

# World War One News



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## Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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### **October 1917**

**2nd October** H.M.S. "Drake" sunk by submarine in the North Channel.

**3rd October** Battle of Polygon Wood (Ypres) ends.

**4th October** Battle of Broodseinde (Ypres). The attack by II ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) successfully achieved its objective on the first day of the battle and reached the high ground just below the summit of the Broodseinde Ridge.

**6th October** Major-General Pershing, Commanding United States Army in France, promoted to General.

**10th October** British hospital ship "Goorkha" damaged by mine off Malta.

**11th October** German operations against the Baltic Islands begin.

**12th October** First Battle of Passchendaele (Ypres). Battles of the Western Front: British Flanders Offensive 1917 Compulsory Service Act comes into operation in Canada.

**15th October** Polish Regency Council appointed. Mata Hari (an exotic dancer) shot at dawn (06:00) at the age of 41 by a French firing squad of Zouaves at Caserne de Vincennes on the outskirts of Paris, having been tried as a spy.

**16th October** Naval action in Gulf of Riga. Russian battleship "Slava" sunk.

**17th October** Murman cruisers raid convoy in North Sea and sink British destroyers "Strongbow" and "Mary Rose".

**19th October** Squadron of 11 German airships attack England. ["L.-44" shot down at St. Clement; "L.-46" shot down at Laragne; "L.49" shot down at Bourbonne-les-Bains on October 20th; "L.-50" brought down in the Mediterranean on October 21st.] (Last airship raid on London.)

**26th October** Brazil declares war on Germany. Second Battle of Passchendaele (Ypres) begins.

**31st October** The Battle of Beersheba. This battle was part of the British offensive known as the Third Battle of Gaza aimed at breaking the Turkish defensive line that stretched from Gaza to Beersheba. The battle is best known for the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade.

### **BORTH**

**Private Alun F. Evans**, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Evans, who has been in France for the past seventeen months, is home; also **Stoker T. Jones**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Troedyrhiw, one of the survivors of H.M.S. Drake." Letters have been received from **Private D. J. Richards** saying that he is in hospital in France and is slowly recovering. **Private E. J. Davies**, son of Captain and Mrs. Davies, Mona House, is now in a convalescent home. Friday was Red Cross Day and flags were sold by several ladies. The fund benefited by £13 7s. 7d., through the efforts of Mrs. R. E. Jones and other ladies, to whom great credit is due.

**Mr. J. D. Evans**, son of the Rev. J. C. Evans, has been appointed clerk to the Cardiganshire War Pensions Committee. Mr Evans is a discharged soldier having been wounded at the battle of Delville Wood in September, 1916. He is now an inspector under the Globe Assurance Company at Birmingham.

The pupils of the National School have recently received letters from old boys who are in Flanders, Mesopotamia, and Bermuda. **Privates John Williams, Tudu; J. Jenkins, S.W.B., Moorland; and Seaman Iorwerth H. Williams** were home this week. **Lieut. Hope Hodgson** was also home on short leave and proceeded to France on Thursday (yesterday). **Sapper D. J. Richards**. Sydney House, also left last week for France. **Captain Jones**, who has been town porter for the past twenty years has retired.