

News presents. 1918

SETTLE.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BRAVE DEFENDERS.

A well-attended meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the organisation for sending Christmas presents to local soldiers was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. Moore was appointed chairman of the committee, and Mr. Stockil vice-chairman, with Mr. G. K. Charlesworth as treasurer, and Messrs. T. Brayshaw and T. E. Pearson as secretaries. It was resolved that the Christmas gifts take the form of a postal order, accompanied by appropriate cards of greeting, a pipe being substituted in the case of officers. Prisoners of war are to have a special parcel in addition, so that the committee want the addresses of these as quickly as possible. As the number of men to be provided for is over 500 it is calculated that the sum of £300 should be raised if possible. The men abroad or who have been invalided home will have a slightly larger gift than those at home. A number of ladies volunteered to assist in raising the required amount by making a house-to-house collection, whilst others promised to organise entertainments, &c., and as it is confidently expected that this will be the last time these Christmas presents will be required, it is hoped that a very liberal response will be made to the appeal.

SETTLE.

The Parcels Fund.—The teachers of the National School held a whist drive for the benefit of the Christmas parcels fund in the schools on the 24th ult., the prizes being given by the scholars. There were 44 tables and an enjoyable evening was spent. Winners:—Ladies—Lena Marsden, 2 Miss E. Parker, 3 Miss P. Millward, travelling prize, Miss Robinson; men—Edgar Ralph, 2 Miss Maunders, 3 James Hodgson, travelling prize Wilfred Woolerton. The net proceeds were £7 15s. 3d.

Christmas Presents

FOR

LOCAL SOLDIERS.

For the fifth year in succession the Council of the Settle and District War Relief Fund is undertaking the work of sending a Christmas Present to every man from the area comprised in their sphere of work who is serving, either at home or abroad, in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, as well as to prisoners of War, men in hospital, &c.

On account of the excellent arrangements now made at the military canteens and stores most of the articles required by the men can be obtained, even at the front, at a less cost than they can be purchased here, and it has therefore been decided that the Christmas Gift shall on this occasion take the form of a Postal Order.

Although a gift in this form may not have quite the same *sentimental* value as the parcel of "comforts" hitherto sent, yet it is believed that on account of the better value obtained for the money, and the great saving effected in postage, cost of boxes, &c., the men will prefer that the gift should take the form suggested. By this means every man can obtain exactly the special articles he most desires, whilst the post-office will be relieved of a huge bulk of parcels.

The Council therefore appeals for subscriptions for this purpose, and as there is scarcely a family in the district that has not some dear one who is serving his Country, it is hoped that the response to this appeal will be very general, so as to let our gallant men feel that we at home appreciate their self-sacrifice, and that our thoughts are with them at the Christmas season; and as it is confidently expected that this will be the last occasion on which a similar appeal need be made we trust the gift may be a substantial one.

Friends and relatives of any man now serving in the Forces, whose home or residence at the time of enlistment was in Settle or surrounding district, are requested to furnish the name, rank, regimental number, regiment, home address, and full present address, on a card provided for that purpose, which can be obtained from the undersigned or from any of the ladies who are assisting in the work. Unless these particulars are supplied the Council cannot be responsible for forwarding a gift.

In order to prevent overlapping, presents will not be sent in those cases where separate Townships or organizations prefer to raise funds themselves in order to send direct to their own men.

It is requested that promises of subscriptions will be notified to the collectors as soon as possible, as of course the amount of the gift will be regulated by the measure of support accorded.

In the event of subscriptions exceeding the expenditure it is proposed to devote the surplus to providing parcels for prisoners of war, "comforts" for men returning to the front, and to kindred objects connected with the personal welfare of the men.

THOS. BRAYSHAW, SOLICITOR, SETTLE,
Hon. Sec.

T. E. PEARSON, SOLICITOR, SETTLE,
Hon. Assist. Sec.

29TH OCTOBER, 1918.

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Sundries

Lunas presents

Food Control Committee.—A letter was read from the Food Controller, enclosing order extending the period of appointment of the Food Control Committee to November 18, and the Clerk said it would be necessary to appoint a new committee or re-appoint the old one at that meeting. The regulations provided that the constitution of the committee must include two women, two representatives of labour; co-operative societies should be represented, but the presence of food traders in undue numbers was not desirable, and there should not be more than three farmers.—Cr. Ralph said there had been several comments and criticisms upon the action of the Committee, and perhaps it would be more satisfactory if more outsiders were elected instead of members of the Council.—The Chairman: There are seven members of the Council.—Cr. Charlesworth did not think it would make much difference, and several members expressed the opinion that the committee had not much power.—The Chairman said that the committee at present complied with the regulations.—Eventually the following were appointed:—Messrs. F. J. Haggas, J. Winskill, E. D. Metcalfe, E. Wright, J. Swinbank, C. Ralph, T. Harger, R. Sansbury, J. G. Leeming, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Frankland.

