

Summary of Newspaper Articles

Daily Inter Lake – Kalispell, MT (last date searched 09/27/1945)

Headline: [Northwest States Shaken By Quake; Does No Damage](#)
Date: 09/24/1945
[Info Categories:](#) E, P

Information Categories

A -- Aid:

provide medical services, shelter, donations, loans, advice, encouragement, implement safety measures

B -- Building Damage:

structure itself plus windows and chimneys (typically damage visible from outside the building)

E -- Earthquake Description:

where, when, duration, direction, sound, motion, number and timing of aftershocks

G -- Geologic Effects:

changes at the Earth's surface, fault scarps, rockfalls, landslides, ground cracks, ground subsidence, sand boils, water spouts; effects on springs, lakes, wells

H -- Humor:

I -- Impact:

changes in daily routine; rumors; influx of reporters, politicians, cost in dollars

L -- Lifelines:

effects on transportation: roads, bridges, railroads, airports

effects on communications: telephone, telegraph

effects on power, gas, water, and sewer lines

effects on dams

N -- Nonstructural Effects:

effects on plaster, furnishings (typically damage or rearrangement of furnishings visible inside a building)

P -- People:

effects on and responses to, during and after; deaths, injuries, near misses

R -- Recovery:

clean up, rebuild

S -- Scientific:

explanation of the day

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NORTHWEST STATES SHAKEN BY QUAKE; DOES NO DAMAGE

Helena, Sept. 24--Thousands of residents in three Pacific Northwest states were awakened by an earthquake early yesterday, but the widespread tremors did no reported damage.

Windows and dishes were rattled all the way from Helena to Walla Walla, Wash., more than 350 miles to the west. The quake was reported felt elsewhere in western Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington. It occurred between 3:50 and 4 a.m. (MWT.) A seismograph at Mount St. Michole's scholasticate in Spokane, Wash., recorded the tremors, which were described there as "pronounced." The shock varied from strong, at points west of the Continental divide in Montana, to moderate in Helena, just east of the divide.

Western Montana communities reporting the quake included Hamilton, Corvallis, Missoula, Ronan, Polson, Kalispell, Wolf Creek, Augusta and Great Falls. In Montana alone, the tremors spread over approximately 13,000 square miles.

For Helena, it was the 114th quake since January 1 and 2,844th since October, 1935, when extensive damage was caused in the capital by a series of tremors.

An earthquake was felt in Kalispell shortly before 4 o'clock Sunday morning. It lasted several seconds and was accompanied by a rumbling sound. Most people who were awakened by the tremor believed that there were two jolts and many state that their homes creaked after the quake subsided. A number believe that it was more severe than the shocks felt here in October, 1935. No damage has been reported.

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