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## Three Holmes Brothers Are Fighting Overseas



The three Holmes brothers, pictured above, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Holmes, of Gaston, and all three are now serving Uncle Sam overseas. They are, left to right: Corp. Tommie Lee Holmes, with the Army Air Corps "somewhere" in England. Tommie went into the service Oct-



ober 6, 1941, and received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He has been overseas since June, 1942. Center: Pfc. Wade C. Holmes, 19, entered the service April 12, 1943, and went overseas in February, 1944. Wade trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is now in a hospital "some-



where" in Italy after receiving slight wounds in action. Right: Pvt. Richard R. Holmes, 33, with the army "somewhere" in France, took his basic training at Camp Gruber, Okla., after entering the Army August 25, 1943. Richard was sent overseas in March, 1944. His wife is the former Mary C. Exum of this city.

## James Whitby Dies In Action

### Was Last Heard From By Parents While In France

Private James G. Whitby, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady D. Whitby, of this city, was killed in action in France July 11, according to information received



Pvt. James G. Whitby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady D. Whitby, of this city, who has been reported killed in action in France.

### Phone or Write

When members of your family who are in the armed services are at home on furlough won't you please write or telephone this information to The Herald, giving name, rank, branch of service, length of service, where located and any other information permitted by the Office of War Information?

The Herald will highly appreciate your efforts in rendering this news service.

### Cigarettes Are Needed For Boys

Mrs. R. P. Beckwith, in charge of making up Red Cross bags for soldiers, issues an appeal for more cigarettes. "We are in need of 38 more packs of smokes to put in these bags," she stated, "and we would prefer having Camels, Chesterfields or Lucky Strikes." If you would like to donate a pack to the Red Cross it is urged that you get in touch with Mrs. Beckwith at once.

### Garner Rites On Thursday

Funeral services for H. B. Garner, uncle of Mrs. Raymond Purley, of Roanoke Rapids, were held last Thursday with interment in the family cemetery near the state line. Mr. Garner died last Wednesday at his home in Greenville County, Va.

### Breaks Wrist In Fall Thursday

Mrs. A. E. Akers was painfully injured last Thursday when she fell in front of the Municipal Building, breaking her right wrist.

### Sons Visiting Their Parents

Flight Officer Richard C. Webb and Pvt. Edwin Hull Webb, sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Webb, 400 Roanoke Avenue, visited their parents here this week. Richard, whose wife is the former Miss Violet Starke, has a seven-day leave and will report to Lincoln, Neb., while Edwin, who has been in the service 15 months, is stationed at Morris Field, N. C. He has returned to his post.

### Inhalator Is Given To City

An inhalator, a badly needed piece of equipment, has been given to the city by the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club. The inhalator is available for use in emergencies arising from suffocation, drowning, electrical shock, poisonous gas, etc., by individuals or institutions. It will be kept at the Fire Department, and Chief King plans to have two men trained in its use. Although it is available now formal presentation will be made at a later date.

## PUTNEY SENT TO PRISON IN MURDER CASE

Judge C. E. Thompson, presiding over the August term of Halifax County Superior Court, this week sentenced Eli Putney, negro, to State's Prison for a period of not less than 18 nor more than 20 years, after Putney plead guilty to murder in the second degree.

The case grew out of the slaying of Ruth Eva DeLoach, young negro girl, several years ago.

Other cases disposed of by the court are as follows:

K. D. Morgan, alias Ernest Lee Knight, colored, of Scotland Neck, plead guilty to manslaughter, wherein Andrew Faison was murdered. The judgment of the Court is that he be given 5 years State's Prison suspended and placed on probation for five years.

Claude McWilliams, colored, of Hollister, plead guilty to assault with intent to commit rape and was given five years in State's prison which was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years.

Horace Jackson, white, Scotland Neck, charged with larceny of auto was found not guilty.

Lena Brown, colored, of Weldon, was found guilty of possession of material used in the manufacture of dynamite.

### Rumors Untrue

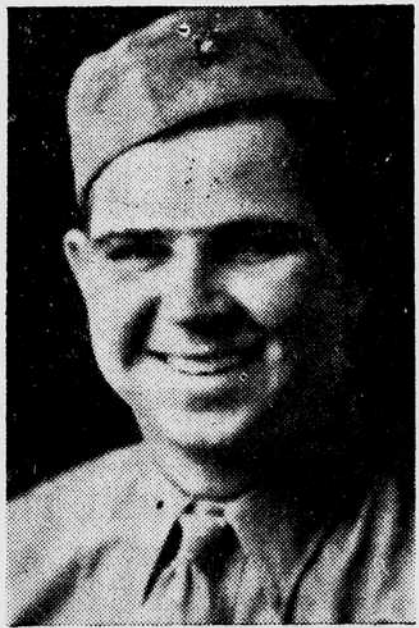
Reports of infantile paralysis cases in the city are absolutely untrue, said a prominent physician today. "There have been no cases reported in Halifax or Northampton Counties, so far," he stated, "and there is no reason for any alarm. The rumor which persisted last week came from an incorrect diagnosis at a clinic out of town and the child in question is running around and is as healthy as a buck," the doctor concluded.

## STAFF SERGEANT DOBBINS HOME AFTER FOUR YEARS

### Lions Festival Been Postponed

The Lions Club Festival, scheduled for all next week, has been postponed, according to an announcement made today. Holding of the festival was believed by health authorities to be against the best interest of the public during the epidemic of infantile paralysis in other sections of the state. The Club, in its desire to cooperate in this matter readily postponed its annual affair. At a later date, said a spokesman for the club, the festival will be staged when it is deemed safe by health authorities.

### Wounded

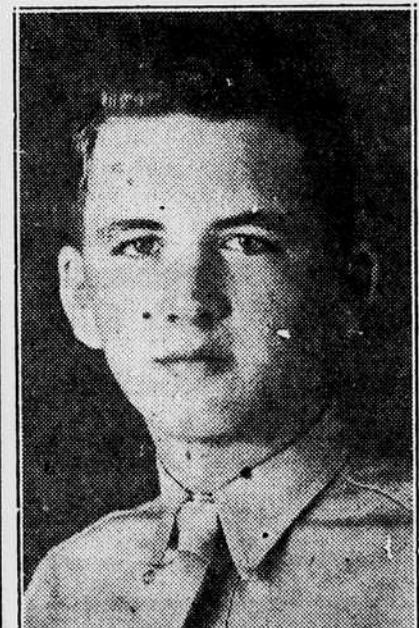


Pictured above is Pfc. Vernon A. King, USMC, son of Mrs. Hattie King, of this city, who has been reported as wounded in action.

One might get the impression that if you talked to a soldier who has been in the service a long time and had served for 43 months overseas, seeing action at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked that United States stronghold, serving his country in the Hawaiians, Australia, and fighting in the jungles of New Guinea, you would get enough information to write a long story, but such is not the way with Staff Sergeant Doyle Dobbins.

In his modest manner and conservative words, Sergt. Dobbins gave this reporter a short interview here today. He is visiting his parents, Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins and Mrs. Dobbins. This is Doyle's first trip home since he volunteered for foreign duty in (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

### Overseas Vet



Staff Sergeant Doyle Dobbins, above, is visiting his parents here after serving 43 months in the Pacific war era.