

Obituary



Codford

MAJOR-GENERAL YEATMAN-BIGGS, C.B.

We regret to learn that the relatives of General Yeatman-Biggs have received private information of his death at Peshawar from dysentery brought on by exposure and fatigue in the Tirah campaign, in which he commanded the 2nd Division and occupied a most responsible position until the arrival of Sir William Lockhart. General Yeatman-Biggs comes from an old Dorset family, and was the son of the late Mr Harry Farr Yeatman, of Stockhouse, Dorset, By Emma, only daughter of the late Mr Harry Biggs, of Stockton-house, Wilts, whose name he assumed under entail when he became the owner of Stockton. He was born in 1843, and was destined for the Bar, but afterwards this plan was changed, and he entered the Royal Artillery at the age of 17, being at the time the youngest officer in service. He was at once ordered to China, where he was present at the taking of the Taku forts, and was slightly wounded and received a medal. After this he gained the friendship of General Gordon, who offered him a post. He, however, adhered to the Regular lines, and served in almost all parts of the Empire. He became captain in 1874, brevet major in 1880, major in the following year, brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1882, brevet colonel in 1886, and lieutenant-colonel in 1889. He has served on the staffs of Lord Roberts and of Lord Wolseley. In the South African campaign of 1879 he was mentioned in despatches, and received a clasp and medal and brevet rank. In the Egyptian campaign of 1882 he again served on the staff, and was mentioned in despatches, and received the medal and bronze star and the Fourth Class Osmanich. He was made C.B. in 1891 and major-general last year. In 1894 he acted as Assistane Adjutant-General in India, and on the outbreak of the frontier war was first sent with the reserve to Kohal and then promoted to command one of the two divisions. He commanded at the capture of Bargai. General Yeatman-Biggs was unmarried. He leaves a brother, Dr Yeatman-Biggs, Bishop of Southwark, and a sister, Miss Yeatman, head of the community of Grey Ladies. He was a J.P. for Wilts, where he possessed an interesting old Jacobean residence, and was lord of the manor of Stockton and Codford. It had just been arranged that on the reconstruction of the Indian frontier field force General Yeatman-Biggs should resume command of the Calcutta District.

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