

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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December 1915

1st December

Prizren (Serbia) taken by Bulgarian forces. Italy announces her adherence to the Pact of London

3rd December

British forces, retreating from Ctesiphon, reach Kut. Serbian Government and military headquarters set up at Scutari (Shkodra)

5th December

Action of Demir Kapu French retreat from Serbia. Kut placed in state of defence. Hoping to overcome their earlier defeat at Kut al-Amara in Mesopotamia, Turkish troops lay siege to the town, surrounding the British garrison there, cutting them off completely.

6th December

Durazzo bombarded by Austrian squadron. Ipek (Montenegro) taken by Austro-German forces. British Government put economic pressure on Greece by making the "export restrictions" apply to that country.

7th December

Siege of Kut begins. Actions of Kosturino. British retreat from Macedonia begins.

8th December

Evacuation of Suvla and Anzac ordered. Debra and Okhrida (Serbia) taken by Bulgarian forces.

10th December

Fourth Battle of the Isonzo ends. German Government recall from United States attachés Von Papen and Boy-Ed.

11th December

Doiran and Gevgeli (South Serbia) taken by Bulgarian forces. Greek Government refuse Entente demand for withdrawal of Greek troops from Salonika

15th December

The last Allied forces in Macedonia withdrawn into Greek territory. Qasr-i-Shirin (Western Persia) occupied by Turkish forces. Field-Marshal Sir John French resigns as Commander-in-Chief of British armies in France.

17th December

German light cruiser "Bremen" sunk by British submarine in the Baltic.

19th December

Evacuation of Suvla and Anzac begun. General Sir Douglas Haig succeeds Sir John French as Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France. The Allies begin an orderly evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula. This comes after months of stalemate in which Turkish troops contained all breakthrough attempts while inflicting 250,000 casualties. The British Navy successfully evacuates 83,000 survivors by sea as the Turks watch without firing a shot, glad to see them leave.

31st December

Last units of Indian Expeditionary Force "G" leave the Dardanelles to amalgamate with Indian Expeditionary Force "E" in Egypt.

BORTH NEWS 24th December

Picture Post Card Day. Saturday was "Picture Post. Card Day" at Borth. The funds are for the purpose of providing greater comforts for Welsh troops at home and abroad, a total of £5 2s 6d was collected.

BORTH. A public meeting was held at the National School on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Christmas parcels fund for boys in the forces.

Forthcoming Marriage. A marriage has been arranged and will take place December 29th (2-30 p.m.), at Marylebone Church, London, between Captain Robert Humphrey Feilden. R.F.A. (special reserve), elder son of the late Lieut.-Colonel Robert and Mrs. Feilden, Borth, and Olive, youngest daughter of the late Brightwen Binyon and of Mrs. Binyon of Haydn Ridge, Bushey, Herts.

Wedding. The many friends of Mr. T. Jones, porter, Osprey House, will be pleased to hear of his marriage which took place at St. Mathew's Church on Sunday morning. Mr. Jones has acted as porter at Borth for a great number of years, and in that capacity, by his courtesy and attention, has become popular both with the natives and the large number of visitors, all of whom wish him a long life and a happy one.

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