Oct 1918

Medals Presented to Local Heroes.

The 5th Battalion of the West Riding Volunteers were on Sunday inspected on the Keighley Golf Links by Col. Palmer, of the 3rd Leicestershire Regiment, the battalion to which the Volunteers are attached. Colonel Palmer said that was the first opportunity he had had of seeing the Volunteers on parade since they became attached to his battalion. He had often heard them spoken of and sometimes jested about, but after what he had seen he could be sure they were more or less disciplined soldiers. Colonel Palmer presented a Military Medal to Sergt. Edmondson, of Settle, for bravery in the field, a Military Medal and a D.C.M. to the father of the late Sergt. James Bury, of Barnoldswick, for conspicuous gallantry when the enemy bombed the post of which he was in charge; and a Military Medal to the widow of Corpl. G. Page, of Ingrow, Keighley, for bravery in the

Local Officer's Promotion.—Lieut. J. Brennand (son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brennand, of Kirkgate, Settle), of the 1/6th Duke of Wellington's W.R. Regiment, has been promoted to Captain. The gallant officer has been on active service since the outbreak of war.

Wounded Soldiers.—Another party of wounded soldiers from the Keighley Hospital was entertained at the Ashfield Hotel on Wednesday last, and apparently spent an enjoyable time. A substantial tea was provided, and games, &c., were indulged in. A number of willing helpers assisted in looking after the comforts of the wounded heroes.

STAINFORTH.

Wounded.—Mr. and Mrs. George Lund have received news that their two sons, Private Henry Lund and Private John Lund, have both been recently wounded in France. Private Henry Lund has been wounded in the back, and is in hospital in France and doing nicely. Private John Lund has been wounded in the shoulder and head and is in hospital at Knutsford, and slowly improving. Both soldiers volunteered at the recruiting meeting held in the village in January, 1915. Before joining up Private Harry Lund worked at the Craven Lime Works. Private John Lund worked on his father's farm, and has been in France for more than three and a half years. Both are married, Private Henry Lund having two children.

A Music Teacher's Exemption.—At the West Riding Appeals Tribunal at Leeds yesterday week, an application for the renewal of his exemption certificate was made by Fred Lord, of Fernhill, Settle, who is an organist and teacher of music, aged 34, single, and passed Grade 2. Originally exemption had been given because his father and mother were dependant on him, but the father had since died, and he now lived with his mother, who was ill.—Applicant said he was not altogether wasting his time by remaining in civil life, as he had organised a number of concerts for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A. But for his domestic obligations he would have been married before now. He was not drilling with the Volunteers, as they drilled on Sunday mornings, and as he was organist at the Church it would interfere with that work.—The N.S.R. said he had no information as to Mr. Lord's domestic circumstances.—Applicant said he had had full responsibility of the home for 12 years.—Temporary conditional exemption was given until February 28th, and he was excused from drill with the Volunteers.

A Prisoner of War.—Mr. F. Morphett, 39 Roberts Street, Nelson, formerly of Settle, has received a postcard from his eldest son, Lance-Corporal A. Morphett, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and well. He had been missing since August 29th, 1918. Before joining up he worked for Mr. Wesley Clegg, Nelson. He enlisted in the K.O.R.L. about two and a half years ago, and has been wounded once and gassed. Lance-Corporal T. Morphett, another brother, is with the R.A.M.C. in France, and has been out there three years.

Please Write Plainly and in Ink.

SETTLE & DISTRICT WAR RELIEF FUND. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Name of Soldier _____

Number _____

Present Address in full _____

If Wounded write "Wounded" _____

[P.T.O.]

Has he Served Abroad? _____

Soldier's Home Address _____

Signature of person supplying information _____

Relationship (if any) to Soldier _____

It is proposed to send a Christmas Present and Card to every Local Soldier, but the Committee will not be responsible for sending a present to anyone if the above particulars are not sent in.

This slip should be filled up ready for the Collector when she calls again, or should be forwarded to one of the Secretaries of the Fund.

SETTLE & DISTRICT WAR RELIEF FUND.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS COMMITTEE.

(Mr. J. MOORE, Chairman, Mr. A. STOCKIL, Vice-Chairman,
Mr. G. K. CHARLESWORTH, Treasurer.)

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Ladies' section of the above Committee, to be held at the Town Hall, at 3-0 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 26th OCTOBER, 1918, when the house-to-house canvass for subscriptions, and other details connected with the scheme, will be arranged.

Any friends willing to assist are cordially invited to be present as well.

Thos. BRAYSHAW, } Hon. Secretaries.
T. E. PEARSON, }

Nov 1918

Settle War Honours.

