

Another peculiar experience: A man was just stepping from the gangway of his ship in which he was serving and was going to visit his captain who was in the hospital; when the explosion occurred, he found himself whirling through space and landed on Fort Nedham, a distance of half a mile, denuded of all clothing and badly shaken.

Another case occurred where a girl was blown from the road, caught in some telegraph wire overhead, where she was subsequently rescued bruised and shaken.

The freaks of the displacement of the air caused by the explosion played numerous tricks on that never-to-be forgotten day.

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A number of prominent citizens of Halifax organized relief committees to assist the distressed people, and every available vehicle was requisitioned for transporting the dead and injured to the various hospitals and morgues.

Tents were erected to accommodate the homeless, and persons whose homes were not totally destroyed, quickly got together, boards, carpets, tarpaper, and tried to block up the huge rents and gaps in their homes, and kindly took in less fortunate than themselves, and as many as five and six families were herded together in a couple of rooms.