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Two Gallant Life-boat Rescues.

DURING the last days of 1917 the Clacton-on-Sea and Walton-on-Naze Life-boats performed two splendid services, well worthy of the traditions of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, and resulting in the rescue of no less than 115 lives, and this at considerable risk, as both the Life-boats were damaged.

Shortly before midnight on the 27th-28th December the Coastguard at Clacton-on-Sea reported that he had received a message stating that a Swedish steamer was ashore on the Longsand, and asking that the Clacton Life-boat, *Albert Edward*, should be at once dispatched to her assistance. The crew were promptly summoned, and the boat, with her full complement of crew, cleared the pier punctually on the stroke of midnight. It was subsequently found that the Swedish steamer *Iris*, bound from Gothenburg to Rouen, had stranded on the Sands, and, when the Life-boat reached her, she had 11 ft. of water in her engine-room, and Coxswain Grigson realised that it would be hopeless to try to refloat her.

The weather was bitterly cold, with snow squalls and a very rough sea, and the wind was blowing a strong gale from the E. The Coxswain boarded the vessel and told the Master that he thought there would be no chance of saving her, and therefore suggested that the crew should be taken off without delay. The Master, however, declined to leave, stating that he had sent for a salvage-boat to pump the vessel out. The Life-boat therefore lay off near at hand. But during the day the weather gradually became worse and worse, and it was not until the seas were washing the vessel fore and aft that the Captain reluctantly decided to leave the wreck. Signals were shown, and the Life-boat at once proceeded

alongside. The work of rescue was effected with great difficulty and danger, the crew of the vessel being obliged to jump into the boat as opportunity offered; and the Hon. Secretary, in reporting the case, stated that he considered the service a grand piece of work. The Life-boat arrived back at Clacton at about 11.30 P.M. on the 28th, both the rescuers and the rescued being numbed and well-nigh frozen from their long exposure of 24 hours' in the icy-cold weather.

To mark their appreciation of the gallantry of the crew of the Clacton boat on this occasion, the Committee of Management granted the Third Silver Service Clasp to the Coxswain, George J. Grigson, and the Bronze Medal of the Institution to the Second Coxswain, Jesse Salmon. In addition they granted to these men, and to each of the men of the crew, an extra monetary reward.

In the case of the Walton rescue, the Life-boat *James Stevens No. 14* was called out at 10.30 P.M. on the 29th December, a telephone message having reported that the s.s. *Peregrine* was ashore on the Longsand with about 60 passengers on board, and that she required immediate assistance. The weather was thick with sleet and rain, and an E. by N. gale was blowing when the crew of the Life-boat assembled. A tempestuous sea was running, which broke incessantly over the boat, and by the time the *James Stevens* had reached the Inner Sands every member of the crew, in spite of his oilskins, was soaked to the skin. From the original message the Coxswain, William Hammond, had learnt that the vessel was on the N.E. part of the Longsand, but it required very long and careful search to locate the vessel. At one time a flare was seen and the boat proceeded in its direction, but

nothing could be found. She then worked carefully down along the Sand, and at last discovered the wreck. Heavy seas were breaking over the vessel, and six attempts were made before the Life-boat succeeded in getting alongside. It was found that she was the *Peregrine*, of London; a steamer of about 780 tons register belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, and on her way from Rotterdam to London with a general cargo, and having on board 59 passengers, as well as a crew of 33 hands.

The vessel lay on the Sands at the mercy of wind and seas. All the boats had been washed away with the exception of one, and this one they were unable to launch.

When the Life-boat arrived it was seen that the vessel was in a hopeless condition, and as soon as the Captain informed the Coxswain that there were passengers on board the latter suggested that they should at once be removed by the Life-boat and transferred to a Patrol vessel which had come to their assistance, but which was, of course, unable to approach the wreck. The whole of the passengers, 59 in number, mostly women and children, together with the Chief Steward, were taken into the Life-boat—a most difficult operation in the heavy seas and the intense darkness. The work was, however, successfully accomplished without mishap, and as soon as possible the shipwrecked passengers were transferred to the Patrol-boat.

Thereupon the *James Stevens* immediately returned to the steamer, which had, meanwhile, become a total wreck, having broken her back and parted amidships. The boat could not get near until the tide flowed, but as soon as there was sufficient water the boat, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in taking off all those who still remained on board. While carrying out this difficult task the Life-boat was stove in and otherwise damaged. The work of rescue occupied the Life-boatmen throughout the night, and the boat started for home at about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 30th December.

According to a newspaper account, information that the boat was returning "had caused a large crowd of people to assemble in order to cheer the incoming

men. Immediately on their landing three of the heartiest cheers were vociferously given by the rescued crew for their gallant rescuers." Dry clothing was promptly supplied, and accommodation found for all the shipwrecked men. Among the passengers on the *Peregrine* were Belgians, French and Italians.

In recognition of the gallantry and great skill displayed in extremely bad weather, the Committee granted the Silver Medal of the Institution to William Hammond, and the Bronze Medal of the Institution to the Second Coxswain, John C. Byford. They also granted these men and each of the other members of the crew an additional monetary reward.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that at the time of the rescue Captain W. N. Braithwaite, the Master of the steamer, expressed his and his crew's gratitude for the splendid services rendered to them and for the gallantry shown; and very shortly afterwards the following letter was received from him:—

220, Merton Road,

Wimbledon, S.W. 19.

January 8th, 1918.

To Mr. W. HAMMOND, Coxswain,
Walton-on-Naze Life-boat.

DEAR FRIEND,

I presume I may take the liberty of addressing you thus, after all you did for myself and crew on December 30th. We were all very grateful, I can assure you, and, as seamen, could not but admire the easy and skilful way in which you handled your craft, under conditions which, to most of us, appeared highly dangerous.

My wife and children are all longing to see you and your gallant crew, who so bravely came to our assistance; and I have already promised that, if it is in any way possible that we shall come to Walton next summer, when they will be able to thank you in person.

I have mentioned your actions to our owners in my report of the wreck, and I expect they will write to the Society about it. I have also written to Mr. Greenwood, the Secretary, enclosing a small cheque which the officers and crew, also my wife and children, wish to be shared amongst yourself and crew,

as a small token of gratitude for all you did for us on December 30th.

I am pleased to say I am little the worse for my experience—I mean in health ; but it has caused me an awful lot of worry and work, which I am only now beginning to get over, but had it not been for your timely aid, I am afraid I would not have had anything to worry about. Please now accept the heartfelt thanks of myself, wife and children, which we all hope to be able to deliver in person next summer.

Believe me to be,

Yours very gratefully,

W. N. BRAITHWAITE,

Master of s.s. *Peregrine*.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty also wrote, stating that they considered that great credit was due to the Coxswain and crew for their gallant and successful action, and asking that an expression of their Lordships' appreciation might be conveyed to the men accordingly. It is particularly pleasant to be able to add that the owners of the steamer, the General Steam Navigation Co., also recognized the work of the Life-boatmen by a grant of money to be divided among the crew ; and the Consul General for Belgium wrote expressing the thanks of the Belgian passengers who were saved.

