

# World War One News



## Monthly News from Home & Abroad



### **October 1914**

October to November 1914 was stalemate at the Battle of Ypres. The entire length of the Western Front had settled into lines of opposing trenches.

By the end of 1914, the battles of movement in the first weeks of the war had been brought to a halt. The fierce defence of strategic landmarks by the Allied forces resulted in a situation, which became one of deadlock. Carefully selecting the most favourable high ground the Imperial German Army began the construction of a strong defensive line from early in 1915.

**1st October** First Battle of Arras begins. British army begins to leave the Aisne and to move northwards.

First units of British Royal Naval Division (Marine Brigade) arrive at Antwerp. First contingents of Canadian and Newfoundland Expeditionary Forces leave for England.

**8th October** Second British air raid on Germany (Düsseldorf and Cologne airship sheds attacked). German gunboat "Komet" captured by H.M.A.S. "Nusa" near Talassia (Neu Pommern). [Last act of hostilities in Australasian waters.]

**13th October** Battle of Armentières begins. Ypres reoccupied by Allied forces retreating from Ghent. First appearance of a German submarine on the Southampton-Havre troop-transport route reported. H.M.S. "Hawke" sunk by German submarine in North Sea.

**17th October** Action by H.M.S. "Undaunted" and destroyers with four German destroyers off Dutch coast: latter all sunk. First British submarines ("E.-1" and "E.-9") enter the Baltic.

**19th October** First merchant vessel sunk by German submarine (British S.S. "Glitra").

**23rd October** Advanced troops of Indian Expeditionary Force "D" arrive at the Bahrein Islands (Persian Gulf).

**24th October** Battle of Langemarck 1914 (Ypres), ends.

**26th October** German forces begin an unprovoked invasion of Angola (Portuguese West Africa).

**27th October** H.M.S. "Audacious" sunk by mine off coast of Donegal.

**30th October** H.M.S. "Hermes" sunk by German submarine in Straits of Dover.

### **Borth**

At the request of Mr Vaughan Davies, M.P., and with the sanction of the officer commanding No. 4 Recruiting District, Captain Sir Edward Pryse, Gogerddan, has taken over the recruiting for Lord Kitchener's army in the County of Cardigan and has issued an appeal for recruits. He feels certain that he has only to appeal to all men in the county who are fit and able to serve and who stand five feet six inches in height and are thirty-five inches chest measurement, that there will be a noble response to the call of arms. "The sooner the men of the country prove to the German Emperor by their presence with the colours that they are in earnest and every man a volunteer, the sooner he will realise that this empire is united and determined to succeed in the campaign he has forced on us and the sooner the war will be finished." Sir Edward Pryse's headquarters are at the Drill Hall, Aberystwyth, and the following have been appointed local agents:—Messrs. R. T. Griffiths, The Mill, Talybont; A. C. de Boinville, Borth.