

Laira Battery, Plymouth

12/2/15.

Sir I have this day been informed by my Commanding Officer, that a gold watch is being presented to me by the Worshipful Company of Musicians. I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Company for their generosity and shall always look upon the watch as a token of high esteem. It will always be cherished by me as an honour second to that of the V.C. Once more tendering my sincere thanks, I remain, Sir,

Yours V Sincerely

S. G. Bent Cpl.

I. East Lancs Reg^t

The Senior Warden mentioned that Lance Corporal Rendle had also written expressing cordial thanks but as the letter had come out of quarantine for spotted fever it had been destroyed.

He stated that the cost of the Watches and of the men's expenses to London amounted in all to £59.17/- the expense in excess of that voted at the last Court, having been found by the Treasurer out of his own pocket. On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master F. Harwood Lescher the expenditure was unanimously confirmed and a cheque was ordered to be drawn for the balance due.

Sir Homewood Crawford informed the Court that Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge C.V.O., had written the Music to the Song and Chorus of "Michael O'Leary V.C." which was personally conducted by Sir Frederick when performed for the first time by the Coldstream Guards Band and the Choir of the Royal Choral Society on Saturday last at the Royal Albert Hall at the Patriotic Concert attended by Their Majesties the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra, the Soloist being sung by Mr Ben Davies; the words of the Song having been composed by Mr John McGrath and published in "The Observer". His Majesty the King had

Sir Frederick
Bridge

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Lance Corporal

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Adjutant

L.I.

Will you
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Battalion

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his thanks.

Lieut Colonel.
East Lancashire Reg^t