Sergt. G. H. Duxbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Duxbury, of Mayville Terrace, Settle, of 162 Siege Battery, R.G.A., has been awarded the Military Medal for good work in getting his gun into action under gas shell fire during the last German retreat. Sergt. Duxbury formerly belonged to the local Territorials, but having resigned prior to the outbreak of war was not mobilised, but joined up in 1916. Prior to joining the service he was a clerk with Mr. J. H. Vant, solicitor, Settle.

Acting Captain R. J. Cavan, attached to the 6th King's Own Scottish Borderers, formerly a clerk in the Settle branch of the Bank of Liverpool, who joined as a private over three years ago, has been awarded the Military Cross. This is the second decoration that has been awarded to clerks out of this branch, the late Corpl. J. Hitchen having been awarded the Military Medal.

CRAVEN D.C.M.'s.

Settle and Glusburn Heroes Honoured.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal for "gallantry and distinguished service in the field" is announced officially in the following terms:—

Sgt. G. W. Chapman, W. Rid. R. (Settle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his party with great skill and determination, capturing several prisoners, and killing at least six others. He displayed fine courage and leadership, and set a splendid example to his men.

WAR AIMS CAMPAIGN.

A PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held in the TOWN HALL, SKIPTON, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1918. ADDRESSES will be delivered by DR. EDDISON, of Leeds; COUNCILLOR J. KENDAL, J.P., of Manchester; W. L. CURTIS-WILLSON, ESQ., Hon. Lieut. R.F.A., in uniform (an Officer Blinded in the War); And Other Gentlemen.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m. by R. B. BARRETT, ESQ., J.P.

A Selection of PATRIOTIC SONGS, accompanied by TYRER'S CELEBRATED BAND, will be given before and after the speaking.

QUEEN'S HALL, BARNOLDSWICK. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

Chair to be taken by STEPHEN PICKLES, Esq., C.C., J.P. at 7-30.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' HALL, CROSS-HILLS. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 by JAMES BAIRSTOW, ESQ., J.P.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, SETTLE. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 by THOS. BRAYSHAW, ESQ., J.P.

LIBERAL CLUB, EARBY. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL, ADDINGHAM. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.

Chair to be taken at 7 p.m.

War Aims Campaign.

A

PUBLIC MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

National Schoolroom, Settle, On Thursday, October 24th, 1918.

ADDRESSES will be delivered by

COUNCILLOR J. KENDAL, J.P.,

OF MANCHESTER;

W. L. CURTIS-WILLSON, Esq.,

Hon. Lieut. R.F.A., in uniform (an Officer Blinded in the War);

AND OTHER GENTLEMEN.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m. by

THOS. BRAYSHAW, Esq., J.P.

A Selection of PATRIOTIC SONGS will be given before and after the speaking.

"Craven Herald" Works, Skipton.

War Aims Campaign.

A public meeting, held in the National Schoolroom on Thursday of last week in support of the campaign, attracted a large and enthusiastic gathering, the ladies being in the majority. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Brayshaw, J.P., and the meeting was addressed by Mr. W. L. Curtis-Willson, Hon. Lieut., R.F.A., who has been blinded in the War, and Councillor J. Kendal, J.P., of Manchester. The Chairman made a very strong and forcible speech, and Mr. Curtis-Willson, whose reception was very warm and sympathetic, delivered a very vigorous address which brought his audience into close union with him in the aims which he advocated, and he was heartily applauded. Councillor Kendal held his audience in close attention and interest. The meeting proved a great success, and plainly showed that in this district at least the strongest terms that can be possibly placed before Prussian militarism will be wholly supported. Mr. Lodge proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Curtis-Willson, which was seconded by Mr. J. Hardy, sen., and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

SETTLE PARISH CHURCH.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

Settle Soldiers fallen in the War.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1918,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

ADDRESS BY THE VICAR.

COLLECTION FOR THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Edmondson & Wilson, Printers, Station Road, Settle.

Memorial Service.—A memorial service for Settle soldiers and sailors fallen in the war was held at the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Linney). There was a large attendance, and the service was most impressive.

VICTOR RUPERT ATKINSON,
SECOND-LIEUTENANT,
1/6TH WEST RIDING REGIMENT,
FELL IN ACTION, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1917.

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SEC.-LIEUT. VICTOR RUPERT ATKINSON,
OF THE
1/6th WEST RIDING REGIMENT.

THE son of F. E. Atkinson, Esq., L.R.C.P., M.O.H., of the Craven Combined District, W. Yorkshire, and of Mrs. Atkinson, of Settle, well-known for her educational work in the West Riding, Sec.-Lieut. Victor Rupert Atkinson was the direct descendant of William Hey, Esq., F.R.S., Founder of the Leeds General Infirmary, and one of the greatest and belonging to members of whom generation have service to the hour of need.

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SEC.-LIEUT. VICTOR RUPERT ATKINSON,
1/6th West Riding Regiment.

