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Dennis Radish Aboard Carrier USS Enterprise

USS ENTERPRISE (FH17C) —Airman Apprentice Dennis L. Radish, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Radish of Eureka, Mont., is serving aboard the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Enterprise. Crewmembers of the carrier have been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in recognition of the ship's performance off the coast of Vietnam. This is the second consecutive year the award has been presented to the Enterprise. The ship is currently in dry dock at Bremerton, Wash. Upon completion of the dry dock period the carrier will return to her homeport at Alameda, Calif.

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Ramsey Leaves For Vietnam

USS PIEDMONT at sea (FH17C) —Radarman Seaman Douglas C. Ramsey, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Ramsey of 819 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, Mont., has left San Diego aboard the destroyer tender USS Piedmont for deployment with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

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Ramsey Aids In Sea Rescue

U.S.S. ULMANN at sea, (FH17C) —Machinery Repairman Second Class Ken A. Ramsey, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Ramsey of 819 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, Mont., helped rescue a sailor from the sea while serving aboard the destroyer USS Ulmann in the Western Pacific. The sailor had fallen overboard from the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard during a night exercise. The Ulmann altered course to come alongside the straggling sailor. A crewman of the San Diego based destroyer went over the side to bring the exhausted seaman aboard.

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Bonnie Rathbun Completes Basic

PT. McCLELLAN, ALA. (AHTN) —Private Bonnie R. Rathbun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Rathbun, Somers, Mont., completed eight weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Ft. McClellan, Ala., Jan. 19. She received instruction in Army history and traditions, administration procedures, military justice, first aid and field training.

Rauska Kenneth W 10 Mar 1968 pg 3

Rauska Now In Vietnam

VUNG TAU, VIETNAM (AHTN) —Army Specialist Four Kenneth W. Rauska, 19, son of Mrs. Lorraine Jones, 75 Third Ave. N.W., Kalispell, Mont., was assigned as a mechanic with the 528th Quartermaster Company near Vung Tau, Vietnam, Feb. 15. His father, Ralph T. Rauska, lives at 51 Fifth Ave. W.N., Kalispell.

Rea Billy McAll 18 Sep 1968 pg 6

Great Falls Marine Killed In Vietnam

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Marine Pfc. Billy McAll Rea, 20, was killed in enemy action in Vietnam Sept. 6, his uncle and legal guardian, John Jones of Great Falls reported. Rea, who was known as Billy Mac Jones, was killed 10 days after spending a two-week leave with his uncle. He was born in Carlsbad, N.M., and came to Montana as a child. He attended C. M. Russell High School and was graduated in 1967 from Great Falls Central. He is survived also by his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones, also of Great Falls. Rea is the 131st Montanan to lose his life in the Vietnam War.

Reed Jack T 1 May 1968 pg 8

Parachutist Badge Given Jack T. Reed

FT. BENNING, GA. (AHTNC) — Army Private Jack T. Reed, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed, Butte, Mont., received a Parachutist Badge recently upon completion of the Infantry School's three-week airborne course at Ft. Benning, Ga. His training, which included five jumps from a C-450 airplane flying 170 miles an hour at an altitude of 1,250 feet, qualified him as a parachutist.

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Reed Assigned To QM Company

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (AHTNC) — Army Specialist Four Jack T. Reed, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed, Butte, Mont., was assigned as a parachute rigger in the 625th Quartermaster Company near Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, recently.

Reid Ronald L 28 May 1968 pg 10

Unit Given Recognition

LONG BINH, VIETNAM (AHTNC) — Spec. Five Ronald L. Reid, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Reid, 602 Park Ave., Whitefish, Mont., was honored with his unit at Long Binh, Vietnam. His unit, the Army's 53rd Signal Battalion and the attached 16th Signal Detachment (Photography), received a Meritorious Unit Citation for outstanding service with the II Field Force in Vietnam. The unit was honored for "... providing superb communication support for United States and Free World Forces despite the adverse effects of dense jungle on radio transmission." The citation also stated that "With unrelenting resolve, the men spent long and arduous hours maintaining and improving communications positions."

Reid Thomas J 29 Mar 1968 pg 10

Reid Completes Army Mechanic School Course

FT. BENNING, GA. (AHTNC) — Private Thomas J. Reid, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Reid, 425 Sixth Ave. W., Kalspell, Mont., completed an infantry mechanic course, Feb. 28, at the Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga. During the seven-week course, he was trained in the maintenance and repair of tracked vehicles in infantry units. He also received instruction in the operation of power systems and suspension assemblies in infantry vehicles.

Merit Award To C. A. Rhodes

Cpt. Charles A. Rhodes, past commander of Battery A 2d How, 8th, received a certificate of merit for superior rating in the 1968 annual general inspection. The award was presented by Col. Cecil C. Rhodes, state-headquarters representative, March 9 at the Whitefish National Guard Armory.

Lt. Ridgley Receives Three Combat Medals

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ridgley, 796 Fourth Ave. W.N., KallsPELL, have received word of three decorations presented to their son, Lt. Edward E. Ridgley from Vietnam combat action. Ridgley sent home copies of the general orders to his parents saying, "It's safe to send these to you now. I'm OK and you don't have to worry." The orders show presentation of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action March 2. He was also awarded the Silver Star for action Feb. 14, and the

Army Commendation Medal for heroism with V device for valor. This was based on action of Feb. 7.

Ridgley, 23, is commander of Co. B, 3d Bn., 47th Infantry. Mrs. Ridgley says as nearly as she can determine he was wounded in action near Saigon. The general orders show the medal awards were won at Can Tho and

My Tho, both actions against numerically superior hostile forces.

