. 12, 1945. He entered in Aug. 1942 and fought in the Rhineland, central European and Aleutian islands campaigns. He has the good conduct medal and the bronze service ribbon. He has the American theater service medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal, the Asiatic-Pacific theater service medal and four overseas service bars.

Barry

Ralph

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Another brother, Ralph Barry, who is in the Navy, was recently ordered to radioman, first class. He is expected home on leave soon.

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Ralph J. Barry, S 3/C, spent a short leave here from Seattle visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Barry. His ship was being repaired after voyaging 6,000 miles in the Pacific.

Bartlett

Alfred W

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Cpl. Alfred W. Bartlett was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, Oct. 22, 1945. He enlisted July 3, 1941, and fought in the Central Pacific campaign. He has the American defense, Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon and the good conduct medal.

**PVT. CHAS. BARTLETT, BELTON'S "ONE-MAN ARMY," IS WOUNDED**

Belton, March 20.—Pvt. Charles Bartlett, who recently won fame when he captured 40 German soldiers and three officers and blew up a tank single-handed, has been wounded in action, according to a telegram from the War Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bartlett and his wife, Dulcie, who reside at Glacier Park headquarters at Appar. More recent word from "Chuck" states that his left arm is injured but he was able to write with his right hand. The injury

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occurred two days after his heroic action which was his first combat duty on the German front.

His parents believe he was wounded while routing Germans in a house-to-house campaign when he led his squad as reported by the press from the Ninth Infantry division. The action was in a small town near Cologne.

Pvt. Bartlett and his wife were at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. After serving in the infantry in New Guinea, Pvt. Bartlett was sent to Europe. A shoulder injury placed him in United States service. He was demobilized, however, and kept trying to get back into the infantry. It was his first battle after being back in the infantry when he made his bag of Germans and received his citation.

Chuck is 21 and the eldest of 10 children, seven of whom are in the service. His father, C. S. Bartlett, also is in the government service, having been an employee of the Park service for many years. Mrs. Bartlett is active in the country's service, being a member of the Red Cross and head of the fiction-Appar Red Cross. A daughter, not in the service, is in defense work at San Diego and her husband is in the navy. The two younger children are Jean, attending high school at San Diego and David, who is at home and attends high school at Columbia Falls. The Bartlett's six other service stars include: Pvt. Clarence, 29, at Camp Roberts, Calif. He has a wife and four children and has just entered the service. John, 27, apprentice seaman, first class, who has just completed boot training and is awaiting assignment; both in the WAVES, pharmacy's mate third class, assigned to duty in a naval hospital at San Diego; S/Sgt. Dick, 24, who has just been home on furlough after 33

months in Africa. He is now at Pontiac, Mich., at an air base; Sgt. Bill, 22, in the air corps, now somewhere in the South Pacific.

Walt in the Signal command, and Robert, 20, of the navy now somewhere in the South Seas as a hospital apprentice, first class.

**TWO FLATHEAD COUNTY MEN WOUNDED, EUROPE**

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—A joint army-navy list of 5,322 casualties, mostly in the European theater, today included two Montanans.

The list, based on prior notification to next of kin, included:

Wounded, European Area—Pvt. Charles O. Bartlett; wife, Mrs. Dulcie Bartlett of Belton, First Lieut. Paul V. Everitt; mother, Mrs. Agnes Everitt of Columbia Falls.

Pvt. Remfrey J. Barton was released at Fort Leckie, Wash., Nov. 25, 1945. He was inducted March 15, 1942, and earned the American theater service medal, the Asiatic-Pacific and good conduct and the victory medals.

**Basler in Philippines**

Paul Basler, S 1/c, is now appointed where in the Philippines. He is with the Naval Seabees, doing construction work on islands that have been taken by the Americans. He writes that his health is good and he is having many new experiences.

Senman Basler's parents, formerly lived in Kalispell but now make their home in Belton.

T/Sgt. Richard V. Bath received his discharge at Camp Lockell, Cal., June 4, 1945, having a furlough since Sept., 1944. He has the combat infantryman's badge, the good conduct medal, the American defense service ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon with one star and the vice ribbon with one star and the distinguished unit badge. He was in the Papua campaign.

Corp. Harold G. Wilson was released from service at Fort Logan, Calif., May 29, 1945. He entered the armed forces in December, 1943.

Sgt. Eric W. Sabin received his discharge at Fort Hanks, Wash., June 7, 1945. He served since September, 1942, and has the good conduct medal.

**FOUR ARE INDUCTED**

Four Flathead county men were accepted for army service at Fort Douglas, Utah, recently. The inductees from here are Orvis A. Egan, Stanley H. Nielsen, Carl J. Bauer and Bernard L. Viehman.

Pvt. Henry Bauldauf has arrived home on furlough from Texas.

**SAILOR RECEIVES DISCHARGE**

William Andrew Baumann, apprentice seaman, has received his certificate of honorable navy discharge at Flathead county court house. It was issued at San Diego, Calif., Feb. 17, 1945.

Robert L. Beaman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Beaman, has enlisted in the United States Navy through the Missoula Navy recruiting station. He will take special training in radar. He will be sent to Chicago to begin the intensive course for radar specialists.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beaman have returned from Helena where they accompanied their son, Senman 1/c Robert Beaman who is enroute to Great Lakes Naval training station where he will take specialized study. Mr. and Mrs. Beaman also visited in Missoula.

Robert L. Beaman, S 1/c, has arrived from Great Lakes Naval Training station for a few days' leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beaman.

Bearsley	Albert M	9 Nov 1945 pg 4	<p>T-4/G Albert M. Bearsley  T-1/G Albert M. Bearsley was released at Fort Knox, Ky. Oct. 30, 1945. He entered the army Sept. 5, 1912, and has the good conduct World War II Victory medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon.</p>		
Bebee	Donald	13 Jan 1945 pg 2	<p>Word has been received that Donald Bebee, son of Ed Bebee of Bigfork, is now in this country and will be home on furlough soon.</p>		
Beck	Robert J	26 Feb 1945 pg 2	7 Mar 1945 pg 5	20 Mar 1945 pg 5	17 Nov 1945 pg 5
		<p>A brother of Warren, Robert Beck, is stationed at Lowry Field in Denver where he is with the air corps. He expects to be home soon on furlough.</p>	<p>P. A/C Robert Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck, has arrived home for a ten-day furlough. He is stationed at Lowry Field, Colo.</p>	<p>Air Cadet Robert Beck has returned to his base at Lowry Field, Denver, after spending a leave here. His mother, Mrs. H. A. Beck, accompanied him as far as Havana, where she visited several days.</p>	<p>1/Pfc. Robert J. Beck was released at the air base at Lowry Field, Colo., Oct. 20, 1945. He qualified March 1, 1944, and has the World War II victory medal and the American theater ribbon.</p>
Beck	Warren D	26 Feb 1945 pg 2	<p><b>Beck in Philippines</b>  After a silence of almost three months, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck received a letter from their son, Warren D. Beck, seaman first class. He has been in the Philippines since three days before Sunday and has been at Corozal, Seaman Beck is serving on a bazooka boat which goes in ahead of the landing craft. He writes that they "really are going after the yellow devils." None of his letter was deleted by censorship.</p>		
Beebe	Robert R	21 Apr 1945 pg 5	<p><b>LIBBY SOLDIER HURT SERIOUSLY IN ACTION</b>  Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Beebe of Libby have received word that their son, Sgt. Robt. R. Beebe, had been seriously wounded, April 6. On Feb. 18, their other son, Sgt. John L. Beebe was wounded. Both boys are in Germany. Mrs. Beebe will be remembered as the former Julia Hilt of Kulliput.</p>		
Beebee	Donald E	25 Sep 1945 pg 3	<p>T-5 Donald E. Beebee was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, September 15, 1945. He entered the army February 17, 1942, and his campaigns include Naples Pozzino, Rome-Arno and Tunisia. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern service and good conduct medals.</p>		
Begg	Delbert	27 Jun 1945 pg 3	<p><b>Completes Navy Course</b>  D. R. Naval Air Station, Edinburg, Mo., recently graduated from the Aviation Storekeeper's school here and was promoted to Aviation Storekeeper, Third Class in the U. S. Navy. Entering the Navy August 14, 1944, he received his recruit training at Parrisburg, Idaho, later being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here. Begg is now a qualified Aviation Storekeeper and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.</p>		
Begg	George M	5 Feb 1945 pg 3	<p>Flight Officer George M. Begg, son of Mrs. Edna Mae Begg of Kulliput, has graduated from the C-47 pilot training school at the 31st Ferrying group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, Palm Springs Army Air Field, according to Major William E. Hinton, acting commanding officer.</p>		
Behrens	Henry A	26 Oct 1945 pg 3	<p>Sgt. Henry A. Behrens was given his honorable discharge at Fort Lewis, Wash., Oct. 29, 1945. He entered the army Jan. 15, 1942, and took part in the western Pacific, China, southern Philippines, New Guinea, Luzon, Bismarck, Archipelago, northern Solomon campaigns and the air offensive over Japan. He earned the Philippines Liberation medal with one bronze service star, the good conduct medal and the Asiatic-Pacific service medal.</p>		
Beker	Hubert	12 Jan 1945 pg 4	<p>Hubert Becker left home January 2 to return to his base. He had been a flying instructor and was home on leave.</p>		

