

# World War One News



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## Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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### **August - 1914**

**1st August** British Government order Naval Mobilisation

**2nd August** British Government guarantee naval protection of French coasts against German aggression way of the North Sea or English Channel.

**3rd August** British Government guarantee armed support to Belgium should Germany violate Belgian neutrality.

**4th August** British Government sends ultimatum to Germany. **Great Britain declares war on Germany at 11 pm (midnight 4th-5th by Central European time).**

**5th August** German minelayer "Königin Luise" sunk. H.M.S. "Amphion" sunk by mine off Yarmouth. Action between H.M.S. "Bristol" and German cruiser "Karlsruhe" in the West Indies.

**7th August** First units of British Expeditionary Force land in France.

Action between H.M.S. "Gloucester" and the "Goeben" and "Breslau" off the coast of Greece.

**8th August** British forces cross frontier of Togoland and occupy Lome. Hostilities commence in East Africa. H.M.S. "Astræa" bombards Dar es Salaam.

**9th August** British aerial cross-Channel patrol for the protection of transports instituted. H.M.S. "Birmingham" sinks German submarine "U.-15" in the North Sea. (First submarine destroyed.)

**10th August** British aerial coast patrol established.

**12th August** Great Britain and France declare war on Austria-Hungary.

**13th August** Four squadrons Royal Flying Corps fly from Dover to France. (First units to cross by air.)

**16th August** Landing of original British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.). British Government issue orders for the raising of the first New Army of six divisions.

**23rd August** German airship "Z.-8" shot down in the Vosges.

**24th August** British Army retreats from Mons.

**25th August** First use of aircraft for patrol purposes (over retreating British forces in France).

**26th August** Action between H.M.S. "Highflyer" and German armed merchant cruiser "Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse" off the Rio de Oro: latter sunk.

**27th August** British Marines landed at Ostend, accompanied by R.N.A.S. unit.

**28th August** Naval action off Heligoland (German light cruisers "Köln", "Mainz", and "Ariadne" sunk by British squadron).

**29th August** German airship "Z.-5" brought down by gunfire at Mława (Poland).

**30th August** First German aeroplane raid on Paris.

### **Borth**

#### **The Cambrian News in August:**

'Your King and Country Need You' slogan is published, calling for the first 100,000 men to enlist for Kitchener's New Army. The call is answered within two weeks.

**Letter** from Lady Evans of Lovesgrove suggesting that Wales sets up a 'War Fund'. England had already done so. Staff on the paper had their names printed as willing to contribute.

**The Army** was paid by the day according to rank - a private in the Infantry 1914 - 1915 had 1s.0d., a private in the RAMC 1s.2d.

**Sir Edward Pryse Bart** was a major in the 9th. Battalion of the Welsh Regiment and wrote to the Cambrian News about a Captain George Green of Aberystwyth feared killed by a sniper in Flanders. Seven other local officers were lost. Territorials, by then on full time service, could from September be sent abroad.

#### **The Welsh Farmers' Gazette. Friday, Aug. 14th, 1914**

CARDIGAN, Saturday Turkeys were bought in for 11½d per lb, geese and ducks 11½d per lb and fowls 9d. Butter in lumps, 1s.0d per lb, in lb rolls 1s.3d. Poultry (retail)- ducks and geese 1s.0½d per lb, fowls 9d and 10d per lb, Eggs 2d each.