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Historical Background: The R38/ZR-2 airship was built in Cardington near Bedford. When it first flew in June 1921 it was at the time the world's largest airship. Problems during test flights resulted in its return to Howden for repairs. It was during a low altitude flight over Hull on 24 August 1921 that it collapsed and blew up over the River Humber. Of the 49 crew, only five survived.

Custodial history: Acquired by Brian Lingard in the 1970s who was given the note/account of the R38 airship disaster, including the fragment from the airship and deposited by his son, Jack Lingard in December 2023.

Description: Account of the R38 airship disaster which occurred over the River Humber on 23 August 1921 and includes a fragment of material the airship.

Extent: 2 items

Related material: Additional material relating to the R38 disaster can be found search the Hull History Centre online catalogue at <https://catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/>

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DILI/1	Note on the R38 airship disaster over the Humber in 1921 Account of the R38 airship disaster over the River Humber on 24 August 1921. 1 item	n.d.
C DILI/2	Fragment of the R38 airship Small fragment reputed to be a piece of the burnt covering from the R38 airship recovered near Hessle. 1 item	1921