

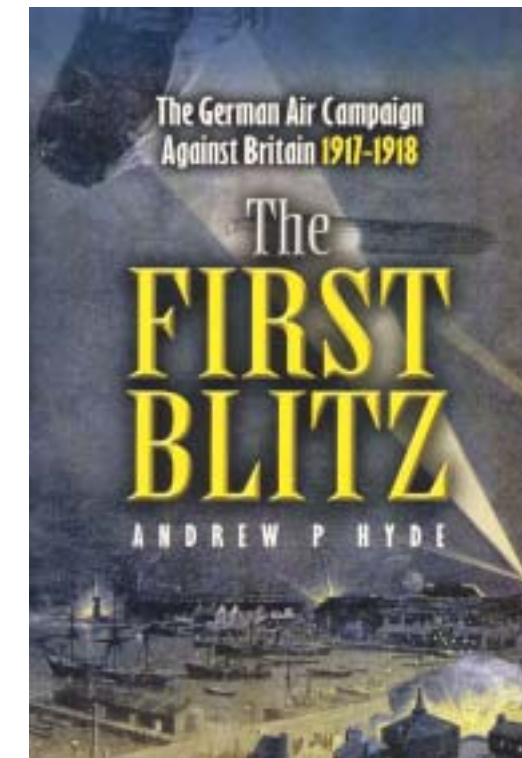
The First Blitz
The German Air Campaign Against Britain 1917-1918

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In 1917 the Germans launched a major air campaign against the British mainland which shocked the whole nation and terrorised the south-east of England.

These attacks by German bombers caused hundreds of deaths and injuries, but until now the full details of those raids have never been fully told. These range from the massacre of Canadian troops resting in Folkestone 25 May 1917, to the widespread carnage of shoppers a couple of miles away in the city centre.

Sheerness, then a major dockyard for the Royal Navy, barely escaped a similar fate when it too was singled out, and a 50kg bomb struck Upper North Street School on 13 June 1917, killing eighteen school children, many as young as five years, and mutilating many more. There were many more similar tragedies which terrified the populace of London and horrified the world.

This account of the German's terror campaign plus the military and political circumstances surrounding it, follows years of original and painstaking research, interviews and correspondence with those who remember that period.

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