Beller	Darrel L	26 Nov 1945 pg 3		
			<p>T/Sgt. Darrel L. Beller was released at Maxwell Field, Ala., Oct. 29, 1945. He enlisted in Dec. 1941, and took part in the air offensive over Japanese-held Aleutian Islands. He has the American theater service ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with two bronze stars, and the good conduct medal.</p>	
Bellmore	Adelore L	6 Aug 1945 pg 2		
			<p>S/Sgt. Adelore L. Bellmore has received his honorable army discharge with Flathead County Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. It was issued July 21, 1946, at Fort Lewis, Wash. This soldier was a platoon sergeant and took part in the general European campaign. He has the Asiatic-Pacific service medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service medal.</p>	
Bellmore	Kenneth	12 Jan 1945 pg 3		
			<p><b>Kenneth Bellmore has registered for military service.</b></p>	
Bellmore	Robert L	10 Mar 1945 pg 3	5 Apr 1945 pg 3	22 Sep 1945 pg 4
		<p>After a rather long interval of illness letters have been received from Robert Bellmore and Richard Vander with the heading "Military Release." This says participated in General MacArthur's initial landings on Luzon Island.</p>	<p>Robert Bellmore, now with the armed forces in the Philippines, writes that he is well and wishes to be remembered to his old friends and neighbors.</p>	<p>Robert Bellmore arrived home recently after four years' service in the Army, three of which were overseas. He received his honorable discharge at Fort Lewis, Washington.</p>
Beltramini	Edward L	22 Dec 1945 pg 3		
			<p>Pfc. Edward L. Beltramini was released at Camp McCoy Wis., Dec. 2, 1945. He enlisted in Feb., 1943, and fought at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He has the good conduct and Bronze Arrowhead medals, the American Theater and European-African-Middle Eastern Service ribbons.</p>	
Benson	Karl H	18 May 1945 pg 3		
			<p><b>Benson Files Discharge</b> Pfc. Karl H. Benson has received his honorable army discharge at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 22, 1945. He took part in the Italian and Pacific campaigns and has the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbon. He enlisted in the service on Feb. 14, 1943.</p>	
Bergan	Raymond L	1 Mar 1945 pg 4	22 Oct 1945 pg 2	
		<p>Raymond L. Bergan, EM 2/c, arrived here Wednesday from the Philippine area to spend a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Bergan. He has been in service for more than three years and overseas most of that time.</p>	<p>Raymond L. Bergan, electrician's mate 2/C, was released at San Pedro, Calif., Oct. 7, 1946.</p>	
Bergeson	Donald M	22 Aug 1945 pg 2		
			<p><b>Hanson, Hanson Discharged</b> Corporal Donald M. Bergeson has placed his honorable discharge on record at Flathead county courthouse. It was issued at Mitchell Field, New York. He entered active service in February, 1943, and wears the good conduct medal. Staff Sergeant Arnold Hanson recorded his honorable discharge by the office of County Clerk and Recorder. It was issued at Fort Lewis, Wash. He entered the service in September, 1940. He fought in the campaigns of New Guinea, Papua, and Southern Philippines. He has the American defense service medal, Asiatic-Pacific service medal, good conduct medal, Philippines theater service medal with one bronze service star and bronze service arrowhead.</p>	



Bergmann Phil

10 Feb 1945 pg 5

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2 Jun 1945 pg 3

**Wallace Bergmann Writes**

Wallace Bergmann of the navy has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bergmann in Kallapol, from the Pacific. He told of leaving a visit with his brother, Phil. The boys saw one another for the first time in the service on January 17, and their next meeting was on June 13.

The navy man writes that probably most of his friends are in the service by now. He sends greetings to his father for his birthday and of Father's day.

25 Sep 1945 pg 3

**James W. Bergmann**

James Wallace Bergmann, chief commissary steward, completed his navy service September 12, 1945. He enlisted in January, 1917, and his discharge was issued at Shafter, Calif.

Bergstrom Raymond

24 Jul 1945 pg 5

Raymond Bergstrom, S 1/c, of Suters has arrived home for a 30-day leave. He has spent 21 months in the Pacific. Scamra Bergstrom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bergstrom.

28 Jul 1945 pg 3

S 1/c Ray Bergstrom has arrived home on a 30-day furlough from the Pacific.

4 Aug 1945 pg 2

S 1/c Raymond Bergstrom and Cpl Tony Carlson were honored guests at a beach party Wednesday evening.

Bergstrom Rudolph

18 Sep 1945 pg 5

**Bergstrom Ends Basic Training**  
Monroe Field, Mission, Texas—Aviation Cadet Rudolph Bergstrom, Jr., has completed basic training at this army air base. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bergstrom, Sr., of Somers, Montana, Cadet Bergstrom now moves on to advanced training. Following completion of this phase he will either be commissioned a second lieutenant or appointed as a flight officer in the army air forces. His wife, the former Ruth E. Wright, resides in Kallapol.

Bernard Louis Jr

6 Jan 1945 pg 7

Louis Bernard, Jr., has left for Utah to serve in the armed forces.

Berry Dean

25 Aug 1945 pg 5

**Sgt. Berry Discharged**  
In Visiting in Kallapol  
Technical Sgt. Dean Berry, formerly of Kallapol, has been honorably discharged from the army and has returned to his home in Spokane. He has been in the service five years, and was 14 months in the Pacific area with the 161st Infantry, 25th Division. He saw service in the Solomonas and was in the Philippines campaign, where he says the fighting was extremely tough. He received his discharge on the day the Japs surrendered.  
He is visiting friends in Kallapol, with his mother, Mrs. Florence Berry and his sister, Joyce.

Bertelsen	Neil M	8 Feb 1945 pg 4	<p>Frederick Army Air Field, Okla.—Neil M. Bertelsen, of Kalispell, Montana, was awarded his silver wings and appointment as a flight officer, Second Lieutenant on Feb. 1 in graduation ceremonies for aviation cadet class 445K.</p>
Betcher	Ernest C	26 Feb 1945 pg 2	<p><b>Field In Italy</b>          With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Four Kalispell men, Harry J. Spear, Ernest C. Betcher, Robert S. Ringold and Clifford Reynolds are fighting in Italy's Apennines before the Po Valley with the 342nd Infantry Division, which broke through the Gothic Line in one of its highest and best defended sectors. The 342nd is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division with the Fifth Army.          This regiment broke across the Sieve river in the strongly defended line and attained the top of Mount Culvi, 2,225-foot-high mountain in which the Germans had emplaced artillery in tunnel running to foot underground in rock.          At the entrance of one of these there had been seven enemy mine emplacements. The unit captured 500 Germans and killed and wounded many others within 11 days during this part of the drive.</p>
		9 Jun 1945 pg 4	<p><b>Pfc Ernest C. Betcher</b>  <b>Decorated in Italy</b>          With the Fifth Army, Italy—Private First Class Ernest C. Betcher of Kalispell, Montana, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth Army front during the Italian campaign.          He is a truck driver with the 342nd Infantry Regiment, 91st "Powder River" Division.          When a little squad was pinned down by sniper fire while trying to evacuate a wounded soldier, Betcher went forward to assist them, the citation related. Following his example, the litterbearers started out again until they were halted once more by German fire.          Crawling forward alone through the severe enemy fire, Betcher recovered a safe route, and led the group out of the danger area to the aid station.</p>
Biggar	Hugh John	27 Dec 1945 pg 4	<p>Hugh John Biggar, aviation radio man S/C, was released from the navy at Bismarck, Wash., Dec. 19, 1945.</p>
Biggar	Philip	22 Oct 1945 pg 2	<p>Philip Biggar, torpedoman's mate, 1/C, was released from the navy at Shonemaker, Calif., Oct. 7, 1945.</p>
Billmeyer	Naomi R	22 May 1945 pg 4	<p><b>WAC LEAVES FOR DUTY</b>          Fuel Des Moines, Iowa.—Private Naomi R. Billmeyer, daughter of Frank Billmeyer, Kalispell, Mont., a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently left First WAC Training Center, here, for duty with the Army at WAC Detachment, Ft. Geo. Meade, Md.</p>
Billsborough	David S	8 Mar 1945 pg 3	<p>David S. Billsborough, P 1/C, has returned to his base in Virginia after spending a 20-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billsborough. David, who enlisted in the navy last January, has spent seven months overseas.</p>
Billsborough	Elmer J	8 Mar 1945 pg 3	<p>Word has been received in Kalispell that Private Elmer J. Billsborough has arrived somewhere in the Pacific area and is enjoying the best of health and sends greetings to all his old pals and friends in the Flathead.</p>
Bingham	Ronald	16 Jan 1945 pg 3	<p>Ronald Bingham, first mate, son of Mrs. A. A. Bingham, 152 Third Avenue West North, is home on a 10-day leave. His wife and small son also are here with him. He is in the army transport service on the Alouka R.R.</p>
Binnes	Kenneth E	14 Aug 1945 pg 3	<p><b>Binnes At Ft. Douglas</b>          Ft. Douglas, Utah.—Stationed at this post as a member of the personnel cadre of the Personnel Center is Pvt. Kenneth E. Binnes whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Binnes, live in Columbia Falls, Montana. Assigned to Reception Station No. 12 as assistant to the supply receipt his duties are to check the clothing and equipment of returning veterans and to see that they are properly supplied and equipped for their incursions at home.</p>

Bird Eugene K

21 Feb 1945 pg 5

Pvt. Eugene K. Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bird of Kalspell, writes that he has recently arrived in Belgium. Pvt. Bird was inducted in August of last year and received his training at Camp Hood, Texas. Pvt. Bird is a former pupil of Flat-head high school.

