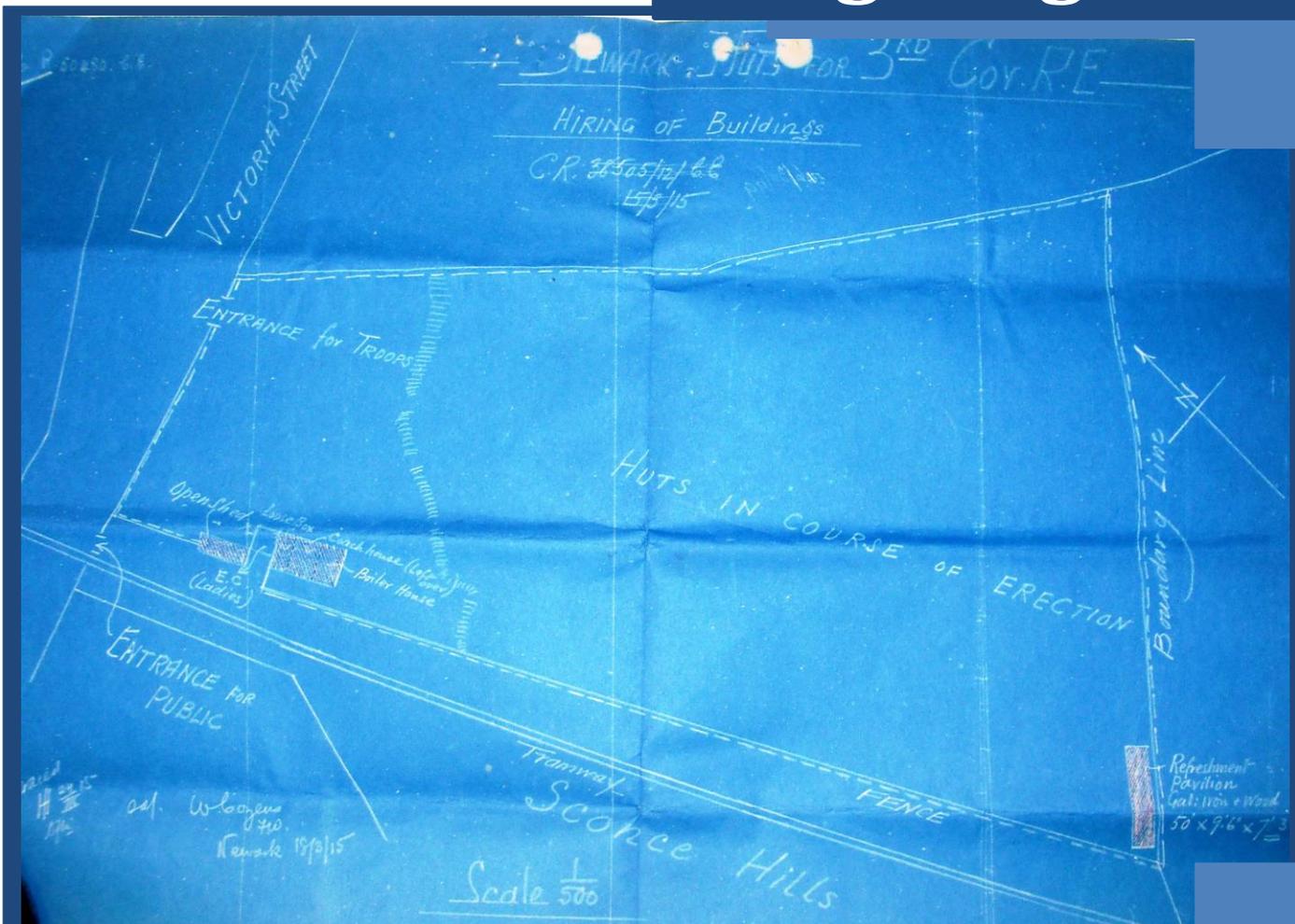


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Sconce Hills are under siege--again!



**Army
moves
in at £2
a week
rental**

NEWARK'S Sconce Hills, revered reminder of that traumatic time when the town was under siege during the Civil War, is being securely fenced-off again for military reasons.

And once again the purpose is to keep out an enemy which would destroy the traditional British way of life.

This time, thankfully, the foe is not on the doorstep of town. He is on the other side of the North Sea and English Channel – and long may this remain the case!

Indeed, the soldiers being trained in Newark are destined to join the British Forces

on the Western Front – or in the Middle East to stifle Germany's backdoor allies.

The fact is that these trainees need more room. So the Corporation of Newark and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department formally signed an agreement last week concerning the Army's use of buildings on Sconce Hills.

The Army will pay a monthly rent of £2 1s 8d for as long as the buildings are required for use as a guard room, recreation room, etc in connection with the hut encampment. The rent is back-dated to 18 March, when the 3rd Coy Royal Engineers moved in.

The map above survives in the Newark Museums archive [ref: N Arc D/NK/21/5/2].

