

ROMA CRITICIZED

ENGLAND AND ITALY SHOCKED OVER ROMA

Grief Expressed in Rome for Fate of Men. (Associated Press.)—Gen. de Seibert, chief of the Italian Aviation Service, to-day declined to discuss the possible cause of the disaster to the great American airship Roma, which was purchased from Italy. He declared the scant technical information obtainable from the dispatches reaching Rome dealing with the destruction of the airship did not afford sufficient ground on which to form an opinion.

LEUT. BURT FELL OFTEN

Grandmother Recalls Plunge Into Lake Michigan. (Associated Press.)—Lieut. Byron T. Burt, Jr., one of the men who escaped injury in the Roma disaster, was the pilot of an army balloon on the international race of September 16, 1919, and fell into Lake Michigan and was rescued after being adrift nearly half a day, according to his grandmother, Mrs. H. M. Burt, who resides here. He was in the world war and was in three dirigibles which were shot down, escaping each time.



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FAILURE TO MAKE HELIUM FROM WATER

STOPPING OF MOTORS CALLED A MISTAKE

Some Officers Believe Capt. Mabry Misjudged Ship's Speed Down

SOUGHT FIELD LANDING

Argument Is Made That Roma Should Have Descended on Water.

HELIUM ORDER REVOKED?

Reported Army Craft Was to Get Coveted Gas in Navy Blimp C-7.

Causes Not Important.

The actual cause of the fire is not regarded as of supreme importance, for, according to Col. Fisher, the wrecked dirigible would have burned even if it had not come in contact with the wreckage of the craft struck against the electric wires.

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RELAYES TO GRANDPARENTS HERE FOR VICTIMS

Sergt. W. J. Ryan's Parents in Brooklyn Informed of His Death.

THEIR ELDEST CHILD

Lieut. William E. Riley Was Graduate of Yale and Served in War.

HE LIVED IN CONNECTICUT

Capt. Frederick J. Durschmidt Was West Point Graduate in Class of 1913.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The air service issued to-day a list of the dead, injured and survivors of the Roma disaster, with home addresses, as follows:

- THORNELL, MAJOR JOHN G., 514 N. W. 1st St., Tampa, Fla.
WATTS, CAPT. GEORGE D., Indianapolis, Ind.
McFARLAND, CAPT. ALLEN P., 620 North Meridian street, Indianapolis.
DURSCHMIDT, CAPT. FREDERICK J., 199 Main street, Derby, Conn.
HALL, FIRST LIEUT. JOHN R., Kingsville, Mo.
BURNS, FIRST LIEUT. WALLACE C., Brandon, Miss.
RILEY, FIRST LIEUT. WILLIAM E., 528 East Eighty-sixth street, New York.
SMYTHE, FIRST LIEUT. CLIFFORD, 6423 Winthrop avenue, Chicago.
CUMMINGS, FIRST LIEUT. WALLACE C., Springfield, Tenn.
Address of wife, 406 South Ivy street, Monrovia, Cal.
CLINTON, FIRST LIEUT. AMBROSE V., 391 East Charlton street, Savannah, Ga.
HINE, FIRST LIEUT. HAROLD K., 251 West Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.
HEVORN, CORPORAL IRREY B., 1614 South M street, Edwood, N. C.
THOMPSON, PRIVATE JOHN E., Bentonville, N. C.
HILL, PRIVATE MARION, Newton, Ill.
KININGTON, PRIVATE GUS, 351 West Kentucky street, Louisville, Ky.
McNALLY, MASTER SERGEANT ROGER B., 1815 Stiles street, Philadelphia, Pa.
MURRAY, MASTER SERGEANT JAMES M., 215 Twenty-first street, Ashland, Ky.

- HOFFMAN, SERGEANT V. C., 451 West Train street, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
GORBY, MASTER SERGEANT, Raymond City, Va.
TECHNICAL SERGEANT LEE M., Langley Field, Va.
HILLIARD, STAFF SERGEANT LOUIS, Coldwater, Kan.
BEALL, STAFF SERGEANT MARION Z., Leola, Mo.
YARBOROUGH, SERGEANT THOS., 2523 Helam street, Selma, Ala.
BLAKELY, PRIVATE THERON M., 66 Seventh avenue, San Francisco.
Civilians.
STRYKER, WALTER W., McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.
HANSON, ROBERT J., same.
LOUGHLIN, WILLIAM O., same.
SHULENBURG, CHARLES N., same.
HARRIMAN, T. H., same.

