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The latest Windsock World War Centenary magazine is another feast for modellers in particular, with news of a number of new model initiatives, either to hand or in the pipeline, plus all the interesting little snippets of information that editor in chief Ray Rimell seems to be able to ferret out at a moment's notice. For examples, there is news of a new Ilya Muromets computer flight simulator, plans to commemorate the RNAS airship station at Whitehead, Northern Ireland, and a Swedish twin-engined Curtiss Jenny, to name just three.

One of this reviewer's favourites, Readers' Gallery, has a visual feast of models built by some very talented people, not the least of whom is Ian Brand with his scratch built 1/72 scale Nieuport IV and Blériot XI-2 'Artillerie' monoplanes. The Nieuport IV features again in Dave Hurrell's tribute to Harry Woodman, in which he discusses the assistance he received from Harry whilst researching this monoplane. This interesting article is well illustrated with archive photographs of the Duks-built examples used extensively by the Imperial Russian Air Service in the first years of the war, complete with two pages of a centrespread of 1/48 scale drawings of this aircraft, by Mick Davis.

A second major modelling article is David Hardie's build of the Wingnut Wings Hannover CL.II two-seater. Starting with the image of the finished model on the front cover, there is a mouth-watering array of colour photos showing the build at various stages, all nicely described by David in three pages. To complement the latter, the editor has included Great War Paint – No.14, which this time round covers the markings on German Hannoveranas in 1917. Three archive photographs and a brief description lead into an excellent two page colour extravaganza by Arvo Vercamer, depicting side bottom and top profiles of a number of different Hannover CL aircraft.

Lance Krieg's concluding article on his Taube model, built for the centenary, is another four pages of insightful comment and photographs, this time detailing the fine details on the model. This article too has a pair of fine archive photographs of the Jeannin Taube. Finally, editor Ray Rimell has included his two-page write up on a Wingnut Wings Albatros D.Va (OAW) scout which he has modified to show an example under repair in a workshop – a very neat diorama indeed.

The issue concludes with the latest model kit and accessory news from a variety of manufacturers, including Wingnut Wings latest 1/32 scale DFW C.V aircraft (2 of them), which are enhanced by an Archive showing a few originals from Fl.Abt.(A) 243.

There is even a dual combo kit of the Nieuport Ni.17 from Valom, in tiny 1/144 scale.

If your modeling has become a bit jaded of late, this latest issue from Albatros Productions is sure to give your hobby a lift, with any number of new ideas and models to pick from.

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