

**German Zeppelin and Air Attacks
1916**

Date	Target	Attacking Units
1/17	Dünaburg	Fliegerabteilung 4
1/22	Kischinev	LZ 97
1/30	Petersburg	LZ 98
2/16	Boulogne	LZ 107
2/25	Tassi (Rumania)	LZ 101
2/27	Dundular (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
3/1	Dundular (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
3/12	Vertekop (Salonika Railroad Station)	Kampfgeschwader 1
3/20	Monastir (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
3/20	Murdos (Macedonia)	LZ 101
3/30	Monastir (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
3/31	Brod (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/1	Etsisu & Soroviceva (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/3	Vertekop RR Station (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/4	Tecuciu (Rumania)	Fliegerabteilung 36, 41 & 42
4/5	Karasuli (Rumania)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/8	Janes (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/10	Leikovo (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/22-23	Between Vardar & Dorian Sea (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/24	Dobroveni (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/24	Murdos (Macedonia)	LZ 101
4/25	Valona (Macedonia)	LZ 97
4/25	Kalinova (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/28	Kilindir (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/29	Skocivir (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
4/30	Bodena (Macedonia)	Kampfgeschwader 1
5/7	Tecuciu & Ciuslea (Rumania)	Fliegerabteilung 41 & 42
6/18	Dünaburg	Fliegerabteilung 4
7/7	London	Kampfgeschwader 3
7/13	London (?)	Kampfgeschwader 3
7/22	Harwick	Kampfgeschwader 3
7/27	Paris	Kampfgeschwader 4
7/28	Paris	Kampfgeschwader 4
7/29	Paris	Kampfgeschwader 4
8/12	Southend & Margate	Kampfgeschwader 3
8/18	English Coast	Kampfgeschwader 3

8/22	Ramsgate, Margate & Dover	Kampfgeschwader 3
8/23	Dunkirk & St. Omer	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/3	Chathan, Sheerness, & Ramsgate	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/3	Calais & Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/4	London, Southend & Margate	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/4	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/5	Dunkirk & Calais	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/5-6	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/7	Adjuvul-Rou (Macedonia)	Fliegerabteilung 42
9/10-13	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/23	North French coast	LZ 103
9/24	Dover, Southend, Chatham, Sheerness & London	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/24	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/25	North French coast	LZ 103
9/25	Boulogne, Calais & Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1 & 3
9/25	London, Dover, Ramsgate & Margate	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/26	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/27	Calais & Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/28	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1 & 3
9/28	London, Sherness & Thames region	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/29	London, Woolwich, Ramsgate, Margate & Sheerness	Kampfgeschwader 3
9/29	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/30	St. Omer	Kampfgeschwader 1
9/30	London, Margate & Dover	Kampfgeschwader 3
10/1	London, Margate, Sheerness, Ramsgate & Harwich	Kampfgeschwader 3
10/1	North French coast	LZ 103
10/1	Dünaburg	Fliegerabteilung 4
10/8	Dünaburg	Fliegerabteilung 4
10/30	Calais & Sheerness	Kampfgeschwader 3
10/31	Dunkirk	Kampfgeschwader 3
10/31	London, Chatham, Gravesend, Ramsgate & Margate	Kampfgeschwader 3
11/21	North French coast	LZ 103
11/24	Treviso & Montebelluna (Italy)	Fliegerabteilung 14
12/5	Calais	Bombengeschwader 3
12/6	Dunkirk, London, Scherness, Sheerness, Ramsgate, Margate, & Dover	Bombengeschwader 3

12/11	Possagno & Cornuda (Italy)	Fliegerabteilung 14
11/19	London, Ramsgate, Margate, & Harwich	Bombengeschwader 3
12/22	Sheerness, Dover & Dunkirk	Bombengeschwader 3

The Kampfgeschwadern were, for the most part, organized in 1916. In the summer of 1916 the Kampfgeschwader 1 was sent to Bulgaria, but three flights remained in Ghent to form Kampfgruppe 3. Kampfgruppe 3 was equipped with twin engined bombers. The number of flights was slowly increased from three to five. Eventually it rose to six staffeln of six aircraft each. Kampfgruppe 3's principal function was attacks on England. Apparently in the spring of 1917 Kampfgeschwader 3 was organized with 30 Gotha IV bombers. Staffeln 13 and 14 were based in St. Denis Westrem and Staffeln 15 and 16 were based in Gontrode. In July Staffeln 17 and 18 were organized.

Gray and Thetford indicate the first raid was on 13 July, but Schlachten und Gefechten says it was on 7 July. They also state that it was equipped with Gotha G IV and perhaps some Friedrichshafen GIII aircraft. The first raids on England were daylight raids. They were changed to night raids between September 1917 and May 1918. Altogether there were 22 raids on England and a total of 84,745 kg of bombs were dropped. Twenty-four Gothas were destroyed by the English defenses and a further 37 were lost in accidents.

Kampfgruppen 4, 5 & 6 were formed in 1917. Kampfgruppe 4 operated against the Italians. Kampfgruppe 5 and 6 did not exist very long and at the end of 1917 they were reorganized into Bombengeschwadern (bomber Wings).

Eventually all the remaining Kampfgruppen were redesignated Bombengeschwadern 5, 6, & 7 were formed with an establish of three staffeln each. Only Bombengeschwader 3 (sometimes known as the Englandgeschwader) had six staffeln.

The Gotha G IV carried 300 to 500 kg of bombs. The Friederichshafen GIII carried an average of 1,500 kg of bombs.

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