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Mattson, Roy C. (Missoula 1941)

Roy died September 3, 1974 in San Diego, CA. He was born June 10, 1910 in Missoula, MT. He worked for Lighter Water Co. and Emma Mine ACM Co. in Butte prior to beginning work with the USFS about 1940. He jumped in 1941 with 2 fires and 1942 with no fire jumps listed but several fires were jumped with no names recorded. Roy was 31 years old during his rookie year. He was one of the jumpers that had a role in the filming of "The Forest Ranger." He was married for two years before entering military service. His service in the US Navy took him to San Diego, CA where he served as a parachute rigger. Following his service, he remained in the San Diego area and married again.

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