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Rohrer, Hubert O. (Missoula 1944)

Hubert, 91, died June 20, 2011, in North Vernon, Indiana. He was born in 1919 and was a member of the Methodist Church. Hubert entered Civilian Public Service in 1942 from Collins, Colorado. He jumped at Missoula both the 1944 and '45 seasons getting nine training and three fire jumps in 1944. Hubert broke his leg on the Kent Peak Fire in 1945 after getting three training and three fire jumps.

He attended Kansas Wesleyan University, and after graduation moved to Key West, Florida, to work for the Public Health Service to control mosquitoes carrying yellow and dengue fevers. He then worked for the American Friends Service Relief Committee, organizing European relief efforts following the war. Hubert taught English and journalism at Seymour High School for 27 years until retiring in 1984.

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