

A Sunderland Flying Boat of the Royal Air Force --- down in the sea, just off the promenade at Eastbourne. ~~Surrounding it~~ swiftly --- the Eastbourne lifeboat, R.A.F. Launches, and a seaside pleasure-boat. ~~From the beach, that wonderful aid to sea-rescues --- a helicopter --- takes off.~~ This was the tragedy that cast its shadow over the Silver ~~Anniversary~~ Jubilee Conference of the Royal Air Force Association, at this ~~holiday~~ holiday resort.

The lifeboat towed the all-but submerged flying boat in towards the beach.

Holidaymakers, crowding the beach and promenades, lent willing hands to the ropes to pull the Sunderland back to land.

The helicopter returned to the beach, after ~~arriving~~ <sup>having</sup> ~~taken~~ out the frogmen who had found the bodies of those who lost their lives in this holiday-time disaster.

Four men were drowned --- four men of the R.A.F. The other ten on board were brought safely ashore.

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