Pensions for Widows and Orphans.

As our readers are aware, it has been the practice of the Institution, from its earliest days, to make substantial grants to the widows and children of the gallant men who have lost their lives "on active service" in the cause of humanity, that is, while carrying out their heroic task in trying to save the lives of those in peril on the sea. The grants made have, however, taken the form of a lump-sum payment to the widow, with additional sums in respect of each dependent child. In most cases, these grants have been handsomely supplemented by the generosity of the public, and the system has, on the whole, worked successfully.

There have, however, been drawbacks. On the one hand, the system of paying a sum down is liable to lead to a rapid, and perhaps unwise, expenditure. Moreover, it is undoubtedly the fact that the generosity of the public is exceptionally stirred by exceptional disasters, and that the Fund resulting, in the case of minor disasters, is apt to be disproportionately small relatively to the amount which is forthcoming in connexion with great disasters.

The Committee have therefore decided to establish a Pension Scheme, under which the widows and children of Life-boatmen losing their lives on service will receive a definite weekly sum, and the scale which has been adopted is that of the new Royal Warrant which

governs the case of N.C.O.s and men of the Naval and Military Forces of the Crown. Thus the widow of a Coxswain will receive a pension corresponding to that of a Non-Commissioned Officer of a certain grade, the widow of a second Coxswain will receive a pension corresponding to a lower grade of N.C.O., and the widow of an ordinary member of the crew will receive the same pension as the widow of a private. Dependent children (girls under 16, and boys under 14) will receive a pension of 2s. 6d. per week.

Thus the Institution will have laid down a scheme corresponding in its provisions with that which has now been made by the Nation itself, in the midst of the tremendous conflict in which we are engaged, and, as is well known, this scheme is on a much more generous scale than that of the Royal Warrant of 1914.

In taking this step, which is, of course, not retrospective, but dates from the 1st January, 1918, the Committee of Management feel sure that they will have the support and sympathy of the public, and especially of subscribers to the Institution. For such provision treats the gallant men who form the crews of the Life-boats as men who are risking their lives for humanity itself, and accords to them the same advantages as are offered to the men who lose their lives in defence of King and Country.

The Committee of Management feel, also, that the establishment of this scheme will afford further encouragement to these men, who, when they take their lives in their hands and face the fury of the storm, will know that, whatever befalls them, their wives and children are provided for.

Wicklow.

ON the 29th August the s.s. *Lynburn*, of Workington, while bound from Cork to Whitehaven with a cargo of timber, struck a mine in the vicinity of the North Arklow Light Vessel. The Wicklow Motor Life-boat immediately proceeded to the assistance of those on board, but no trace could be found of either boat or wreckage. The Coxswain, Edward Byrne, proceeded to make a search, and, after proceeding about six miles, came upon a great quantity of wreckage, and eventually found a small raft, constructed out of a few spars lashed together, on which were three men.

The men were taken into the boat, and when the Coxswain had satisfied himself that there were no more survivors, the boat returned to Wicklow. A moderate W.N.W. gale was blowing at the time of the service, and the sea was heavy.

Some of the men of the wrecked vessel belonged to Moelfre, in Anglesey, and during September the following letter was received at Wicklow :—

Moelfre, Anglesey, North Wales.
September 15th, 1917.
To the Captain and Crew
of Wicklow Life-boat.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In the crowded meeting which was held in the Congregational Chapel in this place, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to you all for your courage, pluck, and devotion to duty, when trying to save the crew of the s.s. *Lynburn* on August 29th. You have succeeded to rescue three lives, two of whom (the captain and mate) are natives of this village, and members of this church. These two are continually praising your courage and kindness, stating that you continued (after taking them to the boat) to search for more of the shipwrecked crew, until the Captain of the *Lynburn* persuaded you to "give up." These villagers should like to meet you all.

And I, personally, thank you all.
Yours respectfully,
(Rev.) H. R. CADWALADR.

Book Review.

SIR CHARLES W. MACARA, BART.
W. Haslam Mills. 6s.

This book is a record of a life of marvellous activity and manifold interests. Few men, even in that hive of commerce and industry the county of Lancashire, have made a greater mark, especially in the wider sphere of industry, than Sir Charles Macara.

The present "sketch of modern Lancashire," written by one who has evidently taken the keenest zest in writing it, has a special interest for the Institution, since it gives a clear and detailed account of Sir Charles Macara's association with the "Life-boat Saturday Fund," of which he was the founder.

Having retired to St. Anne's-on-Sea,

in 1884, as a means of finding some rest from the storm and stress of industrial life, Sir Charles was drawn into close association with the seamen and fishermen of this little spot. The association ripened into warm sympathy and friendship, and this was clinched by the deep impression made upon Sir Charles Macara by the terrible Life-boat disaster which overwhelmed the Southport and St. Anne's Life-boats on the occasion of their launch to the German barque *Mexico* in December, 1886. With his customary energy Sir Charles threw himself into the business of raising a fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans, and in less than a fortnight £33,000 was raised, to which, it is

strange to add at a moment like the present, the German Emperor contributed £250.

This tragic event and its generous sequel led Sir Charles Macara to make a closer study of the financial position of the Life-boat service. He found that, although the Institution was the only society entrusted with this great national work, its income was far short of its expenditure; a fact which, as he saw, was essentially due to the lack of interest among the great mass of the public, who knew little about the Life-boats, and consequently did not feel the strength of the claim which they had on every inhabitant of these islands. To remedy this situation Sir Charles originated the Life-boat Saturday movement, "to get at the small change and the coppers," the first function of the kind being held in Manchester in 1891. The success was instantaneous, and a city which had been contributing a poor £200 a year raised £5,500 in a day. With such proof of the value of the popular appeal, the movement spread with great rapidity, Sir Charles remaining the prime mover in it until the headquarters were transferred to London in 1896, a step of which he disapproved, although the records show that the Fund in no way suffered by the change.

The Life-boat cause owes a very great debt to Sir Charles Macara for the results which have accrued to it through his having brought it home "to the business and bosoms of men" that they have, in this glorious national service, a form of activity of which they may well be proud, and which it is at once an honour and a duty to support. It may be noted, too, that the Institution has, through its ancillary organisation of the Life-boat Saturday

Fund, been the *pioneer* of all the street collections, flag days, and popular efforts which have raised such vast sums during the War, and which have, incidentally, become such formidable rivals to the Life-boat cause, which was the mother of them all. In 1910, as will be remembered, the Institution decided that, in the interests of economy and unity of organisation and control, the whole of the work of raising funds for the Life-boat service should be done by the Institution itself, and the Life-boat Saturday Fund was wound-up. Nor can there be any doubt that this measure was as sound in principle as it has proved beneficial in practice. But no worker in the Life-boat cause is likely to underestimate the great debt which it owes, not only to Sir Charles Macara, Sir Johnstone Wallace, Major D. McBride, and other prominent leaders of the Life-boat Saturday movement, but to the thousands of men and women who worked so earnestly for it up to 1910, and who have given unstinting and generous support to the Institution year by year since that date.

