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Berlin Air Lift Capt. George Diakoff

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OSHKOSH PILOT AN AIR LIFT VETERAN—Recently returned from a three-months tour of duty with the Berlin air lift, during which he flew 60 missions, is Capt. George Diakoff, Oshkosh, second from left. Other army air force air lift returnees, pictured at Great Falls air force base, Montana, are, left to right: First Lt. Robert Dooley, Capt. Herb Vorus and Capt. George Beckwith. (U. S. air force photo)

Three Months on Berlin Air Lift Completed by Capt. George Diakoff

Capt. George Diakoff, son of Mrs. Mary Diakoff and brother of John I. Diakoff, 35 Sherman street, has recently returned to the United States after serving three months as a pilot with Operation Vittles—the Berlin air lift, it has been announced by officials at Great Falls airbase, Mont.

He piled up 60 missions into Berlin during his period of service with the air lift, and has 4,000 hours of flying time to his credit.

Captain Diakoff is among the first veterans of the Berlin run to be returned to the Montana base where he will act as an instructor for replacement crews for the air lift.

Born in Oshkosh April 11, 1918, Captain Diakoff is a graduate of the Oshkosh High school and entered service in February, 1942. He was trained as a fighter pilot, later transferring to the bomber command. A test pilot in Tennessee before leaving this country, Captain Diakoff is the holder of several decorations for his war-time service in the European theater.

He returned to this country in the spring of 1945 and was reassigned to the transport command, seeing two tours of duty in the Pacific and one on the New England to Canada route before being sent to the Berlin air lift.



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