



Photographs of Oxford Road

Oxford Road, Reading
Photograph from Reading
Chronicle Collection -
December 1938



Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service at Brock Barracks, Reading (1 of 2)
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - July 1939





Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service at Brock Barracks, Reading (2 of 2)
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - July 1939



King George VI at Brock Barracks, Reading

Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - October 1939

Christmas at McIlroy's, Reading
Photograph from Reading
Chronicle Collection -
November 1939



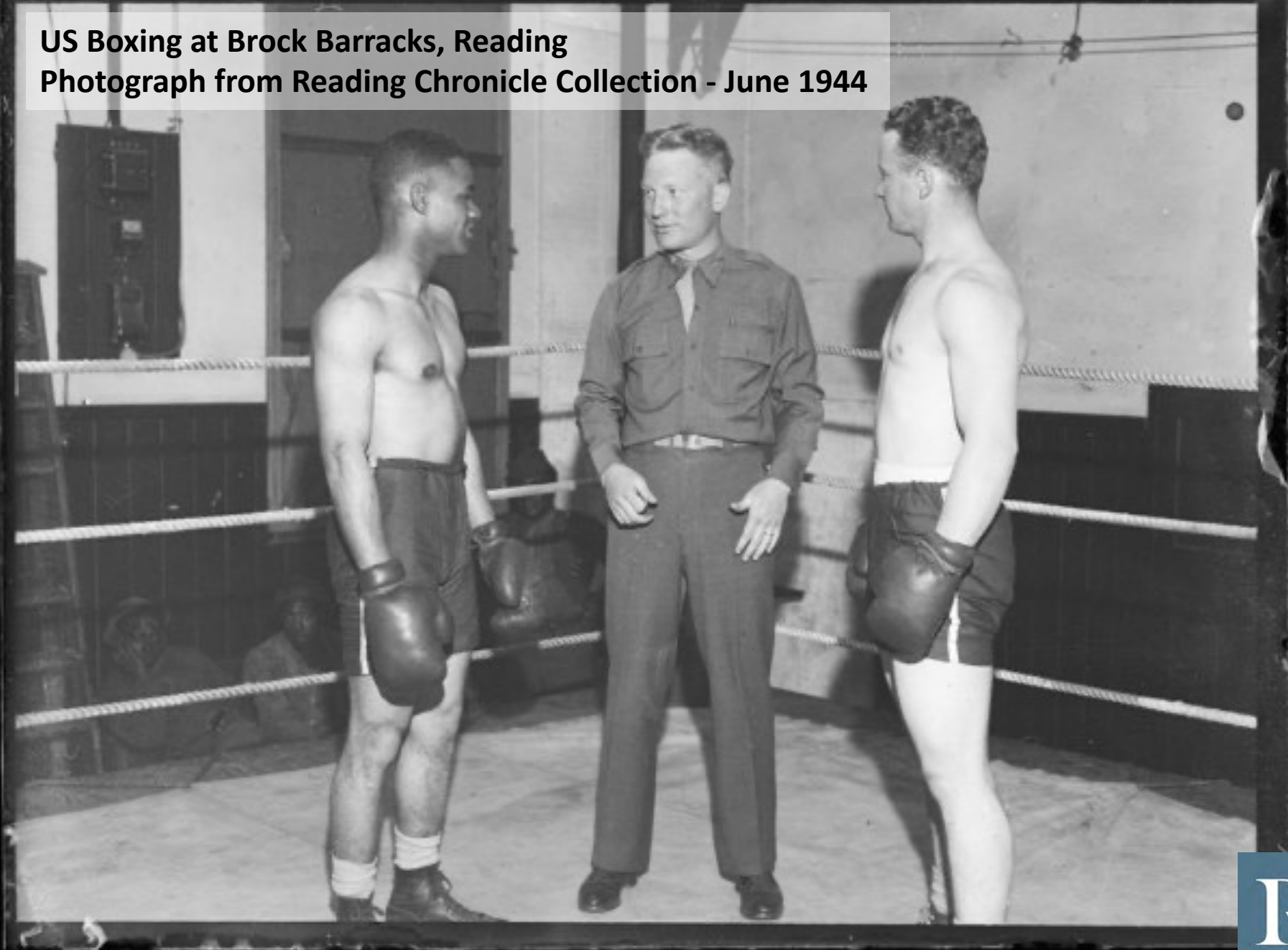


**The Wedding of Miss E. Bartlett and Mr. N. Keshigian,
Oxford Road Methodist Church, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - April 1945**



The Bell Darts Team, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - June 1945

**US Boxing at Brock Barracks, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - June 1944**



Boxing at Brock Barracks, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - February 1940

