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Telephone: 21439 & 25792 In reply please

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REGIONAL OFFICE:

Bow Chambers, 15, Greek Street, Leeds, 1.

P. M. Ralph Esq., 18th J Chairman, Settle Local Savings Committee, 2, High Ville Grove, Settle, Yorkshire. 18th July 1940.

Dear Sir,

I have learned with pleasure that you have kindly consented to act as Chairman of the Settle Savings Committee.

We are most grateful for your assistance and ask you to accept our warmest thanks for your co-operation in the work of the National Savings Novement, which is particularly valuable at a time when the Novement has been asked to undertake duties of vital national importance. importance.

With sincere thanks for your interest in the War Savings Campaign.

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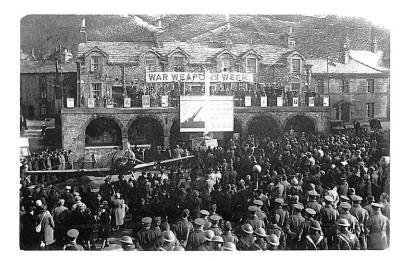
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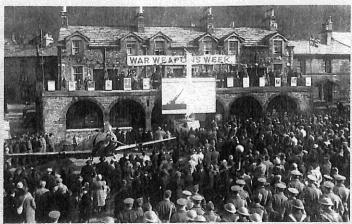
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#### A Magnificent Response.

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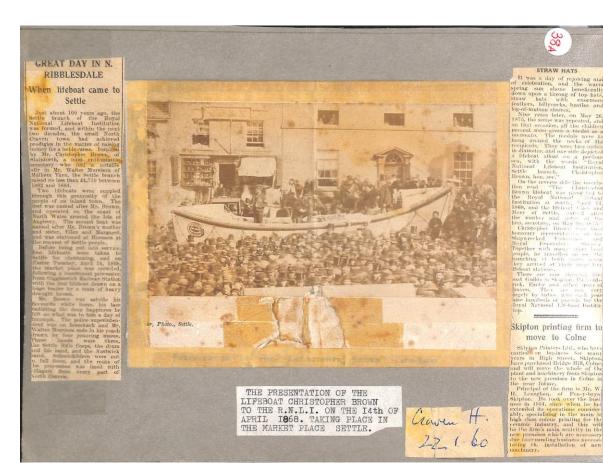


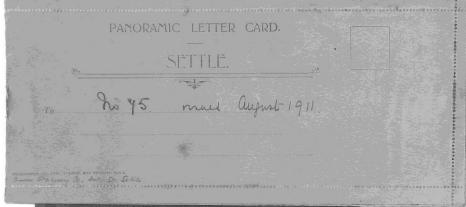
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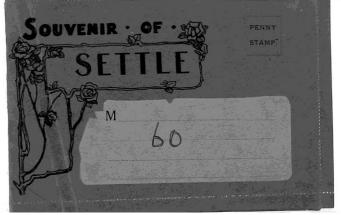
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