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McRae, Alan Burton (Missoula 1943)

Alan (87) died December 26, 2006, in Berkeley, California. He was born November 16, 1919, in Seattle, Washington and was a member of the Congregational Christian Church. Alan was living in Chicago when he registered for the draft and entered Civilian Public Service in 1942.

He was among the first group of CPS men who trained as smokejumpers. A note from his daughter says that he was "injured quite severely during training." This seems to explain why Alan was released from CPS in December 1943. His employment after the war is listed as construction manager and he was a builder in Chicago and Langley, Washington. He is buried in the Langley Woodman Cemetery on Langley Island, WA.

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