

## Higher Power

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A priestly blessing.



Words from the pulpit.

*Religion always has accompanied troops entering battle. This was certainly true of World War I, history's greatest bloodbath to that point. The newly devised airplane at times provided odd settings for the exercise of faith. In the large image, a French priest, on the Western Front in 1915, bestows a blessing on a French Blériot aircraft while airmen look on. The inset depicts a chaplain, in a pastoral setting at a French aerodrome, taking to the cockpit of a bomber to conduct Sunday morning services.*

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