This letter reads, in part: "My, but it is pitiful to see some of these shaves over here. If America could see and go through some of the things people have over here, maybe her people would come to their senses. They wouldn't gripe about the extra hours, etc., then. You can stand to see grown-ups suffer, but when it comes to seeing little kids like Jimmie (his four-year-old brother) going around half dressed, begging for food, it's pitiful. America is the most fortunate country in the world."

"Although the war news sounds pretty good, Jerry has not yet quit fighting. So keep up the good works and keep praying. Prayers are more powerful than bullets in any war, is my motto."

Bischoff Howard

9 May 1945 pg 4

**Bischoff as Lieutenant**

Howard Bischoff was promoted to Lieutenant from Lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States naval reserves on May 1. At present, he is in the office of registered publications issuing office, Boston, Mass. He enlisted in the navy in Feb., 1941, and received his first commission in Dec., 1941. Mrs. Howard Bischoff is with the American Red Cross in Boston.

24 Dec 1945 pg 5

Lt. Howard Bischoff has submitted a major operation of the Naval Hospital in Boston, Mass. His condition is satisfactory and he expects to be released from the hospital within a few days.

Bishop Enoch A

4 Oct 1945 pg 6

**T/S Enoch Bishop**

T/S Enoch A. Bishop received his honorable discharge at Baxter Dow Hospital, Spokane. He entered the service in Missouri, Dec. 10, 1941, and took part in the campaigns of southern France, Normandy, and the Rhineland. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern theater campaign medal, good conduct medal and the Purple Heart.

Bishop Forrest T

2 May 1945 pg 4

**Bill Tough the Bishop**  
**But Worse for Japs**

With the 40th Infantry Division in the Philippines—"I can wait a long time for another Friday the 13th," said Pfc. Forrest T. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Upton Bishop, Bisfork, Montana, after experiencing an enemy infiltration attempt on that date in April.

This misadventure, with the 135th Regiment of the 40th Infantry Division, was guarding the perimeter around the Regimental Command Post during the early hours of the 13th, on the island of Neuron.

A real battle ensued and the intruders turned back. All was again quiet but Bishop remained at his tactical post.

An hour later, 4:30 a. m., the Nips tried again and their Friday the 13th luck still held. They met Bishop's automatic weapons.

"In the early light we saw eight, six-foot, husky Japs colder than a rock," said Bishop.

"It's hell to have them come at you in the dark," he stated. "You can't tell where they are nor where the next bunch will come from."

The soldier received a Nip shell on a side for his efforts and received credit for at least one of the enemy dead.

The Japs fired mortar shells, machineguns, rifles and threw hand grenades in an attempt to penetrate the Yank lines.

Bishop came overcast with the 40th Division in August, 1942. He is a veteran of New Britain, Luzon and Iwo Jima campaigns. At present he is with the 135th in northern Negros where Donchibos have the enemy locked in their mountain fortifications. These the Yanks are cautiously clearing in an effort to completely liberate the island with a minimum of American casualties.

Bischoff Howard

21 May 1945 pg 5

Lieutenant Howard Bischoff of the Navy has arrived in Kalspell and will spend a short leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bischoff. He plans to stay until June 5. He will also visit for a while at Wilhall, Mont.

Bitney Francis

13 Oct 1945 pg 4

**PFC. FRANCIS BITNEY  
BURNED BY EXPLODING  
GAS CAN IN JAPAN**

Pfc. Francis Bitney of the Marine air corps received face burns in Sasebo, Japan, when a can of gasoline exploded. He was helping clean a Japanese air base and doing some burning when the accident took place. Pfc. Bitney is in the hospital and is getting along as well as can be expected, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bitney, of Kalispell have been advised.

Bjorlie

Lauritz

9 Nov 1945 pg 5

Mrs. Lauritz Bjorlie of Three Rivers, Mich., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bjorlie. Lauritz Bjorlie, aviation chief radio technician, is expected to arrive here from Hawaii next week.

Blachley

Paul A

6 Dec 1945 pg 4

Paul A. Blachley, shirtfitter, 2/C, was released at Bronckton, Wash., Dec. 2, 1944.

Blachly

Ben

13 Jan 1945 pg 5

Ben Blachly, merchant mariner, who has been aboard ship in the Northwest Pacific for 12 months is home on a 20-day leave to visit with his wife and parents in Kalispell. He was on a Liberty ship.

12 May 1945 pg 2

Ben Blachly, of the United States Merchant Marine, has arrived at an American seaport after being repatriated from an overseas area by the War Shipping Administration. His home is at 1421 South Main Street, Kalispell, Montana.

Black

Gordon J

1 Nov 1945 pg 2

Sgt. Gordon J. Black was released at Stuttgart, Ark., Oct. 25, 1945. He enlisted Dec. 31, 1941 and fought in the Algeria-French Moroccan campaign. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern ribbon with one battle star and the good conduct medal.

Bliss (Blass)

Phyllis N

3 Dec 1945 pg 4

Phyllis N. Bliss, yeoman, 2/e, received her navy discharge at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 16, 1945.

Bloomer

Reuben P

26 Nov 1945 pg 3

Pfc. Reuben P. Bloomer was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Nov. 15, 1945. He entered service in Oct., 1942 and earned the good conduct medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service ribbon.

Blumer

Clayton D

22 Dec 1945 pg 4

**THREE LOCAL YOUTHS  
ENLIST IN MARINES**

Three eighteen-year-old boys from this community have enlisted in the Marine Corps for two years, it was announced today by Captain K. H. Sayre of the Butte Recruiting office. Archie Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie D. Cameron, Elwood C. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora W. Henry of Kila and Clayton D. Blumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Blumer of Craton, enlisted together on December 14, and left for recruit training at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, California on the same day.

Blumer

Jonathan E

1 Feb 1945 pg 4

**BLUMER WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN CHINA**

The Inter Lake.

To the Friends Back Home:

I've decided to write a few lines about my tour overseas. As you all know, I had to fly "The Hump," to get into China. It is known as the most dangerous flight in the world, and it really gave me quite a thrill. All our supplies must come by this route, so you can see it is hard to get much modern equipment to use. I have many interesting and exciting experiences here in China. We are living practically entirely on Chinese food. Most of our meat is from water buffalo, and very tough. The vegetables are very different from those we were accustomed to in the states. We have rice quite frequently. In the mornings we have hot cakes, made from rice flour. We do not get roadside butter, powdered milk, and sometimes coffee, but no beer.

The living conditions and customs of the Chinese people are beyond the imagination of anyone who has not seen them. They are forced to live very simply, due to the enormous population, and the food situation, and during these past few years, to the war.

I can't tell you much about our bombings, but we put in Christmas, etc. probably in a different way than most of you did. The Japs have visited us quite frequently. They seem to have something in common with the British or Americans, as they came give their help.

I have visited numerous places here such as Kunming, Kweilin, and Lanchow. Kweilin and Lanchow are both nice cities. At these places and other cities, I saw many interesting such as carpets, handkerchiefs, grown pillow cases, and bed spreads, all handmade with pretty designs.

Transportation is very poor here. Most of the soldier travel is done by plane. I have traveled several times, while transferring from one base to another, by Chinese trucks. These trucks burn alcohol, which gives off a sickening odor. Other trucks burn charcoal for fuel. The roads are all very rough and mountainous, built by hand labor, including the grading of the roads, which is done with a common stone hatch.

I am now on my fifteenth month overseas, and although it has been very interesting at times, and at others, an hour of peace, we are all anxious to get back to our friends and families, to take up where we left off. Many of us are wondering what will be in store for us upon our return home; whether we will have our old jobs back, or just get a big handshake, and "Sorry, Bro."

Regards to everyone—hope to hear from you soon—how you are and what you are doing.

Yours truly,  
Jonathan E. Blumer, 390th Service Squadron, 12th Service Group, APO 450, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.

9 Mar 1945 pg 6

Jonathan Blumer writes from his base in China that he has been promoted from the grade of staff sergeant to technical sergeant.

Andy Hurlingham, Jr., who has held for some time a civil service position at Ft. George Wright, is now attending a government school at Berkeley, Calif.

22 Mar 1945 pg 5

Staff Sgt. Jonathan E. Blumer of the 14th Air Force, somewhere in China, writes that he was made a technical sergeant Feb. 1.

