

APP USES AUGMENTED REALITY TO RECREATE SOLDIERS' TESTIMONIES

Exhibition is a tribute to Jewish war contribution

A NEW exhibition — The Chicken Soup Legacy: Jewish Contribution to the Great War — opened on Monday at The Fusilier Museum, Bury.

The exhibition, which runs until today, includes stories of Jewish soldiers linked to the Bury area, as well as a new app developed by Discovery Education which uses augmented reality to recreate the testimonies of those soldiers who served their country during the conflict.

It has been curated by We Were There Too, a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to document and commemorate the role of Jews during the First World War.

Rodney Ross, of We Were There Too, said: "More than 40,000 British Jews served in the British forces during the First World War and thousands more were involved in the war effort.

"Over time, first-hand knowledge has disappeared so the project is a unique way of preserving individual stories and creating a legacy for many years to come.

Visitors to the special exhibition are invited to bring along relevant letters, photographs, diaries, memorabilia and personal stories/anecdotes which can be recorded and preserved for future generations.

AJEX vice-president Colonel Martin Newman, a Fusilier officer, said: "Both the Lancashire Fusiliers and Royal Fusiliers recruited heavily from the Jewish community.

"The Royal Fusiliers raised three Jewish battalions, known as The Judeans, during the First World War.

"The exhibition is another great opportunity to demonstrate just how much British and colonial Jews have served the Crown, in disproportionately high numbers."



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PAYING RESPECTS: Manchester Jewish Representative Council president Russell Conn, Air Commodore Phil Lester, Colonel Martin Newman, Colonel Brian Gorski, Rodney Ross and the Mayor of Bury, Councillor Trevor Holt