

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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January 1916

1st January

Winston Churchill is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding the 6th battalion (Territorial Army) of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He experiences active service for a few months on the Western Front in Belgium.

6th January

H.M.S. "King Edward VII" sunk by mine off North of Scotland.

Action of Sheikh Sa'ad (Mesopotamia) begins.

8th January

Evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula completed.

Action of Sheikh Sa'ad ends.

15th January

British S.S. "Appam" captured by German raider "Moewe".

Von Papen papers published in U.S.A.

First Serbian troops land at Corfu.

16th January

General Sarrail assumes command of all Allied forces at Salonika.

19th January

Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake takes over command of British forces in Mesopotamia from General Nixon.

20th January

Negotiations between Austria and Montenegro broken off. Armistice ceases.

21st January

First British Attack on Hanna (Mesopotamia): First Attempt to relieve Kut fails.

22nd January

Antivari (Montenegro) occupied by Austrian forces.

Rumanian Government open negotiations with Russian Government with a view to military assistance.

23rd January

Scutari (Albania) occupied by Austrian forces.

Podgoritza (Montenegro) occupied by Austrian forces.

24th January

First Military Service Bill passed by British House of Commons.

27th January

Shipping Control Committee formed in Great Britain.

Great Britain: The Military Service Act is passed by Parliament, imposing conscription on all single men aged 18 to 41 in Great Britain. Exemptions were made for men in essential war work, those declared medically unfit, religious ministers, and conscientious objectors.

29th January

Last German airship raid on Paris.

31st January

Airship raid on England; furthest penetration westwards; casualties 183.

Borth News

Stormy Weather. In the recent storm damage was done to the roofs of several houses and of the Hotel. At the Hotel lead was rolled up like paper, liberating the slates, and the outbuildings appeared as if they had been bombarded. Several houses had holes blown into their roofs. It was the worst storm experienced for the past five years.

21st January

Drowning. Yesterday (Thursday) morning a body was found washed ashore on the beach near the Links and was removed to the house where the hearse is kept. It is presumed that the body is that of one of the crew of the ill-fated Spanish ship which foundered in the recent gale and is the sixth body washed ashore on the Cardiganshire coast.