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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 Movement, which is particularly valuable at a time when the Movement has been asked to undertake duties of vital national importance.

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

Yours sincerely,

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#### SETTLE. SETTLE WAR WEAPONS WEEK.

##### A Magnificent Response.

The township and rural district of Settle have been engaged in a great effort to secure further investments in War Bonds and a special aeroplane week was held from the 17th to the 22nd June. The quota for the district was fixed at £30,000. A representative committee was appointed on 5th June, and they at once set to work. With so little time available for preparatory work the campaign was a great bustle, and, judging from the result, wonderfully well organised, thanks to the devotion of the committee, and the untiring enthusiasm of the chairman (Mr. G. K. Charlesworth) and the hon. secretary (Mrs. Allan Harrison, of Starkhouse).

The result of the campaign was made known on Saturday evening, when the treasurer (Mr. E. J. W. Douglas) announced to a large gathering that the sum of £67,852 2s. (made up of National War Bonds £62,520 and War Savings Certificates £5,332 2s.) had been raised. Of this amount considerably more than £3,000 was raised by the various schools in the district. The amounts passed through the banks included subscriptions of £10,000 from the Pearl Assurance Company, and £3,000 from the Prudential Society. In addition to Settle township the following districts were included in the area covered by the campaign:—Austwick, Clapham, Keasden, Giggleswick, Halton West, Otterburn, Hellfield, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Helwath Bridge, Settle, Kirby Malham, Langcliffe, Longpreston, Malham Moor, Rathmell, Settle, Stainforth, Tossie and Wigglesworth.

During the course of the week various public meetings were held, addressed by Mr. Wm. Clough, M.P., Mr. Walter Morrison, Mr. Ed. Taylor, and Mr. W. S. Threlfall and other local gentlemen. The Settle Brass Band voluntarily placed their services at the disposal of the committee and their musical selections undoubtedly added to the success of the public meetings.

The response that has been made is most gratifying, and the district is to be congratulated that more than double the amount asked for has been raised.

**MEDAL PRESENTATION.**—A simple, village function, the very homeliness and spontaneity of which added to its charm, took place on Sunday evening at the Antient Cross, when the Victoria Medal for bravery on the Field, which he had gained on the night of 14-15th July, 1917, Captain Thompson, M.A. R. W. Douglas, and Mr. Alfred Barrow also spoke. After silence for remembrance of those who have fallen, a vote of the National Anthem was sung, and after a short time the recipient.



Pte. W. Hartley.

The sad news has been received by Mr. Walter Hartley, that his esteemed son, Pte. Walter Hartley, 22, of the West Bids, had died of wounds received in action. Pte. Hartley joined up in September, 1914, with the local Territorials, and was servant to Col. Birkbeck, in whose service he was prior to the War, and went to France in April, 1915. A letter from the Chaplain states Pte. Hartley was brought to a Clearing Station with a severe wound in the head, and was unconscious before he died.



We reproduce a photograph of Pte. Wheeler Harold Hodgson, of the Australian Army Service Corps, a native of Settle, who, as reported last week, died from pneumonia while at Fovant Camp, Wiltshire, where he was located.



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“WINGS FOR VICTORY” WEEK

# SETTLE RURAL DISTRICT

LOCAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE

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MAY 15<sup>th</sup> TO 22<sup>nd</sup> 1943. TARGET £150,000



# GREAT DAY IN N. RIBBLESDALE

## When lifeboat came to Settle

Just about 100 years ago, the Settle branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was formed, and within the next two decades, the small North Charn town had achieved prodigies in the matter of raising money for a noble cause. Inspired by Mr. Christopher Brown, of Clainforth, a most enthusiastic secretary, who had a notable ally in Mr. Walter Morrison of Malham Tarn, the Settle branch raised no less than £4,710 between 1902 and 1904.

Two lifeboats were supplied through this generosity of the people of an inland town. The first was named after Mr. Brown, and operated on the coast of North Wales around the Isle of Anglesey. The second boat was named after Mr. Brown's mother and sister, Ellen and Margaret, and was stationed at Harroise at the request of Settle people.

Before being put into service, two lifeboats were taken to Settle for christening, and on Easter Tuesday, April 14, 1908, the market place was crowded, following a ceremonial procession from Giggleswick Railway Station with the first lifeboat drawn on a huge trailer by a team of heavy draught horses.

Mr. Brown, was outside his favourite white house, his face radiating the deep happiness he felt on what was to him a day of triumph. The price superintendent was on horseback and Mr. Walter Morrison rode in his coach, drawn by four peacocking nudes. Three bands were there, the Settle Rifle Corps, the drum and his band, and the Ainstwick band. Schoolchildren were out in full force, and the route of the procession was lined with villagers from every part of North Charn.



er, Photo, Settle.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
LIFEBOAT CHRISTOPHER BROWN  
TO THE R.N.L.I. ON THE 14th OF  
APRIL 1908. TAKING PLACE IN  
THE MARKET PLACE SETTLE.

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## STRAW HATS

It was a day of rejoicing and of celebration, and the warm spring sun shone beneficently down upon a throng of top hats, straw hats, with enormous feathers, lillyvocks, bustles and leg-of-mutton sleeves.

Nine years later, on May 26, 1875, the scene was repeated, and on that occasion, all the children present were given a medal as a memento. The medals were to hang around the necks of the recipients. They were two inches in diameter, and one side depicted a lifeboat afloat on a perilous sea, with the words "Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Settle branch, Christopher Brown, hon. sec."

On the reverse side the inscription read "The Christopher Brown lifeboat was presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Settle, April 14, 1908, and the lifeboat was named after the mother and sister of the hon. secretary, on May 26, 1913."

Christopher Brown was local honorary representative of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Royal Fishermen's Society. Together with many other local people, he travelled to see the launching of both boats, and they arrived at their respective lifeboat stations.

There are now thirteen lifeboat guilds in Skipton, Ribblesdale, Embsay and other areas of heaven. Their members are very largely by boat, and each year also hundreds of pounds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

## Skipton printing firm to move to Colne

Skipton Printers Ltd., who have carried on business for many years in High Street, Skipton, have purchased Bridge Mill, Colne, and will move the whole of the plant and machinery from Skipton to the new premises in Colne in the near future.

Principal of the firm is Mr. W. H. Longman, of Long-street, Skipton. He took over the business in 1934, since when he has extended its operations considerably, specialising in the main in high class colour printing for the ceramic industry, and this will be the firm's main activity in the new premises which are necessary due to expanding business necessitating the installation of new machinery.

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## CAN VIEWS

SETTLE FROM WEST  
AINFORTH BRIDGE  
AINFORTH FOSS  
GIGLESWICK SCAR  
GIGLESWICK CHURCH  
ETERICK FOSS  
ALEBER WATERFALL  
TTLE FROM SOUTH

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## LOCAL VIEWS

SETTLE FROM WEST  
CONSTITUTION HILL  
GIGLESWICK CHURCH  
GIGLESWICK SCARS  
DUKE ST. SETTLE  
SETTLE PARISH CHURCH  
EBBING AND FLOWING WELLS  
CATTERICK FOSS