

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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May 1917

2nd First United States destroyer flotilla arrives at Queenstown. Third Battle of the Scarpe 1917 (Arras), begins. Battle of Bullecourt begins. Battles of the Western Front: Allied Spring Offensive in Artois & Champagne. .

4th Craonne (Aisne) retaken by French forces. End of Third Battle of the Scarpe, 1917.

5th Battle of the Vardar (Macedonia) begins. Liberia severs diplomatic relations with Germany.

7th First night air raid on London. Single aeroplane by moonlight.

10th Major-General J. Pershing appointed to command United States Expeditionary Force.

14th German airship "L.-22" destroyed in North Sea by British warships.

18th Compulsory Service Act becomes law in the United States of America. Nicaragua severs diplomatic relations with Germany.

19th United States Government announces decision to send a Division of the United States Army to France at once.

25th First great aeroplane raid on England (Kent and Folkestone) to cause heavy casualties. Total 290, over half were civilians.

26th British hospital ship "Dover Castle" sunk by submarine in the Mediterranean.

30th General van Deventer succeeds General Hoskins in command of British forces in East Africa.

BORTH. The Rev. J. C. Evans being indisposed on Sunday a rehearsal under the leadership of Mr. J. T. Rees, Penygarn, was held in connection with a forthcoming Gymanfa. The funeral took place on Thursday of Capt. R. Hughes, York House, the Rev. E. P. Davies officiating. Deep sympathy is felt with Mrs. Hughes, widow, and Seaman Richard Hughes.

Six wounded soldiers were entertained on Wednesday week by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones. After lunch, they visited the National Schools where they thanked the pupils and staff for the regular supply of cigarettes sent to the Hospital. Lance-corporal Thomas making a short speech. Cigarettes were distributed at both schools and by Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Morgan, Trafalgar; and Mrs. Protheroe. The guests were entertained to tea in the garden of Trafalgar and late on by Mrs R. E. Jones.

Captain David Thomas, London Cottage, was on a vessel torpedoed on February 10th. He was employed in Australia, but took command with the intention of coming to this country, when the ship was torpedoed. The crew landed at St. Ives, Cornwall. Captain Thomas is safe and his many friends wish him luck in the future. Two hundred eggs have been despatched this week to the front by the pupils and staff of the Council Schools. A meeting of Cyfoeth y brenin Parish Council was held on Friday, Mr. Edward Jones presiding, to consider a claim of £209 18s. 7d., an accumulated deficit incurred in the cleaning of the mill leet and scavenging. The meeting received the reports of members appointed to make enquiries. It was decided that the amount should be included in this year's rates as a considerable saving could be effected if the money was paid in one instalment. Information was received on Tuesday by the Rev D Caron Jones that his son, Pte Gwilym Idris Jones, had been seriously wounded in Salonika, but was progressing favorably.

Mr. W. D. Jones, Bodfor, has received information from Lieut. Thomas Bowen, R.F.C., that he has been seriously hurt, while testing a new aero-plane. He fell from a height of 1,500 feet and fractured his skull. He has undergone an operation and is now progressing favorably.

Borth "Swift" Hero. Torwerth Hugh Williams, Son of Mr. James Williams, monumental mason, and rate collector, Penybont, Borth. He was on the "Swift" when that destroyer, with the "Broke," defeated six German destroyers and sank two or three in a fight off Dover. Torwerth worked as a monumental mason before he joined the navy in 1915. He was an amateur gardener, a good athlete, and is well known and popular in Borth and the district.