He is foreman of a shop operating in the China war theater. The shop runs on a 21-hour schedule. The morning is finished his job, he said they had worked all night in a downpour of rain and were chilled to the bone, but finished repairs on vehicles, which is the only thing that counts on the fighting front.

26 Dec 1945 pg 4

**BLUMER ON WAY HOME**

T/Sgt. Jonathan E. Blumer has written from the Red Sea in a letter dated Dec. 8 that the men on that ship are finally on their way home and all were waiting to enter Port Said. He also stated that they would not be home for Christmas or New Years as their separation center would be Camp McCoy, Wis. T/Sgt. Blumer has been in the service three years and four months and spent 25 months in India and China and is now at India again on his return home.

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Boese

Arthur J

12 Jun 1945 pg 5

**Boese Wins Discharge**

Sgt. Arthur J. Boese received his honorable army discharge June 8, 1945, at Fort Douglas, Utah, and has placed it on record at Flathead county courthouse. He has the Asiatic-Pacific Theater medal and was Bronze Star for the Alouatta Islands campaign. He entered the service in July, 1942, and was in Alaska from May, 1943, until April, 1945.

Boetcher

Harold

7 Nov 1945 pg 5

Cpl. Harold Boetcher, who was a prisoner of the Japs for more than three and one-half years, and Pfc. Wallace Boetcher are visiting here with their father, John Boetcher. Wallace, who served in the European Theater for the past 18 months, has received his honorable discharge from the army.

Boetcher

Wallace

7 Nov 1945 pg 5

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30 Nov 1945 pg 3

Pfc. Wallace F. Boetcher, was recruited at Fort Lewis, Wash., Oct. 8, 1945. He enlisted Oct. 21, 1942, and fought in the Sicily, Ardennes, and European, Rhineland, Normandy and northern France campaigns. He has the good conduct medal, the bronze service arrowhead, European-African-Middle Eastern service medal and the distinguished unit badge.

Bogardus

George

22 Mar 1945 pg 2

Lt. George Bogardus arrived Wednesday to spend a 10-day leave with his mother in Kaysville. He returns from Hinesell General Hospital, he visited with relatives at Miners points and Duluth.

14 Apr 1945 pg 4

**BOGARDUS NOW CAPTAIN**

Lt. George Bogardus, who was wounded in France and who is now at Hinesell General Hospital in Brigham City, Utah, was recently promoted to Captain, his mother has been advised. Captain Bogardus spent a short furlough at his home here late last month and it has been since his return to the hospital that he received his advancement.

4 Jun 1945 pg 5

Capt. George Bogardus is in Kaysville spending a short visit with his mother, Mrs. G. Bogardus. He is en route home from Hinesell hospital, Brigham City, Utah, and arrived here Friday.

Bolsen

Irving C

17 Mar 1945 pg 5

Cpl. Irving C. Bolsen has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, according to word received here. He is serving with the Ninth Air Force in France and has been overseas for two years as a gun mechanic. His wife teaches school near Whitefish.

Bolton

Ben

8 Dec 1945 pg 4

Among Kaffisell men in Yokohama at this time are Ben Bolton, Willie Leroy, Doug Payne, Harlan Evans, Wallace Bush, and Don Walter. The group had Thanksgiving dinner together.

Bolton Wilbur K

28 Mar 1945 pg 5

T/5 Wilbur K. Bolton has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county court house. It was issued at Fort Douglas, Utah, March 24, 1945. He had served for one year.

Bolz Reamer A

16 Jun 1945 pg 5

**Bronze Star Award**  
Word has been received that Sgt. Itumar A. Bolz of the 10th Mountain division has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat during February 19 to May 2, 1945 in the Appennine mountains and Po valley, Italy.

Bolz Thelma

20 Jan 1945 pg 3

First Lt. Thelma Bolz and her mother who were called here by the death of little Sharon Bolz left on Thursday for Spokane. Lt. Bolz will then return to her duties elsewhere as an army nurse. They made the trip by car with Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Jr., also of Spokane.

4 Aug 1945 pg 2

Lt. Thelma Bolz has been transferred to the army air base at Ephrata, Wash., after having been assigned to the Pueblo air base for two years.

Bonde Carl Jr

15 Jan 1945 pg 1

**PFC. CARL BONDE, JR. IS REPORTED MISSING**

Pfc. Carl Bonde, Jr., is reported missing in action in the European theater, his parents have been advised by the war department. The message states that he has been missing since December 25. The young man is serving in the infantry. He has been in the service for almost two years and went overseas this past November.

31 Jan 1945 pg 3

**MR. AND MRS. CARL BONDE ADVISED SON MISSING FROM ATTACKED VESSEL**

Pfc. Carl B. Bonde, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Bonde of Kalispell, has been missing since December 25. A letter from the War department notified his parents that the destruction at sea of an aircraft carrier transport which was carrying troops in the European theater of operations accounts for his being listed as missing. Many of the troops survived and a smaller group was reported missing in action as a result of this sinking. The letter con-

9 Mar 1945 pg 1

**CARL BONDE REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonde were advised by a War department telegram Wednesday that their son, Pfc. Carl Bonde, was killed in action December 25 in the European theater of war. He previously had been listed as missing in action. The wife was sent to Adjutant General J. A. Ulio.

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**POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF PURPLE HEART IS MADE**

Posthumous award of the Purple Heart which was earned by their son, Carl Bonde, Jr., has been made to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonde. The award has been received by them in Kalispell from the war department. The soldier lost his life in World War II. The award was forwarded to the parents from the office of Secretary of War Stimson.

Bondeson Erle G

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**SOMERS SAILOR GIVEN BRONZE STAR FOR HEROISM**

Charleston, N. C.—The Bronze Star medal for heroism in action aboard a U. S. destroyer in a Pacific naval operation was awarded here recently to Erle G. Bondeson, navy shipfitter third class, of Somers, Montana.

Bondeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bondeson of Somers, was awarded the Bronze Star by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific fleet.

The medal was pinned on the young Montanan by Captain W. A. Hall, USN (Ret.) in a ceremony on the fantail of the USS Phelps, a battleship destroyer which returned to the states recently after participating in 13 major naval engagements in the Pacific.

In one of these operations, the ship was hit and damaged by enemy shore batteries, but remained in action and successfully completed its mission. Bondeson was among a number of officers and men in the crew who were decorated, one receiving the Navy Cross, as a result of this engagement.

Bonnet Emile

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**11. Bonnet Visits Parents**  
 After more than 20 months of overseas service in both the Pacific and the European theaters, First Lieutenant Emile Bonnet has arrived in Kalamazoo on a 6-day terminal leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bonnet.  
 Lieutenant Bonnet was in the Aleutian Islands for 10 months and participated in several engagements there. After the enemy was driven out of the Aleutians, he went to England where he spent some time prior to D-Day.  
 He was with the 29th division which made the initial landing on Omaha beach in Normandy on D-Day, for which he was awarded the bronze star. Campaigns in which he took part in the European theater include Normandy, Brittany, the Rhineland and central Germany. He was awarded the bronze star for meritorious action in the battle of St. Lo. At the conclusion of his leave, Lieutenant Bonnet probably will go to California, where he expects to be released from active duty.

Boon Allan

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Submarine Z/C Allan (Buckle), Boon arrived home Saturday after long service in the Pacific.

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Allan Boon R. D. M. Z/C who is home on a 30-day leave, spent the week at Polson with his parents, Mrs. Lee Braden and Mrs. Ed Nyberg.

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Wednesday evening a family reunion was held at the Clarence Boon home. Allan Boon, RDM Z/C, who will soon return to duty with the navy, was honor guest. Those attending were from Polson, Kalamazoo and Somers.

Boorman Merle

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Boorman have received word that Merle Boorman of the U. S. Infantry, has arrived in France.

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**Mt. Merle Boorman  
 Wins Infantryman's Badge**



Clare, Cooke, Calif. - Sergeant Merle E. Boorman of Somers, Montana, was recently awarded the Expert Infantryman's badge for proficiency in all duties required of an infantryman, after a series of field tests.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Boorman of Rosport, Montana, Sgt. Boorman attended high school in Parkhead county.

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Mt. Boorman in U. S. Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Boorman of Somers, that their son, Sgt. Merle E. Boorman, has arrived in the States.  
 Sgt. Boorman was in combat when the fifth pocket was being closed.

He has the DTD service ribbon with a bronze star, the combat Infantryman's badge, along with the gold conduct ribbon. He enlisted in to service in Dec. 1941, and went overseas in Feb. 1945.

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**Family Reunion**  
 Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Boorman were Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Merle Boorman and Gerry Marling, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lewis and Sherrin and Jack, Mrs. Myrtle Rose and Arthur Johnson of Spokane. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Boorman were hosts at a dinner for these guests as well as for Mr. and Mrs. George Edmund, Jr. and their two children. The hosts were pleasantly surprised to receive since this is the first time all members of the family have been together for many months.  
 Sgt. and Mrs. Boorman left Monday for Winnet to visit with Mrs. Boorman's parents.

