

ArtiFactsheet: Nieuport 12

Designed for observation, the Nieuport 12 served with the U.K.'s Royal Flying Corps (RFC), the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS), as well as the air forces of France, Italy and Russia. The aircraft operated with the RFC and RNAS in 1916, but was not popular with crews and was withdrawn from front-line operation by the spring of 1917.

For more information about the Nieuport 12 visit ingeniumcanada.org/aviation/collection-research/artifact-nieuport-12.php.

Many artifacts related to aviation and First World War planes can be found in the collection of Ingenium – Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation: ingeniumcanada.org/ingenium/collection-research/collection.php.

Artifact Details

Nieuport 12, 1915
Manufacturer: Société anonyme des établissements Nieuport
Artifact no. 1967.0685

The Nieuport 12 found at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum was donated to Canada by the government of France. It was initially exhibited across North America to help raise support for the war effort. It was transferred to the Museum in 1965 and is one of only two known to exist worldwide.

Fun Fact

On December 1915 the first Canadian aerial victory of the First World War was achieved by a Canadian gunner in the Nieuport 10, a plane similar to the Nieuport 12.

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