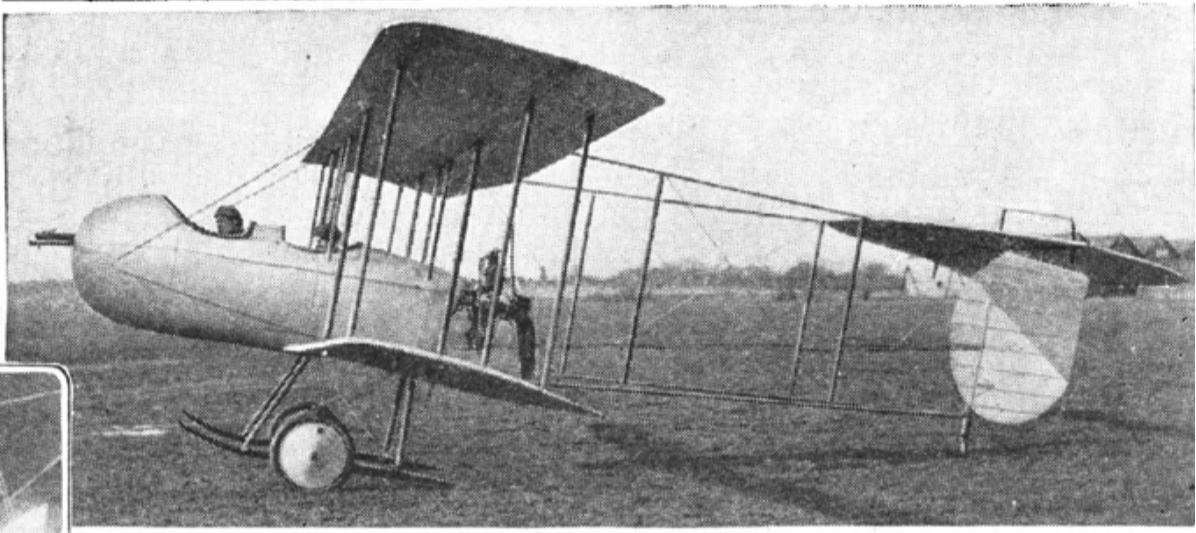


AIR CRUISERS OF BRITISH FLYING SQUADRON

An English armored aerial cruiser, which was produced only a short time before the opening of the European hostilities, is a biplane with an all-steel fuselage. This is arranged so that the gunner sits in a shielded position immediately in front of the pilot. The high-power rifle used is mounted at the front of the machine with its muzzle extending through the hood so that it has a clear field of fire. The craft has an



New Armored Biplane of British Aerial Corps



Double-Deck Armed Flying Machine of English Forces

operation radius of about 300 miles, and when carrying its crew, 300 rounds of ammunition, and with its oil and fuel tanks filled, it weighs 1,760 lb. It uses a

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100-hp. Gnome engine and drives at a normal speed.

Another craft of the British air forces is a biplane built high to ride the gunner in a carriage beneath the lower plane, immediately under the pilot. His rifle is so mounted that it extends back over his lap when sighted straight ahead or toward the earth, but is arranged so that it may be turned to any point of the compass.