

CAPTAIN RALPH D'ALBINI MORRELL

1881-1916

Ralph d'albini Morrell was born in Wrexham North Wales on 2nd November 1881 the second son of James Conyers Morrell and Blanche Louisa de Montmorency Morrell nee Daubney.

Brother Roger also born Wrexham 1879

The 1891 Census shows the family living at Barnes, Surrey

Then to Woolvercrest, Woolvercot, Oxfordshire on the 1901 cens

On the 1911 Census they were living at The Beeches Eden Mount Grange over Sands.

Father James Conyers Morrell born in Beechfield, Leyland and maintained connections there. Ralph's name is on both the War Memorial, Church Road Leyland and the Mural Plaque in St Andrew's Church Leyland.

Great Grandfather (mother's side) was General Browne Clayton- 12th Lancers- who bought Adlington Hall, Wigan which was sold to Wigan Council in 1921 to safeguard their water supply, the Hall was then demolished.

Ralph was educated at St Edward's School Oxford and was a Fellow of the Entomological Society. He travelled extensively in Europe, West Africa and the Far East. He was one of the founders and the first Commanding Officer of the

Church Lads Brigade, and became Scoutmaster of Grange Boy Scouts.

Quote from the Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser 19th August 1916 “His Commanding Officer writes:- He was leading his Company to the assault. He was very popular and well liked by all officers and men of his Battalion and will be greatly missed. His last words were “Tell the Commanding Officer I died doing my duty for King and Country”.



Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

With no known grave Ralph D'Albini Morrell is commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, SOMME, FRANCE, having fallen in "The Battle for Guillemont" on 8th August 1916 aged 35 years.

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