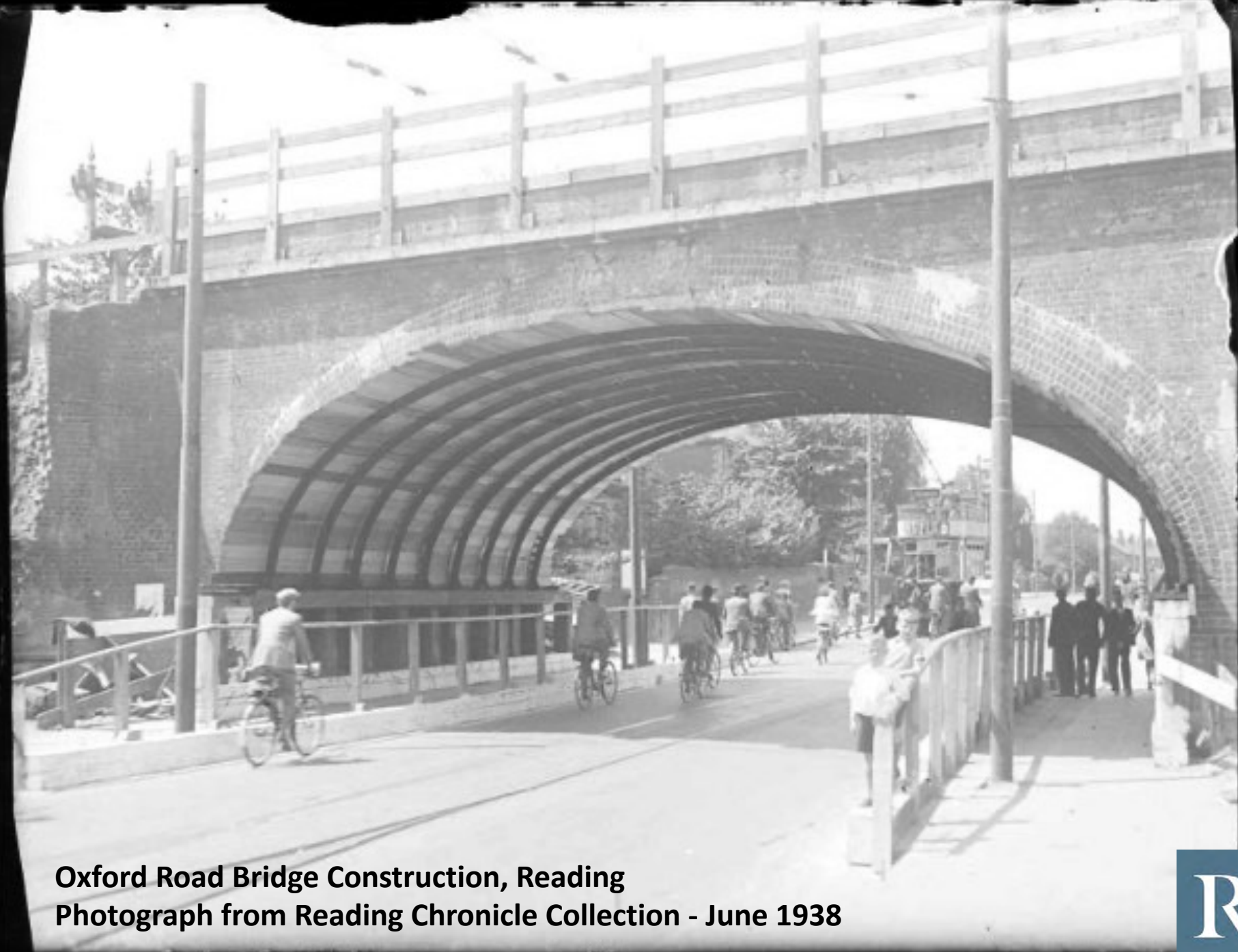




Empire Day at Oxford Road School, Reading (1 of 2)
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - May 1938



Empire Day at Oxford Road School, Reading (2 of 2)
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - May 1938



**Oxford Road Bridge Construction, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - June 1938**



Car Crash on Oxford Road, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - July 1938



A Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Display at McIlroys Department Store, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - October 1938



Women's Own Concert Party, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - October 1938

A Gas Mask Drill at McIlroy's Department Store
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - November 1938



Father Christmas at Mclroy's Department Store, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - November 1938



A Bazaar at Elm Park Hall, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - November 1938





**Militiamen Arrive at Brock Barracks, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - July 1939**



Reading ARP Black-Out Drill (1 of 2)
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - August 1939