- The Survivors.
REARDON, MAJOR JOHN D., wife, Mrs. Reardon, 200 Elm street, Washington, D. C.
REED, CAPT. WALTER J., father, William J. Reed, Seaside, N. Y.
WELCH, LIEUT. CLARENDON H., 1017 North Washington, Wash. D. C.
BURT, LIEUT. BYRON T., JR., 108 West Seventy-third street, New York.
PEEK, SERGEANT VIRDON T., father, Howard Peek, 1394 Lafayette avenue, New York.
CHAPMAN, SERGEANT HARRY A., mother, Mrs. J. H. Ward, 1625 Frederick avenue, St. Joseph, Mo.
HIDENBACH, SERGEANT JOSEPH M., father, John Hidenbach, 411 East Market street, Akron, Ohio.
FLORES, CORPORAL ALBERT, 140 Church street, Norfolk, Va.
McNAIR, WALTER H., civilian, 8004 Washington, D. C.
DWORKACK, CHARLES, civilian, McCook Field, Ohio.
HURLEY, RAY, civilian, National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

The disaster to the Roma brought sorrow to many persons living in and around New York, for several of the airship's crew had relatives or friends here.

Sergeant William Joseph Ryan was mourned by his mother, father and seven brothers and sisters at their home at 180 Conover street, Brooklyn. He was the oldest of the family and was expected home within a few months, as his enlistment was drawing to a close.

A telegram from the army officers at Langley Field was received which read as follows: "We regret to advise that your son met his death as a result of an accident to the dirigible Roma. Please advise whether you desire us to ship his body to you at the Government's expense."

Mrs. Ryan expressed hope that the army authorities might have made a mistake, but his father was convinced of his death. The young man was 21 years old, and was brought to this country from Ireland when he was a few months old.

The lieutenant was 25 years old. When a boy he spent six years abroad for his health and then returned to the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. He was a member of the class of 1920 when in 1917 he left college to join the Yale balloon battalion.

After the end of the war he again joined the aviation service and was sent to the Aberdeen proving grounds, whence he was transferred to duty with the Roma. In addition to his wife and baby he leaves a brother, Walter, of Stamford, Conn., who was married yesterday by telegram from Washington to his son, Capt. Frederick J. Durschmidt, who was killed on the Roma, and that the body was being sent to Derby for burial.

He was a graduate of West Point of the class of 1913. Staff Sergeant Edward Schumaker, who was in Loup Branch and lived there all his life until he entered the army thirteen years ago. He was married, but was separated from his wife. His only daughter, about 17 years old, who survives him. News of his death was received by Mrs. Sarah Van Ness, a cousin, of Red Bank, N. J. His body will be sent to Red Bank.

Dirigible's Future Safe, Says Benson. (Associated Press.)—Despite America's two disasters with dirigibles the dirigible can be made practicable for army and navy observation work.

This is the opinion of Rear Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. N., retired, who is in Detroit. "I don't believe," says dirigibles will be of any use as combat machines," Admiral Benson said. "They cannot be defended by men in them, but only by other machines about them, and this is not a practicable proposition."

"I have always been of the conviction that the kite balloon is more useful for navy observation work than the dirigible. However, our two failures—the disaster in England and the recent one here—do not mean that we should discard the dirigible for army and navy use. They simply mean we must go on experimenting and investigating until we have the airship perfected to the point where they will be safe."

Motor Crash Victim Dies. (Associated Press.)—Franklin H. Blacklock, one of the officers of the Roma, died yesterday at the age of 34. He was killed in a crash landing on White Horse Pike September 14 last, died to-day.

Klan Startles Mourners. (Associated Press.)—A white robe and hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan appeared suddenly at the funeral of Dr. Charles E. Locke, at Fairmount cemetery yesterday, placed a beautiful floral offering on the grave and disappeared.

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Too Near Ground for Parachutes. (Associated Press.)—Some of them leaped with parachutes, but they were too near the ground. The parachutes didn't open. The bodies were buried on a pile of big iron wire in the center of the base.

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