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The Ansley Twins—Roy and Troy



Pictured here are the Ansley twins — Roy (left) and Troy (right). They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ansley, of Sneads Ferry, Onslow County, former residents of Roanoke Rapids. They are 21 years old. Both the boys entered the service in April, 1943, and received part of their basic training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo. Corp. Roy Ansley was sent overseas in October, last year, and is "somewhere" in England. Pfc. Troy Ansley went over in January of this year, and is now confined in a hospital on Saipan Island with fever. Prior to entering the Army the boys were employed by Roanoke Mill No. 2.

Sgt. 'Cy' Wood 'Kicked Out' Of Damaged Bomber By Pilot; Lives To Tell Thrilling Story

T/Sgt. Russell "Cy" Wood, 26, was at home this week on furlough visiting his parents and wife. "Cy" used to do lots of odd jobs around The Herald office prior to entering the Air Corps of the United States Army some four years ago, and has seen much action during his length of duty in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. "Cy" has been in the "thick of it" at Midway Island, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Battle of the Bismark Sea. He got his first experience in actual battle when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor in December, 1941. After the attack on Pearl Harbor "Cy" was ordered to the Philippines, but on his way he learned that Guam had fallen to the enemy and he had to turn back to Midway. From that area he went down in the South Pacific where he participated in the

PFC. SMITH WOUNDED IN PACIFIC

Pfc. Lester Smith, 35, son of Mrs. Winnie Smith and the late G. W. Smith, of the Belmont community, has been wounded in the South Pacific war zone, according to a message received here last Monday from the War Department. Pfc. Smith, who entered the service June 2, 1942, received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was sent overseas in February of this year. He was formerly connected with a local service station. His wife is the former Miss Fannie Belle Stokes of Alabama. The nature of Pfc. Smith's wounds was not revealed in the message.

Battle of the Coral Sea and other engagements.

Sgt. Wood's squadron was the one that sank every Jap ship that was found in the Bismark sea, a total of 22.

In the battle on Guadalcanal "Cy" was wounded and given a leave of absence. Upon his return to the states he was wearing gunner's wings. Being a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, "Cy" probably had a right to wear the wings. However, an Air Force officer ordered him to take them off.

"What Gunnery school did you attend?" the officer asked Sgt. Wood.

"The one on Guadalcanal," replied "Cy."

To which the officer replied: "There's not a gunnery school on Guadalcanal."

For an answer to this "Cy" told the officer that: "If you go out in the morning on Guadalcanal on a bombing mission and get back that night you have passed all gunnery requirements."

The officer laughed and said: "You learned the hard way."

"Cy" was asked what was his greatest thrill. He replied that it was a thrilling experience at Pearl Harbor, but he believed his

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10,800 Sponges Shipped Sept. 8

Mrs. F. G. Jarman, Surgical Dressings Chairman of the Local Chapter of American Red Cross, reports 10,800 four by eight sponges were shipped on September 8. There were three boxes containing 3600 sponges per box. These sponges were made the last two weeks of July. The room was closed for the month of August, but opened September 1, with plenty of gauze. Workers are urged to come and help in this work.

HEALTH BAN WILL BE LIFTED NEXT MONDAY

TRUCK KILLS SMALL CHILD

Danny Hicks Bledsoe, 2½ years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Bledsoe, of Norfolk, was killed by a truck last Friday near his home. The driver of the machine had backed into a side street to turn around and the child was hit by the rear end of the truck, two wheels passing over his body. He died almost instantly. The body was brought to this city where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. B. M. White-Hurst. Interment was in Cedarwood cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe are former residents of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Bledsoe being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hambrick.

Rev. Langston Guest Minister

Rev. John J. Langston, of Four Oaks, will preach at the First Christian Church next Sunday. Mr. Langston is a graduate of Johnson Bible College of Lexington, Tenn., and is well known throughout Eastern North Carolina.