Born at Settle, West
Yorkshire, on March 15th, 1897, Lieut. Atkinson was educated at Giggleswick Gram-
mar School, where he was a member of the School Officers' Training Corps and one
of the Gymnasium Eight. In February, 1916, he joined the Inns of Court Officers'
Training Corps, whence, at the end of the year, he passed into the Berkhamsted

BRITISH ROLL OF HONOUR *SEALIEUT VICTOR RUPERT ATKINSON*

Cadet Officers' School, being gazetted on March 5th 1917, to the 16th West Riding (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment.

He left for France on April 6th, 1917 (Good Friday), and soon after his arrival was chosen from the Brigade to attend a special Officers' Instruction Course in Bayonet Fighting and Physical Culture, heading the list in the subsequent examination. The first week in October he came home on leave, returning to France on the 11th, and fell in action whilst defending an observation post of the front line trenches at Passchendaele on November 23rd, 1917.

We are privileged to quote below extracts from letters received after his gallant death.

The Commanding Officer of his Company wrote :—

"Your son was a most efficient officer and always carried out his duties in an exemplary fashion."

Another Senior Officer testified :

"Your son had been in my Company since he joined us, and has been a most trustworthy fellow—always doing his duty cheerfully. He had won the respect of all the men in his platoon by the excellent example he set. We have lost a good officer and a good friend."

Two of his brother officers paid tribute in these words :—

"I can truly say that all ranks in our Company feel his loss irreparably. Lives such as his are difficult to replace, his influence always being for good in whatever he did."

"He was a splendid officer. His Regiment will always be proud of him, and I who feel that I was his old Company Commander, and took him out to France, and into the trenches for the first time, know what a splendid son you have lost. He was so honest, straight and unassuming that he could not help but make friends with all."

Lieut. Atkinson's invariable cheerfulness and radiant good humour, together with his great charm of appearance and personality, will ever be held in honoured remembrance by those who knew him. He is one of those who, having a gift to offer their Mother Country, have not rendered it piece by piece, paying homage throughout the allotted span, but have given gloriously, splendidly, laying all on the altar of sacrifice in one supreme moment.

Nov 1918

SETTLE.

A Soldier's Wedding.—A pretty wedding took place at the Parish Church of All Saints, Annesley, Notts, last Saturday, the contracting parties being Private Joseph Stamper Metcalfe, of Morecambe (lately of Settle), and Miss Hannah Dixon, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Newstead, Nottinghamshire. The bridesmaids were Miss Eurice Ashmore, niece of the bride, and Miss Elsie Denham, of Sherwood, Nottingham. The "best man" was Mr. Levi Dixon, the bride's brother. The happy pair left afterwards for Morecambe (for their honeymoon) the home of the bridegroom. The presents were numerous and useful. The bridegroom is well known in the district, having been connected with several organisations, playing with the first and second elevens of the Settle Cricket Club for twenty years. He was a member of the billiard team of the Conservative Club, and was also a member of the Primrose League and also of the St. John Ambulance Association. He joined over three years ago (after several unsuccessful attempts) the R.A.M.C., and has been in several hospitals. He is at present stationed at the Albert Hall Military Hospital, Nottingham.

Influenza is spreading in this district and the schools have been closed and whist drives cancelled. Dances still continue.

Christmas Presents to Local Soldiers.—A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening at the Town Hall when the reports of the collectors were submitted. The influenza epidemic is responsible for the postponement of sundry whist drives and entertainments which had been arranged, but as it is expected that these will be held later on in the season, it was estimated that a certain amount could be ultimately relied on from these sources. On this basis it was decided that a pipe should be sent to every officer, a postal order for 15s. to every other man serving in the Forces who is or has been abroad, and one for 10s. to every man who has only seen home service. Nurses, ambulance men, &c., are of course, included. Cards for particulars of every man have been distributed, but many of these have not yet been returned. The Committee ask that these may be sent in at once, and if there have been any omissions, that cards will be procured immediately.

MALHAM MOOR.

"For The Boys."—A successful whist drive and dance took place at High Trenhouse on Friday evening in aid of the Soldiers' Christmas Parcels Fund. Prize winners:—Ladies; Mrs. F. Coates, 2, Mrs. J. Grisedale, (consolation), Miss M. Dinsdale; Men; Private W. Malaby, 2, Mr. G. Hoyle, (consolation) Mr. K. Lister. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The proceeds amounted to over £13, and after adding this to other donations, there is a goodly sum for distribution. A Postal Order for £1 with a parcel will be sent to every soldier serving or who has served abroad; and a postal order for 10s. to every soldier serving with the forces at home.

Firemen's Ball.—The result of the firemen's ball at Christmas is a sum of £16 to the local fund for Christmas parcels for soldiers and sailors—a result most gratifying to the promoters.

