

# **AIRCRAFT IN WAR AND PEACE**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649042340

Aircraft in War and Peace by William A. Robson

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**WILLIAM A. ROBSON**

**AIRCRAFT IN  
WAR AND PEACE**



**AIRCRAFT IN WAR AND PEACE**



MACMILLAN AND CO., LIMITED  
LONDON · BOMBAY · CALCUTTA  
MELBOURNE

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY  
NEW YORK · BOSTON · CHICAGO  
DALLAS · SAN FRANCISCO

THE MACMILLAN CO. OF CANADA, LTD.  
TORONTO



From "Aeronautics."

By courtesy of C. Fokker Knorr, Aktien, Bremen.

ZEPPELIN LZ III. OVER LINDAU HARBOUR, LAKE CONSTANCE, NEAR THE FRIEDRICHSHAFEN WORKS.

# AIRCRAFT IN WAR AND PEACE

BY

WILLIAM A. ROBSON

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS

BY  
L. H. G. G. G.  
CALIFORNIA

MACMILLAN AND CO., LIMITED  
ST. MARTIN'S STREET, LONDON

1916



TO  
D. R.

384684

## PREFACE

IN this short book I have attempted to convey, in plain non-technical language, a general idea of the conditions under which aircraft is playing its part in the War, and also to indicate the chief directions in which it is developing.

To the general public the War has revealed, in a startling manner, the wonderful potentialities which aircraft, and aeroplanes in particular, possess as weapons of war. But although there is at last plenty of enthusiasm for Aviation, there is still very little real knowledge of the vast possibilities which it offers. And, if we are to have an air force as proportionately powerful as our Navy is to-day—and it is absolutely essential that we should—a better and wider understanding will be most necessary. To-day, for instance, people do not fully realise that aeroplanes, as well as airships, are still in their infancy, in spite of the extraordinary achieve-

ments which they have accomplished. Then, again, aircraft is at present regarded as being almost entirely for use in warfare, although, as a matter of fact, it will be of the utmost value for civil purposes in times of peace.

I do not pretend that my book is in any way complete. Indeed, to attempt to be complete on the subject of Aviation is inevitably to be incomplete, so swiftly does it progress. My intention has been to make a brief survey of Aviation in its present-day position, and to show how important it is that in future it should receive a great deal more attention than hitherto.

My sincere thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Ledeboc, A.F.Ae.S. (Editor of *Aeronautics*), and to Mr. G. J. Pass for kindly assisting me in the correction of proofs. I also wish to thank the Editors of the *Sunday Times*, *T.P.'s Weekly*, *The World*, and *Cassell's General Press* for their courtesy in permitting me to use, in a few instances, material embodied in articles appearing in their journals.

WILLIAM A. ROBSON.

LONDON, 1916.