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Student Biography Project: Ronald Alexander Llewellyn Gallen

Ronald Alexander Llewellyn Gallen was born February 25, 1894, in Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvonshire¹ the only child of Edward Alexander and Mary Valerie Gallen. Edward Gallen was a gamekeeper originally from Morayshire Scotland, while Mary was a local artist from Denbigh Shire. Mr. Gallen grew up in Dylan Cottage², in rural North Wales with his parents before attending Ruthin Grammar School as a boarder³. At the age of 18, in January 1913, Mr. Gallen began attending St. David's College⁴. Although at the time St. David's was primarily an ecclesiastical college Mr. Gallen preferred the hard sciences and chose to study mathematics. During his two years⁵ at St. David's Mr. Gallen took two exams, receiving Third Class in the June Exams of 1913 for Special Mathematics ⁶ and again in 1914 for Moderations Honours Mathematics.

For the entirety of his time in Lampeter Mr. Gallen never drank⁷ but, he did enjoy playing an active role in campus life with the Missionary Society, serving as a committee member for the C. E. M. S. in 1915⁸. Surprisingly it does not appear that Mr. Gallen was a member of the temperance league during his time on campus. He does not appear to have travelled much during the school terms as it was uncommon

¹ UA/A/18

² Census Of England And Wales 1901 2018

³ (Ronald Gallen In The 1911 Census 2018)

⁴UA/A/18

⁵UA/BUR/28/7

⁶ UA/A/34/1 & 2

⁷ UA/SD/3

⁸ UA/SP/1/11

for him to miss a meal.⁹ Mr. Gallen distinguished himself not only as a member of the christian missionary society, he was also an avid sportsman. As evidenced by his having received a commendation in the school magazine in 1914 for his performance as a member of the Cricket team. Later on that same year he also received his colours in hockey¹⁰ and placed second in the Mile Handicap race.

When war broke out Mr. Gallen travelled north to Llandudno, where excess volunteers for the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 13th Battalion were formed into the 16th Battalion¹¹. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers 16th Battalion became part of the 113 Brigade, 38th (Welsh) Division on April 28, 1915. After being renamed the Brigade moved to Winchester for training in August, and were officially deployed in December of 1915¹². Private Gallen's Battalion spent the winter in the trenches of France, holding the line near Cuinchy, and after his death went on to take heavy losses at the Somme. On April 10, 1916 the 16th sent a small group of machine gunners to the front as support while the rest of the battalion was in reserve. Private Gallen was part of this small group and was killed by sniper fire at the age of 21¹³. His final resting place is in Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, France. For his service Ronald Gallen received 3 medals, the

⁹ UA/SD/3

¹⁰ UA/SP/1/11

¹¹ "Lampeter (St. David's College) War Memorial," Lampeter (St David's College) Memorial, , accessed February 9, 2018, <https://www.wwmp.co.uk/ceredigion-war-memorials/lampeter-st-david-s-college-memorial/>.

¹² "The Wartime Memories Project," 16th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers in the Great War - The Wartime Memories Project -, , accessed February 13, 2018, <http://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/greatwar/allied/battalion.php?pid=7385>.

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Victory Medal, the British War Medal and the Star Medal¹⁴. The following is the epitaph written by Mr. Gallen's father and is inscribed on his headstone in France.¹⁵

SWIFT AS AN ARROW
LIGHT AS A SWALLOW
SO MAY WE FIND YOU
BOY, WHEN WE FOLLOW

Mr. Gallen's name appears on the memorial plaque in the University of Wales Trinity St. David, Lampeter campus chapel,¹⁶ but does not appear to exist on any other memorial plaque in Wales. His life was brief, but he was an undoubtedly a brave man in the short time he served on the front.

¹⁴ Medal Card Of R. A. Ll. Gallen 2018

¹⁵ "Ronald Alexander Llewelyn Gallen," Conwy ar Rhyfel Mawr, , accessed February 11, 2018, <http://conwygreatwar.org/bro-garmon-Ronald-Alexander-Llewelyn-Gallen/>.

¹⁶ "St. David's Chapel Memorial", n.d.

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1881									
Under the authority of the Registrar-General, the following returns have been prepared for the purpose of showing the population of the several parishes and townships in the several counties, and the total population of the Kingdom, as ascertained by the Census of 1881.									
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St. Andrew's, London	1,234	1,123	1,012	901	890	789	678	567	456
St. Martin's, London	987	876	765	654	543	432	321	210	109
St. Paul's, London	765	654	543	432	321	210	109	98	87
St. James's, London	654	543	432	321	210	109	98	87	76
St. George's, London	543	432	321	210	109	98	87	76	65
St. Peter's, London	432	321	210	109	98	87	76	65	54
St. John's, London	321	210	109	98	87	76	65	54	43
St. Mary's, London	210	109	98	87	76	65	54	43	32
St. Michael's, London	109	98	87	76	65	54	43	32	21
St. Nicholas, London	98	87	76	65	54	43	32	21	10

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