

Lieutenant Reginald "Snake" Harrington: The Daring Aviator of the Great War



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Lieutenant Reginald 'Snake' Harrington, a legendary British ace pilot of the First World War. (Image: Imperial War Museum)

Lieutenant Reginald "Snake" Harrington was a legendary British ace pilot who fought with distinction during the First World War. Known for his daring aerial maneuvers and fearless spirit, he quickly became one of the most decorated and feared pilots in the Royal Flying Corps.

Early Life and Career

Reginald Harrington was born on 19 March 1894, in Scarborough, Yorkshire, England. Growing up, he developed a passion for adventure and a reckless streak that would shape his future career.

In 1914, when the First World War broke out, Harrington immediately volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps. He quickly rose through the ranks, earning his wings and becoming a qualified pilot within a matter of months.

Aerial Combat Ace

Harrington's first aerial victory came in May 1915, when he shot down a German Fokker monoplane over the Western Front. This was the

beginning of a remarkable career in which he would go on to claim 26 enemy aircraft confirmed (and four probable), making him one of the highest-scoring British aces of the war.

Harrington's daring tactics and quick reflexes in the air earned him the respect of his comrades and the fear of his enemies. He became known for his aggressive attacks, often using unorthodox maneuvers to gain an advantage.

"Snake" Harrington

Harrington's distinctive style of aerial combat and his uncanny ability to escape dangerous situations led to him being dubbed "Snake" by his fellow pilots. This nickname not only reflected his aggressive and unpredictable nature but also his seemingly supernatural ability to slither out of danger.

The Vimy Ridge Offensive

During the Vimy Ridge Offensive in April 1917, Harrington played a crucial role in providing close air support for the advancing British troops. He led his squadron in a series of daring raids, attacking enemy positions and destroying German aircraft.

On one such raid, Harrington's aircraft was hit by enemy fire, forcing him to crash-land behind enemy lines. Despite being outnumbered, he fought his way back to safety, earning the admiration of both his comrades and the enemy.

Later Career and Death

After the war, Harrington continued to serve in the Royal Air Force, holding a variety of commands and positions. He eventually retired from the RAF in

1939, having achieved the rank of Air Commodore.

On 20 November 1940, Harrington was killed in an air accident while serving as an air observer during the Second World War. He was 46 years old.

Legacy

Lieutenant Reginald "Snake" Harrington is remembered as one of the most daring and successful fighter pilots of the First World War. His exceptional skill, bravery, and innovative tactics earned him the respect of his comrades and the admiration of aviation enthusiasts around the world.

Harrington's legacy continues to inspire future generations of pilots and military personnel. He is a shining example of the courage and determination that can be found in the face of adversity.

Lieutenant Reginald "Snake" Harrington was a true hero of the skies. His daring exploits and fearless spirit made him one of the most legendary fighter pilots of all time. His legacy continues to inspire and motivate those who come after him.



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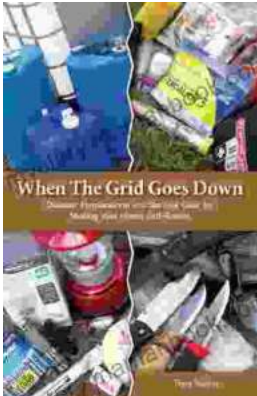
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