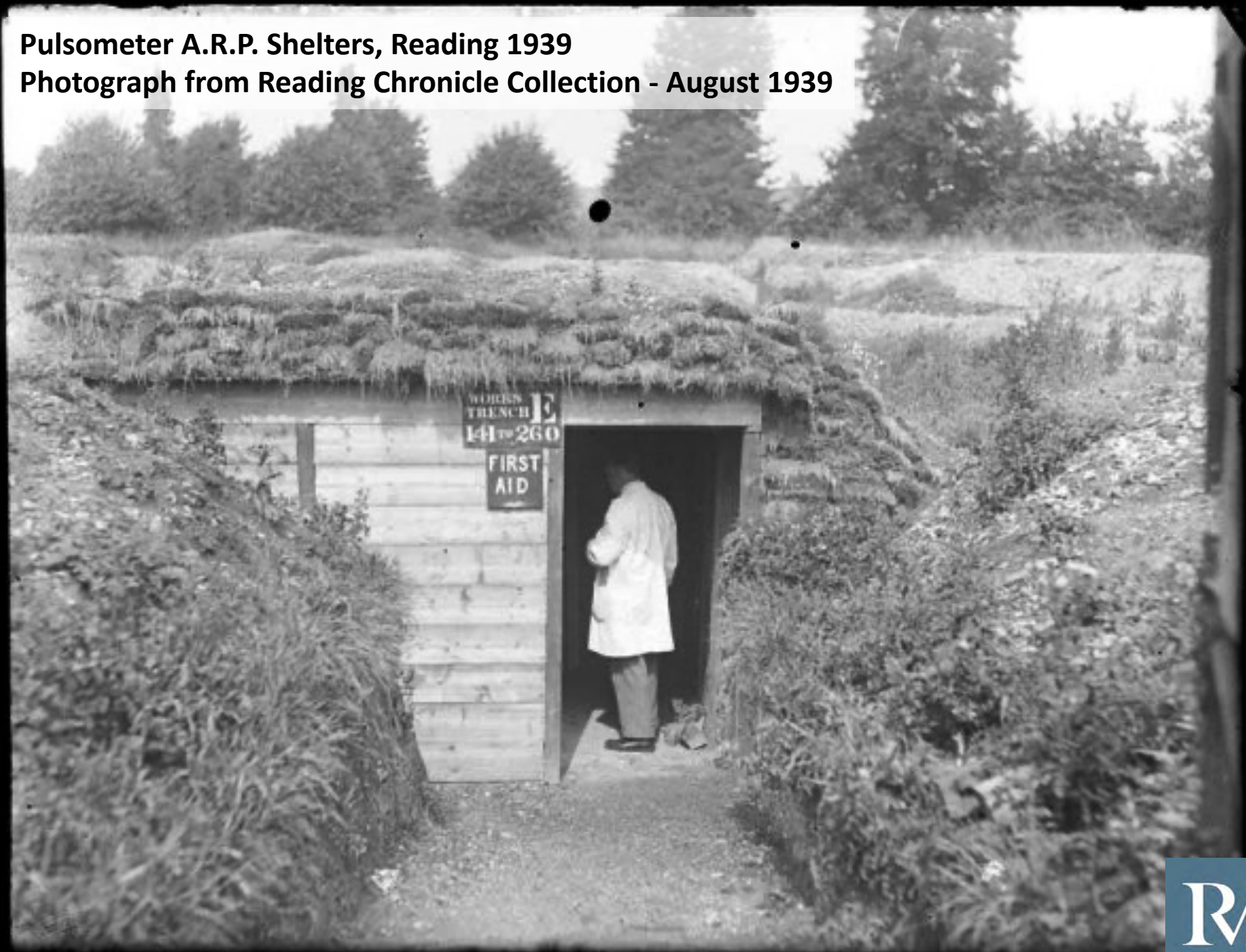


Reading ARP Black-Out Drill (2 of 2)

