

Title:	Dead from Above
Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> May 1915
Location:	Southend-on-Sea
Image:	<p>Top: Bomb damage from the Zeppelin Raid          Bottom: Mrs Agnes Whitwell and Mr Whitwell.</p>
Headline:	The 1 <sup>st</sup> deadly Zeppelin raid on Southend
Fact 1	The first Zeppelin raid on England was on Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn on the 19 January 1915.
Fact 2	The first Zeppelin raids of the Great War were on night of the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> of May 1915. Early in the morning of 10 <sup>th</sup> May over 100 bombs were dropped on Prittlewell and Westcliff with many of the bombs failing to explode.
Fact 3	One that did was at 120 North Road, the home of the Whitwells. The bomb exploded on or near Mrs Agness Whitwell, who died instantly, and her husband suffered burns and broken bones after jumping out of the window.

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Fact 4	The doctor called to the scene described her body as “little more than a charred mutilated mummy.” Agness Whitwell was 60 years old, she had worked for the Salvation Army for 35years, her husband survived with head, shoulder, neck injuries & burns he was taken to the Victoria Hospital. (Southend Timeline)
Fact 5	The Zeppelin that carried out the raid was LZ38 commanded by Hauptmann Erich Linarz, the airship was 536ft long and 61ft wide, its cruising speed was 60 miles per hour at a maximum height of 12795ft, it dropped 50lb bombs and incendiaries. (Southend Timeline)
Fact 6	In the following few days the resentment for the raid boiled over and riots broke out, this saw the German owned shops in the High Street have their windows smashed and properties ransacked, the police unable to deal with the uprising had to call upon the Local troops and Territorials stationed at Shoeburyness. (Southend Timeline)
Close:	Zeppelins were slowly replaced by fixed winged Gotha bombers between 1916 and 1917 when the Royal Flying Corps developed Phosphorus Incendiary bullets which ignited the flammable <a href="#">hydrogen</a> gas of the Zeppelins .
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