At the present moment it is safe to say that interest in the Life-boat cause is deeper and more wide-spread than at any previous period; and this in spite of the innumerable charities which the War has brought in its train. For the events of the terrible conflict in which we are engaged have brought home to an ever-widening circle the great debt which the people of our maritime race owe to the Life-boat service. It must be a comforting thought to Sir Charles Macara that he has played no inconsiderable part in arousing this interest and stimulating public generosity.

Summary of the Meetings of the Committee of Management.

Friday, 6th July, 1917.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL WALDEGRAVE, P.C., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Stations:—

Northern District.—Blyth, Cresswell, Alnmouth, Boulmer, Hauxley, North Sunderland, Berwick-on-Tweed, Eyemouth, Skateraw, Dunbar, North Berwick, Buckhaven, Anstruther, Crail, St. Andrews, Arbroath, Montrose Nos. 1 and 2, Johnshaven, Gourdon, and Stonehaven.

Southern District.—Kingsdowne, North Deal, Worthing.

Eastern District.—Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Uppang, Mablethorpe, Donna Hook, Skegness, Grimsby Dock, Easington, Spurn, Hornsea, Bridlington, Flamborough, Filey, Scarborough, Palling, Pakefield, Southwold, Brancaster, Aldeburgh, Hasborough.

Irish District.—Greencastle, Aranmore, Donaghadee, Cloughy, Newcastle (Co. Down), Lackrock, Greenore, Clogher Head, Drogheda.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

Reported the receipt of the following special contributions since the previous meeting:—

	£.	s.	d.
Anonymous, from Bath	2,000	-	-
Mr. JOÃO F. WRIGHT, of Santos, Brazil	20	-	-

—To be thanked.

Specially recognized the good services, extending over many years, of the Rev. JAMES FAIRBROTHER, on his resignation from the post of Hon. Secretary of the Hauxley Branch.

Paid £7,581 2s. 2d. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £56 14s. 6d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Moelfre	A small boat	3
St. Agnes	Barque <i>Jeanne Cor-</i> <i>donnier</i> , of Havre	19
Salcombe	S.S. <i>Teesdale</i>	23
Wexford	Smack <i>William and</i> <i>Michael</i>	3

Also voted £78 15s. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Brixham, Hasborough, Moelfre, Mumbles, Newbiggin, St. Agnes, Salcombe, Sennen Cove.

Voted £3 to eight men for putting off in a boat and rescuing seven men from a fishing yawl, which was capsized near Inver, Co. Donegal, on the 21st May. When the boat capsized all the men were thrown into the

water, and the salvors incurred some risk in effecting their rescue. Also granted 5s. to a woman who ran some distance into the village to give the alarm.

Granted £1 to two men for saving twelve men off Boulmer, on the 22nd June. The rescued men belonged to a Swedish vessel which had been torpedoed many hours previously. When picked up by the salvors they were in a very exhausted condition.

Voted £6 to twelve men for saving sixteen men from the s.s. *Auriac*, of Leith, which was lost off St. Abbs on the 23rd April. Also sent a special letter of thanks to Dr. CALDER for his services on this occasion.

Friday, 27th July, 1917.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL WALDEGRAVE, P.C., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Stations:—

Northern District.—Whitehaven and Maryport.

Southern District.—Margate.

Eastern District.—Gorleston, Yarmouth, Hunstanton, Wells, Winterton, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Whitburn, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Seaton Carew, Redcar, Staithes, Runswick and Saltburn.

Western District.—Barry Dock, Aberystwyth, Fleetwood, Lytham, St. Anne's, Blackpool, Piel (Barrow), Southport and Ramsey.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

Appointed Mr. P. S. FARRANT, Assistant District Organizing Secretary, as Acting Organizing Secretary for Greater London.

Reported the receipt of the following special contributions:—

	£.	s.	d.
Anonymous (towards the cost of a motor-boat). On account	500	-	-
LEO M. TORIN, Esq.	25	-	-

—To be thanked.

Paid £7,770 11s. 6d. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £23 19s. 6d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Appledore	Schooner <i>Old Head of</i> <i>Kinsale</i> , of Kinsale	4
Cadgwith	S.S. <i>Bellucia</i> , of Glasgow	3

The Caister No. 2 Life-boat assisted to save the s.s. *City of Oxford* and her crew of 130 hands, and the Padstow Steam Tug rendered assistance to the s.s. *Rose Ann*, of Douglas, and saved the Ketch *Pentire*, of Lowestoft.

Also voted £80 11s. 3d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Bridlington, Clovelly, Eastbourne, Harwich, The Lizard, Newbiggin and Padstow No. 1.

Awarded the Thanks of the Institution on vellum to JOHN HAYLETT, Coxswain of the Caister No. 2 Life-boat, for a very fine service on the 8th July, which resulted in the saving of the s.s. *City of Oxford* and her crew of 130 hands in a heavy easterly gale.

Friday, 7th September, 1917.

Sir GODFREY BARING, Bart., M.P., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Life-boat Stations:—

Southern District.—Selsey, Newhaven, Hastings, Eastbourne, Brighton, Littlehampton, Campbeltown, Southend, Machrihanish, St. Abb's.

Eastern District.—Sheringham, Aldeburgh, Wells, Hasborough, Blakeney, Seaton Carew, Teesmouth, Seaham, Tynemouth, Cullercoats.

Western District.—Port Erin, Port St. Mary, Castletown, Peel, Douglas, Point of Ayr, Rhyl, Llanddulas, Llandudno, Rhoscollyn, Rhosneigr, Cemaes, Cemlyn, Bull Bay, Moelfre, Beaumaris, Porthdinllaen, Abersoch, Criccieth, Pwllheli, Barmouth, Aberdovey, Fishguard, Cardigan, New Quay (Card.), St. David's, Littlehaven, Tenby, Angle, Ferry-side, The Mumbles, Port Eynon, Weston-super-Mare, Burnham, Minehead, Watchet, Ilfracombe, Lynmouth, Clovelly, Appledore, Newquay (Corn.), Padstow, Port Isaac, Bude, and Hayle.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

Appointed Mrs. SYBIL DUNDAS Organizing Secretary for the S.E. District.

Reported the receipt of the following special contribution:—

The British Sailors' Relief Fund £. s. d.
of Canada 1,300 - -
—To be thanked.

Reported the death of Mr. J. W. HOWELL, for some years joint Hon. Secretary of the Hayling Island Branch.

