

THE AIR CRASH NEAR LIMERICK.

Removal of Remains of Two Victims.

The remains of the late Mr W. R. Elliott, Chief Instructor of the Irish Aero Club, and Mr Wm. Ower, South Quay, Newcastle West, the victims of the air crash at Doora-doyle, a couple of miles from Ballycummin (where Sir Alan Cobham gave his two day air display) on Friday evening, were removed from the City Home on Sunday last. The Mayor and several other prominent citizens, and members of the Irish Aero Club, were present as a mark of respect.

The body of Mr Elliott was conveyed by motor hearse to Dublin. At Naas the remains were met by a large number of the members of the Irish Aero Club and Iona Airways, and several officers of the Free State Army Air Corps, who joined in the funeral procession from that point to Dun Laoghaire. The remains were taken on the mail boat for Shrewton (England).

The young widow of Mr Elliott arrived in Dublin from England, and before going to the funeral asked to be taken in an Aero Club machine, saying she thought her husband would like her to do so. Mr C. F. French, Assistant-Instructor, took up one of the Club machines, but flying conditions were so bad that he dissuaded Mrs Elliott.

The chief mourners were—Mrs Elliott, Miss Swinger (sister-in-law), and Mr G. Withers.

Deep sympathy is expressed at Newcastle West with Mr Ower and family on the tragic death of his son, who was a young motor mechanic with bright prospects in life. The hearse was met outside the town by hundreds of people. Mr Ower, father of the deceased, is a Scotsman, and also a mechanic. He has been living in Newcastle West for a number of years.

Mr Ower, father of the deceased, in conversation with a Press representative, said he was awaiting his son's return to go up. A younger son had been up earlier.

Alan wished to say how deeply he regretted it. Such an accident in civil flying was very rare. The previous one took place in 1922 on the London to Paris Air Service. At the time, Sir Sefton Brancker said that it was most regrettable, and that one might go on for ten years before such a thing would occur again. There is so much room in the air that such an accident is of very rare occurrence. Sir Alan sincerely hoped that it would be a long time indeed before anything like it occurred again. It was the first air accident occurred in some 860 air displays given throughout the world, in South Africa, etc. It was because such accidents were so rare in civil flying that one hears so much about them.

Sir Alan concluded by hoping that when he came back to Limerick there would be an aerodrome of its own, and that other towns and cities of Ireland, and the people will do everything to promote the enterprise to popularise flying.

Mr Bruce Murray, Chairman of the Limerick Aero Club, briefly thanked Sir Alan for his visit to his establishment, and for his interesting address on aeronautics.

Before leaving the house he was met by a beautiful Limerick run lady, Lady Cobham.

Concluding Night's Display

Thousands of citizens went out to Ballycummin on Saturday evening and large numbers took flights up to the city for a visit, about 10.30 p.m.

Sir Alan said he wished to thank the Mayor (Mr Quinlan) and Mr. J. J. O'Connell, President of the Chamber of Commerce, for the citizens in general, for the excellent reception.

The Ballinacurra road presented a remarkably animated appearance as the citizens were returning home on foot or on foot, while the Rye Road was a continuous stream of motor cars.

LIMERICK SHIPPING

Week Ending July 8

SS. Glenshesk, Gloucester, salt
Paarsboro (N.S.), timber; ss.
Adelaide, wheat; ss. Mungre
Blackwater Barry

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