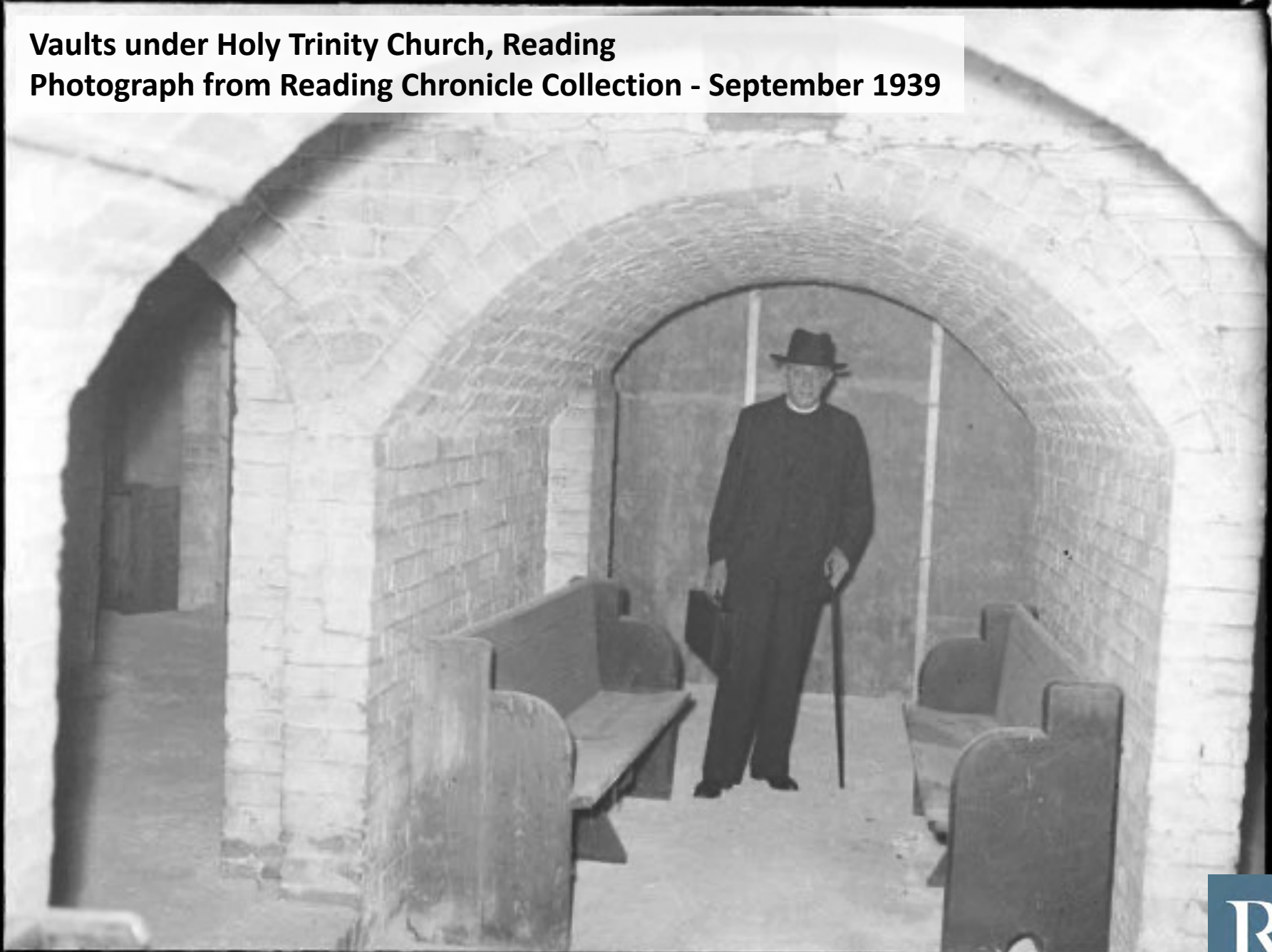
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - August 1939

Pulsometer A.R.P. Shelters, Reading 1939

Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - August 1939



Vaults under Holy Trinity Church, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - September 1939





**The Delivery of Two Mobile Food Vans, Town Hall, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection. - April 1942**



Greyhound Racing at Reading Stadium
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection - June 1944



**Tank at Opening of Women's War Work Exhibition at Mcllroy's
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection. - July 1942**

Activity: Interpreting Photographs

Photographs can tell us a story of what is happening at the time and the people in them?

- Where do you think this photo was taken?
- How old are the people in this photograph?
- What do you think is happening?
- What are the people in this photograph wearing?
- What can that tell us about what is happening?
- Does it look familiar?
- Have you ever done anything similar?



Activity: Interpreting Photographs

The photograph description and the year can help us to understand why this photograph might have been taken. It can give us context:

- Why would food trucks be brought to Reading in 1942?
- What could have happened that would make them necessary?
- Why do you think someone would choose to photograph this?
- What else might be important to Reading at this time?



The Delivery of Two Mobile Food Vans, Town Hall, Reading
Photograph from Reading Chronicle Collection. - April 1942

Resource: Online Collection

You can find all these photographs and more in Reading Museum's Online Collection:

[Online Collection](#)

You can use search terms 'Oxford Road' for an initial general search.

Experiment with other search terms to bring up objects a photos with specific details like a building or time period that you want to investigate!

The screenshot shows the Reading Museum website. At the top left is the logo 'RM READING MUSEUM'. To the right is the text 'Reading Museum Search the Collections'. Below this is a purple navigation bar with links for HOME, ARCHAEOLOGY, ART, HISTORY, NATURE, WORLD, and TOPICS. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon is on the right. The main content area has a dark background and features a welcome message: 'Welcome to Collections Online'. Below the message is a paragraph: 'Reading Museum began in 1883 with a bequest from local collector Horatio Bland, who left the Borough his museum of fascinating objects from around the world. We now focus on collecting objects linked with Reading, its people and environment. Use this site to discover some of the collection highlights.' At the bottom, there are three featured items: 'Archaeology' with a yellow mask, 'Art' with a portrait of a woman, and 'History' with a group photo of children.