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Eigsti, Joseph M. (North Cascades 1945)

Joseph, 91, died Sept. 3, 2013, in Goshen, Indiana. He was born in 1922. Due his Mennonite faith, he did not join the military during World War II but instead enrolled in the Civilian Public Service program for conscientious objectors. He was drafted out of Buda, Illinois, in 1943 and his occupation at the time was listed as "Farmer." Joseph jumped at North Cascades for the 1945 season.

After his discharge in 1946 he was a farmer and also served as a school board member and on the Elkhart County Farm Bureau board.

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