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NEWBOLD VERDON MAN'S THRILL

Found Lost City in the Desert

UNTIL recent years, the ancient city of Oum el Gamal, deep in the deserts of Transjordan, was one of the mysteries of the Middle East. Historians know of its existence, but not of its whereabouts.

One of the few Europeans to visit this abandoned relic of a past civilisation is **Sgt. Stanley Prime**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Prime, Main-street, Newbold Verdon, who is serving with an ambulance car company in the Middle East.

Sgt. Prime told a special correspondent of his visit to Oum el Gamal when the correspondent met him recently in Palestine.

"I was making a journey across Transjordan by motorcycle," he said, "when I saw what looked like an immense block of black rock some miles off the track. As I had time to spare I turned aside and made my way to it.

"At first it appeared to be about five miles away, but by the time I got there I had covered 18 miles. I knew that Oum el Gamal, which means Mother of the Camel in Arabic, was somewhere near these parts, so I was very thrilled when I found that the black rock was the city itself. It was constructed entirely of black basalt, and appears to have been built in Græco-Roman style."

Enlisting in January, 1940, Sgt. Prime has been in the Middle East since August, of the same year. In January, 1941, he was with the Seventh Armoured Division, the famous "Desert Rats," in Wavell's push, serving in an ambulance car company. Most of the time his duties involved transporting the wounded from the advanced dressing stations behind the front line to the medical base. He was for three months in the siege of Tobruk, being finally rescued by sea in a destroyer.

His present job is that of administrative sergeant, and to it he adds the voluntary work of assistant to the unit welfare officer.

In civilian days he was employed by A. N. Vesty Bros., Earl Shilton.

Newbold man was DC 10 crash victim

I WAS sorry to hear the other day that one of the victims of the Antarctica DC10 horror crash was a Newbold Verdon man who had been in New Zealand for six years.

Mr Richard Gilliver, formerly of Gilbert's Farm, Newbold Verdon, was one of 257 people who died when an Air New Zealand DC10 crashed near Mount Erebus, Antarctica, last month.

Mr Gilliver left the village 26 years ago to become a farm manager in Kenya when his mother died.

He spent 20 years in Kenya and then went to New Zealand to become a forestry worker.

He was educated at Newbold Verdon Junior School, and then went to Broomleys School, Coalville.

His sister, Mrs. Kathleen Crawford, who now lives in Sheffield, said the pleasure trip to the Antarctic was on the day of his birthday — November 28.

Mrs. Crawford said she was not sure whether her brother's body had been recovered, but she had attended a remembrance service for the victims of the crash in St. Martins In The Field, London.

She said her brother always had a spirit of adventure, and had been meaning to take a trip to Antarctica for a long time.

SCHOOL PALS MEET IN MIDDLE EAST



Pte. A. Gilliver. Corpl. S. Prime.

Mrs. Ethel Gilliver, of 5, Desford-road, Newbold Verdon, has had news that her husband, Pte. Alfred Gilliver, serving in hospital in the R.A.M.C., has met his school pal, Corpl. Stan. Prime, of 194, Main-street, Newbold Verdon, who is serving in the R.A.S.C. in the Middle East.

Pte. Alfred Gilliver was a chemist before joining the forces 2½ years ago, and Corpl. Stan. Prime worked at the Barwell Box Factory. He has been in the Middle East for 2½ years.

Newbold Men Meet Overseas

Two Newbold Verdon lads serving in the Middle East met unexpectedly in North Africa at the beginning of this month. They are **Gnr. Jack Starbuck**, of the George and Dragon Inn, and **Lance Marriott**, of Hunts-lane, Newbold Verdon.



J. Starbuck Lance Marriott

The meeting was described by Gnr. Starbuck, now a unit clerk in a letter to his mother, Mrs. C. Starbuck.

Both are well and have enjoyed many chats since. When they first met, Gnr. Starbuck was leaving his office and almost bumped into his friend, who had recently come out of hospital.

Gnr. Starbuck has been in North Africa 12 months.