Ridgley is a graduate of Kemper Military Academy. Following graduation in 1966, he went into the service, spent a year in Korea and was then assigned to Vietnam seven months ago. He anticipates returning home this fall for release from the service. He plans to return to college and complete his education at the University of Montana, Mrs. Ridgley said.

Riehl Completes Infantry Course

FT. POLK, LA. (AMTNC) — Army Private Michael R. Riehl, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Riehl, 1122 Fourth St. W., KallsPELL, Mont., completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training April 26 at Ft. Polk, La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises.

Riehl was employed by Boeing Airplane Co., Renton, Wash., before entering the Army.

Cmdr. Ripley In Command Of Comstock

Cmdr. Robert K. Ripley, former KallsPELL resident and a graduate of Flathead High School, took command of the U.S.S. Comstock at command change ceremonies last week at Portland, Ore.

The LSD (landing ship, dock) is currently undergoing reworking in anticipation of joining the Seventh Fleet off Vietnam. The Comstock is to be home based at Coronado, Calif. Cmdr. Ripley has completed a shore duty tour as special aide to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His family will join him at Coronado in the move from Falls Church, Va.

Ripley received a special commendation of merit for his services with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a highly critical and confidential position.

Roberts Stanley J

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Polson Soldier Completes Jump Course

FT. BENNING, GA. (AHTNC) — Army Specialist Four Stanley J. Roberts, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Roberts, Rt. 1, Polson, Mont., received a Parachutist Badge recently upon completion of the Infantry School's three-week airborne course at Ft. Benning, Ga. His training, which included five jumps from a C-119 airplane flying 170 miles an hour at an altitude of 1,250 feet, qualified him as a parachutist. He also underwent strenuous physical conditioning.

Robinson Royden L

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R. L. Robinson Finishes Auto Repair Course

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD. (AHTNC) — Private Royden L. Robinson, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Robinson, 57 Appleway Drive, Kallispell, Mont., completed an automotive repair course recently at the Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. During the 14-week course, he was trained in the maintenance and repair of engines for the Army's tracked and wheeled vehicles.

Rodriguez Gilbert

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T. SGT. GILBERT RODRIGUEZ

Sgt. Gilbert Rodriguez Retires From Air Force

The retirement of T. Sgt. Gilbert Rodriguez, Kallispell, from the United States Air Force was announced yesterday by Major Arthur Salayo, commanding officer of Kallispell Air Force Station at Lakeside. Rodriguez flew as an engineer in bombers and transports for eleven years before switching to the job he held at retirement as radar technician. As an Air Force sergeant he served in Korea and Vietnam during hostilities. He holds the Japanese Occupation, Expeditionary, Outstanding Unit, N.C.O. Academy, Efficiency, and United Nations ribbons. Rodriguez was originally from Mount Vernon, N.Y. His wife Joyce is from Townsend, Mont. They have four children. The six-member family to live in Kallispell and starts employment today with the Anacostia Aluminum Co., at Columbia Falls, Ind. Rodriguez is active with the bowling leagues and is district instructor trainer for the Fishland Boy Scout area.

Pfc. Roe Named Outstanding Marine Recruit

Private First Class Richard S. Roe, U.S. Marine Corps, Kaispell, has been selected to receive a Dress Blue Uniform according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Frances Roe.

The uniform award was made by Leatherneck Magazine to the outstanding recruit of his platoon at the Marine Corps Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Presentation was made by Lt. Col. C. W. Hoffner commanding the Third Recruit Training Bn. Col. Hoffner informed Mrs. Roe, "In order you may have a complete understanding, your son won this coveted award in competition with 77 other men. From recommendations of drill instructors, the award decision

was based on skill and professional knowledge, attitude, military bearing and leadership potential.

"We in the Marine Corps are intensely proud of our Dress Blue Uniform. It is the opinion of those who mostly observed Pfc. Roe he will wear it with distinction and honor. We are proud to have a young man of such high caliber in our ranks. I know this outstanding performance must be a source of great personal satisfaction to you," Col. Hoffner added.

Killed In War

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Montana servicemen killed in action in the Vietnam war were identified Monday in a Defense Department casualty list.

They were Army Sgt. L.C. Dale F. Rollins, husband of Ellis R. Rollins, St. Ignace, and Army Spec. 4 David A. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David O. Anderson, Anaconda.

Wayne Rush Honored For Basic Training

Pvt. Wayne L. Rush, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rush, Kaispell, has graduated from basic training in the Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. He is attending engineers school at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

In basic he was rated the highest trainee of the cycle and the hardest worker of the company. He missed first place in physical training by six points out of 500.

Rush Completes Army Engineer Special Course

FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO. (AIFPAC) — Army Private Wayne L. Rush, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rush, 1106-25 E. Oregon, Kaispell, Mont., completed advanced training as a combat engineer recently at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

During his eight weeks of training, he received instruction in combat squad tactics, use of infantry weapons and engineer reconnaissance.

Russell Gets Pilot Wings

FT. RUCKER, ALA. (AIFPAC) — Michael G. Russell, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Russell, 24 Woodland Ave., Kaispell, Mont., received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed a warrant officer recently upon graduation from the Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

During the 16-week course, he was taught various fly techniques and tactical maneuvers for helicopters supporting ground troops in combat. He also received instruction in helicopter maintenance and survival techniques.

WO Russell entered the Army in February 1967 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La. He was graduated from Flathead High School in 1966.

Libby Man Dies In Action In Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two more Montana servicemen have been killed in action in Vietnam, a Defense Department casualty list disclosed this week.

They were identified as Army Spec. 4 Steven L. Ryington, son of Mrs. Dolores M. Spady, Libby, and Army Pfc. Robert V. Tillotson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virtus I. Tillotson, Helena.

Tillotson previously had been listed as missing in action, the department added.