

Moxon F, Robbins D, Smith S, Watkins B, Cater D, Norman J, Lcpls Neal, Whittaker K, Ptes, Ashworth R, Cook C, Croson J, Hook H, Horner D, Robertshaw B, Robinson E, Simmonds C, Wade R, Wilson R, Wright J, Allen R, Baker E, Lymer J, Neale W, Miller G, Wright P, and Craftman Aitchinson B (REME).

### (c) THE CORPS OF DRUMS

Leave has made great inroads on the strength of the Drums during recent months, but we welcome the re-appearance of the Corp drilling and practising.

An interesting sidelight on the history of the Drums was uncovered by an old member of the Regiment who sends us the following extracts from the Fourth Volume of the Memoirs of William Hickey, the colourful wandering attorney of the late Hanover period.

*Calcutta, November 1800.*

“Upon His Majesty’s 33rd Regiment embarking for the Coast of Coromandel, they were replaced by the arrival of the 10th (General Fox’) from England, with the Commanding Officer of which, Lieutenant-Colonel Quarrel, the two Majors, Holme and Mellifont, Captain Hill, Newman and Eames, also the head surgeon, Mr Bennion. I become very intimate, often inviting them by two or three at a time to my parties at Chinsurah, to their great gratification, an attention and civility they returned by frequently asking me to their Mess, which was kept in a style fully equal if not superior to that of the 33rd. So often did I partake of their hospitality that Major Barrington Bradshaw used facetiously to observe to our mutual acquaintances, he was quite sure that Hickey was eating his way to an Ensigncy in that regiment. The 10th had beyond comparison the finest Band of Music of any Corps in His Majesty’s service. Lord Wellesley soon became so convinced of their superior excellency, that he never rested until he got every man of them into his own immediate service.”

*Calcutta, December 1800.*

“Having invited Sir Henry Russell and his family to end the year and century with me at Chinsurah, on 23rd December 1800 set off in my boat for Chinsurah which place we reached by two o’clock in the afternoon being there joined Major Holmes of His Majesty’s 10th Regiment and Captain Eames of the same Regiment.”

### (d) ACT OF COURAGE

Recognition of Pte R. Gale’s courage has been received from 3rd Division Commander, who commends Pte Gale for “his prompt and skilled action..... which undoubtedly saved Pte Cook from bleeding to death”. This took place in February when one of anti-thug patrols was mined in Northern JERUSALEM.