

**AIRCRAFT WORK AT THE FRONT.**

OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

**British.**

*General Headquarters, Dec. 29th.*

"YESTERDAY the enemy made an unsuccessful attack on one of our aerodromes. Of four machines only two reached their objective. No damage was done. One of our aeroplanes was shot down."

*General Headquarters, Dec. 30th.*

"Yesterday sixteen of our aeroplanes bombed Comines Station. The station, railway lines and sheds in the vicinity were hit. Ten of our aeroplanes attacked Hervilly Aerodrome and did considerable damage. In both the above cases all machines returned safely.

"During the day there were twelve encounters with hostile aeroplanes. One of our machines engaged four of the enemy, one of which is believed to have been brought down and another damaged, all four being driven off. One of our aeroplanes was brought down as a result of a combat with two hostile machines."

**French.**

*Paris, Dec. 29th.*

"*Balkans.*—The first aviators, who landed at Salonica on October 19th, encountered great difficulties in installing an aviation park, as the mobilised Greek army had taken over all suitable places. Nevertheless the first squadron was ready in less than a week, and effected the first reconnaissance on October 31st in the Gevghele region.

"Flying is especially difficult in Macedonia, as landing places are non-existent, the ground very hilly, and it is very cold. Despite this the airmen during November made 54 flights, and obtained valuable information. They bombarded important camps especially at Uskub Ishtip, and Strumitza with great effect, particularly at Strumitza, where they caused an absolute panic. Their exploits created great admiration among the Greek people and army."

*Paris, Dec. 29th. Evening.*

"On the heights of the Meuse our artillery, firing against a German battery marked down in the Bois-de-Warmont, north-east of Saint Mihiel, was, according to the reports of aviators, very successful."

*Paris, Dec. 30th. Evening.*

"To the north of Soissons our artillery fire, directed by aeroplane, reduced to silence and damaged a German battery."

"*Dardanelles.*—In the afternoon an enemy aeroplane, which attempted to fly over our lines, was driven off by Allied machines."

"*Balkans.*—During the 29th inst. our aeroplanes bombarded the Bulgarian parks and encampments at Petrik, to the east of Lake Doiran. There is otherwise nothing to report."

*Paris (Ministry of Marine), Dec. 31st.*

"During the bombardment of Durazzo on the 29th the enemy used waterplanes. One of these machines was destroyed by an Italian cruiser."

*Paris, Dec. 31st.*

"German aeroplanes flew over Salonica between 9 and 9.30 on the morning of the 30th inst., but were driven off by the fleet guns. In the course of their flight these aeroplanes dropped thirty bombs, which, fortunately, however, made no victims."

*Paris, Dec. 31st. Later.*

"Some Aviatiks dropped bombs on Salonica on the 30th. One of these bombs fell on a Greek detachment which was carrying out manœuvres in the presence of Prince Andrew. A shepherd was killed fifty yards away. The material losses were insignificant."

**Italian.**

*Rome, Jan. 2nd.*

"Hostile aeroplanes yesterday dropped bombs on Marco, Strigno, and Borgo. There was no damage."

**Montenegrin.**

*Cettinje, Dec. 27th.*

"An Austrian aeroplane, on the 27th inst., threw several bombs on Podgoritza, killing two Austrian prisoners."

**German.**

*Berlin, Dec. 29th.*

"The English lost two aeroplanes yesterday, one of which was forced to descend to the north of Lens by the fire of our anti aircraft guns. The other one, a large battle aeroplane, was shot down in an aerial battle to the north of Han. On December 27th a third English aeroplane was destroyed by fire to the west of Lille."

*Berlin, Dec. 30th.*

"The activity of the aviators was also very lively on both sides. An enemy aeroplane squadron attacked the village of Werwicgand Menin, and the railway establishments there. No military damage was caused. On the other hand, seven inhabitants were injured, and one child killed. One English aeroplane was shot down in an aerial battle to the north-west of Cambrai."

*Berlin, Dec. 31st.*

"An enemy air attack on Ostend caused considerable damage to buildings in the town. The monastery of the Sacre Cœur especially suffered. Nineteen Belgian inhabitants were injured and one killed. No military damage was done."

**Turkish.**

*Constantinople, Dec. 29th.*

"On the Dardanelles front one of three enemy aeroplanes flying over Ari Burnu was hit by our artillery fire and fell into the sea. It was subsequently towed by two vessels to Imbros.

"One of our waterplanes successfully dropped four bombs on the enemy's camp."

*Constantinople, Dec. 30th.*

"In the forenoon our artillery brought down a biplane which was flying over Yeni Shehr and Kum Kale (at the entrance of the Straits, on the Asiatic coast). It fell into the sea near Tekke Burnu and was towed in the direction of Imbros.

"On December 27th, one of our seaplanes undertook reconnoitring trips, flying over Lemnos and Mavro (between Tenedos and the entrance of the Straits) and successfully dropped bombs on the harbour and war stores at Mudros, which were set on fire. Otherwise there was no news."

*Constantinople, Dec. 31st.*

"On Wednesday one of our seaplanes dropped bombs