

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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October - November 1914

1st October: First Battle of Arras begins.

2nd October: Recruiting in Cardiganshire

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.

October to November

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.

The consolidation of the Front Lines consisted of trenches, wire defences, mined dugouts and deep bunkers, reinforced concrete emplacements and selected strongpoints, usually a reinforced farm, in an Intermediate, Second and Third defensive line. Gradually the building and digging was carried on both sides of the wire along a distance of approximately 450 miles, creating a more or less continuous line of trenches separating the warring belligerents along the length of The Western Front.