Paid £8,906 2s. 7d. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £221 8s. 7d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Aranmore . .	S.S. <i>Comita</i> . Stood by vessel and landed 2.	
Aberystwith .	Fishing-boat <i>Sheila</i>	2

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Brighton . .	Lugger <i>The Emily</i> , of Shoreham	2
Caister No. 1 .	S.S. <i>Lumbetty</i> , of London. Stood by vessel.	
Hauxley . . .	S. Tug <i>Jack</i> , of London	26
Newbiggin . .	S.S. <i>Hornchurch</i> , of London	18
Newquay (Card.)	Punt <i>Albert</i>	2
" "	Fishing-boat <i>David and Jane</i>	2
North Deal . .	Ketch <i>Alma</i> , of Gravelines	5
Padstow No. 1	S.S. <i>Veightstrome</i> , of Liverpool. Landed 24.	
Redcar	S.S. <i>Teesdale</i> , of West Hartlepool.	22
Runswick . . .	S.S. <i>Vauland</i> , of Gothenburg. Landed 18.	
Wicklow	S.S. <i>Jynburn</i> , of Workington	3

The North Deal Life-boat assisted the s.s. *Stamboul*, of Christiania.

Also voted £252 6s. 10d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Appledore, Bridlington, Eastbourne, Flamborough No. 1, Flamborough No. 2, Filey, Hastings, Harwich, Hauxley, Lowestoft No. 2, Margate No. 2, North Deal, Ramsgate, Rye Harbour, St. Ives, Selsey, Bognor, St. Davids, Shoreham.

Ordered a special Letter of Thanks to be sent to Mrs. MAXWELL, Honorary Secretary of the Aranmore Branch, who, accompanied by her daughter, put off in a boat, manned by five fishermen, for the purpose of assisting the s.s. *Comita*, of Glasgow, on the 13th August. Mrs. MAXWELL landed three ladies and an injured man from the vessel.

Also sent a Letter of Thanks to Dr. RITCHIE, of Manchester, a visitor to Aranmore, who gave medical attention to the injured man when landed.

Granted an additional reward to the crew and helpers of the *Newbiggin Life-boat* for a good service on the 3rd August to the s.s. *Hornchurch*, of London.

Also an additional reward to the crew of the North Deal Life-boat for a good service on the 28th August, which resulted in the saving of the crew of the ketch *Alma*, of Gravelines, five in number.

Voted £2 10s. to five men for putting off in a coble and saving eight of the crew of the ss. *Ardans*, in the vicinity of Filey Brigg, in a strong westerly wind on the 18th August.

Voted £4 to four men for putting off in a motor-boat and, at some risk, saving one of the crew of a vessel in Waterford Harbour on the 12th July.

Voted £1 to four men for putting off in a boat and saving a man and a boy from a small boat which was drifting off Aberystwyth on the 12th August. The occupants of the boat when picked up were in a very exhausted condition, having been adrift for three days. A reward had already been received by the salvors locally.

Voted £1 10s. to the coxswain of the Life-boat and two other men at Kessingland for putting off in a boat and saving five soldiers who were being blown out to sea on the 25th August. The weather was squally, with a strong W.S.W. breeze, and, in the vicinity of the Barnard sands, towards which the boat was being rapidly driven, the sea was heavy. Also granted 5s. to two men who helped to launch the boat, and paid for the cost of petrol consumed, amounting to 2s.

Friday, 12th October, 1917.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL WALDEGRAVE, P.C., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Stations:—

Northern District.—Buckie, Cromarty, Balcary, Kirkcudbright, Whithorn, Port Patrick, Port Logan, Girvan, Ballantrae, Ayr, Troon, Ardrossan, Broughty Ferry.

Southern District.—Selsey and Bognor, Bembridge, Totland Bay, Brocke, Ryde, Hayling Island, Southsea, Coverack, The Lizard, Porthoustock, Cadgwith, Porthleven, Falmouth, Mevagissey, Plymouth, Looe, Polkeris, Yealm River.

Eastern District.—Cromer, Aldeburgh, Sheringham.

Western District.—Holyhead, Hoylake, Hilbre Island, New Brighton, Formby, St. Ives, Sennen Cove, St. Mary's, St. Agnes, Penlee (Penzance), Cemlyn, and Bull Bay.

Irish District.—Arklow, Courtown, Rosslare Harbour, Kilmore, Wexford, Dunmore East, Tramore, Fenit, Courtmacsherry, Queens-town, Ballycotton, Youghal, Helwick Head, Wicklow, Skerries.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

To report the receipt of the following special contributions since the previous meeting:—

The Rev. J. A. B. Cook (Collection through Singapore Free Press)	£. s. d.
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ISAAC MILNER, Esq.	50 - -

—To be thanked.

Awarded the Thanks of the Institution, on Vellum, to Mr. NATHANIEL DUXBURY, Hon. Secretary at Blackburn, on his resignation.

Paid £7,536 11s. 2d. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £112 11s. 8d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Arbroath . . .	Fishing-boat <i>Agnes and Betsy</i> , of Arbroath.	
	Stood by vessel.	

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives Saved.
Blakeney . . .	S.S. <i>Wearsider</i> , of Newcastle. Stood by vessel.	
Coverack . . .	S.S. <i>Thomas Krag</i> , of Norway. Stood by vessel.	
Flamborough No. 1	S.S. <i>Irongate</i> . Landed 2.	
Kessingland No. 1	Open boat <i>Cissy</i> . . .	6
Padstow No. 1	Schooner <i>Colleen</i> , of Kinsale	3
Sennen Cove . .	S.S. <i>Joanna</i> , of London. Landed 3.	
Wexford . . .	S.S. <i>William Midelton</i> . Rendered assistance.	
Whitburn . . .	Two fishing boats . . .	5

The Aldeburgh No. 1 Life-boat rendered assistance to the Barge *Knowles*, of Rochester; the Beaumaris Life-boat rendered assistance to the s.s. *Nikita*, of Plymouth; the Flamborough Nos. 1 and 2 assisted to save the s.s. *Grelfryda*, of Cardiff, and her crew of 38; and the Lowestoft Life-boat rendered assistance to the s.s. *Yewdale*, of Dundee. :

Also voted £390 9s. 3d. to pay expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Aberdovey, Arbroath, Broughty Ferry, Cadgwith, Clacton, Cromer, Flamborough No. 1, Flamborough No. 2, Hasborough, Kilmore, The Lizard, Mumbles, Port Isaac, Palling No. 1, Scarborough, Sennen Cove, Shoreham, and Swanage.

Voted £35 to men injured in the Life-boat service at Aranmore and Tynemouth.

Voted £4 10s. to nine men belonging to Inistrahull for putting off in a strong N.W. wind and landing the crew of the s.s. *Athenia* on the 16th August.

Voted £2 10s. to five men for putting off in a boat from Tremore Bay, Co. Donegal, on the 25th August, and saving the crew of eighteen men of the s.s. *Verdi*, of Liverpool. There was a heavy ground swell at the time, and the rescued men were in a very exhausted condition, their vessel having been torpedoed three days previously.

Voted £3 10s. to seven men for putting off on the 30th August to the assistance of an aeroplane, which had fallen into the sea. The occupant of the aeroplane was alive when picked up, and although he received first aid, he succumbed before he could be landed. Also sent Special Letters of Thanks to two gentlemen for their endeavours to resuscitate the unfortunate man.