Borgen Norman G

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**Borgen Out of Army**  
 T/Sgt. Norman G. Borgen has received his honorable army discharge at Fritchard county court house, 210 W. Washington, Fritchard, Mont. at Post Lewis, Wash., July 26, 1945, after serving from September 18, 1940. He entered the service with Company E of the National Guard. His record shows that he took part in the Pusan, New Guinea and Southern Philippine campaigns. Decorations earned by T/Sgt. Borgen include the Philippine Liberation medal, one bronze service star, the American Defense Service medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service medal, the Distinguished Land badge, Good Conduct medal and a bronze Service Arrowhead.

Bosworth Frank Jr

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bosworth and Ed Hulmeck accompanied Frank Bosworth, Jr., to Polson last Thursday, where he left for Missoula to be inducted into the army. Letters have already been received from the Pacific and Europe, where he is stationed for the present.

Bowers Louis W

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**Mr. Louis W. Bowers**  
 Mr. Louis W. Bowers was released at Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 29, 1945. He entered the army in Sept. 1942, and took part in the Central European campaign. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern ribbon, the American Theater ribbon and the good conduct medal.

**Soldier Visitor Tells Many Tales**

French Cadet Rene G. Brajon arrived in Kollipet Wednesday to visit his friend and correspondent, Frances Williams, and tell an interesting story of his escape from France across the Spanish border in 1943, and his travels since that time until he finally arrived in the United States.

After being interned in Spain for several months he made his way across North Africa to Casablanca. From there he went to England and finally came to this country. While in Africa he had his choice of joining General LeClere's armored division, or enlisting in the Free French air force. He chose the air corps.

The parents and other relatives lived in Paris all during the occupation, and his first news of their safety came only after Paris had been liberated. Cadet Brajon's mother was twice deported to Germany for forced labor, but escaped each time. After his second escape he fought with the F.P.I., popularly known as the Maquis, sabotaging railroad and generally harassing the Germans. He narrowly escaped death when a group he was with fought a battle with a German detachment shortly after he had been ordered to another village. Thirteen of the 25 Frenchmen died, but they killed 22 Germans.

Cadet Brajon stopped at Grand Canyon en route here, and says he has never seen such a wonderful sight. He hopes to go back to France soon to see his parents again. He also wants to see the country surrounding Napoleon as he has heard and read a great deal about it in letters from his friend.

Cadet Brajon was graduated from Big Springs, Texas on a bombardier on April 4, and is on a short furlough before returning for further training. He regrets that he must leave soon.

While a student in France he majored in English and speaks the language fluently.

T/Sgt. Graydon Branch writes he recently visited the "Isle of Capri" which he says is just as beautiful as the song describes it, with its profusion of flowers. It is the most beautiful of all the "bella" places he has seen in Italy. While there his party stayed at the hotel Marzani Tiberto Palace.

Word has been received here that T/Sgt. Graydon Branch received his orders for return to the states from Italy August 10.

T/Sgt. Graydon Branch joined the service in January, 1941, and was stationed at Camp McCamp, Wis., Sept. 12, 1945. His overseas service included campaigns in Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Rome areas. He has the gold campaign Medal and American Defense Service Medal with six overseas bars.

T/Sgt. Graydon Branch arrived home from overseas, Saturday.

T/Sgt. Owen Brant Technical Sergeant Owen H. Brant ended his army service Sept. 21, 1945. He entered the army Sept. 16, 1940 and fought in the Papua and New Guinea campaigns. He was wounded at Wake Island, Dutch New Guinea, March 18, 1944. He has two unit citations, the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific and American defense service medals.

Kelsey Wayne Bradley, engineer 1st class, 2/c, was released from the navy at Bremerton, Wash., on Nov. 26, 1945.

Dorothy A. Braiser, specialist, 2/c, was released from the navy, Oct. 12, 1945 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Priest Writes Brattons**  
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Bratton were pleased to receive a letter from a Jewish priest that speaks highly of their son, Pfc. Otto Bratton, who took part in the release of prisoners in Luzon. Pfc. Bratton is now in New Guinea.  
Father Richard T. McSweeney wrote that he was freed on Feb. 25, 1946, with 2,000 other prisoners. Otto was on an amtrac which helped clear the roads and which released prisoners captured to the American lines. He had a walkie-talkie radio to keep contact with other troops. The priest wrote that he thinks God "for his liberation and proxy for Pfc. Braiser. The young soldier is with the paratroopers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brenner of Grove Field, Great Falls, were hosts tonight of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacCarter of Rocky Bar, ranch for ten days recently.



Briggs Henry E 14 Nov 1945 pg 5  
T/2 Henry E. Briggs was released at Fort Lewis, Wash., Nov. 6, 1945. He entered service Jan. 7, 1943 and fought at New Guinea. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific service and good conduct medals.

Briner William S 23 Jan 1945 pg 5  
S/Sgt. William S. Briner has recorded his honorable army discharge at Flathead county court house. He was injured at Camp Polk, Ia., Nov. 24, 1944. He has served since September, 1949, having been in the Fedata-Casablanca campaign.

Bringer Ralph 9 Jun 1945 pg 3 26 Oct 1945 pg 3  
The Ralph Bringer is visiting relatives in Somers.  
The Ralph A. Bringer was released at Fort Lewis, Wash., Oct. 24, 1945. He entered the army Feb. 29, 1942 and fought in the Eastern Mandates. He has the good conduct medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Service medal.

Brinkerhoff Donald 11 Apr 1945 pg 1  
**DONALD BRINKERHOFF  
KILLED IN ACTION  
IN GERMANY MARCH 29**  
Cpl. Donald A. Brinkerhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brinkerhoff of Columbia Falls, was killed in action in Germany March 29, a message received from the war department states. A letter confirming the report is expected.  
The young soldier had been injured previously and received the Purple Heart award, he also had the combat medal. He was born in the Flathead and graduated in 1939 from Flathead county high school and attended Montana State college for one year prior to entering the service. At first, he was assigned to the A. & M. College in Texas. He has two brothers in the navy who are serving in the south Pacific and a sister who is a cadet nurse at Shofar hospital in Helena.

Brinkerhoff John 19 Jun 1945 pg 4  
**Pale Street in Pacific**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brinkerhoff of Columbia Falls have received word from their son, John, who is serving with the Seabees in the South Pacific that he recently was pleasantly surprised when he returned to his tent and found Denabge Johnson, a former Kalispell schoolmate, waiting for him. Johnson is in the Air Corps and was flying through and happened to be based near Brinkerhoff's headquarters.

Brist Kenneth 3 Mar 1945 pg 5 10 Mar 1945 pg 8 23 Jun 1945 pg 3  
Sen. L. Kenneth Brist, who graduated from Nelson Field navigation school at Monroe, La., Feb. 23, is spending a leave with his wife and son in Somers and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Brist at 947 South Main street in Kalispell.  
Two former Somers boys, Lieut. Kenneth Brist and Lieut. Wallace Helton left during the week to resume their military duties after furlough spent with relatives.  
Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth Brist of Lincoln, Nebr., are visiting relatives in Somers and Kalispell.

Brist Orin W Jr 18 Dec 1945 pg 4  
Orin W Brist, Jr., chief motor mechanic's mate, was released from the navy at Breckenston, Wash., Nov. 26, 1945.

Bristor Delos J 5 Jan 1945 pg 5  
Cpl. Delos J. Bristor, accompanied by his wife, spent a few days in Kalispell visiting with the former's father, Rev. Wallace Bristor, and his brother and sister. They left Friday morning for Camp Maxey, Tex., where Cpl. Bristor reports back to his post of duty as technician in the laboratory of the regional hospital.

### Lieut. Broadwater Killed in Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. John Broadwater today received a telegram announcing the death of their son, Lieutenant Edward L. Broadwater of the U. S. Navy, who was killed in action somewhere in the Pacific area, but the date is not given.

The message, which is from Vice



LIEUT. EDWARD BROADWATER Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Navy Personnel, says: "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Lieutenant (jg.) Edward L. Broadwater, U.S.N., was killed in action. (Continued on page 8)

(Continued from page 1) and died in the service of his country. "The department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. "No information is available at present in regard to disposition of remains, but by reason of existing conditions, burial at sea or in the locality of his death is highly probable. If further details are received, you will be informed. "To prevent possible aid to our enemies, whose do not divulge the name of his ship, or his station." In civilian life he was a postmaster, employed by the American Copper Mining company at Chile, South America, but after the declaration of war he returned to the United States and enlisted in the Navy in May, 1942. He attended the local grade and high schools, and graduated from Montana State university. His wife, the former Elizabeth Curtis of Washington, D. C., is in San Francisco.

### Broadwater Died On Stricken Ship

Mr. and Mrs. John Broadwater have received a copy of the San Francisco News in which an account of the killing of the U. S. Destroyer Hazelwood by a Japanese suicide plane off Okinawa is given. Their son, Lt. Edward Loweway Broadwater, U. S. N., of Kallispell, was killed in action at this time.

The destroyer is now back in home port, arriving on her own power although riddled and twisted almost to scrap. The item states that although charred and twisted, her spirit is still sturdier than steel. The toll on the 2100-ton Fletcher class destroyer was grim with navy authorities stating that 23 per cent of her complement, including 47 enlisted men and 10 of her 19 officers, were killed or wounded during the desperate battle April 13. Repair work at Mare Island may take 90 days.