Follow Newark's trauma in The Great War as it happened 100 years ago this week

Magnusian reports on Zeppelin attack

BERTRAND HAYES, aged 18, late of the Magnus Grammar School, wrote to his parents George and Clara at 24 Winchilsea Avenue from St George's, North Foreland, Broadstairs, about a Zeppelin raid on Ramsgate last week:

"My dear Mother and Father,

"At last the Zepps have paid us a visit. My word, what an exciting time we have had!

"The excitement started at about 7pm on Sunday. We heard a tremendous roar out to sea and heavy gun firing.

"I was just returning from the post and saw a very fast cruiser steaming north at a tremendous

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pace. It was firing incessantly. Far beyond it in the mist was the cigar-shaped form of a Zeppelin.

"After about half an hour's chase the cruiser drove the airship back, but we were soon to know that it had not gone for good.

"About midnight we were aroused by gunfire from the straits and about 2.15am this was joined by the rattle of

the small guns of the patrol boats, some of which were in and others just outside Ramsgate harbour.

"Then about five minutes later terrific explosions were heard and we then knew that airships had arrived and were bombarding Ramsgate.

"Just then our telephone bell rang and the commander of the Marconi station, about 100 yards from the

school, warned us that one was coming our way. We hurried out to the dug-out in the grounds.

"It appears that there were two Zepps over Ramsgate. One went south to Dover and the other north to Margate. Only a few minutes elapsed before the roar of the engines told us she was near.

"She passed right over us and the Marconi station and the lighthouse but, strange to say, dropped no bombs.

"We looked out and could see her with lights in her cars (of which there are two) all twinkling like stars.

"I heard that a good deal of damage had been done at Margate ... 20 bombs were dropped in Ramsgate but 14 failed to explode.

"One hotel, the Bull and George, was practically reduced to dust."

East Stoke mourning loss of 'Canadian Jett'

EAST STOKE yesterday mourned the death in action of one of their most prominent sons. Lieutenant Herbert Assheton Bromley ("Jett"), youngest son of the late Sir Henry Bromley, 5th Bart, and Ada Lady Bromley, was 35 and was very popular in the 7th Battalion Canadians.

When war broke out he was in Canada, having held the post of Secretary to the Governor of British Columbia, and latterly was Secretary of Vancouver Club, the chief sporting club on the west of the country.

He was wounded soon after arriving at the battlefield, made a rapid recovery, but fell at Ypres on 24 April. He is remembered at the Menin Gate Memorial.

Southwell lad dies as family rush to bedside

THE FUNERAL took place on Wednesday of Southwell's latest victim, Private Ezekiel Eaton, 21. He was dangerously wounded a week ago, arrived at Lincoln Hospital on Sunday night amongst a large group of wounded soldiers, and was so bad that his family was wired for.

He passed away shortly after midnight, before they could get to him. He was laid to rest, with full military honours, at Southwell Minster.

Farndon groom is blown-up twice

PRIVATE HARRY FORSDICK from Farndon is in the St John VAD Hospital, Southport, with an injured back.

He was serving with the 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment at Neuve Chapelle on 9 May when a German shell burst in the back of his trench, covering him in debris.

He was formerly a groom employed by C J Huskinson.

Pauper fear for boy, 14

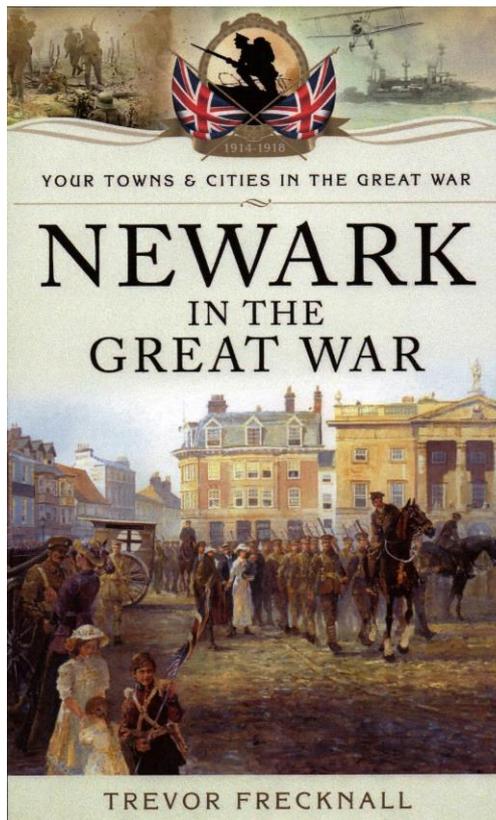
NEWARK Board of Guardians are trying to find "some easy trade" for a boy of 14 who has no power of speech and no education. His parents are anxious for him to become self-supporting so that he may be kept from pauperism. The Guardians wonder if there is a gentleman anywhere in town desirous of a boy capable of being taught to tidy gardens...

Carlton win in Canada!

RARE good non-War news! Joseph Cooper of Carlton-on-Trent has discovered that he bred the winner of the English Shire Horse Society's Gold Cup in Canada.

He sold the filly Queen Carlton to his neighbours, James Forshaw and Sons at Hill Side, Sutton-on-Trent, who sold her on to Sir Eustace Gurney, of Sprowston Hall, Norfolk, who in turn sent her out to Alberta to his friend Lee Warner for whom she won the noted Cup at Calgary.

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