

AIRCRAFT WORK AT THE FRONT.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

THE following appeared in the *communiqué* issued in Paris on Sunday afternoon:—

"A group of nineteen aeroplanes bombarded a German post and dépôt in the valley of the Spada. One hundred and eight shells were dropped on the objectives aimed at. All our machines returned without incident."

The Chief of the Italian Naval Staff issued the following *communiqué* on Wednesday:—

"Yesterday morning twenty Austrian naval units

and an aeroplane attacked the small island of Pelagosa. The violent attack was met with great bravery, and the enemy retired without attempting to land."

In an official telegram from Cettinje received on Monday by Sir Roper Parkington, Consul-General for Montenegro, there was the following:—

"The Austrian aeroplanes make daily flights over our entrenchments for reconnaissance purposes."

THE "X" AIRCRAFT RAIDS.

IN view of the decision of the Government not to allow details of aircraft raids to be published we are as before (see issue of June 11th, 1914) giving to each one an index number. Eventually, when details are available, we shall give the respective information under these index numbers, which will facilitate easy reference to each particular raid.

The following announcement has been issued by the Admiralty, the date in the brackets indicating when the statement was issued:—

"X5" Raid, August 12th (August 13th).

Two Zeppelins visited the East Coast last night between 9.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m., dropping incendiary and explosive bombs at various places, resulting in the following casualties: Killed, 4 men, 2 women. Injured, 3 men, 11 women, 9 children. (All civilians.) Fourteen houses were seriously damaged.

The Zeppelins were engaged at some points, but succeeded in getting away from our aircraft patrols. One of the Zeppelins was probably damaged by the mobile anti-aircraft section.

The following has been issued by the Press Bureau:—

"X6" Raid, August 17th (August 18th).

Zeppelins visited the Eastern Counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft guns were in action, and it is believed that one Zeppelin was hit. Air patrols were active, but owing to the difficult atmospheric conditions the Zeppelins were able to escape.

Some houses and other buildings, including a church, were damaged. The following casualties have been reported: Killed, 7 men, 2 women, 1 child, total 10; injured, 15 men, 18 women, 3 children, total 36; all the above were civilians.

THE BRITISH AIR SERVICES.

UNDER this heading are published each week the official announcements of appointments and promotions affecting the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps (Military Wing) and Central Flying School. These notices are not duplicated. By way of instance, when an appointment to the Royal Naval Air Service is announced by the Admiralty it is published forthwith, but subsequently, when it appears in the LONDON GAZETTE, it is not repeated in this column.

Royal Naval Air Service.

THE following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 11th inst.:—

Temporary Lieut. (R.N.V.R.) H. E. Taylor, promoted to Temporary Lieutenant-Commander (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 9th.

Temporary Sub-Lieuts. (R.N.V.R.) C. C. Phillips and J. C. Burlison, promoted to Temporary Lieutenants (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 7th; and R. R. Soar, temporary commission and appointment terminated Aug. 9th, and entered as Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenant, for temporary service, with seniority of Aug. 10th, and appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.

Chief Petty Officers (R.N.V.R.) G. C. Daw, A. G. Tidd, M. V. McGrath, and G. Crawley, all granted temporary commissions as Sub-Lieutenants (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 10th, and appointed to "President," additional, for duty with Mobile Section.

Temporary Warrant Officer (R.N.V.R.) R. J. M. Hurst, granted temporary commission as Lieutenant (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 10th, and appointed to "President," for Inspectional Duties in R.N.A.S.

The following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 12th inst.:—

Temporary Lieut. (R.N.V.R.) N. C. Blanch, entered as Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenant, for temporary service, with seniority of August 6th, and appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.

P. G. Allen, entered as Warrant Officer (Second Grade), for temporary service, with seniority of August 11th, and appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.

The following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 13th inst.:—

The following entries have been made:

Chief Petty Officer W. G. McMinnies and R. C. M. Smith, as Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenant, for temporary service, with seniority of August 6th and 11th respectively; and C. L. Hook, as Warrant Officer (Second Grade), for temporary service, with seniority of August 7th, all appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.

The following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 14th inst.:—

The undermentioned have been entered as Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenants for temporary service with the following seniority, and appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.: W. H. Peberdy, July 21st, and H. C. Irwin, Aug. 13th.

J. H. Abell, granted temporary commission as Lieutenant (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 13th, and appointed to "President," additional, for Engineering Duties with R.N.A.S.

B. O. Warren, granted temporary commission as Sub-Lieutenant (R.N.V.R.), with seniority of Aug. 13th, and appointed to "President," additional, for Engineering Duties with R.N.A.S.

Chief Petty Officer E. W. Westcomb, entered as Warrant Officer, Second Grade, with seniority of July 9th, and appointed to "President," additional, for R.N.A.S.

The following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 16th inst.:—

Commander.—R. Groves graded in R.N. Air Service as Wing-Commander. To date Nov. 15th, 1914.

F. Daly, F. Calder, M. Day, H. Jevons, N. Davenport, E. Pulling, and W. Aplin all entered as Flight Sub-Lieutenants, for temporary service, and appointed to the "President," additional, for R.N.A.S. To date Aug. 21st.

The following appeared among the Admiralty announcements of the 17th inst.:—

The undermentioned have been entered as Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenants, for temporary service, with seniority as follows, and appointed to "President," for R.N.A.S.: C. N. Geale and C. MacLaurin, of July 21st; and E. T. Bradley, of Aug. 21st.

Royal Flying Corps (Military Wing).

THE following appeared in the LONDON GAZETTE of the 10th inst.:—