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BESTHORPE BAYONET HERO IS WOUNDED

LIEUTENANT JOHN SHERBROOKE COAPE OATES – hero with Private Joseph Nicholson of a recent hand-to-hand bayonet battle with Germans – is reported to have been “slightly wounded” in the shoulder.

It will take three weeks for him to be judged fit enough to convalesce at home in Besthorpe – but this setback will be far from the end of his heroics!

More deaths – at home and abroad

18-year-old killed in Dardanelles

PRIVATE ALFRED JOYNES, one of eight children of Alfred, a boilermaker, and Sonia at 3 King's Street, was killed in action in the Dardanelles on May Day. The news arrived with his family last week.

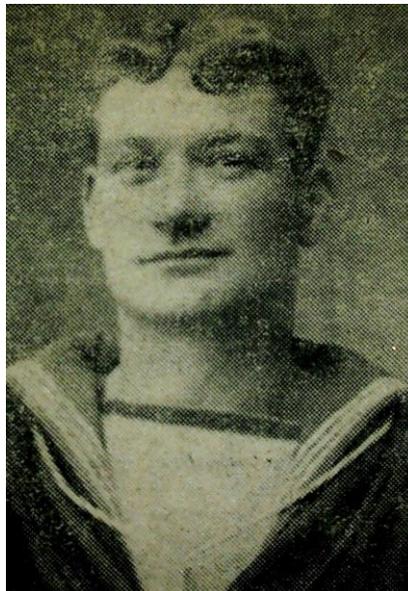
As a boy he went to Christ Church School and played in Mr Tidd Pratt's football team that represented all Newark schools.

Aged 14, he ended his education and became a domestic gardener.

He enlisted on his 18th birthday, last 11 September, and then transferred from the Sherwood Foresters into the Royal Marines, with whom he went to the Dardanelles.

He was killed six days into the eight-month campaign aimed at forcing Turkey out of the War, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

Private CH/3(S) Joynes, Royal Marine Light Infantry Chatham Battalion Royal Navy Division, is remembered on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. By the end of the War, it will commemorate 20,885 identified casualties.



STOKER FIRST CLASS SAMUEL ASMAN, 28, was killed in submarine torpedo boat No.10 on Thursday. His boat left Harwich at midnight to patrol the Thames estuary and was sunk by enemy sub UC-11. Samuel Asman, one of 22 men lost, is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial. By coincidence, Samuel was reared at 4 Chatham Street, Newark, with his mum Mary and dad Richard, a labourer. His father died before Samuel was 13.

Queen's Head son lost on the Western Front

NEWS HAS reached Newark of the death in action of 18-year-old Tom Massey, youngest son of the former licensee of the Queen's Head Inn in the Market Place, George Massey (who has returned to his native Lancashire).

The former Mount Schoolboy and Parish Church chorister was on patrol with the First 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters when he was shot by a sniper five days ago.

Tom (pictured below) is remembered at the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery.



Trainee soldier drowns in Trent

DRIVER JOSEPH HENRY NEVINS of the Second 1st Battalion Northumberland Field Company, Royal Engineers, drowned in the River Trent at Fiskerton on Thursday.

As he cooled down in the water with a number of colleagues, in defiance of military orders, he discovered he was the only one who could swim and decided to prove it by crossing the river. He was almost to the other side when he began to struggle. He shouted but his body disappeared beneath the swift, swirling current.

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

Smokes for our
brave lads ...

... from the
Picturedrome

MISS DELLA RAY, the popular vocalist who appeared at the Newark Picturedrome all last week, presented to the Mayoress 1,200 cigarettes to be forwarded to the First 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. The smokes have been purchased from the proceeds from the sale at the 'Drome of postcards depicting the delightful Miss Ray in an era before the phrase 'pin-up pictures' has yet been invented.

While, sadly, no copy of the postcard survives a century later, it can be reported that the Picturedrome itself was a re-invention at the corner of Barnaby Gate and Sherwood Avenue. Designed by architect R W Lockton of the architectural firm Sheppard & Lockton, it was

Newark's refuge for girls celebrates 21st

THE COMING OF AGE of St Barnabas' Girls' Home at Newark, which is one of the agencies of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Societies, was marked on Friday by a visit by the founder of the Society, the Reverend Prebendary Rudolf.

He reported to the distinguished guests that during the year, eight girls have been confirmed by the Bishop of South-well; the health of the majority has been good, and conduct good; and nine girls have been placed in service – three as laundry maids, two as 'generals' and four as kitchen maids.

Edward de Montjoie Rudolf (1852 -1933) was a civil servant. He had worked with his brother, Robert, as Sunday School teacher in the parish of St Anne's, South Lambeth, London, from 1871 when they were teenagers. Edward was the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

REVIVED RAM IS POPULAR WITH TRAVELLERS

THE NEWLY-REFURBISHED Ram Hotel on Cartergate is proving to be a popular and convenient halting place for travellers along the Great North Road through Newark. The abolition of the vaults at the corner of Boar Lane has greatly enhanced the prestige of the establishment, which is under the capable proprietorship of Charles Helsby Freeston.

Mr Freestone, who was born in Nottingham in 1859, was previously innkeeper of the Bell Hotel in George Street, Luton.

opened as the Newark Skating Rink on 28 October 1909.

In July 1910, skating was replaced on three nights a week by variety shows. Animated pictures were screened from 12 September 1910 by the London Bioscope Company, and the building was re-named New Theatre.

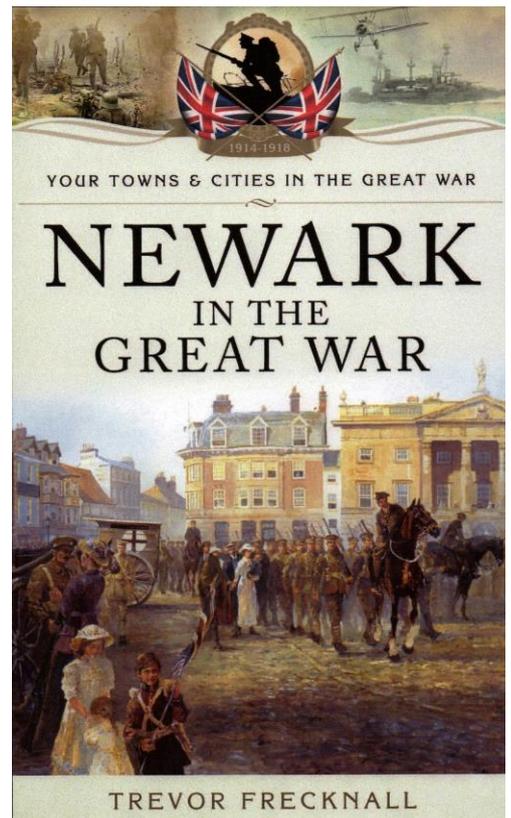
In 1911, it was retitled the New Theatre Picturedrome, presenting pictures and variety, and it closed in June 1911 for alterations to be carried out to convert into a full time cine-variety theatre. It re-opened with the simpler name, The Picturedrome.

Throughout The Great War, it was a focal point for thousands seeking a fantasy break from the realities of their arduous lives.

But the Picturedrome was closed on 1 June 1921. Fittingly for a building that was given several opportunities to succeed, its final film was "The Hundreth Chance".

Proposals were subsequently put forward to make alterations to comply with licencing regulations. But it never re-opened and was converted into a warehouse before suffering demolition and being replaced by an outdoor swimming pool.

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