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## Evans.

*To the Editor of the Ontarian Genealogist:*

SIR,—Permit me to add to the too brief notice of my friend Major Evans, named on p. 118 of the ONTARIAN GENEALOGIST (April, 1900), in the article referring to the family of Evans.

Major Richard John Evans served in the 29th Regiment for twelve years. During the campaign of the Punjab he was present at the battles of the Passage of the Chenab, Chillianwallah, where, as a subaltern, he commanded a company, and at Gujerat. He received the Punjab medal and two clasps. I have heard from his own lips painful but interesting incidents of this hotly contested campaign—such as the sight of Colonel Pennycuick, his son, killed in the defence of his father's body, and nearly a score of officers, dead and laid out on the table of the mess tent after Chillianwallah.

Captain Evans, then in the 27th Regiment, acted as Adjutant, Quarter-master and Paymaster to the wing of his old corps, the 29th, in the years 1853, 1854 and 1857 during the Indian mutiny, to the entire satisfaction of his commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel Wheeler. Sir Colin Campbell (Lord Clyde) himself selected him as disembarkation officer at Calcutta from 1857 to 1860, with the rank of Deputy-Assistant-Quarter-Master General, and during which time he temporarily held