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Brist, Howard B. (Missoula 1941)

Howard, 64, died January 10, 1980, in Whitefish, Montana. Howard lived in the Whitefish and Kalispell area his entire life. His primary residence was in Olney, Montana, from 1950 until his death. He worked for the American Timber Company from 1950 to 1970, when he retired due to ill health.

Howard, at age 26, was one of the 16 rookies in the 1941 smokejumper crew when smokejumping was in its infancy. In a very slow year, he got three fire jumps.

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