

DARING FEATS ARE CARRIED ON BY BIRDMEN

Air Fighters Escape Alive Seemingly by Miracle; Hair-Raising Incidents

Correspondence of The Associated Press Behind the British Lines in France, Nov. 30.—Stories of daring escapades of British aviators, exciting aerial combats from which the air fighters escaped alive seemingly only by miracle, and of brilliantly-executed raids upon German aerodromes and troops behind the German lines are narrated in the reports of the Royal Flying Corps covering the activities of about one week. Hair-raising incidents of fierce conflicts above the clouds or low over the German communication lines are described in these succinct reports without bombast, as though these narrow escapes from death were commonplace and all in the day's work of the air fighter.

For example, there was the case of a British aviation officer who, when nearly a mile above the earth, was attacked by two enemy aircraft. He shot down one of them out of control, but was himself wounded and fainted while still high in the air. Recovering consciousness, he found his machine upside down at an elevation of 4,000 feet with one enemy aircraft still firing at him. The Britisher, however, managed after a struggle to right his machine and land safely.

In a somewhat similar instance a German scout attacked a British airplane carrying a pilot and observer. One of the German's bullets passed through the gasoline tank of the British airplane and seriously wounded the pilot. The British observer, however, pumped a full double drum of bullets at the enemy scout at very close quarters and the German went to the ground with a crash.

Meanwhile the British pilot had fainted and fallen against the steering "stick" in such a fashion as to throw the airplane into a spin. The British observer clamber over the side and forward along the plane to the pilot's cockpit, lifted the pilot to his seat and, still standing on the wing of the plane, released the steering gear, brought the machine out of the spin and safely to the ground.

Two British officers were returning from an expedition over the enemy's lines to locate hostile batteries when their machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the engine damaged. Volplaning, the machine landed 300 yards from the British lines, the airplane turned over and the aviators were hurled out on the German side of a canal. Running along the beach under heavy fire from rifles and machine guns, the aviators fled into the canal and hid in a full of barbed wire, but managed to reach the British lines in safety.

Many instances illustrating the reckless daring of the British aviators sent over the German lines to obtain information, destroy aerodromes and harry the German reserves, are contained in the official narrative. One pilot who crossed the lines at Ypres threw off two attacking machines, bombed the Heule aerodrome near Lille and was fired upon by two machine guns. He dove at one of them, firing both guns of the British airplane, drove the Germans from their guns, fired upon the aerodrome again, attacked and scattered a column of 20 German infantrymen on the road. A German two-seater airplane was circling 500 feet above him for an attack. "I zoomed up under its tail and fired into it," writes the British aviator. "It crashed down onto the railway."

Another British pilot had fired a hundred rounds on German troops on the march when he was interrupted by two enemy airplanes. He attacked them and drove both down and then finished the job of driving the German infantry into trenches and shellholes.

Flying at the height of 200 feet, a British aviator engaged in a revolver duel with two German officers in a motor and while doing so ran into some lines of telegraph wires, but would not let them cut them. A few minutes later he attacked German infantry, which escaped his gun only by diving into a pond.

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