

THE RECENT AIR RAID

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On Wednesday forenoon a visit was again paid us by the Hellish Hun. This time he was more successful in locating our hospitals. Ten hostile aeroplanes hovered over the town at an altitude of 10,000 feet, and dropped aerial torpedoes around, some of which took deadly effect, while several did no damage. In the town 11 persons were killed, and over a dozen injured, while in our own hospital 2 were killed and 7 wounded. Great credit is due to our airmen and the anti-aircraft gunners for the manner in which they tackled the enemy. They were successful in bringing down three in Ramsgate, and four more at other points, seven out of the ten being reported as down.

We regret exceedingly the death of our comrades, and our very deepest sympathies are extended to the relatives of Private D. R. Crighton and Gunner Paul. It is very hard to think that those brave fellows had done yeoman service in France, been wounded and sent to England, for cure and rest, only to meet death at the hand of a civilised (save the mark) nation, who seem to take a special delight in murdering women, children and cripples.

No 458634, Pte. D. R. Crighton, enlisted at Montreal on the 2nd November, 1915. He served just over five months in the trenches when he was badly wounded, was treated in other hospitals, eventually coming to Ramsgate, and joining the personnel in Nov., 1916. He leaves a widow, and one son about six years old, in Dundee, Scotland, where he is to be buried.

No. 300529, Gunner Paul, C.F.A., served in France for fifteen months. We are unable at this juncture to obtain particulars as to his place of enlistment in Canada. He had only been admitted to our hospital here on the 15th of this month.

The injured men were:—

No. 25743, Pte. D. Lowery, 14th Batt. C.E.F., employed at the Yarrow as batman to Col. Gilmore, has lost his left arm above the elbow, the sight of one his eyes, and wounded about the head. He is in a very critical condition.

Pte. Dort, wounded in head, arms and legs.

Sergt. Moir, of the 5th Res. Batt., is from Port-Arthur, Canada, his left leg is badly broken, and left hand injured.

Pte. Irving, of the 13th Batt., Montreal, has an arm and leg both broken.

Gunner Wilson, C.F.A., from Montreal, had his left hand badly cut with flying glass.

Driver G. E. Weed, C.A.S.C., is badly wounded about the face and head.

Several others have sustained slight wounds and bruises.