

"formation of the Battalion in September 1914."

The following letters from Lieut. Col. C. J. Hawker the Commanding Officer of the Regiment were read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Fusiliers  
Colchester. Oct. 30. 1914

J. C. Fenwick Esq.  
Clerk of The Musicians Company

Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to say that our Band is now thoroughly organized and able to make good use of the equipment that we owe to the kindness and generosity of the Musicians Company.

On behalf of myself and the Battalion under my Command, I beg that you will convey to the Master, the Court, and the Livery an expression of our very sincere thanks.

Sir William Soulsby has informed me that you are good enough to suggest putting a label on the drum in order to record the circumstances of the gift of all these instruments to the Battalion. Nothing could be more agreeable to us than that this should be done; and I trust that effect may be soon given to the idea.

We are all proud of our intimate connection with the City of London. Again thanking the Company, I am,

Yours very truly  
C. J. Hawker  
Lt. Colonel.

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Fusiliers  
Colchester 23. 11. 14

J. C. Fenwick Esq.  
Clerk to The Musicians Company.

Dear Sir, Messrs Hawkes have just sent the engraved plate to be attached to the Bass Drum, and I write to beg that you will be good enough to convey to the Master and Court of the Musicians Company the cordial thanks of myself and the Battalion under my Command.

We are very glad indeed to have a permanent record of the Company's handsome gift. With renewed thanks. Yours very truly

C. J. Hawker  
Lt. Col.

The Master drew attention to the position of Honorary Freemen of the Company and said he thought they ought to receive some further recognition of the distinction conferred upon them. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Lecher that two of the Honorary Freemen be invited in rotation to the Livery Dinner in every year.

The Treasurer presented his Accounts for 1914 a copy of which appears on the next page

Honorary  
Freemen

Treasurer's  
Accounts  
for 1914