Primrose League.—A whist drive, promoted by the Settle Habitation of the Primrose League, was held in the Conservative Club on the night of Wednesday in last week. There was a crowded attendance and keen interest was evinced. The prizes were won by the following:—Ladies—Miss M. Tomlinson, Miss N. Parker, and Mrs. Patrick, travelling prize Miss Tomlinson; men—Messrs. M. Bentham, F. Embley and W. Earnshaw, travelling prize Mr. J. S. Taylor. The booby prizes were won by Mrs. Sturdy and Private C. Rawsthorne respectively. The proceeds, which amounted to over £7, were handed over to the local Committee in aid of providing Christmas presents for soldiers and sailors.

Christmas Presents.

We can all help to brighten the lives of our noble and gallant Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen, by sending to them, along with our good wishes, some useful and seasonable present to remind them that our thoughts are with them, and that we are mindful of the great sacrifices they are making for us.

To help in providing Funds for this object

WHIST DRIVE

(Organised by Miss WRAY)

WILL BE HELD IN THE

VICTORIA HALL, SETTLE,

ON

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 1918,

COMMENCING AT

7 P.M. PROMPT.

Tickets 1/- each.

J. W. Lambert,

Printer, Settle.

SETTLE & DISTRICT WAR RELIEF FUND.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS COMMITTEE.

(Mr. J. MOORE, Chairman, Mr. A. STOCKIL, Vice Chairman,
Mr. G. K. CHARLESWORTH, Treasurer.)

The Lady Collectors are requested to report the result of their efforts at the Town Hall, at 3 o'clock on Saturday, the 9th November, 1918, if they can conveniently do so.

SETTLE & DISTRICT WAR RELIEF FUND.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS COMMITTEE.

(Mr. J. MOORE, Chairman, Mr. A. STOCKIL, Vice Chairman,
Mr. G. K. CHARLESWORTH, Treasurer.)

A Meeting of the "Christmas Presents" Committee will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday next, the 12th day of November, 1918, at 8 o'clock, to make further arrangements.

Thos. BRAYSHAW, Hon. Secretary.

T. E. PEARSON, Hon. Assistant Secretary.



WITH ALL GOD'S WISHES



BRIGHT HOPES WITH EVERY GOOD WISH

Dec 1918

FIFTEEN DAYS WITHOUT WATER.

Returned Prisoner of War.

Private Richd. Marsden, 1/4th West Riding's, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marsden, of East View, Settle, who was captured by the Germans on 10th April last at Pont Neppe, has returned to his home, and is beginning to look himself again. He joined up in October, 1915, crossing to France early in 1916. Wounded in 1917 he was in England seven months, and went out again in February, 1918.

In the great attack by the Germans his company were occupying the front lines and awaiting orders. The Company Officer was killed and as no orders were given to retire they were taken prisoners. Those not wounded were used to carry back the wounded to a dressing station about ten kilometres behind the German lines. He and others were then taken to an arsenal at Loos and afterwards to Lille. Staying here a week they were then moved to another place just outside Lille, where they were kept shut up for six weeks, only being allowed out to draw their rations. Whilst at Lille for four days they were not allowed anything to eat. They were seven weeks without a wash and fifteen days without a drink of water. In a room to hold 100 persons 350 prisoners were packed and they had to lie one on the other.

Later in his confinement they were put to work on shell dumps, and as the British advanced the prisoners had to pull the waggons, no horse transport being available. They were also put to chipping trees, carrying shells etc., for the purpose of stopping the British advance. However, one morning they found that the sentries had disappeared and about 420 prisoners packed up and walked towards the British lines. Private Marsden had neither shoes nor stockings and walked 33 kilometres. Only 50 out of the 420 reached the British lines and these were put into motor conveyances and taken to Courtrai, where they were cared for at the Headquarters of the 35th Division. They had a good bath and were given new clothing and plenty to eat.

Embarking at Calais, Dover was reached without mishap and here they had a fine reception, being received with the steamers hooting their loudest. The Belgian civilians did their best for the British prisoners, but if they were caught by German sentries smuggling food to them the butt end of the rifle was freely used. The prisoners had to march 13 to 15 kilometres to work and had to work from 3 o'clock in the morning and were fortunate to have finished at 5-30 p.m. The soldiers' breakfast consisted of a drink of coffee and a cigarette, but the opportunity at dawn, was, when possible, accepted to slip into the turnip fields and there have as good a time as possible.

RETURNED PRISONERS OF WAR.

During the past week three local soldiers in the persons of Privates Norman Ellis, R.E., W. Seggar, Scottish Borderers, and Robt. Cresswell, East Yorks, have returned home, all having been prisoners of war in Germany since March last. Prior to joining H.M. Forces, Pte Ellis was in business with his brother as a motor mechanic at the local garage, Pte Seggar being with Messrs Harger Bros., cabinet makers, &c., and Pte. Cresswell was the Police Constable at Giggleswick. Whilst all three appear to be looking well and in good health, they are agreed that it is in no way due to the gentle treatment they have received at the hands of the Hun, but to the care and hospitality of the authorities in Holland. Naturally they are delighted to be in old England again and will look back on their term of captivity, and the usual accompanying hardships and indignities to which they have been subject, with feelings that will not tend to create a bond of union with their erstwhile gaolers.