Ordered a Letter of Thanks to be sent to the Rev. J. H. TRAVERS, Vicar of St. James' Church, Coventry, and to Mr. JONES, a Master Mariner, for assisting to save two persons who were endangered, owing to bad weather, when fishing off Porthdinllaen, on the 8th September. Also granted 5s. to another man who assisted in the rescue.

Voted £1 17s. 6d. to five men for saving a man from a small boat which was being driven out to sea in a westerly wind and rough sea, off Ballycotton, on the 13th September. Also granted 3s. 6d. to another man who assisted, and allowed 2s. to the owner of the boat used by the salvors, for repairs to his sail which was damaged.

Voted £2 and a Vellum Thanks to ROBERT COOK, one of the Life-boat crew, for saving the lives of some of the occupants of a small boat which capsized off Weymouth, on the 13th September. Cook was out in his boat with a visitor, and observed the other boat capsize. He proceeded at once to the spot, and found three people in the water, two men and a woman. He hauled the woman on board. Another boat coming to the rescue picked up the two men. Learning that another man was missing, Cook took his boat near the mast of the sunken boat, and was amazed to see the body of a man in a standing position under the water. A strong W. breeze was blowing, and at considerable risk of his boat being capsized, as his sails were standing, Cook raised the sunken boat by the sail sufficiently to release the man. He then hauled him on board, with the help of his passenger, and was able to restore him to consciousness.

Voted £2 10s. to five men for putting out in a boat and saving three persons who were drifting to sea off Bray, Co. Wicklow, on the 13th September. It was blowing a strong gale and, with a strong ebb tide, the occupants of the boat could make no headway towards the shore.

Friday, 19th October, 1917.

Sir GODFREY BARING, Bart., M.P., V.P., in the Chair.

Special meeting to consider a suggestion made to the Institution by the Admiralty.

Friday, 9th November, 1917.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL WALDEGRAVE, P.C., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Stations:—

Northern District.—Stornoway, Lossiemouth, Buckie, Ackergill, Wick, Huna, Longhope, Stromness, Thurso, Banff and Macduff, Fraserburgh.

Southern District.—Ramsgate, Salcombe, Hope Cove, Teignmouth, Torquay, Exmouth, Brixham and Paignton, Swanage, Lyme Regis, Poole and Bournemouth, Weymouth.

Eastern District.—Southwold, Pakefield, Walton-on-the-Naze, Clacton-on-Sea, Harwich.

Irish District.—Kingstown, Cloughey, Groomsport, Greenore, Newcastle, Portrush, Greencastle, Aranmore, Blackrock, Clogher Head, Drogheda, Howth, Poolbeg, Donaghadee.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

Appointed Mr. H. A. BRYDEN Organizing Secretary for the S.W. District for the period of the war; the appointment to date from the 1st January, 1918.

Reported the receipt of the following special contributions since the previous meeting:—

	£.	s.	d.
Mrs. J. E. GARDNER, of Worthing	60	-	-
Miss MATILDA J. SPENCER, of Corbridge-on-Tyne	25	-	-
ROBERT McCRAKEN, Esq.	50	-	-

—To be severally thanked.

Paid £7,213 4s. 11d. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £190 16s. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Appledore No. 1.	Schooner <i>Surprise</i>	1
Cloughey . . .	Schooner <i>Moses Parry</i> , of Dublin	10
Fleetwood . . .	Barque <i>Pittau</i> , of Riga	7
Gorleston No. 2.	Herring Drifter <i>Pursuit</i> , of Peterhead	9
Holyhead No. 2.	S.S. <i>The Viscount</i> , of Glasgow. Assisted vessel.	
Peel	—	21
Pwllheli	Smack <i>Winifreda</i> . Also rendering assistance to fishing boats.	1
Skateraw	— Rendered assistance.	
Thurso	A small fishing-boat	2

The Cloughey Life-boat stood by and assisted the schooner *Moses Parry*, of Dublin; the Southwold No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save the ketch *Fiducia* and two lives, and assisted to save ketch *William Grant*, of Grimsby, and three lives; and the St. Ives Life-boat saved the s.s. *Seapoint*, of London, and 15 of her crew.

Also voted £720 11s. 11d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Aranmore, Aldeburgh No. 1, Beaumaris, Blackrock, Buckie, Cadwith, Coverack, Clacton-on-Sea, Eastbourne, Flamborough No. 1, Flamborough No. 2, Ilfracombe, Kilmore, The Lizard, Llandudno, Mumbles, Newhaven, North Deal, Palling, Padstow, Peel, Penlee, Porthleven, Pwllheli, Runswick, Scarborough, St. Davids, Shoreham, Spurn, Teignmouth, Tynemouth, and Whitby.

Granted £28 16s. to men for injury in the Life-boat service at Lowestoft, Blackpool, and St. Ives.

Voted £4 5s. to five men for their services in putting off in boats and saving a man from a rowing-boat, which had been driven out to sea in the neighbourhood of Abersoch, on the 1st September. Also granted £2 17s. 6d. to defray the cost of repairing damage done to the rescuers' boats.

Voted £2 5s. to three men for putting off in a boat and saving one of the crew of the schooner *Surprise*, which was wrecked off Appledore, on the 4th October. The man attempted to swim ashore, and had it not been for the timely help of the men in the boat, he would, in all probability, have been drowned.

Voted £3 to six men for putting off in a boat from Aberdaron to the assistance of a boat belonging to the s.s. *Memphian*, of Liverpool. They found seven men in the boat in an exhausted condition, whom they brought into safety. A moderate gale was blowing at the time with a heavy sea.

Voted £12 to six of the Life-boatmen at Deal for putting off in a small boat, and, at some risk, saving six men from two lighters, which were driven ashore in a strong S.W. by S. gale and a heavy sea. Considerable difficulty was incurred in rescuing the men, and the service was a meritorious one. Also awarded £5 to ten other members of the Life-boat crew for their action on this occasion. In this case the vessels' anchors dragged, and when nearing the shore, the anchors fouled the Life-boat's haul-off warp, which made it impossible for the Life-boat to be launched.

Friday, 14th December, 1917.

Sir GODFREY BARING, Bart., M.P., V.P., in the Chair.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the Building, General Purposes, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees, and other special Sub-Committees, and ordered that their recommendations be carried into effect.

Read the reports of the District Inspectors on their visits to the following Stations:—

Northern District.—Peterhead Nos. 1 and 2; Port Erroll, Newburgh, Stonehaven, Gourdon, Johnshaven, Montrose Nos. 1 and 2, Arbroath, Broughty Ferry, Whitehaven, and Maryport.

Eastern District.—Wells and Southwold No. 1.

Southern District.—New Romney, Hythe, Folkestone, Rye Harbour, Dungeness Nos. 1 and 2, Hastings, North Deal, North Deal (Reserve), Kingsdowne, Margate Nos. 1 and 2, St. Peter Port, and St. Helier.

Irish District.—Fleetwood, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Anne's, Piel (Barrow), Donaghadee, and Southport.

Presented the reports of the District Organizing Secretaries on their visits to the Branches in their respective areas.

