## **Z** is for Zeppelin

The Zeppelin was a type of rigid air ship first developed by German Count Von Zeppelin. It made its first air flight from Germany on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900.



Painting displayed at Time & Tide Museum depicting Zeppelin being shot down.

During World War I the Germans afforded moderate success with long range bombing operations. Great Yarmouth falling victim to the first civilian casualties Samuel Smith & Martha Taylor from this type of aerial attack.



Two British soldiers ,Gt Yarmouth In front of building damaged by a Zeppelin raid, 19<sup>th</sup> January 1915.



Blue Plaque, St Peter's Plain

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1918 pilot Egbert Cadbury stationed at Great Yarmouth made a quick-witted decision that would save many lives. Zeppelins were sighted off the coast. Cadbury & his co- pilot gunner *Gunner Robert Leckie*, heroically raced to a plane jumped in & climbed above the Zeppelin air ship by throwing away the spare fuel. Cadbury fired into its stern, setting it alight & it plunged into the sea. Many innocent lives were saved that night from certain death from the menace in the skies, The Zeppelin.



Cigarette case made from Zeppelin. L 70 destroyed 5<sup>th</sup> August 1918 signed Egbert Cadbury.WW1 Gallery at The Time & Tide Museum

Can you make your own museum of Z objects from around your home? Or can you make the letter Z?

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