The story of just what happened later a blast like a furnace had engulfed the ship's bridge and the Japanese once again used tactics that have become grimly familiar in recent months. The Hazelwood was executing a fast evasive striking force 100 miles northeast of Okinawa late the afternoon of April 13 when three Japanese planes dived out of the sky. The first struck and disabled an American destroyer and as the Hazelwood went to her aid, a single engine Zero came out of a low cloud straight for her. The Hazelwood's guns blasted the Japanese down but he grazed No. 4 gun as he plummeted into the water 50 yards off the port quarter and a second Zero had time to get inside the range of the destroyer's gun-tack guns. As the Japanese dived, 20mm and 40mm shells struck him but the suicide pilot came on. He just missed the destroyer's structure, but his right wing hit the No. 2 stack to port, tearing the Zero into the ship's superstructure. As the Japanese plane struck, it exploded and the bombs ignited the gasoline spillfield over the decks.

One of the officers reported "We gradually showed up the forward section but steam, one of the gun-boilers we had been using was out of action." In addition to fighting the flames—in which we were helped by ship's stowaways—we had to get the wounded men into life rafts. And all the time the fire was making our own small 40mm shells go off and they were whizzing around us. They kept going off like firecrackers. "Destroyed was the ship's radar equipment, her steering apparatus, her radio and most of her signal system. Signal flags had to indicate the plan of action. Steering had to be managed back aft by telephone." When the fire was put out, another destroyer towed the Hazelwood for 12 hours before power could be restored. "Another officer stated, "we all worked to rig up the bridge, got our radio operating again, made the steering equipment almost as good as new and even fix up most of the guns as they would fire again a few rounds. When we got to within the gaping hole in the center of the ship from the main bridge deck to the old tanks was partially decked over and the wreckage of our destroyer cut away. Our power was limited but we did pretty well in the voyage back to San Francisco." The limited appearance of large sections of the ship's sides was due directly to the force of impact of the explosion. "Lt. Broadwater was born September 5, 1912, in Kallispell. He had been a mining engineer by profession. For nine months he served in the Atlantic. He also leaves his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Broadwater.

Three Belton boys chanced to meet on the streets of Calcutta, India a while back, according to Tom Sloan of Belton. They were John Sloan, Foy's Brock, and Art Owens. John Sloan was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and Foy's Brock is also a Lieutenant. They are both in the Air Corps. The boys were delighted to be together again and had a

Foy's Brock Promoted Word has been received from India that Lt. Foy's Brock of Belton, Mont., was promoted to Captain on May 1. Capt. Brock is a squadron leader with the famous West China Raiders of the 14th Air Force and is attached to the 20th Air Force operating the B-29's. Capt. Brock has been in the army over four years and has been in Africa, India and China the past 20 months. He is to go to a rest camp for 15 days in June. This camp is located in the Himalayas on the border of Tibet. He hopes to get in some skiing during his stay there. He expects to come home on a 30-day leave July 1.

Brock at Perrin Field Perrin Field, Texas—Capt. Foy's Brock, Belton, Mont., who spent months overseas as a fighter pilot, has reported for duty at this AAF training command basic flight school. The 28-year-old aviator was with the U. S. Twelfth air force in North Africa and with the 89th combat in China, serving as a pilot and flight leader in a P-51 Thunderbolt outfit.

Captain Brock Transferred Capt. Foy's Brock has been transferred from Santa Ana, Calif., and has taken over permanent duties at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas, together with seven other officers of the 84th fighter group formerly based in China.

Ernest G. Bronner, R. M. 1/c, who has been receiving special training at the U. S. sub base at New London, Conn., has completed the course. He has notified his parents, and has been assigned to a new submarine. This boat is under construction and will be commissioned in the spring. He was transferred on Monday of this week to Portsmouth, N. H., to await completion of the sub. Bronner has been in the navy more than three years, and was home in October, on route to New London, after completing six anti-submarine patrols in enemy waters in the Pacific.

Bronner News Tokyo Ernest G. Bronner, R.M. 1/c, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bronner, from the Pacific and he says an interesting account of what he is doing in Tokyo. He is in the communications division of the navy, entitled the day after Pearl Harbor. After training at Pearl Harbor sub base, he was assigned to the USS "Ogishima" on which he made six patrols in the Pacific. He was in charge of the radio crew. Last fall, Mr. Bronner was transferred to new construction and returned to the states for six months before going back to the Pacific as radio room in charge of the U. S. S. "Hawkeye." Excerpts from his letter follow: "I am pleased to say that Kallispell was represented at the Tokyo bay September. We were at sea when the hostilities ended. We patrolled around until the surrender papers were made, then joined the third fleet to assist in the occupation of Tokushima. It was an interesting and a perfect change to those years of submarine warfare—submarine warfare—shiping into Tokyo bay with the "Hawkeye" in the lead. We dropped anchor at the Yushima anchorage late on August 21. The big show on Sept. 2 was impressive but I suppose you have heard all about that. I tried to take pictures but it was foggy and overcast.

Ernest G. Bronner returned home Monday afternoon after receiving his immediate discharge from the navy Friday at Chicago. His rating was radioman, 1/c, and he was in the submarine service. The young man made several patrols in the Pacific during the war and most recently sailed Tokyo at the time of the Japanese surrender. He enlisted in the navy on Dec. 5, 1911. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Bronner of Kallispell.

Ernest G. Bronner, radioman, 1/c, was released at Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 26, 1945.

Broner	Raye E	18 Oct 1945 pg 5			
			<p>Pfc. Ray E. Broner was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, Oct. 4, 1945. He entered the army March 14, 1942 and has the Asiatic-Pacific theater service and good conduct medals.</p>		
Bronson	John A	7 Nov 1945 pg 2			
			<p>Sgt. John A. Bronson was released at Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 8, 1945. He enlisted Sept. 19, 1940, and fought in the Iwo-Jima campaign. He has the good conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal, the American defense service medal with five overseas service bars.</p>		
Broullier	Robert O	22 Sep 1945 pg 3			
			<p><b>Rescued in Strait</b>          Robert O. Broullier, chief pharmacist mate on the submarine USS Devilfish, landed in San Francisco Sept. 11, after 4 1/2 years in the navy. Three of which were on the Dolphin Tender Tenders in the South Pacific. He is a graduate of Methuen County high school, and also graduated with honors from the submarine school in New London, Conn., about a year ago. He has been in the submarine service in the South Pacific for about a year.          He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Broullier of Creston.</p>		
Brown	Foster	22 Oct 1945 pg 3	27 Oct 1945 pg 2	27 Oct 1945 pg 2	
			<p>Walter Brown who has been employed at Muller, Blaho, for several months arrived home the first of the week. His son, Foster Brown, who has been stationed in the South Pacific for the last two and a half years will arrive home on Sunday from Ft. Douglas, where he has been discharged.</p>		
			<p>Foster Brown arrived home from Fort Douglas over the week end where he received his discharge on October 21st. This is his first visit home since March 1942, at which time he was inducted into the army.</p>		
			<p>T/S Foster G. Brown was released at Fort Douglas, Utah, Oct. 17, 1945. He entered the service March 14, 1942 and fought in the Ryukyu campaign. He earned the good conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service ribbon and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one bronze star.</p>		
Brown	Jack E	12 Jan 1945 pg 5			
			<p>Pvt. Jack E. Brown has received his honorable army discharge with Clerk and Retorder A. J. Shaw. It was issued at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif., Dec. 14, 1944.</p>		
Brown	Samuel	7 Nov 1945 pg 2			
			<p>Pvt. Samuel Brown surprised his relatives and other relatives when he came home from the army recently. Pvt. Brown was discharged in Fort Lewis, Wash. He spent 42 months in the Pacific.</p>		
Bruce	Wallace D	31 Jul 1945 pg 5			
			<p>Wallace D. Bruce, chief medic with U. S. N., arrived in Kalamazoo, Mich., Sunday, after having served in the Pacific for 18 months. He is the son of S. A. Bruce.</p>		
Bruch	Charles	9 May 1945 pg 5	16 Jun 1945 pg 2	18 Aug 1945 pg 8	24 Oct 1945 pg 7
			<p>Word has been received here that Charles Bruch has been wounded in action, the wound being a broken leg. He is being treated in a hospital in Italy. His many friends here hope for his speedy recovery.</p>		
			<p>A letter from Pvt. Charles Bruch says he is slowly beginning to walk with crutches. He is being treated at a hospital about 300 miles from Naples, Italy.</p>		
			<p>Pvt. Charles Bruch arrived here Tuesday from the army hospital in Tacoma. He was wounded while in Italy and has very nearly recovered. He will have a 60-day furlough.</p>		
			<p>Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovelock and daughter, Mrs. Charles Bruch accompanied Pvt. Charles Bruch to Ft. Lewis where he reported after spending a 60-day furlough here. Enroute to Fort Lewis they spent a night with Private Bruch's sister, Mrs. S. S. Branch, and family, at Asotin, Wash.</p>		
Bruch	Harold	8 Feb 1945 pg 2	9 May 1945 pg 5	13 Jul 1945 pg 6	
			<p>Word has been received here that Harold Bruch and Lloyd Colby have arrived safely in France.</p>		
			<p>Word has been received here that Pvt. Harold Bruch, on duty in Germany, has been promoted to the grade of Private First Class.</p>		
			<p>Pvt. Harold Bruch writes that he now drives a jeep for his commanding officer in Germany.</p>		
Bruck	Charles	7 Nov 1945 pg 2			
			<p>Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovelock and daughter, Mrs. Charles Bruch returned last week from a three weeks visit with relatives in Seattle and Kent, Washington.          Pvt. Charles Bruch, who accompanied them to the coast reported for duty at Ft. Lewis.</p>		
Bruggeman	Art	3 May 1945 pg 5			
			<p>Art Bruggeman, petty officer, 1/c, and Mrs. Bruggeman of Pullman were in Kalamazoo Wednesday. The navy man has been serving in the South Pacific.</p>		

Brumbaugh Harold M

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**Pvt. Harold Brumbaugh**  
Pvt. Harold M. Brumbaugh was discharged at Fort Lewis, Wash., Aug. 16, 1945. He enlisted in the service in March, 1942 and took part in campaigns at New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and the Philippine Islands. He has the good conduct, Asiatic-Pacific service and Philippine liberation medals, the latter with two bronze service stars.

