

Wednesday – Retrieval Skill



Sometimes soldiers were forced to do things that were against their beliefs. For example, something truly disgusting had happened in Behrampur in the Spring of the year the Mutiny began: a new rifle was imported from England, called the Enfield rifle. The cartridges were wrapped in paper, which had to be torn off by the teeth before they could be inserted into the gun. But- my brother made me promise I wouldn't tell anyone- the paper was said to have been made from cow and pig fat. This is forbidden to Muslims and Hindus. Some soldiers were very angry that the English did not care about their feelings on this so they refused to use the cartridges. Even though the cartridges were then changed, most soldiers didn't believe it and they still wouldn't use the cartridges. They were punished for their disobedience.



Write the answers in your Exercise Book. Don't forget to send your teacher a picture of your work or an email telling them your answers!

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1. What was the name of the new rifle?
2. Where had it come from?
3. What season was it imported in?
4. What were the cartridges wrapped in?
5. What was the paper made from?
6. How did the soldiers get the paper off the cartridges?
7. What did his brother make him promise?
8. What happened to any soldiers who were disobedient?