Reported the receipt of the following special contributions:—

	£.	s.	d.
Miss SUGDEN (new donation)	25	0	0
Messrs. BARNATO BROS. In memory of the late Mrs. KATE JOEL	250	0	0

—To be thanked.

Decided to institute a pension scheme for the widows and children of men who lose their lives when on service or exercise in the Life-boat.

Specially recognized the good services, extending over many years, of Mr. H. B. KENT, on his resignation of the post of Hon. Secretary of the New Brighton Branch.

Paid £10,384 9s. for sundry charges in connexion with the maintenance of the various Life-boat establishments.

Voted £422 10s. 11d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat services:—

Life-boat.	Vessel.	Lives saved.
Cromer	S.S. <i>Kronprinzessin Victoria</i> , of Hauge-sund	6
Cullercoats	S.S. <i>Butetown</i> , of Cardiff	24
Donaghadee	Schooner <i>Elizabeth Ellen Fisher</i> , of Fleetwood. Landed 4.	
Donaghadee	A steamer	16
Holyhead No. 2	Schooner <i>Carrie Bell</i> , of Lancaster	4
Holyhead No. 2	S.S. <i>Sea Serpent</i> , of Dover. Rendered assistance.	
Margate No. 1	Schooner <i>Harvey</i> , of Waterford	6
	Barge <i>Western Belle</i> , of London	3
Mevagissey	A steamer	22
North Deal	A vessel. Rendered assistance.	
Palling No. 1	Herring drifter <i>Peaceful</i> , of Lowestoft. Stood by vessel.	
Palling No. 2	Ketch <i>Frido</i> , of London	5
St. Ives	A steamer	34
Whitby No. 2	S.S. <i>Carlotta</i> , of Chevant. Stood by vessel and saved	19

Caister No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and 14 lives.

Voted £626 17s. 5d. to pay the expenses of the following Life-boat launches, assemblies of crews, etc., with the view of assisting persons on vessels in distress:—Aberystwith, Aldeburgh No. 1, Boulmer, Broughty Ferry, Bude, Cadgwith, Flamborough No. 2, Gorleston No. 1, Grimsby, Groomsport, Harwich (steam), Hornsea, Hythe, The Lizard, Mumbles, Palling Nos. 1 and 2, Port Logan, Rye Harbour, St. David's, Salcombe, Skateraw, Sennen Cove, Wells, Weston-super-Mare, Wicklow.

Reported that the President of the United States of America had awarded Gold Medals to JAMES PAX and WILLIAM G. SUTTON, Coxswain and Second Coxswain respectively of the Kingsdowne Life-boat, in recognition of the rescue of the crew of the s.s. *Siberia* on the 20th November, 1916.

Services of the Life-boats of the Institution during 1917.

("W" indicates War Service.)

1917.	Time of Launching.		Lives saved.
Jan. 1-2.	6.35 p.m.	S.S. <i>Lennox</i> , of Leith. Kilmore Life-boat saved	45
" 9.	11.44 a.m.	S.S. <i>Pyrin</i> , of Pyraeus. Cromer Life-boat saved	16
w ,, 9-10.	11.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Fernebo</i> , of Gothenburg. Cromer Life-boat saved	11
" 10.	1.30 a.m.	Schooner <i>Lottie</i> , of Radston. St. Ives Life-boat saved (and a dog.)	5
" 10.	10.30 p.m.	Barge <i>Alert</i> , of Ipswich. North Deal Life-boat saved	3
" 17.	8.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Edenwood</i> . Hasborough Life-boat saved	15
" 18.	1.45 p.m.	Twelve fishing cobles of Newbiggin. Newbiggin Life-boat stood by cobles.	
w ,, 22-23	6.18 a.m.	S.S. ——— Lynmouth Life-boat stood by vessel.	
" 27-28	1.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Eftichia Vergotti</i> . Brixham Life-boat saved vessel.	
w Feb. 13-	11.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>F. D. Lambert</i> , of Sunderland. Eastbourne No. 2 Life-boat landed 4.	
" 14.			
w ,, 16.	10.20 a.m.	S.S. <i>Ville de Bayonne</i> , of La Rochelle. Clovelly Life-boat saved	20
" 20.	10.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Lady Plymouth</i> , of Cardiff. Port St. Mary Life-boat landed 26.	
w ,, 20.	2.45 p.m.	——— Sennen Cove Life-boat saved vessel and	1
w ,, 20.	8.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Braeside</i> , of Sunderland. Whitby No. 2 Life-boat assisted to save vessel.	
" 20-21.	9.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Leysian</i> , of Liverpool. Fishguard Motor Life-boat landed 39.	
w ,, 21-22.	7.45 p.m.	S.S. ——— Spurn Life-boat rendered assistance.	
w ,, 23.	7.10 a.m.	Seven Dutch and 1 Norwegian steamers. St. Agnes Life-boat assisted to save 3 boats and	47
" 25.	5.45 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>Cetus</i> , of Boston. Filey Life-boat stood by vessel.	
" 25.	11.45 a.m.	Ketch <i>Mientje</i> , of London. Brooke Life-boat landed 5.	
w Mch. 1.	3.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Appollonia</i> , of Palermo. Flamborough No. 1 Life-boat saved	5
w ,, 1.		" " " " " No. 2 Life-boat saved	3
" 3.	7.40 a.m.	Ketch <i>Boaz</i> , of Ipswich. Poole Life-boat rendered assistance.	
" 5.	11.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Lady Plymouth</i> , of Cardiff. Port St. Mary Life-boat saved	36
w ,, 6.	3.30 p.m.	A barge. North Deal Life-boat saved	3
" 6-7.	12.30 p.m.	Schooner <i>Livlig</i> , of Norway. Eyemouth Life-boat saved	7
" 7.	6.10 p.m.	Schooner <i>Carry Harvey</i> , of Plymouth. Clovelly Life-boat saved	5
w ,, 10.	11. - a.m.	Lightship off Folkestone Harbour. Folkestone Life-boat stood by and rendered assistance.	
w ,, 13.	8.10 a.m.	S.S. <i>Algonquin</i> , of New York. St. Agnes Life-boat landed 26.	
w ,, 16.	4.30 p.m.	——— Caister No. 1 Life-boat stood by and assisted vessel.	

