



The tail of R 101 after the accident. There is no appearance of any structural defect, and the steel and duralumin generally have stood up to the heat remarkably well. ("Daily Mirror" Photo.)

common grave. The noble Secretary of State will lie there side by side with the ordinary riggers and engineers, all equally mourned. In due course a memorial will be erected over the grave.
F. A. de V. R.

Committee of Enquiry

An Anglo-French commission of experts to enquire into the cause of the disaster has been constituted as follows:— Major Cooper (Inspector of Accidents, Air Ministry), Sqdn.-Ldr. Booth, Major Jones (Private Secretary to the late Sir Sefton Brancker), Mr. F. L. Wade, Mr. E. F. Randle, Lieut. A. F. Gerrish, Professor Bairstow, Mr. T. Collins, M. Brunat, M. Jouglard, Capitaine Mercier, Lieut. Guillot, Flight-Lieut. Montgomery-Moore (interpreter).

The Survivors

Mr. H. J. Leech (Foreman Engineer, Royal Airship Works); Mr. A. V. Bell, Engineer; Mr. J. H. Binks, Engineer; Mr. A. J. Cook, Engineer; Mr. A. Disley, W/T Operator; Mr. V. Savory, Engineer.

The Dead

Brigadier General The Rt. Hon. Lord THOMSON, P.C., C.B.E., D.S.O., Secretary of State for Air; Air Vice Marshal Sir W. SEFTON BRANCKER, K.C.B., A.F.C., Director of Civil Aviation; W/Cdr. R. B. B. COLMORE, O.B.E., R.A.F., Director of Airship Development; Lt.-Col. V. C. RICHMOND, Assistant Director of Airship Development (Tech.); Major G. H. SCOTT, C.B.E., A.F.C., Assistant Director of Airship Development (Flying); Major P. BISHOP, O.B.E., Chief Inspector, Aeronautical Inspection Department, Air Ministry; S/Ldr. F. M. ROPE, R.A.F., (Attached to Directorate of Airship Development); Flight Lieutenant H. C. IRWIN, A.F.C., R.A.F., Captain of the Airship; S/Ldr. E. L. JOHNSTON, A.F.C., R.A.F.O., Navigator; Lieut. Commander N. G. ATHERSTONE, A.F.C. (R.N. Ret.), 1st Officer; F/O M. H. STEFF, R.A.F., 2nd Officer; M. A. GIBLETT, M.Sc. Superintendent of Airship Division, Meteorological Office; A. BUSHFIELD, Aeronautical Inspection Department; S/Ldr.

W. H. L. O'NEILL, M.C., R.A.F. representing the Secretary of State for India; S/Ldr. W. PALSTRA, M.C., Royal Australian Air Force; Mr. J. BUCK, Attendant to Secretary of State for Air.

AIRSHIP CREW.

G. K. ATKINS, W/T Operator; R. BLAKE, Engineer; C. A. BURTON, Engineer; S. CHURCH, Rigger; F. ELLIOTT, W/T Operator; C. J. FERGUSON, Engineer; H. E. FORD, Rigger; P. A. FOSTER, Rigger; W. R. GENT, A.F.M., 1st Engineer, R101; E. A. GRAHAM, Cook; A. C. HASTING, Engineer; F. HODNETT, Assistant Steward; G. W. HUNT, A.F.M., Chief Coxswain; S. T. KEELEY, Chief W/T Operator; T. A. A. KEY, Charge-hand Engineer; W. H. KING, Engineer; M. F. LITTLEKITT, Engineer; C. H. MASON, Assistant Coxswain; J. W. MEGGINSON, Galley Boy; W. MOULE, Engineer; A. W. J. NORCOTT, Rigger; L. F. OUGHTON, Assistant Coxswain; W. A. POTTER, Assistant Chief Coxswain; W. G. RADCLIFFE, Rigger; M. G. RAMPTON, Rigger; A. J. RICHARDSON, Rigger; E. G. RUDD, Rigger; A. H. SAVIDGE, Chief Steward; S. E. SCOTT, Charge-hand Engineer; G. W. SHORT, Charge-hand Engineer; C. E. TAYLOR, Rigger; A. H. WATKINS, Engineer.

H.M. The King's Message

H.M. the King sent the following message on Sunday to the Prime Minister:—

"I am horrified to hear of this national disaster which has befallen Airship R 101, and the consequent serious loss of life, including that of Lord Thomson, my Air Minister. The Queen and I sympathise deeply with the relatives and friends of those who have perished in the service of their country and also with the injured survivors.—
GEORGE R.I."

Thousands of messages of sympathy have poured in from all parts of the world. In brief we may say that the head of nearly every monarchy and every republic in the civilised world has sent a personal message of sympathy to our King.