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## Entwistle, Dale A. (Missoula 1944)

Dale died January 16, 2004. He was born October 14, 1917 in Athens, Ohio, where he attended elementary and high school. Dale was working for the New York Central Railroad when he was drafted into the Civilian Public Service in 1942 being a conscientious objector.

After a year in a CPS camp at North Fork, California, he and Weir Stone volunteered for smokejumping and reported to Seeley Lake in 1943. He broke a bone in his foot during training. He listed himself as 6' 2" and 225 pounds on his WWII draft card which is very large for most smokejumpers.

"The whistle" as he was known to his jumper peers, came back and jumped the 1944 and '45 seasons about which he said, "I did have two good fire seasons, helped in several spectacular and grueling rescue missions."

After the war he returned to Ohio and worked with the railroad for 16 years before moving to Missoula where he spent another 25 years with the Northern Pacific railroad. Dale was a rare gun collector when he lived in Missoula. He moved to Nakomis, Florida in 1985. His obit in The Missoulian said "Dale was happiest when he could do a good deed for someone"

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