

# O'Lexey Awarded Purple Heart

Robert G. O'Lexey has been awarded a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in South Vietnam May 8. The medal was awarded him May 11.

According to work received here by his mother, Mrs. William O'Lexey, the Kalspell soldier had volunteered to Vietnam duty and arrived in Saigon May 8. During his first night

in a barracks in Saigon, the barracks was struck by an enemy rocket killing two American soldiers and wounding several others



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ers including O'Lexey, who was struck in the right hip.

He was taken to Japan for treatment and finally to Madigan General Hospital at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where on Saturday his leg was amputated.

O'Lexey attended Kalspell schools and was a member of the local unit of the Montana National Guard until volunteering for Vietnam duty last Dec.

# Guardsmen To Serve In Capital

Three Montana Army National Guard officers have been selected by the chief of the National Guard Bureau to serve on a 90-day tour of active duty in Washington D. C.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Hseo, Kalspell, Lt. Col. Reuben Dwight, Deer Lodge, Chief Warrant Officer Elmer Olson of Bozeman will work in the operations and training section of the National Guard Bureau on a special project that has to do with the organization, equipping and training of National Guard units throughout the United States.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Kendall, Montana's adjutant general said, "Their selection was based on their vast knowledge of the National Guard program through many years of experience as guardsmen, civilian technicians of the guard and military schooling."

# Kenneth Olson Completes Navy Basic

GREAT LAKES, ILL. (FHT-RC) — Seaman Apprentice Kenneth A. Olson, ISSA, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Olson of Rte. 2, Kalspell, Mont., has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship.

### **J. W. Orndorff Promoted To Air Force Major**

LOMPOC, Calif. — John W. Orndorff, son of Mrs. Anna R. Orndorff, Columbia Falls, has been promoted to major in the U. S. Air Force.

Major Orndorff is an assistant staff meteorologist at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. He is a member of the air weather service.

The major served during the Korean War and was commissioned in 1957 upon completion of officer candidate school.

A graduate of Laurel High School, he received a B.S. degree in 1959 from the University of Washington. Major Orndorff earned an M.S. degree in 1967 at the University of Michigan where he studied under the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) education program.

Major Orndorff's wife, Patti, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robinson of 1206 W. Crawford, Livingston, Mont.

### **Orr Takes Part In Marine Combat Exercise**

CAMP PENDELTON, CALIF. (PHOTO) - Marine Private First Class Kenny K. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Orr of E. Lake Shore, Bigfork, Mont., completed two weeks of training under simulated combat conditions in the fundamentals of day and night patrolling, employment of infantry weapons, survival methods and assault tactics at this Marine Corps base.

This individual combat training is given every Marine after his graduation from recruit training. Taught by combat experienced non-commissioned officers of the infantry training regiment here, it prepares the young Leatherneck to become part of the Marine air-ground combat team.

From this course, he is scheduled to go on to more advanced training.

### **Lt. Osher Awarded Air Medal**

With U. S. Combat Air Forces, Vietnam—U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Kenneth A. Osher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osher who reside on East Lake Shore, Polson, Mont., has received the Air Medal at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam, for air action in Southeast Asia.

Lt. Osher, a navigator, was cited for his outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions. He is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. The lieutenant was commissioned in 1966 upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

A 1960 graduate of Polson High School, he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1964 from the University of Montana. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Col. Bruce E. Hunt, his squadron commander, made the presentation.

## **Sgt. Ouelette Assigned To Vietnam Unit**

WITH U.S. COMBAT AIR FORCES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC — Staff Sgt. Roger R. Ouelette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Ouelette of 39 Sylvan Ave., Lewiston, Maine, is on duty with the 125th Strategic Wing at a forward base in the Western Pacific.

Sgt. Ouelette, a Strategic Air Command communications specialist, supports KC-135 Stratoliner aircrews who daily provide aerial refueling to B-52 Stratofortress bombers, fighters and reconnaissance aircraft conducting the air war over Vietnam.

The sergeant was assigned at Pease AFB, N.H., before arriving in the Pacific.

His wife, Marcia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Bleskin of 745 Fourth Ave. E., Kalispell, Mont.