



Reginald Arthur Savory

1894 - 1980

Reginald Arthur Savory was born in Paddington, London in 1894, the son of Arthur and Agnes Savory of London.

He joined the British Indian Army, 14th Sikhs in 1914, serving mainly in Egypt and seeing action in both the Gallipoli and Mesopotamian Campaigns. He was promoted to Lieutenant in April 1916 and awarded the Military Cross in 1916 for his bravery at Gallipoli.

During his time serving in Gallipoli he complained about the idiocy of Generals, his disgust at how the war was being reported and also about his attempts to grow a beard. His Commanding Officer did not approve of beards but Savory in 1915 pointed out that a white officer without a beard tended to stand out and be a target amongst his bearded Sikh comrades.

Savory was reported dead, killed in action in the Times on 12th June 1915 but this was not the case. He was able to write to his parents confirming that he was still alive and in fact commanding the unit and he signed the letter "*I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant R.A. Savory 2nd Lt., O.C. 14th KGO Sikhs* [King George's Own]"

Savory went on to have an illustrious career in the Army serving in World War 2 and retiring in May 1948. He moved to Winsford at the end of WW2 living at Pitcott House.

He died as Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Savory KCIE, CB, DSO, MC in Farnham Surrey on 14th June 1980.



"... I have known Sikhs to pick bullets out of their turbans during and after battle. In fact the turban absorbs the shock of a bullet possibly rather better than a tin helmet."

From a letter by Savory



Richard Philip Hastings Eyre

1888 - 1982

Richard Philip Hastings Eyre was born in Agza, India the son of a Lieutenant Colonel serving in the Indian Army. The family returned to England around 1902. Prior to enlisting Richard worked as an insurance clerk in Wimbledon.

He served with the Royal Army Service Corps in Salonika from the 1st September 1916. In 1919 he served as a Lieutenant in the Balkans and was awarded an MBE.

He continued to serve in the army throughout his career and in 1940 was, as a Major awarded an OBE.

He married Daphne Brierley in Kensington, London in 1933 and later moved to Winsford, first living at Farm then Larcombe Foot and finally Steep Cottage.

Richard died in Surrey in 1982 and is buried in Winsford Churchyard.



Winsford 1914