Brunett Alfred

15 Sep 1945 pg 4

**Cpl. Alfred Brunett**  
Cpl. Alfred Brunett, who served from March 16, 1944, was released at Fort Lewis, Wash., Sept. 16, 1945. He has the good conduct medal.

Brust Kenneth

23 Jan 1945 pg 1

**BATTLE WOUNDS FATAL FOR KENNETH BRUST**  
Pfc. Kenneth Brust, son of Robert Brust of Kalispell, died December 31 of wounds received in action in Germany, his father was advised by the War Department, Monday night. He had been with General Patton's army and was assigned to field artillery.  
Pfc. Brust graduated from Flathead county high school before entering the service about three years ago. He had been overseas since November.

Brust Oscar H

1 Feb 1945 pg 4

Kessler Field, Elkhart, Mont., Jan. 25.—Pvt. Oscar H. Brust, of Kalispell, Montana, has reported to Kessler Field from the Army Ground Forces. Pvt. Brust is awaiting at the A.A.F. Training Command post awaiting reassignment to new military duties. A review of his previous training, aptitudes, experience and physical condition, together with consideration of the military needs of the army, will determine his new assignment.

2 May 1945 pg 5

Pvt. Oscar Brust left Wednesday to return to camp near Kansas City, Mo., after spending a furlough with relatives in Kalispell.

Brust Robert

20 Apr 1945 pg 5

**BRUST GIVEN PURPLE HEART POSTHUMOUSLY**  
Robert Brust has received the Purple Heart decoration which was awarded posthumously to his son, Pfc. Kenneth H. Brust, who met death in action at Aachen, Germany. In a letter from the captain of his son's outfit, it states that Kenneth was with two boys in a light armored tank when heavy artillery fire hit the tank. The young soldier was wounded and died upon his arrival at the field hospital.

Bryan Robert W

8 Mar 1945 pg 3

An Air Service Command Station, Somewhere in England.—S/Sgt. Robert W. Bryan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bryan of Kalispell, Montana, recently enjoyed a "furlough" from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Post Center—an Keesler-Ball seaside resort hotel where American's wives who provide aerial support for the advancing Allied armies in Germany may relax between missions.  
Sgt. Bryan has completed six *Paratroop missions* over Nazi-dominated Europe.

Bryant Robert L

22 Feb 1945 pg 4

**Bryant Awarded Air Medal**  
A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France—Sergeant Robert L. Bryant, Kalispell, Montana, B-26 Marauder gunner, has been decorated with the air medal for his participation in five bombing missions.  
Bryant flies with the 344th medium bombardment group, known as the "Silver Breakers."  
His mother, Mrs. Inez Bryant, lives at 1028 Third avenue, Kalispell, Mont.

27 Nov 1945 pg 3

S/Sgt. Robert L. Bryant was released from Fort Douglas, Utah, Oct. 14, 1945. He fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and central Europe. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern service, good conduct medals, and the air medal with five oak leaf clusters.

Bryant Roger A

27 Nov 1945 pg 3

T-4/G. Roger A. Bryant was released from Fort Douglas, Utah, Oct. 11, 1945. He entered the service in July, 1942, and fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, central Europe, Normandy and northern France campaigns. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern service and good conduct medals.

Buck Donald E

31 Oct 1945 pg 3

T/S Donald E. Buck was released at Camp Greber, Okla., Oct. 5, 1945. He entered the service in Oct., 1942, and fought at Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineband. He has the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon and the good conduct medal.

Buck Fred

19 Sep 1945 pg 5

**Buck in Tokyo Photo**  
Cpl. Fred Buck of the United States marine corps, appears in an A. P. news picture taken at the village of Fushidai, the eastern shore of Tokyo bay. He is one of the smiling marines who is watching Japanese politicians bicycle into the village. Cpl. Buck is the son of Messrs. N. H. and Anna of Kalamopol. The picture appeared in today's Missoulian.

8 Dec 1945 pg 5

Pfc. Fred S. Buck, was discharged from the marine corps at Mare Island Calif., Nov. 13, 1945. He enlisted at Battle in Dec., 1942, and served on board the U. S. S. Nevada in the Asiatic-Pacific and European areas. He also was in the Hawaiian Island area. He took part in naval operations on board the U.S.S. Nevada against enemy forces in the Asiatic-Pacific and European areas.

Buck Glen S

12 Jan 1945 pg 2

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The promotion of Glen S. Buck, of Creston, Mont., from the grade of sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced by Colonel Frank P. Boston of Bangor, Maine, commanding officer of the 394th Bomb. Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the Eighth air force with which Sgt. Buck is a tail turret gunner.  
Sgt. Buck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Buck of Route No. 1, Creston, and prior to entering the army air forces in May, 1942, was employed in mining and ranching.

16 Jun 1945 pg 5

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Featured above is Staff Sergeant Glen S. Buck of Creston, Mont., who has been awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, equivalent to the fourth award of the medal, for participation in the great aerial offensive



which German Field Marshal Kesselring, stated was the chief factor in the complete capitulation of the armed forces of Germany.  
The aviator displayed "courage, coolness and skill" while serving as a tail turret gunner with the 490th Bomber Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the Eighth Air Force.  
Sgt. Buck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Buck of Route 1, Creston, and prior to entering the Army Air Forces in May, 1942, was working as a rancher and miner. He is a graduate of the Flathead county high school and attended Montana state university.

Buck Jasper M

27 Jan 1945 pg 5

Jasper M. Buck, aeronographer's mate 2/C of the USNR, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buck in Kalamopol. He is stationed at Inyokern, Calif. His duties consist of all types of weather and wind observations in connection with testing of the navy's recent powerful weather rockets of all types.  
The chairman of the test station is a well-known former resident of Kalamopol and a former faculty member of Flathead High, Charles Hoover, Jasper Buck, who is a graduate of Flathead county high school, says that Mr. Reeves is well liked by all aboard the test station and is doing wonderful work.

Buck Marion

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**Cpl. Buck Visiting Here**  
Cpl. Marion Buck has arrived from the European theater to visit his brothers and sisters at Creston. He served overseas for 25 months after enlisting in the infantry in Oct., 1940. He has received the presidential citation, combat infantry badge, European theater of operations medal, seven combat stars, the Purple Heart, good conduct medal, pre-Pearl Harbor medal and the Croix de Guerre. He will be at Creston until the latter part of June when he has a 45-day furlough.

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Cpl. Marion W. Buck received his honorable discharge at Fort Douglas, Utah, June 24, 1945, after serving since October 13, 1940. He has the Combat Infantryman's Badge and served at Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, Foggia, Algeria, French Morocco, Rome-Arno, Southern France and in the Rhineband. He has the American Defense Service medal, the Good Conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern service medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Buck? Robert E 27 Nov 1945 pg 3

Robert E. Buck of Missouri, formerly of Kalspell, has been released from the army at Fort Lewis, Wash. To enter the army November 18, 1942, in the specialized service of the Alaska Communication System and has been with the Signal Corps at Anchorage, and the Alaskan Islands. He has the Asiatic-Pacific service medal, good conduct medal and Victory medal. He plans to enter the State University after the holidays.

Buck Russell L 15 Dec 1945 pg 5

S/Sgt. Russell L. Buck was discharged at Camp McCoy, Wis., Dec. 6, 1945. He entered in March, 1942 and fought at Normandy. He has the good conduct medal, European-African-Middle Eastern theater service medal, the American theater service medal, four overseas bars and the Purple Heart for wounds received in the European theater, July 16, 1944.

Buck Wallace 8 Dec 1945 pg 4

Among Kalspell men in Yokohama at this time are Ben Bolton, Wilbur Larson, Doug Payne, Harold Evans, Wallace Buck and Don Walter. The group had Thanksgiving dinner together.