Second Bar to Military Medal for Langcliffe Private.

Pte. F. Whaites, M.M., Royal West Kent Regiment, whose parents live at Ellwood Cottages, Langcliffe, Settle, has been awarded a Second Bar to his Military Medal. The following appears on a Card of Appreciation received from his Commanding Officer:—"I wish to place on record my appreciation of your great courage, determination, and utter disregard of danger that you displayed near Comines on Sept. 29th, 1918. Whilst acting as company runner you were badly wounded but you succeeded in delivering your message. —Sydney Lawford, Mayor-General, Commanding 41st Division."

SETTLE.

FIRST SETTLE LAD TO WIN THE MILITARY CROSS.

Second-Lieutenant Charles Parker, one of the four soldier sons of Mr James Parker, relieving officer, Settle, has been awarded the Military Cross for boldness and initiative in leading his men on the 26th August. Lieut. Parker enlisted at Settle and joined the 1/6th West Riding Regiment at Riby in September 1914, going out to France in April, 1915, and has served over three years in the trenches. The following is the official report:—"Seeing that the enemy flank was being threatened by the advance of another unit he and another Officer led the Company in a frontal attack against the enemy position, capturing over 100 prisoners and several machine guns. He then led another attack and established a forward position and later led his platoon against an enemy machine gun and silenced it, capturing three prisoners. His boldness and initiative throughout were a splendid example to his men."

Dec 1918

Military Honours.—Second-Lieutenant Charles Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, of Settle, had the honour of receiving the Medal from the King (which he recently won for good work in France) at a Military Investiture held at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last. —Bombardier James Walker Parker, brother of the above, of the 103rd Seige Battery, has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for good work, especially on the 21st and 22nd March 1918.

Sad Death of a V.A.D. Worker. — The funeral took place on Saturday at Settle Parish Church of Miss Doris Procter, youngest daughter of Mr. James Procter, tailor, Settle, amid many signs of deepest sympathy for the bereaved parents and relatives of deceased. Miss Procter, who was only 26 years of age, volunteered for V.A.D. service on the outbreak of war, being the first to do so from Settle, and was called up in the April following, and had been serving up to the time of her death, which occurred at the Base Military Hospital, Leicester, where she had been doing duty for some time, the cause of death being pneumonia following influenza. She had only a very short time previously returned to duty, after being on leave for several weeks. The funeral was largely attended, the St. John Ambulance, of which she was a member, following the corpse, and also the majority of the local soldiers who were on leave from France and the home camps. Many wreaths were sent, among which was one from the nurses and matron at the hospital, one from the officer patients, another from the staff. Much sympathy was extended to Mr. Procter and family in their sad bereavement, which is more distressing because it follows close upon the heels of a previous bereavement in the loss of a son killed in action, and which was announced in our issue of a few weeks ago.

PERSONAL.

TO RETURNED PRISONERS OF WAR AND OTHERS.

MRS. H. DICKINSON, of 3, Well Hill, Settle, would be glad of any information regarding PRIVATE ERNEST DICKINSON, No. 265650 1st 7th Luke of Wellington's Regt. (late of the 1st 6th), reported missing on the 29th April, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern.—Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, East View, Settle, will be most grateful of information of their son, Private Harry Bullock, 50016, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Platoon, Lancashire Fusiliers, B.E.F., France, who was reported missing on the 28th of March, 1918. Any prisoners returning home may be able to give them some news of their son. We hope the anxious parents will be successful.

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GIGGLESWICK.

Returned Prisoner of War.—Some excitement and jubilation was aroused in Giggleswick on Saturday night when it became known that Private J. Walsh, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for over four years, had unexpectedly returned home. Arrangements were quickly put in hand and the returned hero was driven to the village in a landau and met on the outskirts by the Giggleswick Band, who played him round the village. A stoppage was made at the local cross, where a few short speeches in reference to the occasion were made by local individuals. Private Walsh, who appeared to be in good health considering his long term of captivity with its attendant hardships, acknowledged the reception accorded to him.

Xmas Parcels.—Under the auspices of the Forget-Me-Not Club a successful dance was held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, realising £9 14s. 2d. for the Soldiers' Xmas Parcels Fund.

M.C. For Captain Fearn.—We are pleased to report that Capt. C. A. Fearn, K.O.Y.L.I., of 67 Bradford Road N., Huddersfield, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fearn, Station House, Settle, has been awarded the Military Cross for splendid work near Avesnes-le-Sec. Capt. Fearn was, prior to the war, on the staff of the Bradford District Bank. He joined the Artists' Rifles O.T.C. in December 1916, and went out to France as a Sec.-Lieut. in October 1917. He returned to England in October, 1918, slightly wounded and gassed. His younger brother, Pte. B. H. Fearn, has been in the Army since December, 1914, and in France since April, 1915, with the Royal Engineers, and at present is in Germany with the Army of Occupation.