1917.	Time of Launching.		Lives saved.
w Mch. 22.	3. - p.m.	Boat of S.S. <i>Egenacs</i> , of Stavanger. Montrose No. 1 Life-boat saved	7
„ 23.	4.20 a.m.	S.S. <i>Mexico</i> , of Liverpool. Eastbourne No. 2 Life-boat stood by vessel.	
w „ 29.	2. 5 p.m.	Boat of S.S. <i>Wychwood</i> . Wicklow Life-boat landed 18.	
Apl. 2.	11. - a.m.	Ketch <i>Mazeppa</i> , of Harwich. Hythe Life-boat saved	2
„ 2.	11.20 a.m.	Three motor fishing-boats. Bridlington Life-boat remained in attendance.	
w „ 2.	3 - a.m.	S.S. <i>Tregarth</i> , of Liverpool, and S.S. <i>Boscastle</i> , of W. Hartlepool. Peterhead No. 2 Life-boat saved.	26
„ 3.	3 - a.m.	Trawler <i>Lucerne</i> , of Grimsby. Staithes Life-boat rescued	11
w „ 3.	12 noon.	S.S. <i>Boscastle</i> , of W. Hartlepool. Peterhead No. 2 Life-boat saved	15
„ 9-10.	8 - a.m.	Schooner <i>Perseverance</i> . Wexford Life-boat saved (and a cat.)	4
„ 11.	2.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>West Wales</i> , of Cardiff. Penlee Life-boat assisted to save vessel.	
„ 11.	9 - p.m.	Motor-boat <i>Aurora</i> . Montrose No. 1 Life-boat rescued	7
„ 13.	3.45 p.m.	A Lowestoft smack. Caister No. 1 Life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 19-20.	9.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Polyktor</i> , of Ithaca, Greece. Sennen Cove Life-boat rescued	29
w „ 20.	3.14 p.m.	S.S. <i>Ringholm</i> , of Bergen. St. Abbs Life-boat saved	1
„ 26.	5.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Heredia</i> , of Christiania. Padstow No. 1 Life-boat rescued	5
w „ 28.	6.40 p.m.	S.S. <i>Medina</i> , of Greenock (P. & O.). Brixham Life-boat landed 33.	
w May 4.	10.10 a.m.	S.S. <i>Odense</i> , of Copenhagen. St. Abbs Life-boat saved	2
w „ 5.	6.40 a.m.	S.S. <i>Iodes</i> , of Middlesbrough. Ballycotton Life-boat saved	2
w „ 9.	5 - p.m.	S.S. <i>Kitty</i> , of Grimsby. St. Abbs Life-boat saved	10
w „ 12.	11.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Galicia</i> , of Liverpool. Teignmouth Life-boat assisted to save	53
„ 21.	7.30 a.m.	Fishing cibles of Filey. Filey Life-boat stood by cibles.	
„ 21.	9 - a.m.	Cobles <i>Elsie</i> and <i>Irene</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough Life-boat saved 2 cobles and	4
„ 21.	10 - a.m.	A fishing-boat, of Hull. Flamborough Life-boat stood by boat.	
„ 21.	10.20 a.m.	Ketch <i>William Frederick</i> , of Liverpool. Kessingland No 1 Life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 21.	11.30 a.m.	Fishing-boat <i>Cornucopia</i> , of Easington. Seaham Life-boat saved	5
„ 21.	12 noon.	Fishing-coble <i>Daisy</i> , of Bridlington. Bridlington Life-boat saved coble and	2
		Fishing-cobles of Bridlington. Bridlington Life-boat stood by cibles.	
„ 22.	10.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Petingaudet</i> , of London. Falmouth Life-boat remained in attendance.	
„ 27.	6.45 p.m.	Schooner <i>Surprise</i> , of Arbroath. Caister No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save derelict vessel.	
w June 2.	9 - a.m.	Barque <i>Jeanne Cordonnier</i> , of Havre. St. Agnes Life-boat saved	19
„ 13.	4.30 p.m.	A small open boat, of Moelfre. Moelfre Life-boat saved	3
w „ 15-16.	10.10 p.m.	S.S. <i>Teesdale</i> , of West Hartlepool. Salcombe Life-boat landed 3 and assisted to save vessel and	23
„ 28.	6 - p.m.	Smack <i>William and Michael</i> , of Wexford. Wexford Life-boat saved	3
„ 29-30	12 midnt.	Ketch <i>Pentire</i> , of Lowestoft. Padstow tug saved vessel.	
July 7.	6.35 p.m.	S.S. <i>Rose Ann</i> , of Douglas. Padstow tug rendered assistance.	
w „ 7.	4.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Bellucia</i> , of Glasgow. Cadgwith Life-boat rescued	3
w „ 8.	4.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>City of Oxford</i> , of Hull. Caister No. 2 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	130
„ 19.	7 - a.m.	Schooner <i>Old Head of Kinsale</i> . Appledore No. 2 Life-boat saved	4
„ 23.	8.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Vanland</i> , of Gothenburg. Runswick Life-boat landed 18.	
„ 31.	12.40 a.m.	Lugger <i>The Emily</i> , of Shoreham. Brighton Life-boat rescued	2
w Aug. 2.	1.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Teesdale</i> , of West Hartlepool. Redcar Life-boat saved	22
w „ 3.	3. - p.m.	S.S. <i>Hornchurch</i> , of London. Newbiggin Life-boat saved	18
w „ 9.	3.45 a.m.	Steam Tug <i>Jack</i> , of London. Hauxley Life-boat saved	26
w „ 14.	8. - a.m.	S.S. <i>Comita</i> , of Glasgow. Aranmore Life-boat stood by vessel and landed 2.	