Buck Wesley 17 Mar 1945 pg 4

**BUCK FILES DISCHARGE**

Pfc. Wesley Buck has recorded his honorable army discharge with Clerk and Recorder A. J. Shaw. It was issued at Fort Douglas, Utah, March 8, 1945.

Bue Carl R 30 Jan 1945 pg 5

Sgt. Carl R. Bue, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bue of Kalspell, is working with the 156th Finance Disbursing section in France, according to a public relations release. The section handles the combined payrolls of a port, a transportation company unit which day and night unloads tremendous amounts of supplies and munitions for combat, arms and the many organizations of all services which are assigned to the port.

"This is done in orderly fashion," he states, "but there was a time when the section 'offered' war another area on the Normandy front and pay was distributed with troops only a few miles ahead, pushing on into the continent. The finance unit landed on the Normandy beaches during the first week of the invasion with other units of the port. Upholding the Army Finance department's aim to pay troops in full and on time, the 156th virtually landed with its payroll in one hand and a gun in the other."

Bueschlin Sidney 13 Jan 1945 pg 1

**PVT BAESCHLIN AGAIN REPORTED AS MISSING**

Pvt. Sidney Baeschlin is again reported missing in action, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Neal Baeschlin, have been informed by the War Department. The soldier was listed as missing in Germany, December 19.

Previously, he was missing on November 23. He was released from the German prison camp when the Americans captured that point but he is now missing once more. He was raised in Columbia Falls, attended Flathead county high school, Northern Montana Normal college and graduated from the University of Washington. His parents now live in Vancouver, Wash.

Bull Bert 20 Sep 1945 pg 3

Pvt. Bert K. Bull, who served in World War I, has placed his discharge on record. It was issued at Post-D-A-Russell, Wyo., May 19, 1919. He was in the army from July 17, 1918.

Bundrock Arthur E 10 Oct 1945 pg 4

**T/4 Arthur Bundrock**

T/4 Arthur E. Bundrock was released at Fort Lewis, Wash., Oct. 5, 1945, after serving from March 1942. He took part in battles of the Bataan Marauders, South Philippines and the Ryukius. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific service medal, the good conduct medal and the Philippine liberation medal with one bronze star.

Burg John P 26 Dec 1945 pg 5

Nat. John P. Burg is spending a fortnight in Kalspell with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burg. He arrived in Kalspell Sunday and will report to Camp McCoy, Wis., at the end of his furlough. He served as a radio operator in the AACF and was in Labrador and the British Isles.

Burk Gilbert L 30 Nov 1945 pg 4

S/Sgt. Gilbert L. Burk was released at Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 17, 1945. He was inducted Sept. 5, 1942. He fought in the Aachen campaign and has the American theater service medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern service medal, good conduct medal and the World War II victory medal.

Burnell Arthur 30 Jul 1945 pg 6

**Flew Navy Discharge**  
Arthur Burnell, GM, 2/c, has recorded his honorable navy discharge at Flathead county courthouse. He served in the Seabees from Oct. 16, 1942, until July 21, 1945, and was released at the U.S.N. receiving station, San Pedro, Calif.

Burns Bob 19 May 1945 pg 5

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burns, who have been visiting their son, Bob, who is with the Marines stationed at San Diego, are expected home May 21.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Burns arrived home Saturday after spending three weeks visiting with their son, Bob, who is now at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., with the communication personnel of the marine corps.

Burns Curtis A 10 Oct 1945 pg 4

**T/Sgt. Curtis Burns**  
T/Sgt. Curtis A. Burns was released at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 24, 1945. Entered the army Dec. 14, 1941 and fought in the Aleutian Islands. Has the good conduct medal and the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal.

Burns John B 22 Feb 1945 pg 4

**Air Medal To Burns**  
Air Transport Command Base, India.—P/O John B. Burns, pilot of Kalspell, Montana, has been awarded the air medal. It was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China division, air transport command.  
The award was made upon completion of 100 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes.  
The air trail over the Hump, famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya mountains, is regarded by aviators as the world's toughest.  
The citation accompanying the award adds:  
"Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassible mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments, requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his mission with distinction."

20 Mar 1945 pg 2

**Air Transport Command Base, India**—P/O John B. Burns, pilot of Kalspell, Montana, has been awarded the air medal. It was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China division, air transport command.  
The award was made upon completion of 100 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes.

14 May 1945 pg 4

**Burns Wins D. E. C.**  
Air Transport Command Base, India.—P/O John B. Burns, pilot of Kalspell, Montana, has been awarded the distinguished Flying Cross. It was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China division, Air Transport Command.  
The award was made upon a completion of 200 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

**LOCAL MEN GRADUATE**

Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, Feb. 15.—This advanced pilot training school graduated its final class of aviation cadets Feb.



LESTER R. BURNS

Included in the class were two from Kalspell, Lester R. Burns and Sgt. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, and Philip L. Christopherson, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Palmer Christopherson.

Capt. Malcolm O. Burns left Friday to report to Baxter General hospital at Spokane. He has been spending a leave in Kalspell with his wife and family after serving in the European war theater in the Army Medical Corps.

Capt. Malcolm Burns will return to Baxter General hospital at Spokane Sunday for reassignment in that army medical corps. He has been spending a few days in Kalspell with his wife and children.

Capt. Malcolm O. Burns of the army medical corps is in Kalspell visiting his wife and children while en route to his new assignment at the United States Army General hospital center, Camp Butler, Raleigh, N. C. He came here from Baxter General hospital at Spokane.

Sgt. Gerald Burrell  
First Sergeant Gerald P. Burrell was released at Fort Douglas, Sept. 24, 1945 after serving in the army from Sept. 16, 1940. He took part in the Papuan and New Guinea campaigns and has the good conduct, American defense and Asiatic-Pacific service medals as well as a distinguished unit citation.

Kessler Field, Bismarck, Minn.—Sgt. Elmer L. Burton, son of Mrs. Ted Burton, Kalspell, Mont., was graduated last week from the AAF Training Center's basic airplane and engine mechanics course at Kessler Field.

Sgt. Elmer Burton  
S/Sgt. Elmer L. Burton was honorably discharged at Fort Douglas, Utah, September 28, 1945, after serving in the army from February 7, 1929. He has placed his discharge on record at Kalspell county court house. The paper shows that he took part in the Papua and New Guinea campaigns and was wounded in New Guinea, January 28, 1941. He holds the Purple Heart, a unit citation, American defense service medal and Asiatic-Pacific service medals.

**Local Men In Group**  
Congratulated by Doolittle  
England, V-E Day.—Among the 125,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the Eighth in August, 1944, were several from Kalspell.  
"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done," Gen. Doolittle said in a message to all personnel.  
"Each of you," he continued, "may be proud of your part in the success of this mission."  
"The world is proud of you."  
Among the Eighth personnel from Kalspell, Montana, were: M/Sgt. Charles P. Busch, M/Sgt. Lyle E. Green, T/Sgt. Edward R. Christensen, Sergeant, S/Sgt. Richard G. Holding, Sgt. William R. Clark, Sgt. John C. Hendrickson, Columbia Falls, Pvt. Ernest C. Hestretter.

Bruno Bush was released from the army a few weeks ago will leave for Vancouver, B. C., this week to visit friends and apply for employment.



Bush Verne V 5 Sep 1945 pg 4  
Pfc. Verne V. Bush also has placed his honorable army discharge on record. It was issued at Fort Douglas Aug. 20, 1945. He participated in the Iwojima and New Guinea campaigns and holds the American defense service medal and the good conduct medal. He entered the service on Sept. 16, 1940.

Bushnell John 15 Jan 1945 pg 3  
Lt. (j. g.) John Bushnell is spending a 30-day leave from the navy with his wife and daughter in Kalamazoo. He will report to San Diego at the conclusion of his leave.

Butler Jay John Jr 18 Dec 1945 pg 4  
**JAY BUTLER ENTERS ARMY**  
Jay John Butler, Jr., a transfer from Louisville, will leave Tuesday for Fort Douglas, Utah, where he will be inducted into the armed forces. Enlistments filled the balance of the call for December from Platteau county.  
The next pre-induction physical date for this county is set for Jan. 7, 1946.

Butterfield Fred 10 Feb 1945 pg 5  
Fred Butterfield has been home on furlough visiting family and friends. Mrs. Lloyd Smith, whose husband was recently inducted into the army, has moved to Kalispell to live.

10 Nov 1945 pg 4  
Frederick E. Butterfield, boat swimmer mate, 2/C, was discharged from the navy Nov. 5, 1945, at Bremerton, Wash.

Byrne Charles D 22 Dec 1945 pg 3  
Pvt. Charles D. Byrne was released at Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 13, 1945. He entered in May, 1945, and has the World War II victory medal.

Byrne Francis E 27 Jan 1945 pg 5  
Ensign Francis E. Byrne, grandson of Mrs. Tom Edwards of Kalispell, soon will go to sea as a gunnery officer on a LSM. He is now stationed at Little Creek, Va. The ship to which he will be assigned is the newest and most advanced design in hard-hitting invasion vessels. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrne, who now reside on the West Coast. His two brothers, T. G. and K. D. Byrne, also are serving in the navy.