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NAWAY BALLOONS

LOSS OF TWO BRITISH NAVAL AEROPLANES.

Untrue German Story That Sub-
marine E 31 Has Been Sunk.

L 7's LOSS ADMITTED.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.—The following official communiqué was issued from the German Admiralty in Berlin to-day:—

On Friday afternoon a hostile aeroplane was brought down in the course of an air fight off the coast of Flanders, one of our torpedo-boats assisting.

The approach of British forces prevented the rescue of the occupants.

One of our torpedo-boats yesterday captured a British aeroplane off the coast of Flanders undamaged, the occupants—both officers—being also captured.

West of Horns reef the British submarine E 31 was sunk on Friday morning by gunfire from one of our ships.

The airship L 7 has not returned from a reconnoitring flight. According to an official statement by the British Admiralty the airship was destroyed on Thursday in the North Sea by the British naval forces.—Reuter.

E 31 RETURNS SAFELY.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

PRESS BUREAU, Sunday, 8.30 p.m.—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces:—

With reference to the official German report published to-day it is the fact that two of our naval aeroplanes are missing.

The body of Flight Sub-Lieutenant H. R. Simms, R.N., has been picked up at sea, and the observer, Sub-Lieutenant A. J. Mullens, R.N.V.R., is missing, his lifebelt having been picked up in the same vicinity.

As regards the aeroplane reported captured by the Germans, the names of the officers concerned in this case are: Flight Sub-Lieutenant Arthur P. M. Cowley, R.N., Sub-Lieutenant Ronald M. Inge, R.N.V.R.

The German claim that the British submarine E 31 was sunk by gunfire is untrue, that vessel having returned safely to her base.