



Airfields and Airmen of Ypres: Battleground Special (Paperback)

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Pen Sword Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. This is the first book in the Battleground Europe Series discovering the airfields and airmen of the Great War. It is sometimes forgotten that the Wright Brothers first flight took place only in 1903; yet fifteen years later the Royal Air Force had over 20,000 aircraft of all types including night bombers. This book takes the reader to the sites of the airfields used by the Royal Flying Corps in the vicinity of the Ypres Salient. These fields were basic in the extreme compared with airbases of WW2 and today; flattish ground hitherto used for agriculture purposes trampled down by men and vehicles. It was here that the primitive aircraft were based, surrounded by a tented camp and temporary buildings. Yet out of such places the great legendary air aces of the war operated. The book also reveals the locations of many killed whilst engaged in combat flying. Pilots from other countries (French, German etc) are also covered.

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