1917.	Time of Launching.		Lives saved.
Aug. 16.	5.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Stamboul</i> , of Christiania. North Deal Life-boat assisted to save vessel.	1
w,, 18.	6.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Ardens</i> , of Sunderland. Filey Life-boat saved	10
,, 22.	9. - a.m.	Punt <i>Albert</i> , of Newquay. Newquay (Card.) Life-boat saved.	2
		Fishing-boat <i>Daniel and Jane</i> , of Newquay. Newquay (Card.) Life-boat saved	2
,, 22.	10.30 a.m.	Fishing Smack <i>Sheila</i> . Aberystwyth Life-boat saved	2
w,, 23.	10.35 a.m.	S.S. <i>Veightstroom</i> , of Liverpool. Padstow No. 1 Life-boat landed 24.	
,, 28.	9. - a.m.	Ketch <i>Alma</i> , of Gravelines. North Deal Life-boat saved	5
,, 28.	3. - p.m.	Fishing-boat <i>Agnes and Betsy</i> , of Arbroath. Arbroath Life-boat stood by boat.	
w,, 29.	3.24 p.m.	S.S. <i>Lynburn</i> , of Workington. Wicklow Life-boat saved.	3
,, 29.	9.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Lumbetty</i> , of London. Caister No. 1 Life-boat stood by vessel.	
Sept. 1.	6.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Yewdale</i> , of Dundee. Lowestoft Life-boat rendered assistance.	
,, 1.	6. - p.m.	Two Fishing-boats. Whitburn Life-boat saved (and assisted to save 1 boat.)	5
,, 2.	4. - p.m.	Boat <i>Cissy</i> , of Kessingland. Kessingland No. 1 Life-boat saved	6
w,, 7.	7.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Grelfryda</i> , of Cardiff. Flamborough No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	7
w,, 7.	—	S.S. <i>Grelfryda</i> , of Cardiff. Flamborough No. 2 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	31
w,, 10.	7. - a.m.	S.S. <i>Joanna</i> , of London. Sennen Cove Life-boat landed 3.	
w,, 16.	6.42 p.m.	S.S. <i>Thomas Krag</i> , of Norway. Coverack Life-boat stood by vessel.	
w,, 22.	3.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Irongate</i> . Flamborough No. 1 Life-boat landed 2.	
w,, 27.	2.20 p.m.	S.S. <i>Grelloria</i> , of Cardiff. Flamborough No. 1 Life-boat rendered assistance.	
w,, 28-29.	11.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>William Midelton</i> . Wexford Life-boat rendered assistance.	
,, 30.	7.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Wearsider</i> , of Newcastle. Blakeney Life-boat stood by vessel.	
Oct. 3-4	9.20 p.m.	Schooner <i>Nikita</i> , of Plymouth. Beaumaris Life-boat rendered assistance.	
,, 3.	5.30 p.m.	Smack <i>Wmifreda</i> , of Pwllheli. Pwllheli Life-boat saved Also rendered assistance to other fishing-boats.	1
,, 4-5.	10.50 a.m.	Barge <i>Knowles</i> , of Rochester. Aldeburgh No. 1 Life-boat rendered assistance.	
,, 4.	6.20 a.m.	Schooner <i>Surprise</i> , of Arbroath. Appledore No. 1 Life-boat saved	1
,, 4.	2. 5 p.m.	Schooner <i>Colleen</i> , of Kinsale. Padstow No. 1 Life-boat saved	3
,, 8-9.	about 7 p.m.	S.S. <i>Carlotta</i> , of Chevant. Whitby No. 2 Life-boat stood by vessel and saved (4 launches.)	19
w,, 9.	12.25 a.m.	— Peel Life-boat saved	21
,, 10.	1.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Seapoint</i> , of London. St. Ives Life-boat saved vessel and	15
,, 22.	3.30 p.m.	Yawl <i>Benita</i> , of Wexford. Wexford Life-boat saved boat and	4
,, 24.	11.30 a.m.	Schooner <i>Moses Parry</i> , of Dublin. Cloughey Life-boat stood by and assisted vessel.	
,, 25.	1. - a.m.	Schooner <i>Moses Parry</i> , of Dublin. Cloughey Life-boat saved (including 6 Life-boat men who were working on board)	10
,, 25.	1.20 p.m.	Ketch <i>Fiducia</i> . Southwold No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	2
,, 25.	5.30 a.m.	Barque <i>Pittan</i> , of Riga. Fleetwood Life-boat saved	7
,, 25.	1. - a.m.	S.S. <i>The Viscount</i> , of Glasgow. Holyhead No. 2 Life-boat rendered assistance.	
,, 26.	—	Ketch <i>William Grant</i> , of Grimsby. Southwold No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	3
,, 30.	1.5 p.m.	Herring Drifter <i>Pursuit</i> , of Peterhead. Gorleston No. 2 Life-boat saved	9
Nov. 13.	9.36 a.m.	Drifter <i>Peaceful</i> , of Lowestoft. Palling No. 1 Life-boat stood by vessel.	
,, 24.	2.19 p.m.	Schooner <i>Elizabeth Ellen Fisher</i> , of Fleetwood. Donaghadee Life-boat landed 4.	

	1917.	Time of Launching.		Lives saved.
w	Nov. 24.	2.30 p.m.	North Deal Life-boat rendered assistance to a vessel.	
	„ 25.	5.45 a.m.	Schooner <i>Carrie Bell</i> , of Lancaster. Holyhead No. 2 Life-boat saved	4
	„ 26.	6.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Sea Serpent</i> , of Dover. Holyhead No. 2 Life-boat rendered assistance.	
	„ 26.	3.15 a.m.	Schooner <i>Harvey</i> , of Waterford. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved.	6
	„ 26-27.	9.45 p.m.	Barge <i>Western Belle</i> , of London. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved	3
	„ 26-27.	9.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Watchland</i> , of West Hartlepool. Caister No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and	14
	„ 27.	3.40 a.m.	S.S. <i>Kronprinsessan Victoria</i> , of Haugesund. Cromer Life-boat saved	6
w	„ 27.	11.20 a.m.	S.S. <i>Eastfield</i> , of London. Mevagissey Life-boat saved	22
w	„ 28.	4. - p.m.	S.S. <i>Aginoria</i> . Donaghadee Life-boat saved.	16
Dec.	2.	12.55 a.m.	Ketch <i>Frido</i> , of London. Palling No. 2 Life-boat saved	5
w	„ 2.	2.15 p.m.	S.S. ——— St. Ives Life-boat saved	34
„	4.	5.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Butetoun</i> , of Cardiff. Cullercoats Life-boat saved	24
w	„ 9.	5. - p.m.	S.S. <i>Venetia</i> , of Glasgow. Whitby No. 2 Life-boat saved	8
w	„ 16.	5. - a.m.	——— Newbiggin Life-boat saved	14
„	„ 16.	9.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Castlerock</i> , of Belfast. Ramsey Life-boat stood by vessel.	
w	„ 17.	12.50 a.m.	S.S. ——— Newhaven Life-boat stood by vessel.	
„	„ 17.	6.45 a.m.	Barges <i>Scud</i> , <i>Ethel Ada</i> , <i>Corsair</i> , <i>Cambria</i> , and <i>Western Belle</i> . North Deal Life-boat saved 3 from each vessel	15
„	„ 17.	6.30 a.m.	Motor Ketch <i>Pionier</i> , of Ostend. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved	6
„	„ 17.	10.15 a.m.	Barge <i>Ernest Piper</i> , of London. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved	3
			Barge <i>Harriett</i> , of Faversham. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved .	2
			Barge <i>Vampire</i> , of London. Margate No. 1 Life-boat saved vessel and	3
„	„ 18.	6.15 p.m.	Motor Fishing-boat <i>Lord Kitchener</i> . Montrose No. 1 Life-boat assisted to save vessel and.	2
„	„ 20-21.	8.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Eros</i> , of London. Staithes Life-boat landed 19.	
„	„ 21.	12.30 p.m.	Motor Fishing-boat <i>Admiral Jellicoe</i> , of Yarmouth. Cromer Life-boat stood by boat.	
„	„ 21-22.	10.45 a.m.	Schooner <i>Northern Light</i> , of Wexford. Wexford Life-boat saved	4
w	„ 25.	12.30 a.m.	——— Berwick-on-Tweed Life-boat saved.	2
„	„ 26.	8. - p.m.	S.S. <i>Eidsiva</i> . Teesmouth Motor Life-boat saved	20
„	„ 26.	10.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Bolcrea</i> , of London. Cromer Life-boat rendered assistance.	
„	„ 27-28.	midnt.	S.S. <i>Iris</i> , of Helsingborg. Clacton-on-Sea Life-boat saved	23
„	„ 29-30.	10.30p.m.	S.S. <i>Peregrine</i> , of London. Walton-on-Naze Life-boat saved	92

Total lives saved by the Life-boats in 1917, in addition to 21 vessels and boats 1,156

Life-boats also landed 226 persons, some of whom had taken refuge on light-vessels, whilst others were brought ashore in the Life-boats as a precautionary measure.

Rewards were also granted by the Institution in the same period for saving by means of Fishing and other Boats, etc. 192

Total for 1917 1,348

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