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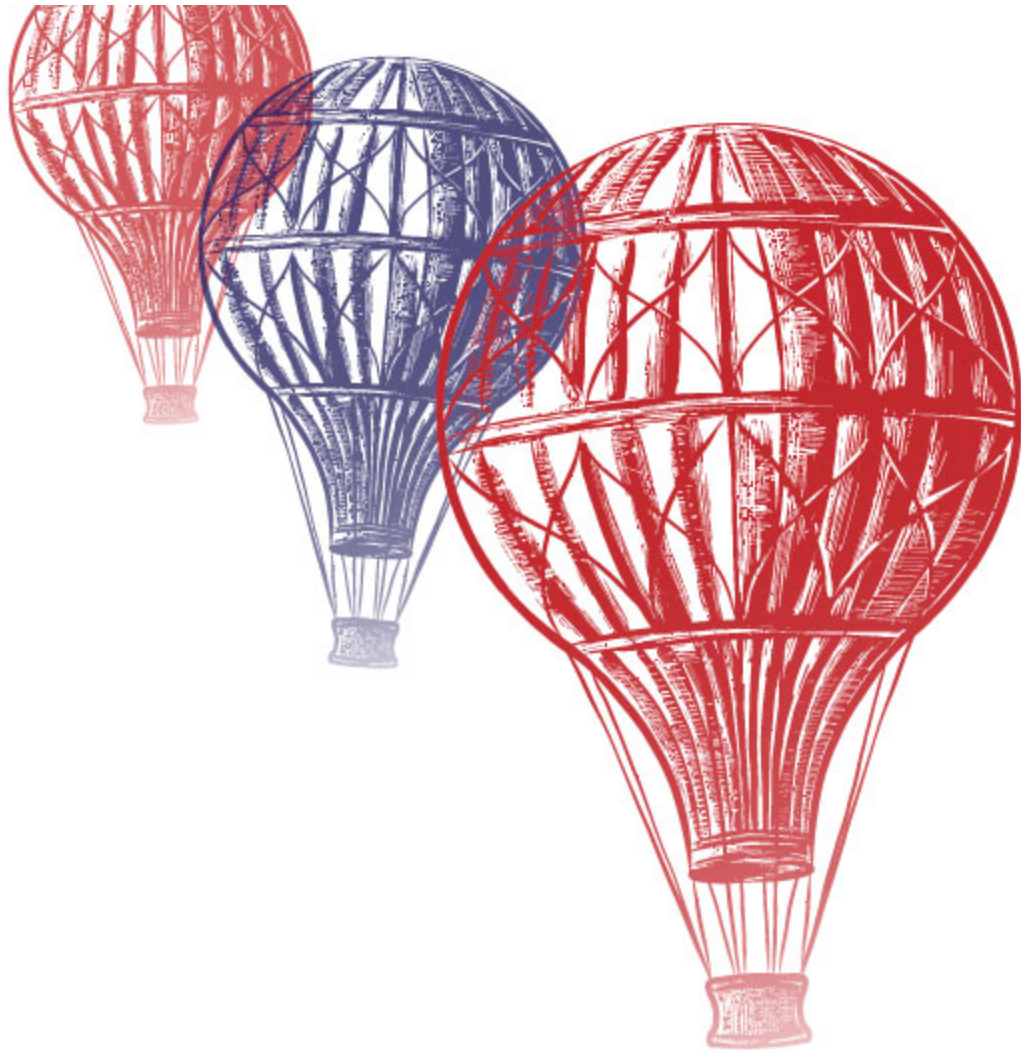
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Words in **bold** can be found in the Glossary.

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THE BALLOONS OF WAR

The date was July 15, 1849. The city was Venice, Italy. And the people there saw a strange sight. They watched huge hot-air balloons float in the sky.



Those craft came courtesy of Austria. That nation was at war with Italy. The **unmanned** balloons released bombs filled with **shrapnel**. They did little damage to Venice.

The balloons were drones. A drone is any air vehicle without a pilot. There were no pilots in 1849. There were no airplanes.

Winged craft later changed warfare forever. Most of them were manned. Their pilots dropped bombs and battled enemy planes in the sky.





FAST FACT

SKETCHY DETAILS

Details vary about the balloon attack on Venice. One account claims about 200 balloons filled the sky.

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