

MORGAN-OWEN, LLEWELLYN ISAAC GETHIN (1879 - 1960), army administrator in India;

Name: Llewellyn Isaac Gethin Morgan-owen
Date of birth: 1879
Date of death: 1960
Spouse: Ethel Berry Morgan-Owen (née Walford)
Parent: Emma Morgan-Owen (née Maddox)
Parent: Timothy Morgan-Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: army administrator
Area of activity: Military; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
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Born 31 March 1879 son of Timothy Morgan-Owen, H.M.I., Llwynderw, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire, and Emma (née Maddox). He was educated at Arnold House, Llandulas; Shrewsbury School; and Trinity College, Dublin. He joined the Carnarvon Militia in 1899 before entering the army in 1900 and serving with the 24th South Wales Borderers in the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal until the end of the South African war in 1902, being awarded two medals and five clasps. In 1904 he was employed with the West African Frontier Force and served with the mounted infantry in Northern Nigeria in 1908 before returning to his own regiment in 1910. During World War I he was sent to Gallipoli, was present at the Battle of Sari Bair, and eventually took part in the evacuation at Suvla and Helles Major. In 1916 he was appointed General Staff Officer of 13 Division and was posted to Mesopotamia, being mentioned five times in despatches during the second and third attempts to relieve Kut, and during the occupation of Baghdad in 1917. He went to India in 1920 on his appointment as assistant adjutant and Quartermaster General, first of the Waziristan Force, then at the headquarters of the Southern Command. From 1924 he was at the Army Headquarters and was appointed Deputy Director of Pay and Pensions in 1925, becoming Director of Organization in 1927. He left India in April 1928. The following year he took command of 160 (S. Wales) Brigade, and of 9 Brigade at Portsmouth in 1931. During 1934-38 he was Major-General in Charge of Administration in the Eastern Command, and served the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as lieut-governor and secretary, 1940-44. He was also colonel of the South Wales Borderers, 1931-44, and although he was away from his regiment for long periods he did much useful work as its colonel. As a former football player he was of particular service to the Army Football Association whose meetings he chaired during his time at the Horse Guards. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1916, C.M.G. in 1918, C.B.E. for services during the Waziristan operations when he was again mentioned in despatches, and C.B. in 1934. In 1910 he married Ethel Berry Walford (died 1950) and they had one son. He himself died 14 November 1960.

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