Resigns From Pastorate Here

The Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the First Christian Church here, has resigned as its pastor to accept a call to a church in Burlington, N. C. Rev. Hope has been here since 1942. He was an active member of the Masonic Order and other civic organizations. Rev. Hope and his family plan to move from the city in the near future.

Sgt. Cobb Home From Overseas

S/Sgt. Irvin Cobb has returned from the European Theatre of operation after sixteen months overseas. He has been awarded two bronze stars for participation in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. Sgt. Cobb is spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cobb.

Dr. McDowell Issues Thanks

The ban prohibiting children from attending picture shows, Sunday School, Church, etc., will be lifted on the day that the public schools of the county open. The public has shown a splendid spirit of cooperation, which is appreciated by the County Board of Health and the County Health Department. Also, we wish to express our thanks to the theatre managers, ministers, swimming pool managers, and others who assisted in enforcing this ban. W. K. McDOWELL, M. D., District Health Officer

Law Barred Children From Attending Public Places; In Effect Since August 25

Receives Wounds



According to a letter received by his wife Tuesday, Pvt. R. A. Williams, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams, Sr., 134 Hamilton street, this city, has received wounds in his left hand and left leg while fighting "somewhere" in France. Pvt. Williams has only recently been sent overseas. He is now confined in a hospital in England.

Services Sunday For State Guard

Services at the Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock will be of especial interest to the local unit, 14th company, of the N. C. State Guard. A special message will be delivered to the men by Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector. The Guardsmen will assemble at the Armory and march to the church in a body in full uniform. After the services a barbecue dinner will be served the men at the Armory.

This will be the only service of the day at the Episcopal church. The 8 o'clock morning communion services will be discontinued until next spring, Rev. Berkeley announces.

Will Arrive In New York City

Information has been received here that Mrs. Kathleen Batalion, former instructor of nurses at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, has been notified by the war department that her husband, Dr. Batalion, will arrive in New York City on September 25, on the Gripsholm. Dr. Batalion has been held as a German prisoner in Germany since 1943.

The health ban against all children under the age of 16 years, attending any public gathering place will be lifted Monday.

On last August 22, the City Board of Commissioners, at the suggestion of health authorities, passed an ordinance to this effect in efforts to prevent a spread of infantile paralysis in this section. It went into effect on Friday, August 25. At that time there had been no cases of the disease reported in Halifax County, but last week District Health authorities reported one. However, there have been no new cases thus far, and with State Health Officer Reynolds announcing that the peak of the epidemic has been passed, most bans on children attending public places have been lifted.

The schools of the state were prevented from opening at the usual time, but practically all of them will open next Monday morning. A number of churches in some sections of the county discontinued services, especially Sunday School, but all these again will be held normally after next Sunday.

The theatres of the city were probably affected most by the law, and the amusement places will welcome the "kids" next week.

Goes To Miami

S/Sgt. James W. Shaw leaves Friday for Miami, Fla., where he will receive further instructions for duty. Sgt. Shaw has been spending a short furlough in the city with friends and relatives.

White Men Inducted Into Army Aug. 26

Following is a list of white men inducted into the Army and Navy from Halifax County on August 26: Army: Thomas Jefferson Male, George Fulgham Garner, Ernest Fleetwood White, Edward Randolph Sudduth, Willie Edgar Terry, Luther Dempsey Shearin, Charlie Lee Kelly, Jr., Robert Edward Harrison, Robert Arthur Etheridge, Robert Suiter Glasgow, Walter Henry Brewer, Winfred Winfield Warren, Kelly Warren Edwards, David Fisher Pittard, Cornelius Everette Davis, Leon Alvin Taylor, Samuel Ray Wilson, Robert Edward West, Clarence Irey Medlin, Phillip Arden Pullen, Arthur Bynum Neal, William Dale Cushing, Lionel Frederick Northington, Donald Howard Outland, Theodore Parker Marks. Navy: Roland Soloman Pridgen, Myrlon Brooks Cox, Joseph Omega Pegram, Clyde Randolph Pegram, Charlie William Draughan, Bryant Malton Wilson.