Settle's First War Memorial.—The first public memorial to the Settle soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the Great War has been erected at the Catholic Church by the congregation. It takes the form of two massive carved stone statues representing "Our Lady" and St. Michael, placed on pillars at each side of the gateway entrance to the church, each having an inscription underneath, that of "Our Lady" reading "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead," and that of St. Michael "Remember the victims of the Great War 1918, R.I.P." The statues are veritable works of art and were executed by the well-known art firm of Wall & Co., of Cheltenham, and are representative of "Our Lady" as patroness of England and St. Michael as patron of the Army and Flying Corps. The statues are 6ft. 6in. in height (one weighing nearly a ton), and are prominent objects for some distance from the church. Space has been left to insert the names of all the heroes of the district who have made the great sacrifice, irrespective of creed.

Stranded Soldiers' Scheme.—A meeting was held on Wednesday of last week of the Settle motorists who have been voluntarily conveying soldiers and sailors to and from Hellifield. The scheme has been worked for the last two years by Messrs. W. A. Stuart, R. Moore, A. Stockil, W. W. Thornber, J. Hunt, J. Andrews, A. Warren, and J. Metcalfe, all of whom were present, with Mr. W. W. Thornber in the chair and Mr. W. F. Clark, hon. sec. It was unanimously agreed to carry on the work so long as necessary, but in future the 2-58 and 3-20 a.m. trains at Hellifield will only be met on Sunday mornings and not during the week as hitherto. It was also agreed not to convey soldiers and sailors to Hellifield to join these trains for Scotland. It was decided to continue the working arrangement with Skipton, whereby soldiers from Settle, Clapham and Ingleton districts stranded at Skipton are conveyed by that organisation to Hellifield and transferred to the Settle Scheme. The 9-20 and 9-35 trains will be met at Hellifield when required. It is necessary to remind soldiers that they should endeavour to send a wire home or to Clark and Son, Market Place, Settle, to ensure a motor meeting them promptly. If unable to send a wire, the Railway officials should be interviewed immediately on arrival at Hellifield and they will arrange for a motor. The Hon. Sec. intimated that Mr. Claude Barton, who has done excellent work for the past twelve months, was willing to continue to convey soldiers for Clapham and Austwick and that the present arrangement with Ingleton would be continued. The Hon. Sec. stated that since the Scheme was inaugurated the members had made over 200 journeys from Settle to Hellifield and back, or about 2,500 miles run. During the year several soldiers stranded at Hellifield have been conveyed to Settle and lodged for the night at the expense of the local Relief Committee. The homes of these men have been outside the Settle district and they have proceeded home by motor or train next morning. The meeting recorded its thanks to the Railway officials at Hellifield and Settle for their great assistance, also to the Organizer of the Skipton Scheme (the Editor of the "Craven Herald") for the trouble involved in sending Settle and district men to Hellifield, and noted with regret the difficulty he had experienced in obtaining sufficient motorists at Skipton.

GIGGLESWICK PRISONERS OF WAR.

In order to celebrate the home-coming of the Giggleswick Prisoners of War, it is proposed to hold a

Public Festival

at an early date.

Contributions are asked for, as early as possible, in order to facilitate arrangements for carrying out the project.

Contributions may be sent to

Mrs. ROBINSON,
Post Office,
Giggleswick.

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D.S.O. for Captain Geldard.—In Monday's "Times" the following notice appeared among the list of brave deeds:—"Captain N. Geldard, M.C., 6th Battalion (attd. 2/14th Bn.), West Riding Regiment (T.F.).—For conspicuous gallantry during an attack when he continually went along the front line, showing the highest courage and skill in directing operations and in keeping in touch with the situation. Although meeting with strong opposition, the operations were successful, and over 150 prisoners taken. His leadership throughout was splendid, and his example kept the morale of his men in a very high state. He was severely wounded." Captain Geldard, who soon recovered from the wounds in the battle in question, on August 25th last, was also mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig on December 28th. He is the son of Mrs. Geldard, of Capplside, Settle, and we congratulate him on the distinction conferred upon him.

Italian Honours for a Settle Officer.

Captain W. F. Clarke, D.A.P.M. (son of Mrs. Clarke, of High Hill Grove, Settle), has been awarded and has permission to wear the Italian medal "The Crown of Italy." Recently Capt. Clarke with the help of other officers and N.C.O.'s organised and produced a revue entitled "The Victory" in the Theatre Comunale Faenza, and it proved a great success. An extract from "Rest Carlino," a Bologna paper, concluded the report of the revue as follows:—"The revue came to an end with tumultuous cheering for the clever Capt. Clarke, the organiser, to whom all thanks will be extended by the people in whose aid the show was given."

Mr. C. A. Milford, recently released from active service, has resumed his duties as clerk to the local education sub-committee, and has also been appointed pensions enquiry officer for the Unions of Settle, Sedbergh and Bowland.

Whist Drive for Gifts to Local Soldiers.—A cheque for £14 3s. has been handed to Mr. G. K. Charlesworth, the treasurer of the Soldiers and Sailors' Christmas Parcels Fund, as the result of a whist drive organised by Miss Wray and held in the Victoria Hall, Settle, on Wednesday, January 15th. The date originally fixed was Wednesday, November 13th, 1918, but this proved to be unsuitable owing to the recent epidemic of influenza. The postponement fortunately did not affect the attendance unfavourably, for the hall was filled to its utmost capacity and the players appeared to thoroughly enjoy the provision made for their recreation. The prizes were contributed by local ladies and gentlemen and were presented to the winners by Miss Wray. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. John Moore, a member of the Christmas gifts committee and one of the most enthusiastic supporters and willing helpers of every local war undertaking, included Miss Wray, the donors of the prizes, and the teaching staff of the National School. The many efforts organised by Miss Wray for our sailors and soldiers and for various war charities were spoken of with manifest appreciation, and the willing and capable help given by the National school teachers in the large amount of work involved by the activities of the committee of the Christmas Parcels Fund received grateful recognition. A most interesting statement was made with regard to the scope of the efforts of the Committee, which extended to the men on service from the parishes of Settle, Giggleswick, Langcliffe, Stainforth, Kirkby Malham and Horton-in-Ribblesdale. The statistics given were:—Officers 26, men on service in France 168, men in other parts of the world 5, men now serving in England who have served abroad 103, sailors 19, prisoners of war 13, men in England 80, nurses 8, total 468. In addition to these 23 men remained to be dealt with by the Committee, making a grand total of 491. The presents for Christmas, 1918, had for convenience, Mr. Moore said, been sent in money, and 341 men abroad or having served abroad had received each 17s. 6d., 13 prisoners of war 32s. 6d. each, 80 men serving in England 12s. 6d. each, 26 officers a pipe each, 7 nurses on foreign service 17s. 6d. each, and one nurse at home 12s. 6d. The estimated cost of the above was £400, and since 1914 the total cost of Christmas gifts sent to those serving their country was £1,400. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried with acclamation.

GIGGLESWICK PRISONERS OF WAR.

To welcome home the repatriated Prisoners of War,

A PUBLIC CONCERT & DANCE

(For Adults), to commence at 7 p.m., will be held on

Friday, January 31st, 1919,

In the PROVIDED SCHOOL.

A Presentation

Will be made to the Prisoners of War, during the course
of the Concert, by

LIEUT.-COL. BIRKBECK.

THE CHAIR WILL BE TAKEN BY

A. BARRAN, Esq., J.P.

A TEA-PARTY for Children

(Only) will be held on the following day,

Saturday, February 1st, 1919,

At 4 p.m., in the Provided School.

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Giggleswick Prisoners Welcomed Home.

To welcome home the repatriated prisoners of war of Giggleswick, a concert and dance were held on Friday evening, and a tea-party on Saturday, to which the children and the old folk of the village were invited, to meet the prisoners of war. During the concert on Friday, Mr. T. Barran, J.P., of Holly Bank (chairman), after a short speech, called upon Lieut.-Col. Birkbeck, of Carrholme, to make a presentation to each of the four prisoners of war, Pte. J. Walsh, Pte. R. Cresswell, Pte. P. Silverwood, and Pte. F. Threlfall, of a salver engraved with a suitable inscription. Col. Birkbeck expressed his interest from boyhood in the village and his pleasure in being asked to present what would always be interesting souvenirs. The Chairman, on behalf of the prisoners of war, thanked the villagers for their evident sense of gratitude and hearty welcome home.—The concert was exceptionally good, the artistes being Mrs. Francis (whose monologue and quaint humorous stories caused great amusement), Miss Jean Bell, Miss B. Leaworthy, Miss Graham, Mr. T. Butler, Mr. H. Edmondson, and Lieut. H. L. Hopkin. Mr. S. H. Francis accompanied. Messrs. A. Graham, A. Horner, and B. Patterson played for dancing, there being a crowded attendance.

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TO THE PARISH OF GIGGLESWICK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That a

PUBLIC MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

PROVIDED SCHOOL, GIGGLESWICK,

On Thursday, the 16th day of January, 1919,

AT 7-30 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THE MEETING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1). To consider the form of Public Welcome to be accorded to the returned Prisoners of War of Giggleswick.
- (2). To elect a Committee to carry out any arrangements that may be made.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1919.

JAMES

HODGSON,

Chairman of the Parish Council of Giggleswick.

SETTLE PARISH CHURCH.

**THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th,

At 7.30 p.m.

Edmondson & Wilson, Printers, Station Road, Settle.

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